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New Housing and Grease Trap Interceptors Hot Topics at City Council

By Nancy Glasscock

Todd Whitely of Whitley Construction in San Angelo briefed the City Council at the May 16th City Council meeting about proposed new housing in the Queens Court Townhouse Subdivision. Both the Planning and Zoning committee, and the council approved a preliminary e-plat of the property for the construction of nine to eleven zero-lot line patio homes. These homes will be similar to the patio homes located at Bentwood County Club subdivision in San Angelo. Local resident, John Jones, also briefed the council concerning the preliminary work that is being done to obtain approval for his proposed subdivision that will contain 20-25, 1.5 to 4 acre residential lots on East Second Street. Jones and City Manager Jim Polonis, have met to discuss the water and sewer lines that will be necessary for the subdivision.

Mayor Lopez gave the first reading of an ordinance to amend section 98-229 of the city's Grease Interceptors and Waste Disposal Ordinance. The amended ordinance requires the installation and

maintenance of Grease Interceptors by grease generators and appropriate maintenance to prevent sewer blockage and overflow. The amended ordinance also has provisions for severability, penalties, and an effective date. The proposed amended ordinance is approximately 14 pages and can be viewed by affected businesses, school, and medical facilities at City Hall.

In other business, outgoing City Councilman Fred Perez received a plaque in appreciation for his service to the City Council and Sonora. Mr. Perez will be assuming his duties as Sutton County Commissioner in the near future. Mr. David Todd, of Hibbs & Todd Engineering Company, briefed the city council on the USDA application and environmental report his firm has been working on behalf of Sonora. The application for grant monies to assist the city to replace the water and sewer lines is due in August. The council granted approval to submit the applications.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Morgan donated \$100 to the Senior Center and Virgil Polocek donated traps

to the Sonora Animal Control. The council approved both of these donations. The council appointed the following Planning and Zoning Committee members to be officers for 2006-2007: Tom Payton - Chairman, Lauri Smith - Vice Chairman, and Rosa Hernandez - Secretary. The council approved Armando Contreras' request to place a mobile home on his lot on Railroad St. and tabled consideration of Alex Castro's request to place a storage building in the city's easement on the side of Hightower Street.

The councilmen, with Thomas Adkins abstaining, voted to appoint Tony Adkins, Rachel Duran, and Joy Galbreath to new two year terms as Main Street Directors. Main Street Manager, Mary Ann Kay, reported that the new Texas Pecos Trails Coordinator has been hired and will begin her duties June 1. The council concluded by taking no action until the next meeting on John Jones' request to acquire Annette Street and additional acreage behind the Best Western Motel.



Sonora Volunteer Fire Department battles blaze at the Sonora golf course.

Fire Destroys Golf Club Members Golf Carts

By Ray Glasscock

Last Friday afternoon, a fire started in the northern most golf cart storage shed at the Sonora Golf Club. The blaze destroyed 8 golf carts, along with assorted support equipment and extra clubs stored by cart owners. Cole Cearley noticed the smoke after finishing his round of golf and called 911. The Sonora Volunteer Fire Department responded within five minutes. While they were not able to save the eight golf carts, they did prevent the fire from spreading to the next shed. AEP Retail Energy arrived and disconnected the electric lines going to the burning shed. Rick Cearley, Sonora Fire Chief, refused to speculate where the fire started and stated that the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Jim Kay, Norm Rousselot, Steve Thorp, Clyde Dukes, Quade Sutton, Dan Stewart, Mike House, and Lynn Hinsley lost golf carts in the fire.

I-10 Speed Limit Likely to Rise

By Kel Thomas

A proposed increase of the speed limit on parts of I-10 and I-20 is expected to be approved on May 25th 2006. Members of the Texas Transportation Commission are likely to raise the speed limit from the current 75 mph to 80 mph on I-10 from the western Kerr County line to the El Paso County line, including the Sutton County corridor. In addition, a portion of I-20 in West Texas will be included in the proposal.

TxDOT has been studying the feasibility of the increase since last year's legislative authorization of the speed limit increase. TxDOT traffic operations chief, Carlos Lopez has reported that in the TxDOT study, 85% of all drivers along the proposed stretches of I-10 and I-20 already drive 76-79 mph. The Texas Department of Safety has said raising the speed limit to conform to the speed most drivers are already traveling will make the highways safer.

All indications are that, if approved, the measure could be implemented within the week.

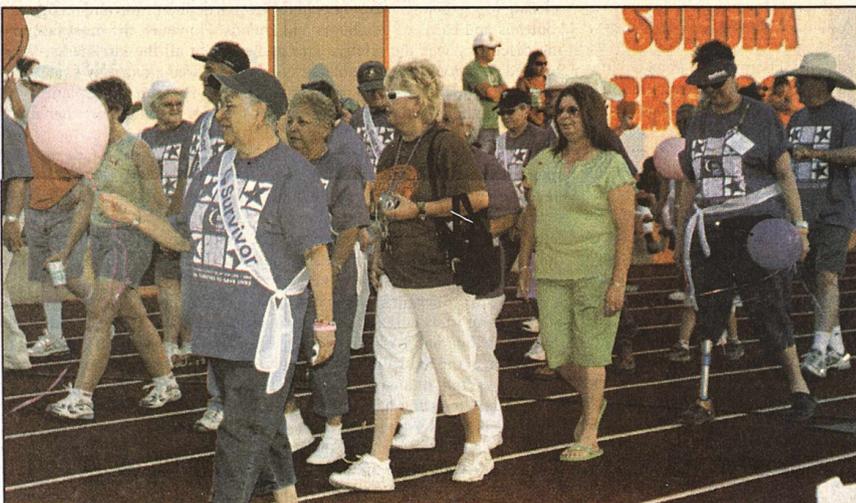
Not all Texas officials are on board with the increase proposal. Sutton County Judge Carla Garner and the Sutton County Commissioners Court sent a

resolution to the Legislature, voicing concerns over the safety issues associated with the increase. Judge Garner said, "If the speed limit is 80, drivers will go 90. It could be a real disaster." Judge Garner and the County Commissioners are not the only officials opposed to the plan. Hudspeth County Judge Becky Dean-Walker mirrors Judge Garner's opinion and adds, "That's just human nature."

In 1974, the United States Congress adopted the 55 mph speed limit, in response to the fuel shortages imposed during the Arab oil embargo. As we face uncertainty over the future of fuel supplies and prices in 2006, not to mention the increased aggression some drivers have adopted, the timing of this proposed increase is puzzling and somewhat troubling. The Department of Energy reminds drivers that gas mileage drops significantly at speeds over 60 mph, and that can translate to every 5 mph over 60, is equivalent to paying an additional 20 cents per gallon.

It may well be time to remember the old saying, "Drive Friendly, the Texas Way."

Sonora's Relay For Life — Another Huge Success



Cancer survivors complete the first lap of the Relay For Life event, Friday, May 19, at Bronco Stadium. See next weeks issue for stats and more pictures.

Trucker Swerves - Saves Lives

By Col. Ray Glasscock USAF, Ret.



Francisco Bermudez chose to risk his life by steering right into the Dry Devil's River in an attempt to avoid a direct T-bone of Johan and Joe Laurel of San Diego, California. The SUV was attempting to turn left on US HWY 277 and failed to yield to the southbound truck. Bermudez still hit the right side of Laurel's SUV causing it to spin around. Cletus J. Brisbin and Brigitte R. Rogers witnessed the accident. Mr. Brisbin stated (Continued on page 10.)

Bronze Star Awarded to McGinnis

CWO2 Jesse McGinnis receives the Bronze Star for heroic achievement. Jesse is the Son of Bud and Evelyn McGinnis, brother of Rita James and Tina Webb of Sonora, and Tammy Fish of Eldorado.



The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the
BRONZE STAR MEDAL to

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 JESSE M. MCGINNIS
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For heroic achievement in connection with combat operations against the enemy as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal team leader and Officer In Charge, Marine Wing Support Squadron 372, Marine Wing Support Group 27, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward), II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), Marine Corps Forces Central Command, during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM 04-06 from August 2005 to March 2006. Chief Warrant Officer 2 McGinnis skillfully managed coverage for two different sites and thousands of miles of road with only six Explosive Ordnance Disposal technicians. In addition, he personally led over thirty missions including six occasions when he heroically and selflessly made manual approaches on improvised explosive devices and separated the explosive components of active devices with his own hands. As an example of his courage and skill, on 3 November 2005, after disarming an improvised explosive device with a Talon robot, Chief Warrant Officer 2 McGinnis, using smoke to cover his approach to the exposed area, then finished clearing the improvised explosive device as the enemy peppered the area with small arms fire. His actions were directly responsible for the reopening of the main supply route. By his zealous initiative, courageous actions, and exceptional dedication to duty, Chief Warrant Officer 2 McGinnis reflected great credit upon him and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

With combat distinguishing device.

For the President,

J. F. Sattler
J. F. SATTLER

LIEUTENANT GENERAL, U. S. MARINE CORPS
COMMANDER, U. S. MARINE CORPS FORCES, CENTRAL COMMAND

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

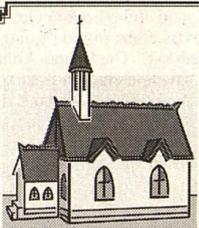
Senior Center Activities

- Fri. May 26 - Birthday party for May - at NOON!
- Mon. May 29 - Memorial Day - Center will be closed. Sign up for Holiday Meals!
- Tues. May 30 - Blood pressure checks with Interpid Home health Services
- Wed. May 31 - Happy Birthday, Elvira Garcia!
- Thu. June 1 - Crafts, art and painting after lunch - sign up NOW!

