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Sonora IPC Teacher - Completes 3rd Combat Tour

By Ray Glasscock

First Lieutenant Allan Robbins is a combat veteran who teaches Integrated Physics and Chemistry at Sonora High School. He has also served 20 combined years in the Army and Army Reserve, with ten years in each service. While he teaches in Sonora, he spends one weekend each month training with the 277 Engineer Company based in San Antonio. Lieutenant Robbins served as an enlisted soldier for 15 years before receiving his commission. Lieutenant Robbins leads a platoon of combat engineers. His soldiers use bulldozers, loaders, scrapers, cranes, and numerous other heavy construction equipment in horizontal construction and Force Protection missions. Horizontal construction is the first step in the process of force protection. Force protection is the building of defensive barriers and obstacles to protect U.S. Forces from enemy fire.

Last December, 1Lt. Robbins was transferred from his unit in San Antonio as an Individual Mobilization Augmentee to fill a horizontal platoon leader position for active duty in Iraq. He deployed with A (Alpha) Company 983 Engineer (Combat). He was stationed at Camp Speicher near Tikrit, and Al Taqqaddum near Al Fallujah. His first mission was to construct a helo pad in upper northern Iraq for emergency medivac helicopters. Later, his company used their heavy equipment to clear rubble and remove bombed out buildings on a site and construct a super-police station occupied by U.S. and Iraqi forces in downtown Samarra. The site was two blocks from the golden mosque which was bombed earlier this year. Lieutenant Robbins' biggest mission was also his last mission, the complete construction of a small FOB (Forward Operations Base) near Al Qaim on the Syrian Border. They started with nothing but bare sand and pushed up the perimeter berm, laid all the concertina wire barriers, built the entry control points, and constructed the buildings on site. It was very fulfilling for Lieutenant Robbins to do such an extensive operation in such a "hot" area.

Lieutenant Robbins commanded a platoon of 42 enlisted personnel while he was in Iraq. During the year, he had seven soldiers injured with none killed. The most serious injuries were due to shrapnel from Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blasts. The gunner on top of one Humvee was almost killed when a piece of shrapnel just missed his jugular vein.

Lieutenant Robbins barely escaped injury when his Humvee ran over an IED. The bomber constructed a pressure plate road side bomb out of three 100mm Russian artillery shells. Insulation is removed from the wires that detonate the bomb and are placed be-



First Lieutenant Allan Robbins in Iraq

tween two steel plates. When the plates are pressed together by the weight of a vehicle, the circuit is completed and the shells explode. Luckily, this bomber did a poor job and only one shell exploded. The explosion blew the right front tire of Robbins' Humvee, and he and his men walked away unscathed.

I asked Lieutenant Robbins to try to explain what it was like leading his men into combat. Before each mission, there is an extensive briefing on all aspects of the mission including expected enemy actions. In each and every mission brief, the Rules of Engagement (ROE) are covered. Each soldier carries a copy of the ROE on each mission. The ROE covers when an American soldier can use deadly force. Since it is impossible to identify the enemy, the ROE spells it out. If they are shooting at you, they are the enemy. If they are not shooting, they are civilians. Under the ROE, if one sees an Iraqi carrying an AK-47, he is not an enemy unless he shoots at you. American soldiers can never trust any Iraqi at any time. As the officer in charge, he had the responsibility of analyzing the situation and determining the appropriate response based on his understanding of the ROE.

As the officer, Lieutenant Robbins had to look every soldier in the eye before going on a mission and ask him if he was ready. He had the responsibility of determining if a soldier had too much combat stress for a mission. Each soldier could vary from day to day. For

example, a "Dear John" letter from home could have a devastating effect on a soldier's morale.

I asked him, what he did to survive the daily stress of operating in a combat environment. This is Lieutenant Robbins' third combat tour, with two Desert Storm tours, and his prior experience was helpful in dealing with the stress of combat. He said that our Army is the best trained and equipped Army in the world. He and his men are trained to never quit and mission failure is not an option. He also feels that there is a certain "randomness" to combat. "I would feel better if the best trained and best prepared soldiers would not be hit and the ones who didn't prepare would. But that is not the way it is. I just trust in God and, if it is my day, then it is my day."

Lieutenant Robbins supports our involvement in Iraq and feels that it was honor for him to be allowed to serve his country and lead soldiers in combat. "We are taking the fight to the enemy. Since 9/11, no more American civilians have been killed. The mission of the American military is to protect the people at home, and we are accomplishing that mission."

**Thank you
for your
sacrifice!**

County Commissioners Preliminarily Accept New County Subdivision

By Nancy Glasscock

Attorney Albert Elliott, representing a group of southern Louisiana businessmen, doing business as Valley Properties LLC, presented a plat of a proposed subdivision of the former Aldwell Ranch south of Sonora at a recent county commissioners meeting. The subdivision will be known as Valley Ranch subdivision. The owners are listed as living and doing business in Houma and New Orleans, Louisiana. Much of the property will be sold in 500 acre tracts. Commissioner Milton Cavaness questioned who would have the responsibility of the roads. Elliott responded that the owners are not requesting that the county maintain the roads. Judge Garner questioned the septic system requirements. Jesse Kerbow responded that Charles MacDonald, the county's contracted septic system inspector, had verbally given his approval. The commissioners voted unanimously to preliminarily

accept the subdivision plat based on the property owners not requiring county maintenance of roads. In other business, Carl Wengenroth, the EMS office manager, required a new computer since the one in the office has both floppy and CD drives that no longer work. Homeland Security requirements mandate the need for a working computer. The commissioners approved the purchase of a new computer.

Judge Garner asked Oscar Chavez, Roads and Bridges superintendent how the clean up at the County Park went after the Cinco de Mayo car show and dance. He stated it required "having to go back a couple times." He also stated the "adapters at the bandstand on the slab area were cutoff and are missing." There was also a discussion concerning how many people have keys to the facilities at the park area. Commissioner John Wade stated he felt "if people can't utilize the county facility properly

and leave it as they found it, perhaps they should forfeit all or part of their deposit and possibly not be allowed to rent the facilities again." People are cutting the locks with bolt cutters in order to gain entrance to the facilities when they are unable to find the county employees who have the keys. Both Cavaness and Wade discussed the possibility of purchasing locks with keys that cannot be duplicated. Judge Garner asked the commissioners if they would like her to establish a list of enforceable rules that will be distributed to any facility renters. The commissioners agreed that was a good idea. The rules will be presented at the next commissioners meeting for review and possible implementation. The next Sutton County Commissioners meeting will be at 9 AM on June 5th at the county annex.

Relay - Raises Over \$82,000

Submitted

With 13 teams, more than 230 participants, over 70 survivors, and more than \$82,000 raised, the 10th Anniversary Sutton County Relay for Life was a huge success. Thanks to all of the support from the community of Sonora and as far away as California, this was the most successful event we have ever had.

Our trophy winners consisted of:

The Super Trophy winner: Creek Swabbing and JMC Transports with over 21,000 points earned for onsite and offsite fundraisers, luminaries sold, money raised, attending team captain meetings, winning best campsite, sponsored relay activities, and helping the committee set up and take down

the event.

Most Laps Trophy: The Samaniego Family. This long time team turned in more than 200 laps!

Chuck Wagon: Church of the Good Shepherd. Spiral Ham and home cooked side dishes made this team a real standout for the best meal at the event.

Best Campsite: Creek Swabbing/JMC Transports. With a tiki vending post and all volunteers dressed as "survivors" there was no way to look past this site as the best on the grounds.

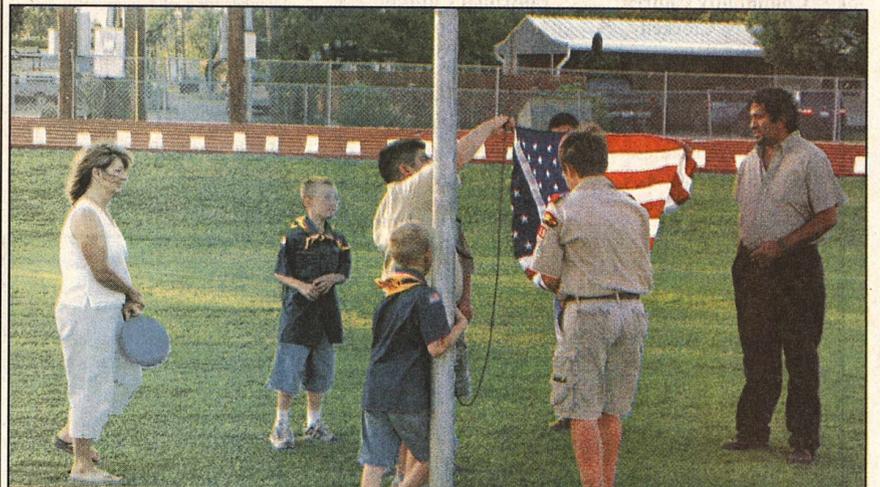
Most Spirited: City of Sonora. Not only did this team walk laps on the track, but they also ran! I never passed this teams site with out seeing them smiling!

