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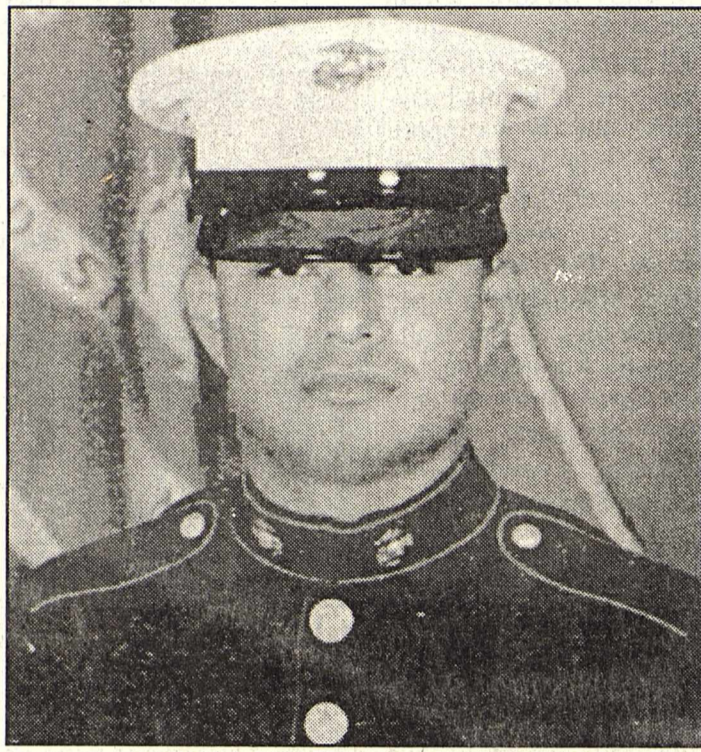
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## Honoring Sonora's Military Personnel



Marine Cpl. Gabriel H. Perez, with the Bravo Co. 1/5 Weapons Platoon is a 1996 graduate of the Sonora High School. Cpl. Perez is based at Camp Pendleton in California, but is currently fighting on the front line in Iraq. He has been a U.S. Marine since 1996. His family got a letter from him a week ago, the first in several weeks, in which he talked about being tired and hungry. He also told of the fighting that continues through the night.

Cpl. Perez is the son of Genaro and Idalina Perez and has 10 brothers and sisters, Genaro, Eddie, Diana, Pete, Chris, Scott, Cassandra, Perla, Daniella and Alex, all of whom wish him a safe return home. If you would like to send something to Cpl. Perez you can take it to Thorp's Laundry.

## A PROCLAMATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 2003

Since our Nation's founding, Americans have turned to prayer for inspiration, strength, and guidance. In times of trial, we ask God for wisdom, courage, direction, and comfort. We offer thanks for the countless blessings God has provided. And we thank God for sanctifying every human life by creating each of us in His image. As we observe this National Day of Prayer, we call upon the Almighty to continue to bless America and her people.

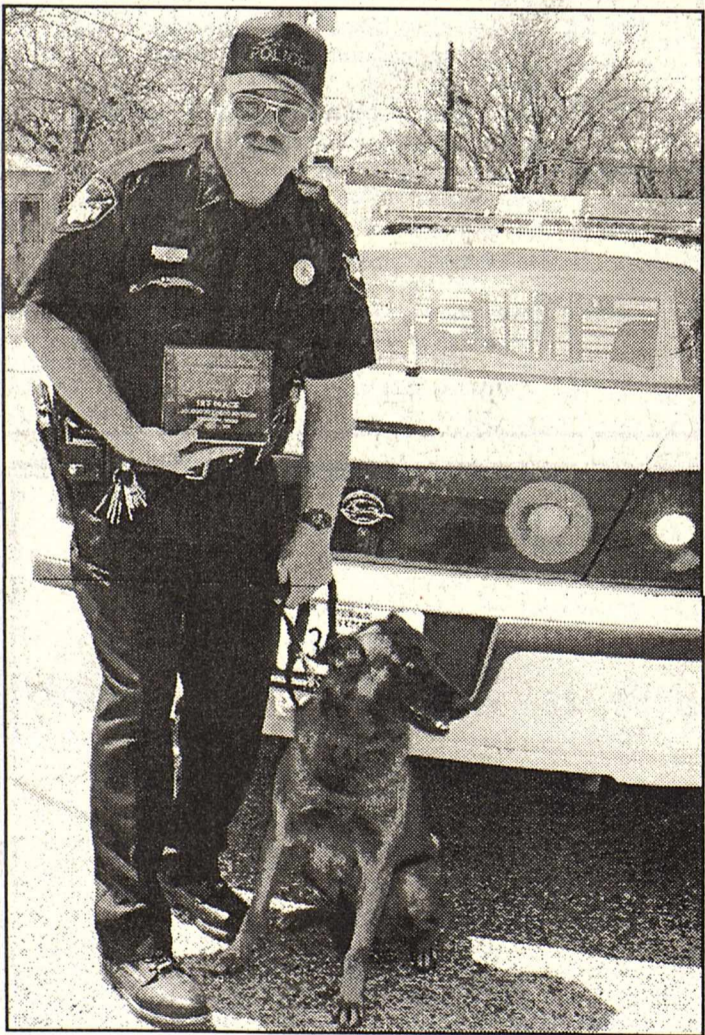
Especially since September 11, millions of Americans have been led to prayer. They have prayed for comfort in a time of

grief, for understanding in a time of anger, and for protection in a time of uncertainty. We have all seen God's great faithfulness to our country. America's enemies sought to weaken and destroy us through acts of terror. None of us would ever wish on anyone what happened on September 11th. Yet tragedy and sorrow none of us would choose have brought forth wisdom, courage, and generosity. In the face of terrorist attacks, prayer provided Americans with hope and strength for the journey ahead.

God has blessed our Nation

See Proclamation page 11

## Local K-9 Unit Wins National Competition



Sonora Police Officer Dick Dudley and his K-9, Ars, attended the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association National Competition from April 6 to April 12 in Texarkana, TX.

Approximately 200 dogs from all over the United States participated in the extensive narcotics training.

On Friday, April 11, 2003 Ars competed against 150 dogs in an arena with 100 items spread around the room with heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine and marijuana hidden in them. Ars scored 1000 points tying for 1st place with a dog from the El Paso Sheriff's Office, who also scored 1,000 points. Ars was named the winner because his time was five seconds faster than the other dog.

## Land-Line To Cellular May Now Incur Long Distance Charge

CellularOne customers who receive most of their calls from local land-line phones in Sonora may want to change their cellular phone number's prefix.

Starting Monday, April 14th, calls made from land-lines in Sonora to most CellularOne numbers in this area became long-distance calls. The land-line caller will now have to dial 1 plus the area code to reach a cellular number, and will be charged a long distance charge as well.

The CellularOne prefixes in the Sonora/Sutton County areas that are affected by this change are 277, 450, and 650. Any calls made to any of these cellular prefixes from a 387 number will incur a long distance charge. The toll charge will be assessed to the land line (387) number where the call originated, not the cellular customer receiving the call.

CellularOne is trying to help remedy the problem by offering to change your existing cellular prefix to a new 206 prefix that will NOT generate the toll charge. The CellularOne office here in Sonora has already been overwhelmed, to say the least, with customers wanting to change their numbers, or to get an overall better explanation to what has been a very confusing issue with a lot of folks. For customers who don't want to go to the local CellularOne office and wait in line, you may call CellularOne's Customer Care line and handle it over the phone. That phone number is 1-800-635-0304.

If you are a CellularOne customer who gets the majority of phone calls from San Angelo, you may opt to leave your already existing cellular prefix as is.

Officials tell us that the changes are a result in a reduction or elimination of Wide Area Calling services for cellular phones. The wireless phone companies have paid for that call in the past, and they are no longer going to do that. The customer will now be charged.

So, if you are calling someone on their cellular phone from your home, and you are asked to dial a 1 plus the area code and number, then know, you will be charged by your home telephone company. Calls from cellular phone to cellular phone should not be affected by these changes.

## Bonilla Holds 'Congressional Update' In Sonora

Sonora residents showed up this week to participate in Congressman Henry Bonilla's Congressional Update. Bonilla used the meeting as an opportunity to answer questions and update the community on issues affecting them in Washington, D.C.

"I really enjoy these meetings. It's a chance for everyone to sit down, ask questions and talk about the issues on their mind. It's also an opportunity for me to learn about the issues affecting our district's communities. I consider it an opportunity to catch up with old friends and make some new ones," said Bonilla.

Bonilla started the meeting with a general update on issues ranging from the War to the nation's economy to tax cuts. After the overview, the forum was opened to questions.

"So often, the media spins the issues and makes them confusing for even the most intelligent people to understand. This is my chance to quell the rumors and give solid and realistic answers," said Bonilla.

Bonilla specifically addressed our nation's current war with Iraq. He expressed the desire for a short war and applauded the President and other military leaders on their swift action.

"The people of Iraq are

## S.H.S. Golfers Finish Tournament As District Champs

by Drew Cox

Both the girls and boys Bronco golf teams finished the district tournament as champions on Wednesday, April 9th in Sonora.

The girls started the third round of district play 1 stroke behind Eldorado. They finished the day with a 16 stroke lead to win the tournament. The varsity team and their scores were: Kayla McBride-91, Tamika Marshall-97, Candise Martin-103, Missy Longoria-102 and Sarah Gutierrez-106. The JV team and their scores were: Savannah Hedgecock-111, Noemi Fay-112, Sara Baggett-119 and Christine Sanchez-141. Kayla McBride finished with the low score of the third round and as the second medallist overall in district play, four strokes behind Eldorado's Hannah Robledo. Others that finished as top ten medallists in district and their places were: Tamika Marshall-4th and Candise Martin-10th.

The boys started the final round with an eleven-stroke lead over second place Ozona and widened that lead to a 28-stroke win. The varsity boys and their scores are as follows; Stetson Perez-73, A.J. Hernandez-83, Chris Martin-79, Dustin Martin-78 and Embre Smith-80. The 2nd team and their scores were as follows; Anthony Longoria-93,



Lady Bronco Golfers Move On To Regionals. Photo by Juanita McBride

Trent Reiner-87, Brandon West-85, Cullen Parker-79 and Heath Prather-78. The Medallists and their scores are as follows: Mason Martinez-88, John Healy-77, Ty Love-105 and Hilton Bloodworth-109. Stetson Perez finished as the second medallist in the district, one stroke behind Aaron Garza of Ozona. Garza and Perez finished tied for the low score of the third round, both with a 73.

Chris Martin also finished in the top three medallists in district, finishing in third place. Other Broncos finishing in the top ten in district play were A.J. Hernandez in 4th, Embre Smith in 7th and Cullen Parker in 9th. Both the Broncos and Lady



Stetson Perez helped the Bronco Golf Team win District. Photo by Juanita McBride

## Sonora Water Supply Awarded For Outstanding Performance

The Texas Commission On Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) Public Drinking Water Section is recognizing public water systems that have an outstanding performance record in protecting public health. Your public water system is being recognized for an outstanding level of compliance in monthly monitoring related to the "Total Coliform Rule". For the five year period, 1997-2001, your public water system had no monitoring or maximum contaminant level (MCL) violations of the "Total Coliform Rule".

The City of Sonora received a certificate in recognition of our public water system's outstanding performance. Please Congratulate your staff and management for a job well

## 8th Grade Lady Colts Win District



The 8th Grade Lady Colts won the meet in Big Lake on April 2, 2003, putting them #1 in the District. See results page 5.

## Huntin' For Some Easter Fun?

The Easter Bunny is on his way to Sonora, hiding treasures all over the Sutton County Courthouse lawn and Eaton Hill.

