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## Sutton County Days & Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo Schedule of Events

- Tuesday - August 17**
- 5:00 p.m. - WPRA Barrel Racing, Steer Roping - 3 complete go-rounds
- Wednesday, August 18**
- Sponsor and Contestant Golf Scramble
- Thursday - August 19**
- 8:30 a.m. - 1st go-round of Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping and PWRA Breakaway
  - 5:00 p.m. - WPRA Barrel Racing, 2nd go-round of Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, and PWRA Breakaway, along with a special section of bull riding
- Friday - August 20**
- 8:30 a.m. - WPRA Barrel Racing, start of the 3rd go round of Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, and Team Roping
  - 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Sutton County Park Sneak Preview of Arts & Crafts booths and children's rides open
  - 7:30 p.m. - Full Rodeo Performance with the finalists of the Kid's Mutton Bustin and a special steer saddling competition (Steer Saddling is open to the public/18 & Over/First 12 entered/Cash Prize)
  - 8:00 - 12:00 p.m. - Rodeo Dance - featuring The Strays
- Saturday August 21**
- 8:00 a.m. - Line-up for Parade
  - 9:00 a.m. - "Cowboy Luau" Parade (from Main & Crockett to Sutton County Arena)
  - 10:00 a.m. - Sutton County Park Main Stage - Opening Ceremonies: National Anthem - Jalee Barnes, Invocation - Don Longoria, Raising of the Flag - Sonora Boy Scouts; All Booths & Rides Open
  - 10:30 a.m. - Main Stage - Little Miss & Mr. Sutton County Contest
  - 11:00 a.m. - Meet the Miss Sutton County Queen Contestants
  - 11:30 a.m. - West Texas Cloggers
  - 12:00 p.m. - Jalee Barnes
  - 1:00-3:00 p.m. - Fats & the Dominoes
  - 3:00 p.m. - Kevin Alvarez
  - 4:00 p.m. - Sonora Band
  - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Civic Center - Women of St. John's Chicken Salad Lunch
  - 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Dee Ora Masonic Lodge Scholarship Dinner
  - 7:30 p.m. - Full Rodeo Performance, featuring the crowning of the 2004 Miss Sutton County - Steer Saddling
  - 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. - Rodeo Dance - featuring The Strays

## Bad Company will rock at the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo

by Storie Sharp

The Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo blows into town this week, bringing some of rodeo's biggest names in the Pro Rodeo world and some of Sonora's own favorites, to rope, ride and race for the winning buckle and cash prizes.

The boys of Bad Company Rodeo are back to rock the rodeo arena with some of the best bulls, broncs and rodeo stock going down the road today. Always providing a great show, Marc Callihan, Chad Beavers and Jerry Byrns will be in the arena entertaining the crowds, while protecting the cowboys from harm, with a special guest appearance, out-of-retirement, by Michael "Smurf" Horton.

PRCA Announcer, Boyd Polahmus returns to his "home away from home" to keep everyone up on what is going on during the performance and adding some entertainment of his own.

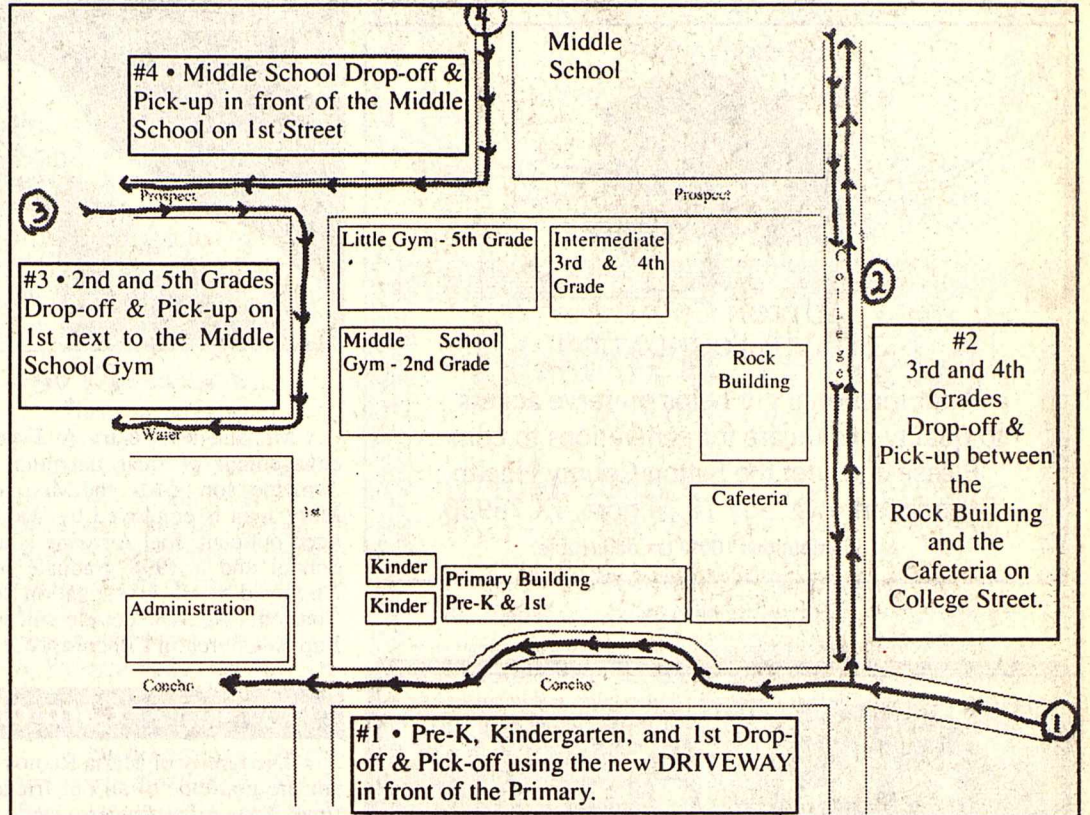
Rodeo performances start at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with advance tickets still available from any of the

Miss Sutton County Queen Contestants or their sponsors. Tickets will also be available at the gate.

The top six Mutton Busters from the preliminary round will be Friday night at 7:30 p.m. and the new Miss Sutton County will be crowned Saturday night at 7:30 p.m.

After the rodeo on Friday and Saturday, don't miss your chance to polish your buckles and cut a rug with one of West Texas' favorite dance bands, *The Strays*, at the Sutton County Dance Slab. The dancing begins at 8:00 on Friday and 9:00 on Saturday.

Don't forget to register at the Bad Wear Trailer to be part of the drawing for the "Lucky Fan" of each event. One Lucky Fan will win the prestigious Champion Fan Hy O' Silver Buckle to be awarded at the 2004 "Dead or Alive" Tour Finale in Del Rio, October 22 - 23!



Projected drop-off and pick-up plan for Sonora Elementary and Middle School.

## Elementary Traffic Patterns

Safety of our children is the absolute #1 priority at Sonora ISD. Elementary and Middle School parents, please follow the traffic patterns presented here to allow for a more efficient and much safer method for the delivery and pick-up of our students to and from school. With the construction in all areas of the elementary campus, the public must be aware of the procedures for dropping off children.

Please be mindful of all our students. Please pay attention and be conscious of the school buses loading and unloading. Sonora ISD is asking students to walk from their designated areas (shown below) to the Elementary Auditorium by 7:45 a.m. School personnel will assist students in route to the auditorium. These patterns will not be the absolute cure to our traffic problem at school, but with everyone's cooperation they should make Sonora ISD's Elementary and Middle School students much safer.



## Everyone's a winner at 4-H playdays

The last playday took place on Tuesday August 10, 2004, at the Sutton County arena. Due to rainouts this summer, there were a total of four playdays. From the four playdays, the three highest scores from each event were added and a total form all events comprised the overall points. Awards for eligible recipients included trophy buckles, saddle pads, headstall/rein sets, breast collars, girths, and buckets holding various grooming aids.

Winners in the PeeWee Cowgirl division were: 1st Zella Powers, 2nd Lexi Poindexter, 3rd Macie Friess, 4th Maddie Lang, 5th Shawnda Price, and 6th McKenzie McAngus. Lisette Ortiz, Abby Nolen and Morgan Miller each received an award for the remaining places. PeeWee Cowboy winners were: 1st Chance Campbell, 2nd Dalton Buchholz, and 3rd Jaydan Crain. Justin Pullig and Franklin Buchholz received awards for the remaining places.