Most Money Raised: Dominion Exploration and Produc-

tion. It was no surprise to see that this team did it again! Alone, they raised more than \$29,000 for the American Cancer Society.

The First National Bank and Church of the Good Shepherd were also recognized as our two 10 year teams.

Thanks to all of our other teams for helping us raise money and awareness for the American Cancer Society. See you all next year! Thanks to All: Village Market, Duke Energy Sonora/Ozona Asset, First Baptist Church of Sonora, Keep Sonora Beautiful, Days Inn/Comfort Inn/Steakhouse, St. John's Episcopal Church.



Delyse Jeager and Manual Tobias assist scouts before Relay National Anthem.

Pictured below - Sonora Veterans attend the Memorial Day Ceremony on the court house lawn. Left to Right, Ken Babcock - WWII, Jerry Bois - Vietnam, Sam Perez - WWII, Joe Brown - Korea, Les Bell - Vietnam, Mallie Turner - WWII, Tommy Arnwine - Vietnam, Dwain Parsons - Vietnam, Bill Stewart - WWII, Norm Rousselot - Korea, Bob Mooney - WWII, Don Surridge - WWII.



Sutton County Jail Break

By Ray Glasscock

At 11:20 a.m., Monday, May 29, 2006, Jimmy Callahan, a 29 year old Mississippian, escaped the Sutton County Jail by prying off a hasp of the locking system on the recreation area door, walked across the courthouse lawn, waved at Mary Ann Kay, and stole Ed Mayfield's truck.

Callahan was able to steal the truck by breaking a window and finding the keys under the floor mat. Mr. Callahan was originally arrested for stealing a pickup out of Bud Whitehead's barn.

Another inmate contacted the jailer and informed him of the escape. Sheriff Joe Fincher immediately organized a manhunt since he was unaware of the fact that Callahan had stolen Mayfield's truck. The manhunt lasted until 2:00 a.m. Tuesday morning when officers were notified of the theft of the truck. The information on the stolen vehicle was entered into the TCIC/NCIC (Texas Crime Information Center/ National Crime Information Center) computer.

The Lake Charles Louisiana Police Department had already arrested Callahan at 8:30 p.m. Monday night after receiving a call about an altercation with a civilian. Then Callahan attempted to again flee from the police. Once they saw the stolen vehicle on the computer, they immediately notified The Sonora Sheriff Office. Sheriff Fincher has had the hasp securely welded. The Sheriff's office has hired a tracking dog, and the dog is currently being trained.

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.
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Senior Center Activities

- Fri. June 1 - Happy Birthday Clay Barrow**, Run errands and pay bills after lunch.
Mon. June 5 - Bingo
Tue. June 6 - Happy Birthday, Lisa Alvize!
Exercise with video (walking)
Wed. June 7 - TRAX Van to San Angelo! Call 387-2509
Thu. June 8 - Happy Birthday, Eva Harris! Volunteer to deliver meals to our homebound Seniors.

Senior Center Menu

- Fri. June 1 -** Catfish, corn, tomato casserole, spinach, cornbread, Jell-o with fruit and milk.
Mon. June 5 - Roast chicken, pinto beans, spinach, cornbread, blueberry cobbler and milk.
Tue. June 6 - Chicken and rice casserole, broccoli, roll, peach half, German chocolate cake and milk.
Wed. June 7 - Hamburger on bun, lettuce, onions, tomatoes, oven French fries, carrot salad, apple and milk.
Thu. June 8 - Beef tips with gravy, rice, rolls, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, banana pudding and 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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Kelly's Keeping Summer's Bounty Safe to Eat
By Kelly L. Thorp, MS
County Extension Agent-FCS
Texas Cooperative Extension

Fresh melons and berries fill the aisles of grocery stores and markets. Roadside produce stands full of home grown fruits and vegetables are seen along the highway. All of these are signs that summer is here and so is a bounty of fresh produce. Summer's harvest of fresh fruits and vegetables is an important part of a healthy diet. Just remember to handle fresh produce safely to prevent foodborne illness. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that there are 76 million cases of foodborne illnesses each year resulting in 325,000 hospitalizations and 5,000 deaths. Although not traditionally associated with foodborne illness, fresh fruits and vegetables have recently been linked to several outbreaks. That's because fresh produce is often eaten raw. In fact, in recent years the proportion of cases of foodborne illness linked to fresh fruits and vegetables has increased. To help consumers keep fruits and vegetables safe to eat, the Partnership for Food Safety Education (www.fightbac.org) gives six recommendations for safe handling of fresh produce. Before purchasing, make sure the produce is not bruised, cut, or damaged. If purchasing items that are pre-cut, such as melons, or packaged, such as salads, buy only the items that have been kept refrigerated.

Clean: Hands should be washed in warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds before and after handling fresh produce. Make sure cutting boards, counter tops, peelers and knives are also clean before using them. Fresh produce should be rinsed under running tap water before you eat it. That's also true for fruits and vegetables that have rinds or skins that will not be eaten. Many people don't realize they need to scrub the outside of melons with a vegetable brush or rub them with their hands under running water. If bacteria contaminate the outside of a melon for example, when you slice into it you have the potential of bringing that contamination into the fruit. Clean firm-skinned produce with a clean vegetable brush or rub it with your hands under running tap water. Do not use detergent or bleach to wash fresh produce. After washing, dry fruits and vegetables with a clean cloth or paper towel. Vegetable brushes can be purchased at your local variety store for two to four dollars. They are an inexpensive tool that can help you keep your fresh produce safe to eat.

Safe Handling of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Separate: In the grocery cart, keep fresh fruits and vegetables away from such items as cleaners, detergents, raw meat, poultry, and fish. At home, that advice also holds true during storage in the refrigerator and during preparation: Keep fresh produce away from raw meat, poultry and fish. Do not use the same cutting board for produce and meats unless it is cleaned with hot, soapy water before and after food preparation.

Cook: If fresh produce has been in contact with raw meat, poultry, fish, or their juices, throw it away or cook it thoroughly.

Chill: To prevent bacterial growth, store all cut, peeled, or cooked produce in the refrigerator within two hours.

Throw away: Fresh fruits and vegetables that have not been refrigerated within two hours of cutting, peeling, or cooking should be thrown away. Remove and throw away bruised or damaged portions of fresh produce before cooking or eating it raw. Any fruit or vegetable, that will not be cooked and has been contaminated by raw meat, poultry, fish, or their juices, should also be thrown away. If in doubt about the safety of a fruit or vegetable, throw it out. For more information on safe handling of fresh produce, contact your local County Extension Agent at 387-3604.

Main Street Traffic

By Mary Ann Kay, Main Street Program Director

Starting at 2:00 p.m. the courthouse lawn began to fill up with smiling faces waiting for the Memorial Day Celebration to start. With lawn chairs folded out and water bottles in hand, Ann Kay started the ceremonies thanking everyone for coming. Followed by the Honor Guard presenting the colors and the Star Spangled Banner. Kenley Young said the Pledge of Allegiance with a little shyness in his voice. It was such a great success with the Goodfellow Air Force Honor Guard and the youth coming together for such a wonderful day.

We would like to give a special thank you to Chelsea Martinez, Heather Hughes, Kimbel Luna, Alicia Lowe, Goodfellow Air Force Honor Guard, KHOS Radio, Devil's River News, Sutton County, Johnny Solis, Carlos Gallegos, Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program Supporters, and City of Sonora. Without you we could not make events like this, such a great success.

On June 3, 2006 - June 8, 2006 Ann and Jennifer will be out of the office to attend the National Main Street Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. We look forward to a wonderful trip and hope to learn more about how to help Main Street grow into a bigger and better successful program.



