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## Adkins appointed to city council; interim manager reports on changes

The Sonora City Council met in a regular meeting on April 19, 2005. Mayor Lopez called the meeting to order, followed by a presentation of Certificates of Appreciation and gifts to Jack Moore for 15 years of service to the City of Sonora prior to his retirement in February, and to Sue Moore, Beth Wallace and Patti Prather for 20 years of service to the city. Council member Laurie Garza was also presented a plaque for her service on the city council.

Minutes were approved as written for the March 15 and 18 meetings; and after a spelling change of Gomez, the March 22 minutes were also approved.

The monthly report for taxes collected in March 2005 was submitted to the Council for review. Current taxes collected for the month was \$11,757.04 and year-to-date collected was \$413,297.24. A balance of \$34,943.68 is still outstanding for the year.

City Secretary, Patti

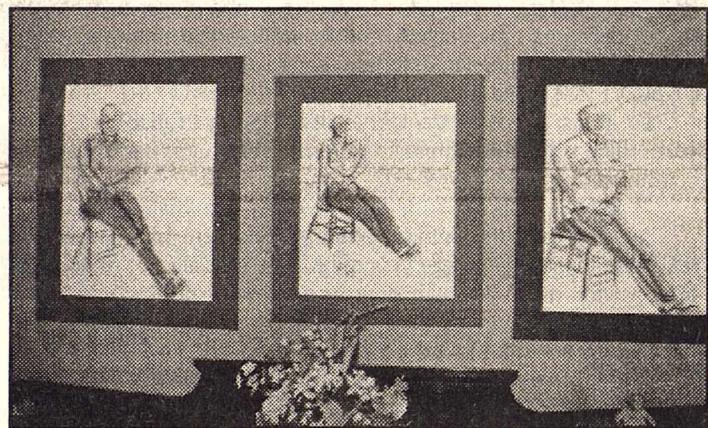
Prather, gave the quarterly financial report on the investments of the city. A total of \$2,475,000.00 is in CD's at First National Bank. The council was informed that the interest rates had almost doubled since the same period of the previous year. It was suggested that the council consider full payment of the new software, hardware, and tractor using a CD instead of installments at over 5% interest for three years.

The SIDC and the Fire Department quarterly reports were accepted as presented.

Ann Kay, manager of the Friends of Historic Sonora, requested permission to close portions of Main Street and Water Avenue in front of the courthouse on May 30, 2005, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for the Memorial Day Celebration. A hamburger lunch will begin at noon with the service immediately following. The request was approved and Mayor Lopez asked that Chief

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## Students exhibit artistic talent at The Chateau

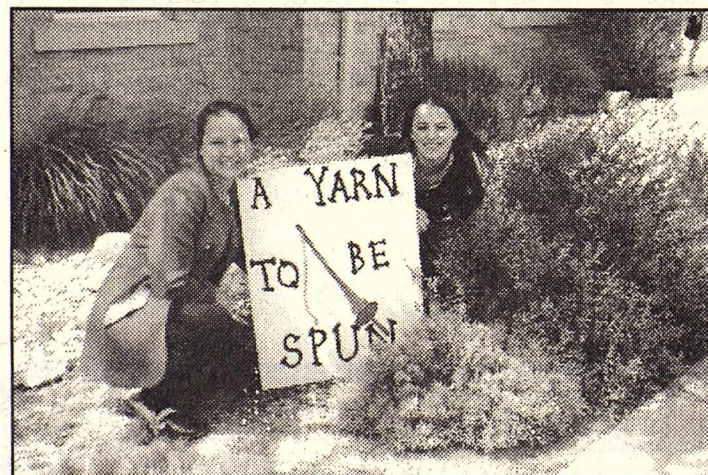


Abbey Creek, Marci Parks and Hunter Jennings drawings of Reed Jennings were part of a special exhibit at *The Chateau Studio*.

Local artists-in-training were honored at The Chateau studio with a special showing of their latest work on April 28. Proud family and friends viewed the works of students in training under Nora Dempsey, owner and instructor of *The Chateau Studio on Water St.*

The kids have been working on portraits, with a live model, Sonora rancher and retired Middle School teacher, Reed Jennings. Enjoy more of the student's works on page 8.

## Local 4-Hers Advance to 4-H State Roundup



By: Kelly L Thorp-CEA-FCS Texas Cooperative Extension

District 10 4-H Round-up Contests were held on April 16, 2005 in Fredericksburg. The senior team of Laura Martin and McKenzie Watkins presented a Method Demonstration on Mohair and the versatility of this lustrous, fiber. The girls placed first and won the all around sweepstakes award in the category of Sheep and Goats. The team advanced to 4-H State Round up, which is held in early June, on the Texas A&M University Campus. 4-Hers from throughout the state will compete in various contests and events.

A junior 4-Her, Serena Allison, also competed at district roundup and placed second with her illustrated talk called "Long Shot". Serena took her award winning science fair project and modified it for district

Laura Martin and McKenzie Watkins at 4-H Round-up.



Serena Lee places second with a "long shot" at 4-H Round-up.

contests. Her presentation educated listeners on hunting and gun safety.

## Broncos to play best of three in Fredericksburg

The Sonora Broncos will play a best of three series in Fredericksburg. Game 1 will be Friday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m.; Game 2 will be Saturday, May 14 at 1:00 and Game 3, if necessary, will be 30 minutes following game 2.

Show your support of the Sonora Bronco Baseball team as they continue to make history!

## Calling all Sutton County Cooks

The West Texas Championship Cook-off, to be held June 4, 2005, has decided it's time to let Sonora know who the best bar-b-que cooks in town are.

New to the annual event this year is a special "Sutton County residents only" category. In addition to the regular awards for all entries from near and far, a Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded to Sutton County entry that places highest overall in all categories. Show Sonora who's HOT at the grill, amateur and new-comers are welcome and encouraged to cook in any of the categories: brisket, ribs, chicken, goat, steak, chili and new this year, an "open" category, that can be anything cooked on the grill.

Teams consist of one head cook and no more than four assistants, so get your team together today and start warming up those grills.

Visitors at the West Texas Championship Cook-off will pay \$5 to enter and get two free "People's Choice" tickets, allowing them to taste and vote on their favorite barbecue! Washer pitching and music will keep things happening on the slab and don't miss Sonora's own Jeremy Yaeger performing Saturday Night, as Hog Legg Ellis takes the stage.

For more information contact Storie Sharp at 387-2507, Kelly Thorp at 387-3101 or Kirk Joy at 387-0623.

## May is Foster Parent Month

submitted by Jerry Jackson

"It shouldn't hurt to be a child" is a slogan adopted various organizations to call attention to public awareness of Child Abuse. Most parents understand their stake in keeping their children safe from abuse and neglect. However, the truth is that everyone in the community has a stake also. We should all want the best for children, after; they are of future and most valuable natural resource.

Among those active in the care of children are foster parents.

May is Foster Care Month in Texas and across the United States. The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services want to recognize Texas foster parents because they open their hearts and homes to children who come into the Child Protective Services system due to abuse or neglect. Foster homes help families in crisis and often play a vital role helping children and families heal and reconnect.

Foster parents dislike the idea of children being removed from their homes. On the other

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## Lady Bronco's season comes to an end

by Tryon Fields

The Lady Broncos softball season came to an earlier than expected end this past weekend. Errors and not being able to get a hit at the right time were the main causes of their early demise. You can not take anything away from their opponent; because the Lady Indians from Jim Ned though being out hit were able to take advantage of situations to claim the best of three series in two games. In the two games; Sonora out hit the Lady Indians by a 15 to 9 margin, however; Sonora stranded 14 runners with most

of them in scoring position. The big difference in the series would be the number of errors committed by Sonora. In game 1; a 4 to 3 loss, the Lady Broncos committed 5 errors to Jim Ned's 1. In game 2; both teams committed 2 errors each, however; Sonora's errors led to a 4 run two out rally by Jim Ned.

In this 4 to 1 loss, Sonora stranded 10 runners with 7 of them coming in the first 3 innings. In the play-offs when both teams are fairly well matched up; neither team can afford to leave that many runners on base or commit that

many errors and expect to come out on the winning end.

Game 1 on Friday pitted Sonora's Meghan Krieg and Jim Ned's Taran Sharpe.

Both pitchers would go the distance (which was an extra inning affair) with Sharpe getting the win. Sharpe would face thirty-one batters; giving up 3 runs off of eight hits and 1 base on balls, while striking out 3 Lady Broncos. Krieg would face one more batter (32) than Sharpe; give up 4 runs (none of them being earned) off of four hits and two walks, while strik-

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The Lady Broncos season ended against Jim Ned, but not before the girls were crowned the Bi-District Champions after defeating Kermit (above).

## The Bank & Trust hosts public open house in remodeled bank building

submitted

Sonora, TX, May 5, 2005: The officers and staff of The Bank & Trust, S.S.B. hosted an Open House to the public this evening between 5:00 and 7:30 p.m. to give their many customers and friends an opportunity to see first-hand the vast improvements they have made to the 22 year-old facility.

"It was time to update the building and equipment in order to maintain the excellent service The Bank & Trust customers deserve and have grown to expect" stated Brady M. Johnson, President of the bank. "We have doubled the size of the lobby area, added a multi-service greeter station, replaced all motor bank equipment, widened the drive thru lanes, installed two new ATMs, purchased and installed state-of-the-art computer equipment as well as, new surveillance and security equipment" Other improvements included new ceramic tile floors throughout the lobby, replacement of most of the bank's lighting, installation of Italian limestone countertops and new lobby artwork. In Johnson's comments he thanked all the bank's customers for their patience during the renovation process. He said "All we have done and will do is because of you, our customers"

Specifically, Johnson thanked and acknowledged the efforts of their general contractor, David Creek and Creek Swabbing and Roustabout, along with their interior designer, Charles Crawford of Charles Crawford & Associates. "David Creek and Creek Swabbing did an outstanding job and we are very fortunate to have a contractor of their caliber in Sonora. Charles Crawford and his team really provided wonderful direction and helped pull it all together." Before introducing Ann Kay to discuss the Main Street's Tea Cup Post Card Romance Exhibit, (which will run

through the month of May) Johnson surprised JoAnn Hernandez, Vice President of the bank, with a special acknowledgement and gift for her many efforts and contributions to The Bank & Trust. The event was catered by the Sutton County Steakhouse and music was provided by Connie Isenhour. "Linda Love and the Steakhouse are always top-notch with food and service and it was a real treat to have Connie play for us. She is an amazing talent." In closing, Mr. Johnson said "We are proud to live and work in Sonora and Sutton County and grateful to be your 'Home Town' bank."




