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Hardgrave Advances To State

"So close, and yet so far..." Only three strokes kept the SHS boys golf team from advancing to the State Golf Tournament this year, very few when over 600 strokes are considered. After going to State for the past two years and placing second both years, 2001 was to be the year to win it all. All season long, the team rose to the challenge. They regained the championship at their own Sonora Tournament, won first place in several other tournaments, and went on to place first at District. So it was with much anticipation that the team began their next challenge.

The two-day Regional Tournament was played in Baird at the Shady Oaks Golf Course on Monday and Tuesday, April 23 and 24. The first day was cool and very windy, while the second day was pleasant with only light winds. When all was said and done, Sonora was tied for third place with Memphis, and lost on the first play-off hole.

Team standings for the Regional I-2A Golf Tournament were 1. Canadian 303-294-597; 2. Olney 318-298-616; 3. (tie) Memphis 308-311-619; Sonora 313-306-619; 5. Archer City 314-310-624; 6. Ozona 320-312-632; 7. Anson 316-317-633; 8. Reagan County 315-321-636; 9. Colorado City 332-323-655; 10. Spearman 326-332-658; 11. Tahoka 332-327-659; 12. Plains 341-322-663; 13. Eldorado 342-324-666; 14. Friona 358-346-704; 15. Idalou 374-352-726; 16. Floydada 374-356-730. The top two teams will advance to the State Tournament.

Sonora's golfers scored as follows: Ryan Hardgrave (senior) 75-70-145; Cole Cearley (senior) 76-78-154; Dustin Martin (sophomore) 79-79-158; Brandon West (sophomore) 83-79-162; and Chris Martin (freshman) 87-80-167. Jake Trainer was entered as an individual medalist; his scores were 86-84-170.

Medalist standings after the Regional Tournament were 1. Travis Lovins-Canadian 72-66-138; 2. Mace McClatchey-Olney 74-68-142; and 3. Ryan Hardgrave-Sonora 75-70-145. Ryan qualified as an individual medalist to compete at the State Golf Tournament to be held in Austin on May 7 and 8 at the Jimmy Clay Golf Course. Sonora's past two times at State, in 1999 and 2000, took place at the Lion's Municipal Golf Course, so a new challenge awaits Ryan this year.

Ryan commented, "I've had



Ryan Hardgrave will compete at State competition in Austin on May 7th & 8th.

more fun on the golf team this year than any other year. Everyone on the team has been playing golf together since we were kids, and we all have high expectations for ourselves. Though we missed the state tournament as a team by just three strokes, we still managed to keep our heads up and hopefully next year the underclassmen will finish the job and win state. I am looking forward to competing at State as an individual." Good luck to Ryan at State!

Coach Russell reflected on the 2001 season. "We won every tournament that we played in against our classification of competition except for one--the Regional Tournament. When you start with such lofty goals as we've had this year, it is sometimes disappointing when you don't reach them. But we have nothing to hang our heads about; we played well throughout the year and just came short in the end. We were a young team this year, excluding the two seniors. We expect good things out of those kids as they get a year older. With some help coming, we should make another run at it next year."

The boys on the SHS golf teams and their families would like to express much appreciation to Coach Chad Russell, Principal Brant Myers, and the school board, as well as to the Bronco Booster Club and the Sonora Golf Club board and members for their support.



Regional Qualifiers traveled to Baird, TX to compete on April 24, 2001. Front: Cole Cearley, Chris Martin, Brandon West, and Dustin Martin. Back: Jake Trainer and Ryan Hardgrave.

Senior Citizen Appreciation Day

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Texas has seen fit to recognize the worth of older Texans by proclaiming May "OLDER TEXAS MONTH". The City of Sonora also chooses to honor our local senior citizens by setting aside a special day in their honor.

WHEREAS, Sonora will join the Texas Department of Aging and the Sutton County Senior Center in honoring the unique and productive Texans who happen to be responsible for our pride and material bounty.

THEREFORE, I, JoAnn Hernandez, Mayor of Sonora, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 17, 2001 as:

"Senior Citizen Appreciation Day in Sonora"
JoAnn Hernandez
Mayor, City of Sonora

Congratulations to State Bound Bronco Track Members: James Elliott, Elizabeth Elliott and Shalayne Hobbs!



See Regional Results in next week's issue of The Devil's River News.

Free Hearing Tests Offered

In conjunction with "Better Speech and Hearing Month", Sonora ISD is offering a free hearing screening to anyone in the community who may have questions concerning their hearing. The screening will be conducted by Speech, Hearing, and Language Therapists. All students of Sonora ISD routinely receive a

hearing screening.

The screening clinic will be on Wednesday, May 9th, in the Rock School Building, Speech Therapy Room. Please call Mary Beth Morgan or Monica Samaniego at 387-5944 for an appointment or come by on the day of the screening.

