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## 2002 Senior Class Graduates

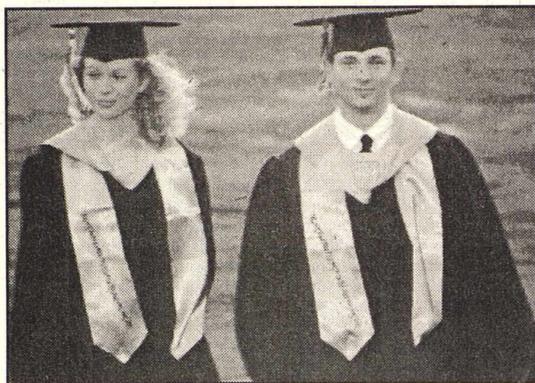
by Storie Sharp

The Sonora High School Class of 2002 completed their last step as a Senior at the Graduation Commencement Ceremony held in Bronco Stadium on Friday, May 24, 2002.

The ceremony was started by a moving dedication to the memory of one of their classmates, as Junior escorts, Landon Brockman and Koda Armke placed a cap and gown and a picture of Jeremy Brown in the chair where he would have sat. Each classmate then placed a single carnation in the chair as they passed, in loving memory of their lost friend.

After the Seniors took their place in the chairs on the track, Class President, Ruben Brown gave the opening Invocation. High School Principal, Doug Bawcom then welcomed everyone to the Commencement and introduced Salutatorian, Byron Williams. Williams speech told of all that he would remember from attending school at Sonora I.S.D. and encouraged the Class of 2002 to go out and make the best of their futures.

Manuel Campos then entertained the crowd with a special song dedicated to his classmates, "Who Will Catch Me When I Fall". Campos received



Valedictorian, Kasey Miller and Salutatorian, Byron Williams gave encouraging speeches to fellow classmates.

a standing ovation for his performance.

Class Valedictorian, Kasey Miller began her speech by telling everyone that she had a hard time deciding what to say until her favorite teacher/mother gave her a very special book that said it all. Miller then read the book to everyone... "Oh, The Places You'll Go" by Dr. Seuss. The book, although written for young children" was appropriately fitting for such an occasion. In this joyous ode to life and success, Dr. Seuss's message is simple but never sappy:

Life may be a "Great Balancing Act," but through it all, "There's fun to be done."

S.H.S. Counselor, Christi Bell followed Miller with a presentation of Honors and Awards. The following awards were given to the Class of 2002:

Pedro Capuchin was recognized as an Honor graduate because he graduated with at least a 90 grade point average. He received a plaque for this honor.

Chance Armke, Marjorie Becknell, Manuel Campos,

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## EMS Sponsors First Aid Course

The Sutton County Emergency Medical Service will sponsor a Six Hour First Aid course for the public on June 11, (Tuesday) and June 12, (Wednesday) from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM both nights.

The first aid course will include medical illnesses, such as heart attack, stroke, diabetic emergencies, and accidental injuries and their treatment. Among the list of skills presented, you will learn what to do for choking victims, how to stop major bleeding, and bandaging and splinting with materials you may have available in your home. This course is highly recommended for parents, teachers and others who work with children. It is a valuable course for anyone interested in reducing the sudden effects of illness or injury.

The cost of the first aid course will be \$30.00 per person. To enroll for this course, please contact Sutton County EMS at 387-5132 or come by the office at 211 East Third. Pre-Registration is required.

## EMS To Hold Blood Drive

The United Blood Services will be in Sonora for a community blood drive on Thursday, June 6th, sponsored by the Sutton County EMS. It will be held at the Sutton County EMS and Fire Building, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Call Pat Campbell at 387-5132 or United

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## Sonora Golf Course To Host Junior Clinic

The Sonora Golf Course has invited UTSA Head Golf Coach, Chris Doneilson and UTSA Team Members to host a Junior Golf Clinic on June 4, 2002. The Clinic is open to all ages, with the Juniors from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Any other participants can attend the clinic after 11:00 a.m. The Clinic will cover all aspects of golf, including putting, short game, driving, the mental aspects of the game and course management. A lunch will be provided with the \$20 entry fee. For more information call the Sonora Golf Club at 387-3680.

## City Council Holds Public Hearings

On this the 21st day of May 2002, the City Council of Sonora met in regular session with the following present: James Stephen, Mayor; Councilmembers Gloria Lopez, Virgil Polocsek, and James Blackman; Brent Gesch, City Manager; Beth Wallace, City Attorney; Becky Covington, City Secretary.

Others attending all or part of the meeting were Ann Kay, Justin McGeath, Judge Sessom, Chief Mike House, Juanita Mesa, Larry Lynch, James McLaughlin, JoAnn Hernandez, Katrina Hernandez, William Dudley, Bryn Humphrey, Mary Humphrey, Lane Salvato, Mike Clinton, Chris Phillips, Bonnie Lou Campbell, Sheila Velarde, John Voller, and Tony Lane.

Mayor Stephen called attention to the fact that the minutes be corrected to read that

the swimming pool closure date be August 19 and not May 27. Lopez made a motion to approve the regular City Council meeting held on April 16, 2002 as corrected. Polocsek made a second to the motion and the motion carried.

Polocsek made a motion to approve the monthly tax collection report for the month of April, showing current collections being \$368,026 collected for this fiscal year. Councilmember Blackman made a second to the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Blackman made a motion to approve the quarterly financial report of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation. Polocsek made a second to the motion and the

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## The American Cancer Society Works to Increase Skin Protection Awareness

May Marks Skin Cancer/Melanoma Detection and Prevention Month with a Warning for Parents.

Summer is here, and with it comes more time outside with the family - and more time in the sun. But parents may forget this hidden danger lurking in the sky and send their kids outside without protection. Kids can suffer severe, painful sunburns. And in the long run, these burns in childhood can also increase their risk for skin cancer as an adult.

According to the American Cancer Society, more than 1,400 people here in Texas will develop melanoma - the most serious form of skin cancer - this year. Sadly, many of these cases could have been prevented. "The best way to avoid sunburn and skin damage is to adopt a year-round safe-skin regimen," said William Ramsdell, M.D., dermatologist and spokesperson for the American Cancer Society. "Important sun protection methods include effective use of sunscreen, hats, protective clothing, sunglasses and staying out of the sun when ultraviolet (UV) rays

are most dangerous, generally between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m."

**Slip! Slip! Slip!**, the Society's awareness campaign, is designed to let kids and their parents know how easy it is to protect themselves while in the sun. **Slip! Slip! Slip!** is a quick way to remember the most important sun protective behaviors:

**Slip! - Slip on a shirt.** Wear protective clothing when out in the sun. Choose clothes made of tightly woven fabrics that you can't see through.

**Slop! - Slop on sunscreen.** Wear sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher on any exposed skin. Apply sunscreen 15-20 minutes before going outdoors, and be sure to reapply as necessary, especially after swimming, sweating or toweling off.

**Slap! - Slap on a hat.** Wear a wide-brimmed hat that shades face, neck and ears.

Also be sure to protect your eyes and the surrounding skin with sunglasses. Wear 99-100 percent UV absorption sunglasses.

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## Mark David Manders to Headline West Texas Championship Cook-Off

by Storie Sharp

The third annual West Texas Championship Cook-off promises to be bigger and better than before. June 1, 2002 will find the Sutton County Park full of cooks, washer pitchers, musicians and people looking for a good time.

Registration and meat check in begins Friday, May 31st at 5:00 p.m. and will last to 8:00 p.m.

On Saturday, June 1st Registration and meat check in continues from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. There will be a cooks meeting in front of the Civic Center at 9:00 a.m. The Washer Pitching Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. at the Slab, with play beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The Cooking categories include: Brisket, Goat, Chicken, Ribs, Chili, Beans, Pies and a new category, Margaritas.

The Brisket category will pay 3 places, with \$1500.00 for 1st, \$750.00 for 2nd and \$250.00 for 3rd. The Goat is a jackpot category with a \$1,000.00 winning payout. Chicken and Ribs will pay back 60%, 30% and 10% consecutively. Chili and Beans are both Jackpot. Pies and Margarita winners will receive plaques.

Special awards will be given for Showmanship, Washers, Longest Distance, Best Pit, Best Camp, Best All-Around Cook, and Best Overall.

Beer and food concessions will be available on the grounds. Activities for the young and young at heart include Armadillo Races and The Jumping Castle (Moon Walk). The Sonora Cheerleaders will be selling snowcones.

There will be live music all

day provided by local talents and the big dance will kick off at 8:00 p.m. with San Angelo's NDC opening for Mark David Manders. NDC recently entertained Sonora crowds at the Relay for Life. They provide good Texas music, with songs including "Blame it On Blaines" and "Pontotoc".

Mark David Manders provides another Texas sound, with hometown boy, Jeremy Yager on drums. The band keeps crowds singing along with songs like "Three Fingers Tequila", "Black Jack Road" and the interactive song "Beer".

The dance is from 8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. at the Sutton County Park Slab and is \$10.00 per person. Beer concessions will be available.

A Gas Grill is being raffled off Saturday afternoon. If you haven't purchased your raffle tickets, they are available at Cellular One or at the Stagecoach Grill and Cantina for \$1.00. They will also be available at the cook-off.