Guests enjoy visiting and refreshments in the newly remodeled Bank & Trust lobby



Stroll down memory lane in the new remodeled Bank & Trust, while viewing the Tea Cups, fashions, dolls and more, of yesteryear displayed by the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street

**Lighthouse  
Community Church**  
*A place for returning Prodigals  
and recovering Pharisees*  
**Sunday Services**  
*Bible Study 10:00 a.m.*  
**Worship • 11:00 a.m. • 6:00 p.m.**  
**1705 N. Crockett**

  
**SUTTON COUNTY  
HEALTH FOUNDATION**  
  
Your memorial gift helps preserve access  
to quality healthcare for generations to come.  
Please consider the Sutton County Health  
Foundation, P.O. Box 18, Sonora, TX 76950.  
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**Sonora  
Church  
Directory**

<b>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA</b> Antonio F. Gonzales, Sr. 504 Santa Clara 387-2035	<b>THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN</b> Lewis Allen, Pastor 319 E. Mulberry 387-2616
<b>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Jerry Jackson 304 N. Water 387-3190	<b>LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Don Longoria, Pastor 1705 N. Crockett
<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> T. Wayne Price Pastor 111 E Oak 387-2951	<b>PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED</b> 509 Amistad
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<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Beverley Parsons, Pastor 201 N. Water 387-2466	<b>JEHOVAH'S WITNESS</b> 310 St. Ann's Street 387-5658 or 387-5518
<b>TEMPLO JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS</b> Enoc Elias Nunez 306 W. 4th St. 387-5713 387-3092	
<b>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> Rev. Tom Baden 417 E. 2nd St. 387-5366	
<b>LA IGLESIA HISPANA UNIDA DEL NOMBRE DE JESUS, INC.</b> Pastor Felipe Martinez 807 Orient	

*Brought to you by:*  
**Kerbow Funeral Home**  
387-2266

### Notes of Appreciation

Without the tremendous organization and planning of Stacey and Fran Pennington the AJRA Jr. Rodeo would not have been such a huge success. We appreciate all your hard work and dedication to the youth of Sutton County and want to say thank you for all your hard work.  
Sutton County 4-H Club Members and Parents

We would like to thank everyone for the calls, cards, flowers and food received during our loss. Special thanks to Father Dignio; Leticia Garcia and Adolfo Alvarez for the beautiful music; Arturo Gandar, Jr. for his kind words and the ladies that prepared and served a delicious meal after the funeral. Your thoughts, prayers and acts of kindness were greatly appreciated.  
God Bless You!  
The Eugene M. Reyna Family

A very special thank you to Kristina Hernandez, Christine Sanchez and Julie Villanueva for all their hard work and dedication. To JoAnn Hernandez for her leadership and dedication in helping and guiding these young ladies in their endeavors. Lino and Pat Villanueva for organizing and bringing the car expo to Sonora, to Ruthie Bounds, Donna Garrett and the Chamber of Commerce and to all the Cinco de Mayo Committee.  
Juanita Estrada  
St. Ann's Council  
Secretary/Treasurer

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped me raise money for St. Ann's Catholic Church. Special thanks to my family and sponsors, who donated quite a bit.  
God Bless and Take Care.  
Love always,  
Julie Nicole Villanueva

We would like to thank all the sponsors, competitors, spectators, vendors, and volunteers that helped from start to finish, to make the 2005 Sutton County Car Expo a fun weekend and a successful event. A very special thank you goes to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce and JoAnn Hernandez for all their assistance. We look forward to working with you all again.  
Lino's Custom Stereos and Team Noizy Boyz

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to express our appreciation to the Bank & Trust for inviting us to be a part of their Remodeling Celebration on May 5, 2005. We are so proud to have been a part of this special event and we would like to say "thank you" to the folks who sponsored the Tea Cup, Fashion, & Postcard Exhibit: Smith Neal (Jo Ellen Smith & Mattie Neal Hunt fashions), Jodie Finklea (Martha Miers fashions and tea cups), Tammi Adkins (Tea Cups) Barbara Newkirk (Dolls & tea cup), Glenda Lowe (Fashions of the 1920's), Alicia Lowe (Model), Tommy Whitehead (Sister's Pink Dress, Mary John), Nora Dempsey (Howard Family-Fashions from the 1888-1890's) Bill Dempsey (the 1920's Wedding Dress & shoes), John & Dell Tedford (China from China and the 1930's Tea Cup), Darla McKissack and Kathleen Moore (family tea cup, Tea Pots, Tea Cups, and Postcard Book), Patty Rainer (Tea Cup & spoon), Glenda Muñoz (tea cups), KHOS Radio, Devil's River News, Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Board of Directors, Brady Johnson, Jo Ann Hernandez, Joy Galbreath, the guests from Del Rio Bank & Trust, the staff at the Bank & Trust and the community for sharing their stories & photos of the Ranch Women Exhibit.

### Senior Center News

**May 16** - Bingo!  
**May 17** - CEAP Energy Assist. 11 a.m.; City Council 2 p.m.  
**May 18** - Van to San Angelo - Medicals come first - 387-3941  
**May 19** - West Texas Rehab from San Angelo at center for Hearing Program!  
**May 20** - Relay for Life - 6:00 p.m. - Bronco Stadium

### Senior Center Menu

**May 16** - Glazed ham, cooked cabbage, sweet potatoes w/ apples, wheat roll, banana pudding, milk  
**May 17** - Chicken fried steak w/ gravy, carrot, potatoes, roll, veggie salad, white cake w/caramel icing, milk  
**May 18** - Chicken salad sandwich, tomato soup, potato chips, carrot/celery sticks, milk  
**May 19** - Steak fingers w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, sliced tomatoes, biscuit, heavenly hash cake, juice, milk  
**May 20** - BBQ brisket, potato salad, green beans, coleslaw, bread, fresh fruit, milk  
Mon. - Fri 7:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.  
Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.  
\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.  
*\*Menu is subject to change.\**

### School Lunch Menu • May 16 - 20, 2005

**Breakfast**

**Mon.** - Peanut butter toast, fruit or juice.  
**Tues.** - Pancake pup, fruit or juice.  
**Wed.** - Breakfast burrito, asst. juice.  
**Thurs.** - French toast sticks, asst. juice.  
**Fri.** - Breakfast pizza, asst. juice.

**Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.**

**Lunch**

**Mon.** - Chili dog, pork & beans, pears, peanut butter cookie.  
**Tues.** - Macaroni & beef, broccoli w/cheese, fresh fruit, hot roll.  
**Wed.** - Baked chicken, macaroni & cheese, English peas, Rosy applesauce, biscuits.  
**Thurs.** - Sausage pizza, celery/carrot sticks, kernel corn, Jell-O with fruit.  
**Fri.** - Grilled chicken on bun, baked potato wedges, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fruit icee.

### Obituaries

#### Lodessa Pope

Lodessa Pope, age 96, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, May 3, 2005. Lodessa Armittee Willhoit Pope was born July 18, 1908, to Andrew Douglas and Susan Willhoit in Edwards County.  
She married Roy Albert Pope on Jan. 26, 1924. They had six children.  
Lodessa was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sons, Roy Norman and Earl Wayne; and one brother, V. Douglas Willhoit.  
She is survived by four daughters, Mary Ellen Stafford of McAllen, Texas, Helen Bishop of Carlsbad, N.M., Shirley Thompson of Austin, Texas, and Roy Jean Johnson of Sonora, Texas; four sisters, Marjorie Merrit of Rocksprings, Texas, Frances Craig of Uvalde, Texas, Annette Hargus of Concan, Texas, and Mary Bob Fowler of Austin, Texas; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.  
Lodessa was a longtime waitress and was known as "Granny." She had been a resident of Sonora since 1953 and enjoyed living in the senior apartments for a number of years. She had been a resident of Schleicher County Nursing Home in Eldorado since early 2004.  
Service were at 3 p.m. Friday, May 6, at the First Baptist Church in Barksdale, Texas. Mrs. Pope's grandsons were pallbearers.  
The family expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Pajestka and his nurses and staff, and to the doctors, nurses and staff at the Schleicher County Nursing Home. Special appreciation also goes to Kerbow Funeral Home and its staff.  
Memorials may be made to Schleicher County Nursing Home, P.O. Box V, Eldorado, TX 76936.

#### Delbert Wayne Dietz

Delbert Wayne Dietz, 57, of Rankin and formerly of Sonora, passed away Thursday, May 5, 2005, at his residence in Rankin. Services were at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2005, at Kerbow Funeral Chapel with burial following in Sonora Cemetery.  
He is survived by two sons, Brian Wayne Dietz and Jeffery Allen Dietz, a brother, Wendel Dietz of Sonora, a sister, Tammie Smith of Rankin, niece, Melissa White and great nephew Shane White, both of Coahoma.

## A university course in rock & roll



**Tumbleweed Smith**  
"It's just amazing to watch kids grow musically. And they do it so quickly."  
Dr. Dan Keast teaches music at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa. He has been involved with music a long time.  
"I started in Elementary School playing clarinet and pretty soon I became a tuba player because the school needed a tuba player. And from there I just enjoyed every weekend going somewhere to perform a solo, to march, to play in a band. I just found a home in music."  
Dr. Keast is new to the University. He's just finishing his first year. The school had a music program years ago, but it was discontinued.  
"I've been working with the university administration and looking over the cultural opportunities here in Odessa. It's really amazing what's here. It's quite a lot. I think we're going to offer a wide range of music courses and focus on Mariachi music and Jazz music."  
The University has fifteen courses in music now.  
"A lot of them are individual classes. I'm the only fulltime music professor here, so if a student comes in and wants to play guitar, I'll place that student with a person who is extremely competent on that instrument. Our music appreciation course is quite popular. We've got a band now at the University and we're working on some ensemble singing groups."  
Since UTPB has no practice rooms, Dan will play a variety of instruments in his classroom. The doors to the classroom are open, so people nearby hear music from a piano, trumpet or drum. Dr. Keast says plans are underway to get some state of the art practice rooms.  
One course being offered this summer is titled Jazz, Pop and Rock & Roll.  
"I put it on the course docket hoping it would fill up," says Dan. "I taught it back in Nebraska a few years when I was teaching in public school and I taught it at the University of Missouri while I was working on my doctorate."  
"We start off with jazz history and we do it the same way we do music history. We start at the very roots of it, Ragtime, and we trace it to New Orleans, to swing bands, bop music, cool music and then all of a sudden we have the splinters of jazz, going into jazz fusion and jazz rock and all these other little splinters, then into the neo-classic stuff that we're enduring today. We spend the third week of the course in popular songs, such as Tin Pan Alley, and how that music exploded into Rock and Roll in the 1950's."  
"I like to cover how society reacted to Rock & Roll. Time magazine referred to it as the most hideous form of music ever conceived by the mind of man."