Senior Center Menu

- Fri. May 26 - BBQ brisket w/sauce, baked potato, green beans, bread, milk, coleslaw, mixed fruit cup
- Mon. May 29 - Memorial Day, Center will be closed.
- Tues. May 30 - BBQ beef on bun, baked French fries, carrots, cole slaw, peaches w/topping, milk
- Wed. May 31 - Chicken fajitas w/onions, rice, beans, tortillas, tossed salad, Jell-O w/fruit, milk
- Thu. June 1 - Polish sausage w/bell peppers & onions, potato salad, steamed cabbage, bread, pears, milk

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older. Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m. Donations are accepted (suggested donation for Seniors is \$1.50; \$4.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go)



Sonora Church Directory

- | | |
|--|--|
| Primera Iglesia Bautista
504 Santa Clara
387-2035 | Church of Christ
304 N. Water
387-3190 |
| The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian
319 E. Mulberry
387-2616 | First Baptist Church
111 E. Oak
387-2951 |
| Lighthouse Community Church
1705 N. Crockett
387-9100 | St. John's Episcopal Church
404 E Poplar
387-2955 |
| Pentecostal Calvary Temple United
509 Amistad
387-5266 | First United Methodist Church
201 N. Water
387-2466 |
| St. Ann's Catholic Church
229 W. Plum
387-2278 | Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios
306 W. 4th St.
387-5713 |
| Jehovah's Witness
310 St. Ann's St.
387-5658/387-5518 | Hope Lutheran Church
417 E. 2nd St.
387-5366 |

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Chamber Chatter

By Greta Ramsdell, Director,
Sonora Chamber of Commerce

Sonora truly outdid itself last Friday night during the Relay for Life by raising funds and awareness for the American Cancer Society. The participants walked long into the night and cheered each other on as each team competed to win the "Super Trophy". Congratulations to the Creek Swabbing & Roustabout Service team for their victory. The Relay for Life committee members worked long and hard to assure the success of the evening, and they each should be commended for all of their hard work. Chamber of Commerce Board Member Lance Castro served as event chairman for the Relay and Board President Jody Luttrell was logistics committee chairman for the event. Donna Garrett, administrative assistant for the Chamber was luminaria chairperson, and her hard work lit up the night and inspired the participants to continue their trek. Many thanks for all who donated and participated to help find a cure for this terrible illness.

Graduation takes center stage this week-end, and we congratulate all the seniors (and their parents, of course). We wish the graduates all the best as they move on to the next phase of their lives and hope they will make Sonora their permanent home, either now or in the future.

NEW MEMBERS

If you noticed lots of bikes on

cars this last week-end, they were here for the season finale for the Texas State Championship Series race hosted by the Texas Mountain Bike Racer's Association. The race was held at X Bar Ranch, the newest member of the Chamber of Commerce. The races included both cross-country and a marathon, with 275 racers participating. The shortest race was a three-mile race for racers ten years old and younger, and the 48-mile marathon was completed in a remarkable 3 hours and 31 minutes. That rider averaged 16 miles per hour over a 48 mile race! Sonora was full of racers and their families spending the night, eating in our restaurants and shopping, so we were thrilled at the success of the event.

For those of you not familiar with X Bar Ranch, it is in a secluded area at the juncture of the Edwards Plateau and the Texas Hill Country and is operated by the Meadors, a fifth generation ranch family. The ranch is 20 miles northwest of Sonora and is steeped in the history and culture of Southwest Texas ranching. Hiking and mountain biking are available, along with bird watching, stargazing, nature photography and plant observation. Private cabins and lodges for groups are available and special events are welcomed. Additional information and reservations are available at 888/853-2688 or 325/853-2688 as well as on their website www.XBarRanch.com.

JuneDangs Thrift and Book Store 305 E. Crockett GRAND OPENING!



Sonora's newest business is now open! JuneDangs will be selling books, collectibles, jantiques, clothing, furniture, knick-knacks, and small appliances.

Keep



Beautiful

By Susan Hall

Help "Return The Warmth", with Aquafina, Sam's Club, and Keep America Beautiful.

Keep Sonora Beautiful has received special permission to be a part of this recycling effort. They are very excited to get the Community involved to recycle all those plastic bottles. Each one of the schools has several recycle containers to accept these plastic bottles (Water, Coke, Gatorade, any plastic bottle). The three schools will each be competing to see which campus is more "environmentally conscientious". The school with the most plastic recycle bottles collected will receive a trophy, banner, and maybe even a tree planted at their campus in recognition for collecting the most bottles. The top 50 schools that collect the most plastic bottles recycled will be determined based on the enrollment/ population will receive a \$1000 gift card to Sam's. If that is not enough of an incentive for this community to participate, then, the fact that Sonora will also receive fleece jackets for the needy should be. Plastic bottles recycled become a plastic/polyester fleece. This is a very easy program, and SID is very behind the effort. We just began this recycling May 1st, and in the first week, 13 bags were collected from the Elementary School. Way to go Elementary! I know the fifth graders have also been busy; what about the High School? You are going to throw them away. How about turning them back to the school, so we can have the opportunity to win a prize with them? Get involved with a refreshing new look at recycling in 2006 and "Return the Warmth" with Keep Sonora Beautiful.



SUTTON COUNTY HEALTH FOUNDATION

Your memorial gift helps preserve access to quality
healthcare for generations to come.
Please consider the Sutton County Health Foundation,
PO Box 18, Sonora, TX 76950.
All contribution 100% tax deductible.

Thank You Notes

It's obvious that each of you choose the right path in life; EMT, Dr., preacher, friend and family, as you each contributed in a deeply heartfelt way in saving the life of a husband, father and friend.

Thank each of you for one of the many lives you've touched, and for those you've yet to touch.

Jack Moore and family

To the people of Sonora and of Sutton County

The Sonora Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank you all for your enthusiastic response to our catfish dinner fund-raiser last Thursday. The Department continues to close in on its goal of a new firetruck and all Sonora firefighters are grateful to you, our friends and neighbors, for your continued support.

Sincerely,

The men and women of the SVFD



Members of SVFD servin' up a mess of catfish

Main Street Traffic

By Ann Kay, FHSMS Manager

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street program presents the annual Sutton County Memorial Celebration 2006 on the beautiful Sutton County Courthouse lawn on Monday, May 29, 2006, Memorial Day, at 2:00 p.m. We will honor all Veterans who sacrificed for our freedom. The youth of this community will be telling the story of this great sacrifice. Goodfellow Air Force Honor Guard will perform the presentation of the Colors, wreaths, 21 gun salute, and the playing of Taps. You are invited to bring your lawn chair and sit a spell under the old oak trees and remember what our veterans have done for us.

We will be honoring a World War II Veteran Pilot Kenneth Babcock who has written a book about his life as a pilot. You may purchase his biography about his experiences as a World War II Hump Pilot and crop duster. Kenneth is a Sonora native and true Bronco. He will be here to autograph his book for you. He will be on the courthouse lawn started at 2:00 p.m.

Faith Reflections

Perspective from Above

By Elizabeth Black

Several years ago I had the opportunity to board a small, single engine airplane for a tour over the beautiful Texas hill country. I had driven the winding roads, both paved and dirt, throughout the region many times, but I had never flown over the tops of those hills at less than 30,000 feet above the ground. As I prepared for take-off in that fragile, seemingly rickety aircraft, I watched the grove of live oaks that lay at the end of the runway. We rumbled and bumped all the way down the dirt strip with increasing speed. Still, I questioned whether we would actually leave the ground before we crashed into the oak trees. Just in time, we lifted into the air at a sharp incline and were sailing above the treetops.

Once airborne, I peered through my small window to see all the familiar roads, houses, bluffs and rivers from a new perspective. It was like reading a living topographical map. I could follow particular draws and recognized rooftops and barns of neighbors and friends. However, the most fascinating discovery was the relative size and scale of all the landmarks. What seemed so big with my feet on the ground appeared amazingly small from up above. The hills particularly seemed irrelevant. From the airplane, what were dramatic hills with steep grades looked like nothing more than a few ripples in a green carpet.

This concept of perspective has remained with me as I face my own steep grades along my way. It is easy for me to get lost in the trees and never see the forest. If we just had the advantage of rising above our current trials, to soar over the treetops, to realize that what seem like mountains to us are really just little bumps. They seem huge to us, and require all our stamina and strength. Sometimes just a little change of perspective can give us the courage to stay the course.

God's Word teaches us that our present sufferings are temporary in nature, that our trials will not last forever. He gives us encouragement that the journey is long and sometimes steep, but there is a reward at the end. We do not travel the road alone. We are given traveling companions to help us up when we fall, or are afraid, or lose heart. There is a purpose to traveling through and over the hard spots. We are being changed into the likeness of Jesus. There is a cloud of witnesses waiting for us at the journey's end, cheering us on. And finally, the Lord goes before us - the one who can make every valley rise up, every mountain and hill made low, the rough ground level and the rugged places a plain. (Isaiah 40:4) Our current circumstances are as nothing to Him, He easily overcomes them all. When we get discouraged, let us remember the view from the pilot's seat, and crane our necks to see the big picture. It will take our breath away and give us the will to firmly plant our feet back on the path.