Final standings in the Novice Cowgirl division were: 1st Jadya Poindexter, 2nd Alex Lang, 3rd Shae'na Price, 4th Chelsey Lou Campbell,

5th Stella Ingham, and 6th Hunter Jennings. Other award winners were Johnna Pullig, Avery Nolen and Abby Creek. Novice Cowboys that placed were: 1st Bailey Joe Pennington, 2nd Gunter Pennington, and 3rd Robert Buchholz. Also winning awards were Owen Friess and Cuatro Jones.

Junior Cowgirl winners were: 1st Brandyn Tebbets, 2nd Steely Ingham and 3rd Tracy Brenner. Results for the Junior Cowboys were 1st Dustin Neff, 2nd Cash Jennings and 3rd Tyler Creek.

There were prizes awarded for lead line participants. Cowboys and cowgirls in that category were Sky Jennings, Delaney and Darby Ramsdell and Wyatt Lloyd.

The Keyes Caruthers Award, a revolving trophy presented annually to the overall high point winner from Sutton County, was awarded to Zella Powers.

Many thanks go to the volunteers and award donors who made this year's series such a huge success.

## Broncos start season with scrimmage in Stanton

Saturday's scrimmage started with the visiting Broncos on offense. The first string Red JV played in black jerseys with no numbers and the Stanton Buffalos wore red jerseys. The first string JV, lead by junior quarterback Cullen Parker, scored a touchdown within their first twenty allotted plays.

At first, Parker was throwing a little high and his receivers were unable to come down with the ball. When they switched to the running game, Justin Northcott and Parker were able to gain nice yardage. Parker scored the first touchdown on a 30 plus yard run to the left of the line.

The first string Red JV defense only allowed Stanton one first down in their 20-play series. While the entire defense played well, Evan Gulley made several tackles from his left defensive end position.

Lightning caused an hour delay in the scrimmage. When play resumed, the first string White JV team had a very impressive offensive performance. In their first 20 plays,

they scored twice. The Buffalos were unable to stop the Bronco running game led by Alonzo and Nick Pena. Vic Vaquera made impressive plays on offense and defense. The Bronco line, which has grown tremendously since last year, dominated the Buffalos.

The Buffalos scored on a long pass completion on their offensive series.

The second string Red JV got two series. They were unable to score and allowed one Buffalo touchdown.

The varsity took the field ready to take up where they left off last season. The first string offense made a couple of first downs but could not keep the first two drives going. On the tenth play of the 20-play series, the Broncos started on the 30 yard line. They mounted a fine touchdown drive. This series featured a mixture of runs and passes. Clint Cearley had a nice scramble for a first down. Lito Trevino made a diving catch to keep the drive alive. A Bronco running back got the touchdown on a darting run to the right.

The Bronco defense impressed everyone. With swarming tackles, the Buffalos were unable to gain anything on the ground. On nearly all tackles, seven or more Broncos were involved. The Buffalos were able to make one first down on a 15-yard completion.

The second team varsity offense mounted an impressive touchdown drive.

Embre Smith and Cullen Parker alternated at quarterback on the drive. Smith and Parker were very impressive. Smith had several tough runs, and Parker's passing touch returned as he completed several passes. He threw a touchdown pass for the last Bronco touchdown.

The Buffalos' offense moved down the field against the varsity second string and scored a touchdown.

Overall, it was a very impressive opening scrimmage for the Broncos.

The Broncos will be scrimmaging Crane here in Sonora on Thursday, August 19, 2004.

## School Board approves drug dog inspections and programs

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District met for their regular meeting on Monday, August 9, 2004. Present for the meeting were: Tryon Fields, President; Jesse Bustamante, Dean Dermody, Tammy Favila, Scott Jacoby, Barbara Jennings, Tom Payton, Brant Myers, Superintendent; John Berry, Raul Chavarria, Louise Dermody, Jason Herring, Diane Jacoby, Cynthia Keel, Stefanie Taylor, Eddie Favila, Cy Griffin, Yvonne Uriega, and George Williford.

In the absence of the Chief Appraiser, the Superintendent reviewed the collection report and stated that the collection rate stood at 98.74%. Dr. Myers then reviewed revenues, expenditures and current bills in the amount of \$425,687.76.

A correction in the minutes regarding the wording of the sentence "the five remaining board members," was approved.

Dr. Myers reviewed maintenance projects, reporting that there were lots of painting projects going on, as well as the resealing of gym floors (High School completed and Middle School almost done), and clean-

ing at Primary School. The High School drama department drapes have been ordered, the painting is finished at the football field, boards have been replaced in the visitor bleacher and sand painting projects at the track and Ag barn have been completed. Standard summer maintenance on the school housing has been ongoing.

Dr. Myers informed the Board that teachers would return on August 11, and he invited board members to the School Breakfast and Introduction of New Personnel which would be held on the 11th. He also encouraged board members to attend the annual Lions Club Hamburger Supper which would be held on August 12, at the Depot.

Dr. Myers gave the construction report and stated that most board members had viewed the renovated 5th grade classrooms, the cafeteria addition and the Middle School Office during the afternoon, when a ribbon cutting had been performed. He stated that the construction work was going well, although slow, but that lots of progress had been made

See School Board page 8

## The Texan opens for business, stop by and cool off

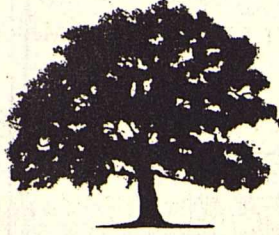


The Sonora Chamber of Commerce welcomed the newest business to our community on Friday, August 13, 2004, *The Texan*. Tommy Griggs and his staff want to invite everyone to stop by for a cool drink, a round of pool or dancing to some great live country tunes every Friday and Saturday night. *The Texan* is open 2:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Mon. - Fri, and from 2:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on Saturdays. If you haven't stopped by to see the new cantina, do so today and let Brooke, Heather, Lindsey or Vonnice serve you a drink while you enjoy a good time on the town.



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## Sonora Church Directory



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387-2035

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304 N. Water  
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**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Rev. Milton Black  
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387-2466

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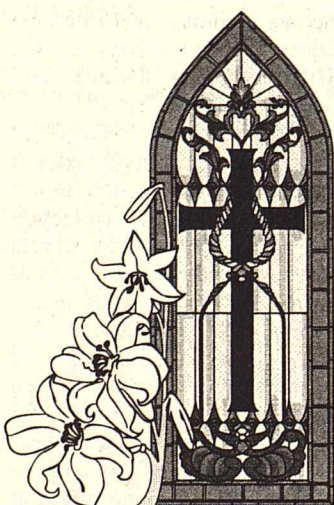
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Lewis Allen, Pastor  
319 E. Mulberry  
387-2616

**LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Don Longoria, Pastor  
1705 N. Crockett

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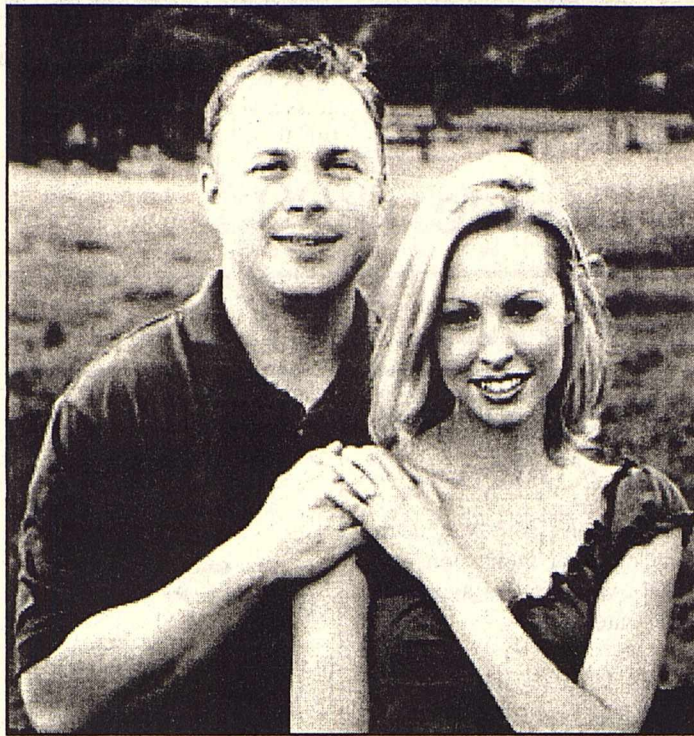
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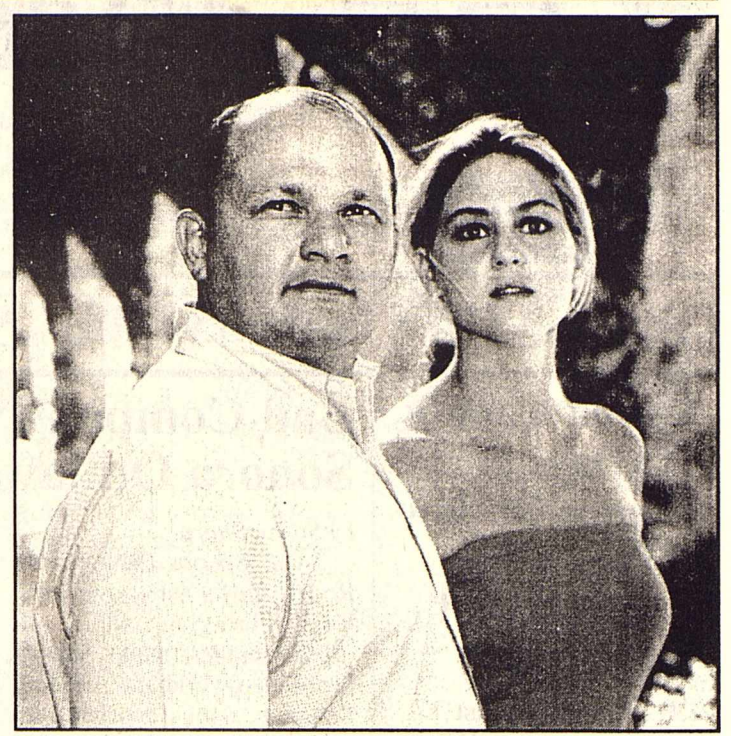
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## Engagements



### Frye - Arnwine

Mr. and Mrs. Gary A. Frye, of Concord, NC, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Jean Frye to Joel Robert Arnwine son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy H. Arnwine of Sonora, TX. Mary Jean is employed by Wal-Mart Vision Center as an apprenticed optician. Joel Arnwine is a 1993 graduate of Sundown High School and a 1998 graduate of Texas Tech University. Joel is employed by US Investigation Services as a Special Investigator in Charlotte, NC. The couple will wed August 21, 2004, at the Miami Baptist Church in Concord, NC.

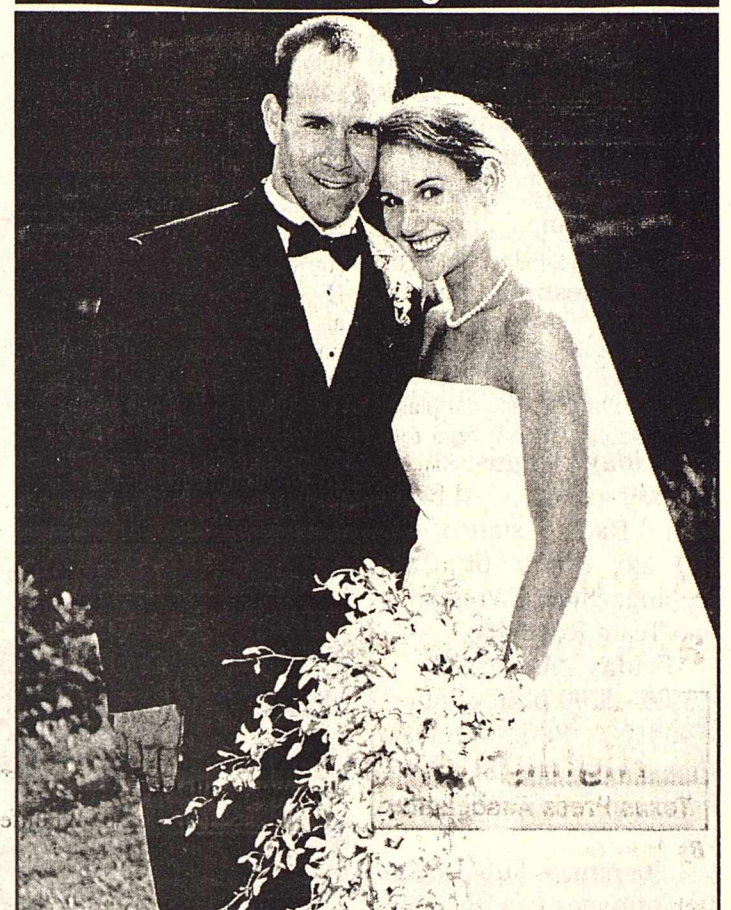


### Love - Green

Scarlett Green and Steve Love are pleased to announce their engagement. Scarlett is the daughter of Ms. Florence Mecom Green of Hardin, Texas, and Mr. Jeff Green of Hardin, Texas. Steve is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Love of Sonora.

The couple plans a September 2004 wedding in Boerne, Texas.

## Wedding



### McMillan - Gillespie

Kirstin Elizabeth McMillan and William Adams Gillespie, Jr., both of Carbondale, Colorado, were married at 5:00 p.m., Saturday, July 10 in an outdoor setting at the Elk Mountain Lodge in Aspen, Colorado. Father Bruce McNab of Christ Episcopal Church of Aspen officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. McMillan of Midland. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Frank M. Late of Dallas and the late Frank Late and Mrs. W.B. McMillan of Sonora and the late W.B. McMillan.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Adams Gillespie, Sr. of Tazewell, Virginia. He is the grandson of Mrs. Philip T. Lily of Bluefield, West Virginia, and the late Philip T. Lilly and the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Gillespie.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a soft white a-line gown made from duchess silk satin with a small sweep train. The gown was complimented by a waterfall chapel length veil with silk soutache braid edging.

Lindsay McMillan of Memphis, Tennessee, sister of the bride, served as the maid of honor. The bride was also attended by Emily McMillan of Midland, sister of the bride, and Evans Crews of Miami, Florida.

The groom's father, William Adams Gillespie, Sr. of Tazewell, Virginia, served as the best man. The groom was also attended by Thomas Brewster, Jr. of Decatur, Georgia, and Robert Geiger of Marietta, Georgia.

Richard T. McMillan, II of Austin, brother of the bride, and Christian Hammond of Denver, Colorado, read scripture during the ceremony.

Kirstin is a graduate of the University of the South and the University of Denver College of Law. She is employed as a staff attorney at the Colorado River Water Conservation District.

Adam is a graduate of Hampton-Sidney College and the University of Denver College of Law. He is employed with the law firm of W. Adam Gillespie in Aspen.

Following a honeymoon to Hawaii, the couple now resides in Carbondale, Colorado.

## Card of Thanks

The family of Maria Ramos Sanchez would like to express our sincere gratitude to all our friends and family during this difficult time. Your gifts, flowers, cards, food and prayers have meant so much to us during this time of sadness.

We would like to thank everyone for everything and give a special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Creek and family, Kerbow Funeral Home, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Pajestka and clinic staff, Father Bill, the church choir, the servers of the funeral luncheon, David Creek and family and the wonderful hospital staff.

Thank you Sonora for your support!

The Sanchez Family  
Ismael, David, Luke, Nanette and David, Jr.

## School Lunch Menu • Aug. 23 - 27, 2004

**Breakfast**  
Mon. - Breakfast pizza, orange juice.  
Tues. - Biscuits & eggs, apple juice.  
Wed. - Muffin, orange juice.  
Thurs. - Pancake on a stick, apple juice.  
Fri. - Cheese toast, orange juice.

**Lunch**  
Mon. - Fish nuggets/sticks, macaroni & cheese, peaches, green beans, cornbread.  
Tues. - Grilled cheese sandwich, beef vegetable soup, pears, spiced cake.  
Wed. - Frito pie, pinto beans, tossed salad, fresh strawberries.  
Thurs. - Hot ham & cheese, celery sticks with dip, apple wedges, oatmeal cookie.  
Fri. - Chicken patty on bun, tator tots, sliced peaches, burger salad, ice cream.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

## Senior Center News

Aug. 23 - Bingo!  
Aug. 25 - Birthday party for August babies at noon! Join us for cake.  
Aug. 27 - Kooking with Kelly! Nutrition Ed. Noon.

