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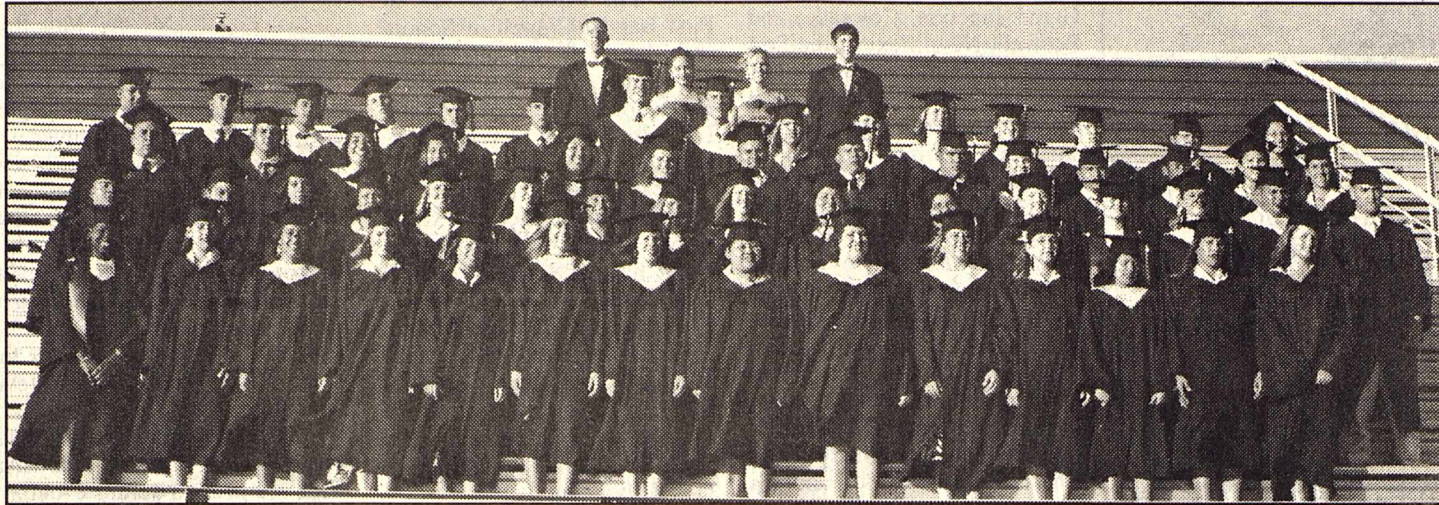
SONORA, TEXAS

Thursday, June 3, 2004

## Sonora High School Class of 2004 Graduates



**2004 S.H.S.  
Valedictorian  
Sheryl  
Strauch**



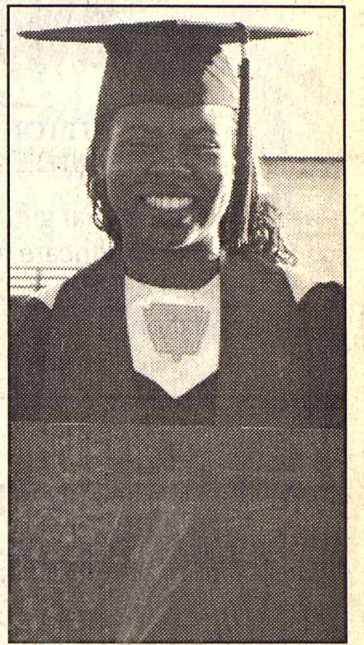
The Sonora High School seniors of 2004 made their last entrance into Bronco Stadium as students as they marched down the track at the May 28, graduation ceremony. Many proud parents, family, friends and fans watched as the 61 graduates took to the field one last time to accept their diplomas. Many were honored with scholarships and awards from the generous businesses, organizations, and citizens of our community, which will assist them as they continue their education at universities and other schools around Texas.

Valedictorian Sheryl Strauch reminded her fellow graduates of memories, both good and bad, that were made throughout their high school careers, wishing them all the best in their future endeavors.

"Help everyone that you can and always be a person that everyone loves and trusts," encouraged Strauch.

"With graduation, two things come to mind," said Salutatorian Tamika Marshall, "saying good-bye to one stage in our lives and saying good-bye to friends." Marshall reiterated the best wishes for her classmates and encouraged them all to reach for success in all that they do.

Although the commencement ceremonies mark the end of these students' time in the S.H.S. halls, the memories they made will remain for a lifetime. Best of luck to all the graduates of 2004, may your life be filled with happiness and good fortune, and don't forget where you're from.



**2004 S.H.S.  
Salutatorian  
Tamika  
Marshall**

### Property owners sent appraisal letters for tax year 2004

submitted

State law requires county appraisal districts to notify property owners about changes in their property's value. On May 26, 2004, Sutton County Appraisal District mailed property owners letters showing their 2004 proposed appraised value.

Rex Ann Friess, chief appraiser of the district, reminds property owners that the letter of appraised value is not a tax bill. Please do not pay -- this is not a tax bill.

Friess emphasized the importance of this letter and the key information that it contains. "A property owner has the right to appeal to the Sutton County Appraisal Review Board on any disagreement with the property's value, exemptions, ownership and other areas," she said.

The appraisal review board, more commonly call the "ARB," is an independent panel of citizens responsible for hearing and settling protests from property owners who disagree with some action by the appraisal

district. The notice includes instructions on how and when to file a protest and a protest form.

What should a property owner carefully review? Look at the proposed values for 2004. The letter states the land's value and any improvement value for the property for the current year. An improvement is a building, structure, fence or any other type of fixture on the land.

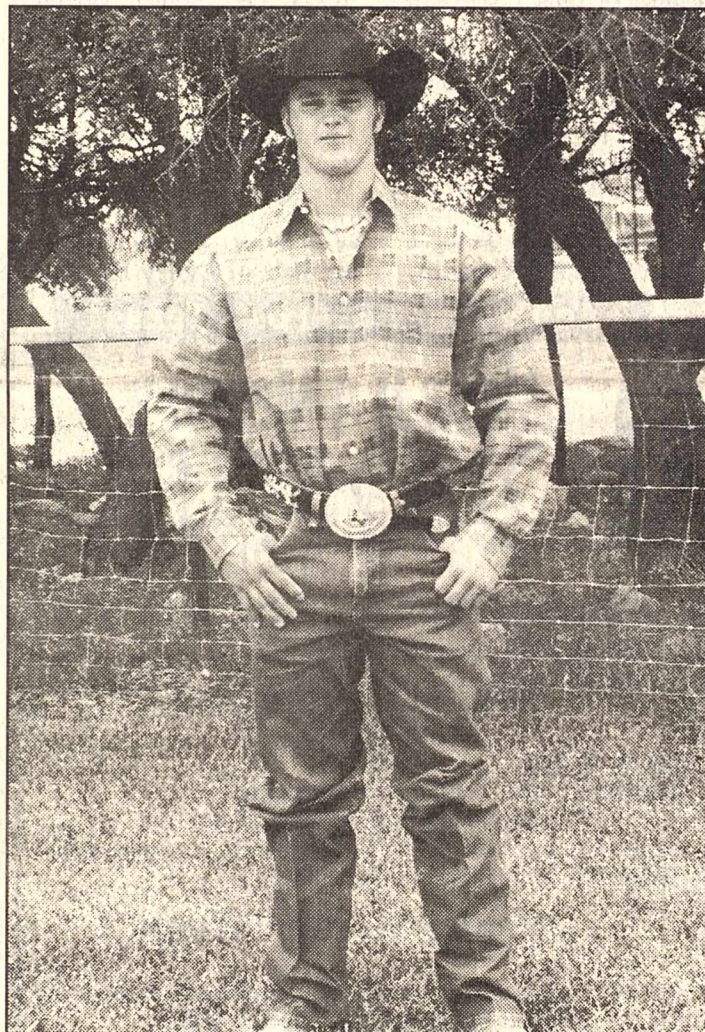
The appraisal letter also includes current year information on exemptions granted on the property. It provides last year's value, too.

Homeowners who qualify for property tax homestead exemptions have a limitation on their homes' appraised value, beginning with the second year that they qualify their home for homestead exemptions. The appraisal district may not increase their home value by more than 10 percent for each year since the last reappraisal year. A homeowner' letter states

See Letter of Appraised Value page 7

### What to check on a Letter of Appraised Value

1. Check current owner name and mailing address
2. Check the property's legal description
3. Agree/disagree with the proposed value
4. Check if correct exemptions are granted
5. If disagree with some action, file a written protest by June 25, 2004
6. Read other items required by law about property taxes
7. Talk to appraisal district about any questions - call 325-387-2809.



### Hall qualifies for two events at State Rodeo Finals

Laramie Hall will be going to the Texas High School Rodeo Finals this next week in Abilene. He has qualified in two events - Steer Wrestling and Team Roping. His team roping partner is Collin Wood from Junction. This is his 3rd year to make the Finals. Last year he was the Reserve All-Around Cowboy and Reserve Steer Wrestling Champion for the State of Texas. He is looking forward to a good week and we wish him well. Good Luck Laramie.

### West Texas Championship Cook-off heats up the weekend with a helpin' of fun

by Storie Sharp

The Sutton County Park Complex will be smokin' this weekend, and not just because of the predicted 100° weather all week. The West Texas Championship Cook-off will take place on June 5, 2004, but cooks may start rolling into town as early as Wednesday night. This year's event is expected to draw teams from all over Texas, promising some great cooking and interesting pits! Registration begins Friday, June 4, with this year's new cooking additions - steaks - being judged at 7:00 p.m. A cook's meeting will be held on the slab at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Saturday's events include ribs, briskets, chicken, goat and chili. New this year is the "People's Choice" award, which will be judged by the crowd. You can purchase a "People's Choice" ticket for \$1 and vote on your favorite tasty treats through the day. The winner of the event will receive a special plaque and the prestigious honor of being Sonora's People's Choice winner.

In addition to the cooking all day, there will be arts and craft vendors this year, brought to you by the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street. They will also be hosting several large inflatable rides for the young ones to enjoy.