The 2003 Easter Egg Hunt and Eaton Hill Treasure Hunt, presented by Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street and The Sonora Merchants Association, will be Saturday, April 19, 2003.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. for door prizes. The Easter Egg Hunt and Eaton Hill Treasure Hunt will begin at 10:00 a.m.

A Bake Sale, presented by the Hudspeth Hospital Auxiliary will be held in conjunction with the hunts, with lots of sweet treats to take home.

This year's hunts are sponsored by First National Bank, The Bank & Trust, Dairy Queen, The Devil's River News, Alco, KHOS Radio, Town & Country, Sonora Chamber of Commerce and Gifts Galore and More.

## Community Invited to Earth Day Celebration

Earth Day is celebrated across our country this year on Tuesday, April 22, 2003. The children at the Sonora Elementary School campus will be honoring this day with a variety of outdoor activities. One event will include a brief ceremony hosted by the Elementary PTO to commemorate the recent planting of several trees around the new playground. During the celebration the children will gain knowledge about earth day and learn to hold a proper respect for the natural world around them. They will also be involved in a surprise event designed to give our Earth Day celebration a patriotic flair. We would like to extend an open invitation to the community to join us next Tuesday, April 22 at 2:00 p.m. on the Elementary school campus playground for this special program.

## Strauch To Write At State Meet

On April 12th the Journalism U.I.L. Team competed in the Regional Academic Meet in Abilene, TX.

Sheryl Strauch placed third in Editorial Writing and third in Headline Writing. Her performance earned her a trip to the State U.I.L. Meet in Austin, TX on May 1, 2003. Congratulations to her and all of the Journalism Team members on their successes this year. The students are coached by Kristen Keel.





## Sonora Church Directory

**THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN**  
 Lewis Allen, Pastor  
 319 E. Mulberry  
 387-2616

**LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Don Longoria, Pastor  
 707 Glasscock  
 387-5886

**PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED**  
 Randy Greenwood, Pastor  
 509 Amistad  
 387-5266

**ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I.  
 229 W. Plum  
 387-2278

**JEHOVAH'S WITNESS**  
 310 St. Ann's Street  
 387-5658 or 387-5518

**NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Pastor Mike Dixon  
 1306 Savell St.  
 387-5215

**PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**  
 Antonio F. Gonzales, Sr.  
 504 Santa Clara  
 387-2035

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 Jerry Jackson  
 304 N. Water  
 387-3190

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 T. Wayne Price, Pastor  
 111 E Oak  
 387-2951

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
 404 E. Poplar  
 387-2955

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Rev. Conrad Archer, Pastor  
 201 N. Water  
 387-2466

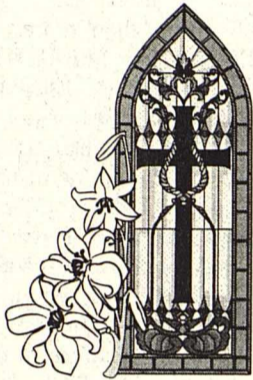
**TEMPLO JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS**  
 Rev. Santos Beserra, Jr.  
 306 W. 4th St.  
 387-5713

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 Rev. Charles Huffman  
 417 E. 2nd St.  
 387-3666

**NEW LIFE MINISTRY CENTER**  
 Jerry & Joy Wood  
 205 E. Main  
 387-3241

**LA IGLESIA HISPANA PENTECOSTAL DEL NOMBRE DE JESUS, INC.**  
 387-6072

**IGLESIA PENTECOSTAL UNIDA HISPANA**  
 Pastor Isai Oviedo  
 509 Amistad  
 650-3121



**Kerbow Funeral Home**  
 387-2266

## Dining Out Directory

**Dairy Queen**  
 134 Hwy. 277 N.  
 387-2118

**La Mexicana**  
 240 N. Hwy 277  
 387-3401

**Pizza Hut**  
 401 Hwy. 277 N.  
 387-3540

**Sutton County Steakhouse**  
 1306 N. Service Rd  
 387-3833

**Taco Grill**  
 232 Hwy. 277 N.  
 387-9127

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## Cards of Thanks

We, the family, friends and the scholarship committee for the Maribel Sentena/Daniel Garza Scholarship Fund, would like to express our most sincere appreciation for all support that was given to our Fundraiser Dance - again it was a huge success. Thanks to all who helped in selling raffle and dance tickets, to all who bought tickets and to those who helped set up at the Civic Center before the Dance and helped clean after the Dance, also those who decorated, anyone who helped in one way or another! It was a lot of work but it was well worth it! The Scholarship will be used to assist in the education of one or more Sonora High School graduates seeking a degree at an accredited university or trade school. Without the family and friends in our community and elsewhere, we would not be able to do this!

Sponsors and businesses who donated to the Dance (music), Civic Center and other donations are: Creek Swabbing (David Creek), Tedford's Jewelry (John and Dell Tedford), Moore's Oil & Lube (Mike and Sue Moore), The Bank and Trust, Ricky Mesa, Mr. and Mrs. Armando Zurita, Mr. and Mrs. Armando Sanchez, Charlie and Nadine Johnson, La Mexicana Restaurante, Ponciano and Becky Castillo, Yolanda Campos, Mike Fay, Sandra Luz Gonzales, Ruben Garza and Family, Valentina Gallegos, Sonic, Edna's House of Beauty, The Cutting Edge, Juan Guerra and the group at the dance that collected money and donated to the Scholarship Fund.

Those who sold tickets: Mike Fay, Belia Solis, Rita and Hector Mendez, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Perez, Carmela Garza, Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Garza, Juanita Mesa, Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Estrada, Betty Garza, Elizabeth and Alex Flores, Mr. and Mrs. Jose Sentena, Anna Couder, Gail Zertuche, Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Gonzales, Lilia Flores, Lesa Galindo, Annette Castro, Delma Noriega, Lydia Martinez, Gustavo and Letty Campos, Elia Longoria, Ofilia Torres, Felicia Sentena, Sue Moore, Sandra Luz Gonzales, Juanita Mesa, Fred Perez and Joe Garcia. Hope we didn't forget anyone but if we did, it was not on purpose - sorry!

Thanks to Devil's River Newspaper and KHOS Radio Station for all they did to help us out!

Winners of the raffles were: X-Box - Odilia Parades, La Mexicana Restaurante - AJ Ozuna, Cutting Edge - Selena Martinez, Edna's House of Beauty - Patti Rainer. Dance Raffle Winners were: Lupita Duran, Mary Helen Wingo, Chris Gutierrez, JoAnn Hernandez, Lydia Martinez, George Sanchez, Mona Prieto, Monica Buitron.

Those who donated items for dance raffles were: Yolanda Campos, Juanita Mesa, Ruben and Lauri Garza, Mike Fay, Sandra Luz Gonzales and Sonic.

Once again. Thanks to each and everyone who helped in one way or another!

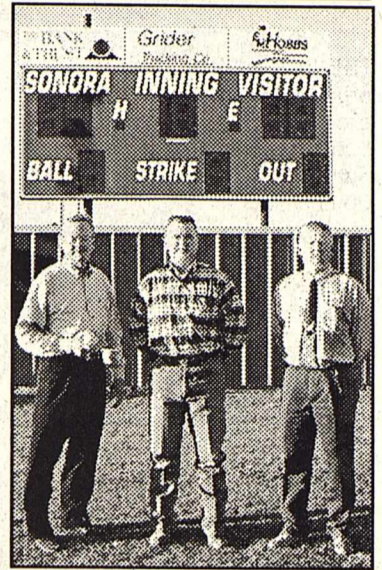
Sincerely,  
 Scholarship Committee  
 Ruben and Lauri Garza, Florie Gonzales,  
 Juanita Mesa and Gloria Noriega.

The Sonora Schools PTO recently raised funds to purchase 3 nice-sized trees for beautification and shade at the new playground area on the Elementary school campus. We would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their generous donations towards this worthwhile project: Bill and Valerie Doran, Bobbie and MaryBeth Morgan, Lynn and Susan Hinsley, Curry and Bonnie Lou Campbell, Bryn and Mary Humphrey, Sonora Contractors (Bill Doran and Mike Dillard), and Location Builders (Steve Anderson).

We would also like to extend a special thanks to Sonora Contractors for the use of their heavy equipment to dig the holes for our trees. Bill Doran, Ruben Mesa and Efrain Zaragoza we thank you for taking time out of your weekend to come help us plant the trees. We would especially like to thank Fran Pennington, Keith Butler, Curry Campbell, Jody Cory, Kathleen Freeman, and Rosie Butler for their time and energy spent in planning the project and delivering and planting the trees on the campus.



The Sonora High School baseball and softball teams would like to thank the following businesses for their support in helping acquire the new scoreboards. We want to thank Mike Healy, The Bank and Trust; Mike Hobbs, E.M. Hobbs Inc.; Diron Holt, Brown Automotive of Del Rio; Don Grider, (not pictured) Grider Trucking, and Mr. Myers, Superintendent.



## Obituaries

### Virginia Luker Taylor

Virginia Luker Taylor, 87, died Wednesday, April 9, 2003, at her residence. Services were at 1:00 p.m. Monday in Stephenville Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Proctor Cemetery in Proctor.

Survivors include sons, Charles A. Taylor, Jr. of Sonora and John C. Taylor of Magnolia; daughter, Gennycce Hubbard of Stephenville; and sister, Frances Luker of Stephenville.

### Danny Warren Roberts

Danny Warren Roberts, 38, died Saturday, April 12, 2003, in a local hospital. Graveside services were at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were by Robert Massie Funeral Home.

Birdie Roberts; daughter, Patsy; mother, Mary Dawson of San Angelo; sisters, Donna Roberts of Sonora, Cindy Ponce of Kerrville and Brenda Butz of Waco; and brothers, Robert Bledsoe of San Angelo and Jimmy Surface of Houston.

### Helen W. Williams

Helen W. Williams, 80, of Eldorado, died Sunday, April 13, 2003, in a local hospital. Graveside services were in Eldorado Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Robert Massie Funeral home. Survivors include son, Mack McAngus of Sonora.

Ronnie Cox loves being your Pharmacist

## Senior Center News

- Apr. 21 - Bingo.
- Apr. 22 - Exercise with video. Get off your "rocker" now.
- Apr. 24 - Crafts after lunch.
- Apr. 25 - Birthday Party for April Babies. Noon.

## Senior Menu

- Apr. 21 - Lasagna, peas, garlic bread, tossed salad, banana, milk.
- Apr. 22 - BBQ chicken, baked beans, California mixed vegetables, macaroni salad, cornbread, jello with fruit, milk.
- Apr. 23 - Polish sausage, baked sweet potato, steamed cabbage, cornbread, pears, milk.
- Apr. 24 - Chicken nuggets with gravy, zucchini squash with tomatoes, potato wedges, roll, peaches, milk.
- Apr. 25 - Fish, macaroni & cheese, mixed vegetables, roll, tossed salad, sugar cookie, milk.

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.  
 \$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.  
 \*Menu is subject to change.\*

## Come Celebrate Holy Week and Easter at St. Ann's Catholic Church

### Holy Thursday April 17

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Confessions  
 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper  
 After Mass Adoration until Midnight

### Good Friday April 18

2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Confessions  
 7:00 p.m. Reading of the Passion and Holy Communion

### Holy Saturday April 19

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Confessions

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday • April 20**

8:00 a.m. Easter Mass

11:00 a.m. Easter Mass



## School Lunch Menu • Apr. 21 - Apr. 25, 2003

### Breakfast

- Mon. - April Break. School Holiday.
- Tues. - Pancake on stick, syrup, apple juice.
- Wed. - Cheese toast, apple juice.
- Thurs. - Breakfast pizza, fruit.
- Fri. - Muffin, orange juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

### Lunch

- Mon. - April break. School Holiday.
- Tues. - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, steamed broccoli, peaches, roll.
- Wed. - Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, jello with fruit.
- Thurs. - Pizza, kernel corn, vegetable salad, cobbler.
- Fri. - Cheeseburger, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, pudding with topping.