## Senior Center Menu

Aug. 23 - Chicken strip with gravy, baked potato, broccoli with cheese, roll, peach cobbler, milk.  
Aug. 24 - Hot dog on bun with chili & cheese, chips, pineapple Waldorf salad, brownie with nuts, milk.  
Aug. 25 - Chicken fajitas with onions, peppers, Spanish rice, refried beans with cheese, tossed salad, Jell-O with fruit.  
Aug. 26 - Meatloaf with tomatoes, blackeyed peas, honey glazed carrots, cornbread, melon salad, milk.  
Aug. 27 - Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, cake with strawberries, milk.

## NEW SUMMER HOURS

Mon. - Fri 7 A.M. - 3 P.M.  
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.\*

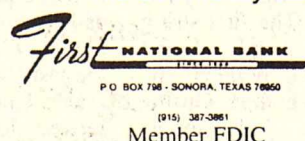
## Community Calendar

Aug. 17-21  
Outlaw Pro Rodeo and  
Sutton County Days

August 29  
Area Wide Worship & Fellowship  
Sonora Civic Center • Assembly 6:00 p.m.

**Al-Anon Family Meetings**  
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### Ask the Historical Society

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

**Q.** Why are your offices closed? How do I rent the Old Depot and grounds? How much does it cost?

**A.** We are closed a few weeks because several of the volunteers have been ill. Three of us have had severe back problems, with myself being hospitalized. Several members are "very pregnant," and unable to do any volunteer work right now and many were away on vacation before school started or spending the summer in cooler places. We locked the doors and put up the "on vacation" sign and those of us who can will be back in about 10 days.

To rent the Old Depot give me a call here at home at 387-2855 and I will be glad to help you.

All renters must pay a \$50 deposit to hold a date open and cancellations must be made one week before that date or we will not return the deposit. A contract is signed agreeing to pay any excess charges for cleaning and damages over the \$50 amount. Rental fees are on a sliding scale based on the number of people you have at an event and really quite reasonable: 0-50 people \$65 a day, 51-75 people \$100 a day, 76-100 people \$150 a day and 101-200 people \$200. There are one male and female bathrooms in the Old Depot and several male and female stalls in the public bathrooms including one in each with handicap access at the rear of the grounds for your guests' use.

We currently have 8 plastic 6 foot tables and 52 metal folding chairs in the building and 96 antique metal and wood folding

chairs available for use. There are also 2 plastic oval tables that can be used for serving. When you rent the Old Depot you get the use of the building, public bathrooms, amphitheater and grounds, except for the immediate area surrounding the Miers Home Museum, and all tables, chairs etc. in them at no extra charge. We hope to be able to buy more tables this year if we get enough donations to the general fund.

**Q.** Why haven't dues notices gone out?

**A.** Thanks to a generous donation of a \$37 roll of stamps by Ruth Turk Espy, I now have all the envelopes addressed and stamped and ready to be stuffed with notices. I will mail them as soon as I get a September date for our next meeting from Eddie Sawyer. We could use some volunteers to help us to preserve the history of Sutton County, not just in buildings, but in our written archives and with the newspaper preservation project. I will be very limited in motion for a while and could use some help at the office when I get back. If you can volunteer an hour a week or even an hour a month it would be a big help.

While recuperating I have been spending my time reading. I find T. J. Jarrett's new book "Kin, Cowboys, Outlaws & Friends" a great little work. It is dedicated to "Uncle Bob Miers" and T.J.'s lately deceased little sister. The book is full of family stories on the Miers, Jarrett, Hutto and Whitehead families along with many of their neighbors, friends and faithful employees. It is well researched and fun to read. The photographs, maps and copies of documents found during research show many long hours of work

went into making sure this was an accurate portrayal of West Texas families in this area. There are even some great parts on the ranches in Mexico and a neat story on Pancho Villa which includes his photograph.

This book is a very good story on the life of ranchers and the trials and tribulations in their lives. It covers many years of West Texas ranching and has many different stories, from weddings and parties at Juno to stories of men fighting the screw worms and well written stories on some of the rodeos in this area. There are even a few included on some local outlaws and Mexican raiders.

T. J. Jarrett will set a date to come up and sit on the porch of the Miers Home and sell personally autographed copies of his book. Watch this paper for an announcement of the date or give me a call and I will put you on a phone list to be called when he is coming.

Please thank God for all the rain. Say a prayer for Linda Love, Debbie House and a few others who have been ill. They are good and faithful members of the society and we hate to see them down. Might be a good idea to ask Him to give me a little more patience too, I don't like long hours in bed and not being able to work on my society projects. If someone could help mow the grass at the ice-house it would be great. Rick is tied up with my care right now.

I can now understand why Mike Murphy said, "the Stockman, s Paradise rivals the green hills of Ireland." The summer of 1890 must have been a summer like this one with lots of rain and cool weather to make plenty of feed for the stock and the hills around us emerald green.

Riding home from the hospital in San Angelo I almost didn't recognize our part of the country. After all these years of burnt grass and drought, it is wonderful to see everything green again.

I also noticed that the pecan trees are loaded with nuts this year and we should have a great crop. Hopefully some people will let me harvest some for the Coast Guard again. This should also mean good acorns on the liveoaks and lots of fat deer for the hunters this winter. I even saw a mother turkey with 9 little babies trailing behind her, so it looks like we are in for a good turkey harvest. Ranchers should have a much easier time of it this year, except for having to repair fences that wash out at low water crossings and repairing roads that get torn up with rain and vehicles in the caliche. Oh, but the rain is still a blessed event in our semi-arid region.

Please send your dues of \$10 per person to the Sutton County Historical Society, P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 and help us to save on postage and stamps. I will have copies of the annual notice in the office when I get back for people who would like to read it. You may send your questions concerning Sutton County history to the same address.

A quick answer to the person who asked, "What year did Pablo Soto die?" "The Devil's River News, of June 15, 1945, reports confirmation of the death of Private First Class Pablo A. Soto on Luzon Island on April 20, 1945. He was serving with an infantry division when killed in action. Pvt. Soto had been in the service since 1943 and was survived by his wife Antonia and his parents Victor and E. A. Soto.

### Letter to the Editor

I, along with several million other Americans, watched with fascination the performance of Sen. John Kerry as he accepted his party's nomination as a candidate for president.

According to Kerry, he is the perfect candidate. He has the solution to all questions and problems facing the American people today. And although he has been in the Senate for 18 years, he doesn't seem to realize how slowly things move in the halls of Congress and the bureaucracy we call our government.

He castigated President Bush for not doing more, and doing it faster. Yet he, along with his Democratic cronies in the Senate, spent much of their time trying to obstruct the Congress from accomplishing many of the projects that could have been accomplished with the cooperation he now seeks.

We were privileged to see how noble he served his country in the military, but no mention was made of how, over his 18 years as a senator, he voted to support the military and maintain our country's military power. In fact, there was very little mention in his speech as to just what he accomplished as a senator.

He evidently was not very proud of what he accomplished, or perhaps he hasn't accomplished much, except to obstruct what others were trying to accomplish. Most of the records show he voted against nearly everything that did not support his liberal philosophy. I found it rather ludicrous that he appealed to the president to keep the campaign on a high level, not negative, when he and his cohorts have been bashing Bush unmercifully. He uses innuendo masterfully to suggest, without proof, what Bush did or did not do.

Perhaps the most significant feature of his speech was his attempt to project himself as a more moderate, middle-of-the-road type, when the records show he was the most liberal member of the Senate. And the man he chose to join him on the ticket is right behind him. Sen. John Edwards is the fourth most liberal senator.

I am not going to dwell on the many inaccuracies in his speech. The Democrats refuse to acknowledge that a recession started under President Clinton and that the millions of jobs that have gone overseas were a result of his trade policies. There are also many questions as to how the Clinton administration handled our nation's security, which led up to 9/11.

If voters want to learn something about Kerry, I recommend that they read "The Many Faces of John Kerry: Why This Man is Wrong for America," by David Bossie. It is very factual and enlightening. Another informative book by retired Air Force Lt. Col. Robert "Buzz" Patterson is called "Reckless Disregard."

I am sure my liberal friends will write many letters saying how wrong and slanted those books are, but "truth will prevail" and the facts will provide that truth.

Ralph Mayer

### School finance resolution absent this year

#### State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

By Mike Cox

**AUSTIN** - It's back to school this week for most Texas students, but a solution to the school finance issue will be marked absent.