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Thank You Notes

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to attend my baby shower and to thank those of you who sent me a gift, but weren't able to attend. Also, a special thank-you to all the hostesses. Thank you for all the wonderful gifts that everyone gave me. It was a great experience that I will always cherish. Again, thank you so much for everything.

Sincerely,
Brook Northcott

Dear Citizens of Sonora,

As Event Chairman for the 2006 Sutton County Unit Relay for Life, I'd like to thank the people of Sonora for making our tenth anniversary the best event we've ever had. Thanks to all the volunteers, cancer survivors, teams, Mike House, the Sonora Police Department, local and area businesses, Doug Bawcom, the Sonora Independent School District, the Devils River News, KHOS, Hillary Lawson, PALS, Don Longoria, Lewis Allen, Alyssa Favila, and everyone else who helped and/or participated in this year's event. I would also like to thank the wonderful committee that helped me this year. Specifically Lesa Gamez, Smith Neal, Kelly Thorp, Jody Luttrell, Donna Garrett, Tibba Edmondson, Noemi Samaniego, Faye Deel, Mariah Castro and Kim Lewis.

Thanks,
Lance Castro
2006 Event Chairman, Sutton County Unit

A special thanks to my friends and relatives for their concern and thoughtfulness before, during and after my open heart surgery last month (April 13, 2006). Your prayers, thoughts, and visits were truly appreciated.

Thank you all very much for the gifts. My recovery from surgery is going well at present time. God Bless you all for your kindness.

Thank You, Armando Dominguez

Cakes by Maggie is back for business and wants to thank her customers for being patient while she recuperated from her recent injuries.

Thank you, Maggie Mesa

Thank you so much to everyone who called, visited, sent flowers and food. It made me feel much better being loved and cared for by so many people, especially my family.

God bless and Love you all,
Maggie Mesa

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens who voted for me in the recent city election. I think Sonora is a wonderful city in which to live and raise a family. Hopefully, we can continue to work together to make this city even greater.

Thank you,
Virgil A. Polocek

Obituary

Clay G. Barrow

Clay G. Barrow, 71, formerly of Sonora, died Saturday, May 27, 2006 in El Paso. Services were held Thursday, June 1, 2006 at St. Lukes Methodist Church in El Paso.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gorden and Freda Barrow and his wife Delores.

Survivors include sisters Selette Surratt of Cleburne, and Gaile Cade of Sonora; daughters Shirley & John Cunningham and Jenetta & Dwain Gatlin of El Paso; and son Clayton & Susie Barrow of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Surviving grandchildren are Branden Thompson, Brianna Gatlin, Britany Batlin, Michael Cunningham, Chris Cunningham, Brandy Cunningham, Carla Evertt, and Clint Voss.

Fannie Pearl Duncan Bolt

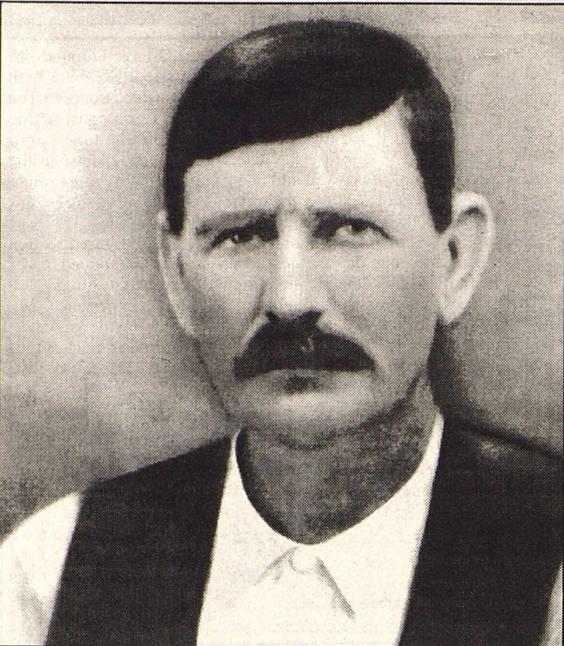
Fannie Pearl Duncan Bolt, 94, went to be with the Lord on Friday, May 26, 2006. Pearl was born Feb. 9, 1912, to O.W. and Virginia Duncan in Calf Creek, Texas. She was the baby girl of 11 children. Pearl married Savola Bolt on Dec. 24, 1931, in Brady, Texas. She was a Baptist and had a wonderful relationship with the Lord. They had one daughter, Nelva June. Pearl spent her life as a wife, mother, grandmother, and homemaker in the Calf Creek and Eldorado areas. She loved to cook and sew and spoiled us all with her treats. She had a great love for her family and blessed us all on a daily basis. She assured us there is a TV in heaven so she can watch her Dallas Cowboys. Her husband, parents, 10 brothers and sisters, a grandson-in-law and twin great-great-grandsons will welcome Pearl into Heaven.

Mamaw is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Nelva and Jim Martin of Eldorado; grandchildren Jimmy Martin and wife Sherry of Fort McKavett, and Jenny Sue Trainer of Sonora. Her great-grandchildren, Pat and Holley Martin of Eldorado, Wil and Melinda Trainer Humble, Jody Trainer of Sonora, Jess and Hallie Martin of San Angelo, Jake Trainer of Sonora and Toni Martin of San Angelo also survive her. She will also be

missed by her great-great-grandchildren, Hudson, Wiley and Laney Martin of Eldorado, and Jamie and Katy Braly of Sonora. She will be missed by her very special friend, Rosetta Lozano of Eldorado. Services were arranged by Kerbow Funeral Home in Eldorado. A graveside service was held at 3 p.m., Saturday, May 27, in Calf Creek Cemetery.

In lieu of Flowers, donations may be made to Meals on Wheels or the Schleicher County Nursing Home. The family would like to thank the Girling Nurses and all the nurses, doctors and staff at the Schleicher County Medical Center and Nursing Home for their wonderful care and friendships with Mamaw.

Historical Society



Pictured: Sam McKee, father of Susie

ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary
Sutton County Historical Society
307 Oak Street, Sonora, Texas

A while back I asked anyone who had any information on Daniel W. Sessom and Susie Elizabeth McKee Sessom to give me a call. Several family members responded but the one with the most information and wonderful pictures was Lee Ann Sessom-Briceno. The following is compiled from her notes and what I could find locally with the addition of married names.

Her main question to me was "Where is Susie Elizabeth buried?" I am happy to say, after digging through 7 cemetery books, that Susie Elizabeth McKee Sessom Brown is buried in the Barksdale Cemetery. She was born in 1891 and died in 1959 and is buried beside her second husband "Dick" George Richard Brown 1902 -1951. Her first husband, Daniel W. Sessom, 1881-1925 is buried in the Sutton County Burial Park. Many don't realize it but that is the official name of the cemetery.

We now know that Daniel and Susie had 10 children and that she and G.R. Brown had another 3 children.

Their children were: Alfred Karnes Sessom, born about 1907, who we find in Arizona in 1951 and then no further mention; Ruby Viola Sessom, born 9 Jan. 1909, married to John Lee Hearn on 19 June 1926; then J. Homer Guest 4 Nov 1940. She died 19 April 1951 and her obit says she is in the Sutton County Burial Park but listings say her grave is unknown.

Lois Faye was born 5 May 1922 in Sonora a twin, still born, but her brother Lewis Ray Sessom survived and was married to Aroma Loraine Taylor. He died in San Angelo 29 March 1993 and is buried in Miles Cemetery.

William Valentine "Buddy" Sessom was born 12 June 1913 in Sonora and married Roberta Roberts on 16 June 1934 in Sonora. He died 11 January 1984 and is buried in the Fairmount Cemetery in San Angelo, TX.

Thelma L. Sessom was born 12 August 1911 in Sutton Co. and married Tom W. Franks on 12 December 1934. She later married Jack Basham. She died in San Angelo 10 October 1996 and is buried in the Fairmount Cemetery in San Angelo.

Winnie Sessom was born 20 June 1924 and married a man named Whitley. She died 13 March 1944 and was buried in the Barksdale Cemetery. Her sister Winneth, also spelled Wenneth and Wyneth in old newspaper articles, married Edgar Ward and then a man named Fields, and we have no other information on her at this time.