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### Community Calendar

<b>May 11th</b> SISD School Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. • Admin. Bldg.	<b>May 20-21</b> <i>Relay for Life</i> • Bronco Stadium • 6:00 p.m.
<b>May 12th</b> Chamber Meeting 12:00 p.m. • Chamber Office	<b>May 21</b> Horse Clinic • Fire Hall • Noon
<b>May 15th</b> "Let's Get it Started" Dance Recital • 2:00 p.m. High School Auditorium	<b>May 22</b> S.H.S Baccalaureate • 8:00 p.m. • S.H.S Auditorium
<b>The Community Calendar is made possible by:</b>	<b>May 27</b> S.H.S Graduation • 8:00 p.m. • Bronco Stadium

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**Ask the Historical Society**

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary  
Sutton County Historical Society

Q. Do you have any information on Will Drake?

A. Devil's River News, Friday, November 17, 1950 - Funeral services were held Wednesday morning from the First Methodist Church in San Angelo for Will F. Drake, 78 prominent West Texas ranchman and livestock dealer and former resident of Sonora. Mr. Drake, who had been critically ill for the past three months, died early Tuesday morning in a San Angelo hospital. His daughter, Mrs. Sam Karnes, resides here.

Mr. Drake was born in Coryell County and was a son of the late F. M. Drake, member of one of the earliest families to settle in Texas. He moved with his parents to San Antonio when a boy and began his lifetime association with the livestock industry by helping his father in the auction business there.

After a few years his father accepted a job managing 196 sections of land lying in Sutton and Crockett counties and in April, 1888, Mr. Drake joined his father and began ranching. His father put him in charge of 25 cowboys and 60 head of horses and sent him to South Texas to pick up the remaining cattle on a ranch the elder Drake still owned there. They returned with 8,000 head.

In 1892, he married the former Miss Euda Odom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Odom of Ozona. They moved to Sonora and then back to Ozona in 1907, then the moved to San Angelo, where he entered the livestock commission business. In 1917, he opened an office in the St. Angelus Hotel and later moved it to the Cactus Hotel as the Will F. Drake Commission Co. In recent years this business has been operated by two sons, Otho and Will F. Jr.

Mr. Drake was a lifetime member of the board of stewards of the First Methodist Church and was the oldest Mason in San Angelo. He was survived by his

widow, five sons, Guy, Otho, Will F., Jr., Jack and Richard, all of San Angelo, and three daughters, Mrs. Neal Sanders of San Angelo, Mrs. Lindsay Hicks of Ozona and Mrs. Karnes of Sonora. Also surviving are a sister, Mrs. John Young of Alpine; nineteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Q. Do you have anything on the death of Ellis J. Parish in 1951?

A. Devil's River News, Friday July 27, 1951 - Woman Charged With Murder After House Trailer Shooting Monday - Mrs. Ellis J. Parish was charged with murder here Monday following the fatal shooting of her husband Monday, July 23, 1951 at 5:40 in the afternoon in the trailer house which they lived in at a local tourist court.

Following the shooting, Mrs. Parish asked a child playing near the trailer to summon the owner of the court. Parish was pronounced dead on arrival at Hudspeth Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Parish, who had bond set at \$10,000 by Justice of the Peace Alfred Cooper, was found to have mumps and is under guard in the isolation ward of the hospital. The bond was later reduced to \$5,000.

The .22 caliber bullet which killed Parish entered the lower left rear portion of his neck, cut the carotid artery, and veered into the spinal cord. Parish was found in a pool of blood on the floor of the trailer. A .22 Remington pump was found in the trailer.

Parish, who was 38, was buried Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Midland. Originally from Vicksburg, Miss., he was employed as a driller for the Delta Gulf Oil Co. He and Mrs. Parish moved here about six weeks ago from Odessa. Mrs. Parish has two children from a former marriage.

According to Deputy Sheriff Clyde Henderson, Mrs. Parish is to be released from the Hospital this morning. Attorneys in Midland plan to have her bond arranged when she leaves the hospital.



Gertrude North, photo from D.F. Patterson Collection (SCHS).

In the same issue we find that Mrs. George Wallace had two bones broken in her right foot Monday afternoon when the horse she was riding ran away with her. The horse threw Mrs. Wallace before he was stopped.

Mrs. Irene Arterberry and Mrs. Lillian Slusher of Dallas are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schwieng, Jr. When they return to Dallas, they will take Lillian Bess Schwieng with them for a visit. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Brodhead and son Gene, and Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Jones, Jr., and children Alice, Claire and Cleve T., are on their vacation in Gunnison, Colorado.

Q. What is the average rainfall for Sonora?

A. The books say that the average rainfall for our area is about 18-20 inches. Of course it doesn't say that we can go for years with almost no rain and then suddenly receive so much rain that the draws overflow their banks. One year we had the whole 18" in a week and a half and a lot more rain to go along with it the next few months. Other years you might get 10 inches if you were lucky. We just thank God for the rain in the good years and pray for it in the dry ones.

Q. Where do we call to rent

the depot?

A. The John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Trust building can be rented by calling us at 387-5084 on Monday, Friday or Saturday mornings from 8-11:45. Deposits must be paid to hold a rental date. Dates are going fast so call now if you want to reserve a date. We have one rental in September and one in October already.

A special thanks to Patricia Craig Johnson for the donation of one year of wireless computer service to the society. As soon as it is installed there will be no problem reaching us on the phone when we are working on line. Thank You Patricia!

Another special thanks to Robert Malone, our newest member, for taking out two memberships in his family and for his generous donation. We do deeply appreciate all the support we have been getting on our projects.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton county history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P. O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or email them to schs@sonorax.net. You may call us at the office Monday, Friday, or Saturday or come in yourself those mornings to look up information.

**Gifts Galore & More**  
Bridal Registry  
Lauren Whiteside bride-elect of Anthony Renfro  
Sarah Kate Hendrix bride-elect of Walt Epperson  
Carla Weaver bride-elect of Bonner Walsh  
Becca Fields bride-elect of Jessie Worley  
417 Hwy. 277 N  
387-2541

**Ol' Sonora Trading Company**  
Bridal Registry  
Ashley Henson nee Mrs. T.J. Harris  
Becca Fields bride-elect of Jesse Worley  
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**Bill would strip new park development from river authority**

**State Capital Highlights**  
Texas Press Association

by Mike Cox

AUSTIN - A Hill Country state senator has introduced a bill that would bar the Lower Colorado River Authority from developing any new recreational areas along the river.

SB 1232, introduced by Sen. Troy Fraser (R-Horseshoe Bay), would strip that authority from the LCRA, which over the years has opened 40 public parks from the Hill Country to the coast. In 2003, more than 1 million people visited LCRA's existing parks.

By repealing Chapter 152 of the Texas Water Code, Fraser's bill also would end LCRA's Community Development Partnership Program. Since 1996 the economic development program has provided \$9.4 million in grants to volunteer fire departments, local governments and other non-profit ventures in the authority's jurisdiction.

Mayors and county judges from LCRA's service area gathered to speak against the bill in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources on May 3, but after sitting for hours waiting to testify, chairman Sen. Ken Armbrister (D-Victoria) announced that Fraser had asked that the bill not be brought up that day.

One of those on hand was Llano Mayor Roger Pinckney (re-elected to a second term without opposition May 7).

"No one showed up to testify in favor of the bill," Pinckney said. "We waited there for more than six hours but didn't get a chance to express our opinion."

Essentially, that opinion is that LCRA should not lose any of its authority.

"The LCRA is one of the most successful entities the Legislature has ever created and stands on its own, getting zero

funding from the state," Pinckney said. "The city of Llano would hate to see the LCRA's ability to provide service diminished in any way."

**Legislator dies in traffic crash.**

Rep. Joe E. Moreno (D-Houston) died early May 6 in a one-vehicle accident near La Grange on State Highway 71.

The 40-year-old lawmaker's House seat will be filled in a special election to be called by the governor.

Moreno and House member Rafael Anchia (D-Dallas) and Monica Pinon, chief of staff to Rep. Joe Pickett (D-El Paso), were all returning from a basketball game in Houston when Moreno apparently lost control of the vehicle and the car rolled. Anchia was treated for minor injuries and released while Pinon was hospitalized.

**Communities bracing for economic explosions.**

U.S. Department of Defense base-closure recommendations - news that could amount to an economic bust for some Texas cities and the counties in their surrounding trade area - could come as early as May 13.

Two installations considered particularly at risk are San Angelo's Goodfellow Air Force Base and Naval Station Ingleside near Corpus Christi. Even Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, established in 1876 when hostile Indians still prowled West Texas, is a possibility for closure.

**Cheerleading bill would face trouble in Senate.**

To the delight of late-night talk show gag writers, the House last week passed on third reading Rep. Al Edwards' (D-Houston) HB 1476 barring sexually suggestive cheerleading.

Despite the 85-55 House vote, even if Edwards can find a Senate sponsor for the bill, it is not expected to get out of committee in the upper chamber.

**Letter to the Editor**

I want to send out a personal "Thanks" to the COWARD who backed into my car, and took off without telling anyone what happened last Wednesday (5/4/05) while it was parked at Mack's Shell. Thanks for not leaving me with your insurance information! You know who you are! Turn yourself in, you owe me!  
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**Engagement Announcement**



Robert and Victoria

**Victoria Richardson to Wed**

Victoria Richardson is pleased to announce the upcoming wedding of her daughter, Victoria Hella, to Mr. Robert Garcia of Houston, TX.

The two are to wed in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico on June 4th, 2005.

Robert is a real-estate agent, and Victoria is an accountant—both in Houston. The Garcia's will continue to reside in Houston after the wedding.

**Chamber Chatter**

**Chamber celebrates Texas Tourism Week**



by Ruthie Bounds, Executive Director

This week, May 7 – May 15 is Texas Tourism Week. I thought this would be the perfect time to acknowledge some of the unsung heroes of tourism in Sonora. The impact of travel on Sonora & Sutton County from 1994 through 2003 increased by 150%. That is a huge increase and by all indications the impact of travel on Sonora & Sutton County has continued to grow for all of 2004 and the first five months of 2005. The future financial stability of Sonora and the surrounding area can and probably will be bolstered by tourism. In Texas, for the year of 2003 \$41.2 billion were generated by direct travel spending. That directly generates almost 477,000 jobs for Texans.