CHAMBER EVENTS

CALENDAR

Thursday, June 1

Sutton County Transportation Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m., The Bank & Trust

June 2 & 3

Vernon West Memorial Team Roping, noon, Sutton County Arena

Saturday, June 3

West Texas Championship Cook-Off, Sutton County Park

Thursday, June 8

Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting, noon, Chamber office

Monday, June 12

Keep Sonora Beautiful Monthly Meeting, noon, Chamber office

Letter to the Editor

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Sonora High School Award Recipients-2006

DAR Good Citizen Award - Roland Solis

DAR Award Excellence in History - Nash Traylor

Scholastic Excellence Award - U.S.M.C-Warren Wallace

Distinguished Athlete Award - U.S.M.C-Swade Draper

Semper Fidelis Award - U.S.M.C-Mandy Brister

Home Economics - Maritza Garcia

Ag. Science - Savannah Leonard

Ag. Mechanics - Ty Love

Art 1 - Jessica Snyder

Art 2 - Angel Silva

Art 3 - Filemon Garza

Health Science Tech. - Julia Lugo

Intro. To Construction Careers - Marcus Perez

Diversified Career Preparation - Casey Arrendondo / Emmanuel Gutierrez

World Geography - Ryder Crites

World History - Kayla Garcia

US History - Jacob Ibarra

AP US History - Craig Leonard

Government - Chris Perez

Dual Credit Government - Hilton Bloodworth

Economics - Lauren Smith

Dual Credit Economics - Ty Love

Spanish I (Mr. Daubney) - Maritza Garcia

Spanish I (Ms. Capuchina) - Kayla Garcia

Spanish II - Yolanda Sanchez

Spanish III - Stacy Sanchez

PALS - Kathy Pacheco

Webmaster - Desirae Boldt / Kristina Hernandez

Desk Top Publishing - Dee McGee

Computer Science - Jack Turney

Physics - Warren Wallace

Integrated Phy. & Chem. - Steven Pacheco

Biology - JT Downing

Chemistry - Chealsey Daniels

AP Biology - Boomer Galindo

Physical Education - Shaylynn Kresta

Health - Chealsey Daniels

Anatomy & Physiology - Maricela Moreno

Anatomy & Physiology - Roland Solis

BCIS I - Marcus Perez

BCIS II - Boomer Galindo

Accounting II - Desiree Alvarado

Keyboarding/ Word Processing - Steely Ingham

Student Office Aide - Roland Solis

ACTS - Crystal Marshall

Yearbook - Megan Maxwell

Theater Arts I - Steven Pacheco

Theater Arts II - Nick Favela

Theater Arts III - Kathy Pacheco

Communication Applications - Marc Hernandez

Tech. Theater I - Alex Kenney

Tech. Theater II - Anthony Longoria

Public Speaking - Mackenzie Perez

Debate - Stacy Sanchez & Warren Wallace

English I - Mikael Samaniego-Lira

English II - JT Downing

English III - Aaron Nitsch

English IV - Nash Traylor

AP English/Language - Chealsey Daniels

Dual Credit English/Literature (1st Sem.) - Embre Smith

Dual Credit English/Literature (2nd Sem.) - Desirae Boldt

Algebra I - Reggie Hernandez

Algebra II - Marcus Perez

Geometry - Savannah Leonard

Pre-Calculus - Lauren Smith

Calculus - Embre Smith, Desirae Boldt, Jack Turney

Perfect Attendance Awards - Zenon Acosta, JT Downing, Lisa Frye, Emmanuel Gutierrez, Anthony Longoria, Colton Moore, Yolanda Sanchez, Roland Solis

UIL Scholar Awards - Embre Smith, Warren Wallace, Desirae Boldt, Jack Turney, Hilton Bloodworth, Erin Newton, Boomer Galindo, Nash Traylor, Dee McGee

UIL Academic Competitors

DISTRICT

Accounting I - Embre Smith

Cross Examination Debate Team 1st - Stacy Sanchez &

Warren Wallace 3rd - Desirae Boldt & Mackenzie Perez

Accounting - Embre Smith

One-Act Play - Jose Casillas, Starlyn Chadwick, Kaci Chavarria, Nick Favela, Kayla Fields, Spencer Hall, Alex Kenney, Laura Martin, Brandon Munn, Erin Newton, Kari Nicholas, Kathy Pacheco, Stacy Sanchez, Nash Traylor

Principal's Excellence Award - 9th Grade - Steven Pacheco, Savannah Leonard

10th Grade - J.T. Downing, Kaci Chavarria

11th Grade - Jose Casillas, Stacy Sanchez

12th Grade - Nash Traylor, Erin Newton

Accounting Team - 1st - Embre Smith, Swade Draper, Desiree Alvarado, and Mason Martinez

Calculator Applications - Kari Nicholas - 6th

Current Issues - Cameron Cox - 3rd

Current Issues Team - 2nd - Cameron Cox, Stacy Sanchez, Warren Wallace

Computer Applications - Embre Smith - 1st, Jack Turney - 4th

Headline Writing - Erin Newton - 5th

Informative Speaking - Mackenzie Perez - 1st, McKenzie Watkins - 2nd, Warren Wallace - 3rd

Lincoln Douglas Debate - Kaci Chavarria - 4th

Mathematics - Embre Smith - 5th

Number Sense - Embre Smith - 3rd

Persuasive Speaking - Stacy Sanchez - 5th

Poetry Interpretation - Erin Newton - 4th

Ready Writing - Laura Martin - 6th

Social Studies - Desirae Boldt - 6th

REGIONAL

Informative Speaking - Mackenzie Perez

Number Sense - Embre Smith

Computer Application - Embre Smith

Accounting - Desiree Alvarado

Swade Draper - Embre Smith

Mason Martinez

STATE

Cross-Examination Debate - Stacy Sanchez, Warren Wallace

Computer Applications - Embre Smith

Informative Speaking - Mackenzie Perez

Valedictorian :
Embre Smith

Salutatorian:
Warren Wallace

Mr. SHS:
Embre Smith

Miss SHS:
Kathy Pacheco

Tedford Jewelry

Bridal Registry

Kasey Kreamer bride-elect of Cameron Sims
Tracy Barbatto bride-elect of Ryan Hardgrave
Elizabeth Hatla bride-elect of Russell Dempsey

107 N Concho, Downtown Sonora 387-3839

Tedford Jewelry

Graduates' Selections

<p>Casey Arrendondo Shane Baker Tina Covey Julia Lugo Tanya Luna Maggie Ramirez</p>	<p>Jose Rodriguez Fred Romo Roland Solis Jack Turney Julie Villanueva</p>
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107 N. Concho 387-3839

Senior Selections

<p>Desiree Alvarado Chantel Arispe Steven Barthelemy Desirae Boldt Hilton Bloodworth Mandy Brister Felicia Castillo Alisha Covey Tina Covey Will Crittendon Steven Duhon "Boomer" Galindo, Jr. Jillian Gulley</p>	<p>Hillary Lawson Ty Love (David) Tanya Luna Kayla McBride Candise Martin Danielle Matthews Megan Maxwell Brandon Munn Dee McGee Chris Perez KayLynn Perez Trent Reiner Bryan Reyes</p>	<p>Jose Rodriguez Kaleena Samaniego Christine Sanchez Rudy Sanchez Lauren Smith Ronald Solis Holly Trevino Jack Turney Miguel Vaquera Tissie Wagoner Warren Wallace Cerissa White (Hedgecock)</p>
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Gifts Galore & More

Everett's Pharmacy
417 N. Hwy 277 • (325) 387-5871

Ol' Sonora Trading Co.

121 Hwy. 277, Sonora, Texas
(325) 387-5507

Senior Selections:

<p>Chantel Arispe Houston S. Baker Steven K. Barthelemy Hilton L. Bloodworth Desirae N. Boldt Mandy I. Brister Yasmin Coronado Tina Covey Cameron L. Cox William A. Crittendon Swade S. Draper Steven J. Duhon Lisa J. Frye Boomer Galindo, Jr. Jillian Gulley Kristina Hernandez Hillary D. Lawson Ty Love Blanca Lozano Tanya Luna Candise D. Martin Christina S. Martinez William M. Martinez</p>	<p>Danielle L. Matthews Megan C. Maxwell Kayla N. McBride Deangelina McGee Brandon Munn Erin M. Newton Kathy Pacheco Cullen W. Parker Chris Perez Daniela Perez KayLynn Perez Trenton S. Reiner Fred Romo Christine Sanchez Embre J. Smith Lauren C. Smith Roland Solis Nash Traylor Charles J. Turney Miguel A. Vaquera, Jr. Tissie J. Wagoner Warren A. Wallace</p>
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Wedding Selections:
Pam Jones
bride-elect of T.J. Thorp

Baby Registry:
Coley and Allison Thompson
Jason and Lisa Herring

Congratulations to all Award Winners
and to the
Graduating Class of 2006
from
The Devil's River News
Sonora Office Supply
Devil's River Internet & Cheetah Wireless

Gifts Galore & More

Everett's Pharmacy

Bridal Registry

Tracy Barbatto bride-elect of Ryan Hardgrave
Pam Jones bride-elect of T.J. Thorp
Christin Linton bride-elect of Allan Nicholas
417 N. Hwy 277 • (325) 387-5871

One Stop Gift Shop

108 S. Crockett, Sonora
387-9130

Mindy's Flowers - Betty's Jewelry

<p>Chantel Arispe Casey Arrendondo Desirae Boldt Nikki Fierro Kristina Hernandez Hillary Lawson Julia Lugo Candise Martin</p>	<p>Danielle Mathews Megan C. Maxwell Kathy Pacheco Kaleena Samaniego Christina Sanchez Lauren Smith Julie Villanueva Cerrissa White</p>
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"Order your Graduate Gift Basket today!"