Cora Nell Sessom married Charlie Tolliver 24 November 1933. I am trying to find more information on this family. If anyone knows if Cora Nell is still alive or deceased please let me know.

Daniel Franklin "Sonny" Sessom was born 15 October 1919 in Sonora and married Mayvis Olive Algin on 18 March 1941. He died 14 December 1968 in Big Lake and is buried in the Sutton County Burial Park.

Ola Mae Brown was born 31 October 1927 in Sonora and married Woodrow Wilson Hurt at Uvalde 1 September 1945. She died at Uvalde 11 November 1996 and is buried in the Barksdale Cemetery.

James R. Brown, called "Son", was born in 1930 and married a woman named Dorothy. He died in 1993 and there is a stone with his

name on it in the Barksdale Cemetery though some say he was buried in Miles, a little confusion we wish we could get cleared up. If anyone went to the funeral please let me know which is correct.

Mary Brown was born 9 June 1932 in Barksdale and died in San Angelo the 21 May 2002. A memorial service for her was held at Camp Wood but there is no mention of burial. We don't know if she was cremated, or donated her body to science or was buried and they just didn't bother to mention it.

This was a confusing tree to work on. First, George Richard Brown went by Dick K. Brown when he was young and married Susie so we had to ferret out his real name from records to confirm where he was buried. Since Alfred Karnes Sessom was out of state we didn't have access to records on him in our files. The others listed were all listed in either the Sonora or San Angelo papers and had been cut out and filed, except Winnith, who I can't find, but am still hoping to get information on.

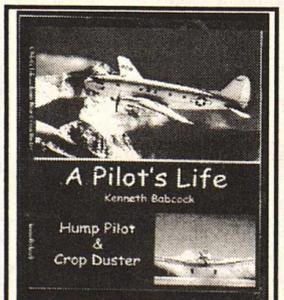
With gasoline prices soaring out of sight, people are requesting more and more help from historical societies and letting their fingers do the walking on the computer instead of going places themselves.

This week we were at the cemetery taking pictures of all the Hamby graves to send off to another researcher. It is much cheaper to pay us to take photographs and copy obituaries than to travel all the way here.

This means our work is greatly increasing, and on top of it we laid 180 squares of grass on the Miers Home complex this week and mowed the outside of the Ice House. Rick and I volunteered to do paperwork and light work, and need help. Many young people are out of school and have nothing to do but watch TV now that they can't afford gas to run the strip 50 times a day. Now would be a good time to interest them in volunteer work. We could really use their help.

We will make a volunteer sheet on each person that comes and keep track of their hours and work. They would be able to use us as a reference when they get older and seek employment. Before school starts we will have a party for them at the Old Depot (John & Mildred Cauthorn Trust Memorial Building).

They can help us gut the old Ice House, mow lawns, file papers, clean the Miers Home Museum and put up exhibits, even some painting that needs to be finished and



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Pictured: Michael V. Sessom and Sarah Margaret Word Sessom, parents of Daniel

the floors in the Old Depot could use a good waxing again. There are lots of saddles to work on and lots of correct history to be learned on Sutton County while you are helping the Sutton County Historical Society. Work can be a lot more fun when people explain the history of what you are working on and help teach you the correct way to care for antique pieces. We aren't asking anyone to do anything but what Rick and I have done for years to preserve local history. It's just we are getting old and we have slowed down a lot and need help.

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 e-mail us at schs@

sonoratx.net don't put a period after net. The office is open for research and volunteers to come on Tuesday, Thursday 9-12:30 and Saturday mornings 8-12. Tours of the grounds are available at the same time and rentals of the "Old Depot," John & Mildred Cauthorn Trust Memorial Building, should be made during these hours. In an emergency for a funeral dinner you may call me at home but most renters can handle all their rental and contract signing during normal business hours. From now on, we will not carry all those books and calendars home with us anymore, so please call the office at 387-5084 or stop by 307 Oak St, right next to the Miers Home Museum, when we are open.

Fort Chadbourne Days Living History

Submitted

Chap Traylor along with Sonora High School students participated in the Fort Chadbourne Days Living History Event held on May 19th and 20th at Historic Fort Chadbourne. They portrayed life through the eyes of children while men were away at war during the 1850's. With over 1160 students on "School Day" alone, they provided much entertainment for younger children who had never had the opportunity to milk a cow. They were a tremendous addition to the 170 reenactors that made Fort Chadbourne Days a success.



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Chamber Chatter

Best of the West Rides into Sonora

By Greta Ramsdell, Director, Sonora Chamber of Commerce

Hopefully many of you were able to have a relaxing, long week-end to celebrate Memorial Day. While some may just think of the day as another holiday, the true purpose of remembering our fallen soldiers should be contemplated. We take so many liberties for granted, yet so many have suffered to provide those opportunities. We get up each day without worrying about our safety, we go to church without thinking about any negative consequences, we celebrate our unique heritage without wondering if we will be jailed or harmed for our ethnicity. If you missed your opportunity to be thankful for our freedom on Monday, take the time now to express your gratitude to the family of a fallen soldier, or at least say a prayer of thanks to those who have given their lives for us. We are such a fortunate nation, but let us never forget how we gained our freedom!

This week-end Sonora will be enjoying two celebrations, with both the West Texas Championship Cook-Off and the Vernon West Memorial Team Roping taking place at the Sutton County Park Complex. The roping kicks off Friday, June 2nd at 5:00 p.m. with books opening at 4:00. The top three teams in each category may qualify for Saturday's invitational roping. Saturday's activities start at 12:15 with 60 teams competing for over \$15,000 cash and prizes. The roping will feature current and former PRCA, US Team Roping and Coors Team Roping champions, including Steve Duhon, Phil Lyne and Scott Snedecor, who is the current World Champion Steer Roper. Later in the day the Sutton County vs. the World Steer Wrestling Challenge will take place, and will pay \$3,000 in cash to the high school and college students who are competing. A matched team roping competition will pay \$500 to the winner and a Jr. Looper competition will be held at 3:00 p.m. for those ten years and younger. At 7:30 p.m. the awards ceremony will take place which will be followed by the dance at the pavilion.

This roping has provided four \$1,000 scholarships to area

students Jack Turney, Ty Love, Chelci Rodriguez of Eldorado and Clint Hale of Ozona. Sonora is thankful for the efforts of Ryon and Jesse West in putting this event together and we are hopeful the 2nd annual roping will be held here next year!

The West Texas Championship Cook-Off will also be held on Saturday, June 3rd, and judges are needed for each event. If you would like to assist in the judging, please arrive at the Sutton County Civic Center by 10:30, where events will be judged every half hour in the following order: chili, open category, chicken, ribs, goat and brisket. A washer pitchin' contest will start at 11:00 a.m. with the books opening at 10:00 a.m. If you don't want to be a judge, come join the "People's Choice" award by paying one dollar for every vote for your favorite team! Other food options will also be available, so come hungry! The awards will be given at 5:00 and then Rex Robards & the Barefoot Cowboy Band will start playing at 7:00. Don't miss out on the fun Saturday at the Sutton County Park!

CHAMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, June 1:

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

Friday & Saturday, 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

Up On Eaton Hill

By Delyse Jaeger

Each summer for perhaps five years now, I have enjoyed observing a pair of roosting ravens who have made their home high atop the power line posts along Highway 277, north of Sonora. The enormous black birds show up in the spring and begin constructing their huge nest, mostly of twigs and sticks. About the time familiarity would begin to disguise the nest, activity or a change in the silhouetted shape of the nest would once again draw my attention to the towering bungalow. There, the obvious outline of young ravens would appear as they awaited feeding from Mom or Dad. Daily, as I caught glimpses of avian parental care and devotion, my affection grew. Then sadly, one day the nest would appear abandoned, and I would be reminded of the inevitable flight of our own nestling.

This year, however, has brought a quite different experience. My first encounter with a raven came while driving slowly down a caliche road. Rounding a corner, the flapping of enormous black wings caught as a landed ground than fifty feet away! my delight a beautiful song - we are with this watched ven take



and cross the road not far in front of my vehicle. Awe turned to SHOCK as I realized the enormous bird did NOT have a white streak on its head, but rather was making off with an EGG held firmly in its powerful beak! Close behind was the frantic parent, helplessly chasing the demon-bird, pitifully outsized, and alas in vain. Within a few days, another raven would cross my path, again with a stolen egg clasped in its black beak. After relaying this story to a friend, she observed a raven being harassed by another bird that successfully caused the ebony tyrant to release a lifeless bird from its deadly jaws. Investigation of the scene produced one deceased mockingbird. Well now, things are just not always as they seem, and this is most true when dealing with the big black bird of legend and lore - the raven.