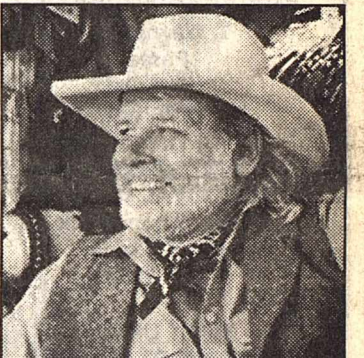
For those who would rather hang out under the shade tree, there will be washer pitching, starting at 10:00 a.m., under the big trees near the dance slab.

The afternoon wouldn't be complete without the Pico Piasano eating contest, sponsored by the Sutton County Steakhouse. This year's event will start just before the awards ceremony around 5:00 p.m., underneath the covered drive-through at the entrance of the Sutton County Civic Center. Contestants will judged on who can chow down on the most hot "Piasano" wings.

The crowd will then be moved inside to see who wins the cooking contests. Judges are needed for all events, so if you are interested in helping choose a winner from the six cooking categories contact Suzanne Huddleston or find one of the committee members at the park.

As the sun sets on the day, the fun just keeps on going. Hog Legg Ellis will start the night of dancing under the stars. This new band includes Sonora's own, Jeremy Yager, and is said to be just as original as Cross Canadian Ragweed or Reckless Kelly!

Headlining the evening's performance is TOMMY ALVERSON, known as the "Godfather of Metroplex Honky-Tonks". Alverson has



Come out and enjoy "Una Mas Cerveza" with Tommy Alverson and the West Texas Championship Cook-off Crew.

long been a dynamic fixture on the Texas music scene and respected by all who cross his path. He has recently been receiving abundant radio airplay with his hit single "Una Mas Cerveza" and continues to expand his loyal fan base throughout Texas, as well as overseas with his songwriting and soulful performances. Whether he's on a stool solo or with a full band, his talent shines through in every note he sings and plays.

Alverson has shared the stage with Texas legends Willie Nelson, Johnny Bush, Jerry Jeff Walker, Clay Blaker, Gary P. Nunn, Ray Wylie Hubbard, Rodney Foster, Steven Fromholz, as well as the new outlaws, Robert Earl Keen, Pat Green, Charlie Robison, Cory Morrow, Dale Watson, and nationally renowned singer/songwriter, Jim Lauderdale.

Among many accolades, Alverson and the band were picked out of all the talent in Texas along with 19 other acts for the Miller Lite - True to Texas campaign in 2000. Alverson has been featured in radio and TV commercials for Dairy Queen, Miller Lite, and Texana Grill.

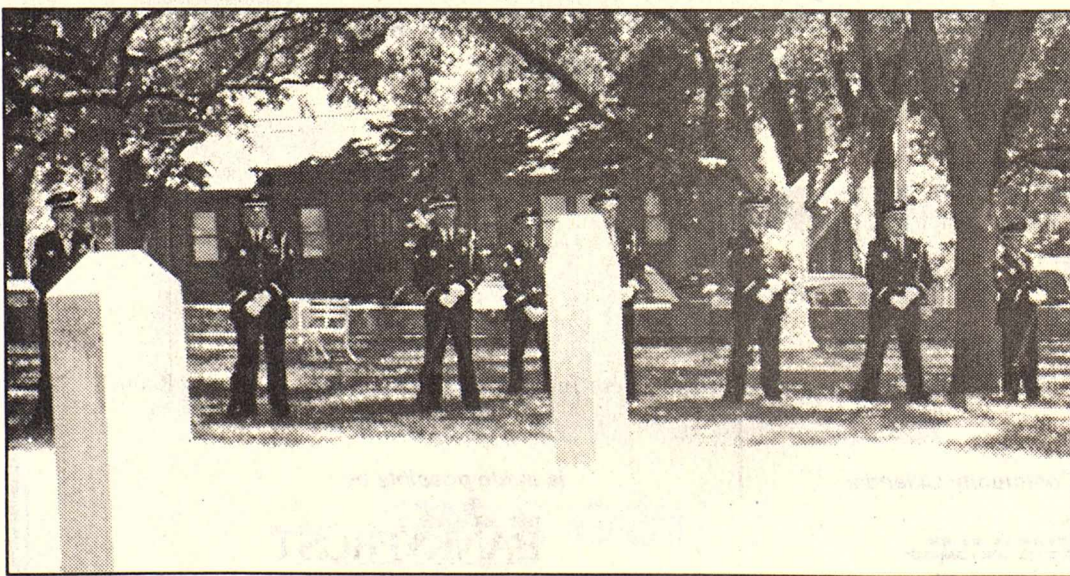
Drink concessions will be available on the grounds and dance tickets will be available at the gate for \$10. No coolers will be allowed on the grounds.

This event would not be possible without the continued support of our many sponsors, including Sonora Chemical and Supply, XS Ranch, Kick'n Country 103 FM, Creek Swabbing and Roustabout, Budweiser, First National Bank, Simons Petroleum and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

There are also many sponsors who contributed to the awards, plaques and basics of making the cook-off a successful event. Be sure to check out all these sponsors at the awards ceremony or on the banners hung around the park.

Don't miss out on a chance to enjoy some championship chow, fun and music at the 2004 West Texas Championship Cook-off! It's sure to be HOT!

### Memorial Day celebration honors veterans



Goodfellow Air Force stands proud at the Memorial Day Celebration.

by Ann Kay, FHSMS Manager

On Monday, May 31, 2004, the Sutton County Memorial Day celebration began on the courthouse lawn where the Veterans and their families and members of the

community gathered to listen to youthful voices showing their appreciation of our Veterans.

Sonora Mayor Gloria Lopez began the program by welcoming the guests, Veterans, and the community. Father Bill DuBussion gave the

invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sonora Kindergartners, Garrett Jaeger, Stratton Rushing and James Freeman. Friends of Historic Sonora Board President Joy Galbreath sang "God Bless

See Memorial Day page 7

### School Board swears in new members, revisits volleyball discussion

submitted

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District met for a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 24, 2004, in the Board Room at the Administration Building, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, Texas.

Board members present were Scott Jacoby, president, Jesse Bustamante, Tammy Favila, Tryon Fields, Sam David Hernandez, Barbara Jennings, Tom Payton, Brant Myers, superintendent

Others present were: Doug Bawcom, Jason Herring, John Berry, Diane Jacoby, Candy Davis, Cynthia Keel, Louise Dermody, Bonnie L. Campbell,

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**Obituaries**

**Charles Edward Shannon**

Charles Edward Shannon, Jr. was called home by his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, May 25, 2004.

He was born on May 17, 1933, in El Paso. He was married to Vicki Jo Savell on October 6, 1956, in Sonora.

Charlie graduated from Marfa High School, attended Tarleton State University and graduated from Texas A & M University in 1955 with a degree in range management. He served in the U.S. Army and retired with a medical discharge. He worked at the Bureau of Land Management in Grand Junction, Colorado, and Roswell, New Mexico, the Soil Conservation Service in Alpine, and ASCS in Sonora and Ozona. After retirement he pursued his ranching interest in Sutton County.

He is survived by his wife, Vicki; sons, Matt Edward Shannon of Christoval and Savell Charles Shannon and wife Shelly of Sonora; grandchildren, Megan and Chance Shannon of Christoval and Tate and Evan Shannon of Sonora.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gladys and Charles Shannon, Sr.; and his sister, Jean Shannon Demere of Water Valley.



Funeral services were at 10:00 a.m. Friday, May 28, at First Baptist Church of Sonora with burial in Sutton County Cemetery with Pastor Tom Baden of the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church of Eola officiating.

Pallbearers were his nephews, Wade Demere, Craig Demere, Bill "Chip" Savell, Cody Savell, Scott Savell and Tim Young.

Honorary pallbearers were Rick Barker, Ray Smith, Mack Wilman, Louis Balas; cousins, Ike Livingston, Mike Livingston, Bill Shannon and Will Shannon; and brother-in-law, Billy Brian Savell.

**Cards of Thanks**

Thanks goes to those who bought plates for the Benefit lunch that was held for Baldo Castaneda Jr. and Family. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The family of J.L. Davis would like to thank those who attended the Texas Ranger Memorial Cross Ceremony held in his honor. A special thank-you to Joe Davis and the Texas Rangers from Kerrville, Sheriff Fincher, Police Chief House, and Ranger Brooks Long. JoAnn and Richard Palmer, you were such a great help. It is with this interest one may keep history alive for our future generations.

God bless you all,  
The J.L. Davis descendants

A very special "thanks" goes out to Mrs. Dermody, Danny Hardin and all the faculty and staff at Sonora Elementary. Thanks for ALL the help and support you gave our family. We really appreciated it. You are a very special group of people, God bless all of you.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lozano and Family

Last year when I was asked to be Chairman for the 2004 Relay for Life I was very hesitant. I was not sure that I would want the responsibility that is involved with this event and I told them I would think about it. I have always been on the committee but never wanted to be in charge. Then my father-in-law was diagnosed with lung cancer in April 2003. I was asked again if I would step up from Co-Chairman to Chairman. I then decided that I would take the position after my father-in-law passed away in May 2004. I wanted to give back what was given to our family during the time of his illness. I cannot bring back my father-in-law for my husband and kids, but I can be a part of the cancer-free world that we hope to soon have. Because of this event we are another year closer to defeating cancer.

The date that was chosen for the event was May 21, 2004, which was the one-year anniversary of my father-in-law's passing made me want to do this event even more.