## Community

- Apr. 18-21  
 SISD School Holidays  
 Easter Break
- Apr. 22  
 City Council Meeting  
 2:00 p.m. • City Hall
- Apr. 22  
 Earth Day Celebration  
 2:00 p.m. • Elementary Playground

The Community Calendar



## Calendar

- Apr. 28  
 County Commissioners Meeting  
 9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg.
- May 16-17  
 A.C.S. Relay for Life  
 6:00 p.m. • Bronco Stadium

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The Devil's River News encourages letters from its readers. Letters should be to the point, typed if at all possible and signed. Name, address and telephone number should be included for verification purposes. Letters will be printed on a space available basis. Letters should stick with issues, and not simply be personal attacks. Letters endorsing a particular position on issues of local interest will be accepted, however letters endorsing a candidate for political office will not be accepted.

We reserve the right to edit for length, content, and potentially libelous statements.

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Email us at editor@sonoratr.net

## Sutton County Health Foundation Positioned To Support Healthcare In Sutton County

The future of healthcare in Sonora affects everyone in our area. We owe the quality of life we enjoy to the foresight and generosity of those who came before us. These passages from the Foundation brochure echo the belief of the SUTTON COUNTY HEALTH FOUNDATION that it is now our turn to preserve the legacy of superior healthcare in Sonora and to pass this treasure to future generations.

The SUTTON COUNTY HEALTH FOUNDATION was organized in early 2002 by a group of people who love Sonora and the way of life in Sutton County. The goal of the Foundation is to create an endowment with sufficient capital funds to produce supplemental income for Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and to ensure the continuing excellence of healthcare in Sutton County.

While the Hospital is in sound financial condition, there are many variables that could affect its financial future. Currently, tax dollars and operational revenue support the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. At some time in the future, the expense of maintaining the hospital may exceed what county taxpayers are willing, or able, to pay. At that time, the hospital would be forced to close.

The major problem facing the community is the decrease in property values due to the depletion of the gas reserves. Governmental changes in Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement, and the continuing increase in the number of patients not covered by insurance are other factors. Because business owners, schoolteachers, doctors, industries, and retirees are reluctant to relocate to a town without a hospital, the loss of our hospital and the healthcare it provides endangers the economic survival of our community.

The purpose of the Foundation is to provide long-term support of Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and other healthcare resources in Sutton County. The goal is to replace the tax dollars lost by the depletion of the mineral reserves.

With these known and unknown variables in mind, all volunteer Board of Directors - which includes Jim Stephen, President; Randee Fawcett, Vice-President; Sharon Holman, Secretary/Treasurer; Pascal Allison, Dr. Alvis Johnson, Ben Pool, Carl Teaff, Curry Campbell, and Lolabeth Jones, and Steering Committee members Susan Bloodworth, Glen Fisher, Carla Garner, Mike Hale, Cleve T. Jones, Joe David Ross, Melissa Teaff, Ronnie Cox, Lesa Gamez, Laurie Garza, JoAnn Hernandez, Rodney Knight, Eddie Sawyer, and Keith Wallace - seeks to be pro-active in addressing the future needs of healthcare in Sutton County.

The SUTTON COUNTY HEALTH FOUNDATION is a tax-exempt, 501(c)3 organization, which seeks tax-deductible funds to build an endowment through bequests, contributions, memorials, insurance policy proceeds, and gifts. The principal of this endowment will be invested in a conservative portfolio and income from these funds will supplement the hospital and other county health related organizations. This is a major project with important long-term goals. Your contributions will help preserve our hospital and ensure a future of promise and stability for Sutton County.

The SUTTON COUNTY HEALTH FOUNDATION is available for community presentations by calling the Board of Directors or Keith L. Butler at 387-2521. Contributions may be mailed to SUTTON COUNTY HEALTH FOUNDATION, PO Box 18, Sonora, Texas 76950.

## Lighthouse Makes Some Changes

Lighthouse Baptist Church is going through a lot of changes. Not only is the church growing numerically, but also in other ways.

"The present building we are renting is not large enough for our growing congregation, so we began to pray and give, in anticipation of building new facilities," said Pastor Don Longoria.

Instead of erecting a new building from the ground up, Lighthouse Church purchased the old Ritz Movie Theater. Since then they have been busy remodeling the old building into a new church. While the remodeling will go on for a while, they will be having their first service Easter morning at 10:30 a.m.

But there is more than the new building going up. The church has also changed its name.

Pastor Don said, "We have the same wonderful people and the same wonderful God, but we felt the name change would better reflect the mission of our Church."

The official name is now Lighthouse Community Church. Now located across from the 4-H Civic Center, Rodeo Grounds, City Park and Baseball Facilities, Lighthouse Community Church exists for the purpose of reaching Sutton County and beyond with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"We are a church that believes in loving God with all our hearts and loving our neighbors in such a way that we can help those who do not have a

relationship with God, to come to know Him in a real, personal and practical way!" Brother Don continued, "We believe this is best done by caring for and serving the community."

While the Church is connected for mission purposes with other Baptist Churches in this area, Lighthouse Community Church is made up of people from all kinds of church backgrounds, and many with no previous church affiliation at all.

"We don't want any barriers that would keep unchurched people from coming to our Church. We want to de-emphasize denominationalism and focus on the simple truth that God loves people more than anything," said Longoria.

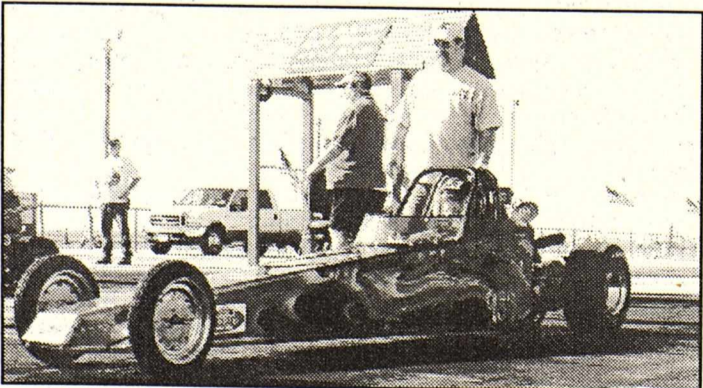
Pastor Don said that they have come a long way from the days of a handful of people in a blue and white store front building with U-Hauls out front! But even in the new building, people in blue jeans and t-shirts will still feel comfortable.

"We jokingly say that 'this is not your momma's church, but she would love it!'" says Pastor Don. "Our methods are contemporary, but our message is still the same."

The church wants to get the word out concerning their new location and name change, and invite any person not attending church to give Lighthouse Community Church a visit.

"We pray that in the years to come, Lighthouse Community Church will be a blessing to the people of Sonora and Sutton County."

## Badeaux Burns Rubber at Wall Dragway



Zach Badeaux traveled to Wall last weekend to show his stuff at the Wall Dragway. The 10-year-old Sonora Elementary School student was behind the wheel of a 1997 Jr. Dragster, competing against 12 other racers in his age group. The young racers earn points and money. Zach plans to race at the National Jr. Drag Racing Finals this summer.

Zach's "pit crew" last weekend consisted of his Dad (Mike), Mom (Suzanne), brother (Mike) and sister-in-law (Dee Dee).

## Happy Birthday

April 18 - Marcus Perez, Homer Hull, Chance Dillard, Joli Hooper  
 April 19 - Felton Jackson, Frank Avila, Christian Kenney  
 April 20 - Cindy Paredes, Pepe Cervantez, Kathy Morris, Tanner Myers, Carolina Gonzales  
 April 21 - Lisa Lipham, Natascha Whitehurst, Christy Blackman, Jerry Wood  
 April 22 - Crystal Hidalgo, Charlotte Alewine  
 April 23 - Amy Ramirez, Don Deel, Dois Badgett, Bidy Ramirez, Randy Gillit, Brad Johnson, Chris McAngus, Wayne Sawyer, Alyssa Mejia

## Turner Seeds Co. Donates Wildflower Seed To Eaton Hill

by Delyse Jaeger

The Sonora Girl Scouts have been busy with improvements to Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary. All the troops have toured the Hill, identifying native plants such as ephedra, Spanish dagger, mountain laurel, sotol and numerous wildflowers. In addition to learning about special characteristics of some of our local flora, each troop has undertaken a project to enhance the sanctuary.

Turner Seed Company of Breckenridge, Texas generously donated ten pounds of wildflower seed to Eaton Hill through the Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation District office. Girl Scout Junior Troop #296 led by Michelle Lipham and Kendra Vvylecka broadcast the seed as they hiked the trails, identifying wildflowers along the way. "Sulfer Paintbrushes" were discovered growing in the Quarry located on the Quarry Climb trail east of the flag. These pale yellow flowers closely resemble the favored Indian Paintbrush and are currently also in bloom near the hilltop between the flagpole and the flag crypt. Good work girls!

Girl Scout Troops 104 and 297 also toured Eaton Hill and chose to make their contribution through artwork celebrating Eaton Hill's fabulous display of bluebonnets. Each scout painted a single bluebonnet on a rock from Eaton Hill and the beautiful rocks now ring one of the many resting benches along the trails. Visitors can enjoy the

state flower of Texas year around! Look for this special spot on your next hike.

Most recently, the 5th grade Troop #100 is planting the Eaton Hill Butterfly and Native Plant Garden located in the yard of the Eaton House. The girls toured Eaton Hill, earning their Girl Scout Hiking Badge while studying the abundant local plant and animal life. A highlight of the hike was the opportunity to examine the intriguing fossils adorning the floor of the quarry located on the Agave Ridge trail. The new garden features Texas natives and local natives and was designed to attract butterflies and hummingbirds. Come out and enjoy!

The work of each Girl Scout and troop leader is greatly appreciated. Sonora's citizens and guests will enjoy the contributions you have made for many years to come. A special "thank you" also to Jo Davis of Poplar Street Nursery for her generous contributions of time and materials, and to Turner Seed Co. for helping us crank up the color on the Hill.

What to look for on Eaton Hill: Butterflies, Indian blankets, larkspur blooming along Lonely Dove Lookout trail, hummingbirds, and flowers, flowers, flowers! Thank you, Sonora for your enthusiasm and support of the Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary.

Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is a project of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation.



Girl Scout Junior Troop #296 plants wildflower seeds donated by Turner Seed Co. on Eaton Hill.



Girl Scout Troops 104 and 297 show off their beautiful bluebonnet rock art.



Girl Scout Troop 100 earned their hiking badges on Eaton Hill.

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## F.Y.I.

**NIGHT GOLF** - The American Cancer Society Night Golf 5-person Scramble will be April 25, 2003 starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Sonora Golf Course. For more information or to sign up call Storie Sharp at 387-2507.

**Plant sale** - April 18 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and April 19 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Miers Home Museum. Bedding plants, house plants, native plants, geraniums, hibiscus and more.

**Taco Grill** will be closed on Sunday, April 20 and Monday, April 21.

A Program Development Group meeting for the Environmental Quality Incentive Programs (EQIP) will be held Tuesday, April 22, 2003 at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting will be from 9:00 until 10:30 a.m. For more information call Tom Payton, NRCS, 325-387-2730.