A little research revealed the following quote from Samantha Fleming "...typical of a creature that presents a paradox wherever one looks." Paradoxical: impossibly inconsistent. Ravens are found in mythology throughout the world and run the gamut from creator of the universe to wily trickster or shape shifter. In story, they are associated with anything from intelligence to death and war. Ravens have their place in the spirit world as well as the worldly spirits, evidenced by the tequila label Cuervo, meaning raven in Spanish. Ravens ARE highly intelligent and adaptable and perhaps that is what lent to their common North American characterization of being motivated by greed. "Raven" is derived from the Latin "rapere", meaning to seize. Several interesting words, all associated with "raven", surfaced in my research and include the obvious "ravenous" describing near-maniacal hunger, rapacious - insatiable, taking by force; edacious - devouring greedily; voracious - subsisting on live prey; and esurient - greedy, hungry. I suspect rape and raptor also share the same origins.

Locally, we can see both the Common and Chihuahua ravens but are most likely to encounter the Common raven, which is the largest bird in the family of corvids, measuring up to three feet in length. Here are a few lively and interesting facts about the common raven. Ravens are monogamous and mate for life. During courtship they have been observed engaging in synchronized snow sliding, and synchronized flight. Though large, ravens are acrobatic flyers and frequently roll and perform somersaults. One raven was observed flying upside down for nearly 3/4 of a mile. According to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, "Ravens have been implicated in causing power outages by contaminated insulators on power lines, fouling satellite dishes at the Goldstone Deep Space Site, peeling radar absorbent material off buildings at the Central Lake Naval Weapons center, pecking holes in airplane wings, and stealing golf balls." Whew! Shall we perceive the raven as just a giant glossy scavenging black bird? Nevermore!

By the way, I am renaming the little titmouse that taps daily on our flood light Edgar Allen. For clarification, read or reread Poe's famous poem "The Raven". Hit the trails and don't let the ravens steal your eggs!

Texas Historical Commission - Updating Popular Historical Marker Program

Submitted

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) is revamping its popular Texas Historical Marker Program, the first reorganization in more than four decades. With more than 13,000 markers, Texas has more historical markers than any other state. Historical markers have been a part of the Texas landscape since 1936, when the Texas Centennial Commission placed more than 900 markers and monuments around the state to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Texas Revolution and the establishment of the Republic of Texas. The current program dates to 1962, and is an extremely popular means of interpreting state history. It is the agency's most visible program.

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AUDIE MURPHY: WAR HERO AND MOVIE STAR

By Tumbleweed Smith



Audie Murphy was born in 1924 at Kingston in Hunt County. He was one of twelve children in a poor family. He perfected his aim by shooting squirrels and other game for family meals.

"I know of two times the family was so poor they lived in a boxcar with no running water and no electricity," says Adrien Witkofsky, Executive Director of the Audie Murphy American Cotton Museum in Greenville.

She says when World War Two broke out, Audie tried to join the Marines, but they turned him down.

"I think in not so many words they told him to come back when he grew up. He was only five feet seven inches and weighed just 130 pounds, but he wanted to serve his country. The Army gave him that chance."

He took part in the campaigns for Sicily and Italy and was in the first wave of the invasion of southern France. Audie Murphy's heroic efforts made him the most decorated soldier in World War Two. In addition to the Medal of Honor, he earned every combat decoration the Army offered.

"He save many, many lives. He was overseas about three years and was wounded several times. Some of those wounds he carried with him the rest of his life. Some of them caused him severe discomfort."

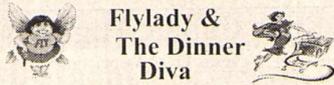
When he got out of the Army, Audie went to Hollywood.

"He was in forty-four films, a lot of them westerns. He wrote a book, TO HELL AND BACK, which was turned into a movie, and he played himself. From doing some research, I found out he was not the first choice for the role. After interviewing several more applicants, the casting people agreed he should play himself. The movie told about his exploits in combat, losing his best friend and getting wounded."

Audie attended school to the 5th grade in the community of Celeste, but didn't get much more formal education. That didn't keep him from accomplishing a lot. He wrote poetry and country songs. He's in the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame. Roy Clark, Teresa Brewer and many well-known people sang his songs.

Audie Murphy died at the age of forty-six when a plane taking him on a business trip crashed into a Virginia mountain.

The Audie Murphy Museum honors Veterans with a special ceremony the middle of June every year. This year it takes place on June 16 and 17. The museum has a life-size statue of Audie in front of the museum. He is in full battle dress carrying a German weapon. Adrien says he ran out of bullets and had to use a German gun he picked up in the heat of battle.



Stop and Smell The Roses

By The FlyLady, Marla Cilley

All around us there are things we miss because we are running around and do not take the time to stop and smell the roses.

We live in such a frantic paced world! The world is not frantic; we are! We are the ones who choose to run around at the fast pace. Do we think we are ever going to make up for lost time? The world keeps turning at the same speed. We all have the same twenty-four hours in a day and it is how we choose to use those hours that causes us to be so busy that we don't take time for the simple things in life like smelling the roses.

You are so busy that you don't even notice the roses along your path; much less think about smelling them. We are oblivious to the things going on around us because our mind is reacting to yet another mess we have gotten ourselves into because we don't know how to stop procrastinating.

We have two speeds; full out pedal to the metal or slamming on the breaks! Have you ever ridden with someone who drives like this? Just the thought of this makes me sick! Why do we treat ourselves like this with jack-rabbit starts and stops? We deserve better!

The stops don't happen often; they only occur after you have crashed and burned. We don't know how to take it slow and steady. All we know is if we will just keep going as fast as we can we can accomplish all we have to in one day. We can stop living like this.

You are not more effective under stress. That is a lie we tell ourselves because we do not know how to stop unless we are forced to. I think we have to look at the reasons we are rushing around for us to be able to stop and rest. Procrastination is vicious monster that causes us to peddle faster and faster. We put off doing something till it is screaming at us.

You know how it is; you put off filling your car up with gas and now you are in a hurry to pick up your child at school and you just had to do one more thing before you walked out the door. That is perfectionism and procrastination giving you the one two punch! No wonder you don't have time to stop and smell the roses you are too busy putting out fires!

Do you hear these words come out of your mouth many

times a day; I don't have time, I'm late? This is an important clue for you! Next time those words soil your lips; I want you to think about why you are in this pickle! I promise you it is because you put off doing something or you allowed your perfectionism to take over.

You don't have to live this way another day! You have a choice and if you choose the do it now principle, you may find that there are enough hours in a day and you do have time to stop and smell the roses!

Life is filled with choices and you get to make them. Do it now or procrastinate; you pick! Which one allows you the opportunity to stop and smell the roses?

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Representative from Congressman Conaway in Sonora

By Kel Thomas

JoAnne Powell, Regional Director for the office of 11th District of Texas Congressman Mike Conaway was in Sonora Thursday, May 25, 2006 to meet with constituents and to hear concerns that affect residents of Sonora and Sutton County.

The 11th District, which Congressman Conaway represents, is vast in scope and in diversity. The district stretches more than 400 miles from the Pecos River to Marble Falls and is the home to over 650,000 residents. Congressman Conaway is in his first term and is unopposed in the upcoming November general election.

Mrs. Powell stressed an important contribution the Congressman's Office makes to the residents of the 11th District. It is the nomination of young men and women to the various service academies: West Point, the Air Force Academy, the Naval Academy, the Coast Guard Academy, and the Merchant Marine Academy. Young people with a desire to enter a service academy are encouraged to seek information on the qualifications as early as possible in their high school careers. Information is obtained through Congressman Conaway's office, or through the high school counselor's office.

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State Capital Highlights
Texas Press Association

Comptroller OKs tax reform legislation; governor signs
By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, the state's chief accountant, certified the state has enough funds to pay for House Bill 1, a temporary buy-down of property taxes. Afterward, Gov. Rick Perry signed the legislation into law. HB 1 passed in the just-ended special session of the Texas Legislature. It reduces property taxes, appropriates more money for classroom instruction, requires public schools to open after the fourth Monday in August and gives teachers a \$2,000 raise.

