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Thursday, August 15, 2002

29th Annual Sutton County Days Schedule of Events

Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.
Kids Mutton Bustin', Barrel Racing, Breakaway Roping & Steer Roping
Thursday - 9:00 a.m.
Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling & Team Roping
Thursday - 5:30 p.m.
The "Jailbreak Performance featuring a Special Section of Bull Riding, Kids Mutton Bustin', Barrel Racing, Breakaway Roping, Steer Roping, Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, and 6 Finalist from The Outlaw Team Roping Challenge

Friday

4-7 p.m. - Arts & Crafts Booths open at the Sutton County Park
5-7 p.m. - Masonic Lodge Annual Scholarship Fund Raiser Steak Dinner at the 4-H Civic Center
7:30 p.m. - Pre-Show Outlaw Pro Rodeo at the Sutton County Arena
• Introduction of the Miss Sutton County Queen Contestants
• Kids Mutton Bustin'
9:00 p.m. - Rodeo Dance featuring *The Old Hat Band* at the Sutton County Slab

Saturday

7:15 a.m. - 5K run/walk registration on courthouse lawn
8:00 a.m. - 5K run/walk begins
9:00 a.m. - Parade begins
• late registration for the Little Mr. & Miss Contest at the Chamber tent
10:00 a.m. - Opening Ceremonies at the Sutton County Park
• Arts, crafts & food booths open
• Registration begins for Horseshoe & Washer Pitchin' at the beer stand
• Introduction of Miss Sutton County Queens contestants on main stage
10:30 a.m. - Little Mr. & Miss Sutton County contest on main stage
11:00 a.m. - Twin Fiddlers Contest at the 4-H Civic Center
• Women of St. John's Episcopal Church Chicken Salad Lunch
11:30 a.m. - Devil's River Dancers on main stage
12:00 p.m. - Manual Campos Band on main stage
• Children's games begin at the Kids Corral
1:15 p.m. - Souls A Fire Band on main stage
2:30 p.m. - Castilleja Bothers Band on main stage
3:45 p.m. - Border Trash Band on main stage
5:00 p.m. - Sutton County Days Talent Show on main stage
7:00 p.m. - Close of the arts & crafts booths
7:30 p.m. - Pre-Show Outlaw Pro Rodeo
• Crowning of Miss Sutton County
9:00 p.m. - Rodeo Dance featuring *The Old Hat Band* at the Sutton County Slab

Masonic Lodge Steak Dinner Promises Great Meal

The Dee Ora Masonic Lodge #715 will hold their annual scholarship fundraiser steak dinner on Friday, August 16, 2002 at the Sutton County Civic Center from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in conjunction with the 29th Annual Sutton County Days celebration. Tickets are \$7.00 per plate and are on sale now at the following businesses: Sonora Chamber of Commerce, The Corner Drug Store, Sutton County Steakhouse, Mr. D's, Sonora Wool and Mohair, and Rafter W Feed Store. You can also purchase a ticket from any Sutton County Queen Contestant or any Dee Ora Lodge member.

Sheriff Fincher Reminds Citizens To Be Alert Around Busses As Students Return To School

Joe Fincher, Sheriff of Sutton County, is again asking all local drivers to pay special attention to the school zones around town, and to be especially aware of the school buses loading and unloading our children before and after school.

The law prohibits vehicles from passing a school bus when its red lights are flashing, and children are being loaded or unloaded. The fine can reach up to \$1,000 for passing a school bus when these lights are activated. A driver's license can be suspended for up to six months if motorists pass a school bus that is loading or unloading children.

However, for the past several years, Danny Hardin, Director of Maintenance and Transportation with the SISD, has had the bus drivers pull completely off the roadway to discharge or load children, which further ensures the children's safety. Hardin deserves a special pat on the back for this policy and for the good job he does every day at our school.

All drivers are reminded to drive responsibly and be especially aware of our school children and school buses at all times.

Sonora Middle School Back-To-School Dinner - See page 5

Wondering Where The Flag Is?

Another casualty of the high winds that hit Sonora last week was the American Flag on Eaton Hill. A tear about two or three feet long developed in the upper corner of the flag, making it necessary that it be taken down temporarily for restoration.

Meanwhile, another flag is on order and should be available in 2-3 weeks.

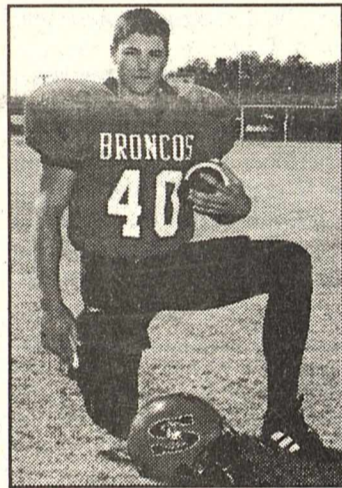
The community's interest in the flag since it has been absent indicates the pride and patriotism of Sutton County citizens. If you would like to help keep "Old Glory" flying on Eaton Hill, you can make a contribution to "The Old Glory" Fund at First National Bank. Contributions are used to replace flags as they wear out, and to defray the cost of lighting the flag at night.

Renfro Plays All-Star Game In Houston

by Storie Sharp

It's not often that Sonora gets to watch one of their own on T.V., but that is exactly what happened on Tuesday, July 30, 2002. Former Sonora Bronco, William Renfro made fans proud, by scoring the first running touchdown in the 68th Annual Southwestern Bell THSCA All-Star Football Game in Houston, Texas.

The South team was coached by Sam Harrell of Ennis High School and the North was coached by G.A.



William Renfro

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Villanueva Joins Sutton County Sheriff Department



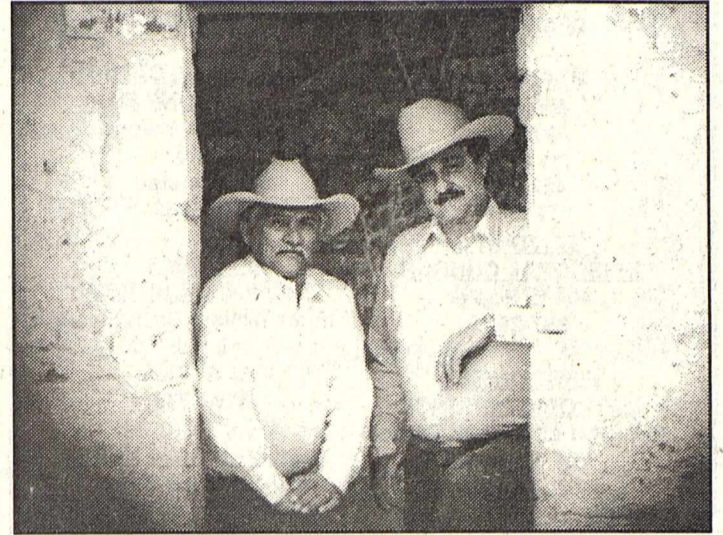
Sonora native, Michelle Villanueva has joined the Sutton County Sheriff's Department as a part-time deputy. She is currently a Jr. at ASU where she attends classes when not working. Michelle is the daughter of Mike and Amparo Villanueva and has one daughter, Miranda. She is a 1989 graduate of Sonora High School and attended college at Tarrant County. She then attended the Tarrant County Police Academy and worked as an investigator at the Bedford Police Department. The part-time position works out just right for her, allowing her to finish school while working an area that will help further her future plans of becoming an FBI or DEA agent.

City Addresses Mosquito Problem

The City of Sonora is currently experiencing an increase in mosquito populations. This is a city wide problem and requires the cooperation of everyone to control it. The city is spraying every night to help control the adult mosquitoes but the only way to stop this increase is by following the check list below:

- Get rid of old tires, tin cans, buckets, drums, bottles or any water holding containers
- Fill in or drain any low places (puddles, ruts) in yard
- Keep drains, ditches and culverts clean of weeds and trash so water will drain properly
- Cover trash containers to keep out rain water
- Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets
- Empty plastic wading pools at least once a week and store indoors when not in use
- Make sure your backyard pool is properly cared for while on vacation
- Fill in tree rot holes and hollow stumps that hold water with sand or concrete
- Change the water in bird baths and plant pots or drip trays at least once each week
- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well trimmed around the house so adult mosquitoes will not hide there

"Old Hat Band" To Play At Sutton County Dances



Put on your dancing boots for Friday, August 16th and Saturday, August 17th and head to the Sutton County Dance Slab to turn to the tunes of the "Old Hat Band".

The "Old Hat Band" was formed in 1987 by Tom "T Gozney" Thornton and Richard Ramirez when, after many years "on the road", they both found themselves back home in San Angelo with a "need to play". They performed as a duo for several years, then added a percussionist to their sound. As time moved on, the requests for a full band kept coming until a bass and lead guitar became a permanent mix in the "Old Hat Sound".

Members of the "Old Hat Band" have individually, and as a group, performed on the same stage with such national artists

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Amanda Payne of One Armed Bandit Gang To Perform At Outlaw Pro Rodeo

The Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo will host a new kind of "outlaw" at this year's rodeo performances on Friday, August 16 and Saturday, August 17.

This pretty young lady is a member of the notorious "One Armed Bandit and Company" gang. She is on the most wanted list of rodeo entertainers and has been found guilty of "Stealing the Show" on more than one occasion.

Her father, John Payne-the original "One Armed Bandit," and her brother Lynn Payne have also been known for terrorizing the arena. We are still searching for them, but we have captured Amanda and she will be in Sonora, Texas for the rodeo this year.

Amanda Payne is the 23 year old cowgirl from Shidler, Oklahoma. She is the daughter of John "The One Armed Bandit" and Judy Payne.