Graduates' Selections

<p>Shane Baker Steven K. Barthelemy Hilton Bloodworth Mandy Brister Amanda Castilleja Felicia Castillo Will Crittendon Steven Duhon Nicolas Favela Nikki Fierro Lisa Frye Frank Gallegos</p>	<p>Jesse Galvan Filemon Garza Jillian Gulley Kristina Hernandez Hillary Lawson Anthony Longoria Ty Love Julia Lugo Christina Martinez Danielle Matthews Brandon Munn Cullen Parker</p>	<p>Trent Reiner Bryan Reyes Jose Rodriguez Christi Sanchez Rudy Sanchez Lauren Smith Roland Solis Nash Traylor Miguel Vaquera Warren Wallace Sandra Yorba</p>
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Weight Control While Quitting

By Kelly L. Thorp, MS
 County Extension Agent-FCS
 Texas Cooperative Extension

For some people, concern about gaining weight may be a major factor in deciding NOT to quit tobacco; for others it can be the main reason they go back to tobacco use. Don't let weight gain issues weaken your resolve. Focus on quitting tobacco, and use the following tips and information to strengthen your resolve and keep you from excess weight gain.

- Most people who gain weight while quitting tobacco gain less than 10 pounds. In fact, the average weight gain is about 5 pounds.
- Not everyone gains weight when quitting tobacco.
- What you gain from quitting tobacco far outweighs the drawbacks of adding a few pounds. You would have to gain a lot of weight to offset the health rewards of quitting.
- Remember that quitting tobacco makes you more attractive. Even if you gain weight, you'll have fewer wrinkles, fresher breath, and whiter teeth as a non-smoker.
- If appropriate, try nicotine gum or bupropion SR, which can delay weight gain associated with quitting. Consult your doctor first.

•Stock up on healthy snacks, and reach for these when you feel hungry: carrots, celery sticks, fresh fruit, fat-free popcorn, low-calorie beverages.

•It only takes 50 calories to satisfy a hunger craving. Here are some snack examples for comparison: 1 cup raw vegetables (25 calories); 1 cup raw vegetables with low-calorie dressing (40 calories); 1 medium apple (80 calories); 1 medium baked apple with cinnamon and 1 teaspoon sugar (100 calories); 1 cup low-calorie cocoa (65 calories); 2 rice cakes (70 calories); 3 cups popped popcorn with 1 tablespoon parmesan cheese (100 calories).

•Read food labels, and note the percentage of calories from fat. Also note that many foods labeled low-fat are high in sugar. Compare labels, and choose foods low in fat and sugar.

•Chew sugar-free gum, or suck on sugar-free candy if you crave sweets. Better yet, have an orange or try a mango.

•Drink plenty of water. Drink water before meals and between meals.

•Exercise (walking is highly recommended and can be started at just 10 minutes a day. Enjoy some form of physical activity in your day (e.g., try taking stairs, mowing, gardening, walking the dog, playing sports, shooting hoops, swimming, walking around the shopping mall, getting off the bus one stop early and walk, exercising with a friend at lunch hour, pushing a baby stroller, etc.). Not only does physical activity keep off the pounds, it can help you relax, reduce stress, and sleep better. Remember, muscle weighs more than fat—you may find your clothes fit looser even if you weigh more.

The Bank & Trust Donates \$1,000 To Project Graduation



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The Bank & Trust proudly donated \$1,000 to Project Graduation. The donation was made in celebration of the 2006 Sonora High School graduating seniors.

"During the celebration of this milestone achievement, safety is an important focus. Project Graduation represents the collective efforts of Sonora coming together to have a good time, while making sure our students are safe. The Bank & Trust is proud to be a part of Project Graduation," said Brady Johnson, regional president of The Bank & Trust.

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 May 28, 2006

Fort McKavett News

Fort McKavett will be holding the annual Homecoming and Cemetery Cleaning on Saturday, June 3rd, 2006. The noon meeting and meal will be held at the Fort McKavett Fire Station and Community Center located at 6500 Fm Rd 864. Please bring a salad or desert.

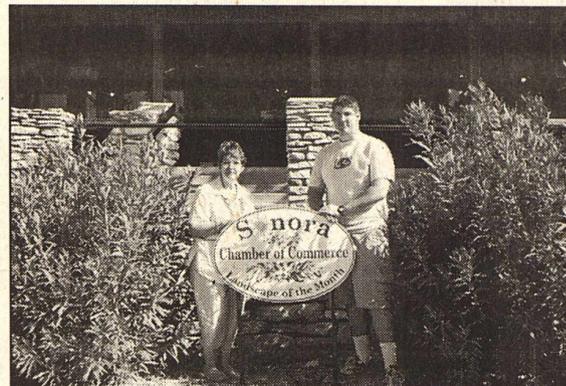
Sixth Annual Fort Mckavett Volunteer Fire Department Cook-off, Raffle And Auction All Day June 10th

Fort McKavett will be holding the Sixth Annual Chili, Barbecue and Bean Cook-Off all day Saturday, June 10th at the Volunteer Fire Station and Community Center located at 6500 FM Rd 864. A delicious noon meal including brisket, chicken and goat will be available for a donation. A Grand-Auction and Silent Auction will be held during the day and all auction donations are welcomed. Raffle tickets are on sale now and prizes include a 12 Gauge Over/Under Shotgun, \$150 gift certificate to Academy Sports and a \$100 gift certificate to Wal-mart. The Chili Cook-off entries will be judged using C.A.S.I. rules and the Barbecue and Bean entries will be judged using Lone Star BBQ Society Rules.

Please join us for a day of fun and wonderful food to help support a great cause.

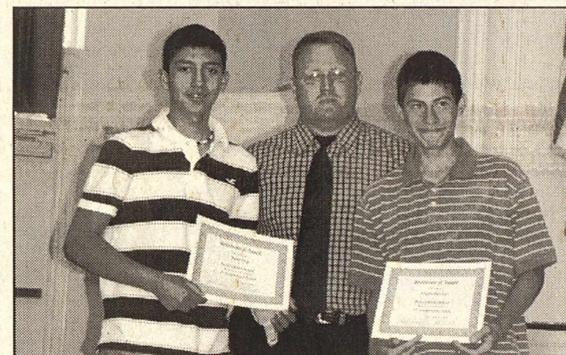
All proceeds benefit the Volunteer Fire Department. For more information, please contact Heather Treadwell at (325) 396-2662, stamps@airmail.net.

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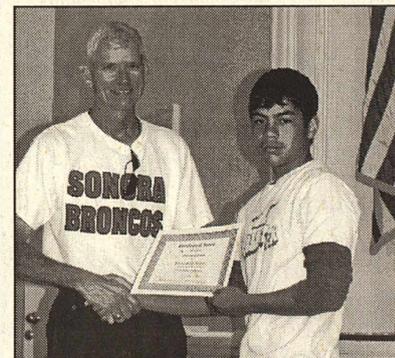


Chamber of Commerce awards Caverns of Sonora Landscape Of The Month Award

Middle School Awards



Eli Boxell presents Track certificates to Paul Faz and Angel Aguayo



Bill Dempsey presents Shane Patlan with a 7th Grade Defense Certificate



Shawna Faris presents Tommy Gomez with an 8th Grade Math Certificate

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 Arturo & Edwina Gander
 Aunties ~
 Rachel, Hillary & Bailey
 Uncles ~
 Albert, Jacob, Nuni, Joey, & Cousin ~ Isiah

We're Back!
 Lacayo's Cajuns of New Orleans has re-opened for business and would like to thank EVERYONE in Sonora for their support and prayers after his accident at the beginning of April.
 Dennis is still unable to work but, with your continued support and prayers, we expect a full recovery.
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Sonora FFA Banquet

Submitted

The Sonora FFA wrapped up their school year at the annual Sonora FFA Chapter Banquet on May 9th. Members were honored for their accomplishments during the 2005-06 school year, and community members were recognized for their contributions.

Sonora FFA has had a very busy and successful year. They compete in a district of fourteen schools ranging from 1A through 5A and an area that reaches from Lubbock to Sonora to El Paso.

The teams that were honored were: Jr. Chapter Conducting, 2nd district; Sr. Chapter Conducting, 2nd district; Jr. Creed, 2nd district, 4th area; Sr. Creed, 1st district, 3rd area; Radio, 2nd district; Extemporaneous Speaking, 1st district; Horse Judging, 3rd district; Jr. Quiz, 2nd district; Sr. Quiz, 2nd district; Ag Mechanics event, 1st district, 1st area, 8th state.

The proficiency award winners were as follows. Meat goat production, Brandy Neff; Sheep production, Steely Ingham; Angora production, Emily Earwood; Public Speaking, McKenzie Watkins; Ag Mechanics, Ty Love, Shane Love, Jack Turney, Will Crittendon, Travis Valliant, Mandy Brister, Starlyn Chadwick, and Craig Leonard.

Senior awards went to Hilton Bloodworth, Mandy Brister, Ty Love, Cullen Parker, Christine Sanchez, Nash Traylor, and Jack Turney.

