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A new look for a new school year

Tammy Favila, Tom Payton, Dean Dermody and Barbara Jennings; SISD Officials; Louise Dermody, Danny Hardin, and John Berry; Mike McGee with TM Davis Construction; John Williams with Pfluger & Associates Architects and Mike Cork, an electrical engineer with ESA were all on hand to cut the ribbons on the renovated cafeteria and 5th grade buildings. The completed buildings are part of the Sonora School's Bond Project and are ready for next week's beginning of school, welcoming students with a fresh new look and great new additions.

Meet the 2004 Little Miss and Mr. Sutton County Contestants Page 8

Don't miss the first

Superintendent Brant Myers, Above: The archway is a new addition at the Sonora Sonora School Board members, Elementary School cafeteria. Below: New lockers are just part Jesse Bustamante, Scott Jacoby, of the new look at the Sonora Fifth Grade addition.



Pre-K Orientation

Sonora Elementary Pre-Kindergarten will host a Pre-Kindergarten Orientation this Friday, August 13, 2004, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All Pre-K families are invited to come meet the teachers, see the classrooms and ask questions.

School day hours for Sonora **Elementary have changed**

Precious cargo on board

As school starts, all Texans share the responsibility of making sure students arrive safely. Drivers should remember to slow down in neighborhoods where children are walking and waiting for the bus. They should also follow school zone laws and know when and where to stop for school buses.

School buses are the safest form of transportation for students, but the most dangerous time of the journey is when kids are entering and exiting the bus. When a school bus is loading or unloading students, the law requires that drivers stop on most roadways.

State law requirements

State law requires approaching drivers to stop when a school bus is stopped and operating a visual signal (red flashing lights or a stop sign). Drivers should not proceed until the school bus resumes motion; the driver is signaled by the bus driver to proceed; or the visual signal is no longer activated. A driver does not have to stop for a school bus if it is on a highway with roadways separated by an intervening space or physical barrier. (If a highway is divided only by a left-turning lane, the roadways are not separated, and drivers must stop for school buses.)

Punishment for drivers who do not stop

Drivers who do not stop for school buses face a fine of up to \$1.000. If a driver is convicted of this offense more than one time, DPS can suspend their license for up to six months.

Injuries among passengers and drivers on school buses increased from 826 in 1991 to 1,058 in 2001, marking a slightly more than 28 percent increase.

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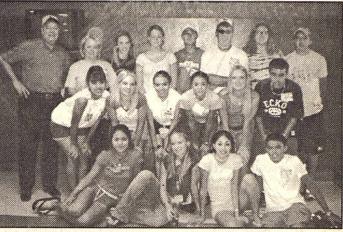
Sonora High School youth battle underage drinking at **MADD/TABC** Power Camp

submitted

Seventeen students from Sonora High School and Sonora Middle School attended Youth Power Camp sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission at Angelo State University July 21-24. The goal of the camp is to empower youth with the

knowledge and leadership skills necessary to initiate change in their communities to reduce underage alcohol use, which is the #1 youth drug problem in the United States.

During the four days, students attended educational sessions about alcohol's effect on the adolescent brain, media lit-See Power Camp page 10



Sonora students learn leadership skills and how to combat underage drinking at Power Camp.

Multi-Chem responds to reports of corporate move

submitted by James Archer

Multi-Chem is very proud to be an integral part of Sonora. The town and the people in the community have been great to Multi-Chem and Multi-Chem has been good for the community. The company has been fortunate to grow and develop into a very successful business, now servicing customers in 22 locations in six states and Canada. Currently we employ over 140 people. The company recently completed a five-year strategic plan for manpower, expansions

an expected growth rate of 20 additional jobs in the next five years. The company will continue to do approximately 24 technical training schools which will continue bringing revenue to the community for motels and eating establishments. These classes have 8 to 10 people per class with two classes held each month.

Lois and I love living in Sonora and will continue to live here and commute as needed to San Angelo and to other destinations to help assist and grow

the business. I want to clarify

some of the statements pub-

lished in the newspapers in the

runway.

Summer Youth Art Program exhibit on August 13 at The Bank & Trust. Page 4

Parents need to note the following changes that will begin at Sonora Elementary on Monday, August 16th. Pre-K - 7:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Kindergarten - 2nd grade - 7:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 3rd - 4th grades - 7:45 a.m. - 3:10 p.m. See you bright and early!

dren, drivers need to slow down, obey school zone speed limits and stop for school buses," said Col. Thomas A. Davis, Jr., director of the DPS. "We have zero tolerance for vehicles that pass stopped school buses."

Miss Sutton County luncheon introduces the 2004 contestants

by Kim Lewis

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On Sunday, August 8, the Annual Miss Sutton County Candidate Luncheon was held at the Sutton County Civic Center. Rental of the facility was donated by Sutton County Judge, Carla Garner. Due to not having enough clothing stores in town, the girls were unable to have the traditional style show. This did not stop them from having their luncheon. Entertainment this year consisted of Miss Sutton County, Kelly Kearney interviewing everyone on stage, giving all those in attendance a chance to get to know the candidates a little better. This year's candidates are Mandy Brister, M.J. Brown, Courtney Caruthers, Tina Covey, Julia Lugo, Maggie Ramirez, Christine Sanchez and Amanda Word.

This year's luncheon theme was "A Slumber Party", with the stage decorated just like a teenage girl's bedroom, with lots of fun bright colors.

Everyone was able to enjoy a meal of enchiladas, rice and beans while visiting with all the young ladies vying for the title of Miss Sutton County. The lunch was catered by the Sutton County Steakhouse.

Miss Sutton County Kelly Kearney had her work cut out for her when she interviewed Little Mr. Sutton County, Robert Zapata, III, and Little Miss Sutton County Holly Sparks. These two little ones were quick on the draw when answering their questions. They knew exactly what to say and did not skip a beat being in front of the crowd.

Being the first time on

Miss Sutton County, Little Miss Sutton County Holly Sparks, Little Mr. Sutton County Robert Zapata III and the 2004 Miss Sutton County Queen Contestants. All Miss Sutton County photos have been provided by Juanita McBride of Memories by McBride.

stage as a Miss Sutton County Queen Candidate, anxiety was in the air. Each girl carried themselves well and answered their questions promptly and honestly. They made the contest sponsor, Kim Lewis, very proud, just as she knew they would.

The lunch ended with Kelly Kearney thanking everyone for attending and explaining how much she enjoyed being Miss Sutton County. She said she is not ready to hand over her title and she hopes she has fulfilled her duties as well as was expected. There weren't many dry eyes in the room when she finished her speech.

After the luncheon, the can-

didates were interviewed indi- sors. This year's candidates are vidually by three out-of-town judges, as is part of the selection process for Miss Sutton County. The scores from the judges are compiled with each girl's rodeo and dance ticket sales to determine which one will take the 2004 title of Miss Sutton County. All of these young ladies work very hard each year to help increase tickets sales and promote the annual Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo and Sutton County Days celebration. If you haven't purchased your rodeo or dance tickets for the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo, August 20 and 21, you can save money by purchasing in advance from one of the Miss Sutton County Queen Candidates or their spon-

sponsored by: Mandy Brister -Crittendon Water Well Service, Rafter W Feeds, and Ol' Sonora Trading Co.; M.J. Brown -Victor's Automotive, Cebridge Connections, and Sonora Tire Service; Courtney Caruthers -State Farm Insurance - Sam Dillard, Creek, and Multi-Chem; Tina Covey - Everett's Pharmacy and Mittle Dozing; Julia Lugo- La Mexicana, Los Cerritos and Alco; Maggie Ramirez - The Bank & Trust, Burnham and Burnham and Jet Specialty; Christine Sanchez -Sanchez Welding, Devil's River Days Inn and Taco Grill; and Amanda Word- Sutton County Steakhouse, Team Graphics and Location Builders.

and revenue projections. Even though the projections are considered conservative, we foresee some road blocks finding, locally, the personnel needed to fill professional positions in the company. The majority of the professionals Multi-Chem plans to hire will have at least 20 years of experience and are likely to be dual income families. We have been experiencing this problem for a few years. It's a challenge to find adequate housing and to attract these people to our community. Such a problem will only be magnified as we plan to add 18 professional jobs. We estimate that 70% of the people filling those positions will have spouses who want to work also.