She started the cowgirl life at a very young age helping her



See Payne page 5 Amanda Payne works her horse on a flatbed trailer in her act.

Fingerless Fiddler To Visit Sutton County Days

The annual Twin Fiddlers Contest will be held in the 4-H Civic Center this year, offering a cool, shaded place to enjoy some good ol' fiddle music.

In addition to your usual talented performers this year the contest will have a special guest, The Fingerless Fiddler.

Roy Thackerson is a native Texan that has been playing music since age six (6). At the age of 6, Roy lost the sight in his left eye and the fingers on his left hand to a dynamite cap explosion. As a result of these childhood injuries, Roy is unable to hold and chord any stringed instrument in the usual fashion. With the help from family and a few good friends he devised a contraption he calls his



Fingerless Fiddler

'Gut Strap', which serves to support the fiddle as he plays. Roy has a special talent with

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Sutton County Days 5K Run/Walk

The run will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 17. Check in and registration for the run will be in front of the Sutton County Courthouse beginning at 7:15 a.m. Race T-shirts will be available for purchase the morning of the race. The race divisions will be broken down as follows:

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| Division I | Grades Kinder, 1st, 2nd, 3rd |
| Division II | Grades 4th, 5th, 6th |
| Division III | Grades 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th |

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School Board Approves Tax Rate

The Sonora ISD School Board met on Monday, August 12th. Board members present included Tryon Fields, Tammy Favila, Scott Jacoby, Jesse Bustamante, Barbara Jennings and Tom Payton. School officials present were, Brent Myers, Superintendent, Doug Bawcom, John Berry, Alice Cox, Diane Jacoby and Cynthia Keel. Other visitors at the meeting were representatives from Doyle Morgan and Trident Insurance and Bob Henderson of RBC Dain Rauscher.

After the general business of paying bills for July and approving past meeting minutes, the Superintendent gave his report. Myers reported that the renovations on the apartments were going nicely, with the outdoor work almost finished. The paint crews have finished and doors are currently being repaired and replaced. He also reminded everyone of the Hamburger Supper to be held on Wednesday and invited the Board to come meet the staff on the morning of the first day of school. Myers asked the Board to consider making the street

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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

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T. Wayne Price
Pastor
111 E Oak
387-2951

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

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

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

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Charles Huffman
417 E. 2nd St.
387-5366

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387-3241

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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

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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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Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

Dining Out Directory

Dairy Queen
134 Hwy. 277 N.
387-2118

La Mexicana
240 N. Hwy 277
387-3401

Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833

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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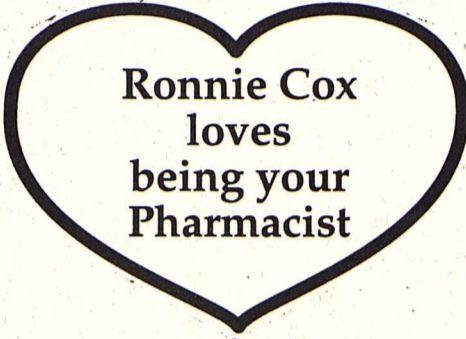
Obituaries

Frances Willow (Rayburg) Johnson

Mrs. Robert D. Johnson, 87, of Corpus Christi, Texas passed away Saturday, August 10, 2002 at her home. Frances was born in Illinois on May 30, 1915 and was a former resident of Sonora, Texas. Frances was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Robert D. Johnson. She is survived by a son, Robert D. Johnson Jr., three grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. Interment will be at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas on Thursday, August 15, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. The family requests memorials be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society. Arrangements are by Cage Mills Funeral Home 4901 Everhart St., Corpus Christi, Texas 78411.

Doris Merriman

Doris Merriman, 74, of Sonora, Texas died Monday, August 5, 2002, in a San Angelo hospital after a lengthy illness. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, August 9, at the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Sonora. Burial was in the Sonora Cemetery with Rev. Lewis Allen officiating. Mrs. Merriman was born Oct. 11, 1927, in Wichita Falls, Texas, to Ada and James McCausland. She worked for the First National Bank of Sonora as the bank auditor for 32 years. Mrs. Merriman married Rex Merriman on March 15, 1947. They ran the Gulf Station for many years. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Sonora, Texas. Mrs. Merriman's biggest pleasures were being an avid Dallas Cowboys fan, tennis fan, dog lover and being surrounded by her many close friends. Mrs. Merriman was preceded in death by her husband Rex Merriman, on Oct. 3, 1976. She is survived by many nieces and nephews, Butch Fischer and wife, Karen, of Wichita Falls, Evelyn Bozell of Alabama, James Lee of Sonora; her longtime devoted companion and friend, Jim Harrington; and many close friends. Pallbearers were James E. Lee Jr., Tony Valkonen, Frank Wamble, Eddie McReynolds, Clifford Brister and Frank Gallegos, Jr. Memorials may be made to the Sonora Flag Fund, Presbyterian building fund, or a favorite charity.

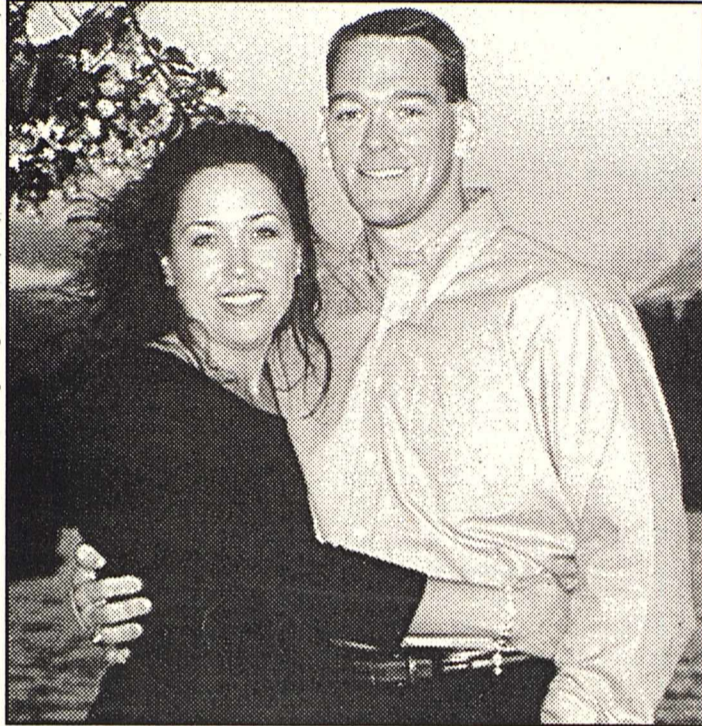


Ronnie Cox
loves
being your
Pharmacist

Ernesto C. Boisse, Sr.

Ernesto C. Boisse, Sr., 85, of San Angelo went to be with the Lord Monday, August 5, 2002. He was born June 5, 1917, to Leon and Julia Boisse in Tankersley, Texas. He had lived in San Angelo, Texas all his life. He was a World War II veteran. He owned and operated Rudy's Cafe for twenty years of his life. He was married to his wife, Jessie, for 52 years of his life. He was a loving and devoted husband, daddy and friend to all. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jessie and youngest daughter, Judy. He is survived by his two sons, Rudy Boisse and wife, Alma, of San Angelo and Ernest Boisse, Jr. and wife, Mary Jane, of Brownwood; two daughters, Dorothy Cramer and husband, Bob, of Sonora and Linda Perez and husband, Richard, of San Angelo; Renee and John Paul Boisse, Stacon Boisse and wife Belle, T.J. Boisse and wife, Teresa, Patricia Venzor and husband, Beau, Melissa Mendez and husband, James, Ricky Perez, and Michele, Ryan and Genny Cramer; ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Rosary was Wednesday, August 7, in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Mass was at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 8, at Johnson's Funeral Chapel. Burial followed in Calvary Cemetery. Pallbearers were his grandsons.

Engagement



Bunkley - Allen

Heather Bunkley and David Allen will be married October 24, 2002 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Napa Valley, California. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Nick Garza of Sonora and Mr. and Mrs. Neil Allen of San Antonio, Texas.

Miss Bunkley, a graduate of Sonora High School, received a bachelor's degree in Food Technology from Texas Tech University in 1992, and a MBA from the University of Illinois in 1995. She is National Logistics Manager for Masterfoods USA/M&M Mars in Los Angeles, California. Mr. Allen, a graduate of Judson High School in San Antonio, Texas, received a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A & M University in 1996. He is Plant Maintenance Manager with Frito-Lay in Bakersfield, California.