This year's Appreciation Awards went to Pam Davenport and Barbara Sykes. Cliff Brister and Danine Brister received Honorary Chapter FFA Degrees.

Other recognized students were Mandy Brister for her State Officer nomination, McKenzie Watkins for being elected as an Area Vice President and Travis Valliant for being elected as District Secretary. Mandy and McKenzie also attended the National FFA Convention and served as state voting delegate and courtesy corps, respectively.

The top awards for the evening were Star Greenhand Steely Ingham and Star Chapter Farmer Laura Martin.

At the conclusion of the banquet, the 2006-07 Sonora FFA Officers were installed and are: President McKenzie Watkins, Vice President Travis Valliant, Secretary Craig Leonard, Treasurer Stephani Morriss, Reporter Brandy Neff and Sentinel J.T. Downing.



All-Sports Banquet Awards



Swade Draper
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Amanda Berry &
Anthony Longoria
Track Award



Kristina Hernandez,
Embe Smith & Meghan Kreig
Basketball Award

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Sonora Middle School Year End Award Ceremony

8th Grade Citizenship Nominees

- Pedro Ramirez
- Mario Oliden
- Ashley Brown
- Araceli Calderon
- Juan Capuchina

awarded to: Alyssa Favila
Most Improved 8th Grade Student

- Meliza Ortega

Music Awards

- 6th Grade: Daniella Sanchez
- 7th Grade: Mariah Gonzalez
- 8th Grade: Alyssa Favila

6th Grade Citizenship Nominees

- Alba Mier
- Arlette Ortiz
- Hunter Jennings
- Sierra Barber

awarded to: Evelyn Solis
7th Grade Citizenship Nominees

- Adrian Mier
- Valeria Buitron
- Dulce Acosta
- Jesus Garcia

Computers

- 6th Grade: Christian Kenney
- 7th Grade: Courtney James
- 8th Grade: Amy Hernandez

Outstanding Achievement

- Art
- 7th Grade: AJ Ozuna

Health

- 7th Grade: Morgan Smith

Band

- 6th Grade: Sierra Barber
- 7th Grade: Colyer Dermody
- 8th Grade: Michael Stephens

Math (Special Ed.)

- 7th Grade: Lizette Lira
- 8th Grade: Rayonna Blackman
- 8th Grade: Tommy Gomez

Reading (Special Ed.)

- 6th Grade: Soyla Rivera
- 7th Grade: Ryan Garmon
- 8th Grade: Regian Morales

Read Right

- 6th Grade: Arlette Ortiz
- 6th Grade: Damien Castron
- 6th Grade: Zach Badeaux
- 7th Grade: Chelby Ramos
- 7th Grade: Morgan Smith

Reading Counts

- 6th Grade: Alex Lang
- 7th Grade: Brooke Glosser
- 8th Grade: Alyssa Favila

Spanish

- 6th Grade: Adriana Buitron
- 6th Grade: Bibiana Rivera
- 7th Grade: Christina Rodriguez

7th Grade: Jesus Garcia

- 8th Grade: Meliza Noriega

Language Arts (Special Ed.)

- 7th Grade: Maci Zuniga
- 8th Grade: Gina Valdez

Science

- 6th Grade Science: Sierra Barber
- 7th Grade Life Science: Bailey Jo Pennington

8th Grade Earth Science: Michael Stephens

Language Arts

- 6th Grade: Zachary Leonard
- 7th Grade: Joell McGuffin
- 8th Grade: Sterling Love

Reading

- 6th Grade: Alex Lang
- 7th Grade: Preston Lopez
- 8th Grade: Araceli Calderon

Physical Education

- 6th Grade girl: Evelyn Solis
- 6th Grade boy: Word Hudson
- 7th Grade girl: Christina Rodriguez

7th Grade boy: Juan Renteria

8th Grade girl: Araceli Calderon

8th Grade boy: Juan Capuchina

History

- 6th Grade Soc. Studies: Toby Garza
- 7th Grade Tx. Hist.: Morgan Vyveleca

8th Grade Soc. Studies: Michael Stephens

Math

- 6th Grade: Delilah Aguiro
- 7th Grade: Valeria Buitron
- 8th Grade Pre-Algebra: Anali Garcia

8th Grade Algebra 1: Mario Oliden

Tennis

- 7th Grade girls: Morgan Smith
- 7th Grade boys: Rigo Rivera
- 8th Grade girls: Alyssa Favila

Track

- 7th Grade girls: Morgan Smith and Chelsey Lou Campbell
- 8th Grade girls: Bethany Berry

- 7th Grade boys: Refugio Sanchez and Esteban Garcia
- 8th Grade boys: Angel Aguayo

Paul Faz

Cross-Country

- 7th Grade girls: Chelby Ramos
- 7th Grade boys: Bailey Jo Pennington
- 8th Grade girls: Keeli Taylor
- 8th Grade boys: Mario Oliden

Basketball

- 7th Grade girls: Maci Zuniga
- 8th Grade girls: Cassie Krieg
- 8th Grade girls: Amy Hernandez

- 8th Grade boys: A.K. Williams
- 7th Grade boys: Colyer Dermody

Football

- 7th Grade O Line: Osbauldo Castaneda
- 7th Grade Offense: Ethan

Morriss

- 7th Grade Defense: Shane Patlan
- 7th Grade D Line: Ryan Garmon

- 8th Grade Offense: Kris Aguiro
- 8th Grade Offense: Will Anderson
- 8th Grade O line: Cash Jennings

- 8th Grade Defense: Dustin Neff
- 8th Grade D Line: Tyler Creek

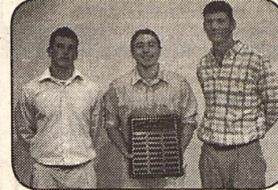
All-Sports Banquet Awards



Steven & Anthony
sharing All-Around Boy Athlete



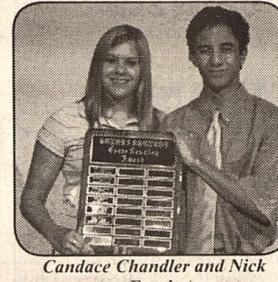
Meghan Krieg
All-Around Girl Athlete



Cameron Cox, Roland Soliz
and Embe Smith
Fighting Heart Award



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Candace Chandler and Nick
Favela
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State Capital Highlights
 Texas Press Association

By Ed Sterling
 AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry on May 18 signed into law House Bill 3, subjecting most Texas businesses to a 1 percent tax on profit, minus deductions for either cost of goods sold or personnel costs. The tax will take effect on Jan. 1, 2008. It is a component of a wide-ranging plan hailed by the governor's office and many others as "the largest property tax cut in Texas history," amounting to \$15.7 billion. Combined, these cuts are expected to reduce the school district property tax rate by one third. Of course, if appraisals increase at a normal rate, the sensation of a lower tax burden might not last for long. Perry's office said HB 3 will:

- Reward employers for creating jobs and investing in employee benefits. "Every time a business puts a Texan to work, pays for health insurance or invests in a pension plan... their tax liability will go down."
- Protect small employers so that they can continue to drive Texas' economic growth.
- Exempt sole proprietors and general partnerships from the

Governor signs business component of tax reform plan

tax, as well as businesses whose gross receipts total \$300,000 or less, and those whose tax bill is less than \$1,000; and

- Reward employers who create jobs and contribute to the economy, but will penalize businesses that hire illegal immigrants with higher taxes. HB 2, another part of the tax reform plan, devotes future excess revenue to property tax reduction until the rate reaches 75 cents per \$100 valuation. The governor had not signed HB 2 into law as of May 21. Members of the 80th Texas Legislature will file bills making clarifications to HB 3 and perhaps carving out exceptions to it in the next regular session, which convenes in January.

Damper on tax-cut euphoria

Already, critics of the tax reform plan are saying it will create a \$25 billion revenue deficit between now and 2010. Chief among those critics is state Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, whose assertions may be colored by the fact that as an independent candidate, she is campaigning to get her name

on the election ballot and unseat Perry as governor in November. Strayhorn said that if elected, she will work to repeal the Perry tax reform plan and come up with something better. Meanwhile, Perry is waiting for Strayhorn - the state's chief accountant - to certify HB 1 before he can sign it into law. HB 1 is a major component of the tax reform plan passed by the Legislature during the special session that ended May 16. It is supposed to hack down the maintenance and operations portion of all school district property tax rates by 17 cents per \$100 valuation in 2007 and by 33 cents per \$100 valuation in 2008. Power struggle in ballot process Strayhorn turned in more than 230,000 signatures to get on the ballot, but the signatures must be verified by Secretary of State Roger Williams. A Perry appointee, Williams seemed to be in no rush to verify signatures submitted by either Strayhorn or entertainer-novelist Kinky Friedman, who also is running against Perry as an independent. Signatures were delivered to Williams' office by the May 11 deadline, but no verification had been done in the week following the deadline.

Gas pill business forced to stop Attorney General Greg Abbott obtained a temporary restraining order and asset freeze against BioPerformance Inc. Abbott said the firm, organized as an illegal pyramid scheme, markets a fuel pill it falsely claims will boost gas mileage and save consumers money. Autoclaves required, AG says An opinion released May 18 by the Office of the Texas Attorney General says a barber or cosmetologist who treats nails, hands or feet under state law must sterilize nondisposable instruments with an autoclave. The owner or manager of a barber or cosmetology shop or school must do likewise.