The ASU SBDC & the Ozona Chamber of Commerce are presenting an Introduction to Quick Books seminar on Tuesday, April 22, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Ozona ISD. There is a \$25 registration fee. Please call the Chamber at 325-392-3737 for more information or to register.

A Community Trust Fund has been established at the First National Bank to assist in the remodeling the bathroom of Sonora resident, Rosie Fay. The remodeling will make her bathroom ADA accessible. Donations will be appreciated. For more information call Annette Castro at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 387-2278.

Well-wishers are encouraged to continue sending mail to 13 year-old Johnell Casparis, who is recovering from HSV Encephalitis. Your cards and letters have been a great inspiration to her and her family. Send mail to: Johnell Casparis, Cook Children's Hospital, 801 Seventh Street, Room 6402, Fort Worth TX 76104-2796.

The Dominion/BB Chemical Relay for Life team is selling raffle tickets for \$1 a chance, to win a DVD/CD/VCR combo player. Contact any team member to get your tickets today. All proceeds will benefit the ACS Relay for Life.

The T&C Village Market Relay for Life team will be having a bake sale on April 18th and a car wash on May 10th, in the T&C Village Market parking lot. All proceeds will benefit the ACS Relay for Life.

The St. John's Episcopal Church is having a garage sale on April 26, 2003 in the Church yard. All proceeds will benefit the ACS Relay for Life.

The Girl Scouts will have their End of the year Award Ceremony at the County Park on Sunday, April 27, 2003 at 12:30 p.m. Each girl will be responsible for bringing a picnic lunch for her & her family. Any questions please call Mrs. Tammy Favila 387-3661.

All Youth are invited to a National Day of Prayer "Freedom Youth Rally" on April 30th at 6:00 p.m. at the Lighthouse Community Church (the old theater across the street from the Civic Center).

Everyone is invited to the National Day of Prayer to be held May 1, 2003 at the Amphitheater (behind the Cauthorn Memorial Bldg. - old Depot) from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Come join us to pray for our nation during this crucial time. FMI 387-3625 or 277-3353

A Cinco De Mayo Celebration will be held May 3, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Slab. Bingo, food booths, craft booths, entertainment, games for children, cake walk, piñata and more. Grupo Estilo will play for the dance from 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. For more information contact Mike Villanueva at 387-5300 or the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880.

Project Graduation will be held on Friday, May 30, 2003. Please send donations or prizes to Beth Wallace, 410 S.E. Crockett, Sonora, Texas. If you have any questions, please call Beth Wallace at 387-5786 or Sandi Ainsworth at 387-3737.

Anyone interested in attending Texas ELKS camp can contact Juanita Gomez at 450-0245 or 387-5666. Any child with disabilities not requiring one-on-one care, ages 6 to 16, who is a resident of the State of Texas, is eligible. An admissions committee reviews each application. Eligibility disregards race, religion, or ethnic origin. The camp is free of charge. Six 6-day camp sessions available between June 15 and Aug. 2. Donations are needed to pay for travel expenses, a fund has been set up at First National Bank.

The 2003 Yearbooks are on sale for \$35. Come to the high school or send your payment to the following address: S.H.S. Yearbook Department, 807 SE Concho, Sonora, TX 76950. You can also call Kristin Keel at 387-6533 ext. 315 for more details.

Sonora Elementary is collecting Box Tops, used Cellular Telephones and used ink-cartridges. You may drop any of these items off at either elementary office.

## U.I.L. District Academic



The Sonora High School 2003 U.I.L. District Academic Results are as follows:

**Calculator Applications** - Tara Green 4th, Chelsea Seaton 5th, Susanna Street 6th

**Computer Science** - Shannon Vick 5th, Joseph Ainsworth 6th

**Number Sense** - Embry Smith 6th

**Lincoln Douglas Debate** - Chelsea Seaton

**Informative Speaking** - Tamika Marshall 3rd, Warren Wallace 4th, Brea Hughes 6th

**Persuasive Speaking** - Allison Higdon 4th, Evangelina Martinez 6th

**Poetry Interpretation** - Elizabeth Elliott 2nd

**Prose Interpretation** - Courtney Caruthers 3rd

**Team Speech** - 2nd

**Feature** - Kate Higdon 2nd, Wilson Wallace 4th

**Newsriting** - Evangelina Martinez 1st, Katrina Hernandez 5th

**Editorial** - Sheryl Strauch 2nd

**Headline** - Sheryl Strauch 2nd, Wilson Wallace 4th

**Team Journalism** 2nd

## Pre-Kindergarten Registration

Pre-Kindergarten Registration will be on April 24 and 25 from 7:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. at the Sonora Elementary Office.

Please bring your child's social security card, birth certificate, and current immunization record. You must have an updated immunization record with you in order to register your child.

Sonora Elementary is offering a full day Pre-Kindergarten program (8:00-2:30) to all students who will be 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2003. Students may qualify for the program by meeting the criteria for Limited English Proficient or economically disadvantaged. Those students who qualify for Pre-Kindergarten as Limited English Proficient or economically disadvantaged will not be charged to attend.

If a student does not qualify, they may enroll and pay tuition charged at an annual rate of \$2150 or \$215 per month. Tuition includes the price of breakfast, lunch, and our after school program, which is open from 2:30 to 5:15 each day. The first and last months payment will be due August 1st of this year. Eight additional payments will be due on the first of each month. Space is limited to a maximum of 15 students. Slots will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

## Matriculacion de Pre-Kindergarten

Matriculación de Pre-Kindergarten

24 y 25 de abril

7:30-4:00

Oficina de Sonora Elementary School

Por favor presente la tarjeta de seguro social, acta de nacimiento, y registro de vacunas que esté al corriente. Su hijo/hija necesita estar al corriente con las vacunas para poder matricularse.

Sonora Elementary School está ofreciendo el programa de pre-Kindergarten un día completo (8:00-2:30) para todos los estudiantes que tendrán 4 años de edad cumplidos para el 1 de septiembre, 2003. Los estudiantes pueden calificar para el programa si están limitados en el idioma de ingles o si son económicamente desaventajados. Esos estudiantes que califican por su limitacion en el idioma de ingles o económicamente desaventajados no se les cobrara para asistir.

Si un estudiante no califica, se puede matricular y pagar un costo anual de \$2150 o \$215 por mes. Este cargo incluye el precio del almuerzo, la comida, y nuestro programa después de escuela llamado Discovery Zone. Este programa se ofrece de las 2:30-5:15 cada día. El primer y ultimo pago se debe pagar el primero de agosto de este año. Ocho pagos adicionales se deben pagar el día primero de cada mes. El espacio es limitado a un máximo de 15 estudiantes. Se servira al que venga primero.

## Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration will be on April 24 and 25 from 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Elementary School Office.

Kindergarten registration is open to all students who will be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2003.

\*\*\*\* Please bring your child's social security card, birth certificate, and current immunization record. You must have an updated immunization record with you in order to register your child. Please call 387-2414 if you have any questions.

## Matriculacion de Kindergarten

Matriculación de Kindergarten

24 y 25 de abril

7:30-4:00

Oficina de la escuela Sonora Elementary

Matriculación para Kindergarten se ofrece para todos los estudiantes que tendrán 5 años de edad para el primero de septiembre, 2003

\*\*\*\* Por favor presente la tarjeta de seguro social, acta de nacimiento, y registro de vacunas que este al corriente. Necesita tener todas las vacunas requeridas en el registro para poder matricular a su hijo/hija. Por favor llame al 387-2414 si tiene preguntas.

## Head Start Program Registration

The Tom Green and Concho Valley C.D.I. Head Start Program Registration for the 2003-2004 school year will be on Wednesday, April 23, 2003 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Sonora Head Start Center located at 511 Cornell.

Tom Green & Concho Valley Community Development Institute - Head Start Program is a comprehensive, pre-k program. Serving children 3 & 4 years of age, children participate in a program that provides them a "Head Start" to education, social and self-help skills and their health and dental care. Head Start children receive a nutritious breakfast, snack and lunch; participate in large and small group activities; individual activities, center time, story time and many successful self-esteem building exercises.

It is required that the child be three years old by September 1st, in order to register for the Head Start Program. Parents or guardians of a child must bring copies of the following: Proof of income (3 recent consecutive check stubs, 2/2 W-2/1040 Tax Return or TANF), Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, Up-to-date immunization record, and if applicable, Medicaid, Health Insurance Coverage for child. All of these items MUST BE BROUGHT with you to register your child for the program.

Children with disabilities are a priority to the program. When applying, please be sure to inform the Center Director if this applies to your child.

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### Broncos Win Big Game Over Wall Hawks

by Nancy Glasscock

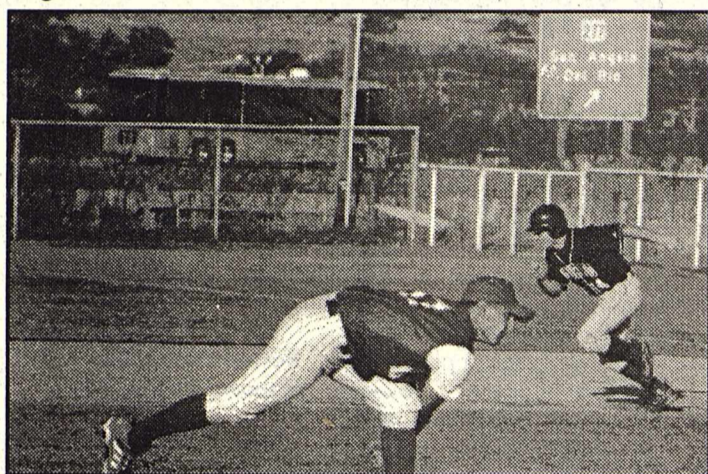
This was for all intents and purposes the game of the season for the Sonora Bronco Varsity Baseball team. The team's chances to make the playoffs were in the balance. Scottie Moore came through for the Broncos and pitched a one-hitter. He also struck out eight Hawk batters. The Broncos won 3-1.

The Broncos started out quickly against the Hawks and got two runs in the first inning. Leadoff batter Moore, helped both the team's record and his win-loss record by getting the first of his two singles. Caleb Gulley got on base due to an error by the right fielder. With two on, Israel Arevalo hit a long single to left to score both

Gulley and courtesy runner, Juan Rodriguez. The Broncos only other run came in the second inning, when Emmanuel Lopez scored from third on a Moore single.

The Hawks' starting pitcher Jansa lasted three and two-thirds innings. He allowed three runs, gave up five hits and struck out one Bronco batter. The Hawk reliever, Halfman gave up one hit, no runs and struck out one Bronco batter.

The Broncos are in a race with Ozona and Reagan County for the third playoff spot. The Ozona Lions travel to Sonora today and face the Broncos at 5 PM. The last game of the regular season is April 22 in Grape Creek at 5 PM.



Scottie Moore pitches a one-hitter against Wall. Photo by Pattie Strauch

### J.V. Broncos Win Again

by Maray Cearley

Sonora Junior Varsity Baseball increased their win record to 10 as they defeated the Wall Hawks 11-1. The Broncos last 5 games have been called due to the 10 run rule.

On the mound for Sonora was Clint Cearley, who went the distance with 9 strikeouts. He only gave up 3 hits.

Offensively, the Broncos pounded the ball.

In the first inning Chris Perez reached base on an error. Cearley then doubled, scoring Perez.

The second inning found the Broncos having 15 at-bats, which resulted in 9 runs. Brian Payton had a triple and Roland Solis and Cearley each had doubles. Diego Cardona, Embre Smith, Dustin Creek and Perez all had singles. In the final two innings, Perez and Cearley were the only batters that were credited with singles.