Sonora Celebrates Secretary's Week



Sonora celebrated Secretary's Week with a lot of magnificent, hard working "Administrative Assistants". From left to right, Mari Sanchez, Janalyn Jones, Rita Mendez, Candie Teasley, and Juanita Estrada were the week's winners of the Secretary Appreciation Contest. These ladies won prizes donated by Dairy Queen, Ol' Sonora Trading Post, Busy Bee Dept. Store, First National Bank of Sonora, The Bank & Trust of Sutton County, Flowers by Irene, Sonic Drive-In, Business Basics, Sonora True Value, La Mexicana, Taco Grill, Devil's River News, and KHOS Radio.

Polocek Wins District Lions Club Election

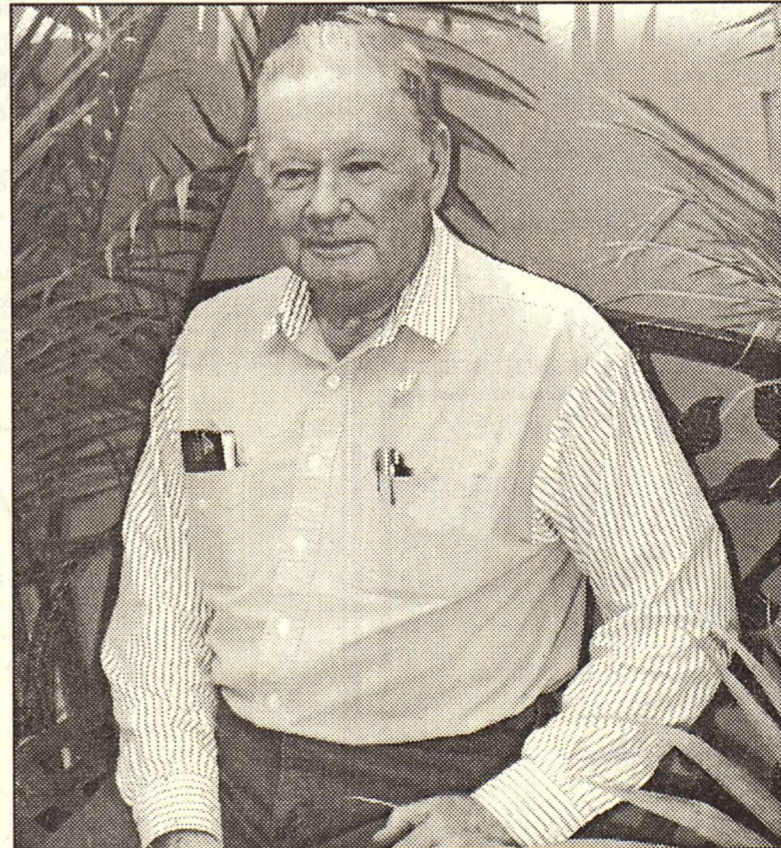
Virgil Polocek has been elected as the 2001-2002 Vice District Governor of the District 2-A1 Lions Club.

Virgil has been a member of the Sonora Downtown Lions Club for 27 years. He has served this club as Third Vice President, Second Vice President, First Vice President, and President in 1980. He is presently serving a second year as director. Polocek received a life membership from this club to the Texas Lions Camp in 1982.

In the past, Polocek has served as Zone Chairman, Deputy District Governor, Regional Chairman, District Chairman, Activities Chairman and Extension Chairman for District 2-A1, which he is presently serving.

Polocek attended the International Lions Club Conventions in Phoenix, AZ and Denver, CO, where he assisted with getting the Texas bands together. Virgil's wife, served as a sponsor for the Atlanta convention.

Polocek is a strong member of this community and has held many positions and offices, including: Chairman of Administrative Board for First United Methodist Church of Sonora, Lay Leader of First United Methodist Church for two years, Sonora Band Booster President for six years, Bronco Booster President for two years, Sonora Park Assn. President for six years, Project Supervisor for Christmas in April for four years, Active in Masonic and Eastern Star Work, Director of Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District for two years.



Virgil Polocek Chosen as 2001-2002 Vice District Governor

He is presently serving as a Sonora City Councilman and is serving as President of the Sonora Community Arts & Theater group (SCAT) and is an adult leader for 4-H and FFA.

Virgil has received the Citizen of the Year Award from the Sonora Chamber of Commerce three times and also received President George Bush's "Thousand Points of Light"

2001-2002 Flag Corps



The 2001-2002 Flag Corps - (L to R) Missy Longoria, Savannah Hedgecock, Sheena Head, Karri Wertz, and Erika McClintock. Not pictured are Noemi Fay, Evangelina Martinez and Sara Quiroz. The girls are led by Teresa Esparza.

City Council Makes Final Inspection of New Police Department

The City Council of Sonora held its regular meeting on April 17, 2001.

Mayor Hernandez opened the Public Hearing to hear comments on the proposed annexation proceeding to enlarge and extend the boundary limits of a 0.431 acre tract at the end of Castle Hill Road East petitioned by Kyle Donaldson. No comments were heard.