In fact, school finance reform appears to be dodging the truant officer. A second special session appeared likely earlier this summer to deal with school finance, but failing to reach any consensus, the leadership opted to await the outcome of a school finance case pending in state district court.

District Judge John Dietz is expected to rule later this month or in early September on whether the present system constitutes an unconstitutional statewide property tax. And that ruling, of course, can be taken to the Third Court of Appeals.

Last week, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said dynamite wouldn't be enough to get the Legislature involved in the issue any time soon if Dietz upholds the current system.

He later said he was just joking with the dynamite remark, but admitted that a ruling for the state would make it harder for the Legislature to reform the system.

#### CHIP chipping delayed...

The state will continue to insure some 20,000 children who were to have been cut from the Children's Health Insurance Program Sept. 1 because their parents have not kept up with the \$15 monthly premiums.

Gov. Rick Perry and Rep. Arlene Wohlgenuth (R-Burlleson) have asked the Health and Human Services Commission to postpone the cutoff, as well as look for funding to restore previously cut dental and vision benefits.

Wohlgenuth led legislative efforts in 2003 to cut back the CHIP program. Enrollment has

already dropped from 507,000 children to less than 360,000.

#### New hunting, fishing licenses available...

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's 2004-05 hunting and fishing licenses are on sale.

Two big changes this year: One, the addition of a \$5 fresh water fishing stamp to pay for rebuilding the state's aging hatcheries. Two, for the first time, licenses can be bought online or over the telephone. Check the department's Web site at [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us) for details or call 800 TX LIC 4 U (1-800-895-4248).

License prices vary, but the best deal is the \$64 Super Combo license that covers everything.

#### President's early home gets designation...

The George W. Bush Texas childhood home has been added to the National Register of Historic Places.

The Texas State Historical Commission assisted in nominating the house at 1412 W. Ohio Ave. in Midland. The Bush family lived there from 1952 to 1955.

Currently under restoration, the house joins more than 2,000 other archeologically or historically significant sites in Texas that have been listed on the National Register since 1966.

#### Congress will convene in Austin...

Well, not that Congress. But on Sept. 15-17, the Texas Water Monitoring Council will sponsor the fifth Texas Water Monitoring Congress in Austin.

Despite a rather unrevealing name, the council, along with the various state and federal agencies it works with, is concerned with a non-partisan issue everyone agrees is critical to the future of Texas - the quality and availability of our water.

For more information, see the council's Web site at [www.txwmc.org](http://www.txwmc.org) or contact Robert Bradley at 512-936-0870.

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## Back to School



**Congressman Henry Bonilla**

Well, it's that time of year again - our kids are heading back to school. It's a time for new beginnings, a new school year, new grade levels, new teachers and new classrooms. Fresh from the long summer break, students all over Texas are trotting off to school once again to begin a new year of homework, studying and tests.

As we buy new school clothes, notepads and pens for our children, we are also pondering the quality of education our kids are getting. It used to be that all you needed for school was a Big Chief tablet and a number two pencil. Today computers are the norm. The way children are educated has changed drastically over the past few decades. But with help from President Bush, our children's education is looking better every day.

I'm proud to have helped the Congress pass the president's education plan. We're already seeing improvements in the school system. The "No Child Left Behind Act" is changing the education of our children. By cutting the bureaucratic red tape, we're putting our nation's education system in the hands of educators, not political leaders in Washington, D.C.

Our new approach cuts down on federal requirements and gives schools more of the flexibility they need and deserve. First things first, we're making it possible for schools to reduce class size by hiring more teachers. This is simple math.

The smaller the classroom, the more attention students receive and the better they do in school. And we're not just hiring more teachers, we're also giving schools the freedom to provide more training for teachers. The more knowledge our teachers possess, the more our children will receive.

The "No Child Left Behind Act" promotes early reading skills and increases the focus on math and science education. Funds are allocated for better math and science programs. We're also encouraging schools to make their programs more rigorous to help children reach higher education goals. The new plan includes a performance-based grant program. This program supplies more funding to schools to increase literacy in technology. In other words, schools that need the most help will get the most help.

Perhaps the most important aspect of this legislation is that we're putting discretion in the hands of the schools. We're giving the schools the power to make decisions on how to spend federal funding. They can choose to spend more on development or they can make reducing class size a priority. Schools will make the decisions, not bureaucrats.

In the spirit of the season, of a new school year and of new beginnings, I'm proud that our education initiatives are beginning the process of removing Washington from the education equation. Local control of education will provide our students with the best education possible.



## Sonora Downtown Lions treat teachers to back-to-school meal

The Sonora Downtown Lions Club treated teachers, faculty and administrators to a back yard Bar-B-Que to get them ready for the new school year. The annual tradition held at the Cauthorn Memorial Building (the Depot) is something the Sonora ISD looks forward to every year, as the Lions cook some tasty burgers with all the trimmings to say "Thank-you" for all they do.



## Strauch receives UIL Scholarship

Sheryl Ruth Strauch, a graduate of Sonora High School, has been awarded a scholarship by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Strauch received an Abell-Hanger Foundation Scholarship, in the amount of \$7,000 payable \$3,500 each of the first two years of higher education. The Abell-Hanger Foundation awarded 26 scholarships to students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement. Two Abell-Hanger Foundation scholarships were awarded to students who plan to major in nursing.

307 new awards and will renew approximately 200 awards for a total of more than 500 scholarships for 2004-05, with an approximate value of \$1,025,000. Recipients may attend any approved college or university in Texas.

Strauch competed in headline writing and editorial writing at the 2003 UIL Academic State Meet. She also participated in UIL spelling and vocabulary, science, and track throughout her high school career. She was involved in National Honor Society, journalism, and 4-H, and was valedictorian of her graduating class.

Strauch plans to attend Texas A&M University - College Station and major in aerospace engineering.

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**Busy week in Sonora**

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This is such a busy week for everyone in Sonora! School started on Monday, so moms, dads, teachers and administrators are all busy getting our children settled into school. Please watch for the children going to and from school and slow down to the speed limit of 20 mph in the school zones. I saw several vehicles whipping around corners and driving entirely too fast in the school zone on the first day of school. Our police officers were out in force, but cannot be everywhere. We must take the responsibility as good citizens and concerned parents to obey the traffic laws.

This really is one of our busiest weeks of the year! The Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo & Sutton County Days Celebration will take place this week. Don't forget all the special performances as well as the regular performances of the

**Lighthouse begins new Bible study**

The Lighthouse Community Church will be starting a new "Beth Moore" Bible Study on Wednesday, September 8th. The study will continue through November 17, 2004. This is an 11-week study called "Believing God". The time for the study will be 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information call Jane Rushing at 387-3625.

**Sonora Cub Scout Rally**

A Cub Scout Rally will be held in Sonora on August 26th. The rally will be held at 7:00 p.m. in junior high cafeteria. The Concho Valley Council holds rallies every fall to recruit boys ages seven to ten or first through fifth grade. This is an opportunity for all boys in this age group to join the Cub Scout Pack 19 in Sonora. Boys can join the Cub Scouts year round so if you cannot make it to the rally, contact Michael A. Mitchell at the local council office in San Angelo. You may reach him at (800)321-7107 or TxWarthog@aol.com.

**Steer Saddling still open**

The Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo is still taking entries for the new Steer Saddling event, to be held during the rodeo on Friday, August 20 and Saturday, August 21, 2004. A first place cash prize of \$500 will be awarded to the winning team. Three people have to take a wild steer, get a rope on him and ride him across the designated line in the arena. The teams are invited to compete both nights, with a chance of double winnings! If you are interested in entering or would like more information, call Storie at 387-2507 by Friday morning.