HB 1 also satisfies a Texas Supreme Court order to fix the state's tax system so school districts are not forced to set the highest allowable tax rate. Under HB 1, the cap rate is lowered to \$1.33, down from the previous cap of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation on school districts' maintenance and operations portion of the tax. Perry and Strayhorn are political rivals, so it's not hard to see why they don't agree on how much HB 1 will cut Texans' property taxes. Perry said it would yield a \$2,000 cut to the average homeowner over three years.

Strayhorn, who hopes to unseat Perry as governor in the fall, said it'll only be a sliver of the \$2,000 Perry is touting. How much is a sliver? Fifty-two dollars in the first year, she said. Perry's office countered, saying Strayhorn's numbers are hog-wash. Jason Stanford, a spokesman for Democratic candidate for governor Chris Bell, called the school finance plan a sham, saying too little money would be spent on classroom initiatives and teacher pay. Bell called for a \$3,000, across-the-board pay increase for teachers.

Kinky Friedman also hopes to wrench the governor's office away from Perry in November. Friedman's camp expressed weariness with the ongoing squabbles between Perry and Strayhorn and called the Perry tax plan "not a real solution; it's another Band-Aid fix we've come to expect from career politicians." Meanwhile, members of the Friedman campaign placed the winning bid on two pairs of boots the governor auctioned off to raise money for a hurricane relief fund. One pair bears Perry's autograph; the other, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's. Jury finds Enron bosses guilty Enron founder Kenneth Lay and former chief executive Jeffrey Skilling on May 25 were found guilty on many counts by a Houston federal jury. Lay and Skilling are free on \$5 million bond, each. Between the two men, charges stuck on counts ranging from cheating investors and employees out of billions of dollars by lying to auditors and banks and for insider trading.

The energy trading firm crumbled in 2001, resulting in the loss of an estimated \$60 billion, the disappearance of its \$2 billion pension fund and the termination of 5,600 employees.

Esteemed Texas lawmaker dies Lloyd M. Bentsen Jr. died May 23 at his home in Houston. He was 85. Flugs flew at half-staff for five days following Bentsen's death, by order of Gov. Perry.

A state and national leader for decades, Bentsen served as U.S. Treasury secretary in 1993-94 under President Clinton. He was a mem-

ber of the U.S. Senate from 1971 to 1993 and served in the U.S. Congress from 1949 to 1955, representing the Rio Grande Valley. He was in private business from 1955 to 1970. Bentsen tested the waters to run for president in 1976 but withdrew. He was the vice presidential running mate of Michael Dukakis in 1988. Austin music impresario dies Clifford Antone, owner of nationally recognized blues mecca, Antone's, was found dead in his Austin apartment on May 24. Antone, 56, was hailed by mourners for devoting the last 30 years to providing the forum and public relations mechanism to launch, support revive the careers of hundreds of musicians, including Stevie Ray Vaughan, Pinetop Perkins, Doug Sahm and many others.

Brown County Feral Hog Workshop Set for June 8

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BROWNWOOD - Texas Cooperative Extension will host a feral hog workshop at 8 a.m. June 8 at the Brown County Fairgrounds.

The fairgrounds are located on U.S. Highway 377 South near Brownwood.

Five Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered - three general and two integrated pest management.

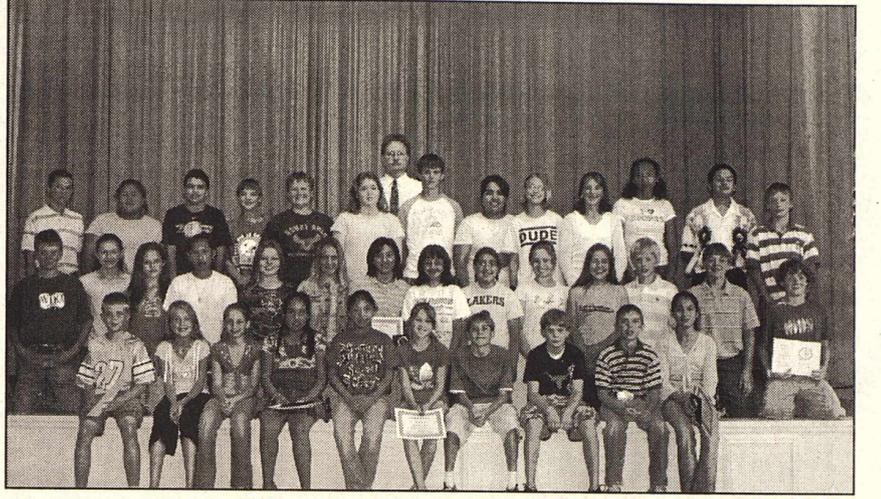
"We will offer the latest information on feral hogs," said Scott Anderson, Extension agent for Brown County. "Most agricultural producers hate them and view them as an insidious menace threatening their livelihood. But many hunters

like having them around. "We'll weigh the pros and cons at this meeting, and Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo, will discuss this 'Dr. Jekyll-Mr. Hyde' situation feral hogs present."

Other topics will include: "Feral Hogs in Texas - The Good, The Bad and The Ugly," "Feral Hog Biology," "Controlling Feral Hogs," "Hunting Hogs," and "Your Feral Hog IQ."

Individual pre-registration is \$15 by June 5 and \$20 thereafter.

For more information and to register call the Extension office in Brown County at (325) 646-2011.



Award Winners Sonora 5th Grade

Year End Awards Ceremony

Continued from last week...

5th grade Citizenship Nominees

- Emilce Hernandez
- Jason Alaman
- Abby Creek
- Cassandra Garza
- Hugo Cardona
- Jared Hinsley
- Aaron Hinsley
- Sam Powers
- Awarded to: Paige Sykes

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Janet Ortiz, awarded by Dianne Benson
Alex Lang, awarded by Jami Chavarria
- Reading Counts**
Alex Lang,

awarded by Jami Chavarria

- Read Right**
Damien Castro, awarded by Rachel Aguero
Arlette Ortiz, awarded by Maria Mendez
Zach Badaeux, awarded by Ana Marines

Band

- Sierra Barber, awarded by Chuck Christian

Music

- Emilce Hernandez, awarded by Donna Christian
Mathew Jarvis, awarded by Donna Christian

Physical Education

- Jansen McBride, awarded by Bill Dempsey
Hailey Berry,

awarded Eli Boxell

- History**
Emilce Hernandez, awarded by Tamara Farley

Math

- Jared Hinsley, awarded by Kim Cole

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- Jason Alaman, awarded by Kim Cole

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- Jovanna Arredondo, awarded by Tamara Farley
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Outdoor Workers Risk Harm From Summer Heat

By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Extension Service

School is out and summer is right around the corner. That will mean much outdoor activity. However, warm temperatures and high humidity combined with heavy exertion can threaten your health. If you'll be working and playing outdoors this summer, pace yourself and stop periodically to cool off. Stay alert for signs of heat stress, which occurs when the body builds up more heat than it can get rid of. Those who work outside should protect themselves from heat and humidity during summer.

Depending on its severity, heat stress can develop into heat cramps, heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Symptoms of heat cramps include muscle spasms and heavy sweating. Heat exhaustion is marked by fatigue, heavy sweating, dizziness,

nausea and fainting. Heat stroke, the most serious heat-related condition, can result in coma or death. Initial symptoms include altered perspiration, shivering, nausea and confusion.

What can you do to prevent heat stress? Drink plenty of water before and after working. Don't rely on thirst to tell you when to drink, because you can lose a dangerous amount of water before you feel thirsty. Consider your age and health when deciding what and how much you can safely do. Take work breaks to fight fatigue and extend your energy. Do the hardest jobs in the morning or late afternoon, when temperatures are cooler. Wear loose clothing that allows air to circulate on the skin. Adequate clothing and a hat will protect you from skin damage caused by the sun's ultraviolet rays.

If you must work in a hot or poorly ventilated building, open the doors and windows to get all the ventilation possible. Set up electric fans if you can do it safely and without raising too much dust. Go outside for fresh air. If you feel dizzy, lightheaded, weak or overheated, or if you sweat profusely, stop working and get to a cool place immediately. Sit or lie down, drink water or juice, and bathe your face with cool water or a wet towel. If you don't feel better soon, call for help.