I could not have done this without the committee. They are wonderful, caring people who need to be recognized more than they have been. I don't think everyone understands the hard work they put into making this event successful. I want each of the committee persons to know how much I appreciate the way you each came through for me because, without you, I could not have done this. Thank you, Shanna Petty Co-Chairman. You are the greatest and best friend I have ever had. I am glad that you were my partner one more time. I am very thankful to have you by my side. Every time I need you, you are there for me. Storie Sharp, Team Captain Chairman, thank you for all your hard work. You are great when it comes to team work, and I appreciate all you have done. Thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent to me for good luck on the event. I loved them. You are a good friend to me, and I am glad that we had another chance to work together. Jody Luttrell, Logistics Chairman, YOU ARE THE MAN. Jody, I think you were the best logistics person we have ever had. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate what you did. You were very organized and got the job done with a smile. Thank you very much and I look forward to working with you again. Kelly Thorp, Entertainment Chairman, you did a wonderful job. You had a great schedule planned and even though some things did not go as you wanted, you came through with flying colors. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed themselves all through the night. Thank you for your hard work Annette, thank you for helping Kelly with everything. We are very happy to have you join us this year with the Relay. You have a great heart and we are glad you were with us. Erica Morriss, Luminaria Chairman, OUTSTANDING JOB THIS YEAR. You out-did yourself once again. Thank you for another heartwarming luminaria ceremony. I know that you could not control the wind but you still gave all you had to make it work. Tibba Edmondson, Hospitality Chairman, you did a wonderful job by yourself this year. I appreciate you pulling through for the survivors ceremony. Thank you, you had it all handled again and it turned out great. Noemi Samaniego, Survivor Chairman, 65 survivors - WOW! You had a lot on your hands this year and you pulled through with smiling survivors. I appreciate your hard work and dedication. Danni Price, Treasurer, your job is just beginning, but thank you very much for taking the time to do this. I know that you will do a good organized job and you will do it right. You guys are a wonderful committee, and I look forward to working with you again next year. I want to thank the men who helped with setting up and taking down when we needed you the most. Thank you, James Edmondson, Doug Huddleston, Cody Cain and Mickey Sharp. You were lifesavers. Lou Faulks, you are one of the most special people I know. I cannot believe you stayed all night long at the event. You picked up the trash all night long, you kept the bands warm with coffee, and you just helped out all of the time. Thank you for being such a dedicated person to us, we love you very much. Smith Neal, you were a big help with the sponsorships. We are so thankful to you for helping with the packets. It is a big job and you took care of all of it. We pulled through with another successful Relay for Life and we CAN do it again with a team like this. Thank you with all of my heart. Thank you to my family for being so patient while I gave of my time and effort to this event. You stood by me this year and gave me the support I needed. Thanks for believing in me.

Kim Lewis  
2004 Relay for Life - Chairman

**Gwynne Kay Lundgren**

Gwynne Kay Lundgren, 48, of Menard, Texas, passed away Tuesday, May 25, 2004.

Gwynne was born August 23, 1955, in San Angelo, Texas, to Roy William Lundgren and Helen Frances Neel. She was a rancher and a member of First Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services were at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 1, 2004, at the First Presbyterian Church with burial following in Rest Haven Cemetery with Reverend Roger Sidener officiating. Arrangements were by Heritage Funeral Home.

She is survived by her mother, Helen Frances Neel Lundgren Shelton of Menard and San Angelo, Texas; one sister, Barbara Winn Lundgren of Menard and San Angelo, Texas; one brother, Douglas Neel Lundgren and wife, Joy of Menard and Austin, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her father, Roy William Lundgren; grandparents, Fred and Agnes Lundgren, Fred and Winnie Belle Ellis Neel.

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**Senior Center News**

- June 7 - Bingo!
- June 9 - Blood Pressure checks with TDH Volunteer to deliver meals! Call 387-5657
- June 10 - Start summer crafts. Join us. We need new ideas.
- June 11 - Bring a friend to eat with us!

**Senior Center Menu**

- June 7 - Chicken salad sandwich, tomato soup, potato chips, carrots and celery sticks, cookie, milk.
- June 8 - Steak fingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, sliced tomato, juice, biscuit, cake, milk.
- June 9 - Glazed ham, cooked cabbage, sweet potatoes with apples, wheat roll, banana pudding, milk.
- June 10 - Pork chops with zucchini & tomatoes, corn, tossed salad, roll, mixed fruit, milk.
- June 11 - BBQ brisket, potato salad, pinto beans, coleslaw, bread, cake, milk.

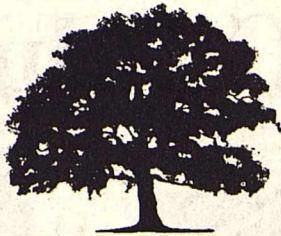
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\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others \*Menu is subject to change.\*

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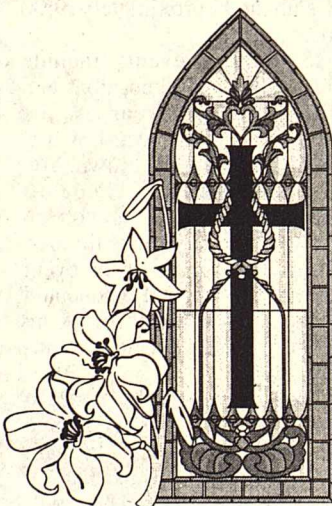
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- June 5**  
West Texas Championship Cook- Off  
Sutton County Park Arena Complex
- June 7**  
Minor and Major Baseball Swimming Party
- June 8**  
4-H Playdays • Sutton County Arena  
Entries 5:30 p.m. • Show 6:00 p.m.

The Community Calendar



- June 14**  
Minor and Major Girls Softball Swimming Party
- May 28**  
S.H.S. Graduation  
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**Ask the Historical Society**

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

**Q.** Do you have an obituary on William L. Whiddon who died in 1930?

**A.** The Devil's River News, April 11, 1930-W. L. Whiddon, for twenty-five years a Sutton county ranchman, died at the family residence here at 1:10 Sunday morning (April 6, 1930) and was laid to rest in the Sonora Cemetery at four o'clock that afternoon. Rev. J.O. McMillon, Baptist pastor, conducted funeral services at the Baptist church of which deceased had been a member since early childhood.

Mr. Whiddon was born March 30, 1862, and came to Texas with his parents when a child. He spent 25 years in this county ranching, and during that time made a legion of friends. Besides his widow he leaves five daughters: Mesdames Mat (Martha Jane) Turman of Comstock; Wes (Maudie) White of Pandale; Frank (Lillie) Smith of Sonora; Jim (Elizabeth B.) Pharis of Sonora; Joe (Ellen) Hearn of Sonora; three sons: Thomas J. Whiddon of Pumpville, Joseph Lee Whiddon and James Burton Whiddon of Sonora. Pallbearers were G. W. Archer, Sam Hull, G. B. Rankhorn, A. W. Awalt, Neill Roueche and W. C. Gilmore.

**Q.** When was the Old High School built?

**A.** Devil's River News, April 25, 1930- Four brick layers started the laying of brick on Sonora's new \$85,000 high school building Wednesday, E. A. Suggs, contractor, said yesterday. Another quartet of brick layers will be added at a later date, he said. Two carloads of brick have been hauled to the building site, and other material is arriving rapidly.

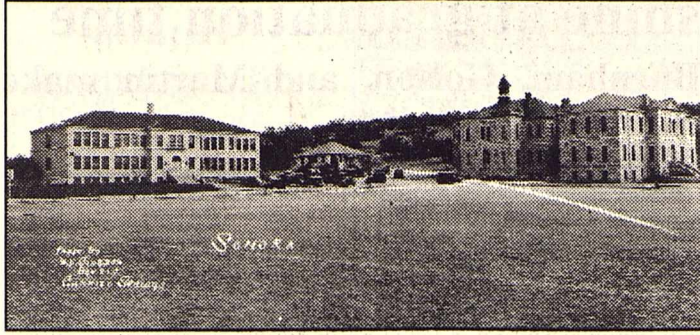
Mr. Suggs thinks the building, in all its parts, will be ready for occupancy not later than the latter part of October. Concrete

was poured for the auditorium floor this week. There are now about twenty men on the job and within a few weeks the crew will be doubled.

Devil's River News, October 24, 1930-Formal dedication of Sonora's \$125,000 (price went up) high school building, on Tuesday night of this week was witnessed by about 300 people. Preceding the program open house was held from 6:45 to 8 o'clock when visitors, piloted by members of the senior class, were shown through the magnificent building.

S. M. N. Marrs, state superintendent of public instruction, the principal speaker of the evening, was introduced by Judge L. W. Elliott, president of the school board, who said that the patrons of the school were fortunate in having with them one of the outstanding educators in the state. The judge took occasion to thank Mr. Marrs for assistance rendered the school board in the disposal of the bond voted for the school purpose of which this high school building is the result. Paying Supt. M. O. Britt a high compliment as a man and educator and citizen he referred to the long-standing friendship which had existed between the deceased and Supt. Marrs and stated the latter was here to fulfill a promise to Mr. Britt given some months ago, that of making an address upon the dedication of the new high school building.

Mr. Marrs stated that the people of Sonora and vicinity, and the school board and faculty should feel exceedingly proud of their accomplishment in the erection of the new high school building. Mr. Marrs went on to say that the greatest task of a school board is obtaining good teachers. Public school teachers, he said, exert more influence upon children than did their parents, for the child and teacher were more closely associated for a greater length of time; therefore the task of the school board was to see that the children of this school were sur-



"The Campus" photo by W. H. Congdon, from the newly acquired Saunders Collection.

rounded with influences for good. He said that it was more important to have teacher of character than to have M. A. degrees.

He stated that schools are a citizen making factory and then gave a tribute to the late M. O. Britt.

Introduced by the master of ceremonies as "The Alcade," Mayor Roy E. Aldwell recited a history of the Sonora school, dating back to the year 1900. The mayor said in the early years the Sonora school was not classed as it is today; there were no departments, only grades which did not extend beyond the ninth. He said there were no final examinations, but that pupils studied one series of books one year and automatically passed into the next higher series the following year. He told of the days when the school was presided over by a principal, who wore a six-shooter to and from school, and four teachers. He told the virtues of a man, known to a few Sonorans today and held in high esteem. This was Principal Morgan, the first man to raise the standards of the school. The mayor said the first graduating class was composed of four girls and contrasted that class with the 1930-31 class composed of 24 - 13 boys and 11 girls. Principal Morgan laid the foundation for the new school building today by advocating and working for the first bond issue which gave Sonora what is today known as the old rock building.

The building was barely completed in time for the open-

ing of school according to Ted M. White, acting superintendent.

Other items of interest in the paper include: C. S. Keene, proprietor of the City Garage, the latter part of last week took over O. A. Carr's half interest in the Humble Oil wholesale agency here. Mr. Keene announced his station is ready for business and deliveries can be made of oil, gas and greases on one day's notice.