A motion was made by Councilman Virgil Polocek to accept the Sutton County Appraisal District monthly tax collection report. The report showed payments of \$325,937.13 or 89% of current taxes collected to date. Motion carried.

Polocek made a motion to accept the quarterly Fire Department report as presented. The report showed the following: Total Alarms - 10, Vehicle Fires - 3, Rescues - 3, False Alarms - 2, Other - 2, Total Man Hours - 86.5, County Man Hours - 53.5, County Fires - 8, City Man Hours - 5, City Fires - 01,

Mutual Man Hours - 28, and Mutual Aid Calls - 1. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

The city secretary presented the investment report for the 1st quarter of 2001. Becky advised that two certificate of deposits were renewed at a lower interest rate than last year. Also, she advised that the certificate of deposit from the sale of the dumpsters and trash truck would be transferred to the general fund to help pay for the police department building and the street paving project.

The quarterly Chamber of Commerce Hotel/Motel Tax Financial Report was presented for review and was approved.

The quarterly Sonora Industrial Development Corporation Financial Report was presented for review and was also approved.

Councilman Jim Stephen made a motion to amend the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation 2000-2001 annual budget. Motion carried.

Councilman James Blackman made a motion to accept the resignation of Sandra Luz Gonzales on the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation. Councilmember Polocek made a second to the motion and the motion carried.

Stephen made a motion to appoint Sandi Espinosa to serve on

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Sheriff's Office Receives Grant

In January 2001, the Rio Concho Multi-Agency Drug Enforcement Task Force and the Sutton County Sheriff's Office received a grant from the Federal Government in the form of equipment used for drug interdiction. The equipment is valued at \$20,000 and will greatly enhance local officer's ability to locate contraband being transported on public highways. Sutton County Sheriff's Deputy DuWayne Castro, who is currently assigned as a Narcotics Agent to the Rio Concho Multi-Agency Drug Enforcement Task Force, attended a three-day training seminar in Phoenix, Arizona and became certified in the use of the equipment.

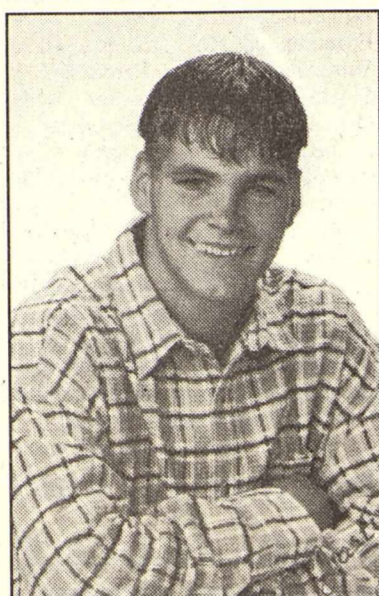
In June 2001, Sheriff Joe Fincher is scheduled to receive additional equipment from the Federal Government. The equipment will be a thermal imager. The thermal imager is a heat-seeking device that will enable officers to track suspects in total darkness. Agent Castro will attend a five day training seminar in San

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Sonora,
The caring, sensitive acts of Sonora's Law Enforcement office was never more in evidence than yesterday when Officer Bryn T. Humphrey and Police Chief Chris Crox worked together to help my 84 year old Mother in her distress. Mom is a resident of Fredericksburg, but found herself stranded in Sonora yesterday. It must have been God's will for Officer Humphrey to come to her rescue emotionally safely. Because he and Chief Crox were sensitive and caring people they put Mother in a home environment until the Fredericksburg Law Officer Herbert Vorauer could take me to Sonora. Can we thank Bryn and Mary Humphrey and their wonderful children Candise, Kallie, and Kory, enough for making Mom feel so secure and comfortable? No, but I did want the people of Sonora to know how fortunate they are to have Chief Crox, Officer Bryn Humphrey and his family in their city.
Frank Ingles
Starkville, MS

The following letter was shared with us by Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Stuart of Ozona. After losing their son, Justin Browne two years ago, the Stuarts donated his organs. Justin is survived by his grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Hopkins of Sonora.