Many people have signed up to judge one of the cooking events, all judges are asked to be at the Civic Center 45 minutes prior to their event. Event times are as follows:

10:00 a.m. - Pies  
11:00 a.m. - Chicken  
12:00 p.m. - Chili and Beans

1:00 p.m. - Margaritas  
1:30 p.m. - Ribs  
2:30 p.m. - Goat  
3:30 p.m. - Brisket

If you are interested in judging any event please call Storie at 387-2507. Judges are still needed in all events.

Washer Pitching begins at 10:00 a.m.



(above) Mark David Manders and band (including hometown boy, Jeremy Yager on drums) will entertain crowds at the West Texas Championship Cook-off. (below) San Angelo's NDC will open for Manders and rock Sonora on Saturday, starting at 8:00 p.m.



Awards will be presented starting at 4:30 p.m.

Partial proceeds of this year's Cook-off will be presented to the Sutton County EMS. So head out to the Sutton County Park on Saturday for a day full of fun, food and good tunes.

This year's sponsors include Budweiser, XS Ranch, Sonora Chemical & Supply, Inc., Location Builders, NAPA Auto Parts, First National Bank of Sonora, Dowell and Champion.

## Ports-To-Plains Trade Coalition Update For Community of Sonora

Everyone is invited to a community-wide meeting on June 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the Civic Center.

TxDOT personnel from Sonora and the San Angelo District will be on hand for an update of what TxDOT is doing in this area.

Ports-To-Plains President, Kevin Evans will give an update on Ports-To-Plains and how the Coalition is progressing towards its goals.

This meeting is being sponsored by the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation, the Sutton County Extension Program Council, and the Ports-To-Plains Trade Coalition.

## Sonora Memorial Day Celebration



by Ann Kay, Main Street Manager

As the sun rose on the Sutton County Courthouse Lawn the activities begin to fall into place for the special Sonora Memorial Day Celebration. The rain fell gently on the green grass as the Veterans and their families began to gather to listen to the voices of our youth show their appreciation to these veterans. The program opened with Mayor Jim Stephen welcoming guests and veterans with their families, to the Sonora

Memorial Day Celebration. The Goodfellow Air Force Honor Guard had the presentation of colors, Kallie and Kory Humphrey led the Pledge of Allegiance and Joy Galbreath sang the Star Spangled Banner. The program continued with notes of appreciation and remembrance.

Tyler Stewart remembered the World War I veterans, Hunt Wagoner the World War II veterans, Korean War veterans by Katrina Hernandez, the Vietnam

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## Sonora Welcomes Stormi's Place



Stormi Matthews held the grand opening of Stormi's Place on Wednesday, May 22, 2002. Stormi's Place, located at 105 4th Street (directly behind Smitty's) is a full service salon, offering manicures, pedicures, Solar nails, waxing, men and women's hair styling, cutting, and coloring. Stormi will also be offering Jenni All-Natural Candles, horseshoe art, Limestone Gifts, Jewelry by Kathy Knight and Doremam Burns prints. Office hours are Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome and late appointments are available. For more information or to make an appointment call Stormi at 387-3046. In addition to many visitors throughout the day, family and friends were on hand for the grand opening photo including: Mitzi Matthews, Savannah Pendergrass, Drake, Mark, and Kathy Shurley, Ronja Weadock, Kathleen Moore, Hensel Matthews, Kathleen Call, John Call, Darla McKissack, Justin McGeath, Beth Snyder, Lauri Smith, Juanita Estrada, Ladonna Wardlaw, Vivian Mears, Elizabeth, Katherine Ann, Vallaree and Kaden.



## Sonora Church Directory

- PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**  
Antonio F. Gonzales, Sr.  
504 Santa Clara  
387-2035
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Jerry Jackson  
304 N. Water  
387-3190
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
T. Wayne Price  
Pastor  
111 E Oak  
387-2951
- ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Rev. Ted W. Harris  
404 E. Poplar  
387-2955
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Conrad Archer, Pastor  
201 N. Water  
387-2466
- TEMPLO JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS**  
Rev. Santos Beserra, Jr.  
306 W. 4th St.  
387-5713
- HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Rev. Charles Huffman  
417 E. 2nd St.  
387-5366
- NEW LIFE MINISTRY CENTER**  
Jerry & Joy Wood  
205 E. Main  
387-3241
- LA IGLESIA HISPANA PENTECOSTAL DEL NOMBRE DE JESUS, INC.**  
387-6072
- IGLESIA PENTECOSTAL UNIDA HISPANA**  
Pastor Isai Oviedo  
509 Amistad  
650-3121
- THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN**  
Lewis Allen, Pastor  
319 E. Mulberry  
387-2616
- LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Don Longoria, Pastor  
707 Glasscock  
387-5886
- PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED**  
Randy Greenwood  
Pastor  
509 Amistad  
387-5266
- ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I.  
229 W. Plum  
387-2278
- JEHOVAH'S WITNESS**  
310 St. Ann's Street  
387-5658 or 387-5518
- NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Supply Pastor  
511 Cornell  
387-5207



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BRONCHO FORD INC.  
115 N CONCHO  
SONORA, TX 76950  
(915)387-2549

**Kerbow Funeral Home**  
387-2266

### Card of Thanks

The Family of Jerimy Joe Brown-Lipham would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You". I'm not sure where to start with the acknowledgements for there have been so many wonderful people around us at this difficult time.

To the entire Sonora Independent School District faculty, staff, and student body, thank you for everything from the cards, and letters, to the floral arrangements and prayers.

Thank you, Rod Miller, Lisa Karnes, Pam and Todd Munn and the entire Ozona Cowboy Church/Lambs of God Youth Organizations.

Thank you, to the entire community of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas for your heartfelt support during this time of grief. Jerimy was proud to call Sonora home and has good reason to be proud just as we are.

Please forgive me if I didn't acknowledge someone or something specifically, just know that we appreciate the cards, letters, calls, floral arrangements, food contributions, and especially the heartfelt prayers of all.

Sincerely and May God Bless,  
The entire Brown-Lipham Families

For the past 28 years, I have boasted about the fine people of Sonora. However, the kindness and caring shown me following my recent surgery reminded me of just how fortunate I am to be here. My thanks to all of you who have called, sent cards and flowers, and for all the wonderful food we received. Your concern and generosity has made my recovery much easier.

Fondly,  
Virgil Poloczek

I would like to thank all the merchants of Downtown Sonora for their hospitality on May 22, 2002, when we brought the 6th grade students of Sonora Middle School to Main Street. The students learned many new and wonderful things about our community. I would like to thank the Friends of Historic Sonora "Main Street Program," Sonora Historical Society, Devil's River News, City Hall, Sheriff's Office, and the ladies in the Courthouse, for allowing our students to tour these buildings and learn about our heritage. A special thank you to Judge Carla Garner for allowing us to eat and congregate on the Courthouse Lawn. I look forward to many more trips downtown where we can all share the past with the future.

Thank you again!  
Marlyn Young, 6th Grade Teacher at SMS

We would like to thank all those who made the 2002 Project Graduation a huge success. First, the community for their generous support of money and items; you once again supported our youth in a huge way. Second, the junior and senior parents, teachers, administration, the volunteers who didn't have a student at Project Graduation but were willing to help anyway, and the juniors and seniors who gave up sleeping in on Friday morning to help move items from several locations to the high school. We thank Trey Rushing for being our auctioneer. Ronda Hall for allowing us to store items at her beauty shop. But most of all to our committee chairpersons without you we would never have been able to accomplish such a huge task. The hard work of so many people made a night of memories for approximately 75 seniors and juniors. Thank you everyone.

Mary Jean Sims and Laura West  
2002 Project Graduation Co-Chairs

Dear Sonora,  
As a parent of a recent Sonora graduate and also another to graduate next year, may I say Thank you. Thank you to all of you who helped and donated your gifts and/or your time to Project Graduation. Thank you for caring enough to give mine and other juniors and seniors a safe and fun environment for the evening. Basically it was somewhere for them to go and have one more good time with their friends. It was a very memorable evening and a good time for all those who chose to attend. I have been told that all but two seniors had attended. So, if you are an individual who helped or you are a part of a Business who donated, again I can not tell you as a parent how much it means to me that you cared enough to support a very worthy cause. So many thanks and may God bless you all.

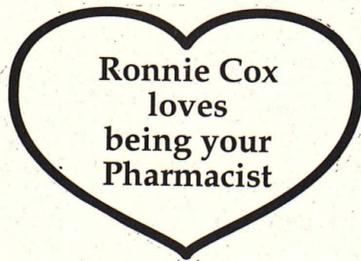
Debra Hobbs

### West Wins Talent Competition

Brandon West, son of Laura and Joe David West recently sang his way to first place in the 2002 First Talent Team Concho District competition. This win advanced him to the area competition held at A.S.U. in San Angelo. West finished third in the Area Competition. Brandon will be a Senior at Sonora High School. Congratulations on a job well done!