Last week, the company's executive leadership team met to address this issue. After completing a decision analysis, the company decided to keep sales and service, manufacturing and blending, distribution and the lab operations in Sonora. This leaves 18 people in Sonora with

Farmers Insurance - Jim Phillips moves in to Sonora





Miss Sutton County, Kelly Kearney and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce welcomed the new Farmers Insurance Agency to town on Friday, August 6, 2004. Jim Phillips, Agent, moved his business and his family to town and are already becoming a part of our small town family, participating in many activities and joining organizations. Farmers Insurance District Manager, Greg Windham and Assistant District Manager, Neil Justice, joined Phillips for his ribbon cutting, meeting and greeting new Sonora friends. You can visit Jim Phillips Farmer Insurance Agency at 609 S. Concho or call him at 325-387-5999.

past weeks. Multi-Chem is not in a bidding war for funding of jobs through economic incentives. I will continue to use the airport as needed to travel from Sonora to my destination. I know that the airport will be fixed to accommodate larger planes and prevent deer from entering the Additionally, we will provide a pool vehicle to enable local key personnel to commute to San Angelo as needed.

Our goal was to make the best decision for the company. The decision was an ethical dilemma for everyone involved considering that what is best for the company is not always what is best for each employee. This has been a tough decision, yet, we feel confident the outcome will be positive to all. I appreciate the support and concerns of everyone in the community. Go Bronco's 2004!

Lighthouse **Community Church**

A Love Relationship that is real, personal and practical Sunday Services Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Worship • 11:00 a.m. • 6:00 p.m. 1705 N. Crockett



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I would like to say thank you from the bottom of my heart to everyone who helped make Son Games 2004 such a success. Parents, thank you for sharing your children with us. They are a blessing. Thanks to all of those who allowed their piggy banks to be "robbed" for the Penny March which raised \$600.00. One hundred percent of this money will be used to help support the shelters in San Antonio. To all of my coaches and assistant coaches, I couldn't have done it without you. Bro. Don, thanks for the guidance and encouragement you so abundantly offered me. Mickey - you are the "Queen of Cuisine". Thank you for coordinating the snacks for the kids and the awesome food for the hospitality room. Thanks to Chief Rick for the wet and wild fun with the fire truck. Thank you to Sassy the Clown for driving such a long way to share your faith in such a fun way. A very special thank-you to the First Baptist Church of Brownwood for all of the donated decorations and thanks to those of you who spent countless hours putting them up. Thank you to each and every person that gave of their time to make Son Games 2004 our best Vacation Bible School ever! See you all next year as we go on a Prayer Safari

Sincerely, Tamra Wolfe

in the Kingdom of the Son.

I want to thank those of you who attended the Miss Sutton County luncheon. Your support means a lot to the candidates. Thank you to Carla Garner for paying the rent on the Civic Center. Your kindness helped us out so much. To the Sutton County Steakhouse, we appreciate you catering the luncheon another year. You do a great job and we look forward to next year. Thank you Mondo Martinez for cleaning up after we made a mess. You did an outstanding job making the place shine when you had to work around a bunch of women and teenage girls. Claire Jones, you helped me out more than you know, you filled in where I couldn't. You are a great president and I am glad that I am working with you. You were easy to come to, always available and understanding when I needed help making decisions.

Kelly, my time is almost up with you. I wish you the best in college and thereafter. You made me very proud of you. I enjoyed the time we spent together whether it was as your Queen Sponsor or as your friend. You are a wonderful Miss Sutton County and I



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Cards of Thanks

I had a dream as a child, a wish that I would have a party in a ballroom. The grand day arrived. I thank God for allowing me to reach my 15th birthday. I give thanks also to my family, godparents, court of honor, my sponsors, and my friends for letting me share my Quinceñera with you all.

A special thanks to Mindy Castaneda and Sylvia Blanco's Bridal and Decor.

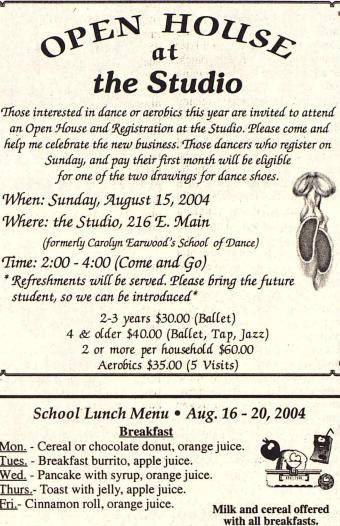
Queena Princessa Mendez and Family

We would like to thank the friends who in one way or another were there to help us move to our new home. A special thanks for all your help to Manuel Hernandez, Smith Neal, Bill and Nora Dempsey, J.C. and Loma Surber, Danny Hardin and all our family.

> God bless you all, Gilbert and Jovita Muñoz

To my family, friends, neighbors and co-workers, Sonora Administration and Board of Trustees thank you for being there for my wife and I during my hospital stay and while I was home recovering from my surgery. We appreciate your visits, cards, phone calls, flowers and baskets of goodies.

> Thank you and God bless you all, Gilbert Muñoz and Family





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Ask the Historical Society

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

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Q. Do you have any information on Sol Mayer?

A. "Encyclopedia of Texas 1924" page 3664, Sol Mayer, capitalist, banker, rancher and developer of Sonora, Texas, is regarded as one of the real builders of West Texas. His development activities and holdings are on a scale large enough to place him well within the ranks of the "Empire Builders of the West." According to those who know him best, Mr. Mayer's life policy has been to develop his own interests in a way that will reflect credit on his community, and in this he has succeeded, as even an incomplete summary of his accomplishments will indicate.

At the outset of his career Mr. Mayer was interested chiefly in ranching, entering the cattle business in Schleicher County in 1891, five years later establishing his present ranch. He added sheep in 1898, buying and selling sheep for some years, but did not begin raising them until 1922. In 1910, Mr. Mayer decided to retire from active business life and leased his ranch, but accustomed as he was, to an active outdoor life, he soon found idleness more of a burden than ranch operation. On his retirement he had bought a beautiful summer home in Denver, Colorado, and a little later entered the real estate and investment business. He also became interested in a development project in Reeves Co., Texas in the Medina Valley, formerly known as Toyah Valley. He organized and put over the Reeves County Improvement District No. One. This development project put eleven thousand acres of land subject to irrigation with water from Toyah Creek and a storage reservoir that was one of the development projects. Later, Mr. Mayer organized and put over a second development, known as the Mount Castle Land and Irrigation Co., and also took over a number of small and unsuccessful irrigation projects started by small operators who had attempted development in the Medina Valley.

Mr. Mayer also organized, and has since been president of the Security State Bank of Pecos City. He is vice president of the Toyah Valley State Bank of Balmorhea, one of the organizers and a director of the Ozona National Bank of Ozona, one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Eldorado, and has been a member of the board of directors of the San Angelo National Bank of San Angelo, since 1914.