**Happy Birthday**

**August 19**

Lauri Smith, Mike Hobbs, Tom Jacoby, Alisha Covey, David T. Sanchez, Jr., Martha Wallace, Diana Virgen, Linda Whalen, Bonnie Agüero

**August 20**

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**August 21**

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**August 22**

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**August 23**

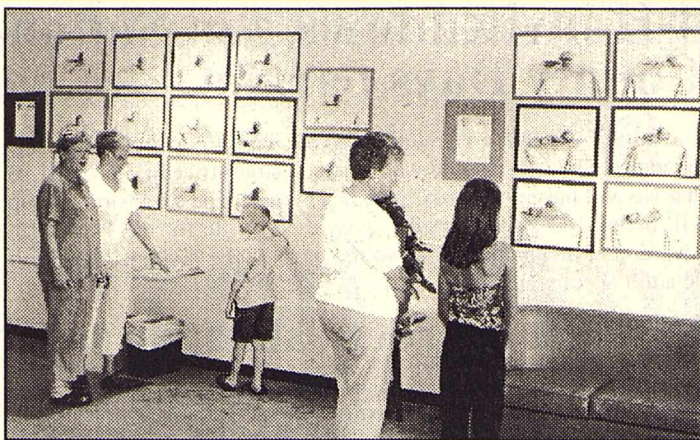
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**August 24**

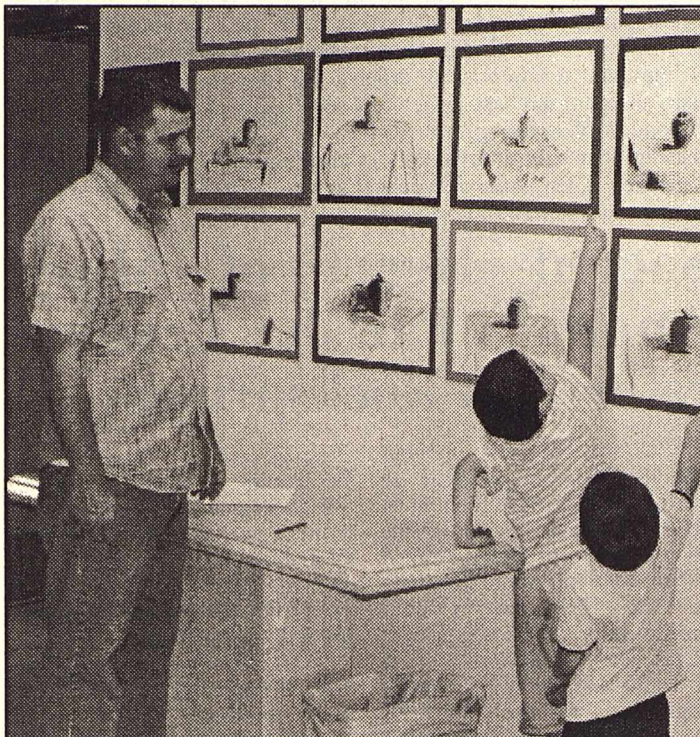
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**August 25**

Abby Gesch, Javier Segura, Orlando Segura, George Galindo, Linda Love, Daniela Cano



**Young artists show their stuff at The Bank & Trust**



Proud parents, grandparents and friends enjoyed the drawings done by the children who took part in the Summer Youth Art Program, hosted by Friends of Historic Main Street Program and a grant from the Texas Commission of the Arts. Nora Dempsey taught the children in a special summer art program, explaining all about shading and shadows, aerial perspective, proportion, perspective, art history and the proper technique and use of drawing tools.

**Band boosters plan fund raiser**

On Thursday, August 12, 2004 a band booster meeting was held. Officers who attended the meeting were Danine Brister, President; Lisa Galindo, Co-Vice President; Juanita Estrada, Treasurer; Tammy Favila, Secretary. Members present were Becca Love, Sharon Creek, Cliff Brister, Laurie Smith, Dawn Atkins, Susie Kresta, Robin Downing, Sylvia Martinez, Letti Garcia, Louise Moore, Starla Williams, and Sherry Ingham. Students present were Danielle Hudson, Christy Marintez, and Mandy Brister and Band Director Rusty Baldwin.

This was the first official meeting for the booster club this year, and President Brister invited everyone to join the boosters at the next regular meeting which will be announced at a later date.

It was announced that a booth has been rented at Sutton County Days, where the band boosters will be selling frozen treats and watermelon slices. A watermelon seed spitting contest and watermelon eating contest will be held and prizes will be awarded to the winners.

All band members from 6th grade through 12th are asked to work the booth. Please check with Mr. Baldwin for times to work on Saturday. Members can check with President Brister for the assigned times.

Other business that was discussed was the cleaning of the concession stand, to get ready for the first game on Friday, August 27. Band members voted on band class representatives and the booster club also voted for Parent Class Representatives. The Parent Class Reps. are 6th - Starla Williams; 7th - Sharon Creek and Tammy Favila; 8th - Sherry Ingham and Juanita Estrada; 9th/10th - Becca Love and Robin Downing; and 11th - Laurie Smith and Danine Brister. These representatives will be calling all band parents to help in the concession stand. It was voted on and approved that each parent will help work in the concession three times. The times will not be when your child is on the field.

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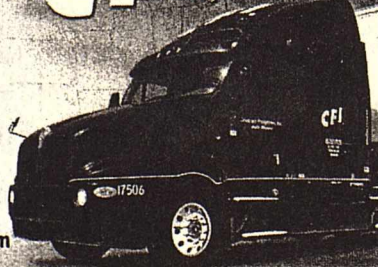
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### Last call to order validation tags

Sutton County 4-H market lamb and meat goat exhibitors must call the extension office by Thursday, August 19th to order state validation tags. All lambs and goats shown beyond the local county show are required to have a state tag. The cost of the tags is \$6 each. No extras will be ordered so contact the office now at 387-3101 or 387-3604 to place your order.

Also, livestock intent forms were mailed with the last 4-H newsletter. If 4-H exhibitors require that the county agent assist in locating animals for purchase, this form must be returned to the extension office by Friday, September 10th. This form is particularly important if you wish to order a gilt for the county show. This year, an open purchase policy has been initiated so exhibitors have the option of ordering through the 4-H Club or locating and purchasing their gilt individually. Call Pascual Hernandez, County Extension Agent-AG, or Michael Kissire, Ag Science Teacher, if you would like more information.

### Sacred Heart of Mary Annual Parish Festival returns to Rocksprings

It's time to pack up your folding chairs and head out to the fairgrounds. Yes! It's almost been a year and it's time for the Sacred Heart of Mary Annual Parish Festival, September 4th, at the Edwards County Fairgrounds in Rocksprings, Texas. The festivities will begin at 10:30 a.m. with the parade beginning at the Sheriff's Department and cascading throughout the square and ending at the fairgrounds. The festival promises to have lots of fun activities for the entire family.

The parade marshal for this year's festivities is Rocksprings native, Eduardo (Eddie) Franco.

The church invites all to come, eat and listen to *La Musica de Tin Cisneros* of Eagle Pass, followed by *Dennis Ray & Catlin Rutherford* of Uvalde with some good ole' country music. An appearance by *Las Hermanitas Montalvo* of Del Rio will wrap things up.

Children's game booths and food vendors will be open beginning at 11:00 a.m. A washer-pitching contest will also be held, along with a 3-on-3 basketball tournament. The \$1000

cash giveaway is scheduled to be announced during the dance, which begins at 9:00 p.m., with a night performance by *Trueno* of Dilley. A limited number of pre-sale tickets will be available for \$8.00. At the gate dance tickets will be \$10.

The church will be selling barbecue brisket plates with all the trimmings.

The queen coronation will be at 4:00 p.m. Vying for the crown, representing Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church of Rocksprings is Isabella Rendon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bienek, and representing St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church of Camp Wood is Melinda Rivera, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Santos Ruiz, Jr. Performing during the coronation will be *Ballet Folklorico de Raices* of Uvalde.

The 3rd Annual Team Roping Competition will be held in conjunction with the festival. Books open at 1:00 p.m. You may contact Polo Cavazos if interested or for further information.

Come out, relax, listen and support our local event. The church would like to remind everyone that there will be no coolers allowed in the fairgrounds. Also tickets are currently being sold for the cash giveaway.

For further information please contact Edward Gonzales at 830-683-6177 or Juan Enriquez at 830-683-4470.