Brandon West



### Obituaries

#### Christian Anthony Hazelton

Christian Anthony Hazelton, our beautiful three-year-old-son, passed away Saturday, May 18, 2002. God blessed us with him on March 11, 1999. Christian lived his short life touching our hearts and showing us what angels look like. From his daily greeting of a smile good morning and an adorable plea for chocolate pancakes, to his request for just one more bedtime story, we miss everything. Everyone who knew him loved him and will hold him forever in their hearts.

#### Clarence Devota Arnold

Clarence Devota Arnold of Odessa, Texas, died Monday, May 20, 2002 in Sonora, Texas, while looking at the sunset at the home of his daughter, Beverly Arnwine.

Clarence was preceded in death by his parents, W.P. and Bertie Arnold of Overton, and three brothers, C.E. of Odessa, Harold of Pasadena, TX, and Paul of Kilgore.

Clarence is survived by his wife of 63 years, Agness Widner Arnold, and his two children and their spouses, Don and Mary Ann Arnold of Houston, Texas, and Beverly and Tommy Arnwine of Sonora, Texas. He is also survived by one sister and her husband, Frances and H.B. Tyra of Huntsville, Alabama, one brother and wife, Bill and Alice Arnold of Odessa, and one sister-in-law, Jo Arnold, of Odessa, TX. Mr. Arnold is also survived by seven grandchildren, Terry Arnold of Mexia, TX, Derinda de Jong of Springfield, MO, Todd Arnold of Hamilton, TX, Marine Lt. Shannon Arnwine of Cherry Point, NC, Shane Arnwine of Cibola, TX, Kenneth Arnwine of Randleman, NC, and Joel Arnwine of Sonora, TX. And also six great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

#### L.L. "Tex" Collins

L.L. "Tex" Collins died peacefully at his home after a courageous battle with cancer surrounded by the love and support of his family and friends. A former Rankinite, Tex retired from Union Texas after 32 years of service. He was a talented musician and his band "The Tomcats" was popular and well known in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico in the 50's and 60's. He continued to play for benefits until shortly before his illness. He was married to Peggy White in Big Lake, Aug. 31, 1951, and they moved to Rankin and began Collins Welding Service. He assisted in the building of the Texas Natural Refinery and was employed by them at the completion of the refinery. He was preceded in death by his parents, L.N. and Mamie Collins and brother, Mike Collins. Graveside service will be in the Rankin Cemetery at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 29. He is survived by his loving wife of over 50 years, Peggy Collins of San Angelo; two daughters and sons-in-law, Caye and Paul Lankford of Cypress and Faye and Donnie Deel of Sonora; two sons and daughters-in-law, Bart and Debbie Collins of Midland and Brent and Trish Collins of Odessa; five grandsons, Marc Lankford of San Marcos, Shane and wife, Krystal Deel, of Magnolia, Blaise, Logan and Carson Collins of Odessa; three granddaughters, Michael Collins of Broussard, LA, Courtney and husband, Chuck Floyd, of San Marcos and Bethany Deel of Sonora; one great-grandson, Ethan Wade of Sonora; and three step-grandsons and their wives, Randy Adams of Dason, LA, Darin and Brandi Guy of Burnett and Toby and Kristi Guy of Cedar Hills and their two children, Sterling and Brooklyn. Also surviving are one brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Thurman and Betty White of Henderson, Nev.; three nieces and two nephews; a special niece, Carol Gene Cottle of Carrizo Springs; special cousin, Carolyn Little of Carbon; two aunts, one uncle and several other cousins; and special friends, Don and Betty Bartz of San Angelo and Tommy Owens of Rankin. Our sincere thanks to Dr. Rahman and his staff, the Hospice of San Angelo, and our nurse, Vicki Nickels. The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to Hospice of San Angelo. Dad, thank you for showing us that when one door shuts another opens, and what seems to be an ending in life is really a new beginning.

### Senior Center News

- June 3 - AAA Reports due. Bingo!
- June 4 - Exercise anyone?
- June 5 - TRAX Van to San Angelo. Call 387-2509
- June 6 - Need craft ideas for summer. Come by our center.
- June 7 - Run errands and pay bills!

### Senior Menu

- June 3 - Hamburger, lettuce, onion, tomatoes, oven French fries, carrot salad, apple.
  - June 4 - Chicken/rice casserole, broccoli, roll, peach half, chocolate cake.
  - June 5 - Pork chop with gravy, baked potato, yellow squash, cornbread, pineapple waldorf.
  - June 6 - Roasted chicken, pinto beans, spinach, cornbread, cherry cobbler.
  - June 7 - Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, wheat roll, juice, brownie with nuts.
- Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.  
\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.  
**\*MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.\***

### Dining Out Directory

- Dairy Queen  
134 Hwy. 277 N.  
387-2118
- La Mexicana  
240 N. Hwy 277  
387-3401
- Pizza Hut  
401 Hwy. 277 N.  
387-3540
- Sutton County Steakhouse  
1306 N. Service Rd  
387-3833
- Stagecoach Grill & Cantina  
407 South Crockett  
387-0623
- Taco Grill  
232 Hwy. 277 N.  
387-9127
- Town & Country Subway  
610 S. Crockett  
387-6181
- Town & Country - Country Kitchen  
903 N. Crockett Ave.  
387-2169

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### Community

- June 1  
West Texas Chili Cook-Off  
9:00 a.m. • Sutton County Park Arena Complex  
Dance at Slab • 8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
- June 10  
County Commissioners Meeting  
9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg.

The Community Calendar



### Calendar

- June 17  
SISD School Board Meeting  
6:30 p.m. • Administration Bldg.
- June 18  
City Council Meeting  
2:00 p.m. • City Hall
- June 24  
County Commissioners Meeting  
9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg.

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Email us at editor@sonoratr.net

**Ask the Historical Society**

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

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Mr. Danny Reinhardt for the donation of rock for the new office/archive building. It matches beautifully and allowed us to have a rocked exterior on the archival storage area instead of texture on the cinder block. The rock blends in beautifully with the other buildings and makes a wonderful background for events in the amphitheater. Thanks also to Mike Dillard for transport and Tryon Fields for the donation of a load of caliche to make the platform base for the air conditioning units on the building. We deeply appreciate all the people of Sutton County who have given so generously to this project.

Q. Are you sure the old wooden school became the Baptist Church?

A. **Devil's River News, August 11, 1933** - Razing of Old Church Brings Many Memories of Early Day Sonora - Razing of the ancient building which for over a quarter of a century has housed the Sonora Baptist Church has brought many a memory to the older citizens of the city, for in the early days of the town that building served multiple purposes. It was used in turn as community center, dance hall, school, church and courtroom.

First unit of the old building was erected before Sonora became the county seat of Sutton County, considerably over 40 years ago. It was built by private subscription, to be used for all community purposes. Many of the old-timers here remember vividly the "Christmas trees," the dances, the community parties that were given there. Many a time it would be used for dancing until the wee hours of the morning, then refilled with benches for the preaching services a few hours later. It served for a time as court room, and people were sent from trials within its walls to much more substantial walls at the Texas penitentiary.

It was originally located near the site of the Masonic Hall. Later it became the property of E. F. VanderStucken. He later sold the building to the ladies of the church. It remained on the old site for many years. The purchase was financed by I. N. Brooks, one of the organizers of the church, who now lives in Plainview. The church later bought a lot just north of the

Sonora Motor Co. from W. E. Glasscock for \$2,800, and to this site moved the church about 8 years ago. It is on this same site that the handsome new edifice of hollow tile and brick will be erected.

The original building was added to repeatedly for a school. Later, when a stone school was built, the old wooden structure became the property of Mr. VanderStucken. It was divided into three parts. One section became the Baptist Church, another the Mexican school and the third the building now used as the Masonic Temple. Excellent lumber was used in the old structure, for much of it is still good and will find a place in the new building.

And now the scene and time of the story shift to the present, when, on Monday at 9 o'clock, first dirt for the new building was turned in a fitting ceremony. Mrs. Martha Savannah Davis, oldest Member of the church today, turned the first spade of dirt. Others who had a part were Judge L. W. Elliott, chairman of the building committee, and the Rev. Z. E. Parker, pastor. A. C. Elliott turned the last shovel of dirt and will also drive the last nail in the building. Several local men have been given employment on the building, and many others have donated labor. New construction is to start as soon as the old materials have been cleared away and stored.

The old entry-way has been saved and will be moved to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brasher, at Mrs. Brasher's request.

In the same issue we found the following of interest: A franchise was granted Adolph Flores permitting the supplying of water to inhabitants of the Mexican section of Sonora. Rates are expected to be the same as those charged by the Interstate Public Service company here. For the present, though, meters will not be installed, and the minimum rate will be \$1.50 per month where no garden is raised nor livestock watered.

Unaccompanied Mexican Engineers Denied Service in Café - Officials of Sonora civic organizations have expressed their regret to members of the State Highway Commission, the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce and to Sr. Angel Arragon, sub-director general of the Mexican Highway Communications, that members of Sr. Arragon's party were not served in a Sonora café one day last week. The identity of the



First Sonora High School Graduates, 1902, and their teacher were from left to right Miss Alice Adams, daughter of Charles F. Adams, who was said to have founded Sonora; Miss Willow Lovelace; Professor J.S. Morgan; Marjory Aldwell; and Cora Lovelace. Miss Adams was valectorian of this class.

visitors, in West Texas as guests of the Texas highway body, was not known to the café attendant and in as much as they were unaccompanied and not introduced at the café he withheld service, in keeping with the policy maintained by Sonora Cafes. Sonora people have expressed their regret that the incident occurred, but feel that the men should have been accompanied by a member of the staff of the state commission, the host party.