In 1920, Mr. Mayer resumed ranching with his son, Ed Mayer, as his partner, operating as Sol Mayer & Son. County records in Schleicher and Sutton counties show him to own 75,000 acres of land in these counties. He operates 55 sections as a ranch, running cattle, sheep and some goats. He runs from 11,000 to 12,000 head of pure blood Rambouillet sheep, and has a band of the finest registered Rambouillet rams obtainable, keeping about 25 to each 1,000 ewes. He shears an average of eight pounds of fine wool, or better, counting both young and old, his yearling stuff shearing nine pounds or better, of medium fine wool, of comparatively small shrinkage. He also has a lamb crop of about 82% - 85%, his lambs maturing early, with pronounced mutton tendencies, and other qualities that enable him to get a top market price. His lambs grade "choice" for the most part.

Mr. Mayer also runs from 800 to 1,000 high grade Hereford cattle, using only Hereford bulls. His cattle brand is the T half circle, his old brand adopted in 1889 and in use for 40 years, having been the famous MYR brand. His earmark is the underbit left and right. His sheep are fire and wool branded with the T half circle, which is one of the well known sheep brands of West Texas. He runs from 1,000 to 1,200 Angora goats, of the ringlet type, and has some of the best billies in this locality, using only registered stuff. His ranch is completely fenced and crossfenced wolf-proof, and is well watered and grassed. Water is found in a plentiful supply at from 160 to 225 feet in the



R. Walter Davis Family in 1934 - Front: Mrs. Harold Saunders, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Davis & Mrs. Nell Martin. Back: Birdwell C. Davis, G. Heney Davis, Wallace Davis and Tom(W.L.) Davis.

San Antonio in 1896.

in

Wisconsin, in 1904. They were

greatly loved and respected by

all who knew them. Over the

years they contributed to the

building of the Tom Green Co.

Library, Camp Sol Mayer, Boys

Ranch, the Boy Scouts, the Girl

Scouts, and the Sol Mayer

annex (neighborhood center). A

dormitory was built at Angelo

February 18, 1957 in Dallas and

Ernestine Mayer died April 20,

be found at the Sutton County

Historical Society ARchives,

the Fort Concho Museum and in

the ASU West Texas Collection.

We have also allowed ASU

West Texas Collection to copy

photographs of Sol Mayer and

the old Mayer Bros. Store from

on Sutton County history, send

them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora,

TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them

to schs@sonoratx.net. The

office will be closed for several

weeks due to illness.

If you have any questions

1959 in San Angelo.

our collection.

Sol Mayer died on

Material on the family can

State University, Mayer Hall.

Milwaukee,

Somers

draws, up to 350 feet on the 1895. They had one child, divides.

Sol Mayer was born in San Antonio, January 18, 1869, a son of F. and Jetta (Steiner) Mayer. Sol Mayer was educated in San Antonio, in so far as his formal education is concerned. That broader education, that enables him to grasp the fundamentals of a proposition so quickly, and that has given him the vision to become one of the real developers of Texas, he obtained in the school of experience, and by his contact with the business world and observation and study of those men who have won success.

Mr. Mayer is a Knight of Pythias, and has been a member of the Cattle Raisers' Association since 1890, serving five years as member of the executive committee. Mr. Mayer was one of the organizers of Schleicher Co., and served on its first petit jury.

It is said of Sol Mayer that he has genius for making things go, and that whatever he undertakes is a success, yet those who make this statement realize that back of all his successes, is a man who early realized that success is bought by industry.

Historical Society Notes: Sol Mayer dated Edith (Suzy) Martin, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, for over five years before he married her in

Courthouse offices moving

of August. The offices that were located in the courthouse have moved to different locations.

County Library located at 306 East Mulberry Street.

The Transit Van office has been moved to the Old Police Station located at 306 East Oak Street.



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& crafts booths lined up to be here for Sutton County Days, some that have been here before and some new ones that

for renovations

The Courthouse will be under renovation starting the last week

The Justice of the Peace office has been moved to the Sutton

by Ruthie Bounds, COC **Executive Director**

We are pleased to announce that we are welcoming another new business to Sonora. We would like to invite you to attend the Grand Opening of The Texan Club, at 407 S. Crockett, this Friday, August 13, 2004, at 5:00 p.m. The Texan Club is located in the old Park Inn building, directly across the street from Sombrero Car Wash. and next door to Moore's Oil & Lube. Live country music will be featured on Friday and Saturday Nights, 8 to 12 p.m. on Fridays and 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturdays. The Texan Club hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 2 p.m. to midnight and Saturdays from 2 pm to 1 a.m. Come help us welcome The Texan Club to Sonora. We hope to see you all there Friday evening.

Well, Sutton County Days is definitely here. It is just a week away and things are in full swing. We are still accepting entries to the "Cowboy Luau" parade, so be sure to stop by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center. This promises to be a fun and exciting time for Sonora, so be sure to come out for the parade, rodeo, dances, food, rides and shopping. We have over 50 arts

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are looking forward to being in Sonora for the first time. We have western artists, jewelry, hats, purses, homemade candy, yard art, metal works and wood works, as well as photography booths and rides for the children, the Texas Lottery Trailer, and a demonstration booth by Sonora Air Cooled Engines. There will also be a pottery demonstration booth, children's clothing and baby quilts, sunglasses, temporary tattoos, tshirts, night lights, caps, visors, toys, and patriotic gifts. There will be a wide variety of arts & crafts and retail booths, and we are looking forward to having them all in Sonora.

There will also be a wide variety of food booths to please every palate, featuring, hamburgers, chicken salad plates, hot dogs, chalupas, fajitas, burritos, fruit smoothies, snow cones, ice cream bars, cold melons, hot wings, funnel cakes, flautas, tortas, baked goods, nachos, soft drinks, beer, iced tea, ice cream cones, and much more. There are a lot of fun things to do during Sutton County Days and we are looking forward to seeing you allthe events at the Sutton County Park. Come Join Us!!!

IDEAS GIFT We are proud to sponsor Amanda Word 2004 Sutton County Queen Candidate Stop by and get your Rodeo and Dance Tickets today!

The Driver's License office has been moved to the Old Police Station located at 306 East Oak Street. The Driver's License will have a new schedule beginning August 12, 2004. They will be open every Thursday instead of Friday from 9:30 a.m to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. They will also have a new phone number 325/387-5701.

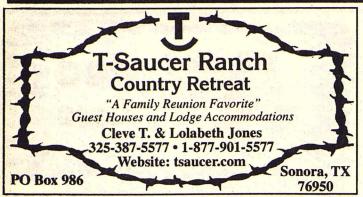
The Auditor's Office and the Treasurer's office will be located at the old First National Bank Building at 224 East Main.





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Swabbing & Roustabout



Support Sonora Graduates attend **SCHOLARSHIP STEAK** DINNER During Sutton County Days Saturday, August 21, 2004 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. **Sonora Civic Center** Sirloin Steak, Red Beans, Coleslaw, Tea

and Blue Bell Ice Cream

\$7.00 per plate



Rowland, featured at Del Rio showing A delightful reception was

Sonora artists, Earwood

held on Friday, August 6, 2004, for Sonora artists Barbara Earwood and Mary Rowland who were the featured artists during a showing in Del Rio, Texas, at Pam Bunch Studio on the corner of West Greenwood and Main Street.