Justin Browne

Dear Jeff and Rhonda,
I know the past year has been a difficult one for your family in dealing with Justin's death. I hope the following news of Justin's recipients will help ease the pain a bit.
The heart recipient is doing very well. All heart recipients have to have an invasive procedure performed in which a biopsy device is threaded to their heart and a small tissue sample is recovered to assess any rejection that might be occurring and their anti-rejection medication adjusted accordingly. At the one-year post-transplant mark, this gentleman shows no evidence of acute rejection whatsoever. Further, he has been totally compliant with his exercise regimen and has yet to miss or reschedule a single follow-up appointment. All recipients should be so motivated.
The liver recipient has likewise been doing very well. He is still employed in construction, and at his last evaluation, all was going well. The same good news applies to the recipient of Justin's right kidney and pancreas; the transplant coordinator reports that lab tests that reflect organ function are "absolutely perfect."
Now for the really good news, I just got off the phone with a transplant coordinator in Florida. The little boy who received Justin's left kidney is doing "fabulously." She offered some additional insight that I did not know when I wrote you last year. Patients whose kidneys fail and who are on hemodialysis therapy sometimes have difficulty maintaining the special graft created so they may be attached to the dialysis

equipment. All of this child's graft sites had, over time, failed. Failing a successful kidney transplant, his long term prognosis was essentially nil. I don't mean to over dramatize what your special gift did for this little boy, but, as the coordinator told me, he's leading about as normal a life as one can expect for an 11-year-old.
I apologize for the time it took for everyone to get back to me and, in turn, get back to you. Please know that your family's loss is ever on the minds of many grateful recipients and their family members. If I may be of any help in the future, please do not hesitate to call.
Respectfully,
Rick Stewart, RN, MS, CPTC
Anyone interested in donating to the Justin Browne Memorial Scholarship fund can send their donation to P.O. Box 1476, Ozona, TX, 76943.
His sister, Summer Browne, who will be graduating this year, will be giving out the scholarship in honor of her brother.

Carolyn Earwood's School of Dance Presents "Enchanted Toyland"



Toys come to life on stage at Carolyn Earwood's Dance recital.

Carolyn Earwood's School of Dance presented their annual Spring Recital on Sunday, April 29th. Music Box Dancers, Delicate Dolls, Baby Dolls, a Porcelain Doll, Ragdolls, Princess Dolls, a Topsy Turvey Doll, Skydancers, A Spinning Top, Pickup Sticks, Crayons, a Jack in the Box and Puppets came to life for Dreamer Marilyn Holman with the help of the Magic Doll Ashley Doran.
Advanced students Kayla Garcia, Thia McKissack, Emily Earwood, Steely Ingham, Laura Martin, Kimble Luna, Meredith Earwood and Kari Nicholas entertained the audience making toys dance in the "Enchanted Toyland". Others

performing were Julia Pope, Arden Mertz, James and Melissa Freeman, Claire Wideman, Kelsey Harris, Savannah Rudasill, Brianna Gandy, Lesley Levario, Chelsey Lou Campbell, Alyssa and Kelsey Favila, Sara Gillit, Rose Karnes, Morgan Vylvlecka, Alex Galindo, Chelby Ramos, Kara Voight, Amber West, Micaela Moore, Jennifer Vandivere, Shea Holmes, Paige and Alexa Sykes, Olivia Banda, Marissa Prieto, Crystal Hidalgo, Valeria Buitron, Amelia Butler, Stella Ingham, Jacinda Sanchez, Yariexa Guerrero, Maddie Lang, Kaitlyn Gibbens, Kylie Love, Kaci Lewis, Crosby Liverman, Chanel Martinez, Emily Cory and Emily Ellison.

What Happens Before Emergency Help Arrives Might Save Someone's Life

Lights flashing. Sirens blaring. Emergency crews on the run. Comforting sights and sounds to those needing help.
But the time between the call to 911 and the arrival of an emergency team can seem like an eternity of fear and indecision when someone is ill or injured.
Minutes count in an emergency, and what people do before EMS arrives makes a significant difference to an injured or ill person, according to Kathy Perkins, chief of the Bureau of Emergency Management at the Texas Department of Health (TDH).
When you call 911, Perkins said, "you access the emergency care system and its personnel, available by telephone everywhere in Texas 24 hours a day. But until a trained team arrives, there are things people can do to help."

behavior may signal that a person is in an emergency situation," Perkins said.
How you make the 911 call also is important. Stay calm or have someone else make the call. Give the 911 dispatcher any information requested. This information usually includes the address or location of the emergency, your name and telephone number at your location, name of the injured or ill person and information about the illness or injury.
Stay on the phone with the dispatcher until you are told to hang up. Send someone to wait near the street or in the parking lot or direct the ambulance to the victim.
Do not move the injured or ill person unless the person is in immediate danger. Do not allow the person to eat or drink anything or to smoke. Keep the person calm and still.
"While we can be proud of the emergency medical services in Texas," Perkins said, "prevention is still the best way to avoid needing help." Safe, healthy lifestyle habits include: wearing seat belts and buckling children into child safety seats • being sure that all children 12 and under ride in the back seat • driving at safe speeds • avoiding alcohol and drug use while driving • keeping immunizations current • eating right and exercising regularly • keeping guns and poisons locked in a safe place.
To receive a copy of TDH's brochure "When Minutes Count: A Citizen's Guide to Medical Emergencies," contact the TDH Bureau of Emergency Management at 1100 W. 49th St., Austin, TX 78756, or call 512-834-6700.