Law bans protests at funerals

Gov. Perry signed legislation outlawing public protests at funerals and burials of military men and women. Rep. Brian McCall, R-Plano, and Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, authored the legislation.

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DPS honors slain, injured Texas officers

Submitted
 The Texas Department of Public Safety today honored 13 Texas Peace officers who died in the line of duty in 2005 and 2006 at the annual DPS Peace Officer Memorial Service in Austin. "Texas will be forever indebted to the men and women who daily risk their lives to protect our freedoms," said Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who was the guest speaker. "In memory of all who have served and those who gave their lives in service to this great state, may we always be a state that stands for justice, that values freedom, and that supports our Texas peace officers." The ceremony included a roll call of the fallen officers. Families of DPS officers killed in the line of duty and DPS officers injured in the line of duty are invited to the service each year. Christy Carty, Tara

Zachary, Christy Myrick and Iliana Chavez—the wives of four troopers who died in the line of duty in the past year—placed a wreath at the Memorial Monument during the ceremony. For the first time, the Department also formally invited representatives from agencies who lost officers during the last year. Representatives from the San Antonio Police Department, Mexia ISD Police Department, El Paso County Sheriff's Office, Brazoria County Sheriff's Office and Dallas Police Department were recognized during the ceremony.

Texas peace officers who died while performing their duties in 2006:

- Tr. Billy Jack Zachary, Texas Department of Public Safety--Monahans, died after being struck by a vehicle Jan. 1;
- Tr. Matthew Dewayne

Myrick, Texas Department of Public Safety--Hereford, died in a traffic crash Jan. 20.

- Tr. Eduardo Chavez, Texas Department of Public Safety--Palmview, died in a traffic crash May 2.

Texas peace officers killed feloniously in 2005:

- Deputy Andy Taylor, Llano County SO, shot during a traffic stop May 8, died May 9;
- Officer Brian Jackson, Dallas PD, killed during a domestic disturbance Nov. 13;
- Officer Henry "Hank" Nava Jr., Fort Worth PD, injured while serving an arrest warrant Nov. 29, died Dec. 1.

Texas peace officers who died while performing their duties in 2005:

- Tr. Jimmy Ray Carty Jr., Texas Department of Public Safety--Austin, injured in a

training accident May 19, died May 26;

- Sgt. Denny Galloway, San Jacinto Co. Constable Office-Pct 2, died in a drowning accident Sept. 15;
- Sgt. Ruben Orozco, El Paso County SO, died in a traffic crash Sept. 17;
- Patrolman John Wheeler, San Antonio PD, died in a traffic crash Oct. 14;
- Sgt. Scott Neal, Mexia ISD PD, died in a training accident Nov. 22;
- Deputy Jason Oliff, Brazoria County SO, died after being struck by a vehicle Dec. 5;
- Deputy Lester Dewayne Tatum, Trinity County SO, died in a traffic crash Dec. 28.

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Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you.

Informal Review
 (Insert description of appraisal district's informal review process, if any, then give name and telephone number of person taxpayer should contact.)

Review by the Appraisal Review Board
 If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present.

The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at (Insert address.)

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator
 After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. As an alternative and within the same time period, you may file a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district in certain cases.

Tax Payment
 You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information
 You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at (Insert appraisal district name, address, telephone number). You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB

Usual Deadline
 On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

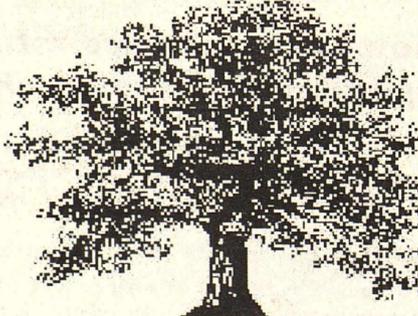
Special Deadlines
 For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

(You may insert deadline for protests concerning omitted property if doing so would avoid taxpayer confusion.)

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.



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Herbicide Performance During Drought

Submitted by Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Extension Agent

Commercially acceptable performance of most herbicides is based on normal growing season precipitation, which promotes plant growth and provides sufficient soil moisture for its activation. When a severe drought occurs during most of a growing season, many of the normal interactions among herbicides, plants, and the environment are altered in ways that can cause serious problems for crop producers. An awareness of these altered interactions can help producers

avoid serious, unintended consequences. Quick Facts... <Prolonged drought limits the ability of crop and weed plants to absorb herbicides. <Soil-applied herbicides are not as readily absorbed from dry soil because there is not enough moisture for the herbicide to go into solution. <Drought greatly affects the degradation and dissipation processes for herbicides. <Prolonged drought increases the chance for herbicide carryover. <Deep plowing (greater than 8 inches) can mix herbicide in the

soil and alleviate some carryover problems, but this may not be feasible in all situations or on all soil types. Let's look at absorption ability a little further. Under normal moisture conditions, herbicides are absorbed by the leaves or roots of hydrated, healthy plants. In a drought, less moisture is available to promote healthy plant growth. Drought-stressed plants are often less responsive to herbicides, or require higher herbicide rates for effectiveness. A common plant response to drought is the formation of a thicker cuticle to reduce transpiration; this, however, makes fo-

liar uptake of herbicides more difficult. Plants under water stress take up less herbicide and are less able to degrade a herbicide. In addition, low soil water potential means that more of the herbicide is bound to the soil and less is present in the soil-water solution for uptake by plants. The consequences of these interactions can be less activity on weeds. For related information, visit the Sutton County Extension website at <http://sutton-co.tamu.edu>.

Rancher's RoundUp

SONORA - A need for current ranch management resources has prompted Texas Cooperative Extension to sponsor a "Rancher's RoundUp" May 23 in the Sonora Civic Center. Registration is at 8 a.m. The program starts at 8:30 a.m. and is sponsored by Extension offices in Sutton, Crockett and Schleicher counties. Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units (C.E.U.s) will be available to participants. This workshop is designed to give producers a concise overview of the topics that most affect them. We'll be discussing everything from the supplemental feed preferences of deer, to computers in ag production and animal health. If you are a landowner in our area or have an interest in learning more about ranch management issues and technology, make plans to attend this workshop. Topics include "Supplemental Feed Preferences & Consumption by Deer", Dr. Jim Cathey, Extension Wildlife Specialist. He will help you plan your supplemental feeding efforts by examining which animals prefer eating what supplements, and how much they consume. Extension Livestock Specialist, Dr. Rick Machen will then present an "Animal Health Update". He will refer to health issues facing the livestock industry and will also provide a premise identification update. Range Specialist, Dr. Bob Lyons, will discuss "Pasture Management Alternatives" in which he cites newer technology for making the best decisions in your pasture management plans. Economist Dr. Jason Johnson, will then talk about "Computers in Ag Production" and explain ways that computers can enhance production efforts. Corey Pence with the Texas Department of Agriculture will complete the program with "Pesticide Applicator Laws & Regulations". The event concludes at noon. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. For registration or more information contact Sutton County Extension agent, Pascual Hernandez, at (325) 387-3101.

Texas Cooperative Extension Sets Quail Appreciation Day May 26

Submitted by Steve Byrns
MERTZON - Texas Cooperative Extension offices in Reagan and Irion counties will host a "Quail Appreciation Day" this month. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. May 26 and the program follows at 9 a.m. at the Rocker B Ranch headquarters. The program is designed to teach landowners the ins and outs of quail habitat management. Licensed pesticide applicators can receive three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units. "The Rocker B is well known for its deer and pronghorn antelope herds, but this country, with good management, can be a prolific area for bobwhite and blue quail also," said Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo. "This part of Texas contains both bobwhites and blue quail; we'll contrast their management and offer advice for enhancing one or both species," he said. "People who have both blues and bobs are the luckiest folks in the world." Morning topics will include quail management issues and cooperatives, the economic impacts of quail and research highlights. Following a catered lunch and a presentation by a Bobwhite Brigade cadet, the day will conclude with a tour of the ranch. Topics covered during the tour will include the ranch's goals, quail habitat assessment, brush management and key plants for quail. The meeting and meal are free and open to the public. No pre-registra-

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tion is necessary. Directions to the ranch headquarters from Mertzon, Barnhart or Sterling City are as follows: from Mertzon, go west 26 miles on Ranch Road 2469 until it intersects State Highway 163. From Barnhart, go north on State Highway 163 until it intersects Ranch Road 2469. From Sterling City, go south on State Highway 163 about 40 miles to the intersection of Ranch Road 2469. Once at the intersection of State Highway 163 and Ranch Road 2469 from any of these points, go west on County Road 401 (caliche road) and continue another 5 miles to the ranch headquarters. For more information call the Extension offices in Reagan County at (325) 884-2335 or Irion County at (325) 835-2711.