Mary Rowland exhibited her fascinating photographs, including a jumble of wheels, the archway on a long porch and many more interesting photos. "Gossip II", a watercolor

by Barbara Earwood is about a

Sutton County Library ends summer reading program

by Florie Gonzales

Summer came and went as did the Summer Reading Program at the Sutton County Library. The summer program started in Juneand ended in mid-July. We had 119 children sign up for the program, from ages 3 to 5th grade. A goal was set for each group for the summer. Grade levels met at different times on Tuesdays for a story, followed by a craft. Children reading were given one library book buck for every book they read. The child could then save his or her money and spend it at the library store.

There were 49 children that reached their goals by the deadline and were treated to a pool party. The children enjoyed pizza with soft drinks and a slice of cake at the party, sponsored by the Sonora Woman's Club.

A total of 3,209 books were read at the library this summer. We hope that everybody has a wonderful summer, and we'll see you throughout the year.

billy Angora Goat and three nannies enjoying the story told by the goat on the right side. The paintingb 22" x 30"b was finished the day before the showing in Del Rio. She sold many flower and bird paintings and many other scenes. Ken Rowland displayed a

and

beautifully colored parrot. The artist met many relatives and new friends. The show will be on display for a month and everyone is welcome.

Summer Youth Art Program exhibit on August 13, 2004, from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. The Summer Youth Art Program exhibit will be on display in the Bank & Trust lobby from August 13 - 23, 2004. The

by Ann Kay, FHSMS Manager

you to the Bank & Trust of

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We would like to invite

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44 artists have entered the art world, and want to share their newly found talent with the community. The program was taught by Sonora artist Nora Dempsey, who taught the children the rules of shading and shadows, aerial perspective, preportion, perspective, art history and the proper technique and use of drawing tools. The children used charcoal pencils on the sketch pads.

'Even if the kids choose not to continue with drawing, hopefully they will have gained an appreciation for art and the process," creative said Dempsey.

The children who participated in the program at the Chateau Studio from July 19-23 were:

Ages 6-8: Garrett Jaeger. Blanca Fay, Jonathan Martin, Joseph Martin, Cassandra Amaro, Bryan Brown, Zella

Summer Art Program Powers, Halle Samaniego, Ashley Perales, Kelsey Velez, Straton Rushing, Kandyse Rodriguez, Miranda Rodriguez, Annalise Perez, Dalton Morriss, and Jeremy Doran

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Main Street Traffic

Commission on the Arts for

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Ages 12-14: Sara Cherry of Greenwood, Alicia Lowe, Katelyn Ronspeiz of Ft. Worth, Ashley Brown, Alyssa Favila, Will Dunn, Brittany Hernandez, Elizabeth Newton, Bailey Joe Pennington, Amy Hernandez From July 26-30, Ages 9-

11:

Ryan Weaver and Logan Luttrell of Del Rio, Katie Cherry of Greenwood, Allison and Melissa Freeman, Callie and Kory Humphrey, Kelsey Favila, Kaitlyn Gibbons, Katlyn Garcia, Hunter Jennings, Serena Allison, Fabian Guzman, Morgan Vyvlecka, Rachel Isenhour, Abby Creek

Ages 15-18: Erin Newton and Emily Newton and Cerissa Hegecock.

The Summer Youth Art Program was made possible by a grant from the TExas Commission of the ARts Cultural Connections Grant Program, The Bank & Trust, Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, Hobby Lobby of San Angelo, KHOS Radio and The Devil's River News.

New state agency oversees residential construction

State Capital Highlights Texas Press Association

By Mike Cox

AUSTIN - The last session of the Legislature changed the state agency landscape, doing away with some, merging others and creating new agencies.

One of those new agencies that has not received much public notice is the Texas Construction Residential Commission.

Created by House Bill 730, the TRCC is charged with developing and enforcing a limited warranty program and building and performance standards for new homes and major

improvements.

In addition, the TRCC registers Texas home builders. Since the first of the year, all Texas home builders have been required to register new homes, major improvements to certain new houses and interior improvements costing more than \$20,000. Builders pay a \$30 fee for each registration.

The new commission has begun a series of nine public hearings across the state to collect public opinion on proposed TRCC regulations and standards.

A working draft of new home construction standards was prepared by the Texas A&M University's construction science department. It can be

viewed at the commission's Web site, www.trcc.state.tx.us.

The schedule for the hearings, which continue through Aug. 31, also can be found on

the commission Web site. Back to school healthy diet...

The lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are about over for most Texas school children, and so is the daytime consump-. tion of much of their junk food.

As of Aug. 1, all public schools in the state participating in federal child nutrition programs must have adopted the Texas Department of Agriculture's Texas Public

School Nutrition Policy. The new rules ban foods of minimal nutritional value

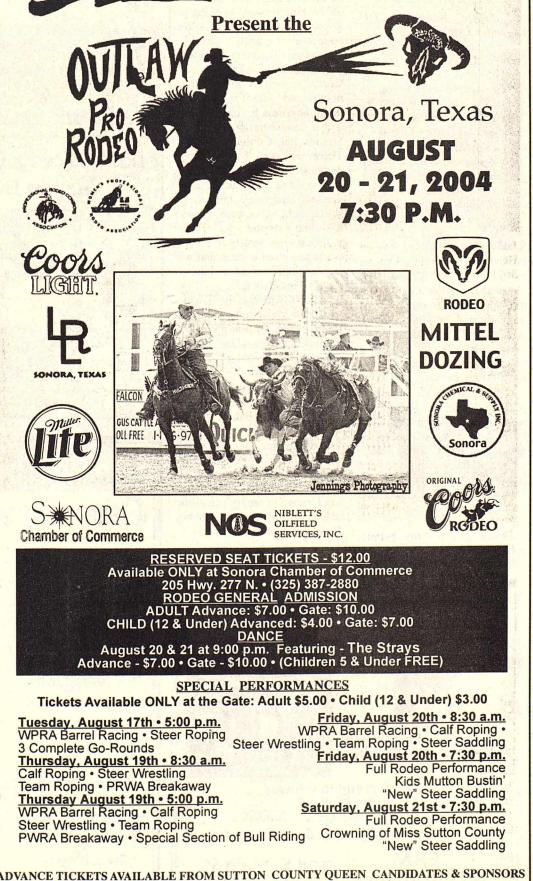
(FMNVs) such as gum, most types of candy and soft drinks anywhere on campuses until the end of the school day. Middle schools can't allow access to FMNVs until after the last lunch period. High schools can't let their students get their hands on FMNVs in the lunchroom.

Not only does the policy make it hard for a pupil to indulge in a chocolate bar washed down by a popular carbonated drink, it enforces portion control for some foods and mandates that fruits and vegetables be offered daily. Next year, fried food must be dropped from school menus.

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Trent Reiner and John Duke Hudson

Sonora's Junior Golfers win at Tour Championship

submitted

Once again, Sonora's junior golfers finished strong at the West Texas Junior Champions Tour Championship held in San Saba, Texas, on July 30th and 31st. There were five young men from Sonora who qualified for the finals: John Duke Hudson, Garrett Smith, Embre Smith, Trent Reiner and Cullen Parker.

In the Boy's 9-11 age group, (playing nine holes each day), Garrett Smith finished first with scores of 37,42. John Duke Hudson won the Boy's 12-13 division by a large margin of eleven strokes, shooting, a 76, 74. John Duke's combined score of 150 was the lowest combined score of the entire tournament for all age groups. Congratulations John Duke!

Trent Reiner, who has played well all summer in the WTJCT tournaments, finished second in the Boy's 14-15 divi- representing Sonora.

sion with scores of 77, 86. He lost a playoff for first place in that division.