Club Café Newest Sonora Enterprise - The Club Café, Sonora's newest business firm, was opened Monday after a week's preparation, by Alton Hightower and Finis Hamby. Fixtures of the Sonora café were used by Hightower from Stanley Patton and moved to the Murphy building in the portion formerly occupied by the Sonora Club. Hamby holds the lease on the building. Mr. and Mrs. Patton have moved to the Geo. D. Chalk ranch to make their home. Jake Doak, chef from Lubbock, is in charge of the kitchen, while Mrs. Doak assists in the front.

Fred Berger, G. W. Stephenson and E. S. Long were appointed to serve again as a board of equalization on city property in setting values for the year's tax levy. They will hold court Saturday in the offices of the city manager.

Several changes in personnel at Humble Station B have been announced from McCamey, division headquarters for the company. Chas. Brady, for the last several years chief engineer at the Station, has been transferred to Wink, and is being replaced by A. G. Lee of McCamey. C. W. Ledyard and two of the Rambo

brothers are also being transferred to other Stations of the company.

Mrs. Lloyd Earwood, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Nannie B. Wilson, returned Thursday at noon from San Antonio, where Mrs. Earwood successfully underwent a major operation a few weeks ago. Mrs. Wilson attended her all during the stay in San Antonio.

Prices for Goodyear All-Weather Tires range from \$7.20 for 4.40-21 to \$13.05 for 6.00-19. The First National Bank has Capital and Surplus in the amount of \$225,000.00.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885. If you wish to rent the John and Mildred Cauthorn Memorial (Depot) Building call Al Elliott's office at 387-3529 and speak with one of the girls. Donations to the society should be sent to the above address attention Al Elliott, Treasurer, or dropped off at his office. I am having carpal tunnel surgery on my right hand (I am right handed) and won't be picking up e-mail for at least 14 days and definitely won't be able to drive any type of vehicle during that time.

**Sonora Downtown Lions Club To Hold Elections**

The Sonora Downtown Lions Club have announced the Candidates for Election for 2003-2004. Virgil Polocsek - Vice President Governor of District 2A1 for 2003-2004. President - Robert "Beto" Duran. Duran is also a member of the American Cancer Society, an active Volunteer at the Sutton County/Sonora Senior Center and the Concho Valley Committee on Aging. 1st Vice President - Don Sessom 2nd Vice President - Frank Wamble 3rd Vice President - Scott Jacoby Secretary /Treasurer - shelly Hughes (re-elect) Tail Twister - Jim Stephen Lion Tamer - Conrad Archer Board of Directors - Brent Gesch (1 yr), Bran Myers (2 yrs.) Lions Club Cripple Children's Camp Director - Justin McGeath Two outgoing directors are Jim Cusenbary and Mike Healy.

**Cancer Prevention from page 1**

glases to protect the eyes. "Children require special attention, and parents should protect them from excess sun exposure," said Mary O'Connell, director, skin cancer initiatives for the American Cancer Society. "And older children need to be cautioned about sun exposure as they become more independent. It's important to develop the habit of protecting your skin whenever you go outdoors and may be exposed to large amounts of sunlight."

**General Facts** Skin cancer is one of the most common yet preventable forms of cancer that exist today. There are two types of skin cancer - nonmelanoma and melanoma.

**Nonmelanoma** - This is the most common and includes all types of skin cancer except for malignant melanoma. The two most common types of non-melanoma skin cancer are basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma.

**Melanoma** - A much less common, but far more serious, form of skin cancer, it occurs in the skin cells that produce the pigment in your skin known as melanin. Other names for this form of cancer include malignant melanoma, melanoma skin cancer, and cutaneous melanoma.

In 2002, there will be more than one million people diagnosed with highly curable basal cell or squamous cell cancers, 53,600 people will be diagnosed with melanoma.

9,600 people will die from skin cancer - 7,400 from melanoma and 2,200 from non-melanoma.

Skin cancer incidence rates are more than 10 times higher in whites than in blacks.

**Risk Factors** Unprotected and/or exces-

sive exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation is a major risk factor for skin cancer.

Other risk factors include fair complexion; occupational exposure to coal tar, pitch, creosote, arsenic compounds, or radium; family history; and moles.

Research shows a link between severe sunburns in childhood and an increased risk of melanoma and other skin cancers later in life.

**Prevention** Skin cancer is one of the most preventable forms of cancer. To help prevent skin cancer:

Limit or avoid exposure to the sun during the midday hours (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

When outdoors, cover as much skin with clothing as possible, especially arms, legs, and torso.

Wear a hat with a wide brim to shade face, ears, and neck.

Wear sunglasses to protect eyes from UV light.

Use a sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher and apply 15-20 minutes before going outdoors. Reapply sunscreen as necessary throughout the day, especially after swimming, perspiring, or towel drying.

Avoid artificial sources of UV light (sunlamps, tanning beds).

**Early Detection**

Basal and squamous cell cancers are highly curable if detected and treated early. Melanoma can spread quickly to other parts of the body. When detected in its earliest stages and treated properly, it is also highly curable. To detect skin cancer only:

Examine your skin once a month. Get familiar with your own skin's pattern of moles, freckles, and "beauty marks."

Be alert to changes in number, size, shape, or color of spots on your skin. These types of changes are the most important warning signs of skin cancer.

Other warning signs include a sore that does not heal or a new growth.

See your doctor regularly for skin checks.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service.

For more information about cancer, call toll free anytime 800-ACS-2345 or visit the American Cancer Society Web site at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) <<http://www.cancer.org>>

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**June 2** - Amy Keller, Blayze Sykes, Camille Green, Kylie Reiner, Andrew Bedwell  
**June 3** - Lisa Noriega, Tanner Neal, Bob Caruthers, Brady Lock, Gus Campos, Arturo Lopez, Jr.  
**June 4** - Gary Galindo, Victor Virgen, Douglas Yocham, Frances Guajardo, Jessica Paredes  
**June 5** - Michele McGeath, Trent Reiner, Tracey Randolph, Chelby Ramos, Biddy Sosa, Preston Villanueva  
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## Facts About Smoking: Myths and Realities

By: **Jessie Johnson**  
 Alcohol and Drug Abuse  
 Council for the Concho Valley

Research studies have indicated that cigarette smoking is a primary "risk factor" for several major chronic diseases including lung cancer, coronary heart disease, emphysema, and bronchitis. Ninety percent of all cases of lung cancer occur in people who smoke cigarettes. There is no cure for lung cancer and 90-95% of lung cancer victims die within 5 years. Heart disease is the biggest killer in the United States. Research studies have indicated that every cigarette a person smokes takes about 6 minutes off his/her life. Cigarettes are dangerous because they contain or produce poisonous substances like tar, nicotine, and carbon monoxide. Tar is the common name for a mixture of substances that is produced as the tobacco burns and has been found to cause or promote lung cancer. Nicotine is an oily compound, which can kill, instantly in pure form. An injection of one-drop 70mg. will kill an average size man within a few minutes. Most cigarettes, however, contain somewhere between 2 mg. and 2.2 mg. Carbon monoxide is another deadly poison found in cigarette smoke, which decreases the ability of the blood to furnish the body with the necessary amount of oxygen. According to national survey data half of the current cigarette smokers have tried unsuccessfully to quit smoking. People who are heavy smokers (30 cigarettes or more per day) generally find it difficult to quit smoking because

they have become both psychologically dependent and physically addicted to cigarettes. 68% of American adolescents perceive great risk associated with smoking cigarettes. Only 5% of daily smokers think that they will be smoking 5 years from now. However, according to research, nearly 75% of these daily smokers find that they are unable to break the habit. Of the current 1/2-a-pack smokers in high school: 95% have used an illicit drug, 81% have used an illicit drug other than marijuana. 72% of the student's report daily smoking by senior year, 40% began smoking by eighth grade. Of those seniors with an "A" Average, only 7% are current daily smokers, while 47% of those with a "D" Average are current daily smokers. For cigarette use, 70% of high school seniors, 74% of tenth graders, and 78% of eighth graders, reported that they disapproved of smoking one or more packs of cigarettes per day. 68% of twelfth graders, 59% of tenth graders, and 51% of eighth graders perceive regular smoking to be a significant health risk. If you or someone you know is having a problem with tobacco or chemical dependency issue, the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council for the Concho Valley can be of assistance. All calls, consultations, and screenings are confidential. All services are provided at no charge. The Council will also provide presentations to civic and school groups at no charge. Please contact Jessie Johnson at 800-880-9641 to make an appointment.

## Bereaved Parents Club Starts Meetings Tuesday

The first monthly Support Group For Bereaved Parents will meet Tuesday, June 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Bank and Trust community room. All parents who have experienced the death of a child, no matter what the circumstances, are urged to attend. Whether it has been 30 years or 1 day, come help each other through this thing called grief. We will have speakers and programs to encourage, and time for any one who wants to share. For more information call Kathy Hearn at 387-2096 or Gloria Noriega at 387-5233.

