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## F.Y.I.

Project Graduation is still accepting donations. Please help make this chemical free night a big success. If you are interested in making a donation, make checks payable to Project Graduation and mail to 300 E. Oak.

The 1998 Bronco Yearbooks are on sale now. The cost is \$30.00. There will be no extras ordered. There will be no reduction in price. Please call Kristin Keel at 387-6533 ext. 315 for more details or come to the school office.

The Varsity basketball highlight tapes are now on sale from the SHS radio and T.V. class. The cost is only \$15. Call Kristin Keel at 387-6533 for more details.

There will be a Girls Hunter's Safety Camp at the McPherson Ranch again this year. Dates are June 8 thru 11. Girls must be 12 years old to 18 yrs. old. They must not have been previously certified through the Hunter Safety Program. For registration call 387-5159; for questions call 387-3068

Don't Forget, Thunderbird Transit is here for you. Moms & Dads, we want to remind you we can give your child a ride for only 50 cents one way or round trip for \$1.00. We will also be offering transportation to and from school for all ages. For more information or to make arrangements, call Lilia or Glenda at 387-5657 or 387-3941.

Any organization or individual who would like to make a donation towards scholarships for our local graduating seniors please contact Dawn Traylor at the High School 387-6533.

Promise Keepers will meet August 21-22 in the Houston Astrodome. Anyone interested in attending may contact Brad Childress at 387-2617 or Keith Wallace at 387-2831.

Hudspeth Hospital & Nursing Home Auxiliary meets every 2nd Monday of each month at the Sutton County Steakhouse from 12 noon to 1 p.m. New members are welcome to come & join.

El Consulado de Mexico en Del Rio, Texas. A la comunidad Mexicana y Mexico-Americana. Informa que sus oficinas se encuentran expidiendo en esta ciudad por un solo dia: Matriculas Consulares, pasaportes Mexicanos, cartillas del Servicio Militar Nacional, registros de nacimiento, orientacion y asesoria. El dia 16 de Mayo de 1998. De 12:00 horas a 16:30 horas, o hasta atender la ultima solicitud extra localizado en: Hall de la Iglesia 311 W. Plum, Sonora, Tx. Para mayor informacion: Te. 1-888-343-7213 (830)775-2352. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Sonora Elementary will register children for Prekindergarten and Kindergarten classes for the 1998-99 school year on the 18 and 19 of May from 8:00am until 4:00pm. Registration will take place in the Primary office on the elementary campus. All children need to bring a birth certificate, Social Security card, and immunization record for registration. For Kindergarten, children must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 1998. Prekindergarten children must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 1998, and meet one of two requirements: a child who does not speak and comprehend the English Language, according to a home language survey and testing, or a child whose family's annual income is below a level prescribed by the State Board of Education (1997-1040 form required).



Sonora Air Cooled Engines recently acquired by Carl and Terry Johnson, held a Grand Opening ceremony on Friday, May 1st.

## Sutton County approves "tobacco free" workplace

The Sutton County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, May 11th.

After approval of the previous meeting's minutes and reports from the Justice of the Peace and Jailer, Oscar Jimenez reported from the Road and Bridge Department that rule signs need to be erected at the entrance leading into the park behind Dairy Queen. Commissioner Bill Keel complimented Mr. Jimenez for the county's work done recently on Bond Road.

The County Attorney reported that \$287.57 has been collected on hot checks. Also discussed was the options for what to do with Allison Park. Two possibilities include: abandonment and electorate vote to sell if voters agree.

Due to a request by ABC News for information on every crime in Sutton County specifically related to victims of crime, it was suggested that the County establish costs associated with providing such information. Anticipated costs would include copying of possibly thousands of records related to such requests.

Other issues discussed included complaints of inadequate watering of the grass at the cemetery. It was agreed that the maintenance personnel at the cemetery needs to attend the next meeting to discuss problems associated with the extremely dry conditions and individuals watering on their own, etc.

The restrooms needed at the county park were discussed and it

## Join us in Campin' for a Cure.....Relay for Life May 15th & 16th

Everyone is invited to join us for the 2nd annual Relay for Life. Our slumber party begins on Friday May 15th at 6:00 p.m. and continues throughout the night until Saturday at 12:00 noon.

This 18-hour event involves teams who walk to raise money to help in the fight to cure cancer. This year there are 19 teams participating. Come out and help support our teams with their fund raising.

Sutton County Days Assn.- Frito pies and fustball  
Wallace Law Offices-Hot Dogs  
Sonora High School-Pickles & snow cones  
KHOS-Sweets  
Sutton County Bank-Candy  
First Natl. Bank-Hamburgers  
National Jr. Honor Society-Pop pops

was approved that the project manager accept bids for separate parts to building the facility-with bids not exceeding \$15,000-so that it can allow local contractors to bid on the project. Mike Villanueva will check location for sewer lines, etc. in order to best place the restrooms.

The Commissioners also approved the use of wrecker services to haul confiscated vehicles. It was agreed that the two bonded wrecker services in town will split the job.

It was approved that the paperwork begin for a grant to erect a flag at the county park.

The County Buildings will become tobacco free, effective May 15, 1998. This will include smokeless tobacco as well as cigarettes and cigars. This rule will be in effect during regular business hours and includes all present county buildings.

Other business included declining the maintenance of the Striegler Addition road as it does not meet specifications for a county road and the posting of basic rules at Allison Park and hiring extra officers on holiday weekend for better patrol of our county parks.

The Commissioners approved joining the Narcotic Investigations Task Force that would allow personnel from the force to be available to help in Sonora until the county can get an officer here.

Further business concluded with adjournment and a reminder that the next meeting is scheduled for the Tuesday after Memorial Day.

City of Sonora-Sweets  
Schlumberger Well Service-Glamour Shots & gun raffle  
Hudspeth Hospital-BBQ sandwiches & sausage and Smart Shop

Lilia's Team-Guiso burritos  
Presbyterian Youth Group-Cookies  
First Baptist Church-3 on 3 Basketball  
Halliburton-Fajitas  
Devil's River News-Neon necklaces, cokes, and raffle.

Other teams participating are Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas, Creek Swabbing and Sonora High School Pals.

If you are interested in joining any of our games such as the Funky PJ's contest or the Stupid People Tricks-be sure and sign up at the event.

Come by the hospitality tent to order additional Relay gear. See Page 12 for the Relay for Life schedule of events.

## School Board approves hiring of principals for elementary and high school

The Sonora ISD held its regular meeting Monday night to a standing room only audience.

Sam David Hernandez was sworn in for his new term, then new board officers were elected by the Board. Jessie Bustamante was elected president; Tom Clifton, president pro tempore, and John Barker, secretary.

After a presentation of work done by the electronic media class and approval of the April 16th Board meeting minutes, Sutton County Appraiser Rex Ann Friess informed the board that 97% of the current taxes and 14% of the delinquent taxes have been collected. Friess then informed the board that although gas prices are about the same, estimates indicate a 9.5 million dollar decrease in the mineral tax roll due to a 6 1/2% decrease in production. Barker stated that would be a loss of roughly \$130,000 to the district in revenue which Friess confirmed based on these estimates.

The board then approved the payment of \$132,454.06 for current bills and tabled the adoption of the 1998-99 school calendar until their next meeting.

Donna Hill informed the board of the progress of the District Site Based Committee. The rough draft of the district's goals are: 1) Sonora ISD will achieve recognized status (80% of all students passing TAAS) within three years and exemplary status (90% of all students passing TAAS) in five years by raising TAAS scores for all students in the areas of reading, writing, and math; 2) Sonora ISD, in reducing the dropout rate, will continue to exceed the exemplary status (less than 1%);

3) Sonora ISD will continue to exceed the state standard attendance rate of 94%; 4) Sonora ISD will constructively communicate within the district as well as with the community at-large; 5) Sonora ISD will provide an educational climate that benefits all students and provides the opportunity for student success through a united effort among students, parents, community, staff, administration, and the board of trustees, and; 6) Sonora ISD will upgrade technology throughout the district, insuring all students access to Internet and industry standard technology.