Embre Smith and Cullen Parker both represented Sonora well in the Boy's 16-18 division. Other awards were given for each age division during a dinner and banquet on Friday night. They were as follows: Garrett Smith - Most Wins for Season (7), John Duke Hudson -Most Wins for Season (3), Lowest Scoring Average (77.8), Trent Reiner - Most Wins for Season (6), Lowest Scoring Average (71.8), Cullen Parker -Putting Contest and Embre Smith - Chipping Contest.

Sonora has a great reputation in West Texas for the junior golfer's success. We want to thank the families of these young men for the commitment it takes to get them to tournaments all summer and to the boys for an outstanding job of

Adult/Child Tournament great for Scouts enjoy camping at Sol Mayer young and young at heart

The Ladies Golf Auxiliary hosted one of the largest Adult/Child tournaments ever held in Sonora on July 24, 2004. There were 32 teams who participated, with kids ranging in age from 4 to 18.

With perfect golfing weather, the tournament was deemed a huge success. Congratulations to the winning teams!

Broncos coming back with speed and strength

ning backs.

by Ray Glasscock

Last year, we knew that eleven sophomores and two freshmen would make this year's team special. What we didn't know last year was that. those sophomores and freshmen would jell with last year's juniors and seniors to go three deep into the playoffs.

Coach Herring is blessed with seven offensive and seven defensive starters from last year. Clint Cearley and Steven Duhon are two players returning who received All-State recognition. Once again, the Broncos will have great team speed. Anthony Longoria and Hilton Bloodworth are two of the faster players in District 2-2A.

The Broncos have the greatest depth in the so-called skill" positions of quarterback, running back, and receiver. It is likely that Cearley and Caleb Ramos, the 2003 District 2-2A Newcomer of the Year, will again alternate at quarterback. Embre Smith, who is possibly the only defensive tackle/quarterback in the state, gives the Broncos incredible depth at the quarterback position. Stetson Perez, Hilton Bloodworth, Chris Perez, Lito Trevino, and Brett McDaniel will be the run-

Anthony Longoria, Austin Waggoner, Duhon, and Cameron Cox will all catch passes from Cearley and Ramos. McDaniel and Smith will also see some work at tight end.

Diego Cardona, Brian Payton, David Adkins, Eloy Esquivel, J.R. Solis, Miguel Vaquera, Garrett Watkins, Martinez, Boomer Mason Galindo, Laramie Hall, Jesus Talamentes, and Roland Solis will anchor the offensive and defensive lines.

Waggoner is projected to handle all of the kicking duties this year.

On defense, the Broncos should be awesome. On the' defensive line, Cardona, Hall, Smith, and McDaniel will stop most plays from crossing the line of scrimmage. In case someone does make it past them, they will run into the meanest linebackers in 2-2A. Steven Duhon, Dustin Duhon, and Waggoner will be there to mop up if necessary. Longoria, Cox, Bloodworth, and Chris Perez will provide the Broncos with a very experienced defensive backfield.

Support the Broncos

The Bronco Supporters are raising money to purchase a 20 long red blow-up tunnel, with Sonora Broncos on each side. This tunnel could be used for years to come. For more information contact Rhonda Hall, Janice Caruthers or Rick Cearley.



1:27 p.m. Monday

Local Boy Scouts enjoyed a week of summer camp at Camp Sol Mayer, from June 20-26, 2004. Attending with Scout Master Art Martinez, were Manny Paredes, Michael Stephens, Tyler Edmondson, Mark Holman, Paul Faz and Tyler Creek.





1st Flight - Boys 15-18: 1st place - A.J. Hernandez, Larry Hernandez 60; 2nd place - Cullen Parker, Mickey Powers 62; 3rd place - Matt Phillips, Mickey Phillips 67



2nd Flight - Girls 13-18, Boys 11-14: 1st place - Tamika Marshall, Oscar Marshall 67; 2nd place - Kyla Whitley, Todd Whitley 68, 3rd place - Morgan Martinez, Brad Hull 68



3rd Flight - Girls 12 & under, Boys 10 & under: 1st place -Jansen McBride, Dustin Martin 33; 2nd place - Word Hudson, James Barton 36, 3rd place Jared Hinsley, Brett Bentley 37: Closest to the pin for girls on hole #2 - Elizabeth Chavarria; Closest to the pin for boys on hole #9 - Matt Phillips; Longest Putt on #3 - Tyler Edmondson; Longest Putt on #7 (3rd flight only) - Jansen McBride.



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The Sutton County Commissioner's Court will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties **Board Announces Biennial Elections** of Four Board **Seats and Opens**

applies in their case, be returned by mail to the Sheep & Goat Predator Management Board office, and must be post-marked prior to midnight of the biennial election date, October 22, 2004.

Predator

Any person qualified to each district. A person is qual- vote in this biennial election may place their name in nomi-

nation for election to the Board

on the tax roll in the preceding year by 8.0 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the changes in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 23, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., at the Sutton County Courthouse Annex.

FOR the proposal:

Carla Garner, County Judge John Wade, Comm. Pct. 2 Belia Castaneda, Comm. Pct. 4

Miguel Villanueva, Comm. Pct. 1 Milton Cavaness, Comm. Pct. 3

AGAINST the proposal: **PRESENT** and not voting: **ABSENT:**

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.

THIS YEAR LAST YEAR Average residence homestead value: \$49,992.00 \$56,012.00 Average taxable value: \$49,992.00 \$56,012.00 Tax Rate (per \$100) 0.368575 0.2539 Tax \$184.26 \$142.21

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would DECREASE by \$42.05 or 22.82 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would DECREASE by \$.114675 per \$100 of taxable value or 31.11 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property. **CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANDATE:**

The Sutton County Auditor certifies that Sutton County has spent \$10,800.00 in the previous 12 months beginning October 1, 2003, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Sutton County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Nominations

The Mohair Producers Board announced that elections will be held in four of its twelve voting districts to elect four board members where current members' seats are expiring. The election will be conducted by voting districts and will be held from October 1, 2004 through October 22, 2004.

There is one seat open for election in voting district three, which consists of Edwards County. There is one seat open for election in voting district four, which consists of Sutton County. There is one seat open for election in voting district ten, which consists of Bell, Blanco, Burnet, Comal, Coryell, Hays, Lampasas, Llano, Travis, and Williamson Counties. There is one seat open for election in voting district eleven, which consists of Hamilton, Mills, and San Saba Counties.

A person is eligible to vote in this board election if he or she is currently a producer of mohair, or for at least one production period during the two years preceding the date of this election (October 22, 2004), has been a producer of mohair or has caused mohair to be produced for commercial purposes. This includes owners of ranches

business of producing, or has caused to be produced, domestic and/or exotic sheep and/or goats for commercial purposes within the referendum area described in the final paragraph of this notice. This includes owners of farms or ranches, their tenants and sharecroppers, if such person would be required to pay the assessment. However, the same production cannot be voted twice.

three directors. Terms are

expiring on December 31, 2004, for one director from

ified to vote in this biennial

election if he or she is in the

Any eligible voter must vote in the district where they reside. Although some producers may have production in multiple districts, or reside in one district while having production in another, a producer can vote only in the district in which he/she physically resides. Voting will be conducted by mail-in ballots which will be mailed to voters in each of the 111 counties of the current referendum area by means of a producer list compiled for this purpose.