The Corner Drug Store and the Sonora Drug Company have made changes in their prescription clerks. Bob Vicars, formerly with the Sonora Drug Store, is now employed at the Corner Drug Store and Robert Rusenham is at the Sonora Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Birtrong, of Animas, New Mexico, are here this week, the guests of their daughter, Mrs. W. A. Miers. Mr. Birtrong is 86 years of age, but his actions are that of a much younger man. They drove to Sonora in their car.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonorax.net. You may call us at the office at 307 Oak Street, 325-387-5084 on Monday and Friday mornings from 8-12 or on Saturdays (if we don't have to help at the icehouse) from 8-11:30 and 12:30 to 4:00. Calls for renting the Depot can be made to the same number or you could call me at home at 325-387-2855. The Miers Home Complex is open for tours any time someone is at the office. Just stop in and ask, we will be glad help you. Research can be done the same hours.

**Sonora Ladies Golf Auxiliary 4-Lady tournament to "Rally for a Cure"**

Rally For A Cure® with Golf for Women magazine, the world's largest grassroots women's golf program, registered more than 2,900 clubs across the country in 2003 and gained the participation of some 150,000-plus golfers for this novel awareness and early detection campaign that supports the mission of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer foundation. Sonora Golf Club is an official site for the 2004 Rally For A Cure® initiative and this year marks the 7th time that the club has pledged its support and teed off against breast cancer.

Women golfers in all 50 states will join in this year's crusade to increase breast cancer awareness. In 2003, the Dallas-based Susan G. Komen Breast

Cancer Foundation® received more than \$3.4 million from the Rally program largely through the hard work and fundraising activities of our volunteer Rally Ambassadors, their committees and countless individuals. Over \$12 million has been raised for important research funds since 1996.

A total of 36 players are expected for the Rally day at 10:00 a.m. on June 26, 2004. As part of the Rally For A Cure® activities, a closest-to-the-pin contest is held at a designated par-3 Rally hole. Titleist® golf balls bearing the pink ribbon breast cancer awareness symbol are awarded to every player who hits the green on their first swing and a prize is given for the shot that lands nearest to the

hole. Golfers receive important early detection literature and an exclusive Rally pink ribbon golf pin to wear for the day, plus a one-year subscription to Golf For Women magazine, who is proud to present Rally For A Cure®.

Breast cancer is the leading cause of death for women ages 35-54, and the disease also accounts for more than 75% of all cancer death in women 55 years of age and older.

Rally For A Cure® is organized and directed by The Wrenfield Group and is based in Ridgefield, Connecticut. For further information about hosting a Rally golf event call 1-800-327-6811 or visit the website at www.rallyforacure.com.

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**Former Sonora students shine at graduation time**  
Burnham, Golson, and Martin make the ASU Dean's list

Shaylyn Rhae Burnham, Amanda Walker Golson and Zane Shurley Martin were named to the Dean's List for the 2004 spring semester at Angelo State University.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Burnham is majoring in interdisciplinary child development and learning; Golson is majoring in kinesiology/teacher certification and Martin is majoring in biochemistry.

**Beau Hughes makes Dean's List at Sam Houston State**

Beau Bradley Hughes has been named to the Dean's List at Sam Houston State University for Spring 2004.

The Dean's list at Sam Houston consists of all full-time students having grade point averages of 3.5 and above. A perfect record (A) averages 4.0.

**Kasey Kearney named to LCU President's List**

Kasey Kearney of Sonora has been named to the President's List at Lubbock Christian University for the spring semester of 2004.

In order to be considered a part of the president's list, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 4.0 grade point average or better for the entire semester.

The number of LCU students named to the list has increased dramatically in recent years due to a stronger emphasis on campus toward academics. The administration has developed new programs over the last several years to help students in completing their academic responsibilities, including the Academic Support Center, which offers free student tutoring.

Lubbock Christian University is a liberal arts institution of higher learning dedicated to providing a quality education in a Christian environment. LCU was among only six Texas schools to be named in the John Templeton Foundation Honor Roll of Character Building Universities. LCU is ranked in Tier Two of *US News and World Reports Best Colleges*. The university offers 36 bachelor's degree programs and eight master's degrees with a record enrollment this year of over 1937 students.

**Renfro makes Honor Roll at Northwestern Oklahoma State**

Anthony Renfro has been named to the Vice-President's Honorable Mention Honor Roll for graduate and post-graduate students in the spring semester at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

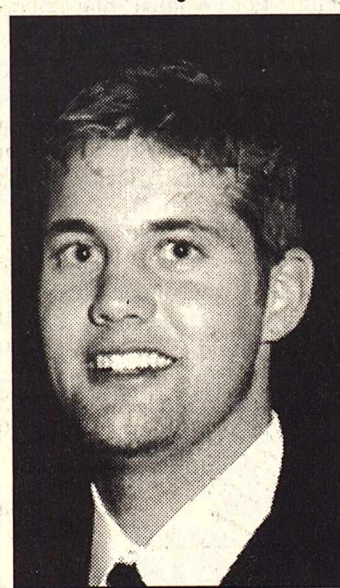
Students on the honorable mention list had all A's in a minimum of three to a maximum of 13 semester hours.

**Simpler receives Associate's Degree**

Reece Simpler received the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Business at the South Plains College's 46th commencement exercises on Friday, May 14, 2004, in Texan Dome. Simpler was among a record 539 students to graduate.

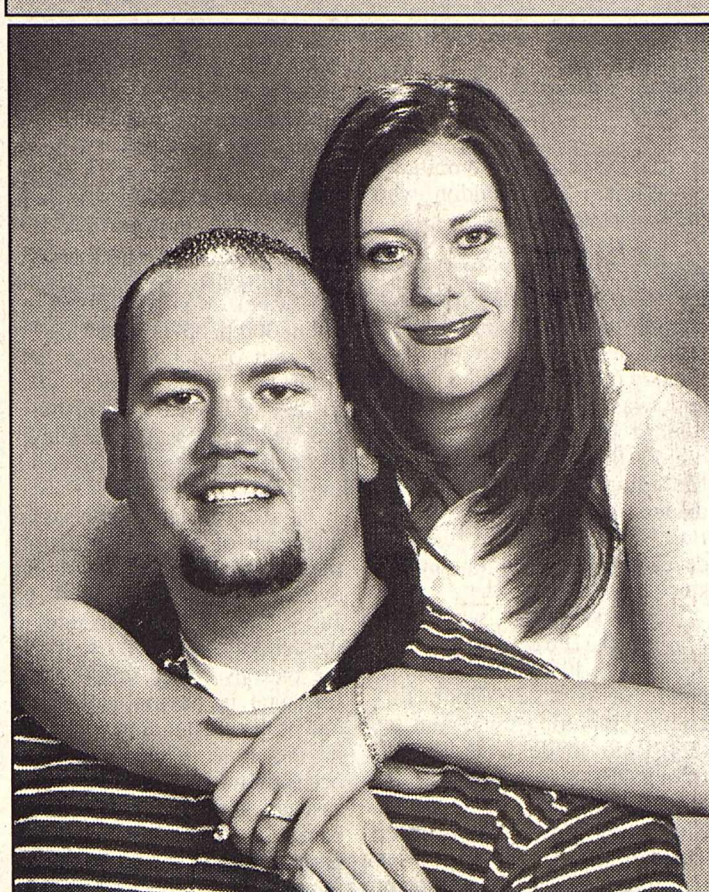
"This is an exciting time in the lives of our graduates," said Dr. Gary McDaniel, SPC president. "They have reached an educational milestone, and both they and their families should be very proud. SPC extends its best wishes to all our graduates."

**Kerbow graduates from Texas State University**



Zachary Cole Kerbow, a 1999 graduate of Sonora High School, went through commencement exercises at Texas State University - San Marcos, on Friday, May 14, 2004. Zac received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Anthropology. He is the son of Bruce and Jessie Kerbow.

**Engagement Announcement**



**Wilcox and Alaman announce June wedding plans**

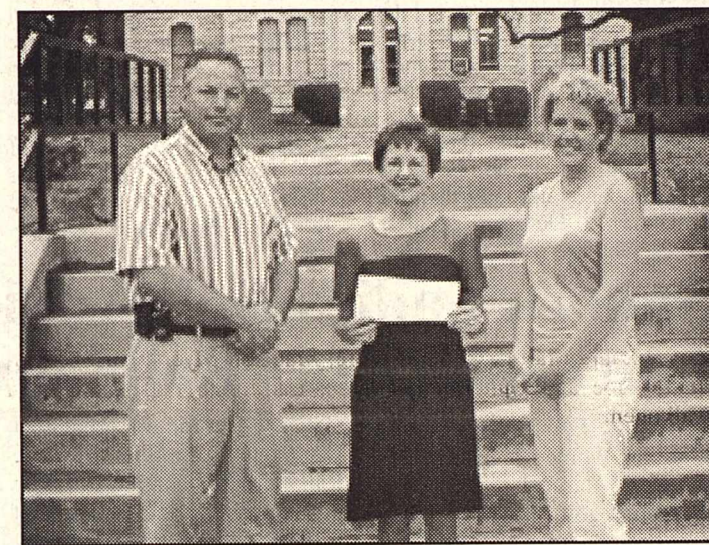
Kandy Wilcox and David R. Alaman, Jr., both of Austin, will be married on June 26, 2004, at the First Baptist Church in Big Lake, Texas, at 6:00 p.m.

Parents of the engaged couple are Kenneth and Gail Wilcox of Muleshoe, Texas, and David and LaDonna Alaman of Sonora, Texas.

Kandy is a 1999 graduate of Muleshoe, Texas, and is a 2005 candidate for the University of Texas Pharmacy School.

David is a 1999 graduate of Big Lake, Texas, and is currently employed by the Wilson Company in Austin, Texas.

**Chamber of Commerce makes special check presentations**



Past president of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Keith Butler (left), and current president, Storie Sharp (right), made two special check presentations on Monday, May 24, 2004.

The first (above) was presented to Sutton County Judge Carla Garner (center) in the amount of \$25,000 to Sutton County, to assist with the Sutton County Arena grandstand replacement project.

The second check, in the amount of \$5,000 (below) was presented to Kelly Owen (center) with the Sutton County Historical Society for assistance with the restoration of the Ice House Museum.

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce was happy to be able to share these funds with projects that will enhance tourism and help generate revenues in our community.