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Kellie Downing bride elect of Quincy Crain
Michelle Frye bride elect of Curtis Skelton, Jr.
Virginia (Gina) Heck bride elect of Bobby Humphreys
Mrs. David Kemp nee Dawn Witt

Bridal Registry
Kristi Burge bride elect of Caleb Barker

Baby Registry
Annette and John Castro

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Michelle Frye bride elect of Curtis Skelton, Jr.
Virginia (Gina) Heck bride elect of Bobby Humphreys
Kimberly West bride elect of Casey (Petie) Lewis
Lisa Noriega bride elect of Carlos Villegas
Jennifer Kenley bride elect of Ryan Malone
Mrs. David Kemp nee Dawn Witt

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News From the Neighbors

Mission San Lorenzo de la Santa Cruz Plans Re-Dedication Ceremony

The Mission Restoration Committee and Friends of the Mission from Camp Wood Texas, invite you to a Re-Dedication ceremony for Mission San Lorenzo de la Santa Cruz. This Mission was founded and originally dedicated in the year 1762 by Franciscan Missionaries for the Lipan-Apache Indians. The re-dedication and Blessing will be officiated by the: Most Reverend Patrick F. Flores, Archbishop of San Antonio.
Those who come will be able to walk the acres of grounds of this mission on the beautiful Nueces River, as well as enjoy the many re-enactment groups on hand for the day will include: The Granaderos De Galvez with Fife and Drum Corps, The Badland Rangers, The Texas Camel Corps, The W.P. Lane Rangers, The Ft. Concho Infantry & Cavalry, and Lipan-Apache Indian Tribe Members.
Please join the Mission Restoration Committee and Friends of the Mission to experience the History of life at Mission San Lorenzo de la Santa Cruz.
Saturday, May 12, 2001 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Camp Wood, Texas on Hwy 55 (North side of town).
There will be no admission or parking fees. Handicapped parking will be available. BBQ Sandwiches, Chips, and Drinks will be for sale on site. No alcoholic beverages are allowed.
For more information please contact the Nueces Canyon Chamber of Commerce at (830)597-6241.

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May 4
Michael Chavez, Jessica Gully,
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Holder, Tommy McKissack, Erin
Lewellen, Hillary Lawson

May 5
Bill Renfro, Peter R. Duran, Audrey
Hicks, Stephanie Mercado, Monica
Samaniego

May 6
Alyssa Vela, Kim Yocham, Pedro
Munoz

May 7
Paul Freeman, Elvira Kreitz,
Manuel Lopez, Joanne Wilkenson,
Gaye Sanchez, Jerrad Solis, Scott
Jacoby, Jaydan Crain

May 8
Josh Burnham, Rudy Charo,
Tommy Van Winkle

May 9
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Cub Scouts Hold Graduation



Pack 19 held their graduation ceremony on Sunday, April 22, 2001. The scouts received their advancements and were promoted from their current rank to the rank they will hold for the next school year.

Those promoted from Tiger Cubs to Wolf Cubs are:
Clayton Parks, Garrett Smith, Stephan Ortiz, Phillip Stephens, Stephen Bedwell, Taylor Velarde. Not pictured: Braxton Snyder, Nathaniel Villa, Ruben Galindo, Davis Virgen, Stephen Dominguez, and Candelario Tobias.

From Wolf Cubs to Bears Cubs: Ethan Morriss, Cody Snyder, William Otwell, Marcos Gomez, Dustin Covey, A. J. Ozuna, Preston Lopez, James Bean.

Bear Cubs to 4th Grade Webe-

los: Angel Aguayo, Bubba Ramos, Paul Faz, Tyler Creek, Cash Jennings, Michael Stephens, Dakota Malik. (Not pictured- Diego Dominguez and Dustin Crittendon)

4th Grade Webelos to 5th Grade Webelos: Kody Word, Tyler Edmondson, Ross Crites, Mikael Samaniego, Manuel Paredes, Alex Steves, Reggie Hernandez, Ryder Crites. (Not pictured-Stevie Pacheco and Ricky Lozano)

Following the ceremony, the scouts released blue and yellow balloons to celebrate their achievements.

Ice cream floats were served to the boys and their families after the festivities.

These scouts should be commended for their hard work and dedication. Congratulations!

F.Y.I.

The All-Sports Banquet will be held on May 17, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Commons Area. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$6.00.

Attention Bronco Fans:
There will be a drawing for 2 State Championship Footballs autographed by the Broncos to be given away at the Sports Banquet on May 17th. A \$1 donation will be accepted for a chance and you need not be present to win. Contact Kathy Lewellen at 387-6533 if you are interested. Tickets will also be sold at the Sports Banquet.

The concession stand at the Powder Puff Football game on May 10th at 6:30 will be serving sausage on a stick, sausage fajitas, corn on the cob and home-baked goods. Come join us! All proceeds benefit the Sonora Bronco Cheerleaders.