Leonard (Lightning) Ivan Anderson

Leonard Ivan Anderson, 74, of San Angelo, Texas passed from this world on Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2002, in Shannon Hospital. He was a fighter until the very end. Leonard was born the fifth of seven children on May 2, 1928, in Leon, Kansas, to Albert and Bertha Anderson and was a graduate from Canton High School. He worked for White & Ellis Drilling Company in El Dorado, Kansas, for many years before moving to Texas in 1973. He worked for Fortune Drilling Company, which later became Transcontinental Drilling Company for many years and ended his oilfield career with DB Drilling Company. His family requests that he and his family be remembered in your hearts and prayers. Leonard cherished life and loved his family with all his heart. He always put others before himself and would help anyone in need. I don't believe he ever passed a stranded person on the highway without stopping to lend a hand. He will be sorely missed but we rejoice that he is in Heaven with our Lord patiently waiting for our arrival. Leonard is survived by his wife, Lavoña (Bonnie) of San Angelo, Texas; and seven children, Diane Jones and husband, Bruce, of Flagler Beach, Florida, Martie Frederick and husband, Fred, of Rockport, Texas, Ila Robison and husband, Robby, of San Angelo, Texas, Robert D. Anderson and wife, Rebecca, of San Angelo, Texas, Walter Anderson of Sonora, Texas, Anita Nunez and husband, Joey, of San Angelo, Texas, and Joseph Anderson of San Angelo, Texas; as well as 14 grandchildren; one great-grandchild with another due in September; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. He is also survived by one sister, Cleta Jordan and husband, Patrick, of Hansville, Washington; and one brother, Olin Anderson of Anderson, MO. Leonard was preceded in death by one son, Allen Anderson; his parents, Albert and Bertha Anderson; one sister, Opal Guingrich; and three brothers, Otis Anderson, Robert A. Anderson and Howard Anderson. Funeral service were at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 12, at Lakeview Baptist Church with Pastor Clarence Kelly officiating. Burial followed in Pioneer Memorial Park. The family would like to thank the doctors and staff of Shannon Hospital, especially the nurses and nurse's aids of Five North, for their care and compassion given to Leonard and his family. Thank You! Memorials may be sent to Shaffer Funeral Home. *Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong, they are weak but He is strong. Yes Jesus loves me; Yes Jesus loves me, Yes Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.*

Senior Center News

- Aug. 19 - School starts! Bingo.
- Aug. 20 - City Council. 2:00 p.m.
- Aug. 21 - Van to San Angelo! Call Lilia NOW! 387-3941
- Aug. 22 - Let's start crafts for holidays! Sign up now!
- Aug. 23 - Birthday party for August babies! Noon!

Senior Menu

- Aug. 19 - BBQ beef on bun, baked French fries, carrots, coleslaw, peaches with topping.
- Aug. 20 - Ham with pineapple, macaroni & cheese, roll, peaches, lemon bars.
- Aug. 21 - Oven baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, beets, rolls, strawberry/banana mix, bread pudding.
- Aug. 22 - Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, fruit cocktail cake.
- Aug. 23 - BBQ chicken, pinto beans, potato salad, cornbread, apricot and banana medley.

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.

Letters To The Editor Policy
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Welcome
Rodeo Fans!



Community

Aug. 14-17
Sutton County Days
Outlaw Pro Rodeo
Aug. 16
Dee Ora Masonic Lodge #715
Annual Scholarship
Top Sirloin Dinner
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
4-H Civic Center

The Community Calendar
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Calendar

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Women of St. John's Episcopal Church
Chicken Salad Lunch
4-H Civic Center from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Aug. 19
Sonora ISD School Begins

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Ask the Historical Society

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

Q. Are there any rules on renting the Old Depot and grounds?

A. Yes there are and a copy must be signed when you pay your deposit. Anyone wishing to rent the John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Building (Old Depot), should call Attorney Al Elliott's office at 387-3529 or go in and speak with one of the office girls to see if the date you want is available. If the date is open you must pay the deposit fee in order to have us hold a date open for you **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Rental fees are due when the key is picked up **NO EXCEPTIONS**. The deposit is not a part of the rental fee, it is a deposit in case of damages or the building not cleaned and returned in the same condition you received it. The deposit holds the day you want and is a security deposit. It will be returned to you if the building and contents are clean and undamaged. You are responsible for your guests conduct while they are at the facilities and if damage exceeds the deposit you will be held responsible for the excess amount.

Q. Who is buried in the grave marked B. B. Barrow and J. W. Barrows?

A. We have been asked this question several times and do not know except that they were small children and death certificates were not filed in Sutton County. If anyone knows the answer to this question please give me a call. Thanks.

Q. When were the earliest yearbooks printed?

A. The earliest we have found to date were printed in 1919, 1920 and 1921. They date back to when Sonora called their yearbook "The Bobcat." We do have copies of them in our archives thanks to the families of John Eaton, Gladys McClelland Decker and Guila Lowery Vicars. The 1918 Seniors were A. B. Stokes, Gladys Turney, Fordie Beard,

Bertha Carolyn Pfister, Miers Savell, Gertrude Karnes, Joseph Warren North and George J. Trainer. The 1920 Seniors were Bernice Glasscock, Joe Brown Ross, Thelma Kelley, Justice Adams, Millard Bryson and Floyd Ogden. The 1921 Seniors were Kathleen Cocke, Evelyn Trainer, Bonnie Glasscock, Winnie Wyatt, Guila Lowrey, Dorothy Smith, Greydon Rees, Joanna Stokes, Lorene Rees, Pauline Pfister, Irma McCollum, Woodson Hebert, Rita Merck and Albert Rannels.

Under Senior Writeup 1921 we found the following: Dorothy Smith - The statement, "To know her is to love her" may be applied to Dorothy, even though she does get "madatcha" sometimes. At least she says she does. Dorothy is an athlete in every degree, being forward and guard in basketball and "Champion" in tennis. She also likes to stay in town, as she is interested in "Tailoring" business, but you never see her unless Joanna is with her. I guess it is because they both giggle so much. She has a well trained voice and helps lead in the Glee Club.

Irma McCollum - Oh History - that's Irma's second name. She is a perfect history student for she can recite every topic in every lesson every day. The rest of the class has not been able to discover why or how she gets her lessons so perfectly, but "where there is a will, there is a way." Irma does not play basketball but she can drive a Maxwell, and that saves the Senior girls from many walks in the hot sun. She is a true brunette and they are scarce in this class.

Winnie Wyatt - Here all the dignity of the class is stored. Winnie can be very dignified when she thinks best, but at other times she can giggle with anyone. She likes to ride in big cars, especially "Buicks" and "Paiges," but often walks for the exercise. Winnie is a sure enough blonde and is proud of it, for "somebody" likes blondes. She has winning ways and uses them to her best advantage. Evelyn Trainer - This is the studious member of the class. You can always find



Paul Holcomb and Ace Robertson

her studying when she does not have a good book to read (Mrs. Southworth), or a picture show to go to. Everyone likes Evelyn for her kindness and willingness to help in everything any time. She plays the piano wonderfully and also sings. Evelyn is our editor-in-chief this year, and I am sure the Bobcat will be a success with her at the head.

Lorene Rees - Lorene is not very large, but she can always find a box or a chair to get upon so that she can attract attention. She is extremely kind and always tries to help everyone in their troubles in everyday life. "Rhina," as she is often called is strictly opposed to "puppy love," and likes to give lectures. Her chief subject is on what kind of literature girls should read. Lorene is guard on the basketball team and even though she is small, they never get large enough to put one over her. She is cartoonist of our class.

Greydon Rees - Greydon our athletic manager, does not believe in arguing at staff meetings, for anything pleases him. He thinks the sooner it is over the quicker he will get to town - and why? He does not believe in answering a question on a "quiz" unless he can find it in a book. He is our "athlete" this year and was champion of the football team that won so many victories. You see the reason?

Woodson Hebert - Woodson is very studious and when anyone wants help they go to him for it. He is willing to help everyone, but does not go into details, only gives hints. Woodson is the scientist and electrician of the class. He is very good natured and does not believe in repeating gossip even though he is telephone operator.

Rita Merck - Did you say swim? Well, not exactly, but she sure can splash water. The reason she is red headed is no sign that she has a high temper for no one in the class is better natured. She can learn when she studies - but why study?

Old yearbooks and newspapers are a great way for researchers to find cute little stories about their ancestors. When the new building is completed some of you might like to come down and read some of the ones we have.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885, e-mail them to schs@sonoratrax.net or give us a call at 915-387-2855. Don't forget it is time to pay dues again, if you didn't get a notice just stop by Al Elliott's office and they will be happy to collect \$10 per person from you. Thanks!

Family Donates Chairs in Memory of Ancestors

by JoAnn Palmer

The descendants of the children of George W. & Rachel Jane Francis Whitehead, Walter E. & wife Mary Belle Martin Whitehead, William F. & wife Minnie Amanda Bales Whitehead, Emma Harriett Whitehead Hodges & husband George W. Hodges, have donated 90 antique folding chairs and 2 carriers to the Sutton County Historical Society in the families memory. The freshly painted barn red chairs are metal with wooden slats and of European origin. They fit in beautifully

with the old 1930's style architecture of the John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Building, the Old Sonora Santa Fe Depot. The members of the Society deeply appreciate this much needed addition to the facility.

We are sure the people that rent the building will enjoy using those quaint chairs.

It certainly is wonderful the way the old time families of this area show their appreciation for and support of the many projects of the Sutton County Historical Society.

Old Hat Band from page 1

Producer. Additionally, Ramirez recorded the hit "Texas Sunshine" at Autumn Sound in Garland, Texas and has played in such nationally popular ensembles as ELI, FOX and ROCKGARDEN, Steve Terry, always the consummate musician and songwriter, has led such regionally popular bands as "The Border Beats," "The Glass Mountain Band" and "Song Dogs".