After the Superintendent's Report, parent, Cheryl Chevalier expressed her deep concerns about violence and discipline problems in the school. "I'm scared half to death for my kids to go to school here," Chevalier tearfully said.

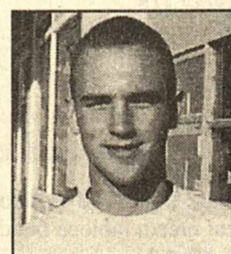
"Where is it going to stop?" she asked.

With no other comments from visitors and no board member comments, the board went into executive session.

After the board reconvened in open session, it was announced that Steve McCarn was hired as new high school principal and Mrs. Kelley Hirt as elementary principal.

The DRN staff checked with Police Chief Chris Croy and discovered that, since March 1, the police have been called to a school 14 times. This includes one each of theft, burglary, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a prohibited weapon, as well as 6 assaults, including two assaults on a teacher.

## Mathews Goes For The Gold



Justin Mathews will represent Sonora at the State Track Meet on Saturday, May 16. Mathews was the District 4-3A champion in both the 110 meter hurdles and the 300 hurdles. He was also the Region I champion in the 300 hurdles and the runner-up in the

110 hurdles.

The State meet will be held in Memorial Stadium in Austin. The meet will begin on May 15 at 9:00 a.m. with the field events. The running will begin at 6:15 for the AAAA Division. The AAA Division is on schedule for 5:45 p.m. on Saturday May 16. Justin's first event will be the 110 hurdles at about 6:15 p.m. on Saturday.

Hope you can come support Justin. Good Luck!!!



Camille Marshall signed a Letter of Intent to play basketball at The University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio. Pictured are Oscar Marshall, Kathy Marshall and Coach John McMeans. Camille was a 4 time-1st Team All District, 2 time-1st Team All Region and 1st Team All West Texas.

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Internet- current subscribers to Sonora Digicom wishing to log on with the new server should come by The Devil's River News office if you have Windows '95 and pick up an instruction sheet. Windows 3.1 and Mac subscribers should contact Cam Campbell pager #278-3230.

The Elementary school will have it's "Rowdy Reading Rodeo", Friday, May 15. It will begin at 8:30, with various games and events planned. All the classes will have lunch together around noon, then complete the days activities with an awards assembly following lunch. For more information contact Sharon Creek @ 387-2414 or Louise Dermody @ 387-5669.

First National Bank will be holding a bake sale Friday, May 15th starting at 8:30 a.m. They will be having baked goods, breakfast burritos and casseroles. All proceeds will be donated to the Relay for Life.

La Escuela Primaria de Sonora tendra la matriculacion de ninos de prekinder y kinder para el ano escolar de 1998-99 los dias 18 y 19 de mayo. La matriculacion sera en la oficina de la escuela primaria, desde las ocho de la manana hasta las cuatro de la tarde. Se requiere acta de nacimiento, tarjeta de seguro social, y certificado de vacunas. Para kinder los ninos deben tener cinco anos antes del primero de septiembre y necesitan satisfacer uno de dos requisitos: un nino que no comprende ni habla ingles o un nino de familia necesitada, cual el salario anual es mas bajo que lo que es prescrito por el departamento de educacion estatal. (se requiere la forma 1040 de 1997)

Anyone videoping the Carolyn Earwood School of Dance recital please contact Carolyn Earwood at 387-2957

Sonora Woman's Club and Sutton County Public Library Book Sale has been extended until the end of May. Plenty of books are still available. Sets of encyclopedias FREE to anyone needing them. All other books will be sold by donations.

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 8-12 at the First Baptist Church. A swim party for registration will take place on June 6th. Watch the newspaper for more details.

**TDH Extended Hours**  
Texas Dept. of Health at 1005 Eaton, next to the elementary school, will be conducting late-extended hour clinics every 2nd Wednesday of the month. These clinics are immunizations, WIC, child health, and other services. Hours will run from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. For further information, please call TDH at 387-5720 or 387-2234.

**Sutton County Days will be held August 19-22.** The annual Sutton Co. Days Parade will be held Saturday, Aug 22 at 9 a.m. Those wishing to have an entry may contact Tonya Brown, Parade Chairman at 387-2593.

The annual Little Mr. and Little Miss Contest will be held on the courthouse lawn, Saturday, August 22 at 11 a.m. Contestants will register at the Chamber Tent prior to the contest and pay a \$5 entry fee. A group picture will be taken of all participants. Questions may be directed to the Chamber office at 387-2880.

Rocksprings First Baptist Church continues to plan for their 100th anniversary June 21, 1998. Any descendant is encouraged to contact Rocksprings First Baptist Church, c/o Helen Fred at P.O. Box 438 Rocksprings TX 78880.

## Dining Out Directory

Dairy Queen 134 N. Hwy 277  
387-2118

Food Center Deli 600 S. Crockett Ave.  
387-5616

La Mexicana 240 N. Hwy. 277  
387-3401

Los Jarritos 104 Glasscock  
387-2838

Pizza Hut 401 Hwy. 277 N.  
387-3540

Rosie's Cafe 207 E. Glasscock Ave.  
387-5552

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

Town & Country Subway 610 S.  
Crockett  
387-6181

Town & Country-Country Kitchen  
903 N. Crockett Ave.  
387-2169

## Sonora Church Directory

<p><b>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAPTISTA</b> Rick Sanchez 504 Santa Clara 387-2035</p> <p><b>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Tim Dobbs, Minister 304 N. Water 387-3190</p> <p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Jim Stephen, Pastor Rev. Paul Cornelius, Assoc. Pastor 404 E Oak 387-2951</p> <p><b>ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> Rev. Bob Burton 404 E Poplar 387-2955</p> <p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor 201 N Water 387-2466</p> <p><b>JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS</b> St. Ann's Street 387-3600</p> <p><b>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> Rev. Charles Huffman 417 E 2nd St. 387-5366</p> <p><b>NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Terry &amp; Joy Woods 306 W. 4th Street 387-2898 <i>Attend the church of your choice. this Sunday.</i></p>	<p><b>THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN</b> Lewis Allen, Pastor 319 E Mulberry 387-2616</p> <p><b>OUTREACH CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Hwy. 277 S. Glasscock</p> <p><b>PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE</b> Rev. Lonnie McGallion 509 Amistad 387-3236</p> <p><b>ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I. 229 W Plum 387-2278</p> <p><b>JEHOVAH'S WITNESS</b> 310 St. Ann's Street 387-5658 or 387-5518</p> <p><b>NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Don Sessom 511 Cornell 387-5215</p> <p><b>COWBOY CHURCH</b> Monty Price Auction Barn Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.</p>
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## Obituaries

### Rex Jones

Rex H. Jones, 69, of Coleman died Friday, May 8, 1998, in a San Angelo hospital. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Coleman City Cemetery. Arrangements are by Walker Funeral Home. He was born February 2, 1929, in Breckenridge and had lived in Coleman since 1936. Mr. Jones was a barber and also a veteran of the

National Guard. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church and a past member of the Masonic Lodge. Survivors include his wife, Helen Jones of Coleman; three daughters, Peggy Densman of Abilene, Nancy Brockman of Sonora and Mary Joe Turner of Denton; a brother, Dr. W.R. "Bill" Jones of Cleburne; and four grandchildren.

## Letter to Community

Howdy to all my Sonora Friends: I thought you might like to know what Ol' Biscuits O'Bryan has been up to since moving the I O Everybody Ranch from Sutton to Mitchell County. I got my new pickup and cab-over camper the first of March and already have over 7,000 miles on it. I've appeared at schools in Waco, Colorado City, Austin, Round Rock, Humble, Roanok, Plano and made my fourth appearance at Tomball College in as many years. (I guess they like me!)