The Broncos continue to play well together. They will play their two remaining games this week. Come out and see the future of Sonora Baseball.

### Broncos Finish Fourth At District Track Meet

The Sonora Bronco Varsity Track Team finished 4th at the District Meet in Ozona on April 10, 2003 with 116 points. Reagan Co. was 1st with 136, followed by Ozona in 2nd with 128 and Wall in 3rd with 121 points.

Results for Sonora were as follows:

- 100m Dash - 1. Dustin Martin 10.88, 5. Hilton Bloodworth 11.51
- 400m Dash - 2. Wilson Wallace 52.99, 6. Steven Duhon 55.08
- 800m Dash - 4. Luis Segura 2:12.18
- 3200m Run - 6. Nicholas Favela 11:54.31
- 400m Relay - 1. Manuel

Lopez, Juan Rodriguez, Wilson Wallace and Dustin Martin 43.66

800m Relay - 1. Hilton Bloodworth, Juan Rodriguez, Manuel Lopez, and Dustin Martin 1:32.58

1600m Relay - 3. Wilson Wallace, Luis Segura, Manuel Lopez, and Cameron Cox 3:37.60

300m Hurdles - 1. Juan Rodriguez 40.14

Shot Put - 3. Trapper Valliant 46'6 1/2"

Discus - 3. Trapper Valliant 129'11"

High Jump - 1. Scottie Moore 6'6"

Pole Vault - 3. Josh Hopkins 12'6"

### Lady Broncos Finish Fourth At District

The Sonora Lady Broncos Track Team competed in the District Track Meet in Ozona on Thursday, April 10, 2003. The Ladies finished fourth in the team totals with 85 points. Wall was 1st with 193 points, Reagan County was 2nd with 162 points and Ozona was 3rd with 106 points.

Sonora Lady Bronco results were:

- Pole Vault - 4. Courtney Caruthers 8'0"
- Shot Put - 3. Danielle Fox 31'3 1/2"
- Discus - 6. Adriana Castillo 83'8"
- High Jump - 1. Morgan Hobbs 5'2"
- Long Jump - 3. Megan Berry 16'8 1/2", 6. Lauren

Smith 15'1 1/4"

Triple Jump - 3. Megan Berry 33'9 1/4"

400 Relay - 6. Lauren Smith, Cady Taylor, Danielle Matthews, and Megan Berry 53.81

100 Hurdles - 1. Morgan Hobbs 15.07

100 - 3. Megan Berry 12.93

800 Relay - 5. Perla Perez, Courtney Caruthers, Brea Hughes, Danielle Matthews 1:55.77

300 Hurdles - 1. Morgan Hobbs 47.80

200 - 3. Megan Berry 27.36

1600 Relay - 3. Lauren Smith, Morgan Hobbs, Brea Hughes, and Perla Perez 4:21.01

### J.V. Track Team Ends Season In Fifth

The J.V. Bronco Track Team finished fifth with 60 points at the District Meet in Ozona on April 10, 2003. Wall was 1st with 203, Eldorado 2nd with 115, Reagan Co. 3rd with 100 and Grape Creek 4th with 83.

Sonora results were:

- 100m Dash - 2. Stevie Hernandez 11.48
- 200m Dash - 5. Laramie Hall 25.

400m Dash - 3. Romo 58.73

3200m Run - Barthelmy 14:22.80

800m Relay - 1. Hay, Payton, Santana, and Hernandez 1:38.61

300m Hurdles - 6. Vaquera 50.54

High Jump - 6. Vaquera 5'4"

Pole Vault - 1. Roberts 10'0", 2. Vaquera 9'6"

### 8th Grade Lady Colts Win District

The 8th Grade Lady Colts took off in Big Lake and came home the District Champs, winning with 162.75 points. Wall finished second with 152.75 points and Reagan County was third with 98 points.

The results in Big Lake were as follows:

2400 Yard Run - 2. Alexie Ortiz 10:29.00, 3. Jennifer Gonzales 11:36.00 4. Emily Butler 11:45.00

High Jump - 5. (tie) Meghan Krieg 3'10"

Pole Vault - 1. Kayla Fields 7'06"

Long Jump - 1. Amanda Berry 15'01", 11. Chasady Garcia 11'11", 14. Erica Hernandez 10'09.5"

Triple Jump - 1. Amanda Berry 30'07", 7. Meghan Krieg 28'75"

Shot Put - 1. Brandy Neff 25'5", 7. Delma Tovar 21'09.5", 11. Mandie Castilleja 21'75"

Discus - 1. Brandy Neff 70'04", 2. Stacy Sanchez 62'09", 16. Kaija Valkonen 45'05"

100 yard Dash - 2. Kayla Fields 13.97, 8. Allyse Edmondson 14.61, 15. McKenzie Perez 16.12

200 yard Dash - 1. Amanda Berry 27.01, 6. Allyse Edmondson 30.72, 12. Delma Tovar 31.96

400 yard Dash - 2. Erica Hernandez 1:06.48, 10. Felisha

Gomez 1:18.87

800 yard Dash - 8. Felisha Gomez 3:05.00

100 yard Hurdles - 10. Meghan Krieg 19.55, 11. Taylor Liverman 19.59

300 yard Hurdles - 8. Taylor Liverman 1:00.81

400 yard Relay - 1. Amanda Berry, Kayla Fields, Chasady Garcia and Erica Hernandez 54.40

800 yard Relay - 1. Amanda Berry, Kayla Fields, Chasady Garcia and Erica Hernandez

1600 yard Relay - 3. Chasady Garcia, Jennifer Gonzales, Allyse Edmondson and Meghan Krieg 1:54:05

### The Flame Competitive Team Heats Up In San Angelo



The Flame competitive team is burning up the softball fields, winning the the Concho Valley Spring Tune Up Tournament in San Angelo last weekend, April 12th and 13th. The Flames are coached by Mike Krieg (top left) and the girls playing this year are: (Top L to R) Brandy Neff, Phoebe Guanaro (San Angelo), Kayla Fields, (middle) Meghan Krieg, Reba Bernal (Ft. Stockton), Becca Skinner (Robert Lee), (front) Cassie Krieg, Claudia Mendez (San Angelo), Dina Ortiz (Pecos), Ruby Bernal (Ft. Stockton).

The next tournament for the Flames will be in Midland on April 26th and 27th.

### Sonora Softballers Competing With Big Country Blue Sox

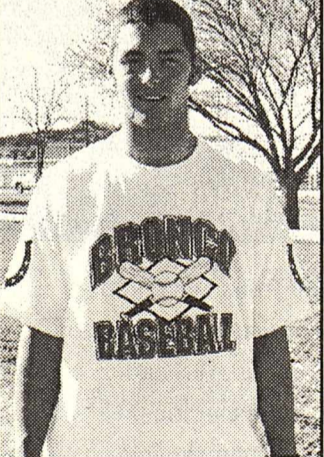


Three local Sonora girls are playing 12 and under competitive girls fastpitch softball with the Big Country Blue Sox based in Abilene, Texas. They play tournaments on the weekends, mostly around the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. They recently won the Texas Thunder Tournament held in Abilene on March 12 & 13th. They also won the Andrews tournament the weekend of March 5th & 6th. They are front row far left Kimble Luna, back row 3rd from left Heather Hughes, and back row 4th from left Azeneth Villanueva.

### Spotlight On Sonora Bronco Baseball

This week's "Spotlight" shines on:

Scottie Moore



Scottie is the 18 year old son of Mike and Sue Moore. He is a Sr. this year and he pitches and plays third base for the Broncos.

Scottie's favorite food is Enchiladas with beans and rice, his dream car is a 67 SS Chevll 4 spd 396 and he wants to be a college baseball coach when he grows up. Cal Ripkin, Jr. is Scottie's favorite Professional Baseball Player.

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\*MILIBUS MOST WANTED  
(PG-13) 1:20 3:20 5:20 7:20 9:50  
\*A MAN APART dts (R) 1:45 4:40 7:15 9:45  
\*PHONE BOOTH (R) 1:15 3:15 7:40 10:00  
\*HEAD OF STATE dts PG-13 2:30 5:00 5:15 7:35 9:55  
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#### 2003 Softball Schedule


Apr. 15  
Wall • There  
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Apr. 17  
Grape Creek • Here  
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#### 2003 Sonora Bronco Tennis


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#### 2003 Track Schedule

Apr. 18-19  
Regional Qualifiers • TBA  
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Apr. 25-26  
Regional @ Abilene  
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State Qualifiers • TBA  
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State @ Austin  
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#### 2003 Sonora Bronco Baseball

Varsity  
Apr. 15  
Eldorado • There  
5:00 p.m.  
Apr. 17  
Ozona • Here  
5:00 p.m.  
Apr. 22  
Grape Creek • There  
5:00 p.m.

J. Varsity  
Apr. 14  
Wall • There  
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## Farm Service Agency Announces Expanded Livestock Compensation Program

Eldorado, TX – Livestock producers who were not eligible for the LCP-I Livestock Compensation Program due to county ineligibility, or missed the application deadline, may have another opportunity to participate during the LCP-II sign-up period as outlined in the Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003.

Sign-up for the expanded program, referred to as LCP-II, began on April 1 and will run through early June, according to Jan Wanoreck, County Executive Director of the Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde County Farm Service Agency. "Congress opened the program to more producers by expanding the eligibility dates and adding catfish as an eligible commodity," she said.

Producers who were eligible for LCP but did not file an application by the Dec. 13, 2002, deadline also have an opportunity to apply.

The 2002 program, announced last October, was limited to livestock producers headquartered in a county designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as a primary disaster county between Jan. 1, 2001 and Sept. 19, 2002. LCP-II makes eligible any counties that were requested as primary disaster areas under a presidential or secretarial declaration by Feb. 20, 2003, and that were subsequently approved. Counties named as contiguous counties are not eligible for the program.

Owner and livestock eligibility requirements remain unchanged. To be eligible for assistance a producer's livestock operation headquarters must be physically located in a county with a qualifying disaster designation. Eligible livestock are cattle, sheep, goats, and buffalo, as well as catfish.

The livestock must have been owned or subject to a cash lease on June 1, 2002, and have been owned or leased for a minimum of 90 days. The June 1 date could fall anytime within the 90-day period. Animals located in a commercial feedlot are eligible provided they are

producer-owned and the owner meets all eligibility requirements. Animals that were sold or died on or after June 1, 2002, and that meet all other eligibility requirements may be eligible for payment. LCP-II payments will be based on number of eligible livestock and catfish.

Wanoreck said payment would be available as soon as possible after an eligible producer has signed up and the application has been processed. Producers participating in LCP-II are subject to a \$2.5 million gross revenue limitation. Payments are limited to \$40,000 per person and livestock covered under LCP-I are not eligible for LCP-II.

According to Wanoreck, livestock producers should be aware that eligibility requirements not previously outlined in LCP-I are now required by LCP-II provisions. These additional requirements stipulate that producers meet all conservation compliance provisions and that the applicant's combined per-entity benefits for LCP-I and LCP-II cannot exceed \$40,000. Furthermore, a producer who was determined ineligible for LCP-I for non-compliance (or any other reason) is considered ineligible for LCP-II as well.

Other provision changes for LCP-II require that livestock producers provide sales and proof of death loss documentation for livestock that were sold or died after June 1, 2002. This documentation must be submitted to FSA at the time of application.

"Due to program changes and to insure efficiency, I highly recommend that livestock producers interested in LCP-II contact FSA to determine eligibility and identify documentation required for application before coming into the county office," said Wanoreck.