If you have employees, allow them to have a period of adjustment when they begin a new job or when the weather changes abruptly. People differ in their ability to work in hot and humid conditions. Be aware of first-aid on heat-related illnesses so you'll know how to treat them.

Pay attention to humidity levels. Like the wind chill index during winter, a humidity index gives you a better idea of what it really feels like to be outside. If the temperature is 85 degrees Fahrenheit but the air is dry, conditions are pleasant. But if the humidity rises to 60 percent, you may be more prone to heat exhaustion. At 95 degrees Fahrenheit and with humidity in the 60s, heat rises well above body temperature. This dramatically increases the risk of heat stress, especially for those who are working or playing hard.

The Death Tax

Submitted

Ranchers, Farmers Prepare for Death Tax Vote: As the Senate prepares for Memorial Day recess next week, America's farmers and ranchers are turning up the heat in their hometowns and talking about how this devastating tax on the American dream must go. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-Tenn.) has said he hopes to get the bill on the Senate floor soon after Congress returns to Washington the week of June 5. On NBC's Today Show May 24, Frist said "We will in early June address things like burying the Death Tax forever. an issue of equity."

Ranchers and farmers can talk to their Senators at home over the May 27-June 4 Congressional recess. Visit our special Death Tax web resource at <http://hill.beef.org/tax> for more information and tools to use as part of this effort. Of course, producers can continue to send letters to their Senators through our Cap Wiz web site at <http://capwiz.com/beefusa>.

The Death Tax Hurts Real Working People: Boyd Spratling, a rancher in Nevada, tells his Death Tax story (for more personal real-life stories, visit <http://hill.beef.org/tax>): "Ours is a family operation, with the fourth generation now at the ranch, and we're very concerned about the stability of agri-

culture. One of the most important ways to stabilize family agriculture is to permanently repeal the Death Tax. The tax is destructive for us because ranches and farms are very high capital-intensive operations. We have a lot invested through generations of modest living. We have a lot invested in our operation, our cattle, our land, our equipment. We have very close margins that we live on. When we pass to the next generation, we're not talking about trust fund kids that have never been at the ranch. We're passing operations to someone that has worked all their life on the land. They may be well into their forties or fifties, having worked there and built that operation all their life. Now those same people have to repurchase their own ranch from the government, and I just think that's the ultimate injustice."

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2 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 9450' May M Ray #4 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 39 05/10/06 17 Drlg Ahead
3 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 9400' Duke Wilson #1867 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 704 05/15/06 12 Drlg Ahead
4 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 9350' Duke Wilson #173-16 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 704 05/30/06 Assigned
New 5 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8950' Mayer -20a- #6 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 122 05/29/06 Assigned
6 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8950' Mayer -20a- #8 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 122 05/21/06 6 Drlg Ahead
New 7 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8460' Edwin S Mayer Jr -d- #8-10 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 108 05/31/06 Assigned
New 8 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8300' Mayer Ranch -h- #8-2 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 108 05/24/06 3 Drlg Ahead
New 9 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8050' Simmons Ranch #79 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 105 05/30/06 Assigned
New 10 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7950' Shurley Rr -4d- #2d Dw Patterson Drilling/a 120 05/31/06 Assigned
New 11 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7400' Van Shoubrouek -swd- #2 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 107 05/30/06 Assigned
12 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7150' Simmons -a- #3 D Dw Patterson Drilling/a 120 05/21/06 6 Drlg Ahead
13 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7050' Morris -84- #8 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 161 05/21/06 6 Drlg Ahead
New 14 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7000' Deberry-halbert #20 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 115 05/30/06 Assigned
15 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6992' Deberry-halbert #19 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 115 05/23/06 4 Drlg Ahead
16 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6900' Sawyer -112- #21 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 40 05/22/06 5 Drlg Ahead
17 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6750' Deberry-berger Unit #20 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 105 05/23/06 4 Drlg Ahead
New 18 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6600' Galbreath -91- #12 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 40 05/30/06 Assigned
New 19 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6350' Fields -52- #18 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 107 05/25/06 2 Drlg Ahead
New 20 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6350' Morris Ranch #8107 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 161 05/31/06 Assigned

Crockett

New 1 Chesapeake/Oke 12000' Miller Ranch Gas Unit #3 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 169 05/25/06 2 Drlg Ahead
2 Exl Petroleum Lp 11000' University Sarah #2601 Dw Lariat Services/Ode 22 05/22/06 5 Drlg Ahead 1201'
New 3 C & F Petroleum Inc 9300' University 32-15 #1 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 109 05/19/06 8 Drlg Ahead
4 Approach Operating 9000' J W Childress #1713 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 347 05/06/06 21 Drlg Ahead
5 Approach Operating 9000' P L Childress -e- #6 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 347 05/30/06 Assigned
6 Approach Operating 9000' Lauffer #1313 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 353 05/29/06 Assigned
7 Approach Operating 9000' Childress -b- #504 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 710 05/13/06 14 Drlg Ahead
8 Pogo Producing Co 8500' Ranch Hand -8- #4 Dw Capstar Drilling 14 05/05/06 22 At T.d. 8305'
New 9 Anadarko E & P 8500' Hoover Estate #616 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 38 05/24/06 3 Drlg Ahead
10 Bluegrass Energy 7000' Simpson Canyon -1035- Unit #1 Dw Adobe Drilling Mustan 05/04/06 23 Drlg Ahead 6700'
New 11 Oxy Permian/Houston 5600' South Cross Unit #240 Dw Sledge Drilling 1 05/24/06 3 Drlg Ahead
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New 1 J. Cleo Thompson/dal 9500' Hemphill #4 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 42 05/22/06 5 Drlg Ahead
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New 3 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8750' Jeffers -18a- #3 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 742 05/30/06 Assigned
4 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8650' Jeffers -18- #4 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 742 05/19/06 8 Drlg Ahead
New 5 Pogo Producing Co 6900' West Unit #13 Ft Heart Land Drilling 2 05/25/06 2 Drlg Ahead 529'

Edwards

1 Newfield Exploration 11000' Newby -151- #5 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 471 05/13/06 14 Drlg Ahead
2 Chi Operating, Inc. 10500' Diamondback -19- #1 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 709 04/30/06 27 Drlg Ahead
3 Newfield Exploration 10000' Wittenburg #3601 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 118 05/23/06 4 Drlg Ahead
4 Pxp Texas Inc 5000' Peterson -81- #1 H Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 24 05/08/06 19 Drlg Ahead
New 5 Fairway Links 4500' Roy Baker -9- #1 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 102 05/22/06 5 Drlg Ahead

Terrell

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2 Bp America Prod/Mid 12200' Banner Estate #34 H Dw Helmerich & Payne(A) 214 04/22/06 35 Drlg Ahead
3 Encana O & G/dallas 12100' Acu -48- #7 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 57 04/10/06 47 Drlg Ahead

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Conaway Supports Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Passage

Submitted

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Representative Mike Conaway (R-TX) made the following statement regarding passage of H.R. 5429, the American-Made Energy and Good Jobs Act, which will open a small portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to energy production:

"The American people want legislative action that will produce long-term results. Today's vote proved that a majority of

House members are ready and willing to act when it comes to combating the problem of high energy costs. This is about the law of supply and demand. By increasing oil supply here in the U.S., we can impact rising energy costs in the long-run and decrease our dependency on foreign sources of energy. The decision to veto ANWR legislation in 1995 has unfortunately come back to haunt us. Had the federal government acted 11 years ago, the cost of energy might not be so high. We must learn from the mistakes of the past and seize this opportunity by enacting sound, long-term energy policy that will benefit all Americans."

Congressman Conaway is a CPA and a former small business oil executive from Midland, Texas.