For the first time, the number one travel destination in Texas was rural Texas destinations (these are all areas of Texas not included in the Metropolitan Statistical Area). These statistics definitely show that people are looking for and finding rural Texas to be one of the best vacation values left any where in the world. In other words, people are beginning to find out what we have always known. San Antonio is still the most common destination of all the Metropolitan Statistical Areas, but it is becoming more and more evident that leisure travelers are looking for exactly what we have right here in Sonora. They want to get out of the traffic, the standing in lines, and the overpriced amusement parks and motels. Locally there has been an increase of 61% in motel receipts from the year 2000 through the 2004 year.

Sonora is the home for several wonderful events each year and the home of some great tourist attractions. There would be no way to hold most of these events without the cooperation and help of Sutton County and the City of Sonora. Sutton County owns the Sutton County Park & Arena complex where so many of the events that draw tourist to our community take place. The County Judge, County Commissioners, as well as many of the County

Employees make sure that the facilities are kept up to snuff and ready for our events. The City of Sonora provides guidance and manpower for the parades that take place several times a year in Sonora. And it is also through the contract between the City of Sonora and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce for the use of motel tax revenues that many of these events are possible and most of the advertising promotions for Sonora are possible.

The owners, managers, and staff at our six local motels work diligently to provide a comfortable and friendly place for visitors to stay in Sonora. Several of our motels are promoted not just statewide, but nationally. The same needs to be said of the restaurants in Sonora. The Caverns of Sonora is one of, if not the biggest full time operation in Sonora that promotes tourism. The management, staff, and owners of the Caverns are to be commended for such an excellent job promoting Sonora. Carl J. Cahill, Inc., Sonora Industrial Development Corp., and several very dedicated individuals have developed the old "Eaton Hill" into the most spectacular "Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary". The sanctuary is visited by more and more people every day, and offers the best of what Texas has to offer, nature tourism, in the form of birding, hiking, wildlife and wildflower watching as well as geocaching and historical displays. Speaking of historical displays; we can't forget the Sutton County Historical Society. The Sutton County Historical Society manages the Old Santa Fe Depot and the Miers Home Museum, and is in the working stages on The Ice House Museum, all wonderful assets to tourism in our area.

All these people and organizations, plus I'm sure there are some that I have left out, are completely involved in and dedicated to helping promote tourism in Sonora. Without their assistance and dedication our efforts at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center, to promote tourism in Sonora would be pointless. So let's keep the travelers along Interstate 10 and Highway 277 stopping in Sonora and spending their money. Thanks to you all for doing your part and more!



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**Golding West**

**Local law enforcement working with Project Childsafe to offer gun locks**

The National Shooting Sports Foundation has partnered with local law enforcement communities to distribute 865,000 additional free gun locks in Texas as part of the

national Project ChildSafe (PCS) initiative. The National Safety tour will be in Sutton County to distribute free cable-style gunlocks and accompanying educational materials as part of the program on Thursday, May 12, 2005. PCS reminds gun owners to take steps to prevent a loaded gun from falling into the hands of a child, thereby preventing tragic accidents.

Project ChildSafe is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice and will support the program from September 1, 2004, through August 31, 2005. Phase one of Project ChildSafe was funded by a \$50 million U.S. Department of Justice grant. Texas received 1,192,200 free gunlocks in 2004.

The current campaign will distribute over 12 million free firearm safety kits and follows the successful Phase One distribution of 20 million firearm safety kits over the past year to all 50 states. "There continues to be a significant demand for firearm safety education across America and we are pleased that Project ChildSafe is able to meet that demand with millions of additional free firearm safety kits," said Doug Painter, president of the National Shooting Sports Foundation. "We are continuing to remind gun owners that their most important responsibility is to know how to safely handle and properly store their firearms in the home."

**Andi Allen to graduate from Texas A&M**

Andi Allen, the daughter of Lewis and Cyndy Allen, is graduating cum laude with a degree in International Studies, with an emphasis on European history and French Language, and a minor in business, from Texas A&M University.

Andi has studied abroad in Cuernavaca, Mexico and Paris, France. She is involved in campus activities, including the Aggie Figure Skating Club, Conversation Partner Program, Aggie Orientation Leader program, and volunteering at local elementary schools.

Andi will be moving to Denver, Colorado after graduation.

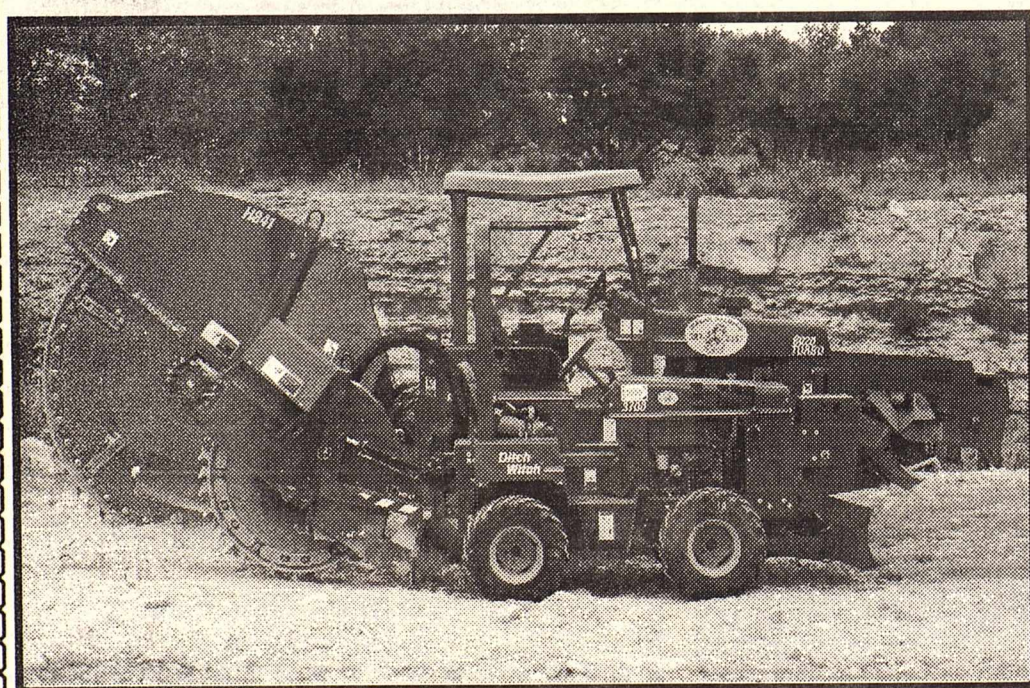


2001 S.H.S Graduate, Andi Allen, will graduate from Texas A&M this month.



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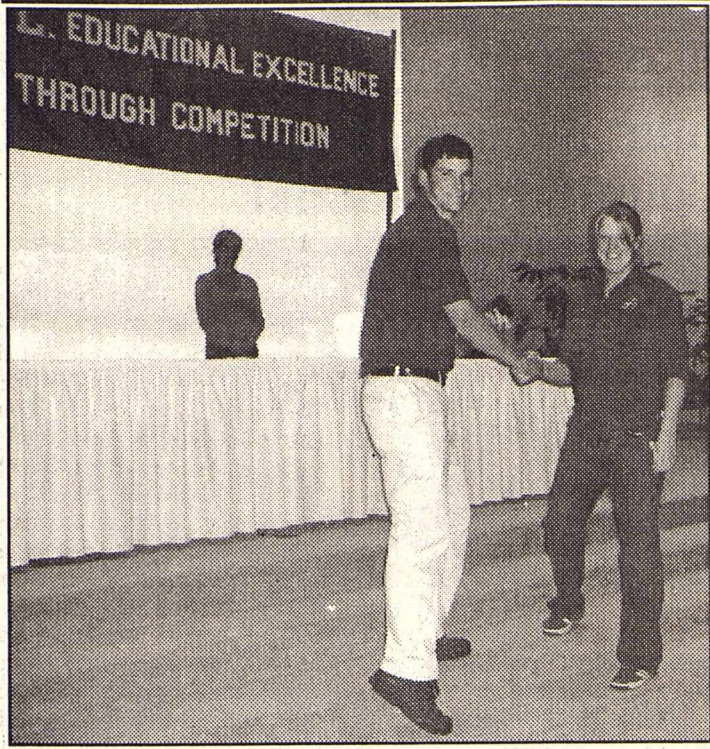
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## Smith makes S.H.S. proud at State UIL competition

Embre Smith represented Sonora well at UIL State competition in Austin, Texas on Saturday, May 7, 2005. Smith received a 5th place medal in Computer Applications (above). The high score for the day of 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, and 5A came from class 2A in Computer Applications, placing Smith up against some very strong competition.

More than 3,000 students participated in drama, journalism, math, and science contests.

S.H.S. Computer Applications teacher, Molly Morriss, S.H.S. and Sonora are proud of Embre's accomplishment.

## Keeping Track of Children's Immunizations

It begins with counting 10 fingers and 10 toes. Then comes more numbers in pounds and inches. By the time a newborn is only hours old, parents have a raft of childhood charts to begin filling in.

One of the most important of these, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), is a child's immunization record.

"Children need various vaccinations at 2, 4, 6, 12 to 15, and 15 to 18 months of age and at 2 and 4 years," said Lupe Mandujano-Garcia of the DSHS Immunization Branch.

The job of keeping track of these immunization schedules can seem almost overwhelming to parents. For help in avoiding papering the house with charts and graphs, parents can get assistance by using ImmTrac, the state's immunization registry.

Parents can complete a consent form to voluntarily enroll their Texas-born children as part of the birth registration process. Parents whose children were born in another state also may enroll them in ImmTrac by completing a consent form and sending it, along with copies of immunization records, to the

ImmTrac office or their provider. The ImmTrac service is free.

"ImmTrac provides parents with an official immunization history that can be used to meet school and child-care enrollment requirements," Mandujano-Garcia said. The system is designed to offer complete immunization records for each participating child.

"Providers authorized to use ImmTrac can see what immunizations a child already has had, even those given in another city or county," Mandujano-Garcia said. "With this information readily available, a provider can see that a child receives only those shots that are needed and reduces the chances that a child will be under-vaccinated or over-vaccinated."