### Oil & Agribusiness



### Rig Locations as of August 13, 2004

- Sutton**  
Range Production; 9500' West Hill #14, Patterson Drilling.  
New Dominion; 8950' Duke Wilson - 188 - #16, Patterson Drilling.  
New Dominion; 8900' Brown-Whitehead - 2 - #37, Key Energy.  
Dominion; 8900' Hudspeth - 1 - #12, Patterson Drilling.  
Dominion; 8850' Hudspeth - 1 - #8, Patterson Drilling.  
Dominion; 8750' Mayer #3404, Patterson Drilling.  
Dominion; 8600' Winnie R Aldwell Trust #15, Patterson Drilling.  
New Dominion; 8750' Duke Wilson - 171 - #14, Patterson Drilling.  
New Dominion; 8350' Mayer #52, Patterson Drilling.  
New Dominion; 7300' Duke Wilson - 136 - #13, Patterson Drilling.  
New Dominion; 6950' Duke Wilson #3214, Patterson Drilling.  
Dominion; 6800' Canyon Ranch #1132SD, Key Energy.  
New Dominion; 6500' Shurley #111, Patterson Drilling.  
KCS Resources; 6400' Carta - 114 - #8, Patterson Drilling.  
Dominion; 6350' Shurley #110, Patterson Drilling.  
Dominion; 5600' Canyon Ranch #8214S, Patterson Drilling.  
New Dominion; 5575' Canyon Ranch #8215S, Patterson Drilling.  
New Dominion; Creek - 97 - #1, Patterson Drilling.
- Crockett**  
Endeavor Energy Res.; 15000' Parker - 100 - #1 H, Big Dog Drilling.  
New Chesapeake; 11000' Riggs - 31 - #1, Nabors Drilling.  
New Encore Operating; 9100' JL Henderson Jr - B - #604, Nabors Drilling.  
New Approach Operating; 9000' Approach Bailey #407, Nabors Drilling.  
Approach Operating; 9000' Approach Bailey - #217, Nabors Drilling.  
New Anadarko; 9000' Davidson - 15 - #12, Patterson Drilling.  
WTG Exploration; 9000' University 16 - 33 #3, Patterson Drilling.  
New J Cleo Thompson; 8500' Williams - 39 - #1, Patterson Drilling.  
New Oxy USA; 5600' South Cross Unit #139 R, Eagle Rock Drilling.  
New Devon Energy; 7000' University 30-33A #2, Patterson Drilling.
- Terrell**  
Riata Energy Inc; 19000' Mitchell #1201, Lariat Drilling.  
Newfield; 15000' Poulter #3801, Grey Wolf Drilling.  
New Conocophillips; 11800' Culbertson - 16 - #4R, Grey Wolf Drilling.  
Riata Energy Inc; 11000' Kothman #1701, Lariat Drilling.  
Nuevo Texas Inc.; 9000' Mitchell - 6 - #10, Patterson Drilling.  
New Fasken Oil & Ranch; 7500' Monroe SE - 180 - #21, Patterson Drilling.
- Val Verde**  
Oxy USA/Midland; Mitchell #21 ST, Patterson UTI/LV.  
EXCO Resources; 10500' Altizer - B - #11, Patterson UTI/TMBR.  
New Stallion Energy Inc.; 6000' Bunger - 5 - #1, Key Energy.  
Schleicher  
Pogo Producing Co; 6900' West - #2, Heart Land Drilling.
- Edwards**  
New Newfield; 11000' Whitehead - 45 - #7, Patterson Drilling.  
Par Minerals Corp; 7500' Four Square Ranch #12, Key Energy.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Sonora Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 - Sept. 13, 2002 in the Board Room of the Admin. Bldg. 807 S. Concho, Sonora, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					State Revenue
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.50	\$.151703	*\$1.651703	\$8,138	\$287
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.12	\$.0962	*\$1.2162	\$8,034	\$325
Proposed Rate	\$1.50 **	** \$.0962	**\$1.5962 **	\$10,537	\$325

\*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district. \*\*38 cents of the Maintenance & Operations tax rate represents taxes for maintenance tax supported debt (which is required to be treated as debt and not for operations) in accordance with Section 45.108 of the Texas Education Code.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$49,992	\$56,012
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$26,048	\$30,709
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.651703	\$1.5962
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$430.24	\$490.18
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 59.94

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an Election is 1.5962. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.5962.

**Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance & Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$2,187,715
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$69,091

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### Texas Department Of Agriculture Hosts Town Hall Meetings Across The State

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs will visit with agricultural producers and rural communities in September at town hall meetings throughout the state to discuss issues impacting rural Texas and the agricultural industry.

The town hall meetings, hosted by the Texas Department of Agriculture, are open forums where producers and community members can discuss issues as well as present their ideas and solutions to the commissioner.

The closest Town Hall meeting for the Sonora area will be on Friday, September 10 in **Crockett County, 11 a.m., Crockett County Civic Center, 107 Medical Drive, Ozona.**

"With agriculture and rural communities facing so many challenges, I want to know firsthand about local concerns and issues," Combs said. "Some regions of Texas have very specific needs, and by working with producers, industry groups, and local, state and federal governments we can address these issues and ensure that agriculture and rural Texas remain strong throughout the state."

TDA is working with the Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Cooperative Extension and various commodity groups to organize these town hall meetings across Texas. The town hall meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Ryan O'Neal, producer relations specialist at TDA at (512) 463-4879.



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**Public Notices**

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR SEALED PROPOSALS FOR PROPERTY/CASUALTY INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Sonora ISD is seeking sealed proposals for Property/Casualty Insurance Coverage for the 2004-05 school year. Sealed proposals will be accepted at the Admin. Office of the SISD at 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX 76950, until August 27, 2004, at 3:30 P.M. Proposals received after this time will be returned to the bidder unopened. Faxed proposals will not be accepted. Sonora ISD reserves the right to waive all formalities and award the contract in the best interest of the school district. For additional information and/or questions concerning this proposal please contact Diane Jacoby in writing or by fax at 325-387-5090.

**Sonora ISD** will accept sealed bids for track renovation. Specs can be obtained at the Administration Office by calling 325-387-2545. Sealed bids will be accepted at the Administration Office at 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX 76950, until August 26, 2004, at 3:00 p.m., at 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.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS SONORA ISD'S State Financial Accountability Rating**

Sonora ISD will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m., Sept. 13, 2004 in the Board Room, Admin. Building, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Sonora ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

**Employment Notices**

The City of Sonora is now accepting applications for the position of Police Department Secretary. Applicant should possess general computer knowledge of Microsoft XP, Word and Excel, maintain file system, dispatch officers, greet the public and handle clerical work assigned. Applications can be picked up at City Hall and should be returned to the City Secretary's Office, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950. Open until the position is filled. The City of Sonora is an equal opportunity employer.

Sonora ISD is accepting applications for a Special Education Aide. CPR certification and bilingual skills are preferred and some lifting will be required. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled and may be obtained by contacting the Superintendent's Office at 807 S. Concho. EOE.

**Lost & Found**

Found near Intermediate School in May 2004. Brown cross-bred sheep. For more information call Susan Hall 387-5553.

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**Dunes Mini Storage/Frontier Mini Storages** both located on Hwy. 277 (South toward Del Rio), in Sonora, Texas; Sutton County will be holding a public sale in **October 2004** to satisfy a landlord's lien. This is the tenant's 1st official notice of "Intent to Sale" concerning their property. Property will be sold to pay tenant's debt. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale at any time. The following tenants are at least 3 months behind in payments: **Dunes: Dunes #18; Manuel Arrenondo; Donald Bean; Abel McGee; Stacy Campbell; Frontier: Bernice Cowsart; Josie Cumpian; Jr. Dominguez; Elva Husley; Gracie Lopez; Josie Rodriguez; Kim McDaniels; Wes-Tex Plumbing; Melisa Valadez; Rosemary Perez.** Further notices will go out for sale dates. Regarding this notice contact Jana Dover @ 325-387-2104 or @ Landmark Apartments (office A-4) to assist in making payments or payment arrangements only.

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387-2118

**Pizza Hut**  
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**ANCHORMAN dts (PG-13)**  
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in the last two months.

Cy Griffin, of Doyle Morgan Insurance, assured the board that premiums for property and casualty would not be increasing for the 2004-2005 school year. He stated that time constraints had not allowed the formation of a co-op for insurance this year and that the district would stay independent for 2004-2005. However, Mr. Griffin stated that the concept of a co-op was a very good idea and that a plan would be developed for the 2005-2006 school year.

Action regarding property, casualty, and worker's comp will be taken at a later meeting.

The superintendent stated that the board, at the July 29th meeting, had expressed interest in learning more about maintenance tax notes. He introduced George Williford, of First Southwest Company, who gave a detailed presentation about the history, use, requirements, etc. of these notes, especially by school districts who are subject to recapture and Robin Hood. Williford listed the steps that must be followed both in approving the issue of the notes and in using the funds provided by the notes. He emphasized that the proceeds could be used for all types of improvements except new construction and that a plan for the use of the proceeds must be submitted for approval by the Texas Attorney General.