The Sonora Band Boosters are selling raffle tickets to raise money for summer camps. Prizes include a Grand Prize of 2 tickets to Schlitterbahn plus 1 night hotel room (donated by KHOS), a \$25.00 gift certificate to Outback Steakhouse, a gift certificate for Fajitas for 2 at La Mexicana. The Drawing will be held at the Band Concert on May 20, 2001. Tickets are \$1.00 and can be purchased from any band member or at The Bank & Trust.

The second shipment of Bronco Customized Woven Blankets have arrived just in time for Graduation gifts. Call or go by the high school office to reserve your blanket. The cost for each blanket is \$55.00. Only a limited number of blankets have been ordered so call early at 387-6533.

If you have not yet purchased your luminaries in honor of or in memory of someone who has fought the battle of cancer, contact Kim West at 287-2981. The cost is \$5 per luminary. There will be a special lighting ceremony at 10:00 p.m. at the Relay for Life on May 4, 2001.

San Angelo Quilt Show, June 15 and 16, 2001 presented by the Concho Valley Quilters Guild at the Cactus Hotel in San Angelo, Tx. Entry deadline is May 31, 2001. For information contact Willetta Bumpas at 915-659-2371.

Sutton County Family Plaques (located in front of the Sutton Co. Courthouse). If you didn't order a plaque for your family before and want to order one now, please call 387-2793 or 387-2261.

The T&C Village Relay For Life team will be having a benefit drawing to raise money for the Relay For Life. The team will be giving away a "Just for Him" package and a "Just for Her" package. Drawing will be held May 5th at the Relay for Life event. You need not be present to win.

The Bank & Trust will be serving hot dogs and drinks for a \$2.00 donation to the ACS Relay for Life on May 4th from 3-5. Everyone is encouraged to come by and get an early dinner.

The Sutton County Steakhouse Relay for Life team is having a raffle. The team will be drawing for many great gifts. Tickets can be purchased for \$1 from any team member or at the Sutton Co. Steakhouse.


The Sutton County Public Library is getting ready for their Book Sale. Donations of books, etc. are being accepted now. The sale will go from April 16 - May 11 at the Public Library from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information contact the library at 387-2111.

Hudspeth Hospital Auxiliary will meet the first Monday of each month at the Sutton County Steakhouse at 12:00 noon. Anyone interested in supporting our local hospital, please come join us.

Hughes Inducted Into Sigma Kappa Delta

Brenham, TX - Breg Hughes, who attends Blinn College in Brenham, TX was among the 140 students inducted into the Iota Beta Chapter of Sigma Kappa Delta in ceremonies on April 17, 2001. Sigma Kappa Delta is the national English honor society for two-year colleges. Breg is the son of Brad and Chandra Hughes of Sonora.

**Sonora FFA
invites you to the
13th Annual FFA
Awards Ceremony and Reception
Tuesday, May 8, 2001
7:00 p.m.
High School Commons Area**



4th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament

The 4th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on May 5, 2001 at 12:30 p.m. The tournament is an 18-hole Scramble. Entry fees are \$100 for a 3-person team, \$150 for a 4-person team, and \$200 for a 5-person team. A hamburger supper will be held after playing.

Green fees will be waived. The first place winners will have their team's name engraved on a plaque displayed in the clubhouse.

All proceeds will provide college scholarships to deserving Sonora High School Seniors who participate in the High School Golf Program.

For more information, call the Sonora Golf Club at 387-3680 or John Adams at 387-5068.

Villanueva Promoted



Staff Sergeant Manuel R. Villanueva, Jr. has recently been promoted to Platoon Commander of Basic Marine Platoon at MCRD San Diego, California. Manuel is a 1990 graduate of Sonora High School and has been in the Marines since July of 1991.

Congratulations from his parents, Manuel and Reta Villanueva, his brothers, Alfonso and Amalio, sisters Velma and Isabelle, aunts and uncles, cousins and friends and grandmother, Antonia Bianueba. We love you son and May God bless.

Festival & Events Workshop Planned For Sonora

A Festival and Event Workshop is planned for May 17, 2001 at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center.

"Making the Right Connections" is a series of regional festivals & events workshops presented by Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Department of Recreation, Park & Tourism Sciences at Texas A&M University in partnership with the Texas Festivals and Events Association (TFEA).

These workshops are designed to give participants creative techniques for festival planning, and a chance to connect with other event managers. The workshops provide an interactive environment as you experience and learn new methods of facilitation. The speakers will offer fresh and unique insights into planning and operating small town festivals and events.

Topics that will be covered include: Creative Publicity, Volunteer Management, Decorating Your Event, Making Your Event Unique, Risk & Crisis Management, and Emergency Planning.


Speakers will be Kay Wolf, Event specialist for Dixie Flag and past chair for TFEA. Pete Van de Putte, President of Dixie Flag based in San Antonio, and a board member for TFEA. Both are IFEA Certified Festival Executives.