I also performed at the Alpine Poetry Gathering, Springfest in Allen and the Colorado City Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Next weekend, I will be in Lake Worth at the Bullfrog Festival (after quite a battle with the Tarrant County Department of Health over serving my dutch oven biscuits), then back to San Angelo for Boys Ranch Sunday on the 17th. I'll be at Southwood Elementary School in College Station on the 22nd of May, then son John and I leave for Connecticut on May 27th. I will cook chili, beans and peach cobbler for a fund raiser of the New Canaan Historical Society, then regale them with Texas tales. This came about through Linda Millsbaugh Asseyh, an Ozona native who now lives in New Canaan. June and July look like time for staying home and helping

Virginia finish up the painting, unpacking and redecorating, except for a brief stint when my alter-ego (or is that Altar-ego) returns to Sonora to perform the Condra/Keller wedding on June 13. August will find me in Dalhart for the big goings-on at the XIT Barbecue. Unfortunately, I guess I won't be there for the Covered Wagon Dinner Theatre for the first time in 12 years. They said they couldn't afford me this year and wanted to use entertainment who had never appeared before. Alas, how quickly we oldies are cast aside!

I was back in Sonora Thursday the 7th to return Abigail, our border collie, to her home with Tom Lock. She seemed eager to get about the work such dogs are meant to do, but we will miss her. Had lunch at Rosie's with Jim Stephen and a brief visit with a now-recuperated (I hope) Billy Galbraith. Glad to see the streets are coming along. Hope they'll be finished by the time I get back in Mid-June.

Virginia and I are enjoying Colorado City, but we miss our Sonora friends and hope you will keep in touch. If you are out this way, come on by. We'll throw some water in the beans or something. Keep on cookin' Biscuits O'Bryan

## Card of Thanks

We would like to extend a very special Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's health fair. Our sincere appreciation goes to the Sutton County Employees, Dairy Queen, Pizza Hut, Senior Center, First National Bank, and to businesses who donated a door prize. To everyone who helped make this year's fair a success-Thank You!  
Sutton County Health Fair Committee

We would like to give a special Thank You to Mr. Lee Van Tucker for allowing the use of the Broncho Ford Dealership for this year's health fair. This gave us the opportunity to bring health related services under one roof and at minimal or no cost to our community. Once again Thank You Lee Van.  
Sutton County Health Fair Committee

The family of Jackie T. Holmes would like to thank all their friends and relatives for their kindness and support during our time of sorrow and special thanks to Reverend Tim Dobbs of Church of Christ, Harvest House of San Angelo, and Hospice of San Angelo.

I would like to say a very big THANK YOU to a few special people that helped make the ACS golf scramble so great. Fran "the Golf Guru" Pennington, thanks for taking on this project with me even though we don't have a clue. Wayne Webb, the goat meat was fantastic- for a rookie!! Robert Mayer, Eddie Sawyer, and T & C Village Market for donating the food. The Sonora Golf Course, for providing the course and the glow balls and putting up with a novice. W.H. Hill and James Barton for holding my hand out there and walking me through each step. Jodie Hooten, for putting up with the last minute nervous wreck. To all the golfers, for being such great sports! Without everyone's help and generosity we couldn't have been so successful. Thanks again!  
Storie Sharp

## Birth Announcement



Hello Sonora!  
I'm here! I, Marco Antonio, was born in Shannon Children's Hospital on March 2, 1998 in San Angelo, Texas. I only weighed 8lbs 5oz. and was 18 1/2 inches long. Big

Boy, right? My mom Christina and dad, Joe Sanchez thought so! I will be coming to Sonora to visit my Grandma Nelda and Grandpa Ruben Yorba. In San Angelo, Grandma Refugio and Grandpa Troy Portwood. God Blessed me with lots of Uncles and Aunts. Sonora alone, Rev. Rick Sanchez, Patty and Fonzie Covarrubiaz, Chuckie, Lizzette, Desi, Lizzy, Eliazar, Sandra and Erika. From San Angelo, Fatima, Laura and Billy. Two sisters Jessica and Natalie from Houston. Whew! I mean Blessed! Great-Grandma Maria Leija.  
My Uncle, Rev. Sanchez presented me to our Lord God on Sunday, April 26, 1998 at Primera Iglesia Bautista, Sonora, Texas.  
See you around!!

## Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist.

## Senior Center

May 14- Crafts  
May 15- Relay for Life Bronco Stadium  
May 18- Bingo  
May 19- City Council meeting 2:00 p.m.  
May 20- Comprehensive Energy Assistance program w/Thelma  
May 21- Spring Fling in San Angelo

### Lunch Menu

**Thursday, May 14**  
Taco salad w/cheese, lettuce, tomato, pinto beans, roll, picante sauce, peach pie

**Friday, May 15**  
B-B-Q brisket, baked potato, green beans, coleslaw, cornbread, fruit cup

**Monday, May 18**  
Swiss steak w/gravy, peas & carrots, tossed salad, cornbread muffins, orange sections

**Tuesday, May 19**  
Chicken nuggets w/gravy, zucchini squash w/tomato, potato wedge, roll, peaches

**Wednesday, May 20**  
Chopped steak, parslid potatoes, carrots, cucumber/tomato salad, wheat bread, tapioca pudding

**Thursday, May 21**  
B-B-Q chicken, baked beans, california mixed vegetables, macaroni salad, cornbread, jello w/fruit

**Friday, May 22**  
Baked fish, macaroni & cheese, mix vegetables, tossed salad, roll, sugar cookie

Guest Meals are \$4.00.  
Suggested donation for Senior Citizens is \$1.75.

## SCHOOL MENU

<p><b>Monday, May 18</b> French toast w/syrup, ham slice, fruit or juice</p> <p><b>Wednesday, May 20</b> Scrambled eggs, banana nut muffins, fruit or juice</p> <p><b>Friday, May 22</b> Breakfast burrito, fruit or juice</p> <p>Cheese burger, tator tots, peaches, salad</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, May 19</b> Egg on biscuit, fruit or juice</p> <p>Sub sandwiches, salad, pineapple cake</p> <p><b>Thursday, May 21</b> Assorted cereal, toast w/jelly, fruit or juice</p> <p>Spahetti w/meatsauce, corn, applesauce, roll</p>
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All meals served with milk

<h3 style="text-align: center;">Community</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">May 14</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday, May 15th</b> 8:30 a.m. AR Reading Big Rodeo, Middle School auditorium 8:30 Bake Sale, First National Bank <b>Friday, May 15 &amp; Saturday, May 16</b> 6:30 p.m. Relay for Life, football practice field</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Community Calendar</i> <b>Sutton County National Bank</b> 207 Hwy 277 N</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Calendar</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">May 23</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, May 19</b> 2:00 p.m. City Council meeting <b>Thursday, May 21</b> 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Presentation on Check Imaging, Sutton County National Bank Community Room</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>is made possible by:</i> <b>First NATIONAL BANK</b> Member FDIC 102 N. Main 387-3861</p>
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## Bridging the Millenium- Focus on the Future of Aging!

Juanita Mesa attended the 17th Annual Texas Joint Conference on Aging, April 26, 1998 in Waco, Texas.

The workshop was very informative and the topics covered included Medicare & Medicare HMO's Stress & Stress Management, Burnout, Time Management, Social Security: Reality vs. Myth, Organize for Change-Advocacy, Obstacles & Opportunities, Medications-Take With Care, and Fraud and Its Impact on Seniors.

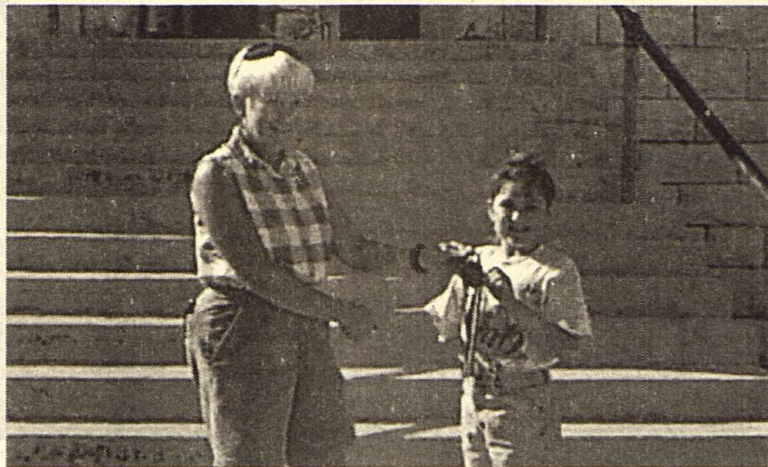
The Sutton County Senior Center was awarded a 3 Star TASC Excellence patch for the center's banner. The TASC Excellence Program recognizes those senior centers which:

- \* carry out the primary purpose of senior center
- \* have a balanced program of activities
- \* provide quality programs & activities that meet the needs of the seniors they serve.