Each ballot will be preaddressed, include voting instructions and return mail postage. A small supply of voting materials will be sent to each County Extension Office. To be valid all ballots must bear the address and signature of the producer, include completion of the Verification of

to represent their District by obtaining the written application (Nomination Form) from their county Agent or from the Sheep & Goat Predator Management Board (S&GPMB) office. In addition to the requirement that Directors must reside in the district they will represent, the nomination form for a board position must be signed by the producer seeding the nomination and at least ten (10) other persons from that district eligible to vote in the biennial election. Such applications must be in the S&GPMB office on or before the September 21, 2004 deadline printed on the nomination form and must show the physical legal residence (not only the mailing address) of the candidate. Completed written applications (Nomination Forms) should be mailed to the Sheep & Goat Predator Management Board, P.O. Box 3543, San Angelo, Texas 76902-3543.

Counties included in the Referendum Area for the purpose of the biennial election of directors to fill the three positions where terms will expire are:

District 1: Brewster,

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Aug. 16 Deadline Approaches for Extension Filers

taxpayers already have filed their tax year 2003 federal income tax returns. But for almost 8.5 million taxpayers who opted for the automatic extension of time to file, the deadline is August 16.

The IRS reminds extension filers that e-filing remains available. So far this year, more than 60 million returns have been efiled.

"Why not e-file? More than 60 million Americans already have," said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson. "No matter what time of the year, e-filing is the fastest, safest, easiest way to do taxes. There are fewer errors, and taxpayers get their refunds in less than half the time of paper returns."

The Internal Revenue Service reminds taxpayers with extensions to file their returns by August 16 to avoid the late filing penalty, which is 5 percent per month of the unpaid tax. Help may be available, however, for people who cannot file by August 16.

Taxpayers with special circumstances, such as a hardship, that prevent them from preparing and filing their tax forms by August 16 may request an additional two-month extension by completing Form 2688, giving them until October 15 to file their income tax returns. These taxpayers will be granted an extension of time to file even if they cannot send in payment of outstanding 2003 taxes with the extension request.

Taxpayers granted the additional time to file will not be

WASHINGTON - Most penalized for late payment of tax if they pay the balance of their 2003 tax when they file the tax return by October 15, provided 90 percent of their total tax was paid by April 15. However they will owe interest on any taxes not paid by April 15.

To request the additional time to file, taxpayers must file Form 2688 with the IRS by August 16. Form 2688 is available on the IRS Web site, IRS.gov. Form 2688 can be filed electronically or mailed to the IRS.

The IRS will advise filers in writing whether or not their requests are granted. Approval for those who file electronically will be sent back on the Acknowledgement Record.

The IRS expects to receive more than 3 million Forms 2688 during 2004.

To e-file, taxpayers can use tax preparation software on their own computers or file electronically through an authorized efile provider. Both options offer taxpayers security and accuracy in filing their returns as well as faster refunds. Taxpayers may continue to take advantage of electronic filing and the Free File program until October 15. Free File enables qualifying taxpayers to e-file for free; 3.48 million taxpayers have used Free File to e-file their tax returns this year.

Once taxpayers have filed their tax returns, they can use the "Where's My Refund" feature on IRS.gov to check the status of their refund checks.

Service seeks County Farm **Committee Candidates for LAA's**

The Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde County Farm Service Agency is restructuring their LAA's (Local Administrative Areas) due to regulations. LAA #1 will consist of the area north of Highway 190 in Schleicher County. LAA #2 will consist of the area south of Highway 190 in Schleicher County. LAA #3 will consist of all of Sutton County. LAA #4 will consist of all of Val Verde County. The three committees met to help restructure the three committees into one area committee required by law.

Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde County Farm Service Agency is accepting nominations for 2004 County Committee elections. Nomination forms can be obtained from your FSA County Office and should be submitted by September 3, 2004. This year's election is for LAA #1, LAA #2, LAA #3, and LAA #4. Nominees must reside in the area that they will be representing. Unlike previous years, a full slate of candidates will not be created to fill the ballot. If only one person is nominated, there will be only one candidate on the ballot, two persons nominated, two on the ballot, and so forth. A full slate will be created only if there are no nominations received.

If you or someone you know has an interest in providing guidance on federal farm program issues - impacting local farmers and ranchers - then the Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde County FSA wants your nomination.

All landowners, operators and tenants of legal voting age are eligible to serve on FSA County Committees and vote in these elections.

For more information or nomination forms, contact the Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde County FSA office at (325) 853-3535 or access the FSA website at,

www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections/.

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To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., 20250-9410 or call (2020 720-5964 (Voice or TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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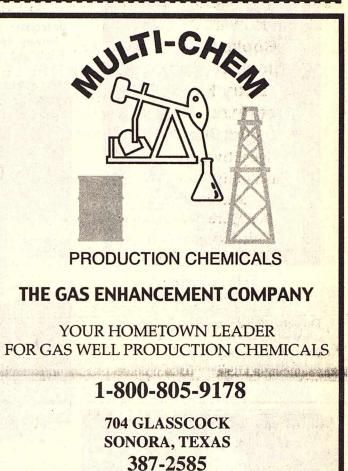
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mohair assessment. Any person Board office beginning August qualified to vote is also qualified to seek nomination for election to the board as a Director. Qualified persons must, however, reside within the Mohair Producers Board voting district wherein they seek nomination. Nomination, applications, must be submitted to the Mohair Producers Board signed by the applicant and ten other eligible voters in this election. Nomination forms are available at each County Extension office the Mohair Producers Board in each of the 15 counties listed above in the four voting districts nomination. where elections are to occur or they can be requested by mail directly from the Mohair and promotion program for Producers Board, P.O. Box 5337, San Angelo, Texas 76902. Anyone requesting a nomination form by mail from the ducers in fifty-six counties in Mohair Producers Board should include his or her county of residence with the request. publicly available from County Extension offices or by mail

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and their tenants that pay the from the Mohair Producers 1, 2004. For a nomination form to be valid, it must be signed by an eligible applicant for nomination and ten other eligible voters and must be mailed to the Mohair Producers Board, P.O. Box 5337, San Angelo, Texas 76902 and received by the close of business September 21, 2004. Nomination forms received after September 21, 2004 will not be valid. Nomination applicants must reside in a county within voting district where they seek

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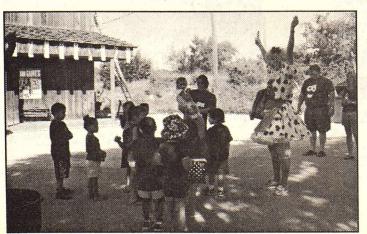
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board is a research, education, mohair funded by a uniform mohair check-off, collected on a refund basis, from mohair pro-Texas. This election in four of the Mohair Producers Board voting districts is the biennial Nomination forms will be election required by the Texas Commodity Referendum Law.

Lighthouse Community Church ends VBS with a a laugh and a splash



After a week of learning Bible versus, stories, fun songs and creating some great crafts, the students at the Lighthouse Community Church Vacation Bible School were treated to a visit by Sassy the Clown, who created balloon animals and told funny tales with a christian theme. Rick Cearley with the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department ended the morning by cooling everyone off by showering the with water from a fire truck. Everyone enjoyed the "Son Games" and took home some great memories.





Children come in all sizes, shapes, colors and abilities. They do not learn the same way, but they ALL learn.