Also speaking will be Ernie Gammage, director of the Texas Wildlife Expo, a celebration of the outdoors occurring in October. Formerly, he was Executive Director of the Austin Aqua Festival, and Vice President of the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce.

Registration is \$60.00 per participant if application is received one week prior to the workshop date. After that, registration is \$75.00 per participant. This fee includes workshop materials, breakfast and lunch.

For more information contact Justin McGeath or Ladonna Wardlaw at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, 915-387-2280.

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Sonora's graduating seniors
make their gift selections at Tedford's.

These graduates have already
made their selections.

Rogelio Cardona	Crispin Alejandro Lira	Jason Moore
Sandra Cardona	Lorena Lopez	Jacob Percifull
Serena Duran (Arlington)	Selina R. Martinez	Marco A. Pimentel, Jr.
Laura P. Garza	Ed Mayfield	Pedro (Pokey) Samaniego
Stephanie Hard	Adam Mendez	Andrea Vasquez
Ryan Hardgrave	Adrian M. Mendez	Jennifer Villanueva

For the graduates who have not made specific selections, we have a wide assortment of individual gifts.

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Broncos Named District Runner-Up



Sonora Bronco Varsity Baseball: Back: Justin Sims, Jerrad Solis, Anthony Sanchez, Coach Johnny Creek, Sean Fields, Bryce Williams, Byron Williams, Chang Hernandez, Cameron Sims. Front: Javier Gaytan, Crispin Lira, Tan Cade, (Bat Boy - Tyler Creek) and Matt Torres.

On April 24th the Sonora Broncos were victorious over the Eldorado Eagles. Justin Sims was the winning pitcher, with Jerrad Solis getting the save. Sims gave up 4 runs on 7 hits, with 1 strike out and 3 walks. Solis pitched the last inning, giving up 1 run.

Byron Williams won the game with a homerun on the first pitch in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Sean Fields had two singles
Matt Torres had one single and a triple.

Crispin Lira had 2 singles.
Solis had a single and a double.
Cameron Sims also had a single.

The Broncos defeated the number one Wall team 10 to 3 on Friday, April 27. Jerrad Solis was the winning pitcher giving up 3 runs on 7 hits with 8 strike outs and 2 walks.

Sonora ends their District play 7 and 3, putting the 2nd in District 2-2A behind Wall. Wall ended the

year 8-2.

Sonora faces Tornillo in Bi-District in a "Best of Three" game series.

The first game will be Friday in Alpine at 6:00 p.m. The second game is Saturday in Alpine at 12:00 p.m. and the third, if needed, will be

immediately following.

Torres, and Sims each has 1 RBI. Gaytan had 2 and Bryce had 3. Singles were hit by Hernandez, Torres, Lira, Bryce, Solis, Sims and Gaytan (2).

Hernandez, Lira and Bryce each had doubles.

Good luck at Bi-District!



Teammates cheer on Sean Fields as he rounds third base headed for home in last Tuesday's game against Eldorado.

National Teacher Day 2001

Washington, DC - Fruit baskets, Balloon bouquets and flowers. Messages on billboards and banners in the sky. For the past 16 years, communities have found countless ways to shower teachers with thanks and recognition in celebration of National Teacher Day. May 8, is the official day that parents, students, and businesses will show teachers they are honored and valued.

But beyond the gifts and hoopla, National Education Association President Bob Chase says National Teacher Day, celebrated annually on the second Tuesday in May, is an opportunity to express concern about the nation's current teacher shortage and stress the need to make teaching a viable career option for the next generation.

"Of all the ingredients for good schools, a sufficient quantity of talented teachers is the most basic," said Chase. "We cannot afford to allow the trend to continue where newly minted college graduates ignore the teaching profession or leave it altogether."

To their credit, today's teachers are better educated and more experienced than at any time in history. According to NEA's research report, Status of the American Public School Teacher, more than half of teachers nationwide (56.2 percent) hold one or more advanced degrees. About half (52.4 percent) have been educators for at least 15 years, and more than a third (38.1 percent) have two decades of teaching under their belts.

Yet with this level of education and experience comes a troublesome fact. The median age of teachers is 42 years old - glaring evidence that new graduates are not entering the teaching field. Even more disturbing is the poor retention rate for new teachers. Twenty percent of all new hires leave teaching within three years, and only half of new teachers in urban public schools are still teaching after five years.

"There are everyday heroes in classrooms throughout America," Chase said. "But we must face the fact that our current teachers are getting older, and our newcomers are leaving the profession too early. We have to make sure that our top graduates enter the teaching profession and stay in teaching so the heroic acts will continue and multiply."

In partnership with the National PTA, NEA has celebrated National Teacher Day since 1985. It is the signature event of Teacher Appreciation Week, designated as the first full week in May.