With ImmTrac, immunization providers also can remind parents when their children's shots are needed.

"As a courtesy, DSHS now sends a vaccination reminder card to parents of ImmTrac participating children who are 15 months old," Mandujano-Garcia said. "This helps parents

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## Lady Broncos end super Softball season



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## Lady Broncos from page 1

ing out 9 Lady Indians. At the plate; the Lady Broncos were led by Kayla Fields and Jennifer Burton. Fields would have a 3 for 3 day plus a walk in her four trips to the plate; while Burton would also have a 3 for 3 day with one of those being a 3 base blast to right field. Meghan Krieg and Heather Hughes would round out the hitting with a single each. However, ultimately this 8 inning affair would be decided by the errors committed by the Lady Broncos and the 5 runners left at either second or third base. In 8 innings; the final score would be Sonora 3 - Jim Ned 4.

Game 2 on Saturday would pit the Sonora's Heather Hughes against the same Taran Sharpe for the Lady Indians. This game would only go 7 innings, but with the same result. Jim Ned would win this one by a score of 4 to 1.

Just as in Game 1; the Lady Broncos had their chances. In the first 3 innings, Sonora stranded 7 runners with 4 of

these being in scoring position. For 4 innings a pitchers duel would be the main focus. In the top of the fifth; Jim Ned would score 4 runs off of 3 hits and two Lady Bronco errors. Three of these runs coming with two outs. Sonora would finally notch the score board in the bottom of the sixth with their sole run of the game. Defensively; the Lady Broncos played a much better game on Saturday. Short-stop, Kayla Fields, would lead the defense with 2 put outs and 5 assists. Second base man, Jaimee Duran, would add 2 assists and a putout. Right fielder, Desiree Alvarado, would make two excellent catches.

With center fielder, Jennifer Burton, first base man Meghan Krieg, and left fielder Amanda Word each adding unassisted put outs. Offensively, Heather Hughes would lead Sonora with a single and a double. Brandy Neff, Jaimee Duran, Meghan Krieg, Kimble Luna, and Kayla Fields



would each single. Hughes would get the loss on the day facing 29 batters, giving up 4 runs off of 5 hits and striking out 5. The winner, Taran Sharpe would face 32 Lady Broncos give up the 1 run off of 7 hits, walking 2 and striking out 6.

The Lady Broncos are to be congratulated on their success, even though it was not all they had hoped for. They have every reason in the world to hold their head high and look forward to

next year's team. The Lady Broncos will only lose 3 players off of this year's team.

Amanda Word, Jennifer Burton, and Adriana Castillo will be missed and I, for one, would like to wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

Good Luck Lady Broncos - Looking forward to the 2006 season!

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## Sutton County 4-H Forecast

**Livestock Show Board Meeting** - The spring meeting will be held on May 12 at 6 p.m. at the Civic Center. Topics include election of dates and judges, a review of the show rules, as well as treasury and financial matters.

**Horse Health Clinic** - May 21 at 12:00 p.m. at the Sonora Fire Hall. Topics include: Horse Theft Awareness, Freeze Branding Demonstration, Horse Vaccination Program, Colic in Horses, and a Teeth Floating Demonstration. Speakers Howard Brittain, TX & Southwest Cattle Raisers Association; Dr. Mike Keller, DVM; Dr. Jim Ward, DVM; Dr. Clay Stubbs, DVM. The program is brought to you by Sutton County Extension and Rafter W Feeds. No cost to attend and a free lunch will be provided, but please call to register.

**Tri-County Camp at Leakey** - Sutton County 4-H has been invited to join Edwards County and Real County 4-Hers at HEB Camp near Leakey on the first weekend in June. The age of eligibility is 8 years to 18 years. Anyone under 9 years of age will require parent accompaniment. Cost is \$50. Educational activities as well as lots of recreation are planned for those who attend. We'll have more details as they become available.

## Oil & Agribusiness

### Wool and Mohair judges take top honors at Schleicher County Invitational



Back row: Savannah Leonard, Colton Moore, Steely Ingham, Craig Leonard, Laura Martin. Front row: Sterling Love, Meredith Earwood, Hunter Jennings, and Stella Ingham

submitted

Sutton County 4-H wool and mohair judges competed in the Schleicher County Invitational contest on Saturday, April 30, 2005. The teams once again proved to be among the best of the best. The pre-junior team of Stella Ingham, Hunter Jennings and Zachary Leonard was high team in both mohair and wool. Hunter was 2nd high individual in mohair and Stella was 3rd high individual. Stella was 1st high individual in wool and Hunter was 3rd high individual.

The junior team members were Steely Ingham, Savannah Leonard, Meredith Earwood and Sterling Love. They were 1st high team in mohair and 2nd high team in wool. Steely was 1st high individual in mohair and Savannah was 3rd high individual. Steely was 1st high individual in wool and Savannah was 3rd high. Steely received a belt buckle for overall mohair high point individual.

The senior team members were Craig Leonard, Laura Martin, Emily Earwood and Colton Moore. They were 3rd high team in Mohair. Craig was 1st high individual in wool and also received a belt buckle for overall wool high point individual.

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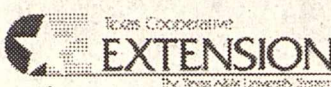
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A parasite control program should focus on eliminating parasites already existing in the horse and controlling the environment through effective management so that the horse will be reinfected with fewer parasites.

A veterinarian can set up a deworming program tailored to the needs of any horse. Such factors as the environment, health of the

horse, and parasites naturally found in the area must be considered in devising a treatment that will insure that the medication is continually effective. Also, a veterinarian can advise on how medication should be administered and on the correct dosage.

An effective deworming program will call for treatments at two-to-four month intervals because of continuous reinfection pressure. Programs should be designed to have major effectiveness against large and small strongyles, pinworms, roundworms and bots.

For additional information on horse health, call the Extension Office at 387-3101 to register for a free Horse Health Clinic on May 21. Topics include vaccination programs, colic, floating teeth, freeze branding, and horse theft prevention.

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## Vesicular stomatitis detected in Arizona

Vesicular stomatitis (VS) has been detected in a horse on a premises in Maricopa County, Arizona. (Maricopa County is located in the south-central portion of the state and is home to Phoenix.) The owner of the five-year-old gelding reported that the animal was purchased about three weeks ago. Sores appeared in the horse's mouth in mid-April, and tests run at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, IA, confirmed the infection. Arizona was "spared" in the 2004 VS outbreak, when Texas had 15 cases, New Mexico had 80, and Colorado 199.

One premises in Grant County, New Mexico, remains quarantined where two horses

are recovering from the viral blistering disease. Infected and susceptible animals remain under movement prohibition until at least 30 days after all lesions heal, and a state or federal regulatory veterinarian examines the livestock.

VS can cause blisters and sores in the mouth, and on the tongue, muzzle, teats or hooves of horses, cattle, swine, sheep, goats, llamas and a number of other animals. Lesions usually will heal in two or three weeks. Because the signs of VS mimic those of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), animal health officials strongly urge livestock owners and caretakers to report potential cases of VS to their private veterinary practitioner or state livestock health officials. Laboratory tests run at no charge to the producer will differentiate whether infection is caused by VS and not FMD, a dreaded foreign animal disease.

To report suspected cases of VS, owners and private veterinary practitioners should call their respective state's livestock health regulatory agency:

Texas Animal Health Commission -- 1-800-550-8242 (operational 24 hours a day), New Mexico Livestock Board -- 1-505-841-6161, Colorado Department of Agriculture, State Veterinarian's Office -- 1-303-239-4161, Arizona Department of Agriculture, State Veterinarian's Office - 1-602-542-4293

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) requires livestock from affected states to be accompanied by a valid certificate of veterinary inspection (health paper) on which the accredited veterinarian certifies the animals are not from a quarantined premises. The TAHC web page is at <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us>.

## Rig Locations as of May 6, 2005



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## City Council from page 1

House place barricades to block off the streets for the Memorial Day service. Kay requested that \$2,792.94 of unspent monies be placed in the permanent project line item for painting the pocket park during the next fiscal year. She also stated that the FHSMS had a \$7,800 CD set aside for the development of a small park on S. Crockett. A motion was made and approved for the request to place unspent funds in the permanent project line item and to accept the financial reports presented. The FHSMS Board of Directors recommended that Bruce Kerbow and Joy Galbreath be reappointed to the board for another 3-year term each.

Budget amendments proposed by Chamber of Commerce Manager Ruthie Bounds were approved as presented, as were the end-of-year financial reports presented by the Chamber of Commerce. Bounds presented a video regarding the Keep Texas Beautiful Program and informed the council that the City had not been affiliated with the program since 1999. The COC paid the membership dues of \$175.00 for the year and Susan Hall is attending an accreditation seminar. An accredited member of KTB can apply for grants city and county wide. Bounds then gave a lengthy presentation regarding the numerous advertisements and program the Hotel/Motel tax dollars were providing in order to promote Sonora and Sutton County. She informed the council that over 12,000 information packets were sent by mail in the last year and that more packets were being prepared for the Multi-Chem and Schlumberger trainees that come into Sonora.

Mayor Lopez introduced Chandra Hughes to the council as the new Swimming Pool Manager. After a discussion with Hughes about the hours of operation of the pool, it was agreed to leave the pool hours the same as last year, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Thursday through Tuesday, and closed on Wednesday. The pool will open for the season the Monday after school is out (May 30, 2005) and close the Sunday before school begins (August 21, 2005). No parties will be held on Wednesday, except for end of school parties the week before school is out and the 4-H party held later in the summer. Party hours are 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. and will be scheduled at City Hall.

Doyle Morgan, Interim City Manager, explained to the council that Creek was purchasing the Stockpen property and was interested in donating the road to the wastewater treatment plant to the city. Al Elliott had asked that this be tabled until a later date.

Chief House informed the council that a resident on W. 7th Street had complained about large trucks parking in front of his residence and staying in the motel. It was approved to place a sign prohibiting trucks on W. 7th Street.

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Sonora, Texas, authorizing the filing of a Texas Community Development Program Application to the Office of Rural and Community Affairs; and authorizing the mayor to act as the City's Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the community development program. It was explained to the council that the City Manager had been the designated signatory for the 2003-2004 TCDP and the Office of Rural Affairs had suggested that a new resolution be passed designating the Mayor as the authorized signatory until the completion of the grant.

A meeting with the County Commissioners to discuss the inter-local agreements was scheduled for Monday, May 9, in the Annex Building. It was the consensus of the Council to set budget workshop dates after that meeting.