Together, the "Old Hat Band" plays music that is an eclectic mix of soulful ballads, old to semi-modern country (Merle Haggard, Willie & Waylon, Jerry Jef, Hank Williams, George Strait, etc)

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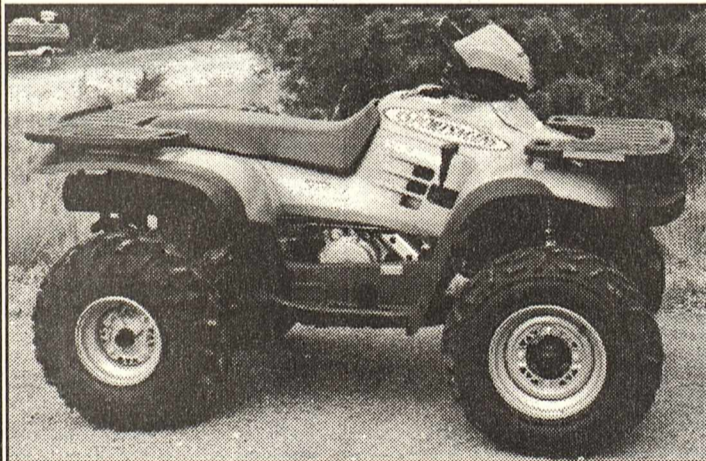
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Roll-Over Sends Two To Hudspeth



by Storie Sharp

A one vehicle roll-over on Wednesday, August 7th sent two female victims to Hudspeth Hospital. A witness at the scene said he was traveling in front of the pick-up truck in his 18-wheel truck and saw them approaching from behind in his rear view mirror. He claimed that he then lost sight of the truck in the mirror and did not see it again until it was passing under his window, sideways. The driver appeared to have lost control, resulting in the roll-over in the median. The Sutton County EMS, Sheriff's Office, and Sonora City Police responded to the call and were on sight to assist. The occupants both received minor injuries and were treated at the Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital. Debris from the bed of the truck was slung across the median and both sides of Interstate 10.

Ditching Home Phones for the Convenience and Savings of Wireless

submitted

When the wireless phone was first introduced to the consumer market, it was thought of as a status symbol. Only the world's powerful and elite could even consider buying one. Then, as wireless phones became more affordable and available, people began to purchase them, but only for business or for times of emergency.

Now, it seems that you can't go into a restaurant, walk through a park or even sit at a baseball game without seeing someone talking on a wireless phone. The wireless phone has now become a necessity instead of a luxury. Wireless phone adoption will only increase, and Cellular One is finding that some of its customers are even using their wireless phone as their only phone. Thousands of others are using their wireless phone for long distance calls, rather than their home phone.

"In our focus groups we have heard that customers will use their wireless phones for calls that would incur toll

charges on their home phones," said Marie Bennewitz, Cellular One's director of research. "Consumers have discovered wireless rate plans with long distance included. When they can save money by using wireless to call friends and family, they will do it."

Cost and convenience are the two major factors for this switch. The reduced costs and extended coverage make wireless phones just as reasonably priced and reliable as traditional, landline services. In fact, with free long distance often included in many plans, wireless is frequently less expensive than using a home phone.

A leading industry research firm, The Yankee Group, recently reported that 15 percent of their survey respondents said that wireless has replaced a significant amount of home phone usage. Of the nation's 145 million wireless telephone subscribers, 3 percent to 5 percent now rely on their wireless units as their only phones. Another 18 percent, according to industry

studies compiled by the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association (CTIA), regard wireless phones as their "primary" phones.

Those who are "wireless only" are not only enjoying the lower cost, but are also finding the convenience of having one phone number and one phone bill. They never have to miss a call, and can easily calculate their bills.

"If you're going to have a cell phone anyway, why not defray some of the incremental cost by taking a bite out of what you spend on landline toll?" said Bennewitz. "I have one friend who it's taken me months to train to use her cell phone to call me and she's finally realized how much money she can save by using her wireless phone for long distance."

For more information about a cost savings analysis on switching your home phone to a wireless phone, please stop by your Cellular One store.

F.Y.I.

Class of '92 Reunion, Saturday, August 17th
Noon - Class of '92 Tables at the County Park
2:30 p.m. - T-Saucer Ranch Party. Call Linda Fisher @ 387-3242 for more information.

SHS Class of 1982 will hold their 20 year class reunion on Saturday, August 17, 2002. There will be a float for classmates and families at the Methodist Church parking lot at 8:15 a.m. Parade starts at 9:00 a.m. downtown. The class will meet at 4:00 p.m. at the Sonora Fire Hall. Bring your ice-chest and fondest memory! For more information, call Julie Martin at 387-5136.

The Bereaved parents Support Group will meet September 10th at 7:00 p.m. at The Bank and Trust Community Room. If you have experienced the death of a child you are urged to attend.

Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, in cooperation with Texas Tech University Health Science's Center, is pleased to provide the Mobile Mammography Clinic on October 1st and 2nd, 2002. The cost will be \$75.00 for Screening Mammograms and \$150.00 for Diagnostic Mammograms. Texas Tech will file most insurance programs to include Medicare and Medicaid. For an appointment, please call 1-800-222-8388. Other questions may be directed to Keith L. Butler, CEO at 387-2521

Garrett Graduates Basic Combat Training

Army National Guard Pfc. James S. Garrett has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, KY.

During the nine-week training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values.

Garrett is the son of James F. Garrett and Roberta James, both of Sonora and is a 1991 graduate of Sonora High

Workforce Board Releases Community Plan For Sutton County

Sonora - The Concho Valley Workforce Development Board has released the Sutton County Community Strategic and Service Delivery Plan. The Community Plan can be accessed through the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board website at www.cvworkforce.org. The County Judge, the Main Street Program, Sonora Industrial Development Corporation, and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce also received copies of the Community Plan.

The Concho Valley Workforce Development Board conducted strategic research to determine workforce development needs in Sutton County. The purpose of the strategic research was to gather input from all employers and workers to correctly identify the actual skills needed by area industries, which could be utilized to create pathways for workers to move from lower skilled to higher skilled jobs through work-based training. Through employer surveys, the Community Plan also identifies the necessary skills for entry-level employment.

For more information, contact Mary Kay Kuss with the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board at (877)655-2005.

The Community Audit Demonstrations Project is 35% federally funded by the Department of Labor in the amount of \$49,827, 30% funded by the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board, and 35% by local partners.

Identity Theft Is A Very Real, Very Big Concern

by Fredi Franki, Social Security Manager in San Angelo

While every theft is a crime, few thefts are as personal or can cause as many problems as "identity theft." That is, someone assumes your identity to get credit in your name and steal from businesses leaving you with the tab and explanations.

The problem is a serious one. The numbers are unbelievable: almost 500 people have their identity stolen in America every day. That's more than 176,000 people each year... and the number keeps growing.

On average, it takes a victim 12 months just to discover the theft. By that time, all kinds of credit and government records can be corrupted.

People can suffer financial loss when wages are garnished, tax refunds are withheld or liens are placed on property - all because someone is using their identity. Also, they may not be given credit, mortgage or education loans, government benefits, utility services and apartment leases when credit reports and background checks show debts or criminal records - compliments of the identity thief.

For example, in one recent case reported by Social Security's Inspector General, a man assumed another individual's identity for 12 years. He filed for and received Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits, ran up huge debts, committed crimes and became a fugitive from justice - all under that stolen identity. When an arrest warrant was issued, the wrong man was arrested and it took him a week to just get out of jail... and longer to clear up 12 years of jumbled records. Fortunately, in this case, the identity thief was

caught, arrested, sentenced to 8 1/2 years in prison and ordered to pay Social Security back more than \$23,000. But damage had been done.

In one recent study by two California identity theft groups, victims spend an average of 175 hours per incident trying to unravel the problems caused by identity theft.

Unfortunately, an identity thief who wants a Social Security number has at times been able to use public birth records to get identifying information. While identity theft is mostly an adult crime, about 2 percent of identity thefts - more than 3,500 per year - involve a child's Social Security number. The thief assumes the identity of a child. It's then very difficult to discover if someone is using a child's Social Security number, so I would urge parents to be on guard for mail that is sent to your child. For example, unsolicited credit cards in your child's name may mean that someone is using your child's number to establish credit.

Here's some advice on how to cut the risk of identity theft. Be careful with your Social Security number and card to prevent their theft. Show your card to your employer when you start a job, so your records are correct. Then, put it in a safe place - don't carry your card with you. And use good judgment in deciding when and to whom you give your Social Security number.

If you think someone is using either your or your child's Social Security number, call the Social Security Fraud Hotline at 1-800-269-0271 and file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338).

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Back-to-School Children's Health Tips

It's nearly time for kids to go back to school, and one thing that should be at the top of all parents' back-to-school checklist is keeping their children healthy and safe this school year. The fact is, healthy kids are better prepared to learn in school and succeed in life. As the summer draws to a close, there are some important things to remember about children's immunizations, physical activities, backpacks, street safety, and health insurance.

First, parents should make sure that their children are up-to-date on all immunizations. Most children, ages four to six, are due to receive booster doses of diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis as well as polio, measles, mumps and rubella. If your school-aged child has not yet received these booster immunizations, they should be given promptly. An additional tetanus and diphtheria booster is recommended at age 11-12, and then again every 10 years. Because research is ongoing into developing new and improved ways to protect children from serious diseases, immunization guidelines change from time to time. Check with your family doctor or pediatrician about recommendations for your child.

Second, if your child will participate in sports, make sure they get a pre-season physical. And a wellness check is recommended for all kids, even those not planning to play sports. It's also a good idea for parents to educate their children about the importance of proper exercise and injury prevention. Here are some injury prevention tips for children involved in sports, playground recreation and gym classes:

- Start training before the season or school year begins in order to build up strength and endurance gradually. This will decrease your child's chances for injury due to sudden, heavy workouts.
- In sports, make sure your school matches kids by size and physical maturity rather than age.

- Make sure your child is taught appropriate warm-up and stretching techniques and performs them before workouts or games.

A third back-to-school health issue, often overlooked, is injury caused when children carry backpacks that are too heavy or worn improperly. Experts say that children should not carry backpacks containing more than 10 percent of the child's body weight. With the average textbook weighing 10-15 pounds each, it's quite clear that many children often carry around more than the recommended backpack weight. So what can parents do? For starters, you can talk to your child about eliminating any unneeded items from their backpack and make sure that they are using both shoulder straps in order to spread the load more evenly.