## News from the Senior Center

Submitted by: **Juanita Mesa**

Senior Mother's Day Out was celebrated at the Senior Center on May 5th with a large turnout. Moms, Grandmothers and others enjoyed a meal of enchiladas, rice, beans, salad and chips with hot-sauce, cookies and pralines. Senior mom's received a red (candy) carnation made by the staff at the Senior center. Thanks to all who helped; Linda Robles, Amelia Ramos, Olivia Longoria and myself. These women helped to prepare the meal. I would like to thank the Senior Center Support Group for making this possible. Donuts and More (Sylvia Garza) for the donations of sweets, Lura Sawyer for making the pralines. Everyone had a great time and are already making plans for next year!

The Senior Citizens were the "Guests of Honors" at the 6th Grade Culture Fair. Those Seniors attending were: Valentina Gallegos, Lucy Ramos, Doris Grantland, Rosa Galindo, Candi Guerra, Elida Castro and Juanita Chavez.

The 6th Grade students did a very good job and we really enjoyed all the "different" foods that were prepared! Thanks for inviting us every year and also we would like to wish a "happy retirement" to Mrs. Stephen and wish her Good Luck!

Lesa Galindo took our Senior Citizens and Senior Companion workers to the annual Spring Fling in San Angelo. They had health booths, food and entertainment. All were very good. The Senior Citizens going were: Juanita Chavez, Doris Grantland, Lupe Mendez, Angelita Trevino, Pablo Favela, Odell Flores and Rosa Galindo.

We had our "Mother's Day Bingo" on Monday, May 13, 2002, thanks to Gloria Noriega, JoAnn Palmer, Sandra Luz Gonzales and Lou Faulks for donations of prizes. The seniors really enjoy playing Bingo and



Juanita Mesa and friends with Miss Texas, Stacy James, at the Joint Conference On Aging in Kerrville, TX held April 28 - May 1, 2002. Since her reign as Miss Texas, Stacy James has raised more than \$20,000 for Alzheimers Disease.

especially love the "prizes".

Senior Citizens celebrating birthdays in May are: Maggie Bernal, Beto Duran, Odell Flores, Gloria Kerbow, Jean Redman, Sam Sanchez, Juanita Gandar, Elvira Garcia, Felix Solis, Santos Hernandez and Mary Smithart. Come join us for cake and punch at noon.

Thanks to Smith Neal for bringing the flowers from church so that our senior citizens can enjoy them. They are always so pretty. Thanks to Joe Longoria for painting our sign for the van. There are also some special ladies who worked very hard to finish our quilt. These ladies are: Valentina Gallegos, Amelia Ramos, Elida Castro, Lette Galindo, Candi Guerra, Lesa Galindo and yours truly, Juanita! Thanks to all of our volunteers and to all who donate to our senior center. Your help and donations make it possible for our senior citizens to enjoy extra things at the center. May is "Older Texans Month", and we have been very busy. Remember the week of the 20th thru 24th is "Senior

Citizens Appreciation Week" come and visit us! Our hours are Monday thru Friday, 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM. Call 387-3941 if you need transportation to the center or anywhere. The van goes to San Angelo every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

We would like to wish Lesa Galindo a speedy recovery from her surgery, "we hope you get to feeling better, and we miss you", take care!

We will be closed Monday, May 27, 2002 in observance of Memorial Day, please sign up for holiday meals. We need the count. Meals will be given out on Friday, May 24, 2002. Have a safe and happy holiday. See you on Tuesday.

Girling Health Care, Inc. will start coming to the center every month to do blood pressure checks and will have health information available if needed. They will be here on Wednesday, June 12, 2002 from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Call 387-5657 or come by the center for more information.

Until next month,  
 Juanita Mesa

## F.Y.I.

If you have a Sonora High School Sport or Cheerleader yard sign, please drop it off at 913 E. 2nd St. or 109 Deerwood or telephone 387-5433. To replace these yard signs takes from the funds that the Booster Club raises each year for the benefit of our Middle School & High School athletic needs. Thank you for your help.

If anyone is interested in summer tennis lessons please contact Sandi Ainsworth at 387-3737. If no answer please wait and leave a message.

The Sonora Golf Club will sponsor a Junior Golf Clinic on Tuesday, June 4, 2002 at 8:00 a.m. The fee is \$20.00. For more information and registration call the Sonora Golf Course at 387-3680.

## Construction Businesses Invited to TxDOT Workshop

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will host free training sessions June 12-13 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Holiday Inn for small and disadvantaged construction-related companies interested in bidding on TxDOT contracts.

To register for the training in the San Angelo District, participants need to contact Berdell Collins at 866-480-2518. The registration deadline is June 3.

Each session will deliver unique construction management skills essential to successful construction-related projects. Although the training is divided into two independent sessions, participants are encouraged to attend both sessions.

Topics that will be discussed include: project selection, pre-bid assistance, bid proposal and cost estimation review, prime contract/subcontract relations, contract administration, record keeping, material/product testing, construction-related legal issues, labor issues and equipment usage training.

Seating is limited to 20 participants with representation of one participant per company. Priority will be given to participants who attend both sessions.

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## Sonora Middle School Year End Awards

### Fifth Grade Winners



**History/Brockman** - Mikael Samaniego  
**History/Benson** - Clinton Hudson  
**History/Cole** - Steely Ingham  
**Math/Brockman** - Pecos Roberts  
**Math/Benson** - Stephani Morriss  
**Math/Cole** - Noemi Buitron  
**Science/Brockman** - Karley Frasier  
**Science/Benson** - David Lane  
**Science** - John Duke Hudson  
**Language Arts/Brockman** - Jessica Snyder  
**Language Arts/Benson** - Vikie Torres  
**Language Arts/Cole** - Derek Van Winkle  
**Reading/Brockman** - Ryder Crites  
**Reading/Benson** - Rosario Moreno  
**Reading/Cole** - Monica Traylor  
**Citizenship Awards**  
**Mrs. Kim Cole's Class** - Lyndsey Frasier  
**Mrs. Nancy Brockman's Class** - Steven Pacheco  
**Mrs. Dianne Benson's Class** - Yolanda Sanchez

### Sixth Grade Winners



**P.E. Girls** - Kimble Luna  
**P.E. Boys** - J.T. Downing  
**Social Studies** - Laura Martin  
**Math** - Marcus Perez  
**Science** - Emily Earwood  
**Language Arts** - Edward Garcia  
**Reading** - J.T. Downing  
**A/R** - Colton Moore  
**Spanish** - Adriana Botello  
**Reading** - Juan Dominguez  
**Math** - Justin Molina  
**Technology Applications** - Kelsey Watkins  
**Outstanding 6th Grade Band Student** - Michael Chavez & Kari Nicholas  
**6th Grade Citizenship Nominees** - Edward Garcia, Kayla Garcia, Juan Dominguez, J.T. Downing, Michael Chavez and Emily Earwood  
**6th Grade Citizenship Winner** - Edward Garcia  
**Sutton County Conservation Poster Award** - Mark Holman

### Seventh Grade Winners



**Basketball Girls** - Meghan Krieg  
**Basketball Boys** - Caleb Ramos  
**Football Offense** - Caleb Ramos & Agustin Vaquera  
**Football Defense** - Ruben Mendez & Jose Casillas  
**Tennis** - Felisha Gamez  
**Track Girls** - Amanda Berry & Kayla Fields  
**Track Boys** - Pedro Gloria  
**Cross-Country** - Alexie Ortiz  
**P.E. Girls** - Queena Hernandez  
**Texas History** - Nick Shurley  
**Math** - Stacy Sanchez  
**Life Science** - Cody Perez  
**Language Arts** - Jacob Ibarra  
**Reading** - Jaimee Duran  
**A/R** - Jose Casillas  
**Spanish** - Taylor Liverman  
**Health** - Justin Northcott  
**Reading** - Melinda Lopez  
**Math** - Austin Castaneda  
**Technology Applications** - Marc Hernandez  
**Art** - Justin Northcott  
**Outstanding 7th Grade Band Students** - Jose Casillas & Erika Hernandez  
**Citizenship Nominees** - Jose Casillas, Melinda Lopez, Victoria Tovar, Felicia Gamez, Taylor Liverman, Allyse Edmondson and Erica Hernandez  
**Citizenship Winner** - Taylor Liverman

### Eighth Grade Winners



**Basketball Girls** - Desirae Boldt  
**Basketball Boys** - Cullen Parker  
**Football Offense** - Cameron Cox & Chris Perez  
**Football Defense** - Steven Duhon & Boomer Galindo  
**Tennis** - Embre Smith & Swade Draper  
**Track Girls** - Lauren Smith & Desirae Boldt  
**Track Boys** - Hilton Bloodworth  
**Cross-Country** - Mandy Brister & Lauren Smith  
**Team Spirit** - Kaleena Samaniego & Hillary Lawson  
**P.E. Boys** - Juan Lugo  
**American History** - Warren Wallace  
**Pre-Algebra** - Mason Martinez  
**Algebra I** - Embre Smith  
**Earth Science** - Steven Barthelemy  
**Language Arts** - Jack Turney  
**Reading** - Hilton Bloodworth  
**A/R** - Nash Traylor  
**Smith Neal Writing Award** - Desirae Boldt  
**Jo Ellen Neal Reading Award** - Desirae Boldt  
**Spanish** - Maricela Moreno  
**ESL Award** - Yuri Campa  
**Health** - Desirae Boldt  
**Reading** - Tristan Ramsey  
**Language Arts** - Nick Favela  
**Math** - Bobby Jackson  
**Art** - Desirae Boldt  
**Outstanding 8th Grade Band Student** - Nash Traylor & Dee McGee  
**Citizenship Nominees** - Tina Covey, Boomer Galindo, Lisa Frye, Cameron Cox, Mason Martinez, Embre Smith, Ty Love, Desirae Boldt, Kathy Pacheco, Roland Solis and Hilton Bloodworth  
**Citizenship Winner** - Boomer Galindo  
**Most Improved 8th Grade Student** - Juan Lugo  
**S.M.S. Outstanding P.A.L.** - Kaleena Samaniego  
**8th Grade Technology Applications** - Chantel Arispe & Ty Love

## Gonzales Named As All-American Scholar

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Desirée Gonzales of Sonora, Texas has been named an All-American Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA.