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 Stefanie Taylor, Special Education Director 807 South Concho Sonora, TX 76950 325/387-5944

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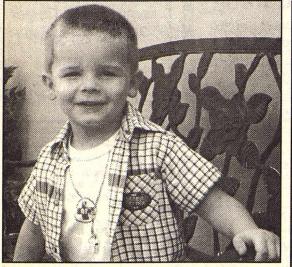
Or you can make a Child Find referral to: **Education Service Center Region XV** 612 S. Irene San Angelo, TX 76903 325/658-6571



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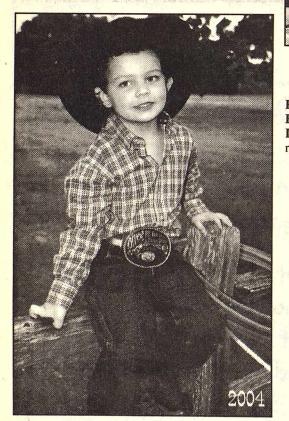
2004 Little Miss and Mr. Sutton County Contestants



Christopher Adkins Son of Thomas and Dawn Adkins 4 years old Favorite Food: spaghetti and pizza Favorite Toy: tractors and trucks Interests: working with Dad, riding bikes and playing in the water



Felicia Farley Daughter of Tamara and Scott Farley 4 years old Favorite Food: mashed potatoes and white gravy Favorite Toy: Ariel Doll Interests: playing and ballet dancing

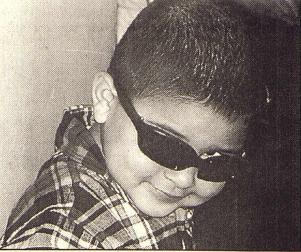




Tonya Lynn Bounds Daughter of Rick and Ruthie Bounds 5 years old

Interests: dancing, playing with puppy, chewing bubble gum, swimming, reading books and feeding the deer at the ranch

Favorite Food: strawberries Favorite Toy: Leapster



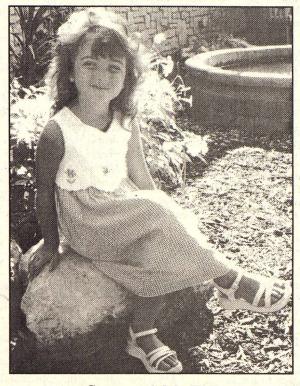
Alex Cade Castilleja Son of Christien Galindo 3 years old Favorite Food: tacos, enchiladas and beans Favorite Toys: electric guitar and Hulk toys Interests: playing guitar, Los Lonely Boys Band, and he wants to grow up to be one of Los Lonely Boys



Amanda Marie Galvan Daughter of Francisco and Dora Galvan 3 years old Favorite Food: French fries Favorite Toy: Barbie Interests: doing cheers, dancing and seeing the Bronco's play football!



Autumn Cheyanne Castilleja Daughter of Christien Galindo 5 years old Favorite Food: "everything" Favorite Toy: Hello Kitty Interests: shopping for clothes, shoes and nice stuff with her Nana



Summer Adele Hall Daughter of Stephen and Susan Hall 4 years old Favorite Food: macaroni and cheese with meat and peas Favorite Toy: Baby Dolls, telephones and computer stuff Interests: being a "Mommy" to the baby dolls!

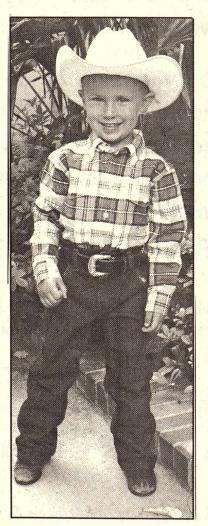


Logan Bailey McDonald Son of Tessa Joy and Tim McDonald 3 years old Favorite Food: chicken, broccoli and pizza Favorite Toy: Riding Gator, trucks and trailers Interests: going to work with Uncle Kirk, or to the ranch with Uncle Kirk, or anywhere with the Word's.

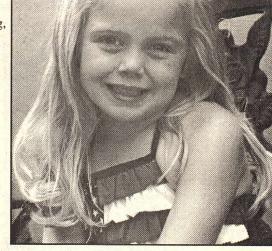


Dawsyn Elizabeth Sharp Daughter of Mickey and Storie Sharp 4 years old Favorite Food: macaroni & cheese and "butter" carrots Favorite Toy: Barbies and Polly's Interests: going to the park, swimming and golfing.

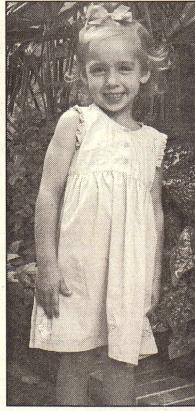
Favorite Food: dinosaur chicken nuggets Favorite Toy: Barbie Interests: dancing, singing, drawing and coloring, riding bikes, and painting on the computer



Brodey Myers Son of Brant and Tracey Myers 3 years old Favorite Food: Chinese food Favorite Toy: guns Interests: riding calves, playing with his brother and sister, sword fighting and watching Bronco Football



Emmy Phillips Daughter of Jim and Stacie Phillips 5 years old Favorite Food: chicken strips Favorite Toy: Barbies Interests: swimming, fishing with Daddy, and playing with her horse

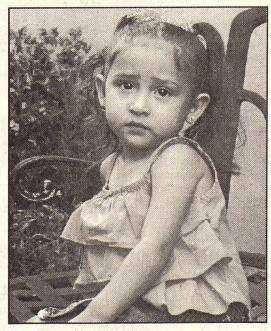


Jackilyn Jules Sykes Daughter of Jack and Jenny Sykes 4 years old Favorite Food: Cheetos, chocolate milk, steak Favorite Toys: Baby doll - Anabelle, trampoline, bat and ball Interests: her kitten, Precious; going to work with Dad,

playing with her sisters



Elissa Chantal Ramirez Daughter of Elizabeth and Gabriel Reyes 3 years old Favorite Food: pizza, hamburgers and pickles Favorite Toy: Dora, Sponge Bob, Blues Clues and Scooby Doo Interests: fishing, riding bikes and playing with her puppy



Alexis Paige Velasquez Daughter of Anthony and Priscilla Velasquez 3 years old Favorite Food: pizza Favorite Toy: Hello Kitty Interests: spending time outside



KHOS 680 Hwy. 277 S. Call for more information 325-387-

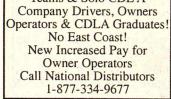
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T&C Village Market is seeking cashiers and management trainees for its Sonora supermarket. Immediate openings available. First class company with good pay and excellent benefits package including vacation, sick leave, medical, dental, stock purchase options and 401K plan. Pay commensurate with experience. Call the Supermarket Store Manager at (325) 387-3438 for interview.

which time said bids will be opened. The Board of Trustees will award the bid on track renovations on August 30, 2004 at the above location. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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home for \$5.00 a day for 1 pet & \$1.00 extra for additional. Can take pets to vet \$6.00 a trip to town only. Call 387-5649 for info. References available.

vith beams and a huge fireplace. Other interior amenities include new carpet, cedar-lined closets, JennAire Range and abundant storage. A wood privacy fence, covered patio, 12 mature pecan trees and a 2-car carport, all add to the exterior surroundings. Price reduced to \$179,000.00

This spacious 3200 + sq. ft., brick home is situated on a large,

private lot in a quiet neighborhood. The home features 3 BR,

3 1/2 BA, a gameroom/4th bedroom and a 700+sq. ft. great room



HOLT CAT, the largest CAT dealer in the United States, has opened a location in Sonora and is seeking a:

Parts Counter Sales/ Warehouse Clerk

\$10.50-\$12.50/hour (Based on skills and experience)

This individual will process parts sales transactions and perform warehouse functions including stocking of inventory, distribution, inventory counts, returns, and customer call outs.

Candidates should possess the ability to work with customers and employees, prioritize work and function with limited supervision. PC literacy, parts sales and warehouse experience preferred.