For more information about the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP), FSA or other farm bill provisions contact your local FSA office at 325/853-3535 or visit the national web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

## Oil & Agribusiness

### Ranch Rumbblings

by Preston Faris

#### Private Applicator Licensing School Scheduled

Preston Faris will be hosting a school to assist those persons who do not have a private applicator license for pesticide purchase and application on Thursday, April 24, 2003. The school will be held at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center beginning at 8:00 a.m. and the cost of the school will be \$20.00.

This is for those persons who do not now have a valid license or certificate. If you had a license and have allowed it to be canceled because you did not get the required CEUs or if you have never had a license then this is the deal for you. If your license expired less than 12 months ago you will not be able to receive a license immediately but you can take the training and the examination necessary to complete the procedure to be re-licensed. The class will begin with registration at 8:00 a.m. at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center. Instruction will be given all morning. Mr. Caine Cline will then be on hand in the afternoon beginning at 1:00 p.m. to administer the examination and help you complete the forms from the Texas Department of Agriculture and discuss the fees required for you to receive your license. If you currently have a valid license or certificate, there are no CEUs offered at this school and you need not come. It is only for those needing a valid license or wishing to update from a certificate to a license.

#### Public Meeting To Be Held For USDA Program Development Guidelines

Local USDA agencies in cooperation with Texas Cooperative Extension will be hosting a public meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2003 at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center

### Southwest Texas ACA Recognized For Excellence

Southwest Texas ACA received the Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT) Pacesetter Award for achieving FCBT's highest possible rating in 2002. The award recognizes outstanding performance in the areas of loan growth and financial operations. Accepting the award on behalf of the Association were CEO Rick Rothe and Board Chairman Shelby Henke.

Southwest Texas ACA exceeded a rigid set of growth and financial performance standards set by the bank and "is an exemplary lending institution that sets the pace in the Tenth Farm Credit District" said Larry Doyle, FCBT chief executive officer. This is the third year in a row that Southwest Texas ACA has received the bank's top rating.

Southwest Texas ACA is headquartered in Devine and has branch offices in Edinburg, Hondo, Laredo, Marfa, Pleasanton, San Antonio, Sonora and Uvalde. The ACA has more than \$470 million in mortgage and production loans outstanding to rural residents, agricultural producers and agri-business operations.

SWTACA directors from Sonora that Attended the Farm Credit Bank of Texas Annual Stockholder's Meeting and awards ceremony were Glen C. Richardson and Billy Savell.

to review and prioritize Resource Concerns involved in planning and implementing the upcoming 2003 EQIP - Environmental Quality Incentives Program. Registration for this meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the planning meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. Your concerns and opinions are crucial to helping develop the guidelines for local implementation of this program.

#### District Meeting of Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Assn. to be held at T-Saucer Ranch

Bob Brockman has notified me that he and his planning committee have planned the meeting for District 5 of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Assn. for Tuesday, May 6, 2003. The meeting will be a social event as well as a planning activity and it will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the T-Saucer Ranch located south of Sonora. There will be a catered meal hosted by the Sutton County directors for the evening and it is hoped that many local sheep and goat producers will attend.

#### Sutton County Predator Management Association To Meet

There will be a meeting of the SCPMA at the T-Saucer Ranch prior to the meeting of the TSGRA district directors. The time for this meeting will be 5:30 p.m.

#### Sonora Wool and Mohair Show Set for June 17-19

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend activities of the annual show and judging contests to be held in Sonora. Many of you should have put up a show bag of wool for the show. Sheep are really shearing well this spring and there should be some wool in everyone's flock which could be shown.

10:27 a.m. Saturday



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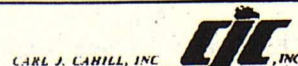
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### Rig Locations as of April 11, 2003

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New Dominion; 7400' Duke Wilson - #1717, Patterson Drilling.  
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- Crockett County**  
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New Devon Energy; 9500' Ruby Helbing - 27 - #5, Patterson Drilling.  
New Encore Operating; 9200' Jones Ranch - B - #1138, Key Energy.  
J. Cleo Thompson; 9000' Vaughan - 86 - #2, Patterson Drilling.  
Pogo Producing Co.; 8500' Ranch Hand - 7 - #2, Patterson Drilling.  
New Anadarko; 7200' Jones-Miller #8, Patterson Drilling.
- Terrell**  
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- Val Verde**  
New Phillips Pet.; 10220' Cauthorn - H - #1, Patterson Drilling.
- Edwards**  
Dominion E&P; 9500' Canyon Ranch #2151E, Patterson Drilling.  
New Dominion; 7500' Canyon Ranch #1132E, Patterson Drilling.  
Schleicher  
New TXP, Inc.; 4300' Jones - A - #6, Heart Land Drilling.  
New Unit Petroleum; 7100' Williams #1-6, Heart Land Drilling.



# 2003 SONORA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS BANQUET

## COUNTY FAIR



Popcorn, candy apples and balloons are a must at a county fair.



Sutton County 4-H members bob for apples at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce County Fair.



Swing Your Partner Do-si-do

Chamber directors and guests dressed the part to enjoy the County Fair.



It was "country come to town" at the 2003 Chamber of Commerce County Fair.




Outgoing Chamber of Commerce President, Beth Snyder was acknowledged with a plaque of appreciation for all that she has accomplished during her tenure. Beth thanked her employer, James Archer, for allowing her the time to do all that was required of her during 2002.




Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Brant Myers, Ben Solis and Frank Wamble, along with Miss Sutton County, Koda Armke were the official judges of the pie baking and home canning contest.



Thank you Beth Snyder for a job well done as the 2002 Chamber President!



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## BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

The Business Person of the Year is a Lifetime resident of Sutton County.

This person attended Sonora Schools, graduated in 1985 and then attended Texas A & M University where she graduated in 1989 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Economics.

She then married a professional cowboy, and they made Sonora their home, where they joined the family ranching business. She is extremely dedicated to her family, who are also very supportive of her.

Besides being a mother and having a full-time career, she is a very active member of our community.

She is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, where she serves as a Sunday School teacher. She is a member of the Parent-Teacher Organization, she serves on the Site-Base committee for Sonora's Schools, she is a Member of Sonora Woman's Club, where she has been an officer for 6 years and is currently serving as President and she is a member of Sonora's Golf Auxiliary, where she is currently serving as Treasurer.

This lady takes an active role in the Sutton County 4-H Club with her sons and serves as a Board member for The Bank and Trust of Sutton County.

Looking for a career in Sonora that she could pursue when she was not traveling on the rodeo circuit with her husband, this business person realized that having taken the

majority of her elective courses at A & M in Real Estate, she only needed to take the Real Estate exam to become an agent. In 1991, she took the exam and began her career in Real Estate. She became an agent for Martha McLain Real Estate. That year she made her first sale in Sonora, selling a home on Crockett Street to Royce and Gloria Miers. Then in 1994, she received her broker's license and established a Real Estate Company. In 1995 she and her husband purchased the old Sonora Electric Company building on Main Street from Nelson Stubblefield and began the restoration of that historic building. It was one of the first buildings to be restored on Sonora's Historic Main Street. Her successful story is known to all of us. She has been involved in over 200 sales in her career, averaging 18 homes per year. In 2002 she sold 23 homes in addition to ranch properties. One of her strongest assets in her business is that a client to her, is a friend as well. She has definitely "never met a stranger". Having been an academic achiever, participating in school athletics, 4-H, Jr. rodeo, Intercollegiate rodeo, professional rodeo and being an Aggie, she has traveled to many places and has numerous friends around the country.

Happily married to Keith, with two sons, John Duke and Word, our 2002 Business Person of the Year is Anita Hudson, owner and operator of Main Street Realty.



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**ANITA HUDSON**  
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## EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

What is a good teacher? With a profession full of modest stars, identifying the individuals who stand out is always going to be extremely difficult. But it is worth it. In most of our memories, there is that one teacher that stands out above the rest. The teacher that took an active interest in our academic success. The one that made learning fun and exciting. The one that was patient and understanding, yet firm in disciplinary situations. The one that took the time to get to know the parents, and keep them informed on all that is going on in their child's life. This year's educator of the year is all that and more. For many year's she has taken the young minds of Sonora's youth and molded them into prosperous, intelligent, independent learners. She has taken that extra step to ensure that all her students are receiving the special attention needed to ensure a positive

learning experience. She greets them each day with a smile and hug, and sends them home with that same special treatment. Not only does she spend time with her students during their scheduled learning time, but she attends special events on her own time, supporting those children in all that they do. She is always working to continue her education, learning the latest trends and updating her teaching materials to make sure that the children are receiving the quality education they deserve.

People say that the first few year's of a child's life is the most important as far as learning, so it is important that our children receive a good, balanced, loving education early on - well, this educator has done that for over 19 years. Her career began when her oldest child was just starting school, that child is graduating from college this year! There is a



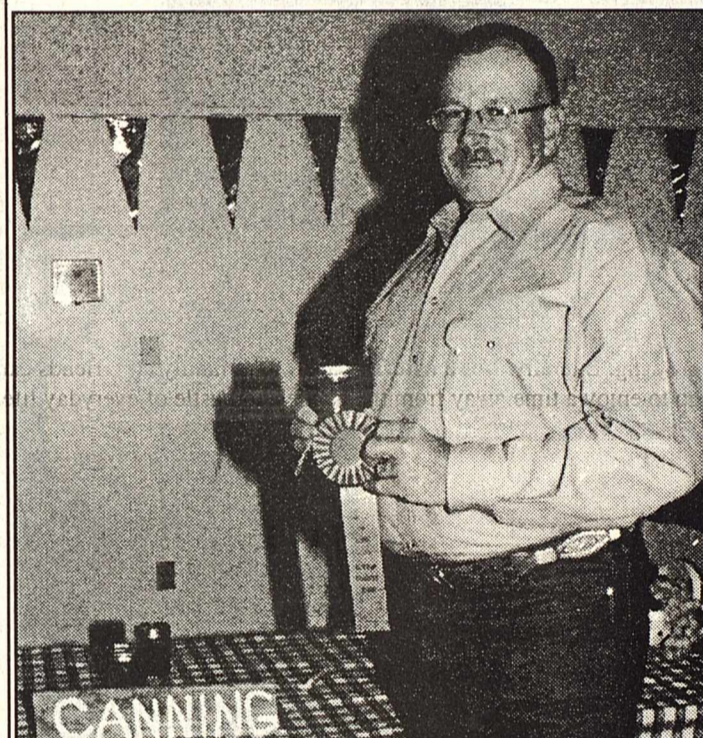
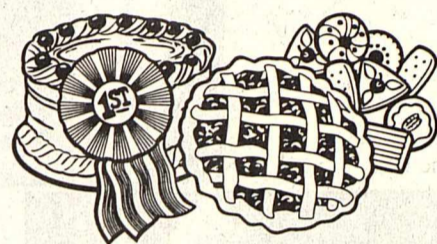
**"RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION"**  
**KATHY HARDGRAVE**

waiting list to get in her "class", because her reputation is so upstanding with the community. She teaches Sonora's little ones their ABCs, 123s, colors, shapes, songs, and even different languages - including sign language. She is an active member of the St. Ann's Catholic Church where she has led the choir for many year's. She is the wife of Gary, the mother of Kristen and Ryan and is well deserving of this award, Mrs. Kathy Hardgrave!

## PIE BAKING AND HOME CANNING CONTEST WINNERS



Kathy Knight baked up some fun, winning 1st in the Chamber of Commerce Pie Baking contest with her "Mystery Pie".




Mickey Phillips was the winner of the Chamber of Commerce Hot Sauce Canning Contest.