Interim City Manager Morgan, reported to the Council that the city had received 111 work orders since April 1, 2005 and 37 were outstanding. He informed the council that he had appointed Jerad Shipman as Interim

Sewer Supervisor, Billy Lippman as Interim Street Supervisor and Fernando Ibarra would remain as Water Supervisor. There are two employees in each department at this time and an equipment operator and a laborer have been hired. Morgan asked the council to address the payroll schedule during the next budget and adjust as needed. Several issues pertaining to the street department were discussed. It was the consensus of the council that Fay Street and approximately 150' of W. college be developed during the paving period if the adjacent property owners were willing to pay 1/2 of the cost and the city pay 1/2. The council was also asked to consider abandoning the current curb and gutter policy due to the lack of experienced personnel. Morgan informed the council of other concerns such as the grease trap ordinance for restaurants, dedicated easements, seal coating, the broken water line under 277 N., the current ordinance pertaining to the sale of surplus property and the utility rates. Morgan presented rates from neighboring cities and asked that the council reconsider the rates during the next budget process using a flat rate for 3/4" meters and an ascending rate for consumption. He also asked the council to suspend the meter change outs until they had the opportunity to consider different rates. A motion was then made to suspend the meter change outs until budget time. City Attorney, Beth Wallace, was asked by the council to research the public auction ordinance.

The first reading of an ordinance amending the regulation for collection of trash was presented. No action was taken.

An ordinance declaring unopposed candidates in the May 7, 2005 general election, elected to office was read and a motion was made to approve the motion and declare Smith Neal and Thomas Adkins elected to office for a two year term.

A second ordinance declaring unopposed candidates in the May 7, 2005 special election, elected to office, canceling the election, providing a severability clause and providing an effective date. A motion was then made to approve Ordinance No. 560 and declare Fred Perez elected to office for a one year term.

Details for the street improvements suggested for Fay, Annette and W. College Streets were discussed during the City Managers report. A motion was made to approve the street developments if all adjacent landowners pay 1/2 of the cost of improvements in advance and the city pay the remaining 1/2. All members voted in favor.

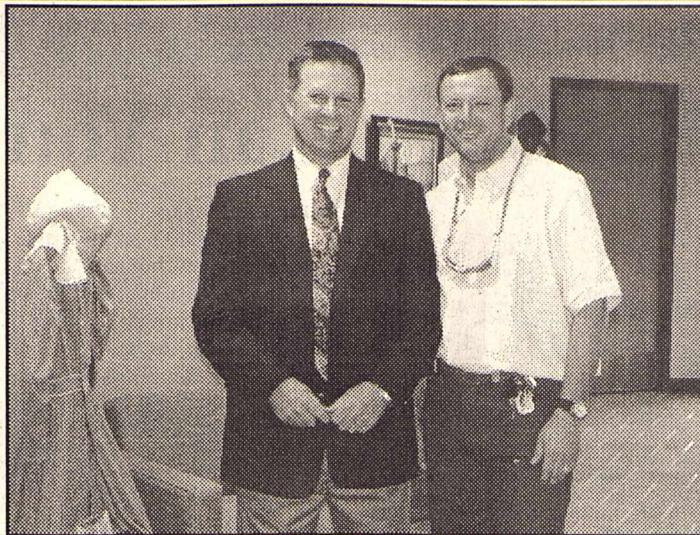
It was explained to the council that the previous city manager had been authorized signatory for the discharge monitoring reports required monthly by TCEQ, therefore Interim City Manager Doyle Morgan, recommended that Jerad Shipman, Sewer Supervisor, be authorized so sign the reports. All members agreed and approved the recommendation.

The city manager job description agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

Ann Kay and Ruthie Bounds complimented the council on their meeting procedures and Bounds also expressed her appreciation to the board for appointing Mr. Morgan as Interim City Manager. Kay then thanked Chief House and the officers for their participation in the escorts for returning soldiers. Chief House informed the council that he had hired a new officer, Lance Dalton, who would begin work on May 5.

Mayor Lopez informed those present that 18 resumes had been received for the position of City Manager.

The council then went into executive session to consult with the city attorney, to discuss payment of benefits to the city manager. After reconvening in open session, a motion was made by Smith Neal, that without admitting liability, to pay unused vacation and sick leave to Brent Gesch upon the signing of a release. The motion was seconded by Virgil Polocek and all members present, Neal, Polocek, Fred Perez and Laurie Garza, voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.



The Bank & Trust president, Brady Johnson, acknowledges David Creek and Creek Swabbing, for the excellent contracting work on their remodeling project, at the Open House on May 5, 2005.

## Immunizations from page 5

remember to vaccinate their children in a timely manner, especially as they get older."

"Beginning at birth with the Hepatitis B vaccine, children need to be vaccinated against 11 vaccine-preventable diseases by age 2," Mandujano-Garcia said. "Then in a specific, carefully-timed succession, children should receive diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), haemophilus influenzae type b, polio, pneumococcal, measles, mumps, rubella (German measles), and varicella (chicken pox) vaccines."

Starting at 6 months, children also should receive an influenza shot yearly.

And children living in 39 counties that have high inci-

dence rates of hepatitis A should receive that protective vaccination as well.

"Vaccines work," said Dr. Eduardo Sanchez, DSHS Commissioner. "They are one of the great public health achievements of the last century."

Low immunization rates affect children, families, schools and entire communities. "One unvaccinated child can pass a serious disease on to a younger child, to a pregnant woman, an elderly relative or others likely to suffer serious consequences from the illness," Sanchez said.

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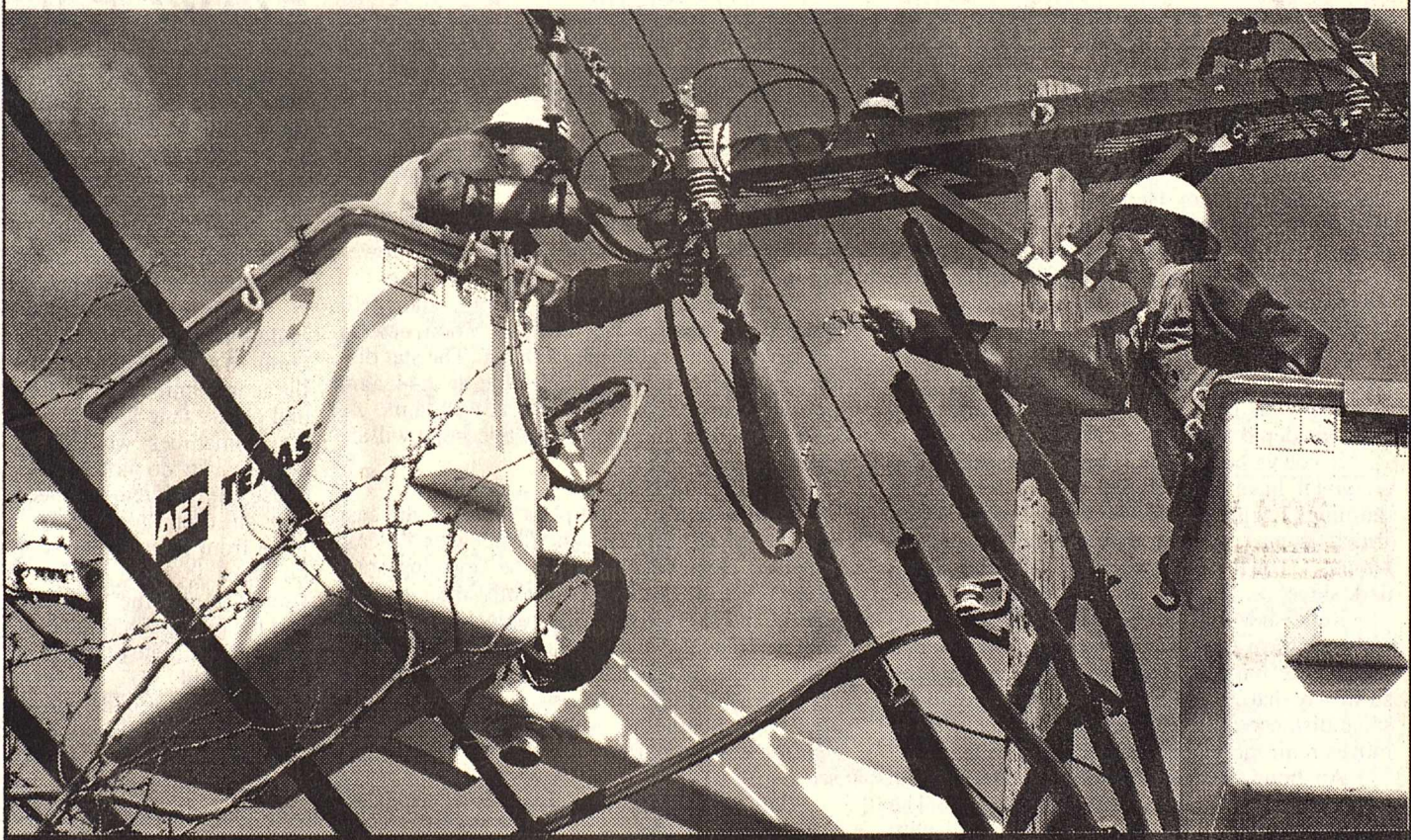