Fourth, parents should consider talking to their children about issues of school bus and street safety. While school buses are very safe, safer than cars in fact, accidents can happen. Most school bus-related injuries occur not during a crash but while students are getting on or off the bus. Here a few school bus safety tips to share with children getting ready to return to school.

- Wait for your bus in a safe area, away from traffic and the street.

- Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.

- When being dropped off, get off the bus and walk ten giant steps away from the bus, away from traffic and toward the closest curb. Keep a safe distance between you and the bus. Also, remember that the bus driver can see you best when you are away from the bus.

- Use the handrail when getting on and off the bus.
- Be aware of the street traffic around you.

Students who walk or ride a bike to school should use caution as well. Here are a few basic safety tips to share with your children:

- Keep a sharp eye out for cars and trucks! Never just assume they can see you.
- Observe all traffic signals -- never cross the street when the light is red, even if you don't see any traffic coming.
- Walk your bike through intersections.
- Walk with a buddy when you can.

The fifth and perhaps one of the most important things a parent can do to help make sure their children are healthy, safe and ready for school is to enroll them in children's health insurance. In fact, every parent with uninsured children should put applying for children's health insurance through TexCare at the top of their back-to-school checklist.

TexCare has two ways to insure children: Children's Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program known as CHIP. Both programs give kids access to many benefits, including check-ups, shots, prescriptions, hospitalization, dental, vision and mental health care. TexCare has a simple application to fill out, which makes applying easy. To apply, call 1-800-647-6558 or visit www.texcarepartnership.com.

And, if your child or children are already covered through CHIP or Children's Medicaid, don't forget to renew. After all, it only costs \$18 dollars a month or less to cover all your children.

All the back-to-school safety tips in the world can't protect children from every illness or accident. That's why making sure children are covered by health insurance is so important. Minding these safety tips will increase your children's chances for staying healthy, safe and ready to learn. And, covering your kids with children's health insurance will give you peace of mind as they prepare to return to school.

Payne from page 1

family on the ranch. After graduating from High School in 1996 she began traveling with her father learning the tricks and the trades of the "Bandit" lifestyle.

She broke out solo in 1997 traveling all over the United States and Canada. Amanda attends Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford majoring in Athletic coaching and high school education.

Amanda has had the honor of carrying the sponsorship and victory lap flags at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas for the past 6 years, modeled for

Middle School Back-To-School Dinner

by John Berry, Sonora Middle School Principal

All Middle School Students, Parents and Staff are encouraged to attend the Back To School "Pot Luck" Dinner in the Middle School Snack Bar on Thursday, August 22, 2002, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

We are asking each family to bring a large dish for the dinner, and please have your dish at the school no later than 6:15 p.m. Your "dish" or food items should be at least enough food to feed your family. Please bring a food item according to the list below in order for us to have a wide variety for our dinner. We also ask that your dish or food item be in a disposable container and/or all serving pieces should have your name on them.

If your LAST NAME begins with the letter A through E... please bring - BREAD

If your LAST NAME begins with the letter F through J... please bring - SALAD

If your LAST NAME begins with the letter K through O... please bring - DESSERT

If your LAST NAME begins with the letter P through T... please bring - MEAT

If your LAST NAME begins with the letter U through Z... please bring - VEGETABLE

Example - Morgan Martinez and family will need to bring a large Dessert Dish and Kayla Fields and family will need to bring a large Salad Dish and Stacy Sanchez and family will need to bring a Meat Dish.

After the meal we will all walk across the street to the Elementary Auditorium for a short meeting to discuss the upcoming school year. We hope to see ALL of you there and are looking forward to a wonderful meal and year.

Renfro

from page 1

Moore, Jr. of Celina High School.

Renfro was chosen by the Coaches Association after completing a successful year with the Broncos. He played the second quarter of the game, and was on Special Teams, where he played Running Back and Corner Back. Renfro stated that this was a bit different for him because he never played defense in high school. He also said that the main difference in this All-Star game, compared to his years as a Bronco was the "speed". Renfro also said that it was a lot different than playing with his Sonora teammates, because "the Broncos were like one big family" and these were all different players, but it did break the ice for college football.

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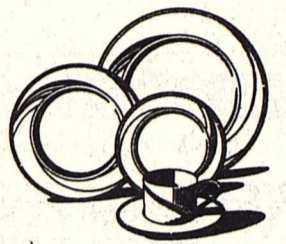
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The public hearing will be held on August 26, 2002, at 9:00 a.m. in the meeting room of the Sutton County Courthouse Annex.

FOR the proposal:

Carla Garner, County Judge

John Wade, Comm. Pct. 2

Milton Cavaness, Comm. Pct. 3

Belia Castaneda, Comm. Pct. 4

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT: Miguel Villanueva, Comm. Pct. 1

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

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| Tax | \$157.39 | \$167.33 |

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$9.94 or 6.315 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would decrease by \$.027 per \$100 of taxable value or 7.237 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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 to P.O. Box 1604.

Students Name _____
 Parents _____ Phone _____
 Grade _____ Mailing Ad. _____
 Class Preference _____
****Everyone Must Register****

It's Back-to-School Time - Watch For Kids

Fun Run from page 1

Division IV Grades 11th, 12th to 25 years
 Division V Ages 26 and Wiser
 Cost for the run will be \$2.00 for division I & II and \$5.00 for division III through V. For more information or advanced registration contact Coach Eddie Favila at 387-3661 or Kathy Marshall at 387-2121.

Children Need A Good Night of Sleep To Do Well In School

(FeatureSource) Once kids are back in school, the Better Sleep Council offers ten "do's" and "don'ts" to ensure that your child gets the sleep he or she needs to be a star student.

- 1. DO** help your child to get at least nine hours of sleep each night. To be their best, children need at least nine hours of sleep every night.
- 2. DON'T** over-schedule your child. Too many after-school activities and commitments can keep children from precious sleep. Allow your child plenty of time for homework and chores each night to ensure that they are not forced to stay up past their bedtime.
- 3. DO** set a regular bedtime for your child and stick to it. A regular bedtime can help ensure your child gets a full night's sleep.
- 4. DON'T** allow your child to consume caffeine too close to bedtime. Consuming caffeine, found in soda and chocolate, in the evening can make it more difficult for your child to fall asleep.
- 5. DO** help your child wind down early in the evening. Tackle science projects, book reports and other homework either before or right after dinner. Allow your child at least one hour before bedtime to relax and unwind.
- 6. DON'T** allow your child to fall asleep in front of the tel-

evision. Noise from a television, radio, or even loud conversations can keep your child from deep, restful sleep.

7. DO make sure your child's bedroom is dark. Be sure the lights are turned off and the shades are closed in your child's room before he or she goes to bed. While a small nightlight is fine, if necessary, a dark room is most conducive for a good night's sleep.

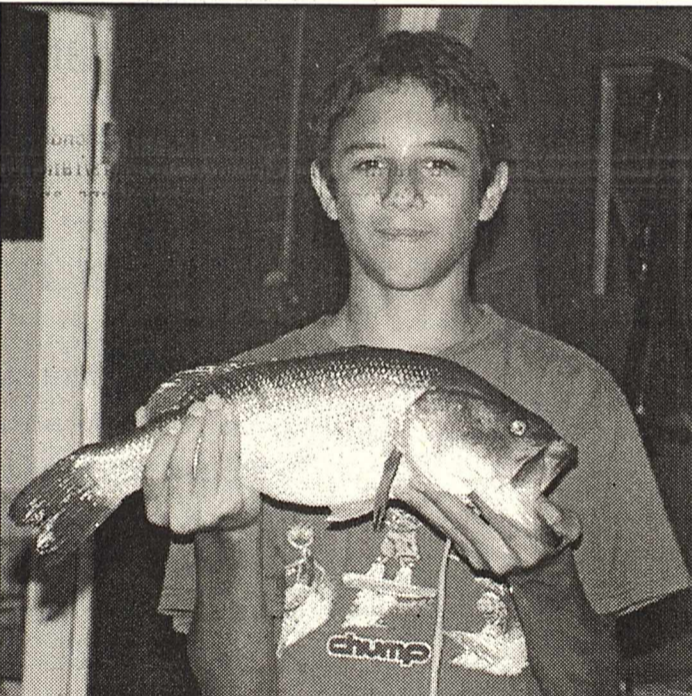
8. DON'T skimp on your child's mattress. Handing down an old mattress to a child just isn't a good idea. Because mattresses wear out over time, it's important to maximize your child's chances of restful sleep by making sure he or she is sleeping on a good-quality, comfortable mattress.

9. DO help your child develop a sleep ritual. Routine activities like taking a bath or reading with your child can help him or her unwind and get into sleep mode.

10. DON'T let your child's room get too warm or too cool. Children (and adults) may have a difficult time falling and staying asleep in a room that's too warm or too cool. The ideal sleeping temperature is around 60 to 65 degrees Fahrenheit.

For more information on getting a good night's sleep or on buying a new mattress, visit the Better Sleep Council's Web site at www.bettersleep.org.

Fishing For Fun...