The goal of the program is to encourage excellence in the performance of the senior center's activities.

Juanita Mesa and Amelia Ramos attended a Food Protection & Safety Course on April 21, 22 & 24 given by Texas Agricultural Extension Service & Texas A&M University System in San Angelo. This course is good for 3 years certification. Anyone working where food is served is required to take this course.

## Sonora Elementary raises money for the American Heart Association



Congratulations to the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders at the Sonora Elementary School. They raised \$5,247.00 in the Jump Rope for Heart sponsored by the American Heart Association.

Alexandrea Kenney raised the most money for this event. She was awarded the following prizes: an achievement medal, a jump rope, T-shirt, flashlight, space radio, and a super-sonic car. The Elementary P.E. program was awarded a gift certificate for \$125.00 to use for equipment because they raised over \$4,000.00.



3rd Grade:(L to R)- 1st Row: Jose Casillas, Marc Hernandez, Ruth Reyes, Danny Trevino, Ruben Mendez, Evan Gulley & Allyse Edmondson(not pictured). 2nd Row- Alexandrea Kenney, Armando Noriega, Kayla Fields, Zenon Acosta, Teresa Castillo, Jacob Ibarra, Chasady Johnson/Garcia. 3rd Row- Travis Valliant, Casandra Velardez, David Buitron, Mandy Castilleja, Robert Guerra and Madeline Higdon. 4th Row- Megan Krieg, Luis Lira, Delma Tovar, Kajja Valkonen and Bo Amber Gentry.



## National Junior Honor Society Induction

Twenty Sonora Middle School students were inducted into membership of the National Junior Honor Society at the school Friday, May 8, 1998.

Members were selected by a faculty council for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, character and citizenship.

Students inducted were: Koda

Armke, Thomas Bloodworth, Landon Brockman, Josh Everett, Kesha Frasier, Kara Hard, Katrina Hernandez, Mariana Hinojosa, Dustin Martin, Landry McMeans, Whitney Miller, Ashley Parker, Jared Parks, Leandra Perez, Heath Prather, Amanda Sanchez, Shannon Vick, Brandon West, Desiree Gonzalez, and Tyler Seaton.



1st Row: Steven Barthelemy, Jillian Gulley, Jessica Gutierrez, Jordan Hillard, Danielle Matthews, Dee McGee, Sandra Yorba, Hillary Lawson, Jose Gomez. 2nd Row: Michael Ashton, Will Crittendon, Bianca Lozano, Embre Smith, Kaleena Samaniego, Tissie Wagoner, Candice Martin, Mikee Lozano. 3rd Row: Kristina Hernandez, Blanca Lozano, Roland Solis, Kathy Velardez, Lauren Smith, Mandy Brister, Savannah Dobbs, Desiree Boldt-Morris, Justyn Gray. 4th Row: Cerissa Hedgecock, Kathy Pacheco, Trent Renier, Adam Hopper, Desiree Alvarado, Nikki Fierro. 5th Row: Wesley Carpenter, Felicia Castillo, Yasmin Cornado, Tina Covey, Jesse Galvan, Kayla McBride, Maggie Ramirez, Tristan Ramsey. 6th Row: Christine Sanchez, Tyler Talley, C.J. Turney, Rikki Riley.



5th Graders(L to R)- 1st Row- Cathy Covey, Eloy Esquivel, Kenia Gutierrez, Catherine Herrera, Mayra Rodriguez and Joe Paul Bartholomew. 2nd Row- Courtney Caruthers, Evelyn Castillo, Nathan Garcia, Angela Gonzales, Alyssa Ibarra, J.R. Solis, Elizabeth Mares, Chris Castro and Allison Higdon. 3rd Row- Amanda Word, Danielle Fox, Jacquelynn Castillo, Jason Chadwick, Dustin Creek, Tara Green and Erika McClintock. 4th Row- Tabitha Ovalle, Amanda Samaniego, Chelsea Seaton, Victoria Vara and Austin Wagoner.

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# The Bronco

Sonora High School

## School News

### F.F.A. Stays Busy Traveling

*By Shiloh Sykes*  
This year's Ag Department has been very busy attending judging events across the country. On Thursday, March 26th, the Judging Team went to the Tarleton Judging Contest and had a great showing. The next day the Range Team and the Livestock Team went on to the Canyon judging events and had another superb showing. Then, after a night's rest, it was off to Clarendon for some more

judging. On Friday, April 3rd, the judging teams traveled to Lubbock for area qualifying. Team member Jason Jacoby said, "I feel like all the judging trips have been a wonderful experience." Ag teacher Dale Caddell said, "I am really excited about our judging teams I believe we have two or three teams that have a shot at state and we may even have a chance at our first national team."

### The Early Bird Gets The Worm

*By Jason Jacoby*  
A school bus left Sonora at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 24 and Thursday, March 26. The bus traveled to Kermit taking Sonora High School students to compete at the District UIL Contest.  
The U.I.L. District Meet focuses on academic and dramatic events. The top three places advance to the Regional Meet on April 24th and 25th in Odessa. In the Prose Contest, sponsored by Mrs. Caruso, Tracy Escamilla placed 1st and Zac Kerbow placed 2nd. Peggy Everett placed 3rd in the Poetry Contest. In the Journalism events, which are sponsored by Miss Keel, Andi Allen placed 3rd in Newswriting and Kristen Hardgrave placed 4th in Headline Writing. In the Computer Applications Contest, sponsored by

Mrs. Cook, Cindy Jones placed 5th. The Accounting Team, also sponsored by Mrs. Cook, placed 1st overall. Individually, Michael McLaurin placed 2nd, Dustin Dillard placed 3rd, Clint Bowers placed 4th, and Kristen Hardgrave placed 5th. The Computer Science Team, sponsored by Coach Dukes, also placed 1st in their event overall. Individually, Drew Dempsey placed 1st, Russ Dempsey placed 4th, Clint Bowers placed 5th, and Dustin Dillard placed 6th. Drew Dempsey placed 6th in both the Math and Science competitions and tied for first in Chemistry.

Overall, the team placed 4th at the district competition and will have a strong showing at the Regional Meet.

### Caruso's Cast Advances

*By Katy Cooke*

Every Spring the drama students prepare for the One-Act Play. Several students try-out for certain parts in the play chosen by Mrs. Caruso. This year's cast consists of Tracy Escamilla, Jason Arredondo, Katy Cooke, Will Allen, Collier Shurley, Ryan Cramer, Zane Smart, Sandy Treveno, Zach Kerbow, Eddie Maskill, Erin Payton, and Meagan McMeans. Everyday these people meet for two or three hours working on all the scenes of the play.

The cast competed with five other schools in our district Saturday, April 4th in Sonora. Since Sonora hosted the contest, Mrs. Caruso was busy assigning rooms for the schools so they can get ready, asking students to be timers, cleaning the stage, and setting up the lights. Mrs. Caruso was also busy, along with Billie Moore and Mrs. Keller's sewing class, making the costumes. Mrs. Caruso said, "I think we have an advantage over the other schools because we are used to performing on

the stage. Plus, we are used to the size of the stage."