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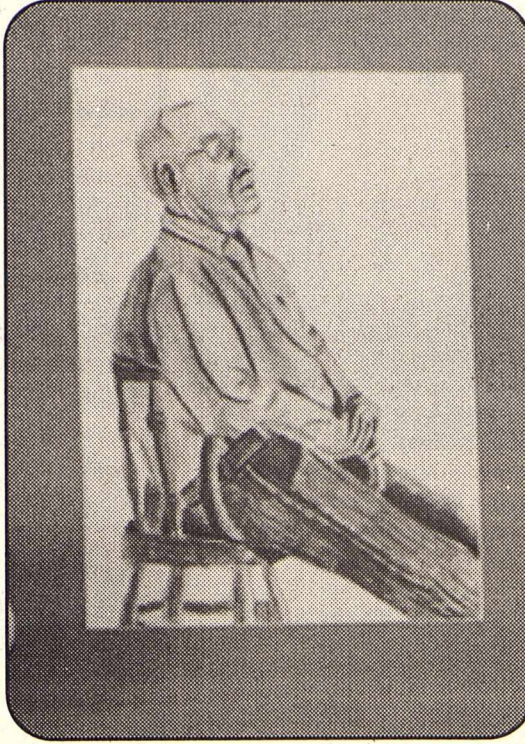
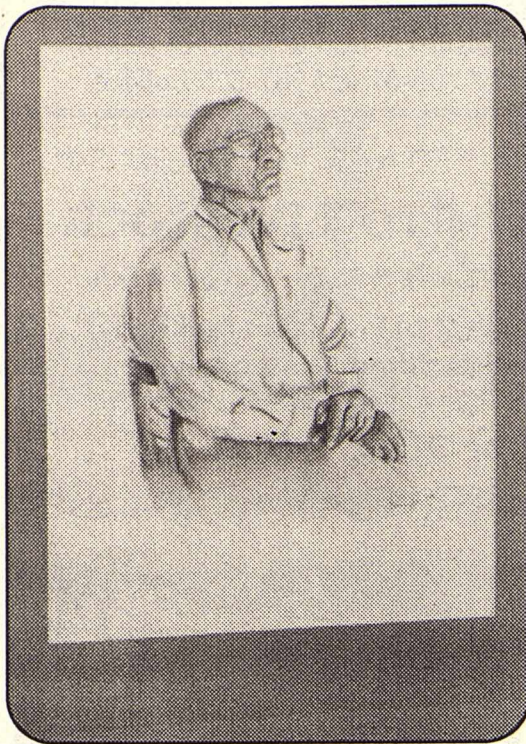
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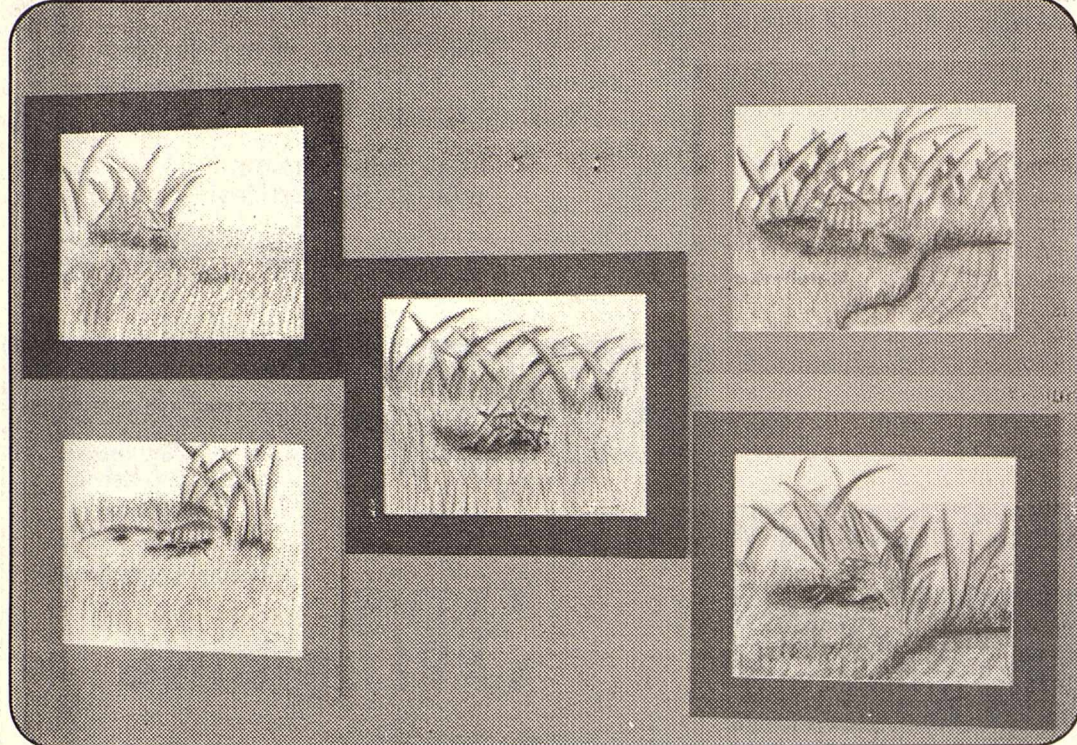
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### Young artists exhibit talent at special showing



Bailey Joe Pennington (left) and Kevin Buitron (right) did a great job on their portraits, with Mr. Jennings serving as a model for the project.



Kindergarten - second grade students, Emmy Phillips (top left), Straton Rushing (bottom left), Jeremy Doran (center), Sierra Samaniego (top right) and Emily Cory (bottom right) are well on their way to being great artists after completing their "bugs" projects.

### Stargazer: Using Mars to Find Uranus

Throughout history our ancestors have been aware of the five brightest planets—Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn—although they didn't know what they were. They looked like stars, yet the "fixed stars" stayed in the same place relative to each other while these five objects moved among them. So they called them planets, which means "wanderers," not even realizing that Earth is also a planet.

When in 1609 Italian astronomer Galileo first used the newly invented telescope as an astronomical instrument, our knowledge of the cosmos began to increase "astronomically." The combined efforts of Copernicus, Tycho Brahe, Galileo and Johannes Kepler, working mostly independently of each other, helped us understand that these planets orbit our Sun, and that Earth is also a planet. But they still only knew of the five, plus Earth.

It wasn't until 1781 that the musician-astronomer William Herschel, from his home observatory in Bath, England, discovered the planet Uranus. Then Neptune was discovered in 1846, followed by Pluto in 1930. These three planets are so distant and faint it's no wonder they weren't discovered until recent times. Since none are visible to the naked eye, most have never been seen. (Actually Uranus is barely visible under the right conditions, but generally it's not considered a naked-eye object.)

If you've never seen Uranus, and would like to, you'll have a great opportunity for several mornings beginning around May 12 when Mars, which is easy to see, passes near the elusive Uranus. You'll need binoculars and reasonably dark skies.

Reddish Mars, blue-green Uranus and a reddish star form a trio, with Mars the brightest and Uranus the faintest of the three. Uranus moves so slowly that it and the star will seem to stay the same distance from each other, but swifter Mars moves noticeably from one morning to the next.

An hour or two before dawn Mars is the brightest object rising in the southeast. The morning of May 12 the three are aligned with Mars to the right and Uranus in the middle—all within the same binocular field of view. By May 16 they form a small triangle with Mars at the

- bottom.
- Sky Calendar:
- \* May 12 Thu. evening: The waxing crescent Moon is 8 degrees below the trio of planet Saturn and stars Pollux and Castor, Saturn to the lower left being the brightest.
- \* 13 Fri.: Friday the 13th, another unlucky day for the superstitious, the Moon is above Saturn and Pollux.
- \* 14 Sat. evening: The large crescent Moon is above Cancer's Beehive star cluster. (The Beehive is usually seen with naked eyes, but binoculars will probably be needed due to the glare of the nearby Moon.)
- \* 16 Mon.: The 1st quarter Moon is to the left of Leo's brightest star, Regulus.
- \* 19 Thu. evening: The Moon is to the lower left of Jupiter.
- \* 20 Fri. evening: The Moon is to the left of Virgo's brightest star, Spica, with Jupiter to their upper right.
- \* 23 Mon.: The full Moon in May is called the Planting Moon, Milk Moon and Flower Moon.
- \* 24 Tue. morning: The Moon's glare will make it difficult to see, but the Moon occults (passes in front of) the star, Antares. The star disappears from the Moon's left side at 2:44 a.m. and reappears on the right side at 4:02 a.m. At least binoculars and probably a telescope will be needed.

Naked-eye Planets.  
(The Sun, Moon and planets rise in the east and set in the west due to Earth's west-to-east rotation.) Evening: Venus is the "evening star" seen very low in the west shortly after sunset. Saturn, the brightest starlike object high in the west, sets about 1 a.m., while brilliant Jupiter, up nearly all night, is high in the southeast in the evening. Morning: Mars, rising after 3 a.m., is seen in the southeast. Mercury is barely visible near the eastern horizon 45 minutes before sunrise.

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### Up on Eaton Hill

## Can You BEElieve It!

by Delyse Jaeger

In the 1980's an advertisement for a new housing development in Houston touted "Live like people, not like bees!" Well, just how do bees live? In particular, honey bees like the swarm spotted on Eaton Hill and pictured above?

Would you believe, a lot like people. The average bee hive houses about 50,000 residents. Like the silk moths, honey bees communicate using complex chemical signals known as pheromones, however honeybees have a lot more to talk about! With the exception of humans, honey bees exhibit the only known symbolic language in the animal kingdom via "dances" that relay the location of nectar sources to fellow bees. Bees have an intricate social structure wherein about fifty different "jobs" are performed and are capable of associative learning. Our own Department of Defense is considering the viability of using bees to locate biological and chemical threats to our nation. Some jobs or behaviors are not yet fully understood by the biologists who study bees. The youngest buzzing members of a community begin their lives working towards the center of the hive and most move through numerous positions as they mature, gradually working their way towards the outer parts of the hive. The majority will become foragers. Forager bees gather one of three substances. Plant resin or propolis is collected and used like duct tape in the hive for repairs or anchoring foreign objects too large to remove. Nectar is collected as a carbohydrate source and pollen provides protein. To nourish developing larvae, nurse bees eat pollen and then convert it to a substance much like milk in appearance, which is then deposited into the cells containing larvae. After collecting nectar, bees must expend a great deal of energy removing moisture and preparing it for long term storage. Enzymes from glands in the head of the bees are added in this process. Other special enzymes function to prevent pollen from germinating, and a little honey is mixed in to retard fungal and bacterial growth. Quite elaborate concoctions these little guys are capable of cooking up! While honey bees are some



Mixing fascination with a little fear, a bee swarm on Eaton Hill.

of the most fascinating creatures on earth, the last fifteen years have seen the dangerous Africanization of the once mostly docile European honey bee. The African honey bee was accidentally released in Brazil in 1954 where it was being studied as part of a hopeful hybrid to increase honey production. Those hopes were dashed as the aggressive strain took over local bees, resulting in a drastic and unfortunate drop in honey production for that country and the progression of the "killer" bees northward, entering the US in 1990. European honey bees produce about five times the amount of honey as the African variety. Today, the public is being advised to consider all honey bees as being Africanized. Indistinguishable from the less aggressive European honey bee, Africanized bees do NOT possess more potent venom, they are simply more tenacious and more easily provoked. Bees are generally less aggressive during a swarm as they have no hive to protect, and are usually searching for a place to make their home. However, please educate your children on avoid-

ing all bees unless accompanied by a knowledgeable adult. Should a person be caught unaware, take cover if possible, protect your head and neck, or run away as fast and far as possible. The aggressive bees will give chase up to about  $\pi$  mile. Please visit [www.honeybee.tamu.edu](http://www.honeybee.tamu.edu) for a full update on bee safety and bee-proofing your property. BEE Safe!