Desirée, who attended Sonora High School, was nominated for this national award by Christy Bell, a counselor at the school.

Desirée will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement,"



said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects All-American Scholars upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. Once awarded, the students may be recognized by the USAA for other honors.

Desirée is the daughter of Alex and Norma Gonzales of Sonora. Her grandparents are Pedro and Alicia Virgen and Rosa Sanchez and Alejandro Gonzales, all of Sonora.

## Weaver Receives Degree From Duke University

Submitted By: Duke University

Durham, N.C. - More than 3,500 undergraduates, graduates and professional students received degrees May 12 from Duke University. Among those were Carla Markette Weaver with a Bachelor of Arts/Political Science.

Duke President Nannerl O. Keohane presided over the ceremony and Tom Wolfe, award-winning journalist and author, delivered the commencement address. Wolfe was one of five to receive honorary degrees. The others were former Williams College President John Wesley Chandler, sociologist Shmuel N. Eisenstadt, civic leader Eleanor Thomas Elliott and U.S. Congressman and civil rights leader John R. Lewis.

## Elementary School Awards

### 2002 Motivation for Academic Performance Duke University Talent Identification Program

Sarah Hernandez, Christian Lujan, Gerardo Mesa Jr., Mario Oliden, Michael Stephens

### 2002 Rising Stars

Bailey Joe Pennington, Sarah Hernandez, Ethan Morriss, Caleb Gonzales

### 2001-2002 Almost Perfect Attendance - 1 Absence

Tabitha Gallion, Morgan Badgett, Will Dutton, Andres Aparicio, Abby Creek, Melissa Freeman, Anna Gallegos, John Lopez, Darien Lopez, Jansen McBride, Micaela Moore, Paige Sykes, Delilah Aguero, Stephen Bedwell, Santiago Campa, Eduardo Garza, Johnny Henry

Esau Martinez, Allan Molina, Madison Myers, Kyle Patlan Kelsey Taylor, Leandra Castaneda, Will Anderson, Bethany Berry, Sterling Love, Dustin Neff, Elle Newton, Michael Stephens, Victor Torar

### 2001-2002 Almost Perfect Attendance - 2 Absences

Daniel Campa, Justin Garmon, Scott Gonzalez, Cassandra Medina, Hector Ortiz, Annalisa Perez, Francisco Reyna, Aleandro Samaniego, Jesi Telles, Haily Berry, Michael Chavez, Aaron Esquivel, Clarissa Hernandez, Farrah Lopez, Stephen Dominguez, Caitlin Garza, Sandra Hernandez, Alex Lang, Arlette Ortiz, Roberto Rodriguez, Alfred Rodriguez, Jesus Vaquera, Kevin Barron, Chelsey Lou Campbell, Marion Dominguez, Allison Freeman, Esteban Garcia, Joanna Garza, Emily Gonzales, Preston Lopez, Damian Lopez, Ethan Morriss, Marissa Prieto, Karina Trevino, Martin Campa, Aimee Chavez, Kati Chavez, Diego Dominguez, Anali Garcia, Caleb Gonzales, Alicia Lowe, Bianca Trevino

## Top A.R. Winners

### Kindergarten

**Overall Winners** - Will Dutton & Macie Friess  
**Dutton** - Sidney Dermody & Kenzie Herring  
**Wade** - Kelsey Velez & Jessie Telles  
**Meador** - Fabian Guzman & Kylie Love  
**Perez** - Will Dutton & Macie Friess

### First Grade

**Overall Winners** - Rebekah Infante & Michael Sanchez  
**Creek** - Rebekah Infante & Phillip Onofre  
**Jones** - Abby Creek & Lino Villanueva  
**Schwiening** - Emilce Hernandez & Victoria Hernandez  
**Moore** - Michael Sanchez & Sam Powers

### Second Grade

**Overall Winners** - Taylor Velarde & Alex Lang  
**York** - Taylor Velarde & Alex Lang  
**Nevis** - Caitlin Garza & Word Hudson  
**Bloodworth** - Madison Myers & Kelsey Taylor  
**Pincince** - Stephen Bedwell & Alex Shiley

### Third Grade

**Overall Winners** - Allison Freeman & Dulce Acosta  
**Kearney** - Allison Freeman & Preston Lopez  
**Williams** - Dulce Acosta & Dustin Covey  
**Healy** - Baily Joe Pennington & Leandra Castaneda  
**Parks** - Colyer Dermody & Ethan Morriss

### Fourth Grader

**Overall Winners** - Alyssa Favila & Sarah Hernandez  
**Wallace** - Meredith Earwood & Caleb Gonzales  
**Perez** - Alicia Lowe & Brittani Dover  
**Elliott** - Alyssa Favila & Hugo Cardona  
**Fields** - Mario Oliden & Edna Dominguez  
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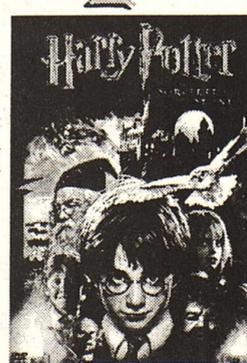
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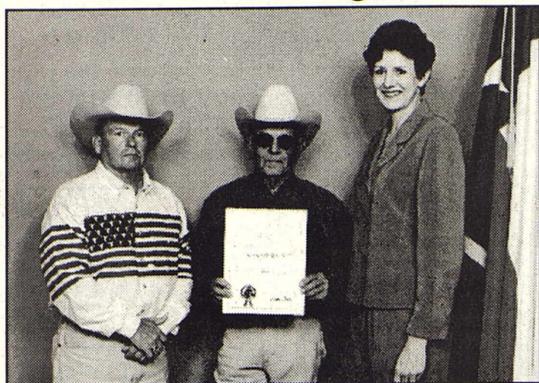
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## Reinhardt Family Honored For 100 Years of Ranching



Texas Secretary of Agriculture, Susan Combs (right) recently recognized D.E. (Danny) Reinhardt (center) and Dale Reinhardt (left) after they were inducted into the Texas Family Land Heritage Program for having operated a ranch in Sutton County by the Same Family for 100 yrs. The ranch was established in 1899 by B. M. Halbert, was passed down to IDA Bloodworth and then Elizabeth J. Reinhardt.

## SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans Available for Drought Victims

by: Michael Lampton

Fort Worth, TX – Businesses in some Texas counties can now apply for low interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses that cannot be met due to the effects of a disaster. Drought and high temperatures (excessive heat) that occurred from January 1, 2001, and continuing, caused many farmers and ranchers to experience reduced incomes, which may have had an adverse economic effect on businesses depending upon these producers. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for this loan program but may be eligible for disaster assistance through other Federal agencies. However, nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply. Businesses in the following counties are eligible to apply: Concho, Crockett, Edwards, Frio, Irion, Kimble, La Salle, Medina, Menard, Schleicher, Sutton, Tom Green, Val Verde and Zavala.

To obtain an application or receive additional information, interested business owners may call the SBA toll-free at 800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired. The deadline for filing an application is January 2, 2003.

Due to the weather, many

producers experienced crop losses and were not able to purchase goods and services at normal levels. Businesses that are dependent upon these producers may have experienced decreased sales, reduced gross profit margins, increased accounts receivable or difficulty in moving inventories at normal levels. The loan can help a business meet installments on long-term debt, accounts payable and overhead expenses that would have been met had the disaster not occurred. Refinancing of long-term debt, however, is not eligible under this program. The loan is designed for those businesses with substantial disaster-related needs and is intended to supplement monies the business owner can provide from other sources.

Loans may be approved for up to \$1,500,000 for actual disaster-related financial needs of the business. Interest rates are four percent (4%) and terms may extend to thirty (30) years, depending upon the repayment ability of the individual applicant. To qualify, businesses must be small by SBA's size standard. Businesses, which can meet their financial needs through other sources, are not eligible. For more information about the SBA Disaster Loan Program, visit our website at [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster).

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## Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board Declares "Water Month"

Temple, Texas – Many Texans are realizing the importance of conserving water as our population grows and demand increases during the sweltering Texas summer.