**Happy Birthday**

- June 3**  
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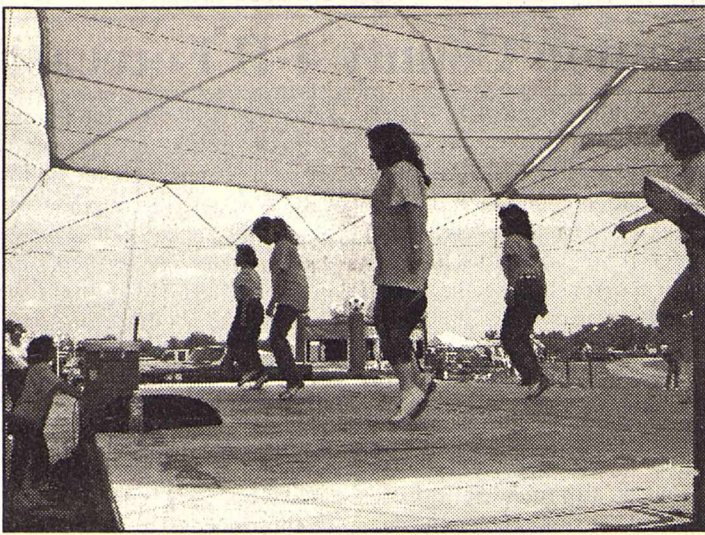
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## West Texas Cloggers, Steppin' Out



The Devil's River Dancers of Sonora, the Eldorado Energizers, and the Canyon Creek Cloggers of San Angelo were dancing on air at the Fort Chadbourne festivities (above) on May 15, 2004. And on May 21 at the Sonora Relay for Life, they continued to strut their stuff, with a unique rendition of "Old McDonald Had A Farm" that had everyone tapping their toes to the beat.



## Sutton County 4-H Wool, Mohair and Range judging teams keeping busy

by Janalyn Jones

Sutton County 4-H members who compete in range, wool and mohair judging have traveled to several area contests this spring. In addition to district contests, the judges have been very successful at invitational contests held in Kerrville, Eldorado, Ozona, Del Rio and Boerne.

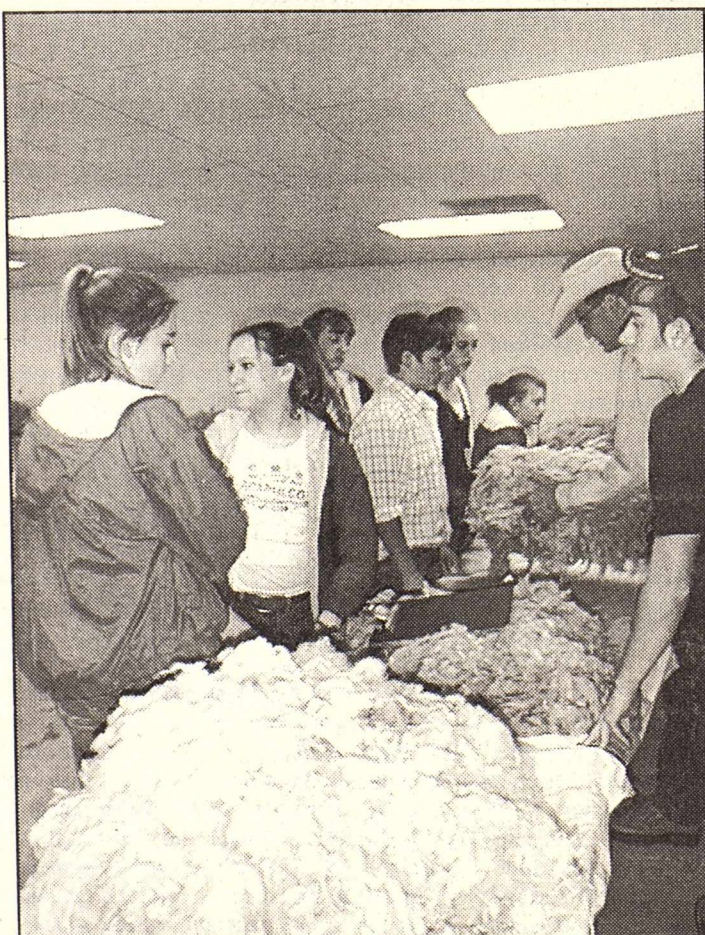
Practice sessions and contest experience will prepare these 4-Hers for the contest hosted locally during the 67th Sonora Wool and Mohair Show on June 16th.

Sutton County youth participating in this area of 4-H programming are Mandy Brister, Meredith Earwood, Macie Friess, Steely and Stella Ingham, Cash and Hunter Jennings, Alex and Maddie Lang, Craig, Savannah, and Zachary Leonard, Sterling Love, Kylie Love, Laura Martin, Colton Moore, Madison Myers, Dustin Neff, Bailey Joe and Gunter Pennington, Cadesman Pope, and Kaija Valkonen.

Coaches for this group deserve many thanks for the time they volunteer to train and haul these 4-Hers. Coaches are Shawna Faris (wool and mohair) and Fran Pennington (range and plant ID). Pascual Hernandez, county ag agent, also helped with coaching responsibilities and accompanied the groups to the various contests. The coaches will agree that it would have been impossible to manage the judging activities without the unprecedented help of several dedicated parents.



4-H Range judging team competes in Eldorado.



4-H wool judging team practices judging for competition.

## St. Ann's Catholic Church awards attendance for Religious Education classes

On May 30, 2004, St. Ann's Church presented Certificates of Attendance of Religious Education classes for the school year 2003-2004. There is a total enrollment of 300 students.

**Perfect Attendance**  
**First & Second Grade** - Sidney Anderson, Michael Gonzalez, Reynaldo Romo, Omega Guerra

**Third Grade** - Olivia Banda, Kevin Buitron, Melissa Freeman, Clarissa Hernandez, Kory Humphrey, Phillip Onofre, Clarissa Romo, Marissa Romo, Alex Solis

**Fourth & Fifth Grade** - Anna Gallegos, Caitlin Garza, Evelyn Solis, Cande Tobias, Dulce Acosta, Jesus Garcia, Jr., Mariah Gonzalez, Mark Samaniego

**Sixth Grade** - Will Anderson, Hillary Borrego, Victoria Castillo, Erica Granados, Brittany Hernandez, Cody Pena, Pedro Ramirez, Jr., Monica Sanchez, Bianca Trevino, Alyssa Vela

**Seventh Grade** - Deyanira Alviso, Dora Araujo, Ashley Brown, Valerie Gonzalez, Amilkar Hernandez, Reggie Hernandez, Senida Martinez, Krystiana Mendez, Christy Perez, Manuel Paredes, III, Victoria Robles, Yolanda Sanchez

**Eighth Grade** - Edward Garcia, Kayla Garcia, Maritza Garcia, Aaron Gaytan, Sierra Gomez, Chelsea Martinez, Marcus Perez, Victor Vaquera, Alonzo Peña, Nick Peña

**1st and 2nd Year Confirmation** - Felicia Castillo, Yasmine Coronado, Frank David Gallegos, Kristina Hernandez, Michelle Hernandez, Julia Lugo, Christina Martinez, Dee McGee, Chris Perez, Maggie Ramirez, Roland Solis, Miguel Vaquera, Jesus Garza, Jr., Catherine Herrera, Amanda Samaniego

**Graduates** - Peter Duran and Evangelina Martinez

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**Third Grade** - Damien Castro, Erasmo Esquivel, Trini Guerra, III, Darien Lopez, John Lopez, IV, Michael Sanchez

**Fourth & Fifth Grade** - Davis Virgen and Valeria Buitron

**Sixth Grade** - Jovi Carrillo, Sarah Hernandez, Leanna Velez

**Seventh Grade** - Maray Dunn, Mario Lira, Uvaldo Ramos, III, Shelby Onofre, Azeneth Villanueva

**Eighth Grade** - Felicia Rodriguez, Anthony Sanchez, Paula Zaragoza

**1st & 2nd Year Confirmation** - Chantel Arispe, Filemon Garza, Blanca Lozano, Brett McDaniel, Kathy Pacheco, Julie Villanueva, Maricela Moreno, Adrianna Castillo, Norbert David Ortiz

**Graduates** - Stevie Hernandez, Oscar Chavez, Leticia Leos, Nicole Samaniego

**Excellent Attendance**  
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**Third Grade** - Daniella Cano, Kelsey Favila, Adrianna Faz, Emilce Hernandez, Karina Marquez, Norberto Marquez, Marcos Quiroz, Brianna Reyna, Lino Villanueva, IV

**Fourth & Fifth Grade** - Toby Garza, Madison Myers, Allison Freeman, Kallie Humphrey, Christina Rodriguez

**Sixth Grade** - Alyssa Favila, Paul Faz, Cecilia Garcia, Chacho Mesa, Tommy Gomez, Amber West

**Seventh Grade** - Sulema Castilleja, Maria Leos, Cindy Lopez, Rachel Lozano, Dalila Ozuna, Anissa Reyes

**Eighth Grade** - Danielle Castro, Jessica Chavez, Michael Chavez, Whitney Perez, Michael Sanchez

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### Sutton County 4-H Forecast

Sutton County 4-H is ready for summer, with many activities to keep the kids busy.

Sutton county will be hosting a veterinarian camp this year. If you are high school age and are considering the veterinary science field, this camp may be for you. There will be classroom study, lab work, and field excursions, plus lots of fun! Applications will be available at the Extension Office. You can also find details on our website at [sutton-co.tamu.edu](http://sutton-co.tamu.edu).

The Texas State Youth Water Camp will be held July 11-15, in Monahans. This is the 13th year for Water Camp. The

objective for this camp is to become aware of the water issues and appreciate the implications of agricultural, industrial, municipal and home water use on water quality and supply, as well as having fun! Call the Extension Office for more information.

The horse project will have playdays on the following dates this year: June 8, June 22, July 6, July 27, Aug. 3 and Aug. 10 (make-up day if needed). Events include barrels, poles, and goat tying; showmanship at halter will be held on June 22 and July 27.

### Storm Shelter Funding announced by USDA Rural Development

Temple, Texas - USDA Rural Development State Director Bryan Daniel announced today that the Agency is offering low interest Section 504 loans to help finance storm shelters for very-low income homeowners living in rural Texas.