After a lengthy discussion about maintenance tax notes, the board president then opened a discussion regarding the tax rate. He emphasized that on one hand, Chapter 41 school districts such as Sonora were unlike other entities in that they were not allowed to keep their total revenue, yet on the other hand, the school had an obligation to the taxpayers who supported them. Fields stated that at the current rate of \$1.50, the taxpayers would receive a 5 cent decrease, but that he would rather go to a rate of \$1.40 and that he definitely wanted a three-year plan developed for the use of maintenance tax notes if the board approved these notes.

Mrs. Favila stated that the district was making improvements for the children and that she was in favor of keeping the tax rate at its current level of \$1.50.

Members Jacoby, Jennings, Bustamante, Payton and Dermody also indicated they were in favor of the current rate of \$1.50.

However, Dermody requested that if maintenance tax notes were approved, a plan be devised that would insure some of the proceeds from the tax notes would be saved. Jennings requested that the board have input on how to spend the proceeds of the notes and was assured that any use of the funds would be subject to board approval.

Following more discussion, Favila made a motion for a possible proposal of a proposed tax rate of \$1.49. The motion failed for lack of a second.

More discussion ensued, with both the superintendent and business manager re-emphasizing that school districts are the only taxing entity subject to recapture.

Jacoby then made a motion to propose a tax rate of \$1.50. The motion was seconded by Bustamante. Voting "aye" were Bustamante, Dermody, Favila, Jacoby, Jennings and Payton. Voting "no" was Fields. The motion carried.

At the conclusion of this agenda item, the board thanked Mr. Williford for his time and effort and the help he had given them.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Payton to approve the purchase of WADA using Option 4 through the ESC Region XV Technology Consortium and/or with other school districts. The motion was seconded by Jacoby and carried unanimously.

August 30, 2004, at 5:30 p.m. was set as the date and time for a special board meeting to approve the 2004-2005 budget, at the Administration Board Room.

Dr. Myers reviewed a proposal from TEAM BJR for providing a drug dog and for offering drug education programs. Following discussion, a motion was made by Jacoby to approve TEAM BJR to provide fifteen, three hour contraband inspections per year at a cost of \$3,907.95 and to provide drug education programs at the cost presented. The motion was seconded by Favila and carried unanimously.

President Fields announced that he had requested that the repair of the track be placed on the agenda again because he felt that the presenter at the July meeting had not given the board the information they needed to make a decision. Fields stated that Athletic Director Jason Herring and Track Coach Eddie Favila were also present to provide input regarding the matter.

Coach Herring stated that when the track was completely resurfaced five years ago, the board members at the time did not feel like they had the additional funding to add the extra two layers to the surface (which is normally done with a track resurfacing project). He stated that the two layers could be added now at a cost of approximately \$56,000, or that a great deal more would have to be spent a few more years down the road. Coach Herring also gave information regarding repair of the runways, an area of concern relating student safety.

Following a discussion, a motion was made by Jacoby to let the complete renovated track project for bids. The motion was seconded by Jennings and carried unanimously.

A resolution regarding the extra-curricular status of 4-H was approved unanimously, as was a motion to approve the adjunct faculty agreement with Sutton County which names Pascual Hernandez and Kelly Thorp as adjunct faculty members.

Tammy Favila expressed her appreciation to Dan Farmer, the bulldozer driver she saw each day, including weekends, for all the hard work and extra hours he was putting in on the construction project. Additionally, Favila thanked all the workers and Construction Superintendent Mike McGee for their efforts and extra time on the project.

The board then went into executive session to discuss personnel matters. After reconvening in open session, the following personnel were approved for the 2004-2005 school year: Carol Love as Middle School Science Teacher, Melinda Valkonen as Middle School History/Health Teacher and Howard McDaniel as High School World Geography Teacher/Coach (dual contract). The final act of business was to approve the days of employment from 207 to 226 for the three campus secretaries.

## F.Y.I.

Mrs. Charlotte Longoria is available to care for your children during the Sutton County Days Dances on August 20 & 21. For more information call 387-7094.

Little Miss and Mr. Sutton County Contestants will be riding on a float in the Sutton County Days "Cowboy Luau" Parade on Saturday, August 21. Please meet Patti Prather around the First National Bank Building at 8:30 a.m. For more information call Patti at City Hall, 387-2558.

Mutton Bustin' Finalists need to meet in front of the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo Office By 7:15 p.m. on Friday, August 20, 2004. For more information call Angela at 387-2205 or Storie at 387-2507.

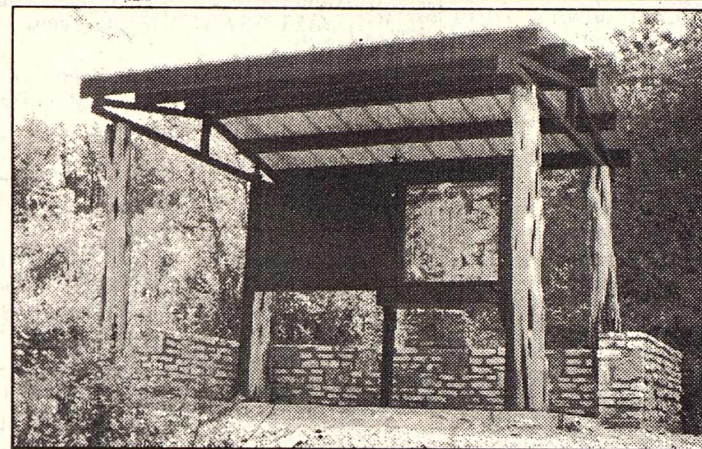
The Courthouse will be under renovation starting the last week of August. The offices that were located in the courthouse have moved to different locations. The Justice of the Peace office has been moved to the Sutton County Library located at 306 East Mulberry Street. The Transit Van office has been moved to the Old Police Station located at 306 East Oak Street. 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.

Bronco Season Football tickets are on sale now at the Administration Office

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.sonorax-chamber.com for an entry form.

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## Up On Eaton Hill



Visitors' kiosk on Eaton Hill

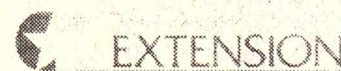
by Delyse Jaeger

Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is pleased to announce the addition of a visitors' kiosk located at the Dry Devil's Trace Trailhead. This important structure will provide park visitors with maps, brochures and information on the birds, plants and other wildlife that hikers can expect to see in the park. The kiosk will also perform the vital function of gathering information about our visitors so we can access the number and origin of the patrons who "hit the trails" each week. The large metal frame and backboard on the left side of the kiosk is designed to hold an interpretive panel that is currently in development. The bulletin case provides a way to highlight the changing seasonal interests on the hill, and inform visitors of special activities or upcoming events. Work has begun on additional kiosks for the other two park entrances and we eagerly await the completion of this essential project. The Eaton Hill map and brochure are currently being updated to reflect all the additions and improvements of the last year. The new map will also tie in with the downtown area heritage trail and business district as well as motels, dining and retail businesses on the west side. WJ Welding constructed the kiosk and we thank you for a job well done!

Thankfully, the typical scorched earth summer days did not materialize this year resulting in a boon for nature lovers. It's a shame to spend too much time indoors when the breeze is blowing and the trails are calling! See you on the Hill.

Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is a project of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation.

## Youth Livestock Nutrition Clinic to be offered



Now that school has started, our young people are once again embarking on 4-H and F.F.A. livestock projects. To assist them in developing adequate feeding programs, the Sutton County 4-H Goat Project will host a livestock nutrition clinic. This event is meant to answer

many of the questions that kids have about their beef, sheep, goat, horse or swine projects. Topics will include: Developing A Feeding Program; Avoiding Nutrition Problems; Using Feed Supplements; and Animal Health Management. There will also be opportunity for questions and answers. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required as a meal will be served. The clinic takes place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on August 31st at the Sutton County Civic Center. Please call the Extension Office at 387-3101 to register. This clinic is open to young people from Sutton and surrounding counties.

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**Adult Computer Courses**  
We are in the process of developing the Fall adult computer technology series. This eight-week course is intended for those with beginner or intermediate computer skills. If you are interested in learning or enhancing your computer skills, call the Extension Office at 387-3101 to enroll. Those who respond will then be contacted in order to accommodate classes to their interest and skill level. There is no cost to enroll.

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