Sonora's play advanced to the Regional Level of OAP along with Kermit High School. Awards given to Sonora's actors were as follows: Honorable Mention-Zac Kerbow; All-Star Cast- Jason Arredondo and Katy Cooke; Best Actress- Tracy Escamilla. The two plays traveled to Alpine Friday, April 10th. The contest was held on Saturday. Sonora was competing with three other plays to advance and travel to Odessa for Area Level of OAP. Sonora's play did not advance; however, the awards were given as follows: Honorable Mention-Ryan Cramer and Zac Kerbow; All-Star Cast- Jason Arredondo and Katy Cooke; and Best Actress- Tracy Escamilla. The two plays that will be present at the Area Level of OAP are Alpine and Monahans. Congratulations to Sonora's play--"The Taming Of The Shrew" and their accomplishments this year.



Toby Shahan, Larry Finklea, and Steve Thorp watch on as Garrett Sharp explains the process of putting with a plunger to dad Mickey Sharp.

### Sonora Outlaw Gang sponsors night golf for the American Cancer Society

The Night Golf Scramble put on by the Sonora Outlaw Gang, to raise money for the American Cancer Society, was a great success. Most of the golfers had heard that there were some different rules to abide by at this scramble, but they came ready to have a good time. Not only did they have to make a donation to the American Cancer Society for going in the sand or hitting a tree, but if any member of the Sonora Outlaw Gang dressed in their psychedelic tie dye T-shirts asked you to do something and you refused it was another donation to the ACS. This didn't bring in the bucks that it was supposed to because all those crazy golfers did what they asked - from the macarena on the #2 green to wading into the pond to get their lost ball. It was

all great watching, especially the plunger puttin' on #9!! A great BBQ dinner, prepared by Wayne Webb, was served between the 18 holes. Toby Shahan won the closest to the pin on #6, quite an accomplishment since he had to tee off with a beachball between his legs. The team of Chris Croy, Allen Prather, Sue Moore, Brad Hull, Joe David West, and Darla Lipham won the overall; each one received one of the ACS golf passes that allows you to play golf at over 225 courses. The Sonora Outlaw gang would like to say a special thank you to everyone that donated food, prizes, and their time to help make this scramble a success. Over \$1000.00 was raised for the American Cancer Society and a good time was had by all! Hope to see everyone at the Relay for Life

### SHS choirs to perform May 19th

The Sonora High School choir and Honor choir will perform in their spring concert, Tuesday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the High School Auditorium.

Music selections include "My Heart Will Go On," from the Titanic soundtrack. Along with Tim Warden and Sandra Cardona as soloists, Ashley Brockman and Lizzie Chavez will dance. Other music

selections include a Paul Simon melody, Elton John's, "Candle In The Wind," a Grease melody and Disney's Hercules - "Go The Distance."

Soloists include Manuel Campos, Mark Cooper, April Casiano, and Brenda Oliden.

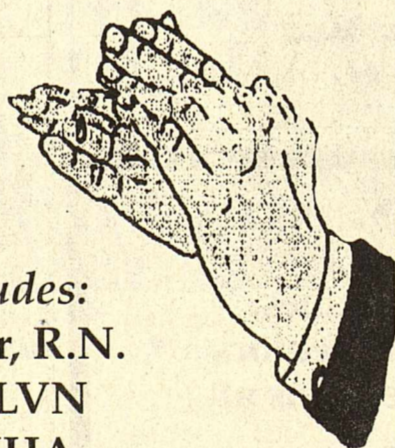
Also scheduled in this special concert is a "Men In Black" dance number.



"Pour me some of that!" Collier Shirley, Katy Cooke, Will Allen and Ryan Cramer perform the One-Act Play during the school performance.

## Cornerstone Home Health says Job Well Done!

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## Broncos enter last week of play-still in playoff picture

The Broncos began this week of play needing some help from other District 4-3A members; for the playoffs to become a reality. With the district leaders, Crane and Colorado City both sporting a 5 and 3 record you might think that the Broncos are not even in the hunt, until you realize that Sonora, Greenwood, and Kermit all have identical 4 and 4 records. With Sonora's last two games against Crane this past Tuesday and Kermit on Friday to finish out the season, Sonora's destiny is in their own hands. Due to the fact that all 5 teams concerned have to play some very key games against other play-off hopefuls.

Last week, the Broncos hosted the Rangers from Greenwood on Tuesday. The Rangers scored 12 runs on 9 hits while committing only 1 error. The Broncos were not as fortunate, as they were only able to put 2 runs across the plate on 2

hits. The score looks as if the Broncos were totally dominated by the Rangers; however if you take away the second inning where the Rangers scored 10 of their 12 runs, you see that the Broncos played very well. Homer Lozano, came into the game in the middle of the second inning and shut the Rangers down for 4 innings. Homer faced 14 batters giving up 3 runs on 2 hits striking out 4 and walking 4. The Broncos had chances offensively leaving runners in scoring position twice without getting a run across. This was a loss that was hard to take, but just as the Broncos have done all year, **THEY NEVER GAVE UP!!!**

On Friday, the Broncos traveled to Colorado City to face the wolves. This was a grudge match from the beginning, as feelings were running high from the very first pitch. The Wolves took an early 3 to 1 lead in the bottom of the first inning. The Broncos not to be outdone, took

advantage of some erratic pitching and Wolf miscues to tie the game up in the top of the third. For the next 3 innings, Fernie Emiliano kept the wolves off balance at the plate and the Bronco defense played exceptionally well to stifle the Wolves potent offense. However, in the bottom of the fifth, the Wolves struck; scoring 3 runs on 2 walks, a double and a single. In the top half of the sixth, the Broncos added a run to make the score: Sonora 4 and Colo. City 6. Homer Lozano who replaced Emiliano in the fifth inning shut the wolves completely down for the next 4 innings, as he faced 20 batters giving up no runs on 3 hits, 3 base on balls and 3 strikeouts. In the top of the seventh inning, the Broncos down by 2 runs never gave up. Ty Harrelson was awarded a base by taking one for the team. David Mayer came to the plate and collected his third hit of the night, with this one being a 375 foot shot

over the 360 sign in the right center field. Broncos 6 - Wolves 6. In the bottom of the seventh, the drama really began to unfold, as the lead off batter for the Wolves hit a gapper that gave him a stand up triple. Lozano, stayed in control as he forced the next two batters to hit balls back to him, who promptly dispatched to get 2 outs. The next batter walked. The next Wolf batter took Lozano to a full count, and Homer left him standing looking at a beautiful called strike three. In the top of the eighth, the Broncos, added 5 runs to put the game out of reach. Edgar Gonzales was hit a pitch, Tanner Fields doubled to left center, Fernie Emiliano tripled to almost the same spot and David Mayer added his fourth hit of the evening, with his second homerun of the day. Homer Lozano closed out the Wolves in the bottom of the eighth giving him and the Broncos their fourth district win. Broncos 11 - Wolves 6.

## Sonora Sidekicks soccer teams participate in SASA

Sonora soccer teams participated in the San Angelo Soccer Association's '97 & '98 Fall and Spring Seasons. The boys and girls who played were in U-6, U-8, and U-10 age groups and did a great job for their first year. The spring season was especially enjoyable for the players because they were more experienced. They knew what to expect and were much more aggressive players. The U-10 team, coached by Tony Torres won 2nd place in their division. The U-6 and U-8 teams played well and showed much improvement since the Fall season.