Governor Rick Perry and the Texas Water Foundation have declared the month of May as "Water Month" in Texas. During the month of May, Texans are urged to learn more about making a difference through protecting and conserving water.

Governor Perry said that he had "designated the month of May for an awareness campaign to remind Texans that the responsibility lies within each of us to be wise stewards of our water resources."

One agency active in water conservation and preservation in Texas is the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) headquartered in Temple. The TSSWCB promotes wise and productive use of the state's soil and water resources through cooperation with soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs), landowners, and state legisla-

There are 216 SWCDs in Texas, and each is governed by a five-member board of directors elected by landowners in the district. Each SWCD is designed to deliver local conservation programs that best conserve and promotes the wise use of renewable natural resources.

Not only does the TSSWCB coordinate programs with SWCDs by providing technical and financial assistance to improve soil and water quality, they are also responsible for implementing constitutional provisions and state laws for the

protection of soil and water resources.

The TSSWCB has implemented several programs to aid in water conservation and preservation in Texas. The Water Quality Management Plan Program (WQMP) assists agricultural and silvicultural producers to comply with the state water quality rules and regulations.

The State Brush Control Program develops and implements resource management plans to increase the available supply of water in areas impacted by brush.

The Statewide Management Program assists in the protection of water quality from nonpoint source pollution and administers funds from the Clean Water Act Section 319 Grant Program.

The Total Maximum Daily Load Program works closely with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC), local SWCDs and other entities to identify water bodies that do not meet state water quality standards for their use and then decide the maximum amount of pollutants that the body of water can receive on a daily basis without seriously harming its beneficial uses.

Lastly, the Coastal Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program works closely with the Coastal Coordination Council to develop a federally approvable program to provide for the implementation of best management practices to control coastal pollution from an unidentifiable source.

The TSSWCB is dedicated in its work to preserve renewable natural resources in Texas. During Water Month this May, the TSSWCB urges everyone to conserve today what we will need tomorrow.

For more information about programs or water conservation in your area, contact your local soil and water conservation district, the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board at 254-773-2250 or visit our website at [www.tsswcb.state.tx.us](http://www.tsswcb.state.tx.us).

## Oil & Agribusiness

### Foreign Animal Disease Outbreak Requires Immediate Response

by Edith A. Chenault

AUSTIN - A foreign animal disease outbreak in the United States would require an immediate and massive response, and while animal health officials in this country are getting prepared, there is still much work that needs to be done, according to Dr. Lelve Gayle, director of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab.

"It is possible for bioterrorists to get a foreign animal disease into this country, and it is possible they can deliver it to do the most damage," Gayle said. He was a speaker at the summit which addressed "Biosecurity: Safeguarding Our Agriculture and Food Supply" here on May 6-7. Approximately 140 researchers, agricultural industry representatives and producers attended the meeting.

"The salvation of the animal industry in the United States would lie in its ability to respond immediately and on a massive scale," he said. "It's meetings like this (summit) that give us the opportunity to not only examine our strengths, but more importantly, to examine our weaknesses."

The United States has been at risk of an accidental introduction of a foreign animal disease for years. The risk is climbing with increasing air travel.

"Our bigger concern today is the intentional introduction of foreign animal diseases, particularly those diseases that are extremely infectious in multiple species such as feral hogs and white-tailed deer," Gayle said.

The possibility of a foreign animal disease being intentionally introduced into this country sets up an entirely different scenario than an accidental introduction, he said. An accidental introduction probably could be dealt with. Bioterrorism, on the other hand, would give the governmental entities that deal with foreign animal disease an entirely different set of problems.

"We can learn a lot of things," if last year's foot-and-mouth disease outbreak in the United Kingdom is used as a model, he said. The Institute of Public Health, Pirbright Laboratory, in the United Kingdom has been designated as the world reference laboratory for foot-and-mouth disease. Before the outbreak, Gayle said, the lab was accustomed to handling about 200 samples of suspected foot-and-mouth disease per week.

"In a very short time (during the foot-and-mouth outbreak in the United Kingdom), a matter of days, the demand went from 200 per week to 200,000 tests per week," he said. "They were overwhelmed," until they got additional help from other laboratories.

The University of California later did a study which indicated that for every day a diagnosis is delayed, 12 additional premises could be infected with foot-and-mouth disease.

"If your laboratory capabilities are not adequate, the folks in the field are trying to eliminate this disease on clinical signs alone."

The incubation period of foot-and-mouth disease is five to seven days, so if animals are spreading the disease even before they are showing clinical signs, an outbreak can explode quickly.

The virus antigen and antibody tests will indicate foot-and-mouth disease before clinical signs emerge, and, Gayle suggested, these should become more widely used.

When asked about the accuracy of these tests, he said, "No laboratory test is 100 percent accurate, but it's certainly better than just the eyeball. The stage of disease an animal is in at the time the sample is taken affects the type of test that should be performed and the outcome of the test results. Early in the disease, you must look for the causative agent. Later in the disease, you must look for antibody against the causative agent (viruses and bacteria)."

Several problems facing this country is lack of trained personnel, equipment, protocols, reagents and the availability, or portability, of tests, he said. Reagents are the chemicals used to run tests and the protocols are the test procedures used.

"Although I think we can respond to the initial outbreak very promptly and very well, a terrorist attack may occur at many locations and overwhelm the system," he said.

He encouraged the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide Plum Island Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory in New York and the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa, the resources, such as trained personnel, equipment and reagent, to deal with the initial outbreak.

"There is an opportunity to provide depth by training technicians and veterinarians in state diagnostic laboratories and equipping state diagnostic labs on a regional basis to serve as a reserve system to be available for testing once the federal laboratories are overwhelmed. State labs would be available for the long eradication process," Gayle said.

He also suggested representatives and producers from the cattle, sheep, goat, poultry and swine industries take an active interest in whether the testing laboratories are ready to respond to an outbreak.

"They need to 'actually go to laboratories to determine if they have the capabilities or not' and 'determine operational readiness.'"

Producers should observe procedures and bring in experts, or facilitators, to assist them in asking the right questions.

"I think (our capabilities) should be totally transparent and our industry should know what we cannot do and what we can do," he said.

If the teams find the laboratories are not ready to take action, then recommended corrective actions should be taken, Gayle added.

"I don't think we're in a panic situation," he said. "I think you have to be in a preparation mode, and I feel very strongly that the national animal security system needs to have oversight by representatives from the animal industries." When asked if the threat of an intentional introduction of a foreign animal disease was real, Gayle said, "I wouldn't think for a minute that terrorists would not want to severely damage our economy. That is one of the things they have bragged about since 9-11. If they get (the foreign animal disease) here, can they deliver it to the animal species that it's intended for? I don't think there's any question about it. Our salvation would require an immediate and massive response."

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## Graduation from page 1

Genny Cramer, Chance Dillard, James Elliott, Sean Fields, Leslie Gamez, Amy Gann, Desirée Gonzales, Stetson Hall, Beau Hughes, Kasey Kearney, Heather Lawson, Justin Routh, Tori Valliant and Ashley Vickers were recognized as High Honor Graduates. They also graduated with a grade average of 90 or higher and they had the following credits: 4 in English and 3 in both Math and Science high level courses. They also received a plaque.

Kasey Miller and Byron Williams were recognized as the Highest Honor Graduates, with Kasey being the Valedictorian with a grade point average of 4.0 on a 4.0 scale and Byron being the Salutatorian with a grade point average of 3.9. For being the Valedictorian, Kasey received a \$1,000.00 tuition scholarship from the State of Texas. They each received a plaque.

Brandon Adkins, Matt Batchelor, Lionel Cervantez and Jenny Hunt were recognized for the decision to join our Armed Services after their graduation. Brandon has joined the Marines and Matt, Lionel and Jenny have joined the Air Force.

Local Scholarships in excess of \$38,000 were awarded to the Class of 2002.

Marjorie Becknell, William Renfro and Byron Williams each received a \$330.00 scholarship awarded by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes/Students.

Sean Fields, James Elliott, Kasey Kearney, Kasey Miller and Byron Williams each received a \$250.00 scholarship given by our local Association of Texas Professional Educators.

Eddie Wallace was the recipient of the Glinda Castro Rivas Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$125.00.

Ruben Brown received the Knights of Columbus Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00.

Ruben Brown, Margie Becknell and Manuel Campos received the Garza Sentena Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 each.

Margie Becknell was the recipient of the Jack Neill/David Law Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 that is renewable every year.

Dora McAfee and Paula Villanueva were the recipients of the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship. They both received \$500.

Genny Cramer was selected as the 2001 Lion's Club Queen, so she received a \$250.00 scholarship from the Lion's Club.

Genny Cramer, Leslie Gamez, Desirée Gonzales, Jalys Mabry and Ashley Vickers were each recipients of the Sonora Golf Club Scholarship. They each received a \$600 scholarship.

Byron Williams received the A.E. Prugel Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00.

Marjorie Becknell, Ruben Brown, Manuel Campos, William Renfro and Justin Routh each received \$1,000.00 from the Dee Ora Masonic Lodge #715.

Manuel Campos was the recipient of the Judge Maxine Locklin Community Service Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00.