"No other professionals touch so many lives in such a lasting way," said Chase. "We owe teachers our gratitude every day. National Teacher Day is simply a special time to show our appreciation for their dedication and commitment."
This year's National Teacher Day theme, "Quality Teachers...Achieving Students...Outstanding Classrooms," salutes teachers for their role in the nation's academic success; dropout rates are down, SAT and ACT scores are rising, and more young people are going on to college and earning four-year degrees.

Lady Bronco Golfers Take 3rd At Regionals

The Sonora Lady Broncos fired their two best rounds of the year to take 3rd at the Region 1-2A golf tournament at Shady Oaks in Baird. The Lady Broncos shot 372-374=746 total. The regional champion was Idalou with a 356-354=710 total. The runner-up was Memphis with a 376-357=733 total. Individual scores were: Genny Cramer 93-89, Ashley Vickers 88-88, Leslie Gamez 108-99, Desiree Gonzales 95-103, and Claire Healy 96-98. Congratulations to the Lady Broncos on an excellent season. Their future looks bright for them as they return all five members of the team for next year.

Gifted and Talented Program Screening for Students

Nominations are currently being taken for the Gifted and Talented Program. Some of the characteristics exhibited by gifted and talented students, often at an early age, include:

- Exceptional memory
- Well-developed questioning skills
- Highly developed level of curiosity
- Advanced vocabulary for age
- Ability to think abstractly
- High energy level and commitment to projects
- Creativity in language, music, and drawing
- Keen sense of humor
- Interest in current events or issues

Unusual sensitivity
Good problem solving skills
While these are not all of the characteristics that may be present in all gifted children, a combination of any of these may indicate exceptional ability in a child.

All children are eligible for nomination for this program. Students may be nominated by parents/guardians, teachers, themselves, or other school personnel. Nominations from parents must be received by May 15, 2001 and are to be submitted to the campus principal. These forms are available in the principal's office.

Mikeska Named Educator of the Year

Former Sonora graduate, Donna Katherine Cooper Mikeska was recently named as the Genevra Wood Carson Educator of the Year. She was honored during the 13th annual Fort Concho Founder's Day luncheon that was held in March at the Commissary Building.

Mikeska has taught for 25 years, the last 15 of which have been at Bonham Elementary in San Angelo, TX. A nomination letter written by one of her fourth grade students and his family expressed what a great inspiration she is for her students.

Each year the Standard-Times, Fort Concho National Historic Landmark and the Region XV Education Service Center sponsors this tribute luncheon.

Genevra Wood Carson was a longtime West Texas teacher and

education leader, who began teaching at the early age of 14. She established a school for Mexican-Americans and built a business college in San Angelo in the early 1900's. She was a strong supporter and leader in petitioning San Angelo High School to admit Hispanic children.

The award is given each year in her honor to someone who shows commitment to citizenship and excellence in academics and a dedication to racial, religious and ethnic harmony among students.

Lori Solis, who was a special programs coordinator of Sonora ISD, has also received the award in the past.

Donna Cooper Mikeska is the daughter of Alfred and Clara Cooper.

Relay For Life Schedule of Events

Friday, May 4, 2001

- 4:00 p.m. Team registration begins
Luminaria sales begin
- 5:30 p.m. Survivor registration begins
- 5:45 p.m. Opening Ceremonies begin
Welcome
About Relay for Life by Kendra
Presentation of Colors by Sonora Boy Scouts
National Anthem led by Shannon Gillespie
Prayer led by Father Ted Harris
Introduction of survivors by Noemi Samaniego
Carnations presented to survivors, donated by Irene Fries
Survivors Victory Lap
Survivor Reception
- 6:30 p.m. Walking begins - Have fun, sell food and eat
Luminarias still for sale...
- 7:00 p.m. Devil's River Dancers and Lone Star Cloggers perform
- 9:00 p.m. Souls a Fire Band performs
- 10:00 p.m. Luminaria Ceremony begins with a prayer led by Rev. Lewis Allen
- 10:30 p.m. The Cross Roads Band performs
- Team Activities
- 11:00 p.m. Steakhouse Wheelbarrow Race
- 11:30 p.m. Samaniego's Sack Race

Saturday, May 5, 2001

- 12:00 a.m. Church of the Good Shepherd Sing Along
- 12:30 a.m. T&C Village Market Roping Contest
- 1:00 a.m. First National Bank Cowpatty Toss
- 1:30 a.m. Louis Dreyfus/BB Chemical Sticks Races
- 2:00 a.m. St. John's Episcopal Church Watermelon Seed Spittin' Contest
Beebe Family's Horse Snot Slingin' Contest
Outlaw Gang Tug-a-War
Softball, Karoke, Flag Football, etc.
Bad Hair Contest
Award "All Nighter" award/ drawings for raffles
Pancake Breakfast by the Lions Club
Closing Ceremony
Awards Presentation
Check Presentation
Final Lap of Relay for Life 2001
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State Qualifiers TBA
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State Meet @ Austin
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