The U-8 and U-10 teams played in the Coca-Cola Classic Soccer Tournament on the 25th and 26th of April, in San Angelo. The U-8 team

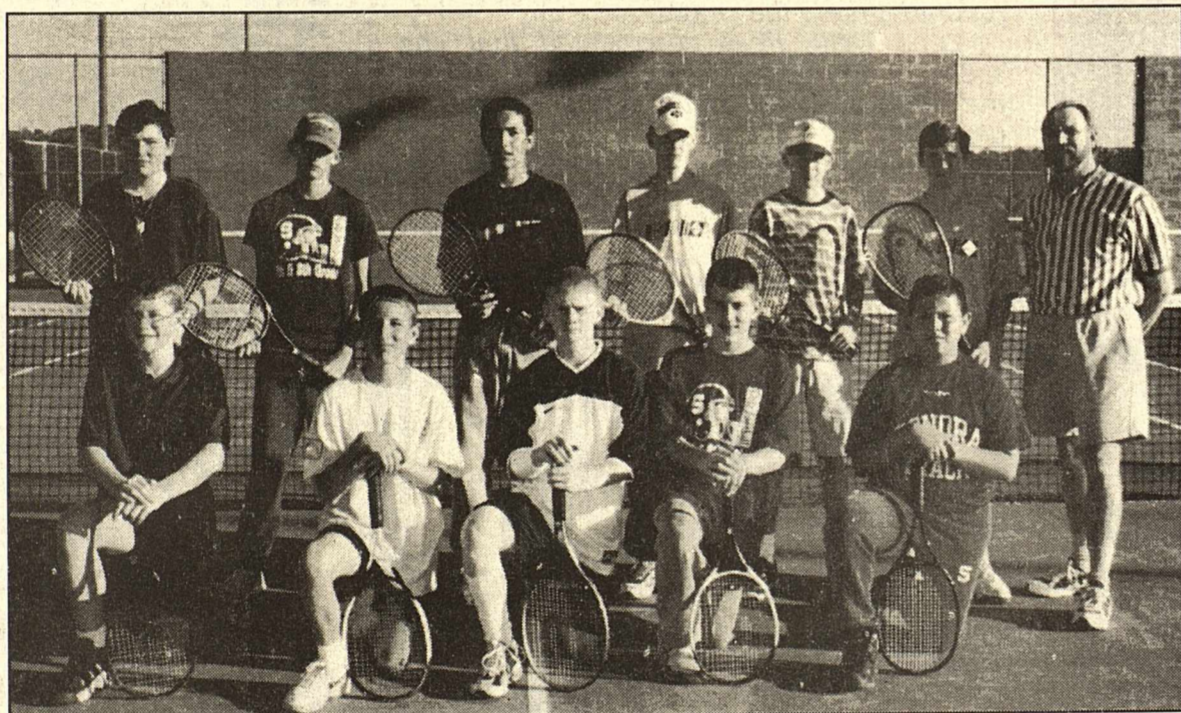
was sponsored by Sonora Sports and Supply and the U-10 team was sponsored by Sutton County National Bank. They all played very well against very experienced Midland teams. Although they did not bring home any trophies, they did receive the experience of tournament play. We are very pleased with the participation and support of all the parents and players throughout Sonora's First Soccer season.

For any boys and girls ages 4 through 12, there will be a Soccer Camp here in Sonora, on June 23, 24, and 25, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. There will be a PRE-REGISTRATION on June 3rd from 9:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Devil's River News office. For more information, please call 387-3174 or 387-3254.

## Jr. High Tennis



Front row: Landry McMeans and Amy Gutierrez. Second row: Kim McKinney, Leslie Gamez, Maribel Hernandez, Gabby Coronado, Emily Luna. Back row: Ashley Bible, Desiree Gonzalez, Dora McAfee, Margie Becknell, Ashley Leyva, Coach Nicholas and Monica Lira.



Front row: Tyler Seaton, Seth Prather, Sean Fields, Josh Everett and Balde Hernandez. Back row: Matt Bachelor, Justin Routh, Reyes Garcia, Chance Dillard, Eddie Wallace, Byron Williams and Coach Nicholas.



U-6 Boys & Girls: front row-Colyer Dermody, Tyler Creek, Christian Kenney, Ethan Morriss, Marcos Gamez, Jordan Miller, Chelsey Lou Campbell, Cadesman Pope. Back row-Coach Bonnie Lou Campbell, Kara Voight, Austin Whitten, Chacho Mesa, and Coach Carol Pope. Not pictured Word Hudson.



U-8 Boys & Girls: front row-Judson Chevalier, Vickie Torres, Aaron Gayton, Reynaldo Gaytan, Alberto Tovar and Andrew Heap. Back row-Coach Paul Chevalier, Kooper Liverman, Harrison Chevalier, Steely Ingham and Coach Marshall Heap. Not pictured John Duke Hudson and Colton Moore. Sponsored by Sonora Sports and Supply.



U-10 Boys & Girls: front row-Gabrielle Alvites, Abraham Rivera, Chelsea Martinez and Cody Perez. Back row-Antonio Torres, Shane Love, Christopher Perez, Uriel Santana, Ty Love, Robert Guerra and Coach Tony Torres. Sponsored by Sutton County National Bank



These parents and coaches played two awesome soccer games against other parent/coach teams in the San Angelo PARENTS DAY '98 GAMES. Front row: Leslie Beal, Bonnie Lou Campbell, Javier Gaytan, Jorge Gaytan, Juan Gaytan and Marshall Heap. Back row: Ben Ingham, Paul Chevalier, Raul Gaytan, Curry Campbell and Reynaldo Gaytan.

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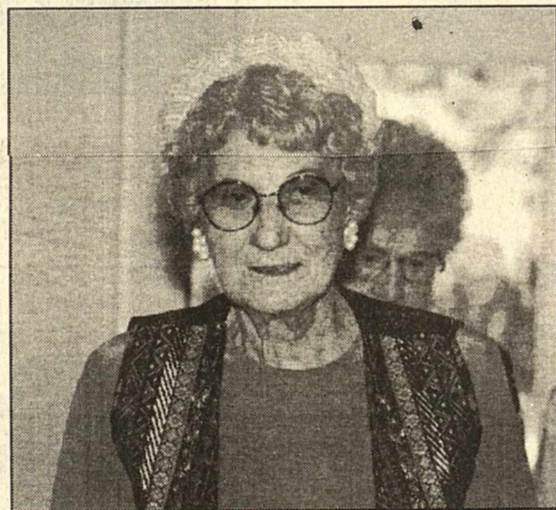
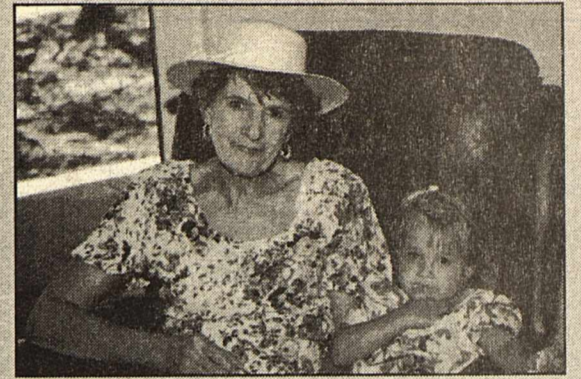
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# An Old-Fashioned Tea Party



Saturday, May 9th in honor of "Mother's Day" some friends got together for an "Old Fashioned Tea Party"-complete with gloves & hats!

They enjoyed an afternoon of fun, food & friendship. The food included teacakes, petit-fours, chocolate covered pecans, finger sandwiches, raspberry iced-tea and french vanilla hot tea.

Coincidentally, we celebrated Alma Love's 81st Birthday. She was "surprised" to see her sister, Jean Kennedy, from San Antonio among the crowd.

Lena Belle Ross commented that she spent all day dressing and getting ready for the tea party and hadn't had more fun in years.

Terry Mikeska was there from San Angelo playing the piano as everyone visited.

This will likely be an afternoon not soon forgotten.





# Around and About

by Lise Miller

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Mother's Day. We were in San Antonio for the Annual Dental Meeting. Linda, Rosemary, Lilia & Phil got their Continuing Education requirements while Jordan & I visited Sea World & the Alamo.

When we came down for dinner Friday night, teenage girls were squealing in the lobby for the Utah Jazz players who were arriving. At 7:40 Mark Eaton is hard to miss. The junior high choir girls were thrilled to see celebrities at their hotel but the chaperones were not, especially when their group was split between floors & the Jazz were on one of those.

While Jordan & I were seated in an alcove for breakfast Saturday, they seated Mark Eaton at the table next to us. He promptly knocked over the juice & coffee while trying to open up the newspaper. He told us how he hated doing that in public. I said that at least it wasn't at the game. He said how he wished he could play. When I went to get Jordan a waffle the chef asked if we were attending that afternoon's game. I said no. While we were leaving I heard one waiter telling how the Jazz wives don't fly over on the team plane, but arrive separately. I realized they thought we were part of the entourage. I guess we look like Utah folks.