Tori Valliant and Byron Williams were recipients of the Miers Memorial Scholarship. They each were awarded a

\$1,000.00 scholarship that is renewable for 1 year.

Manuel Campos and Genny Cramer received the W.B. McMillan Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 each.

Genny Cramer, Leslie Gamez, Stetson Hall and Kasey Kearney each received the Terry Beebe Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$300.00 each.

Kasey Kearney received a \$500.00 scholarship for serving as the 2000-2001 Sutton County Princess. Tori Valliant also received a \$500.00 scholarship for serving as the 2001-2002 Miss Sutton County. Heather Lawson and Shalayne Hobbs each received a \$250.00 scholarship for being Miss Sutton County Runners-Up.

Reyes Garcia, Jenny Hunt and Stephanie Reddin decided they wanted to graduate early, in 3 years instead of the normal 4. Since they completed all the requirements for high school graduation in 3 years they each received the Early Graduation Tuition Scholarship from the state of Texas in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Manuel Campos was the recipient of the first annual Community Bankers Scholarship Program for Sonora. He received a \$2,000.00 scholarship that is renewable for 4 years.

Traci Lopez was the recipient of the Austin P. Leyva Award, given for perseverance in overcoming seemingly insurmountable odds to achieve her high school diploma. She will receive a \$500 scholarship.

Sixty-six percent of the graduating class, including Chance Armeke, Matt Batchelor, Margie Becknell, Ashley Bible, Ruben Brown, Tan Cade, Manuel Campos, Genny Cramer, Chance Dillard, James Elliott, Sean Fields, Leslie Gamez, Amy Gann, Desirée Gonzales, Stetson Hall, Shalayne Hobbs, Thomas Homra, Beau Hughes, Kasey Kearney, Heather Lawson, Monica Lira, Ricky Lumbreras, Jalys Mabry, Dora McAfee, Kasey Miller, Cassi Perez, Stephanie Reddin, William Renfro, Justin Routh, Tyler Seaton, Tori Valliant, Ashley Vickers, Paula Villanueva, Eddie Wallace and Byron Williams. This means they are all eligible for approximately \$3500.00 from the Texas Grant Program. These students do not have to apply for this but they do have to fill out a FAFSA form.

After all awards were handed out the Sonora I.S.D. Superintendent, Brant Myers and Board of Trustees, Dayton Armeke and Tryon Fields presented the Diplomas. Sandra Gonzales announced the Diploma Presentation.

By the end of the list of Seniors, Mr. Myers had one full pocket of marbles, given to him by each senior as they made their way across the stage.

The Mighty Bronco Band then played the Sonora School Song and a Benediction was given by Sean Fields.

Most of the Class of 2002 then celebrated their achievements with an evening of fun and prizes at Project Graduation, hosted by the Junior Class and their parents.

Congratulations to all the Class of 2002 - you will be greatly missed by all of Sutton County. Good Luck in all of your future endeavors and don't forget where you are from.

Sonora, Inc./Main Street Program Office at 204 E. Main Street. "The Way Things Were Exhibit" by Texas Humanities will be at the Mercantile Building.

A special "THANKS" to the City of Sonora and Sonora City Council, Judge Carla Garner, Sutton County and Sutton County Commissioners, Johnny Solis, Carlos Gallegos, Mayor Jim Stephen, AEP W.T.U., KHOS Radio, Vivian Mears, Goodfellow Air Force Honor Guard, Business Basics, Devil's River News, San Angelo Standard Times, Glenda Lowe, Jesus Hernandez, Los Compadres, Jim Kay, Katrina Hernandez, The Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc./Main Street Program and Board of Directors, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Pope III, Steve and D'Arcy Wagner and to all the Veterans and their Families.

"The Veteran of All Wars Recognition Ceremony Exhibit" will be open daily, May 28 through June 17, 2002. The hours are 1:30 PM until 5:30 PM. You may view this exhibit at The Friends of Historic

Veterans by Heather Hughes and the Gulf War Veterans by Chelsey Lou Campbell. Roy Jean Johnson read a poem in remembrance of the heroes of 9-11, "If I Knew It Would Be The Last Time". Joy Galbreath sang the wonderful song "America The Beautiful". Alicia Lowe told the history behind "Taps" and also the words. The Goodfellow Air Force Honor Guard had the presentation of wreaths, the 21 Gun Salute and played "Taps". We then played the songs of the Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force. We then paused to give recognition and a moment of silence for the veterans.

The San Angelo Flag Corp gave a special presentation at the Sonora Memorial Day Celebration.

## City Council from page 1

motion carried.

Mayor Stephen opened the 2nd public hearing to hear comments on proposed annexation proceedings to enlarge and extend the boundary of the city limits to include a 5.70 acre tract adjacent to Queens Court Townhouse Subdivision that has been requested by Jorge and Sheila Velarde. No comments were heard, therefore, Mayor Stephen closed the public hearing.

Emilio & Edna Pacheco, 308 E. Chestnut, Block 21 E, Lot(s) 1-3, Sonora Addition, requested a variance to build a carport and storage building up to side property line. Lopez made a motion to grant the variance as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. Blackman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Corie Avila, 1102 Glasscock Ave., Block 42A, Lot 1, South Heights Addition, requested a special use permit to add a tanning room to existing business. Poloczek made a motion to grant the special use permit as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. Blackman made the second and all members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Blackman made a motion to appoint Jim Kay, Tom Payton and Rosa Hernandez to the Planning and Zoning Board. Poloczek made a second to the motion and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Poloczek to award a contract to Tank Builders, Inc. for \$263,700.00 for the 2001 Texas Community Development Project for construction of a welded steel storage tank and all related appurtenances to provide potable water storage to the city. Lopez seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

Chris Phillips, with Western Industrial Supply, made a presentation on Invensys Automated Meter Reading Vehicle Radio Read System and water meter replacement program. Mr. Phillips reported on the capital outlay and equated it to the value of benefits that will be received. Blackman made a motion to table the item for further study until the next regular meeting in June and requested a list of references from other cities that have this program. Poloczek made a second to the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Brent Gesch reported on the city wide cleanup that was held on April 13th and April 14th. Brent advised that the customer convenience station received 215,960 pounds of waste. He advised that the cleanup was a huge success and citizens took advantage of the opportunity to clean up their property. The following information is what it cost the city for the cleanup.

Expenses:  
Duncan Disposal \$7,213.88  
City Manpower \$4,222.50  
Machinery \$4,800.00  
Acme Iron & Metal Disposal \$2,286.40  
Total \$18,522.78  
Revenue Lost \$10,798.00

Councilmember Poloczek made a motion to amend the contract for Solid Waste Disposal between the City of Sonora and Duncan Disposal for Section 3 Services Provided. Blackman made a second to the motion and all members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Poloczek made a motion to appoint Gloria Lopez to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem. Blackman made a second to the motion and the motion carried.

The council was informed that the budget packets have been distributed and the budget calendar has been set, advising that some special workshops will have to be scheduled in between those dates. The council decided that they would like to meet June 10 with Sutton County officials to discuss the interlocal government contracts, pending it is agreeable with them. Also, the council was asked to complete the survey concerning their budget priorities.

Beth Wallace, City Attorney, explained why local governments need a license to play music in a place open to the public, such as festivals, arts & craft fairs, and parades. Beth advised that ASCAP and the International Municipal Lawyers Association developed a licensing agreement that can be obtained for music performances on government owned property and government hosted events and functions that would cover almost all non-dramatic performances of copyrighted music in the ASCAP repertory. She advised that the cost of this license would be \$250.00 per year. Poloczek made a motion to table this item until next meeting for further review. Lopez made a second and the item was tabled.

Mayor Stephen announced at 3:20 p.m. that the council will now hold a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meeting Law, Government Code 551:

A. Personnel under Gov. Code 551.074: Appointment of a Councilmember from Ward 1.

B. Personnel under Gov. Code 551.074: Hear grievance from city employee concerning reprimand.

C. Real Estate under Gov. Code 551.072: Deliberate the lease of the agriculture farm.

The council reconvened into open session at 4:58 p.m. and the following action was taken.

A. COUNCILMEMBER WARD 1: Lopez made a motion to appoint Vivian Mears as councilmember for Ward 1 that was vacated by Jim Stephen, the motion was seconded by Blackman. Also, Poloczek made a motion to nominate Terry Luckworth, however, due to a lack of a second being made the motion was withdrawn. Lopez's motion carried and Vivian Mears was appointed to serve the remainder of the term.

B. GRIEVANCE: Blackman made a motion to let the reprimand of the city official stand for one year and then it will be removed from personnel file if no further disciplinary actions occur. Poloczek made a second to the motion and all members present voted in favor.

C. AGRICULTURE FARM: Poloczek made a motion to terminate the lease of the 130 acre tract city farm on July 1, 2002 and if needed give the lessee 90 days to vacate the premises and remove all personal property. Blackman made a second to the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Blackman made a motion to adjourn, Poloczek made a second to the motion, and Mayor Stephen closed the meeting.

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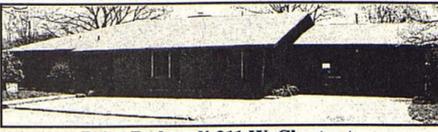
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