Enjoying some of the last dog-days of summer vacation, Nick Favela went fishing. Nick caught this 4 pound bass while fishing with his dad in Campwood. Nick is the son of Jaimie and Debra Favela

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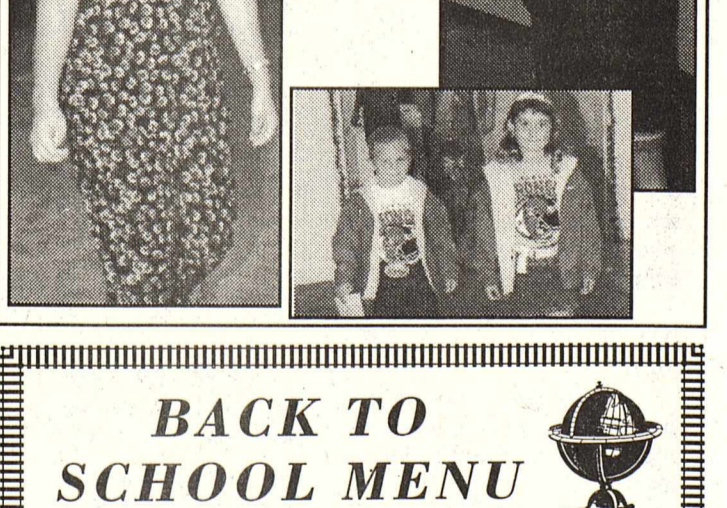
Call Toll-Free: 1-888-829-8509



Showing Their Style

Just in time for back-to-school shopping, Miss Sutton County, Tori Valliant and the 2002 Miss Sutton County Queen Contestants and Little Miss and Mr. Sutton County, Crosby Liverman and Dusty Holmes held their annual Styleshow. Modeling all the latest fashions from local merchants, the girls were showing that anyone could be ready for a day at school, an evening out, or a day in the office, with fashions from image apparel, Ol' Sonora Trading Co., Team Graphics, Mary Adele Balch's Worth Collection, and Victoria Richardson's evening gowns. The girls were also sporting unique jewelry, courtesy of Kathy and Rodney Knight. Local merchants, including image, Ol' Sonora, Team Graphics, Community Rental, Gifts Galore and More, and Lisa's Flowers also displayed their wares as centerpieces on all the tables. The Sutton County Steakhouse provided a scrumptious Chicken Spaghetti lunch, with cheesecake for dessert. Door prizes were awarded to many lucky visitors, all donated by local businesses.

One of these lucky style show models, April Flores, Ashley Parker, Kate Higdon, Danielle Galindo, Marilyn Holman, Koda Armke, Evangelina Martinez, Noemi Fay or Shannon Vick will be crowned the new Miss Sutton County on Saturday, August 17, 2002 during the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo. Advance tickets can still be purchased from any of these girls for a discounted price of \$7.



BACK TO SCHOOL MENU

Attention All High School Students!!
 This year we will be offering for the first time fast, fresh, hot, and inexpensive food just for you!

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 Pizza Pockets, Hot Dogs, Chicken Nuggets, Frito Pie, Cheese Nachos and much more!

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West Nile Virus (WNV) Advances Westward

A horse in Haskell County, about 50 miles north of Abilene, tested positive Wednesday, August 7, for the mosquito-borne disease West Nile Virus (WNV). This is the 21st horse to test positive for WNV in Texas, and is the westernmost detection of the virus in the state.

"Previously, WNV had been detected only as far west as Travis County," reported Dr. Joe Garrett of the Zoonosis Control Division of the Texas Department of Health.

"The virus was confirmed in a dead blue jay submitted from southwest Austin on July 17."

He noted that infected birds have been found in seven counties: Collin, Dallas, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Tarrant and Travis. Infected mosquitoes have been detected in Dallas, Fort Bend, Harris, Orange and Jefferson counties.

"We credit the Texas Department of Health with confirming infection in the Haskell County horse. The private veterinary practitioner, suspecting that the animal might have rabies, submitted the brain to the TDH laboratory, where rabies testing is conducted. After ruling out that disease, health department laboratory technicians tested the tissue for West Nile Virus and confirmed infection," said Dr. Linda Logan, Texas state veterinarian and executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. She said unless rabies is suspected, WNV testing for horses is usually conducted at the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) at College Station. WNV testing for humans, birds and mosquitoes are conducted by the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

"We're continuing to urge owners to have their horses, donkeys, mules and other equids vaccinated against this form of 'sleeping sickness' which continues to spread westward," said Dr. Linda Logan, Texas state veterinarian and executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC). "To gain protection against the virus, however, equids need two injections of WNV vaccine administered at least three to six weeks apart.

The animal will not develop full immunity for about four to six weeks after the second injection." Dr. Logan advised owners to further protect horses with insect repellents, and if possible, house the animals at night in stalls with screens to prevent contact with potentially infected mosquitoes.

"Likewise, we urge resi-

dents to apply insect repellents if they are going to be outside when mosquitoes are active," commented Dr. Joe Garrett of the Zoonosis Control Division of the Texas Department of Health. "There is no vaccine for humans, so disease prevention is our only option. Drain all sources of stagnant water, keep pools optimally chlorinated, and change water in birdbaths daily to prevent mosquitoes from using these sites for breeding grounds. Because some mosquitoes breed in grassy areas, it's also a good idea to keep areas around homes mowed".

Although blue jays, crows and more than 70 other species of birds carry the virus, they do not pose a direct WNV health risk to humans or horses, stressed Dr. Logan. She explained that the disease cycle must involve mosquitoes that feed on the infected birds, then transmit the disease to humans or horses.

"We want to receive samples of dead blue jays and crows, particularly from areas west of Houston, so that we can track the progression of this disease as it advances westward," said Dr. Garrett. "For surveillance testing at the Texas Department of Health, we need 'freshly' dead birds that have not begun to decompose. If you have a dead bird to submit, call your local health department, or the state office at 1-512-458-7255 for instructions.

If you handle the bird, wear gloves to protect yourself against any possible parasites or other diseases the bird may have contracted, and double-bag the carcass. Prior to laboratory submission, it's best to place the bird in a cool place, such as an ice chest, to slow decomposition."

"WNV will continue to spread, but like the veterinarian in Haskell County, we need always to consider rabies or other diseases, if animals stagger, are unable to rise, or become disoriented," said Dr. Logan. "Although fairly rare, rabies can strike livestock, and if owners handle an animal stricken with the disease, they must receive preventive medical treatment.

It's important to have a diagnosis when livestock become extremely sick or die. If your animals are exhibiting signs of neurological distress, notify your veterinary practitioner and TAHC at 1-800-550-8242."

Additional information about WNV can be accessed on the internet at: <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/zoonosis/diseases/arbviral/west-nile/westnile.asp>.

Hunting Licenses Going on Sale With New WorldCom Format

AUSTIN, Texas -- New hunting and fishing licenses for 2002-03 will be available beginning Aug. 15, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is urging customers to buy early and avoid the Labor Day Weekend rush.

All current annual hunting and fishing licenses expire on Aug. 31. Texas issues 3.2 million hunting and fishing licenses annually through 28 TPWD field offices, more than 100 state parks and at most sporting good retailers across Texas.

Licenses buyers will see a new look to their hunting and fishing licenses this fall with the transition to a new format implemented by WorldCom. WorldCom is in the second year of a five-year contract to handle TPWD license sales. Rather than the sales receipt printout license of recent years, new printing technology has enabled TPWD to provide better graphics and a more user-friendly product. The new version will resemble the traditional Texas license with detachable game tags around the license.

Hunters will also note the new required game log on the back of their license this year. In addition to tagging a harvested animal, hunters will need to fill out harvest record information on their license. A blue square Texas Parks and Wildlife logo is part of the new format and will differentiate the license from previous versions.

Hunters and anglers may also purchase licenses by calling 800-895-4248. The phone license operation serves both Texans and non-residents, enabling hunters and anglers to buy licenses over the phone

using Visa, MasterCard and Discover. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday (Central Standard Time). There is a \$5 processing fee on all phone orders. A license confirmation number is issued at the time of purchase and the physical license is mailed separately. Confirmation numbers will verify that a license has been purchased and will allow hunters and anglers to participate in activities that don't require tags.

Anyone planning to hunt migratory game birds such as dove and waterfowl must be certified under the Harvest Information Program. Certification requires answering a few brief questions when purchasing the license. Hunters of migratory game birds should verify that HIP certification is printed on their licenses. Lifetime license holders must also be HIP-certified to hunt migratory birds.

Annual resident hunting and fishing licenses cost \$19 each and a combination hunting and fishing license costs \$32. For the avid outdoorsman, the Super Combo license includes a resident combination hunting and fishing license plus all seven state hunting and fishing stamps for \$49. Sold separately, the face value of the Super Combo package is \$82. Senior sportsmen can purchase the discounted Senior Super Combo license for \$25 or the \$10 senior combination hunting and fishing license.

Wherever licenses are sold, several other items for the 2002-03 season are also available

Oil & Agribusiness



Rig Locations as of August 9, 2002

Sutton County
Dominion; 8700' Hicks - 23 - #9, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 8700' Hicks - 22 - #13, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 8450' Mayer - 9 - #4, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 6750' Rip Hill Ward - A - #5, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 6400' Meckel - A - #48, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 6550' Reed - 101 - #17, Patterson Drilling.
Crockett County
New RME Petro Co.; 8700' McMullan - 2 - #1R, Patterson Drilling.
Texaco E&P; 9500' C E Davidson Jr - B - #33, Key Energy.
EOG Resources; 6500' Eagle Draw - 9 - #1, Big Dog Drilling.
Leclair Operating; 2400; Winnie #3, Hahurst Brothers.

Schleicher
New Caraway Operating; 6200' White - 38 - #1, Heart Land Drilling.

Terrell
Conoco/Midland; 17100' ACU - 45 - #4H, Nabors Drilling.
ExxonMobil Dev. Co.; 15500' Banner Estate #23 H, Patterson UTI/LV.