Phil took us to the Magic Time Machine Saturday night which we all enjoyed. We sat in a wigwam & had Davy Crockett for a waiter. Jordan loved the bubbling "potion" drinks they do for kids. The kids menu was reasonable at \$5.99 and she recognized Fred Flintstone, Alice in Wonderland, a Buccaneer, Dennis the Menace, a Musketeer, Sailor Mars, Little Orphan Annie, Xena the Warrior Princess, Strawberry Shortcake & Little Red Riding Hood. Phil & I were just happy not to have Howard Stern as our waiter. The place was packed with prom couples & Jordan giggled when the formally dressed gals were paraded through while the

staff announced the "Potty Train."

Another term she learned this weekend is the dreaded French term "Souvenir". She still picks up rocks (FREE!) wherever we go but now also lusts for the plastic pieces of crud with logos slapped on them. The selection is virtually identical at every attraction only the slogan is different. For our inaugural trip to Sea World & the Alamo we own a small squeaking Shamu & a replica rifle. (The coonskin cap ran a tight second but she didn't like the looks of those folks trying them on & putting them back down.) Smart girl.

Thankfully she didn't want to do the Rollercoaster because Mommy doesn't. Besides it's good to save something for later like the zoo & the Children's Museum.

We managed to live with Jordan 6 years in Houston without her knowing Astroworld was in the same city. Whew.

Thankfully she still enjoys the simple things like throwing crackers in the river and watching the little fish & ducks gobble them up. I like it too & the price is right. In fact one of her thrills was eating the tiny boxes of Fruit Loops from the hotel breakfast because I won't buy cereal over 6 grams of sugar for breakfast. (They are okay for snacks, not meals.) The other thing she liked was picking up the "books" from the lobby with color pictures of places one can spend money like the IMAX, etc. I adore Kindergarten pastimes & know only too soon she won't be satisfied with just looking at pictures of Fiesta Texas.

Then I will have to content myself looking at pictures of the handicraft gifts I have received through the years like photo frames, clay sculptures ("So tell me about your thing." "It's you Mommy."), bouquets, pictures & notes. These are more precious than anything money can buy, but don't cancel those brunch reservations for next year. After all, we wouldn't want Daddy to have to cook & clean up, now would we?



Nikki Casillas (Germany) and Danielle Dobbs (Hungary) display their culture fair boards and served delicacies from their respective countries.

## Carol Thorp will receive her Bachelor of Science degree on May 16, 1998

Carol Womac Thorp, of Seguin, Texas will receive her Bachelor of Science degree on May 16, 1998 from Southwest Texas State University, of San Marcos, Texas. Carole is obtaining her degree in Applied Sociology, with a minor in Gerontology. Carol is the mother of Jericho, Casey and Claire Thorp, who resided in Sonora for many

years. Carole was the administrator of the Sonora Senior Citizen Center for many years, where she is fondly remembered for her dedicated service to our Senior Citizens of Sonora. Carole is an active member of the Episcopal Church and is the former daughter-in-law of Joann (Guggle) Thorp of Sonora.

## Jennifer Galvan wins 2nd place in Sports Action Photo for Yearbooks



On April 18, at the 13th Annual Texas Tech Student Publication Banquet, Jennifer Galvan received The Columbia Scholastic Press Association Second Place Award in Sports Action Photo for Yearbooks.

Jennifer also was awarded as Texas Tech University Student Publications *La Ventana* Outstanding Photographer for the 1997-1998 school year.

In her two years at Tech, Jennifer has had the opportunity to work with the Associated Press, Fort Worth Star Telegram, attend a National Press Photographer Association in Kansas City, has accompanied the Texas Tech Army ROTC on their Field Training Exercises taking pictures and participating in their training, and publishing her pictures in the Army ROTC newsletter, *Raider Times*.

Jennifer was a graduate of the 1996 class. She is the granddaughter of Aurora Gutierrez and niece of Jesus Gutierrez both of Sonora. Her parents are Tomas and Yolanda Perez of Mertzon.

On May 7, Jennifer was given the job as the 1998-1999 *La Ventana* Photo editor.

# Boy Scout News

By Brenda Valliant

A weekend of fishing and camping was enjoyed by seventeen scouts from Troop 19 during the weekend of May 1-3. The Dillard families and the David Walsh family graciously extended an invitation for our young men to camp and fish on their properties on the Devil's River. The majority of the boys left the Scout Hut at 4:00 on Friday afternoon. Leading the sojourn was Bob Snodgrass who also has a property on the river. Trapper and I left later in the day and made the trip with the assistance of Monty Dillard's map drawing skills. Fortunately for us, Monte draws a really good detailed map. I guess the last twenty five years in the Gas Patch, directing crews to proposed location sites, has honed those skills! The scenery and vistas were breathtaking. Getting there, really was part of the fun. The low water crossing that we had to cross to get into the camp caused me a moment of doubt but Mr. Snodgrass blazed the trail ahead of us on his 4 wheeler. I did roll down the windows and tell Trapper that if the car washed off his only concern was to get out of the vehicle. I'd like to think that I was teaching him to follow the Boy Scout Motto of "Be Prepared" but actually I think it's a "mom thing" of having your child survive. Upon arrival we quickly set up our tent and Trapper headed for the river where his fellow scouts were already fishing and swimming. Dinner Friday evening included corn on the cob brought by David Wallace and roasted over a campfire and fajitas. The first night the boys weren't really ready to settle down, the WW wrestling match at 3:00 a.m. was testimony to that.

Dawn came bright and early to our remote camp site. The boys ate a good breakfast and then headed for the river. They came in a few at a time around lunch time and devoured peanut butter and jelly or ham and cheese sandwiches. The homemade strawberry jam that Rhonda Hall sent was greatly appreciated and quickly consumed. They returned to the river and stayed until dusk. Callaway Hall was the "Top Fisherman," he caught 24 perch. Stetson Hall and Ryan Hardgrave caught the "biggest fish," it was an eight pound catfish that measured 27 inches in length. They used Callaway's perch for bait on their trot line, so I guess he caught the most and helped catch the biggest too. There were several diligent fish-

ermen among us and then there were those of us who really only wanted to swim and play in the water. The boys especially enjoyed the flat bottom boats that Mr. Hall provided. Even those of us who only caught a "sunburn" had a really good time. Dinner Saturday included fish, of course. The origin of which is a closely guarded secret. It always amazes me what a full day of fun and exercise will do to a boisterous group of boys. When we declared "lights out" there weren't many still on.

We broke camp the following morning and began our return trip. The trip home was filled with conversation about "the one that got away," and funny things that had happened to each of us during our trip. These boys with a variety of different social and ethnic backgrounds spent an enjoyable week-end without television or any other electronic devices for entertainment. Imagine that!

The boys making up our camping group were Stetson and Laramie Hall, Justin and Shawn Odom, Israel Mendoza, Stevie Hernandez, Wilson Wallace, Trapper Valliant, Zed Snodgrass, Joseph Ainsworth, Norbert Ortiz, Devon Yearout, David Luna, Nathanael Prather, Shane Benson, David Adkins and Eagle Scout Ryan Hardgrave. The adult sponsors were Bob Snodgrass who lead the expedition and made the arrangements for us to camp, Lewis Allen our Scout Master and a former Junction "river rat" with lots of fishing experience, Callaway Hall our camping coordinator who hauled boys, boats and supplies (Rhonda helped plan the meals and purchased the groceries for our trip). David Wallace who was the fishing equipment expert, Dave Prather who helped keep an eye on the boys in the river and I went as the "resident mom" to remind the boys to put their sun screen on and add soap and elbow grease to the dish water. I didn't check their ears for dirt so I figure that they got off pretty easy.

We really appreciated the support of our community and the individuals who make these trips possible. We want to thank each and every one who in the past helped build this program and the people who currently continue to invest in the future of our community by giving of their time and/or property so that these young men will have positive experiences and role models.