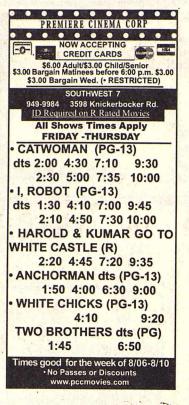
At HOLT CAT, we offer competitive pay and benefits that include medical and dental insurance, 401(k) and profit sharing plans, vacation and much more.

For consideration, please send resume or letter of experience to: HR Manager, HOLT CAT, 3302 S. W.W. White Rd, San Antonio, Texas 78222 or fax at (210) 648-8885. EOE



Dining Out Directory

Angel Cafe 1005 Crockett 387-3748 **B** & H Catering 207 W. Chestnut 387-2528 or 206-1268 **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 **Taco Grill** 232 Hwy. 277 N. 387-9127



Thank you for reading The Devil's River News



Journey of Faith - Part 3 First

Dr. Greg and Becky Johnson, Diane Clarkson, R.N., Michelle Preston, R.N.

We were now out of most of our medications, approximately \$4,000 worth. We had two more clinic days, including a bus trip to the remote village of Tumbaden. Our team came up with \$1,500 out of our own pockets to buy more medications from a local pharmacy.

The money donated from Lighthouse Community Church had been an additional blessing.

Larry Johnson was to meet us at lunch with the new medications. Larry had been doing mission work in this area of Peru for some 20 years. He was the founder and driving force of Villa Milagr. He had dynamited mountains, grated roads, drilled fresh water wells and brought the New Testament to many of the remote valleys.

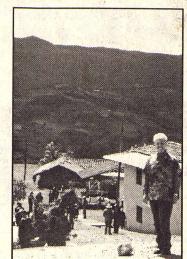
"Trust in the Lord with all you heart, and lean not unto your own understanding." The medications would be there.

We were up at 4:30 a.m. and loading the bus. It had rained that night and it remained very foggy. We brought pillows from our rooms for the long bus ride today.

The wheels of the bus spun and the rear end veered sideways. We were traversing a hillside with a 45 degree slope. "God will take care of us," I reminded myself.

I looked out the window and swallowed hard. We had just passed over a small wooden bridge. Yikes!! It was handmade from three and four inch tree branches. I squeezed Becky's hand. She was a constant reminder of my blessings in life.

We were at 11,500 feet of altitude. The air was very thin. After walking down a hill to get close to the farmer plowing with yoked oxen, I felt out of breath. When I walked back up to the top, I was panting so hard that



Becky Johnson at a village in Peru.

two people stopped me to see if I was all right. I was not. It took over five minutes for me to settle back to normal breathing.

Larry, lunch, and the medication arrived on time.

The Wednesday night group from First Baptist - San Angelo, had also come up with an additional \$3,000 for even more meds. "God is good, all of the time."

At 3:00 p.m., the rain turned to hail on the tin roof of our church/clinic/shelter. I could hardly hear myself think, no less distinguish heart sounds through my stethoscope. Would we be stuck here all night? There was nowhere to run, and nowhere to hide.

Our group circled up and prayed. I was truly afraid.

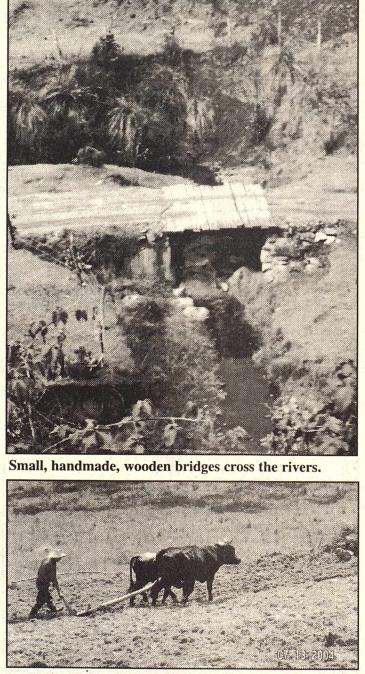
"Fear is in the future," I reminded myself. Right now we are dry and okay. By 4:00 p.m., the clouds

were breaking up and we began packing up for the trip back down the mountains.

I had learned yet another lesson.

"In all my ways I will acknowledge You, and You will direct my paths."

Amen



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3 First National Bank popcorn cart benefits Health Foundation



The First National Bank popcorn cart funds were a great treat for Sutton County Health Foundation last month. Elaine Donaldson presented the check to Ben Pool, who stated that all proceeds will be deposited into an interest bearing account that can be used for the hospital in the future to offset any increase in taxes that may arise.

August funds from the popcorn cart will benefit the Sonora Schools PTO.

F.Y.I.

The Sponsor/Contestant Golf Scramble will be Wednesday mornign, August 18. Sign-up will begin at 8:00 a.m. with paly beginning around 8:30 a.m. or as soon as teams are assigned. Entry fees ar \$35 per person, with al Imoney paid back for pizes. Green fees are \$12 for non-member and carts rent for \$15.

St. Ann Religious Education and Swimming Party will be held August 15, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Sutton County "Cowboy Luau" Parade - Saturday, August 21, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. Line up will start at 8:00 a.m., awards for Best Theme, Best Local and Best Out of Town will be awarded at 8:45 a.m. Deadline to enter is August 18. For more information contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880 or visit www.sonoratx-chamber.com for an entry form.

Show your support of our troops with a Yellow Ribbon Flag on sale at the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Office at 232 Main St. (Mercantile Building) in downtown Sonora. If you need more information call 387-2248.

When you can't find a ride or Mom is just too busy, call Thunderbird Transit. We will be glad to take you where you need to go. That's what we do best! Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. Students fare \$1.00 round-trip. Adults fare \$1.50 round-trip. Senior Citizens - donations. 387-2509

Anyone interested in renting the Old Depot should contact Mrs. Palmer, Secretary of the Sutton County Historical Society at her home number 387-2855. The office will be closed for a couple of weeks due to illness.

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

Farmers in Peru use oxen to plow their fields.

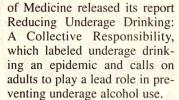
Have a loved one serving in the military? Looking for a way to honor that loved one and show your support? Make a donation in his or her name to the Old Glory Fund. Names will be printed in The Devil's River News. Contributions can be made at The First National Bank of Sonora.

Power Camp from page 1

eracy, conflict management, and leadership building. The students also designed plans for preventing underage drinking in their own communities.

"The Youth Leadership camps are a great venue not only to teach our Texas youth leadership skills but also to solicit their help in combating underage drinking. Youth are a necessary part of the solution to preventing underage drinking and the tragedies that accompany this behavior," said TABC Chief of Enforcement Sam Smelser.

Alcohol kills 6 times more youth in the United States than all other illegal drugs combined. Last fall, the National Academy of Sciences Institute



"Students who attend Power Camp return to their communities eager to work with law enforcement, government leaders, school officials, and other youth to change the social environment that often condones underage drinking," said Chris Johnson, MADD Texas State Chair.

The 17 students from Sonora who attended are planning a project that will hopefully heighten awareness and discourage people from buying alcohol for underage kids.

The following students attended the camp: Sara Baggett, Desirae Boldt, Kristina Hernandez, Hillary Lawson, Anthony Longoria, Mason Martinez, Kathy Pacheco, Michael Chavez, J.T. Downing, Marcus Perez, Kimble Luna, Kari Nicholas, Heather Hughes, Maritza Garcia, Kayla Garcia, Laura Martin, and Lauren Schaefer. They were accompanied by Kay Friess and Ben Solis, both counselors for Sonora ISD.

A prior session of the MADD/TABC Youth Power Camp was held June 9-12 at the University of Houston. A total of approximately 800 participants attended the two camps this summer. For more information about Power Camp, call 1-800-777-6233.