Rig Locations As Of May 19



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- New 1 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 9700' Duke Wilson -21 1/2- #6 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 39 05/30/06 Assigned
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- New 8 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8400' Mayer Ranch -e- #7 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 108 05/15/06 Assigned
- New 9 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8250' Kirby -1- #14 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 105 05/08/06 5 Drlg Ahead
- New 10 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8250' Kirby -1- #15 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 105 05/15/06 Assigned
- 11 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8250' Edwin S Mayer Jr -s- #3-3 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 108 05/07/06 6 Drlg Ahead
- 12 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7450' Fawcett -130- #15 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 115 05/08/06 5 Drlg Ahead
- New 13 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7250' H C Epps -39- #10 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 161 05/10/06 3 Drlg Ahead
- New 14 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7150' Simmons -a- #3 D Dw Patterson Drilling/a 120 05/15/06 Assigned
- 15 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7100' Jones -120- #22 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 40 05/06/06 7 Drlg Ahead
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- New 20 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6325' Fields -17- #19 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 107 05/11/06 2 Drlg Ahead
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Crockett

- 1 Exl Petroleum Lp 11000' University Sarah #2601 Dw Lariat Services/ode 22 05/20/06 Assigned
- New 2 C & F Petroleum Inc 9100' University 32-10 #1 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 109 05/07/06 6 Drlg Ahead
- New 3 Approach Operating 9000' J W Childress #1713 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 347 05/10/06 3 Drlg Ahead
- 4 Approach Operating 9000' Childress #802 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 710 05/02/06 11 Drlg Ahead
- New 5 Pogo Producing Co 8500' Ranch Hand -8- #4 Dw Capstar Drilling 14 05/05/06 8 Drlg Ahead 3080'
- New 6 Anadarko E & P 8000' Hoover Estate #1515a Dw Patterson Drilling/a 38 05/10/06 3 Drlg Ahead
- 7 Bluegrass Energy 7000' Simpson Canyon -1035- Unit #1 Dw Adobe Drilling Mustan 05/04/06 9 Drlg Ahead 3115'
- New 8 J. Cleo Thompson/dal 6800' University 30-28 #1 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 42 05/09/06 4 Drlg Ahead
- 9 Oxy Permian/Houston 5600' South Cross Unit #235 Dw Sledge Drilling 1 05/03/06 10 Drlg Ahead 1240'
- New 10 Film Natural Res 5500' Baggett Oz -g- #1116a Dw Patterson Drilling/a 721 05/08/06 5 Drlg Ahead
- 11 Mc Operating 5000' Onyx -a- #10 Dw Adobe Drilling Bronco 05/01/06 12 Drlg Ahead 3800'

Schleicher

- New 1 Approach Operating 9000' Hemphill #2404 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 353 05/14/06 Assigned
- 2 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8950' Hill-mayer -rr- #1-3 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 742 05/07/06 6 Drlg Ahead
- New 3 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8750' Jeffers -28a- #2 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 742 05/15/06 Assigned
- New 4 Pogo Producing Co 6900' Keeney -77- Unit #2 Ft Heart Land Drilling 2 05/11/06 2 Drlg Ahead 668'

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- New 1 Newfield 11000' Newby -151- #5 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 471 05/13/06 7 Drlg Ahead
- 2 Chi Operating, Inc. 10500' Diamondback -19- #1 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 709 04/30/06 20 Drlg Ahead
- 3 Newfield 10000' Wittenburg #3601 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 118 06/01/06 Assigned
- 4 Pxp Texas Inc 5000' Peterson -81- #1 H Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 24 05/08/06 12 Drlg Ahead
- New 5 Fairway Links 4500' Roy Baker -49- #4 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 102 05/17/06 3 Drlg Ahead
- Val Verde
- New 1 Unit Petroleum/hous 16700' Joy R Pusard State Unit #1 Dw Patterson Drilling/h 19 05/15/06 5 Drlg
- 2 Gruy Petroleum 15500' Phillip Arledge #9 Dw Grey Wolf Drilling/m 514 04/13/06 37 Drlg
- 3 Willo Oil & Gas Exp 15200' Mills -16- #1 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 169 03/16/06 65 Drlg

Terrell

- New 1 Encore Operating Lp 14700' Banner Estate #48 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 641 05/15/06 Assigned
- 2 Bp America Prod/mid 12200' Banner Estate #34 H Dw Helmerich & Payne(A) 214 04/22/06 21 Drlg Ahead
- 3 Encana O & G/Dallas 12100' Acu -48- #7 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 57 04/10/06 33 Drlg Ahead
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Arrest(s):

May 18, 2006

- 6:30 PM: One female juvenile transported to the Police Department. Female juvenile released to guardian.
- 7:20 PM: Two female juveniles transported to Police Department. Both female juveniles released to parent.
- 9:30 PM: One male arrested for theft of service.
- 9:30 PM: One male arrested for theft of service.

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- 12:55 PM: One female arrested for out of jurisdiction warrant for terroristic threat out of Schleicher County.

Incidents

May 17, 2006

- 9:20 AM: Caller requested animal trap at residence. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 9:37 AM: Caller advised animal in trap at residence. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 10:50 AM: Ambulance Escort. Officer responded.
- 12:20 PM: Report of a major accident on Highway 277 North. Officers and Sheriff's Deputies responded.
- 1:56 PM: Caller requested animal trap at residence. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 2:45 PM: Caller advised animal in trap at residence. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 2:51 PM: Report of a truck in the draw at Crites Car Wash. Officer responded.
- 5:55 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.
- 9:10 PM: Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer notified.
- 9:50 PM: Report of a possible runaway. Officer notified.
- 10:25 PM: Report of a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.
- 11:35 PM: Burglary alarm. Officer responded.

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- 8:05 AM: Wide load escort.
- 8:19 AM: Caller advised animal in trap at residence. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 8:29 AM: Caller advised animal in trap at residence. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 8:32 AM: Caller advised animal in trap at residence. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 8:40 AM: Caller requested animal trap to be reset. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 8:42 AM: Caller requested welfare check. Officer responded.
- 9:20 AM: Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded.
- 9:25 AM: Report of kittens found on street. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 9:55 AM: Caller advised animal in trap at residence. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 10:35 AM: Caller requested wide load escort. Officer notified.
- 1:15 PM: Report of a minor accident at Shell station. Officer responded.

- 1:24 PM: Caller advised a vehicle blocking parking lot at Skinnys. Caller advised vehicle moved.
- 1:35 PM: Wide load escort.
- 2:30 PM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.
- 2:44 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.
- 3:40 PM: Report of two juvenile females missing.
- 3:50 PM: Wide load escort.
- 4:20 PM: Report of one juvenile female missing.
- 4:44 PM: Caller requested close patrol at business. Officers notified.
- 5:45 PM: Report of a gas drive-off at IH 10 Exxon. Officer responded.
- 6:23 PM: Located missing female juvenile.
- 7:10 PM: Located two female juveniles.
- 8:30 PM: Kimble County advised had two subjects located for theft of service.

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- 8:20 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 11:17 AM: Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer notified.
- 11:54 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 12:45 PM: Report of a fire at Girl House hut. Officer responded.
- 1:10 PM: Ambulance Escort.
- 1:24 PM: Caller requested officer at Girl House hut. Officer responded.
- 3:17 PM: Report of fire at the golf course. Officers, Sheriff's Office, and Fire Department responded.
- 3:25 PM: Caller requested where the fire was located.
- 4:30 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 9:20 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 9:25 PM: Report of minors in possession of alcohol. Officer responded.

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- 2:30 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 11:55 AM: Caller requested to speak to officer. Officer notified.
- 5:25 PM: Report of a power line down. Officer responded.
- 9:20 PM: Report of a man lying in the draw. Officer responded.
- 8:15 AM: Report of a theft. Officer responded.
- 1:15 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 8:10 PM: Caller requested an officer at residence. Officer responded.
- 10:50 PM: Report of loud music. Officer responded.

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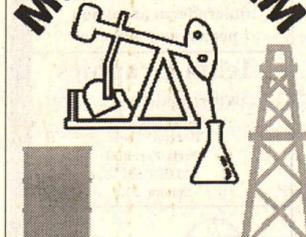
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Top Ten Tips

By The Dinner Diva, Leanne Ely

Have you noticed that these new supposed "helpful" diet foods constantly being introduced to the unsuspecting public end up causing you issues (like the embarrassing problem of Olestra and "anal leakage" for example)? It seems to me that the old adage of eating a little more naturally (and a little less) while increasing caloric expenditure is never wrong. There are however, some tricks to getting there!

I've had a few emails asking

me what I did to lose my own Body Clutter from people who saw me 50+ pounds ago and see me now-- from a tight size 18 to a nicely fitting size 10. And because I love the number 10 so much (especially because that's what size my jeans are these days), I'm going to give you a top 10 list of hints from a woman who admits she's over 40, had two children back to back (okay, so they're teenagers now) and LOVES to eat (I write cookbooks for living for heaven's sake!).

Here you go—the Top Ten Ways This Middle Aged Woman Got Her

Groove Thing Back, starting with number 10--

10) Reality Check #1. Oprah always says, "This I know for sure," and then goes on to say something profound but simple that clicked with her. Here is my "this I know for sure": eating in the car, eating over the sink and eating standing in front of the fridge, really does count. You can't fool your digestive system and consequently your thighs. Everything that goes in your mouth counts!

9) Reality Check #2. Write it down. Yeah, yeah...I know what you're thinking! "I already know what I'm eating." You THINK you do, but when you write it down, there comes a moment (for most) when you find out some of the food you've been eating has been the result of an unconscious decision. You actually ate and you didn't know it! Writing it down makes every bite accountable because it's in black and white on paper and looking back at you! That'll make you think twice before snarfing down a Little Debbie in the car.

8) The Portion of Portion. When you apply portion control to healthy eating, that's when the magic begins. Regardless of how healthy something is, if you're eating too much, you're not going to lose the weight! You must be absolutely aware of how much you're eating. For example, a deck of cards is the right size for a portion of protein. An ounce of cheese looks like a pair of dice, and so on. Keeping portion size in mind will keep it OFF your behind!