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## Friends launch Big Bend license plate drive



The push is on to introduce the Big Bend custom license plate to Texas motorists. Friends of Big Bend National Park have kicked-off a statewide campaign to promote sales of the new plate, which displays a striking full-color mountain image from the park. Money generated from license plate sales will be used for much needed projects to preserve and protect the park.

"This license plate truly conveys the beauty of the Big Bend region. For every 1000 plates we sell, \$45,000 will go to preserving that beauty," said Lori Palmer, president of Friends of Big Bend National Park.

The group has developed an informational brochure and launched a direct mail campaign as part of the plate promotion. Any Texan interested in purchasing the \$50 specialized plate can contact Friends of the Big Bend National Park for an application at P.O. Box 465, Terlingua, TX. 79852 or con-

tact the county tax-assessor-collector office at the courthouse in their area.

Present members include Texans from across the state. West Texans like the Lumkins, Alvis Johnson of Sonora and Terlingua's Greg Henington serve on the group's board along with volunteers from Lubbock, San Antonio, Dallas and Austin.

The license plate was designed by the Texas Department of Transportation in consultation with Friends of Big Bend National Park. The plate features Casa Grande Peak which is a prominent landmark in the park's Chisos Mountain Basin.

"This is the most beautiful of all the plates produced by the state of Texas," said Palmer.

The non-profit group was chosen by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to implement park improvement and preservation projects with the proceeds from license plate sales.

## Classic Cable announces scholarship winners

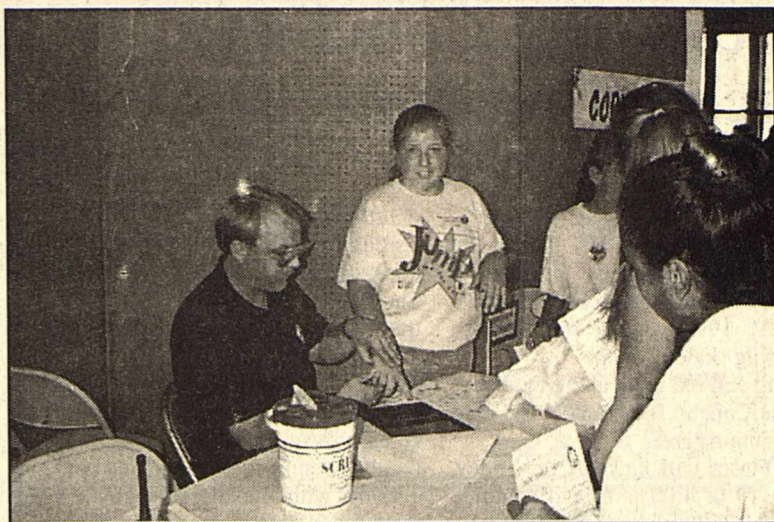
Classic Cable announces today that Andrew Dempsey, a senior at Sonora High School had been selected to receive a \$250 scholarship as part of the Classic Cable Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship Fund was created by the Company to reward qualified students within its service area who demonstrate both academic and extracurricular leadership skills. Once again this year, the number of deserving candidates exceed the fund's financial resources- the fund size was increased over 15% to \$35,000.

Of the approximately 650 applications submitted for consideration, the Company selected 126 students to receive scholarships. Thirty-nine of the scholarship recipients reside within the state of Texas. Applications were evaluated along three dimensions: (i) completeness

in accordance with scholarship criteria: (ii) distinctive academic and extracurricular achievement; and (iii) demonstrated leadership at school and in the community.

Steven E. Seach, Classic's President, views the scholarship program as a major success for not only the students, but also the communities in which they live. "We are extremely pleased to help so many deserving young people pursue their educational dreams. For Classic, this program is the cornerstone of ever-growing commitment to enhance the quality of life in the communities we serve."

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Police Chief Chris Croy fingerprints Allison Higdon at the Health Fair, Thursday, May 6th



Hudspeth Hospital is drawing blood from Pauline Skains. The Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital offered free blood screening at the Health Fair.

## Help, Hope, and Cope: a Seminar for Caregivers of aging adults

Monday and Tuesday evenings, June 1st and 2nd, The First United Methodist Church will hold a seminar aimed at giving support and important information to persons who are caregivers and family members of aging adults. Several speakers, including a physician, a pharmacist, a social worker, and a representative from the Council on Aging will make presentations and

be available to answer questions. There will also be written materials for you to take home regarding resources available in Sonora and San Angelo.

This seminar has the support of the Ministerial Alliance and all persons in the community are invited to attend. Mark your calendars now and look for further details.

## How can I keep my child from being injured?

Unfortunately, there is no 100% fool proof strategy for keeping our children free from serious injury, but a healthy dose of prevention can go a long way toward reducing the likelihood of injury occurring.

"Child proof" your home by eliminating the dangers within it. This includes putting small objects, poisonous chemicals, and hot pots and pans out of reach of young children. The same obviously goes for firearms. Install fire detectors in your home and make sure your child has and knows an escape plan. Use safety gates around stairs. And never leave a young child unattended in the bathtub.

Outside your home, make sure that children are properly restrained with seat belts or car seats whenever traveling in the car. Make sure

they wear protective helmets when bicycling or rollerblading. Keep young children far away from traffic and make sure older children know the rules of the road. If you have a pool, make sure that it is enclosed on both sides. Remember, your children are always watching your behavior and learning from it. Practice safety! Buckle up, observe speed limits, walk in crosswalks, follow traffic rules, and serve as a role model for safe behavior in daily living.

These are just a few simple tips. Your pediatrician and other health and safety organizations such as the American Academy of Pediatrics can provide you with safety checklists and additional tips on injury prevention.

American Academy of Pediatrics.



Kelly Thorp raffled bike helmets to kids at the Health Fair. The bike helmets were given by grants from the Texas Department of Health and the Sutton County Child Welfare Board.

## Summer Reading Program at Library in need of Sr. Volunteers

We are signing up reading Senior Volunteers for the summer program at the Library. It is a good time to spend with our youth (children) and also good for our Senior Citizens. If you can give a little time this summer, please call the Senior

Center at 387-5657 or the Library at 387-2111. We need you!

When: June 17  
Where: Sutton County Public Library

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FRIDAY, May 15th, 1998

DATE	TIME	REGISTRATION AREA	STAGE	CENTERFIELD	YOUNG 'UNS AREA
Friday, May 15th					
	4:00 PM	Team Registration Begins			
		Survivor Registration Begins			
		Luminary Sales Begin			
	6:00 PM	Survivor Reception	Opening Ceremony		
	7:00 PM		Wireman Family Musical Show	Volleyball, Washers	Beach Party
	7:30 PM		Music by Honor Choir		
	8:00 PM		Music		Pirate Party
	8:30 PM				
	9:00 PM		A Magical Night by Paul		Star Party
	9:30 PM		The STARS Are Out Tonight		
10:00 PM		Luminaria Ceremony			
10:30 PM				Bed Time Fairy Tales	
11:00 PM		Music by Bonnie Lou Campbell		Spooky Stories	
11:30 PM		Pie Eating Contest			
		Stupid People Tricks			
		Funkiest PJs			
Saturday, May 16th					
	12:00 AM		DJ Music and Games	Organic Olympics	
	1:00 AM			Frisbee Challenge	
	2:00 AM			Tire Challenge	
	3:00 AM			Balloon Challenge	
	4:00 AM			Relay Challenge	
	5:00 AM			Food Challenge	
	6:00 AM		Reveille by Robert Morillo		
	6:15 AM	Breakfast by Lions Club	DJ Music & Games		
	7:00 AM		Bad Hair Day Contest		
	7:15 AM		Mom Calling Contest		
	7:30 AM		Goat Pill Toss		
	7:45 AM		Macarena Contest		
	8:00 AM		Sunflower Seed Spitting Contest		Backwards Party
	8:30 AM				
	9:00 AM		Music by Dale Lipsett		Dalmatian Party
	9:30 AM		Music by George Ann Copeland		
10:00 AM		Music by Erica Salinas		Olympics	
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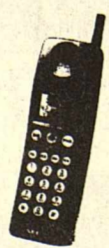
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