"Severe weather can strike Texas unexpectedly, and with serious personal consequences. As Texans know, violent storms and the unfortunate loss of life underscore the need for improved home safety measures. The installation of an approved storm shelter can provide rural Texans added safety and security," said Daniel.

Eligibility requirements for this program includes a family income of less than 50% of the median income for their respective county, an applicant must live in their own home, and the family must reside in an eligible rural community. The USDA Rural Development financed shelters must also meet Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) standards in design, construction and installation.

State Director Daniel encourages individuals interested in USDA Rural Development's Section 504 loan program to contact their

local office. The USDA Rural Development local office that serves your area can be located at

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/officeinfo.htm>.

USDA Rural Development is the economic development agency for USDA, and the lead federal entity for rural development. For additional program information, you may also log onto the state's Rural Development website at: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx).

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USDA Rural Development was created in 1994 and includes Business Programs, Housing Programs, and Utilities Programs. Its mission is to use the resources of USDA to provide an improved quality of life for the nation's rural residents.

For more information on USDA Rural Development programs in Texas, check our web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>

## Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) Confirmed in West Texas; First U.S. Case Since 1998

The country's first case of Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) since 1998 was confirmed Wednesday, May 19, on a premise with nine horses and eight head of cattle near Balmorhea, in Reeves County in west Texas. VS is a viral disease that occurs sporadically in the U.S., usually in southwestern states. The disease can affect horses, cattle and pigs, and occasionally, sheep, goats and deer, causing blisters to form in the animal's mouth, on teats or along the hooves, resulting in excessive salivation, lameness or oozing sores.

The clinical signs of VS can cause concern because they mimic those of a highly contagious foreign animal infection—foot-and-mouth disease (FMD)—which has been eradicated in the U.S. since 1929. Laboratory tests must be run to differentiate between the two diseases, when cattle, pigs, sheep or other cloven-hooved animals develop signs of the disease. Unlike FMD, VS also can affect horses and other members of the equine family. Although the disease does not affect food safety, infected livestock are withheld from slaughter until they recover.

"We always launch a disease investigation when blisters or sores are reported in livestock, to determine if foot-and-mouth disease has been introduced into the U.S.," said Dr. Max Coats, deputy director for Animal Health Programs for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. "Because horses are not susceptible to FMD, we knew, in this case, that the animals had vesicular stomatitis (VS), or possibly had come in contact with poison or a toxic plant. The National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) in Ames, Iowa, has confirmed that the three horses in Reeves County

have VS."

Dr. Coats said researchers have determined that VS outbreaks are started by a virus transmitted by arthropods, such as ticks, mites, biting midges, mosquitoes or house flies. Following an incubation period of two to eight days, infected animals may develop clinical signs of disease. The outbreak then can be perpetuated by biting insects that carry the disease from infected to healthy livestock. VS-infected animals also can spread the virus if their saliva or the fluid from ruptured blisters contaminates equipment or feed shared by herd mates. Sick animals should be isolated until they heal, he said.

Dr. Coats noted that all livestock on the affected ranch in Reeves County will remain quarantined for several weeks, until they no longer pose a health threat to other livestock. Prior to quarantine release, the animals will be re-examined by a state or federal regulatory veterinarian, to prevent the spread of disease to other premises.

"VS is rarely fatal, and infection usually runs its course in a couple of weeks," commented Dr. Coats. "Infected livestock may need supportive care to prevent secondary infections where blisters have ruptured. The affected animals also may lose condition, because they will avoid eating as long as their mouths are sore. Lesions can also occur along hooves, resulting in temporary lameness."

"The only thing 'regular' about VS is its irregularity," he said. "Thirteen years passed between a 1982-83 outbreak of VS and one in 1995 that involved infection on more than 365 ranches in five states. These affected states were New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Utah and Texas, where infection was confined to only one premise."

"Texas was spared in May

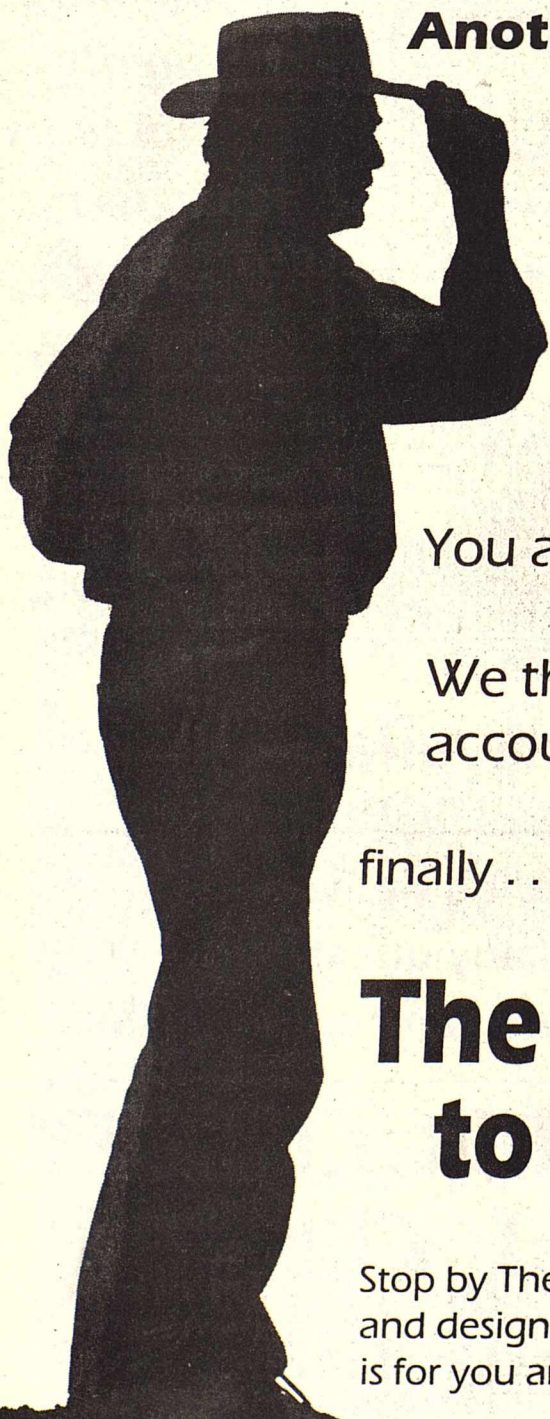
1997, when the disease was detected in Arizona in horses. By late fall, when the outbreak ended, infection had been detected on 380 ranches in four states; Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah," he continued. "Prior to the today's case, VS was most recently confirmed in 1998, in Texas, Reeves County, and in New Mexico."

"As a biosecurity measure, ranchers and veterinarians should wear rubber or latex gloves when handling potentially infected animals, and they should wash their hands thoroughly afterward. Humans reportedly may contract VS and develop flu-like symptoms that can last four to seven days," warned Dr. Coats.

"If your livestock develops blisters, erosions or sores, don't pass it off as another case of VS," Dr. Coats said. "It is extremely important that we collect samples and have laboratory tests run to determine the cause of illness. Report these signs of disease to your private veterinary practitioner or the TAHC immediately. The TAHC hotline number is operational 24 hours a day at 1-800-550-8242, and a TAHC or U.S. Department of Agriculture veterinarian always is on call to take reports and work with your private veterinarian at no charge."

"If you plan to ship horses or other livestock out of state, contact the state of destination prior to transporting the animals," urged Dr. Coats. "Because VS has been confirmed in Texas, some states may require our shipments of livestock to undergo additional inspections or testing. Producers and veterinarians may contact the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242, if they need contact information for animal health officials in other states."

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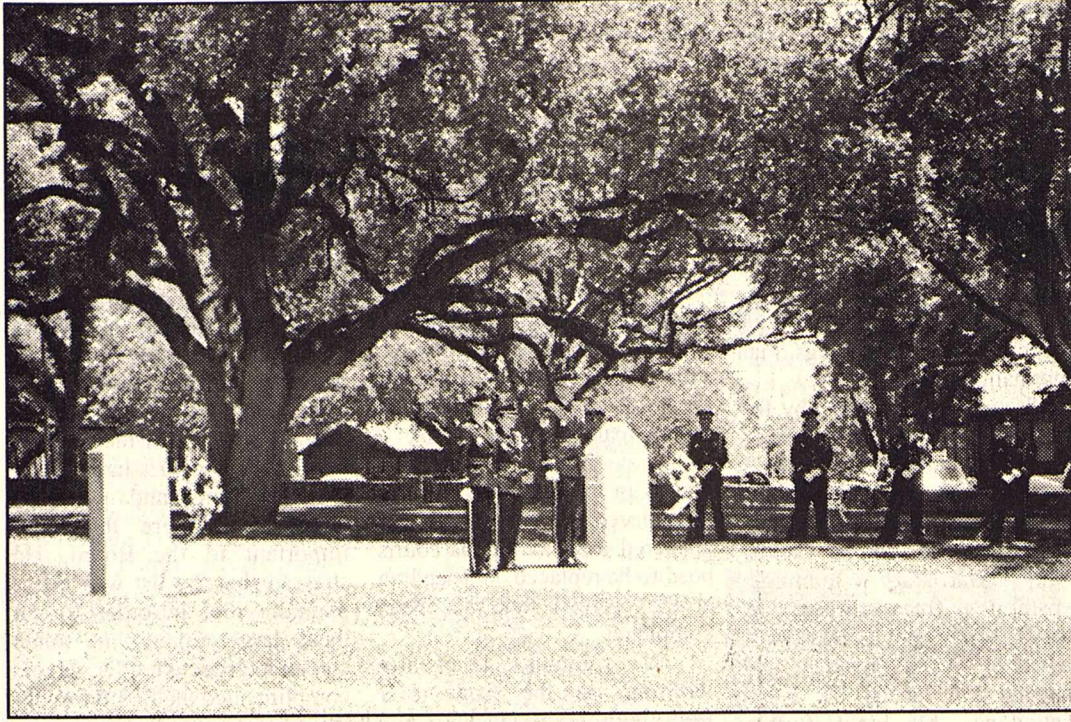
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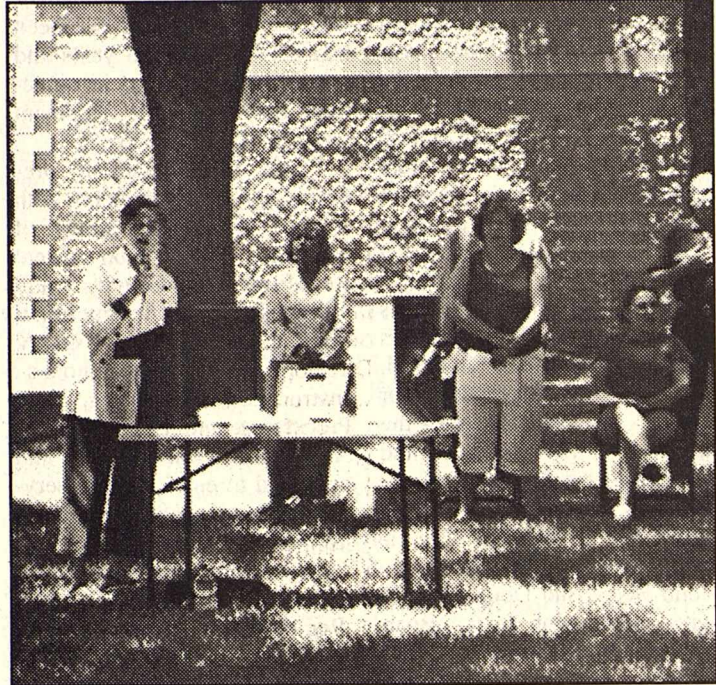
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## Memorial Day continued