We would like to congratulate the  
*Business Person of the Year*

**Anita Hudson**

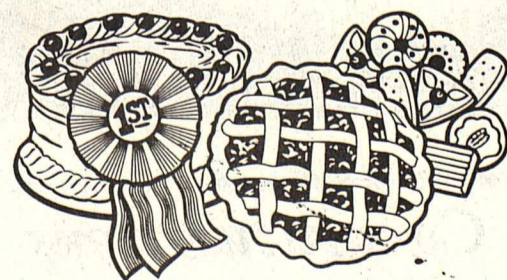


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**OUTSTANDING CHAMBER MEMBER OF THE YEAR**



**"2002 CHAMBER COUNTY KING"  
JIMMY CAHILL**

Each year the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors selects an "Outstanding Chamber Member of the Year". This is a member of the Chamber, be it an individual or a business, that has gone above and beyond the normal duties of a chamber member, volunteering their time, money and/or ideas to help improve our community, bringing in visitors and/or new businesses and boosting our economy. This year's winner has done that and more. Working on improving our community is nothing new to this winner, he's been here a long time and came by it naturally. His parents were also active in Sonora, helping to build it up to a better place. This person gets an idea and runs with it. This gentleman has even been referred to as one of the "most civic minded members of this community", even though most of the time he prefers to be out of the limelight. Although he is working on many projects, one in particular really stands out right now. He has taken the leading role in developing a project that was the brain child of a sub-committee of the SIDC. Now, this person didn't do this all on his own. There are committees, volunteers, organizations and even paid employees that have helped the progression, but it is under his guidance that this project has become what it is.

The Eaton Hill project took off in 2000 and is continuously growing. Literally. It is a natural place where family and friends can go to enjoy a time away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. There are hiking trails, picnic areas, water fountains, native flora, rock art, bird viewing buildings and feeders, and many geological interests. Much of the construction of trails, observation areas and fountains were made with equipment and labor donated by this member's company. He even hired someone to concentrate on promoting the hill, encouraging publicity and knowledge of the sanctuary.

He is also an active member of the West Texas Tourism Partnership, a project that joins Sonora with surrounding counties to draw tourists to our area. This group is constantly looking for ways to show travelers that this is the place to spend some time and money. It is this constant commitment to improve where we live that makes Jimmy Cahill the "Outstanding Chamber Member of the Year"

**Congratulations Sonora Chamber of Commerce and this year's honorees!**



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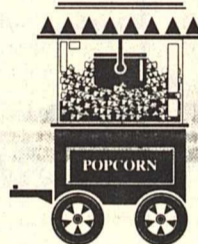
Our hats are off to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce and this years Honorees!



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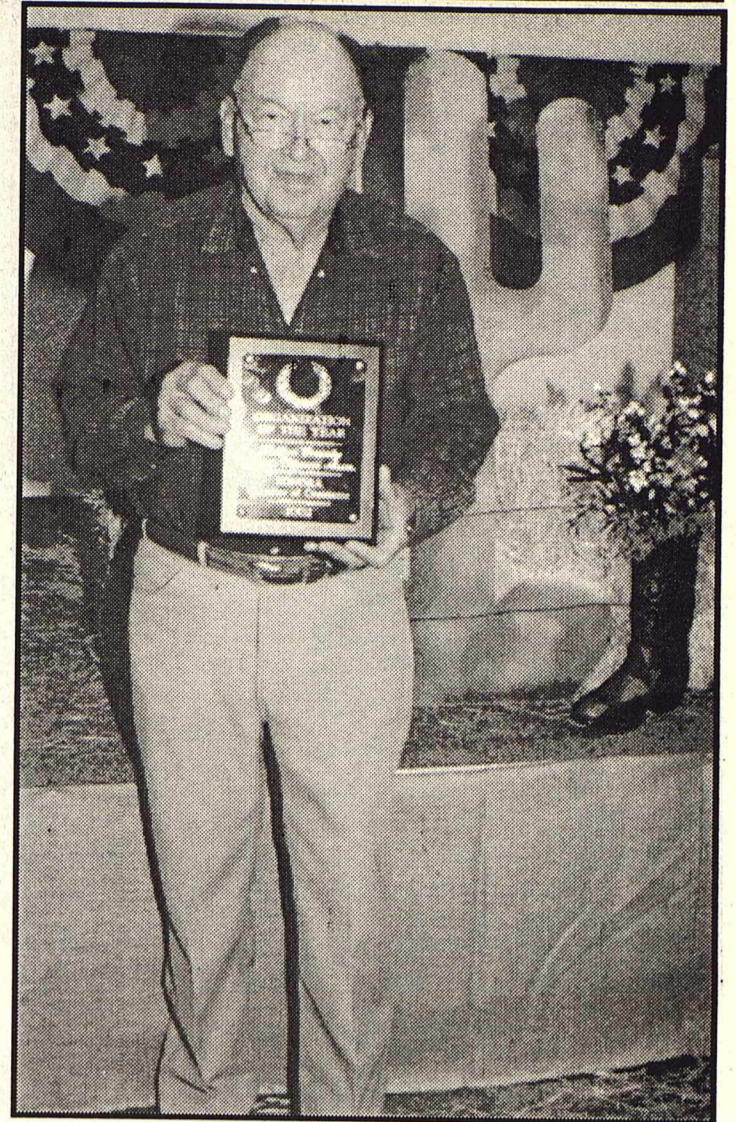
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**ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR**



**"BEST OF SHOW"  
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The Organization of the Year was founded in 1967 by local rancher Bill Stewart. He got the idea from a friend in San Antonio who invited him down there to a fancy shindig at La Villita on the river. After that, Sonora began having an annual event under the sponsorship of the Lions Club. Everyone barbequed goat because hunting season hadn't started yet, after that everyone involved decided to start planning ahead to ensure a better menu the next year. Bill's wife decided that they needed some venison chili, so she asked Allison Powers, Lucille McMillan and Elsie Schwiening to help her and they fixed up a bunch.

The event was started mainly for the community to thank the visiting hunters for contributing to Sutton County's economy. The event continued to grow, so in 1983 the members moved the date from the first Tuesday to the second Saturday of hunting season and by the late 1980's they began renting tents to take care of the crowd.

Each year thousands of dollars worth of prizes are given away by this organization and recently they used some of the money they had raised and added a closed in serving area on the Sutton Co. Dance Slab. With over 150 members, and volunteers, this organization is one of the strongest in Sutton County and helps bring lots of visitors to our community, boosting the local economy. The years have seen many improvements out at the Sutton County Park, and the annual event has been moved into the Civic Center and a much larger menu of wild game has been added, as well as larger prizes. Attendance in the most recent years averages approximately 1200 people. The Sutton County Game Dinner is the second oldest of it's kind in Texas and the oldest in West Central Texas, definitely earning the Game Dinner Association the title of "Organization of the Year!"

There have been numerous hard working and dedicated "past" officers since the Game Dinner Association began years ago. A few of the past presidents include Bill Stewart, the late Scott Shurley, Carl Teaff, Pascal Allison, and Corky Schwiening.

Current officers for the association are: President- Tim Cole, VP- Kirk Joy and Sec/Treas - Beth Snyder.

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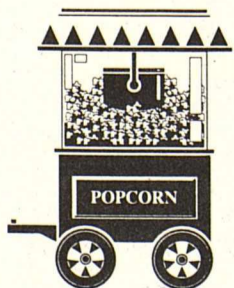
Members of Sonora, Randy Wuest, Paul Stephens and Ed Newton, joined here by Miss Sutton County Koda Armke, kept everyone's toes tappin at the County Fair. (not pictured: Thomas Bedwell)

**Raise the rafters for the Sonora Chamber of Commerce! Congratulations to this year's Honorees!**



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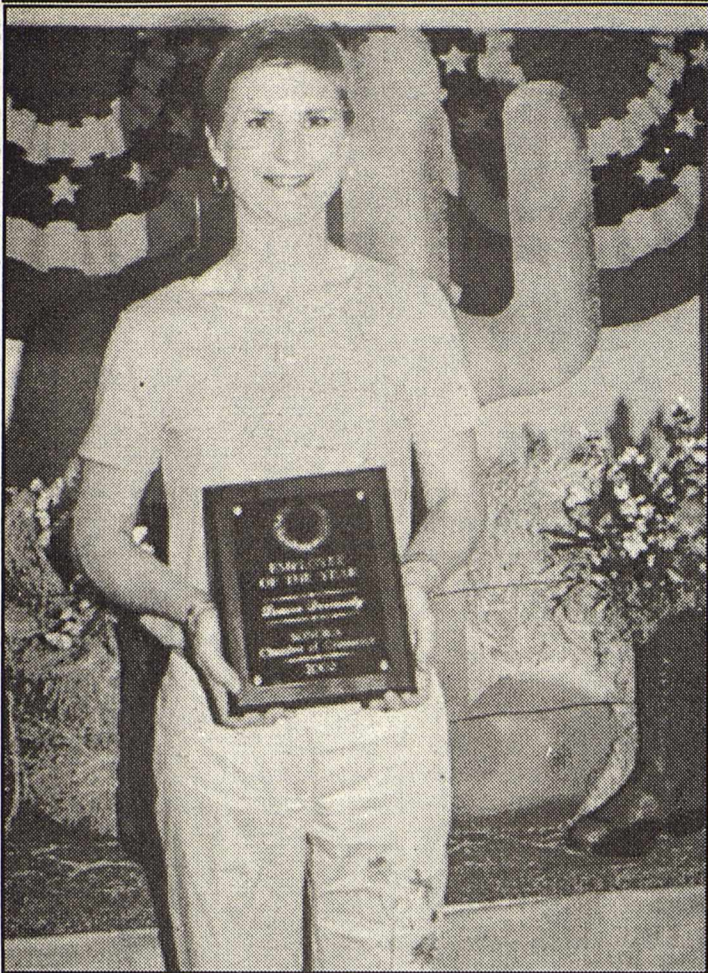


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Way to go 2003 Chamber Honorees!



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**EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

**"BLUE RIBBON WINNER"**  
**LOUISE DERMODY**

This year's Employee of the Year is an employee to more than just the person that signs her checks. She is an employee of this community, working every day to do the best job she can do. The residents of Sonora have seen the job fulfilled by this employee and respects her for all that she does.

She has lived in Sonora since 1990, the daughter of a long time Sutton County ranching family. She graduated from Winters High School in 1984 and continued her education at Texas Tech University and then transferred to Texas A&M University, where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture Economics. Returning to San Angelo, she attended Angelo State University and received her teacher's certification. In June of 1990 she married her college sweetheart and they moved to Sonora to make their home and join the family ranching operation. She continued her pursuit of higher education and received her Administrative Certification from ASU while she worked full time. She has been active in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life for many years, is a Sunday School teacher at St. John's Episcopal Church and is a member and past President of the Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority.

She was hired in 1990 by Donna Hill, and her teaching career began. She started teaching 3rd grade in the Rock Building and later moved to 4th grade, where she taught for 2 years. In 1998, she was hired as the Elementary School assistant principal, where she served for 1/2 a year, before the grades were split and she was made the Principal of the Primary School. A year later the Principal at the Intermediate left and this employee became the Elementary School Principal, administering over Pre-K through 5th grades, where she has now served for 5 years. Some of the many accomplishments that she has achieved over her time as an administrator include providing a safe environment for our children by making all doors of the buildings be locked except for the main door, beautification of the campus by instructing her teachers to have their classes plant flower beds around the building, and increasing the Pre-K program to a full-day. This employee spent extra hours working to find ways to improve this program and came upon a grant that generously provides money to improve Pre-K programs. With the money that was received from the grant, the school was able to purchase books, curriculum materials and whole new classroom settings to enhance the Pre-K experience. Some of the money was also used to purchase much needed playground equipment. None of this would have been possible without the insight of someone who cares enough to go that extra mile.