7) Wait Not, Want Not. When I go out to dinner, they almost always bring me way more food than I need. I ask for a doggie bag immediately when it's served and make sure I get the food halved into the container and sometimes, I'll put even more in my little bag. The old adage, out of sight, out of mind applies big time.

6) The No Bag Rule. I've made a rule for myself and that is to NEVER eat out of any bag anything was purchased in. On the off chance that I would actually have potato chips in my pantry (it happens occasionally), I will transfer some of those chips into small, zipper topped snack size bags and only two of them. That will take care of my need to eat crunchy, salty food without sending me to the confessional to own up to a chip binge.

5) Plate Proportions. I make sure my plate is 1/3 salad, 1/3 veggies (at least two different non-starchy kinds) and about 5 ounces lean protein (doesn't quite make up a third of the plate, but you get the idea, I'm sure). This visual helps me anywhere—at home, a restaurant and at a buffet.

4) Don't Slack on Snacks. Your mom told you not to snack between meals; I'm going to tell you to do just that. When you're watching your portions, you are going to get hungrier, but not to worry! Food is always just a little way away. Having snacks means never having to say, "I'm hungry." It's a good thing, as long as they're healthy and yes, portion controlled.

3) Thirst is First. One thing that was absolutely essential to my weight loss was the consumption of a lot of water. I constantly have a water bottle with me and I am now to the point that if I don't drink enough water, I get really thirsty. Water helps slake not just thirst though; it helps to calm a rambunctious appetite as well.

2) Smaller Sizes. If I found a pair of pants I liked, I would buy those pants and buy them in one size smaller. I would hang that pair on the back of my bathroom door and look at them everyday. I would tell myself I would be in them in X amount of time as I laced up my running shoes. I kept those pants in my head too, as I ran.

Made a huge difference in how much cardio got accomplished!

1) Use White Out. In other words, get the white out of your food. White flour, white sugar all spell disaster. There are much healthier alternatives, like whole wheat flour and xylitol (www.xylitol.org) out there! That's it—pretty basic, you're probably saying. But put these principles into action and they'll change your life (and your pants size). I'm living proof!

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County Sheriff Dispatcher Report

May 16, 2006

12:16 AM - Motorist called 911, had blowout on rental truck. Had no other service on cell phone. Rental company notified.

2:19 AM - Motorist called 911, hit a deer, on IH-10, just before Baker Road. Wrecker notified.

7:53 AM - Subject called stated his office building had been broken into. Deputies notified. Laptop computer taken.

9:32 AM - Subject in Broken Arrow, Okla., called in reference to picking up Bobcat skid loader. Deputy notified.

11:43 AM - Hospital requested EMS for transfer to Shannon Hospital. EMS notified.

11:58 AM - Subject reported skunk in front yard, has gone under house. Deputies notified.

1:24 PM - Bondsman called looking for wanted subject supposed to be in Sonora. Units notified.

3:29 PM - Member of CVCOG here to see Sheriff.

5:42 PM - Subject called reported goats out on roadway on 277-N. Deputy notified.

8:27 PM - Subject in office to speak with deputy reference possible traffic assault. Deputy notified.

10:34 PM - Crockett County Sheriff called for Asst. D.A. Smith. Subject notified.

May 17, 2006

10:35 AM - Subject called needing ambulance, teenager having seizures. EMS notified.

12:12 PM - Subject called 911, truck wreck with SUV near Shell Station on 277-N. Truck is in draw. EMS and all units notified.

12:38 PM - Subject from car lot in San Angelo here to pick up car and trailer. Units notified.

2:35 PM - Minister at Sheriff's Office to see inmate. Jail notified.

2:54 PM - DPS unit reported lots of smoke W. of town. Need unit to check it out.

2:51 PM - Subject reported Criminal Mischief at county line south on Juno Highway. Deputy notified.

2:58 PM - Subject reported vehicle in ditch near carwash on 277-S. No injuries. Units notified.

6:12 PM - Subject reported calf out on R.R. 864. Deputy and Game Warden notified.

10:46 PM - Subject called reference keys locked in vehicle. Deputy notified.

May 18, 2006

12:19 AM - Subject called on 911, out of gas on IH-10 at 412 MM. Wrecker notified.

6:43 AM - Subject called on 911, need battery for Volkswagen. Wrecker notified.

7:09 AM - Subject called reference keys locked in vehicle. Deputy notified.

4:12 PM - Attorney at jail to visit with inmate. Jail notified.

5:30 PM - Clerk at convenience store reported subject drove off without paying for gas. Will be green/gray single cab pickup, took \$59.18. Units and Kimble County notified.

6:13 PM - Kimble County Sheriff's Office reported have two subjects in custody ref gas theft. Units notified.

puppy has been run over need officer. Deputy notified but enroute to jail with two, will be a while.

May 19, 2006

12:48 AM - Schleicher County S.O. reported vehicle speeding S. on 277-N. Might have unit check. Deputy notified.

12:44 PM - Subject reported grass fire at Girl Scout Hut. Units notified. SVFD notified.

1:13 PM - Subject called 911, need ambulance. Sick. EMS notified.

3:15 PM - Subject reported golf cart sheds on fire at golf course. SVFD and units notified.

3:20 PM - Subject called reference subject lying on roadway W. of town. Deputy notified.

7:41 PM - Subject called on 911, reported stranded motorist on IH-10 @ 378 MM. Crockett County notified.

8:18 PM - Subject called on 911, locked keys in truck. Unit notified.

10:56 PM - Parents of subject lying on roadway W. of town arrived to take subject back to San Antonio.

May 20, 2006

4:16 AM - Subject called from Junction and reported lost box of papers between Junction and Van Horn.

8:11 AM - Hospital called requesting EMS for transfer to Shannon in San Angelo. EMS notified.

5:14 PM - Subject called reference low hanging electric line at corner of 2nd Street between Tom Green and Menard. AEP notified.

9:12 PM - Subject called reference man on motorcycle may have been run over at dip on Chestnut Street. Units notified. Subject on bicycle, no accident.

11:12 PM - Subject called reference speeder on IH-10 @ 414 MM. DPS notified.

May 21, 2006

9:04 AM - Kinney County Sheriff's Office, Brackettville, called reference subject left Sonora enroute to Brackettville has not shown up, please check 277-S. Deputy notified.

9:03 PM - Subject called on 911, need tire service on IH-10 @ 410 MM. Tire service notified.

May 22, 2006

11:24 PM - Subject called reference to stranded motorist at 428 MM. Wrecker notified.

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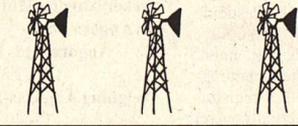
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All persons having claims against the Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
 Dated the 15th day of May, A.D. 2006.

SUE ROBESON, INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR, of the Estate of LOYCE CAMILLE CAMPBELL, Deceased
 By: ALBERT C. ELLIOTT
 Attorney for the Estate
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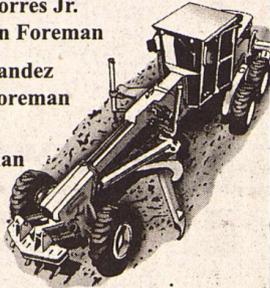
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(Continued from page 1) that they would have been hit if the truck driver had not turned into the draw.

Joe Laurel, who was riding on the passenger side of the Mercedes SUV, received minor injuries. He was taken to Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Hospital where he stayed overnight. He was extremely lucky to avoid serious injuries since the SUV did not have side impact air bags.

Sonora EMS helped Bermudez from his truck. He was carried and



placed on top of a fire truck for transportation to the hospital. He stayed in the hospital overnight and then was released.



Upper left photo: Francisco Bermudez being lifted onto fire truck. Above: Joe Laurel being assisted by EMS.

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4-H Playday Summer Series
The summer playdays will be held at the Sutton County Arena on June 6, 20, 27, and July 11 and 18. Entries will be taken from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Each playday will start at 6:00 p.m. Age divisions will be novice (9-12 years), junior (13-15 years), and senior (16-18 years) as of June 6. Boys and girls will ride together in each age division unless the number of entries warrants splitting them. Events are barrels, poles, and goat tying. There is a one time fee of \$35 per participant. Current coggins will be required on all horses. Please have your coggins results in hand when you enter. For more information, call the Extension Office at 387-3101.

Dance for all 2006 Seniors
May 27th @ Civic Center w/ Grupo La Prueba from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

English as a Second Language Summer School will be offered from June 5 - July 14 from 8 - 12:00 each day. Sign up at the elementary office by Friday, May 26. Questions - Call 387-2414

Sonora City League is interested in contracting Umpire services for the 2006 Baseball/Softball Major League Season. Anyone interested in submitting an application please contact Lynn Hinsley at 325-650-2223 or email: Lynn.Hinsley@dnv.com

Project Graduation Donations can either be mailed to: Project Graduation, 611 Orient Ave. Sonora, TX 76950, or dropped off at the Clerk's office in the Sutton County Annex Bldg. If you need further information, please contact Rachel Duran at 387-3815. Thanks for your continued support of the youth in Sonora.

Al-Anon Meetings - 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays - L.M. Hudspeth (old part) cafeteria.

Vernon West Memorial Team Roping at Sutton County Arena, Friday, June 2nd and Saturday, June 3rd. For more information contact Ryan West - 325-277-2156.

Hump Pilot Book Signing
Sonora native and World War II Veteran Pilot Kenneth Babcock will be signing his biography on the courthouse lawn on Monday May 29, 2006, Memorial Day at 2:00 p.m.

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