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A "Yellow Ribbon Flag," donated by the Betsy Ross Flag Co. of Dallas, was presented to Sutton County by the Friends of Historic Sonora. Sutton County Judge Carla Garner and County Commissioner Mike Villanueva accepted on behalf of the county. These Yellow Ribbon flags may be purchased at the FHS office at 232 E. Main Street.

The Goodfellow Air Force Honor Guard, assisted by local Boy Scouts James Bean and Ryan Garmon, presented the Colors, gave a twenty-one gun salute, played "Taps," and presented wreaths.

Miss Sutton County Kelly Kearney, serving as master of ceremonies, Emily and Erin Newton, Maura Weingart, Rachel Duran, and Marlyn Young all participated in recognizing All Wars. Alicia Lowe related the story of "Taps."

All Veterans received free ice cream and the Goodfellow Air Force Base Honor Guard received a meal-- all courtesy of Joanna Wuest and Dairy Queen. Thank you Joanna and all the sponsors of this event-- KHOS radio, supporters of Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, Sutton County, Johnny Solis, Carlos Gallegos, Paul Freeman, Allison Freeman, Tommy and Beverly Arnwine, and all the Veterans and their families.

Those attending were invited to tour the Veterans of All Wars Exhibit at 232 Main Street, Ste. 103.



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Friess asks property owners to check the legal description and mailing address to be sure that there are no mistakes. If the letter has an old address, please let the appraisal district know. The post office forwards mail to a new address for a short time, and tax bills do not go out until October.

A property owner is responsible for informing the appraisal district of the correct mailing address. A property owner is liable for additional penalties and interest on a tax bill that is not paid on time.

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The meeting was called to order by President Scott Jacoby who stated that a quorum was present and who listed the school officials in attendance.

The Board reviewed documents relating to the Trustee and Chapter 41 Election held on May 15, 2004.

A motion was made by Fields, seconded by Favila, to approve both the Order Declaring Results of the Trustee Election and the Order Declaring Results of the Chapter 41 Election. The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Brant Myers presented a plaque to outgoing member Sam David Hernandez in recognition of his outstanding service of 12 years to Sonora ISD. Mr. Hernandez stated that he had enjoyed his service on the Board and that it had been a pleasure to serve the students and the community.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:38 P.M. after a motion by Fields and a second by Payton.

The Board of Trustees convened in regular session at 5:38 P.M. in the Board Room at the Administration Building.

The meeting was called to order by President Jacoby.

Notary Public Cynthia Keel administered the Oath of Office to re-elected member Tryon Fields, Precinct 2, and new member Dean Dermody, Precinct 4. President Jacoby congratulated both members and welcomed them.

President Jacoby opened the visitor comment session by reading the guidelines for public comments. He then called upon Savannah Leonard. Ms. Leonard pointed out that at present there were 7 boys sports and only 6 girls sports and that she felt girls should be treated equally. Therefore, she requested that the Board consider adding volleyball to its sports program.

The Board President thanked Ms. Leonard for her comments, with the Superintendent congratulating Ms. Leonard on the outstanding number of academic awards she had won that day at Middle School.

Jesse Bustamante nominated Scott Jacoby for President. Tammy Favila nominated Tryon Fields for President. Motion was made by Tom Payton, seconded by Barbara Jennings, that nominations cease.

Voting for Scott Jacoby for President were Jesse Bustamante and Tom Payton.

Voting for Tryon Fields for President were Dean Dermody, Tammy Favila, Tryon Fields, and Barbara Jennings. Abstaining from voting was Scott Jacoby. Mr. Fields was seated as Board President and thanked Mr. Jacoby for a job well done. Mr. Fields further commented that he would be a voting President.

Jennings nominated Tammy Favila as Board Vice-President. A motion was made by Tom Payton, seconded by Dean Dermody, that nominations cease. Mrs. Favila was elected by acclamation.

Tammy Favila nominated Jesse Bustamante as Secretary but Mr. Bustamante declined that position. Dean Dermody nominated Barbara Jennings as Secretary. Payton made a motion, seconded by Tammy Favila, that nominations cease. Mrs. Jennings was elected by acclamation.

In the absence of the Chief Appraiser, the Superintendent stated that collections stood at 97.46%.

The Superintendent reviewed revenues, expenditures, and current bills in the amount of \$645,775.85.

Member Scott Jacoby stated that there was a correction to the minutes of 4/19/04; therefore, the Board President called for discussion rather than a vote on the motion. Jacoby stated that the word "has" should be replaced with the word "had" in line 2 of Visitor Comments. Jennings made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Payton and carried unanimously.

Dr. Myers gave background information regarding the addition of volleyball, which had been discussed at two past board meetings and which parent Chap Traylor had requested be an agenda item for the May meeting. A very lengthy discussion was held between Athletic Director Jason Herring, board members, and the Superintendent addressing various issues about adding the program, including but not limited to costs, affect on other existing sports, scheduling, and personnel.

There being no further comments and no motions being made either for adding or not adding the program, the Board President closed the discussion and moved on.

Insurance Agent Cy Griffin presented information regarding a proposed West Texas Rural School Co-op for property, casualty, and worker's compensation insurance. Mr. Griffin stated that this co-op, or pool of school districts, would provide better coverage at less cost (approximately a 15-20% decrease) and that he would keep the Board informed regarding the matter.

Dr. Myers stated that enrollment was at its highest point for the year, standing at 960. He

stated that attendance was down slightly but that he was still quite pleased. He concluded his enrollment report by comparing enrollment and attendance for 2003-2004 with the comparable figures for 2001-2002 and 2002-2003.

The Superintendent reviewed maintenance issues as follows:

1. Housing - paint crew will look at all school housing and make any repairs during the summer along with the cosmetic repairs needed at the Mesquite Street Apartments;

2. Extra-Curricular - boards in the bleachers need to be replaced, the nets which disappeared from the tennis courts need to be replaced, and seeding at the football field has been completed;

3. Campus - currently working on the Lone Star Retrofit Program and the gym roof repair, window and door at the Intermediate School have been replaced, and door to the Band Hall has been repaired.

Dr. Myers invited board members to the end-of-school breakfast and awards program scheduled for Friday, May 28, at 8:30 A.M. in the High School Commons.

Dr. Myers expressed his appreciation to administrators and teachers for their hard work and dedication in preparing for TAKS. He stated that the statewide TAKS scores would be released the following morning at 9:30 A.M. However, he requested that Campus Principals Louise Dermody, John Berry, and Doug Bawcom give information to the Board regarding preliminary TAKS scores.

Architect John Williams stated that the pace was picking up on the ongoing construction project and was proceeding extremely well, even with all the rain delays. Mr. Williams also complimented Construction Superintendent Mike McGee for the excellent job he was doing.

Mr. McGee informed the Board that work was going quite well and would move forward rapidly during the summer months. He requested that students be informed to stay away from the school grounds during the summer and the Board directed Elementary Principal Louise Dermody to get this information out to parents and students. Additionally, Mr. McGee requested, because of the volume of work which was upcoming, that no tours be conducted during the month of June.

Principal Louise Dermody gave information regarding grants which were being pursued by the Elementary School as follows: A. Pre-K Grant - has been applied for again along with an additional request for program expansion funds; B. Reading 1st Grant - a 7-year grant Sonora ISD was eligible for based on TAKS scores with years 1 and 2 fully funded, years 3 and 4 funded at 75%, year 5 funded at 50%, and years 6 and 7 funded totally by the district.

The Superintendent conducted a lengthy review of the first draft of the proposed 2004-2005 budget, pointing out that the document was a work in progress and would be reviewed on numerous occasions before being adopted.

At this point in the meeting, President Fields announced that there would be a short recess and then the meeting would continue.

Prior to turning this agenda

item over to the Superintendent, Board President Fields stated that he wanted to point out that, in his opinion, no large maintenance items, unless of an emergency nature, should be addressed until the ongoing construction project is completed.

Dr. Myers presented the prioritized maintenance items which individual board members had rated on a scale of 1 (highest priority) to 18. These results were then averaged and one list was developed. Dr. Myers emphasized that the document was only for the purpose of trying to organize large maintenance items and ascertain which ones were the most important to the Board. He stressed that the list was just a planning tool in order to get these large repairs into some sort of perspective. Dr. Myers complimented the Board for taking care of a number of maintenance items that had not been addressed for several years and board members were in agreement that a planning document was a good tool to have.

The Superintendent presented service agreements with Region XV in the areas of Migrant Non-Project Recruitment, Gifted and Talented Co-op, Instructional Services Co-op, NetXV Telecommunications, Instructional Resources, Data Processing, and Title I, Part A. A motion was made and approved to enter into the service agreements with Region XV as presented.

Dr. Myers reviewed the Shared Service Agreements with Region XV in the areas of Title II, Part A; Title II, Part D; Title III; and Title IV. This was also approved.