Athamor Texas; 10200' Mitchell - 7 - #3, Nabors Drilling.
New Fasken Oil & Ranch; 7200' Monroe NE - 180 - #5, Patterson Drilling.

Edwards
Chesapeake; 13000' Wardlaw - 1 - #1, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion E & P; 7200' Canyon Ranch #1124E, Patterson Drilling.
New Aminex USA; 12000' Rudasill #7402, Patterson Drilling.

Devil's River Internet
 387-2507

Emergency Farm/Ranch Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm/ranch loans for damages and losses caused by drought and high temperatures (excessive heat) that occurred from January 1, 2002, and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in San Angelo, FSA Farm Loan Manager, Paul S. Cline said today.

Schleicher, Sutton, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Menard and Tom Green county are some of the counties in Texas recently named by the Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from drought and high temperatures that occurred from January 1, 2001 and continuing.

Paul S. Cline said farmers/ranchers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers/ranchers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer/rancher must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Paul S. Cline said. Farmers/ranchers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will

have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until January 2, 2003, but farmers/ranchers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season, Cline said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmer/ranchers who work at and rely on farming/ranching for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers/ranchers who are U.S. citizens and to farming/ranching partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in San Angelo is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Will be offering gymnastics classes beginning August 20, 2002.

All classes will be held in the elementary gymnasium. (Tuesdays during football season and Thursdays during basketball season)

Cost for classes are \$40.00 per month when you take advantage of our early bird special by paying before the 10th of the month. Cost is \$50.00 if paid after the 10th of the month. There will be a \$25.00 registration fee due at time of sign up. (August fee plus registration will be \$45.00)

The following is a tentative schedule of classes:

K-2 grades: 3:15 - 4:15
3rd-6th grades: 4:15 - 5:15
7th grade & up: 5:15 - 6:15
Advanced Class: 6:15 - 7:15



Other times may be available upon request.

Class times are subject to change based on enrollment.

Registration Forms available at The Devil's River News

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Do you know of an infant, child or young adult (ages 0-22) who does not learn easily, shows signs of developmental delay, has behavioral or medical problems that might affect his/her success in life, and is not currently receiving services?

If you do, please call the Special Education Director or Child Find Contact in your local school district for information on available help at no cost.

Sonora ISD

Alice Cox, Special Education Director
 807 South Concho
 Sonora, TX 76950
 915/387-5944

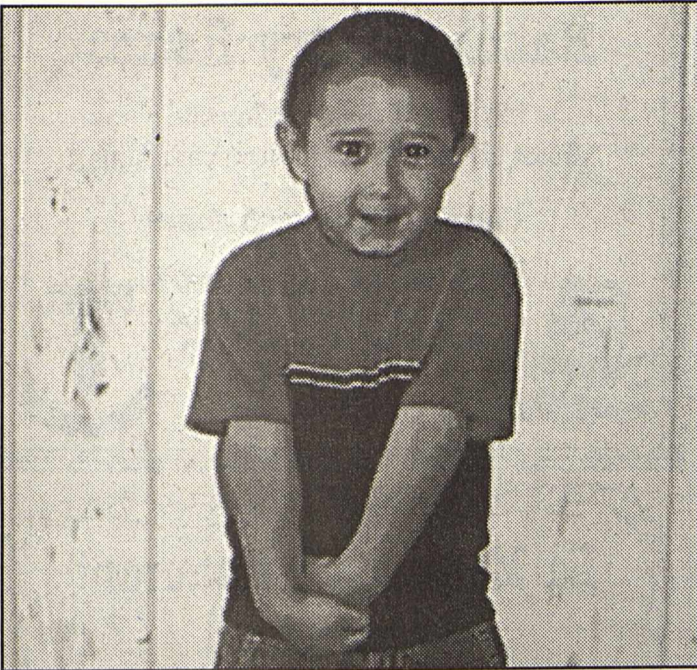
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 Don't Leave Any Child Behind.

Or you can make a Child Find referral to:
 Education Service Center Region XV
 612 S. Irene
 San Angelo, TX 76903
 915/658-6571



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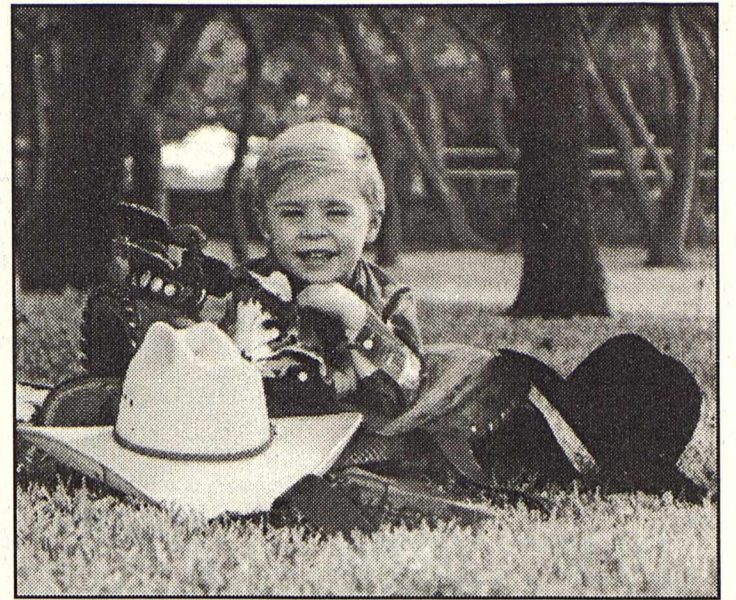
2002 Little Miss and Mr. Sutton County Contestants



Michael Ryan Barker, Son of JB & Jennifer Barker
Likes: macaroni, dinosaurs, riding bikes and reading books



Elizabeth Bean, Daughter of Rachel Bean
Likes: shrimp and barbies



Jacob Kimbrel, Son of Jake & Renee Kimbrel
Likes: pizza and horses



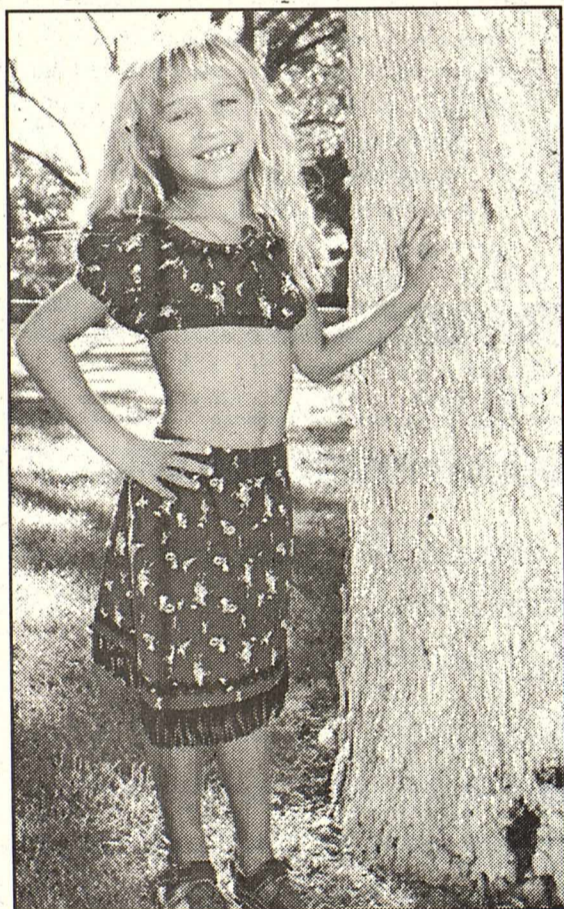
Joshua Galindo
Son of Zeke & Stephanie Galindo
Likes: pizza, Batman, Spiderman, football, and golf



Eugene Reyna, Jr.
son of Eugene & Dalia Reyna
Likes: chicken, pizza, race cars, trucks, and playing Playstation



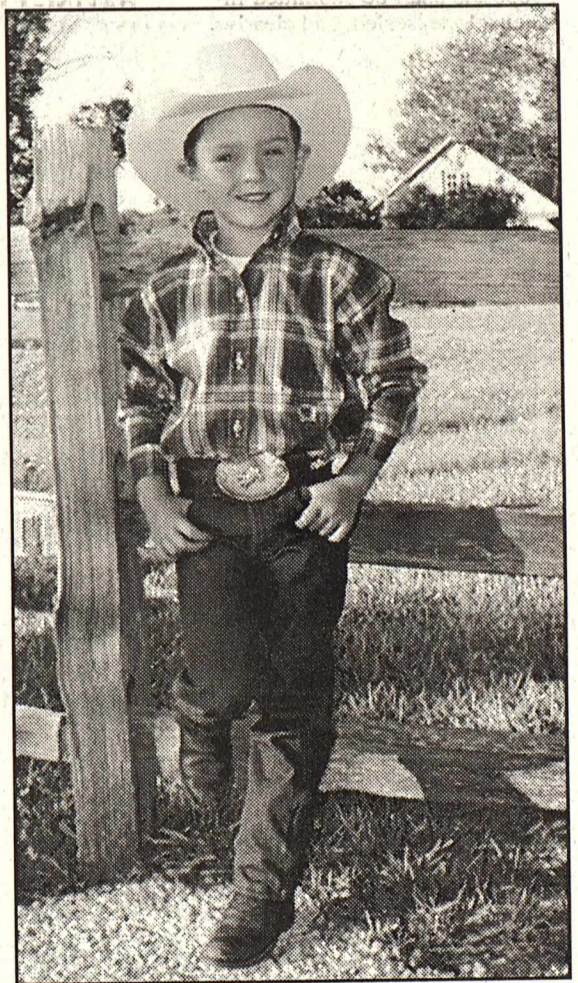
Katy Braly
daughter of Jody Trainer & Patrick Braly
Likes: ravioli, make-up, swimming, bar-



Kaci Blake Lewis
daughter of Petie & Kim Lewis
Likes: pizza, tomatoes, barbie, singing and dancing



Jay Stuart Hudson
son of Joan & Craig Hudson
Likes: ice cream, pasta, all toys, swimming, going to the library and camping



Garrett Sharp
son of Mickey & Storie Sharp
Likes: hamburgers, his toy hum-v, his horse "Cocky", racing bikes and cars



Kaitlyn Leigh Lopez, daughter of Maribel Perez
Likes: chicken, pizza, barbies, singing and dancing



Carter Zook
son of Jon & Arianna Zook
Likes: pizza, roping, and spending time at his grandma Dixie's Ranch

You can still enter the Little Miss & Mr. Sutton County Contest until Saturday morning at the Chamber of Commerce booth.