Honey bees have an enormous positive economic impact through pollination of about 130 different agricultural crops, contributing approximately 15 billion dollars each year in increased yields of fruit, nut, vegetable and fiber crops. Efforts are under way to restore the original bee strains by replacing the queens of an Africanized hives with European queens. Let's hope it works.

There's a new song on Eaton Hill and it goes something like this: "bob white...bob white.....bob white" That's right, quail are moving in and it is with delight that we add this entertaining bird to our ever growing species list. Hit the trails!

### Foster Parents from page 1

hand, foster parents love children, and when it is necessary for them to be removed for their safety, then foster parents are there to provide the love and protection that children need.

Statewide, there are 16,000 children in foster care, but only 7,000 foster parents.

Many not only care for children, but also help promote children's issues and welfare in the communities they live in and on the state level.

Sometimes we think that because we do not neglect or abuse our children, and because our children are grown and gone from home, that we have no stake in child abuse. That simply is not true. One impact that the problem has on each taxpayer in the State of Texas is the taxes paid to investigate, remove, and provide substitute care and medical services for children. The case at point is a bill before our legislature which proposes over \$350 million dollars for the next two years to provide these services. Needless to say the cost is

borne by the people of the State of Texas.

Perhaps we believe that this is way too much money to spend. For the past several years the funds have been reduced to Children's Protective Services. The end result has been that case loads have gotten so large that they cannot be managed properly. The end result of this has been the deaths of several children who were being observed by CPS. These deaths have brought the issues to the fore front. As citizens, we need to make sure they stay there and that they are addressed. Sadly, it is already too late for some children.

But there are other issues also. There are extra costs relative to education and productivity. Half of abused children have school related problems and 22% suffer from learning disabilities. From 60 to 805 of adult drug and alcohol abusers have a history of child abuse. Also, there are other costs involved in failing to intervene in these cases.

Some of these costs are money, others cost in terms of pain and suffering. For instance, 65% of the prison inmates at the Ferguson unit (TDC) were abused as children. The cost of their crimes, their trials, and their incarceration must be considered. Ninety per cent of convicted murders were victims of child abuse. Failure to intervene costs more than just money.

There are four major types of child maltreatment: neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse and emotional abuse. In 2003 there were nearly 60,000 confirmed cases of abuse in our State. Each citizen does have a stake in what happens in their community and in their state concerning children's issues.

You may have seen the Blue Ribbon, which reminds us of the need to prevent child abuse, but we should also be aware of the need of all citizens to be involved in children's issues. If you would like to know more about being a foster parent call Ann Bailey at 325-657-7377.

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**Main Street Program plans Memorial Day celebration**

by Ann Kay, FHSMS Manager  
 The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to invite you to the Memorial Day Celebration on Monday, May 30, 2005, at the Sutton County Courthouse Lawn at 2:00 p.m. Box lunches will be sold, with Bar-B-Que by B & H Catering, at 12:00 p.m. Get out of the kitchen Mom, and come down to the steps of the Sutton County Courthouse and feed the troops in your family and also take a minute to experience true patriotism. All proceeds go towards projects done by Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program. We are honoring the right to be free and all the veterans who have given their time to keep us free. Thank you to the Veterans and their families who have given us so much.

The "Mexican Jumping Beans" Relay for Life team is having a car wash at Sombrero's Laserwash on Saturday, May 14, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. \$10 for wash & vacuum.

Texas Pecos Trail Application has been mailed and we should hear from the Texas Historical Commission Heritage Trail in June. All 22 counties worked together to write a very impressive application and the pledge letters from all counties came to a total of 25,000 (est.) and the in-kind manpower hours and supplies came to a total of 43,000 (est.).

Free Hearing Screening by a licensed Audiologist provided by Rehab Hearing Center of West Texas Rehab at Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, May 11, 2005 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Rehab Hearing Center 223-6360.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - Remember - not only does it affect you it also affects your children! It is not only physical abuse it is also mental. If you find yourself in this situation we now have a support group. Every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital in the chapel. All is confidential. You are NOT alone! Take a stand! B. C. M.

ACS Relay for Life - May 20-21 - Bronco Stadium - "Fiesta No Siesta"

In a partnership with the Junction Economic Development Corporation (JEDC), the Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will be presenting free business seminars and the public is invited. Mr. Dave Erickson, Director of the SBDC, will be the featured speaker at the following seminar: May 24, 2005 - SHAKING THE MONEY TREE  
 Interested individuals can call the SBDC at (325)942-2098 or email them to SBDC@angelo.edu. Walk-ins are welcome. The seminar is from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and will be held at the Junction National Bank Community Room, 701 Main Street, Junction, Texas. Contact Vivian Saiz at 325-446-3880 for information.

Stars over Abilene 11th Annual Regional Quilt Show, Abilene Civic Center, Friday, June 3, - Sunday, June 5, FMI call Judy Luther at 325-698-2301 or email hotrodquilts@yahoo.com.

Mike Boatright Benefit Team Roping - June 4, 2005, San Angelo Spur Arena, - Trophy Bits to average winners. FMI call Bill Sanders 325-653-1777 or Randy Edwards 325-658-8868.

Project Graduation 2005 committee members are hard at work to make this year's graduation night party the best ever. If you have not yet been contacted and would like to help with this project, please send donations to Project Graduation c/o Beth Wallace, 105 SW Main, Sonora, Texas 76950. If you would like to volunteer your time on the night of Project Graduation, May 27, 2005, please call Beth Wallace at 387-5786 or Jane Rushing at 387-3625. At this time, orders for Project Graduation T-shirts are being taken. Shirts can be ordered until May 1, 2005 at a cost of \$12.00 (payment due at the time of order). If you would like to order a shirt, contact Kay Friess at the Sonora High School or order at Team Graphics.

The 12th Annual Toenail Trail Days, Music Festival & Craft Fair, Saturday, June 11 & Sunday, June 12, 2005, City Park & Main Street - Christoval, Free Admission, Tonail Parade starts at 10:00 a.m. Saturday; two days of live music, craft booths, food booths, dunkin' booth,



The Dominion Relay for Life Team, Vanessa's Guys and Terry's Gals, were reeling in some funds for the 2005 ACS Relay for Life at a Fish Fry on May 5. The team was joined by National Oilwell, Weatherford, Allied Fittings, Heep Equipment, Cactus Flow, Anvil Fittings and Kemper, who bailed in to help sponsor the fund raiser, a great group working for a great cause. Join Dominion and all the Relay for Life teams at the Bronco Stadium on May 20-21.

**Governor Perry proclaims Texas Tourism Week**

Austin, Texas (May 5, 2005) - In recognition of the cultural and economic contribution travel and tourism make to the state of Texas, May 7-15, 2005 will be celebrated as Texas Tourism Week. Texans across the state will be encouraged to "Rediscover Texas" and experience all the state has to offer.

Gov. Rick Perry has proclaimed this week as Texas Tourism Week. "With more than 267,000 square miles, varying climatic conditions, and elevations ranging from sea level to the 8,749 feet of Guadalupe Peak," states the proclamation, "the Lone Star State's striking contrasts and great natural beauty offers something for everyone."

Different regions of Texas will be featured throughout Tourism Week, highlighting arts and leisure, history and heritage, nature and wildlife, and extraordinary shopping. The ability to explore the beaches along the Gulf Coast one day, and the rugged Big Bend on another exemplifies the diversity of Texas, a diversity that can be rediscovered time and again.

"The Texas travel industry is of vital importance to our state's economic growth. In 2003, travelers spent more than \$41.2 billion in Texas," said Julie Chase, tourism director for the state. "We will continue to showcase our state's rich history, culture and diversity to provide visitors an unforgettable vacation. This will ensure Texas' continued growth as a preferred travel destination." As part of the weeklong activities, the Texas Travel Industry Association (TTIA) and tourism partners statewide have joined with Clear Channel Communications to promote

travel in Texas to the listeners of Clear Channel radio stations across the state. Each station will award lucky radio listeners exciting prize packages, including vacations to destinations across the state.

"The 'Rediscover Texas' campaign provides Texas Tourism an avenue to promote the great opportunities for fun and educational travel available in Texas," said Paul Serff, President of TTIA. "Texas not only offers diverse travel experiences for its citizens, but these experiences are also enjoyed by out-of-state visitors who have a positive economic impact on our economy."

Cities throughout the Lone Star State are taking the opportunity to recognize the importance of tourism in their communities by hosting celebratory activities and recognition ceremonies throughout the week. For a list of these activities and more information about Texas Tourism Week, please visit www.TravelTex.com, and click on the Rediscover Texas icon.

About the Office of the Governor's Economic Development and Tourism Division

The Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism Division promotes Texas as a premier travel destination and supports statewide tourism. Tourism is one of the largest industries in Texas. Direct travel spending in Texas in 2003 was \$41.2 billion and directly generated almost 477,000 jobs in Texas. Travel expenditures generated \$2.2 billion in state taxes and \$661 million in local taxes. For more information on Texas travel events and vacation destinations, visit www.TravelTex.com or for a free Texas State Travel Guide call 1-800-8888-TEX.

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With more than 267,000 square miles, varying climatic conditions, and elevations ranging from sea level to the 8,749 feet of Guadalupe Peak, the Lone Star State's striking contrasts and great natural beauty offer something for everyone.

Lovers of the outdoors will enjoy our high plains and rolling hills, miles of Gulf-washed beaches and pine forests, towering cliffs and moss-draped cypress, and our celebrated Spring wildflowers. Rich in culture and man-made attractions, bustling metropolises like Houston and Dallas promise an exciting get-away. Smaller towns embrace the spirit of days of old, displaying unique charm and featuring historic sites, all defining the best of Texas and Texans.

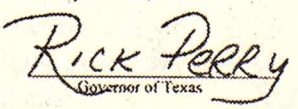
With so many sights and activities, it comes as no surprise that tourism remains one of our state's largest industries. Generating billions of dollars annually, this vital sector employs more than 477,000 Texans.

I encourage all Texans to enjoy for themselves the many attributes our state has to offer and to appreciate the importance of tourism to the growth and prosperity of the Lone Star State.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim  
 May 7-15, 2005,

**Texas Tourism Week**

in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.  
 In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 17th day of March, 2005.

  
 Governor of Texas