Board members unanimously approved entering into the Technology Support Grant with Region XV as presented.

Board members unanimously appointed Tammy Favila and Scott Jacoby as the board representatives for graduation exercises.

Board members approved the Media Honor Roll Resolution which places the names of Storie Sharp, Devil's River News, and Donna Keese, KHOS Radio, on the TASB statewide Media Honor Roll which recognizes their contributions to the school district.

Member Tammy Favila stated she had attended the recent band concert and it was a wonderful performance. She commented that Band Director Rusty Baldwin had done an excellent job, as always.

The Superintendent congratulated the Girls Softball Team for their outstanding play-off run along with Elizabeth Elliott, Track, Susanna Street, Tennis, and the Boys and Girls Golf Teams for their State Meet appearances. He commented that he was proud of the students and the coaches for their hard work.

President Fields commended the campus principals and teachers for their efforts with the TAKS.

Member Dean Dermody thanked the other board members for welcoming him aboard. He stated he was not on the Board to agree or disagree, that he would express his opinions, and would hope that none would take it personally.

The Superintendent once again thanked former member Sam David Hernandez for his 12 years of service to the Board and for his efforts on behalf of the students of Sonora ISD.

The Board President announced that the Board would enter closed session according to its rights under the provisions of Texas Government Code 551.001 et. seq. to discuss the following personnel matters: (1) Formative Evaluation of Superintendent and (2) Employment of Personnel. Mr. Fields stated that no action would take place in closed session.

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:50 p.m. A motion was made by Tom Payton to employ Shanna Granger as 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher and Stacie Phillips as 6th Grade Math Teacher. The motion was seconded by Jesse Bustamante and carried unanimously.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned

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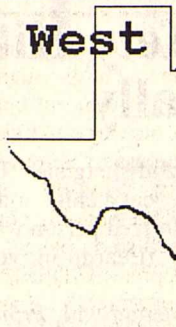
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Anyone interested in having an Arts & Crafts booth at the West Texas Championship Cook-off on Saturday, June 5, 2004, should call or go by the office of Friends of Historic Sonora. Fees are \$25 for a 10'x10' booth. You may start setting up at 7:30 a.m. and the booths will close at 5:30 p.m. It is not too late to be a part of Saturday's events. For more information on booth space call Friends of Historic Main Street at 325-387-2248 or KHOS/KYXX Radio at 325-387-3553.

Alcohol and drug use is widely believed to be a contributing factor in accidents occurring throughout the summer months. Addicts are most likely to use drugs during the summer months than any other time of the year. Recognize the signs of addiction and get help. If you or someone you know is struggling with an addiction call Narconon Arrowhead today. Narconon offers free addiction counseling, assessments and referrals to rehabilitation centers nationwide by calling 1-800-468-6933 or logging onto www.stopaddiction.com.

Support your troops car magnets are available at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce for \$5 a piece. All proceeds benefit the 1836th Transportation Det. 1. For more information call 387-2880 or stop by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce office.

Have a loved one serving in the military? Looking for a way to honor that loved one and show your support? Make a donation in his or her name to the Old Glory Fund. Names will be printed in The Devil's River News. Contributions can be made at The First National Bank of Sonora.

A New Way Narcotics Anonymous will meet every Monday & Friday in the Chapel at Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital from 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. FMI call 387-5656.

Al-Anon Family Group Meetings - Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel at the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. Call 387-2521, ext. 170.

## What should you do if the lights go out?

Springtime in West Texas can bring severe storms that often cause power outages. Knowing what to do and who to call if an outage occurs can help better cope with outages until power is restored.

"American Electric Power (AEP) employees work hard to provide safe, reliable power, yet sometimes, the lights go out despite our best efforts," said Fred Hernandez, AEP community affairs manager. "Severe weather, high winds and accidents can damage electrical equipment and interrupt service. If an outage occurs, AEP crews tackle the problem immediately to restore service as quickly as possible."

AEP offers these tips for reporting outages and staying safe if the lights go out.

- Always check fuses and breakers to make sure they haven't blown or tripped before calling to report an outage. If your fuses or breakers are okay, call the toll-free AEP outage number - 1-866-223-8508, any time day or night. If you live in a rural area, please give the customer service representative your ESI ID number, which is located on your electric bill, to help in getting accurate directions to the location of the outage.

- Storms can cause power lines to fall to the ground. Never go near a low-hanging or downed line. Assume that any downed line is dangerous. Even fallen telephone and cable TV lines can carry electricity.

- Protect sensitive electronic equipment, such as computers, TVs, microwave ovens, VCRs and stereo systems with surge protectors or disconnect during storms to prevent possible damage.

- Make sure electric space heaters, washers, dryers, and air conditioners are turned off. If a number of large appliances start up at once when power is restored, they may overload your home's electric circuits and cause damage to your appliances, or worse, a fire.

- If you have a portable generator, DO NOT connect it to your home's main electrical panel under any circumstances. When a portable generator is hooked to a home's main panel, the electricity it generates not

only enters the home's wiring, it also backs up into AEP's electrical system. This creates a life-threatening hazard for our repair crews as they work to restore power. It can also delay service restoration, because work crews may have to locate and turn off the source(s) of the electricity before they can complete repairs.

- It is best to use a portable generator to power your refrigerator, however, be careful not to overload your generator.

- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed. A fully loaded freezer can keep foods frozen up to 48 hours without electricity, but if the door is opened frequently, food spoils faster. Immediately after power is restored, inspect all the food in your refrigerator and freezer. Food that has thawed, is discolored or has a bad odor should be thrown away. The best rule concerning food safety... When in doubt, throw it out.

- Keep a supply of fresh batteries on hand for use in portable radios, TVs and flashlights. If a storm threatens at night, place a flashlight where you can find it easily if the power goes off. If you burn candles, always extinguish them before leaving the house or going to sleep.

During extensive power outages, AEP's first priorities are damage assessment and power restoration to critical customers, such as hospitals, emergency services, and major communication facilities, Hernandez noted. Service crews must repair major electric lines that serve the greatest number of customers before they can repair scattered outages. For individuals who depend on life support systems, AEP recommends maintaining a standby power source.

"Even though your power may go off occasionally, AEP's dedication to service never stops," Hernandez said. "We have employees on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We ask for your understanding, patience and cooperation if an outage occurs. You can be assured that we want your power restored just as quickly as you do."

## Project ChildSafe Comes to Sonora; Firearm Safety Kits to be distributed locally

The Sonora Police Department will provide numerous free firearm safety kits to local residents through a partnership with Project ChildSafe, the nationwide firearms safety education program. The safety kits, which include a gun lock, will be distributed from the Sonora Police Department, 609 S. Water, and The City of Sonora, 201 E. Main St., starting June 7th until they are all distributed.

Project ChildSafe, a program developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), will distribute millions of firearm safety kits throughout the country over the next year. The program is funded by a U.S. Department of Justice grant, with additional funding provided by the firearms industry.

"We encourage residents to pick up a Project ChildSafe safety kit so that they can securely store their firearms," said Chief House. "Each kit contains a safety curriculum and a cable-style gun lock. The locks fit on most types of hand-

guns, rifles and shotguns. The goal is to prevent a child or any other unauthorized person from accessing a firearm in your home." By partnering with Project ChildSafe, the Sonora Police Department is participating in a growing national effort to promote firearms safety education to all gun owners. Project ChildSafe will distribute gun lock safety kits to all states and the five U.S. territories.

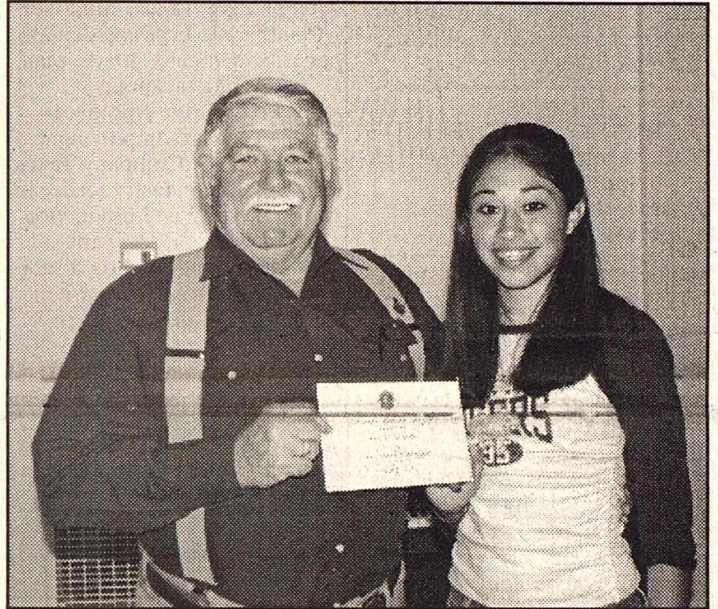
"We are pleased to have the Sonora Police Department as a Project ChildSafe partner," said Dee Dee Dockins, spokesperson for the program. "Project ChildSafe is an important step forward in helping ensure that all firearm owners fully understand their responsibilities with respect to the safe handling and storage of firearms."

For further information, contact the Sonora Police Department, Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., or any Sonora Police Department Officer.

## Catching up with Downtown Lion's Students of the Month

Editors note: A busy spring and end-of-the-school-year activities caught up with us and we fell behind with the Sonora Downtown Lion's Club students of the month. We apologize to the honored students and want to honor them at this time.

The Sonora Downtown Lions Club honored two Sonora High School students in April and May.



Kristina Hernandez was the Sonora Downtown Lion's Club Student of the Month for April. Kristina, a sophomore at S.H.S. is the daughter of Eloisa and Isabel Hernandez. She is active in basketball, tennis, cheerleading, U.I.L., National Honor Society and will be a PAL. She enjoys all school activities, as well as talking on the phone, computers and riding around with friends.



Kayla Fields was chosen as the May Student of the Month for the Sonora Downtown Lions Club. Kayla, a freshman at S.H.S., is the daughter of Tryon and Cindy Fields. She is active in basketball, track (pole vaulting), cross country, cheerleading and softball. She enjoys hanging out with friends and is a "very nice girl" said Outstanding Lion Student, Brea Hughes.

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