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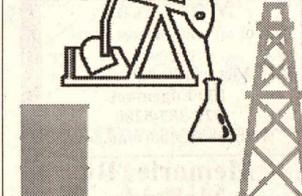
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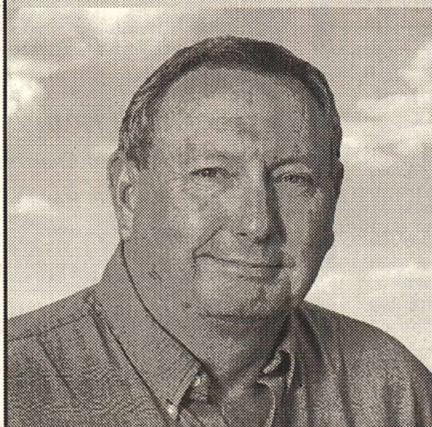
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May 22, 2006:
 8:30 AM: One male arrested for Sutton County Warrant for Assault Class A.
 5:10 PM: One male arrested for Sutton County Warrant for Assault Class A
May 23, 2006
 8:43 AM: One female arrested for Sutton County Warrant for delivery of a controlled substance to a minor.
May 24, 2006
 5:30 PM: One male arrested for driving while intoxicated.
Incidents
May 22, 2006:
 12:10 AM: Report of loud music (2nd call). Officer responded.
 9:44 AM: Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer notified.
 10:46 AM: Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer notified.
 1:55 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver on Glasscock Ave and Tom Green. Officer responded.
 8:45 PM: Report of suspicious vehicles. Officer responded.
 9:45 PM: Report of a family disturbance. Officer responded.
 10:20 PM: Report of a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.
May 23, 2006
 8:15 AM: Report of a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.
 8:40 AM: Arrested female for Sutton County Warrant.
 12:10 PM: Subject requested welfare assistance.
 4:20 PM: Caller reported a goat on highway. Officer responded.
 5:35 PM: Caller requested an

officer at residence. Officer responded.
 6:15 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer Responded.
 6:30 PM: Report of a family disturbance. Officer responded.
 8:20 PM: Report of 4 wheelers on street. Officer responded.
 8:50 PM: Report of a disturbance. Officer responded.
 9:42 PM: Report of a fight at Sonic. Officer responded.
 11:44 PM: Report of a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.
May 24, 2006
 8:16 AM: Caller requested animal control at residence. Animal Control Officer responded.
 9:37 AM: Caller reported porcupine in back yard. Animal Control Officer responded.
 10:34 AM: Caller reported children behind school's dumpster unattended. Officer responded. No children found.
 12:55 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer Responded.
 1:15 PM: Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer notified.
 3:31 PM: Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer notified.
 4:06 PM: Caller reported a possible drunk driver coming into town. Officers responded.
 8:05 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer Responded.
 8:39 PM: Report of a possible fire in a transformer. Officer responded.
 9:30 PM: Report of a dog on

street. Animal Control and Officer responded.
May 25, 2006
 6:30 AM: Caller requested an officer or animal control at residence. Officer responded.
 7:40 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
 8:15 AM: Caller requested animal trap at residence. Animal Control Officer responded.
 8:39 AM: Caller requested house watch. Officers notified.
 10:36 AM: Caller advised animal in trap. Animal Control Officer responded.
 10:37 AM: Bank Escort.
 10:30 AM: Officer responded to 911 call from a residence.
 11:19 AM: Caller reported 18-wheeler truck on Poplar St. Officer responded.
 1:15 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer Responded.
 2:24 PM: Caller requested animal control at residence. Animal Control Officer responded.
 2:33 PM: Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer notified.
 4:00 PM: Subject requested K-9 Officer at residence. Officer responded.
 4:12 PM: Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer notified.
 11:11 PM: Ambulance Escort.
May 26, 2006
 8:53 AM: Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer notified.
 1:20 PM: Wide load escort.
 1:30 PM: Caller requested to

speak to animal control officer. Animal Control Officer notified.
 4:03 PM: Caller requesting accident report information.
 4:30 PM: Report of a vehicle role over at the 400-exit west bound. Deputies and Officer responded.
 8:05 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer Responded.
 10:10 PM: Report of criminal mischief. Officer responded.
 10:30 PM: Ambulance escort. Officer responded.
May 27, 2006
 8:00 AM: Report of criminal mischief. Officer responded.
 9:40 AM: Caller requested an officer at residence. Officer responded.
 12:10 PM: Burglary alarm. Officer responded.
 2:00 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer Responded.
 9:05 PM: Report of a reckless driver. Officer responded.
May 28, 2006
 9:55 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer Responded.
 3:35 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer Responded.
 5:05 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer Responded.
 7:55 PM: Report of a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.
 9:30 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.
 11:50 PM: Report of a family disturbance. Officer responded.

Attempted Indecency with a Child

Submitted
 On May 23, 2006, a Pecos County Jury in the 112th Judicial District found Jose Bejarano guilty of the offense of Attempted Indecency with a Child. Bejarano, of Imperial, Texas, is 42 years of age. On May 24, 2006, the same jury then sentenced Mr. Bejarano to 20 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. This was the maximum sentence allowed by law. The State was represented by Laurie English, the 112th District Attorney and Assistant District Attorney, Steve Smith. Mr. Bejarano was represented by Ori T. White. Mrs. English stated, "The jury's verdict sends a strong message that persons who choose to violate our children will be punished."

RRC PRODUCTION STATISTICS AND ALLOWABLES FOR JUNE 2006

AUSTIN -- The Texas average rig count as of May 19 was 735, representing about 52 percent of all active land rigs in the United States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 314 million barrels of oil and 5.7 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. Texas natural gas production represents approximately 29 percent of total U.S. natural gas demand.

The Commission's estimated final production for March 2006 is 29,931,296 barrels of crude oil and 449,105,557 Mcf of gas well gas.

The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary March 2006 production totals of 28,162,680 barrels of crude oil and 378,896,108 Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.0628 for crude oil and 1.1853 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

Texas natural gas storage reported by the Commission for April 2006 is 310,340,690 Mcf compared to 244,838,525 Mcf in April 2005. The May 2006 gas storage estimate is 325,855,746 Mcf.

The Texas Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial June 2006 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 20,824,122 Mcf (thousand cubic feet). In setting the initial June 2006 allowables, the Commission used historical production figures from previous months, producers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability. These initial allowables will be adjusted after actual production for June 2006 is reported.

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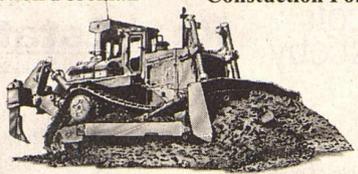
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Mother Nature's End-of-Month Specials

StarGazer - By Paul Derrick

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The evening of May 30, a thin crescent Moon will be 6 moonwidths to the right of Mars, and to the Moon's right will be Gemini's brightest stars, Pollux and Castor. The planet, Moon and stars will be about evenly spaced in a straight line with reddish Mars nearly the same brightness as the stars.

The next evening the Moon will be within 4 moonwidths above the Beehive star cluster with Saturn less than 2 moonwidths below the cluster. Saturn looks like a bright, creamy colored star.

Unless being viewed under dark, moonless skies, the Beehive is easy to miss. To naked eyes it appears as a faint, moon-sized fuzball. In binoculars dozens of individual stars are visible, looking like the swarm of bees for which it is named.

From our perspective all these objects seem close together, but appearances are deceiving. The Moon, at a mere 240,000 miles away, is next door. Mars' distance from Earth varies depending upon where the two planets are in their orbits. It can be as near as 34 million miles and as far as 250 million miles; now it's 200 million miles away. Its differing distances account for its varying brightness. When nearest it outshines all the stars; now, nearly at its faintest, there are 30 brighter stars. Saturn at 900 million miles is nearly 5 more distant than Mars and a whopping 3,700 times further than the Moon.

But these solar system objects are virtually in our back yard compared to the Beehive star cluster. Expressed in miles, its distance is beyond reasonable comprehension: 3 quadrillion miles--a number larger even than our national debt.

That's why astronomers use light years for measuring distances beyond the solar system. A light year is the distance light travels in a year, which moving at 186,000 miles per second, is 5.9 trillion miles. That puts the Beehive at 515 light years away, a much more manageable number.

When viewing the Beehive cluster it's easy to forget that each of the "bees" is, in fact, a star like our Sun, although much younger ones. Our Sun is 5 billion years old while the stars of the Beehive cluster were formed recently, in cosmic terms--only 400 million years ago.

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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.

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.

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

Co-Ed Softball Tournament for Jessica Zapata, June 17th, 2006 at the Sonora County Park. \$125 per team. 1st and 2nd place T-shirts will be awarded. Signup deadline is June 14, 2006. For more information, contact David Noriega at 325-387-6129 or Brandy at 325-884-3626 / 325-450-0211.

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