Laura Raquel Sanchez, daughter of Clarissa & Albert Sanchez
Likes: grilled cheese sandwiches, stuffed animals, her dogs spot and shamu and all animals.

Public Notices

SONORA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ADDITIONS & RENOVATIONS REQUEST FOR SEALED PROPOSALS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK SERVICES

Pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Education Code, Section 44.038, It is the intention of the Sonora Independent School District to select via a Request for Proposal one step process a Construction Manager at Risk for the construction of an Elementary School Additions and Renovations, Middle School Accessibility Renovations, and High School Accessibility Renovations with a total construction budget of \$7,500,000. The selected Construction Manager is to assist the District and its Architects with cost estimating and scheduling during the design and construction documents phases, and to build the projects thereafter as a Construction Manager at Risk. Proposal Questionnaires, Criteria for Selection, Description of Services & Proposal Forms are available from:

Brant Myers, Superintendent
Sonora Independent School District
807 South Concho Avenue
Sonora, Texas 76950

Queries about the projects and request for sealed proposals should be addressed to Brant Myers, Superintendent, Sonora ISD. A proposal packet containing the Proposal Form, Proposal Questionnaire, and evaluation criteria will be issued to interested parties.

A Pre-proposal meeting will be held at Sonora Independent School District Superintendent's Office at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 27, 2002. All proposers may attend and ask questions regarding the Request for Proposals and projects. Attendance at the meeting is not mandatory.

Three (3) copies of Proposal Questionnaire and Proposal Form must be submitted to Brant Myers, Superintendent, Sonora ISD, 807 South Concho Avenue, Sonora, TEXAS 76950, no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 6, 2002. Proposals shall be submitted in an envelope, sealed, and clearly marked:

Sonora ISD
School Additions and Renovations
Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals for Construction Manager at Risk Services.

The Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at 4:00 p.m., September 6, 2002 in the Sonora ISD Superintendent's office. The District's administrative staff will then review the proposals and conduct interviews as deemed appropriate. An administrative recommendation will be made to the Board of Trustees at a future board meeting.

Schedule
Request for Proposals Released - August 13, 2002
Receive and Publicly Open Proposals at 4:00 p.m. - September 6, 2002
Review Proposals and Conduct Interviews - September 11, 2002
Board Approval of Firm - September 12, 2002

Pre-Construction services, Project Design, Design Development and Construction Documents - September thru December 2002 Bid Phase - January 2003 Construction Phase - February 2003 thru January 2005

PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF SONORA TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
The City of Sonora will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on August 20, 2002 at City Hall in regard to the submission of an application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant.

The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities, and the use of past TCDP funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for such assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Para residentes necesitados de interpretes, favor de comunicarse con la municipalidad antes de las audiencia publica. For further information, contact Becky Covington, City Secretary, at the City Hall at 387-2558.

IN THE ESTATE OF CAMILLE L. GREEN DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF CAMILLE L. GREEN, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Camille L. Green were issued on the 13th day of August, 2002, in Cause No. 1257, pending in the County Court of Sutton County, Texas, to: Billy Green The residence of Independent Administrator is Box 173, Eldorado, TX 76936, Schleicher County, Texas. The address is: c/o David W. Wallace, Attorney at Law P.O. Box 1508 Sonora, Texas 76950

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administrated are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED this 13th day of August, 2002

Billy Green, Independent Administrator

Fiddler from page 1

music as he intrigues even the most seasoned, professional musicians. He captivates his audience and is definitely a crowd pleaser. He has learned to play the guitar, lap steel, dobro, piano, and the mandolin. At the age of 30 he decided he could play the fiddle. That same determination Roy had used to master other instruments worked once again, as he taught himself to play the fiddle. Roy, equipped with a quick wit, grace and charm to supplement his musical abilities, is a musician's musician, yet he is reluctant to indulge in self promotion. You will find that Roy Thackerson is a remarkable person who brings

Sunshine to the lives of those he encounters and always leaves his audiences with a fond, lasting impression.

Roy has appeared on the Grand Ole Opry numerous times and is the owner/manager of the renowned Grand Ole Opry Square Dancers. He is a special friend of the late Roy Acuff and Melvin Shore and has been featured on "That's Incredible".

Roy will be here all day Saturday at the Twin Fiddler's Contest in the Civic Center. Don't miss your opportunity to miss the special talent, as well as all the other gifted musicians who will be performing.

School Board from page 1

that runs beside the Vocational Building and the Sonora Middle School one way. This will be put on the next agenda for the next meeting.

Bob Henderson, managing director of Municipal Fixed Income Division and Public Finance for Dain Rauscher spoke to the Board regarding the sale of the bonds. With interest rates at a low right now, it will be a good time to sell the bonds. Law states that they need to be sold and closed prior to September 30th. Henderson said that the bonds should come in at under 15 1/2%, quite a bit lower tax rate than what was proposed to the tax payers. Henderson then answered questions from the Board, including purchases by local investors. He explained that all sales are handled by underwriters, First Southwest Co. and SWS Securities, and it can be arranged for local investors to have priority for purchasing. The Board then set a meeting for September 4th at 6:30 p.m. for the sale of bonds.

Myers presented the Board with a revised salary schedule for them to consider. He explained that he had taken prior concerns from the board and re-worked the scale to try to balance it to be more equal. He explained that the front end of the scale is loaded so as to attract new applicants to our District and that SISD will have much to offer compared to other districts in the State of Texas. The scale slowly increases and tops off at the upper end of a tenure. Jennings expressed concerns with this and stated that she had called the Texas Association of School Boards and was referred to Human Resources and found out that schools who give above state base on a weighted or curved scale need to keep re-examining their pay scale, especially whenever the state changes teachers salaries, to be sure it meets the needs of all teachers. She stressed that experienced teachers are equally important as new ones. Jennings and Favila both expressed concerns about how not giving the same amount to each teacher would affect morale. Favila suggested possibly putting the amount of money allotted for teachers together and dividing it evenly by the number of teachers, giving an equal amount to each. Fields commented that he saw all sides of the issue and after looking at it longer, felt that the new scale was a fair way to handle the salaries. Payton stated that he did not see this as a "slap in the face" to more experienced teachers but was what needed to be done to attract new faces and that if you stay with the district

you get rewarded in the long run. Myers again stressed that this schedule will help recruit and retain qualified teachers for our schools. Jacoby expressed that the new proposed scale was much more even than those proposed prior. After further discussion on the issue a motion was made by Tom Payton, seconded by Jesse Bustamante, to approve the Professional Salary Schedule as presented. A vote by show of hands was taken, with Bustamante, Fields, Jacoby and Payton voting in favor and Favila and Jennings voting against.

The Board then held a Public Hearing for the 2002-2003 Budget. Myers explained that the budget had been thoroughly examined and the administration had been very frugal while continuing to ensure a quality education. He commended the staff for their hard work on balancing the budget to present and said he felt that everyone had done a good job. Favila then made a motion to approve the 2002-2003 Budget. Payton seconded it and the motion carried.

A Public Hearing Over the 2002-2003 Tax Rate was then held. It was explained that due to the increase in value the tax rate has settled to approximately where it was last year. After much discussion on the tax rates, with the bond being the obvious increase Bustamante made a motion to pass an ordinance for the tax rate of 2002-2003 with \$1.40718 for the purpose of maintenance and operations, and .1541 for the purpose of payment of principal and interest on debts, for a total tax rate of \$1.56128. The motion was seconded and approved.

Guy Cauthorn gave a presentation on what Doyle Morgan, working with Trident, could offer the District in Property and Casualty Insurance for 2002-2003. Details of the policies were explained and questions regarding claims were answered. A motion was then made by Jacoby, seconded by Jennings to approve Doyle Morgan as the Property & Casualty Insurance Agency.

The board adopted the SISD Section 125 Premium Cafeteria Plan and approved Lafayette Life Insurance for employees. They also approved a resolution to make 4-H fall under the same eligibility as other extra curricular activities, meaning that students must pass to participate. Preston Faris and Kelly Thorp were approved as adjunct faculty.

The meeting ended with a discussion regarding goals for the Superintendent.

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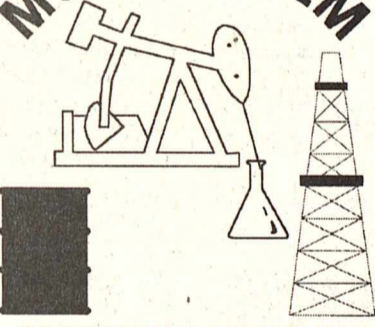
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