Despite personal health problems, that she has endured with amazing strength and positive thinking, she continues to strive for the best and push for a better education and safe learning environment for the youth of Sonora. Louise is the wife of Dean and the mother of Colyer, Sidney and Slade Dermody.

**EDWARD'S PLATEAU  
SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
CONSERVATION  
RANCHERS OF THE YEAR**



Iris Garza (left) and Tom Payton (right), representing the Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation District, presented Eddie and Lura Sawyer with the Conservation Rancher of the Year award.

Keep up the  
good work Sonora  
Chamber of Commerce!



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The Sutton County 4-H Club displayed their many awards and prizes from activities throughout the year.

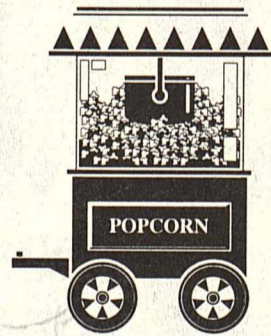
A round of applause  
to the Sonora  
Chamber of Commerce!



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Every community has people who work without recognition, unpaid and beyond the call of duty. Many people don't even know how much he or she gives to their community. If it weren't for these "behind the scenes" workers, the small details that make events special wouldn't get done. This year's citizen of the year is one of those people. She has been in Sonora for over 25 years. She is the mother of six children and has always been successful at making each one those kids feel like they were the most special. She also has 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren and she never misses a birthday. She has lovingly hand-knitted a quilt or receiving blanket for each and every member of her family. Many people don't know this, but for many years this winner did all the mending and sewing for the Lillian M. Hudspeth Nursing Home. She would take home bags full of gowns or sheets or whatever needed to be mended, fix them up and return them.

She has spent many years assisting home bound senior citizens, cooking for them or driving them to doctor's appointments. If there is an ill person or a death in someone's family, this lady is the first to fix up a meal and take it to their home.

She is a loyal friend to all that know her, keeping any and all commitments that she makes with no complaints.

Many years ago she became associated with Mrs. Thelma Johnson who was the founder of the American Cancer Society in Sonora. Once she dedicated herself to this cause, she has never backed down. For years she has been one of the strongest members of the Sutton County Unit of the American Cancer Society. She works diligently each year to make sure that the ACS Golf Passes are advertised and available for purchase, personally delivering the ads to the newspaper and the radio station. She is the backbone behind the Great American Smokeout presentations, sitting for hours handing out literature and goodies to passers-by. She single-handedly puts out posters at locations all around town for the Relay for Life each year. The members of the Relay for Life committee, have to MAKE her go home each year, because she is out there from the early afternoon to the wee hours of the night, tending to the hospitality tent for the survivors, doing whatever needs to be done, from making coffee to picking up trash and making sure everyone is okay. Then, she pops right back and is there again when the sun comes up, to do any odd jobs that need to be done. She is an inspiration to the younger members of this committee, showing that age is not an excuse, and making them try harder to be all that they can be.

If you don't know this year's citizen of the year, Lou Faulks, you are missing out on the opportunity of having a great friend.

**FRIENDS OF HISTORIC  
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L to R: Daughters of Walter and Dorothy Pope, Janet Andrews and Cora McGowan and Daughter-in-law, Carol Pope.

In the mid 1970's, Walter and Dorothy Pope purchased the Mercantile Building and began the process of having it restored as closely as possible to its original grandeur. They did research to find as much written and pictorial information as they could for reference.

Even though they could have had the reconstruction completed sooner had they used more laborers, they chose to take their time and use only two artisans from Fredericksburg to insure the integrity of the work.

The back wall had to be replaced with stone because it had decayed, so Walter found an old building in another town that had matching stone and had it disassembled and used it to rebuild the back wall. Any sections of baseboard or doors that could not be repaired, the artisans used the same type of wood and replicated what was there. No expense was spared for authentic details.

Period pictures were located, restored and duplicated to hang in the newly restored Mercantile Building. In 1981, the project was completed and a Texas Historical marker was placed on the building. The Pops continued to love and care for this building which will remain a landmark and a gift to all who reside in and visit Sonora.

## TEXAS TALES TOLD BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

### Purple Martin Paradise



**Tumbleweed Smith**  
Byron Senter lives just outside Grandview.

When you pull up to his place you see a sign that says Purple Martin Paradise. He has about one hundred bird houses on his property and he welcomes the purple martins when they come back every spring. Byron's wife gave him a bird house kit for his birthday some years back. He thought it was a silly thing, in fact he thought bird watching was silly. The package with the bird house parts in it laid around for a few months, finally his wife urged him to put the thing together.

Once he got it finished, he asked some neighbors how to put up a bird house. They told him to put it on top of a pole out in the open so birds could come and go from any direction.

So Byron bought some pipe, raised his bird house and promptly forgot about it.

He went on about his farming chores. But one spring morning after a rain, Byron was in his den looking out his picture window and he saw a bird out there. It was busy carrying things into the tiny bird house, making it into a home.

Byron became a bird watcher right then. He went into town, bought another bird house and erected it. He bought some more, then started buying old mail boxes and made bird houses out of them. Then he began collecting old lumber to make more bird houses.

Some of his houses are singles, some are duplexes, some are apartments, condos, even hotels.

He attracts purple martins, bluebirds and humming birds. He chases away sparrows, which try to move into purple martin houses.

Purple martins are swallows, similar to the birds that return to Capistrano every Spring. When the purple martins return to Grandview, Byron is elated. They keep him calm and fill him with a sense of well being.

Byron has cancer and says the purple martins probably keep him alive.

"I live from one purple martin season to the next," he says. "I love to see them come in."

The birds seem to chatter their own sense of well being when they return to Byron's place. They, too, are glad to be alive and see Byron again.

Purple martins are nice to have around. They eat 2,000 mosquitoes a day. They stay in Texas from March until August.

Byron keeps barriers on the poles holding up his bird houses. The barriers keep snakes away.

"A lot of people say a snake can't climb a pole, but they sure will. I've found them in my bird houses and they eat those baby birds and eggs."

There's a big interest in purple martins. Newspapers and magazines are devoted to carrying news about them. Some publish poetry about the birds.

"It is Spring arrived! We hear your mirth. As you dive once more headlong to the earth. You'll be coasting on currents these warm afternoons, high overhead like witches on brooms."

Those words are from "Nature Society News" published in Griggsville, Illinois. The city's water tower has the phrase PURPLE MARTIN CAPITAL OF THE WORLD painted on it. It also has a purple martin tower with so many houses on it it's referred to as "The Empire State Building of the Bird World." Billboards in Griggsville have pictures of purple martins on them with the words "America's Most Wanted Bird."

The publication carries ads for books on how to attract purple martins. It calls Longview the purple martin capital of Texas.

Byron subscribes to the Nature Society News. Byron's bird watching has made him somewhat of a philosopher. He's always coming out with great statements. "Most people only get their names in the paper two times," says Byron. "That's when they're born and when they die. And they can't read either one of them."

## Proclamation from page 1

beyond measure. We give thanks for our families and loved ones, for the abundance of our land and the fruits of labor, for our inalienable rights and liberties, and for a great Nation that leads the world in efforts to preserve those rights and liberties. We give thanks for all those across the world who have joined with America in the fight against terrorism. We give thanks for the men and women of our military, who are fighting to defend our Nation and the future of civilization.

We continue to remember those who are suffering and face hardships. We pray for peace throughout the world.

On this National Day of Prayer, I encourage Americans to remember the words of St. Paul: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." The Congress, by Public Law 100-307, as amended, has called on our citizens to reaffirm the role of prayer in our society and to honor the religious diversity our freedom permits by recognizing annually a "National Day of Prayer."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2003, as a National Day of Prayer. I ask Americans to pray for God's protection, to express gratitude for our blessings, and to seek moral and spiritual renewal. I urge all our citizens to join in observing this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

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## Public Notice

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES IN THE MAY 3, 2003 GENERAL CITY ELECTION, ELECTED TO OFFICE; CANCELING THE ELECTION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the general city election was called for May 3, 2003 for the purpose of electing members to the city council; and WHEREAS, the city secretary has certified in writing that there is no proposition on the ballot, that no person has made a declaration of write-in candidacy, and that each candidate on the ballot is unopposed for election to office; and

WHEREAS, under these circumstances, Subchapter C, Chapter 2, Election Code, authorizes the city council to declare the candidates elected to office and cancel the election; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA:

Section 1. The following candidates, who are unopposed in the May 3, 2003 general city election, are declared elected to office, and shall be issued certificates of election following the time the election would have been canvassed:

Vivian Miears, Councilmember, Ward 1

Gloria G. Lopez, Councilmember, Ward 2

Section 2. The May 3, 2003 general city election is canceled, and the city secretary is directed to cause a copy of this ordinance to be posted on election day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

Section 3. It is declared to be the intent of the city council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this ordinance is declared invalid by the judgement or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this ordinance since the city council would have enacted them without the invalid portion.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage, and it is so ordained.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of April 2003.

James B. Stephen, Mayor

## Employment Opportunities

### SENIOR CENTER COOK:

The City of Sonora is now accepting applications for a part-time Cook for the Sutton County Senior Center. Applicant should be able to assist in kitchen duties, cook, clean, communicate and relate with the elderly and be able to perform other work related duties that are required at the Senior Center. Applications can be picked up at City Hall and should be returned to the City Secretary's Office, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950. Open until the position is filled. The City of Sonora is an equal opportunity employer.

### SENIOR CENTER AID/VAN DRIVER:

The City of Sonora is now accepting application for a full time Aid/Van Driver for the Sutton County Senior Center. Applicant should be able to assist in all operations of the Senior Center and/or drive van to transport clients and be able to communicate and relate with the elderly. Applications can be picked up at City Hall and should be returned to the City Secretary's Office, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950. Open until the position is filled. The City of Sonora is an equal opportunity employer.

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Another interesting facet of this Easter Pageant is the cast and crew. They are comprised of people from all parts of the community, carpenters, housewives, teachers, nurses, and students, just to name a few. They come from all different religious backgrounds; they simply volunteer their time each year to keep this tradition alive. Practices begin in late February, two nights per week and go right up until dress rehearsal on the Thursday before Easter. In addition to the actors, there are many "behind the scenes" workers, such as, directors, narrators, lighting and sound technicians and grounds keepers. An estimated 75 people are required to pull this special project off each year. There is also a group of 8-10 people who meet 3-4 times per year preparing for upcoming pageants. By no means are these folks doing this for glory, they all wish for their parts in the play to remain anonymous so as to keep the focus on the story of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Easter Pageant also relies on the support of local organizations. The Junction Volunteer Fire Department is there to provide free coffee. The Junction EMS is there to provide refreshments for a nominal fee. The local Boy Scouts assist with parking, handing out programs and taking donations at intermission to benefit the future Easter Pageant's.

This production is a must see for anyone who believes in the real meaning of Easter, Jesus Christ. There is no charge for admission, donations are accepted at intermission to help cover costs of grounds and equipment maintenance, props and costumes.

For more information, please contact the Kimble County Chamber of Commerce at 325-446-3190, after business hours, you can call 446-2556 or 446-2564.

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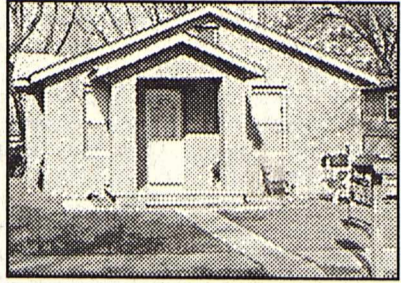
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Hwy. 277 South  
Sonora, TX 76950  
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