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Thursday, August 11, 2005

Sutton County Days & the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo

Wednesday - Aug. 10
• 5:00 p.m. - WPRA Barrel Racing, Steer Roping: 3 complete go-rounds

Thursday - Aug. 11
• 8:30 a.m. - 1st go-round of Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping and PWRA Breakaway

Thursday - Aug. 11
• 5:00 p.m. - WPRA Barrel Racing, 2nd go-round of Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, and PWRA Breakaway, 6 County Team Roping finalists, along with a special section of bull riding

Friday - Aug. 12
• 2:00 - 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)

• 9:00 - 12:00 p.m. - **Rodeo Dance** - featuring John Bendel "Keeping Texas Country"

Saturday Aug. 13
• 8:00 a.m. - Line-up for Parade

• 9:00 a.m. - "Everybody Loves a Clown" Parade (from Main & Crockett to Sutton County Arena)

• 10:00 a.m. - Sutton County Park Main Stage - Opening Ceremonies: National Anthem Invocation - Milton Black, Raising of the Flag - Sonora Boy Scouts; All Booths & Rides Open

• 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Book signing by Biscuits O' Bryan
Main Stage

• 10:30 a.m. - 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. - Chelby Ramos

• 12:30 p.m. - Crabby Grass Boys

• 1:30 p.m. - Bobby Soloman Smith

• 2:30 p.m. - Clay Vessels

• 4:30 p.m. - Sonora Band

• 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Civic Center -

Women of St. Jonn's Chicken Salad Lunch

• 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Dee Ora Masonic Lodge BBQ 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 John Bendel "Keeping Texas Country"



Proud mom has double ribbon ceremony at Old Oak Tree

submitted

Rick and Jean King of Houston and Krysta and Dennis Brooks of Sonora have a huge investment in the Army Reserves—both of their sons are in the Army Reserves and are being deployed. On Wednesday, August 3rd, Krysta (pictured above) was joined by family and friends as she tied up two yellow ribbons for her boys on the Old Oak Tree on the Courthouse Lawn.

SSG Christopher King, age 26, from Midland is being deployed for the 3rd time. He has been in Kuwait, Fort Bliss (was supposed to go to Turkey when Turkey closed its borders), and is now in Kuwait awaiting further orders. He has a son, Ryker, who is 3 and a

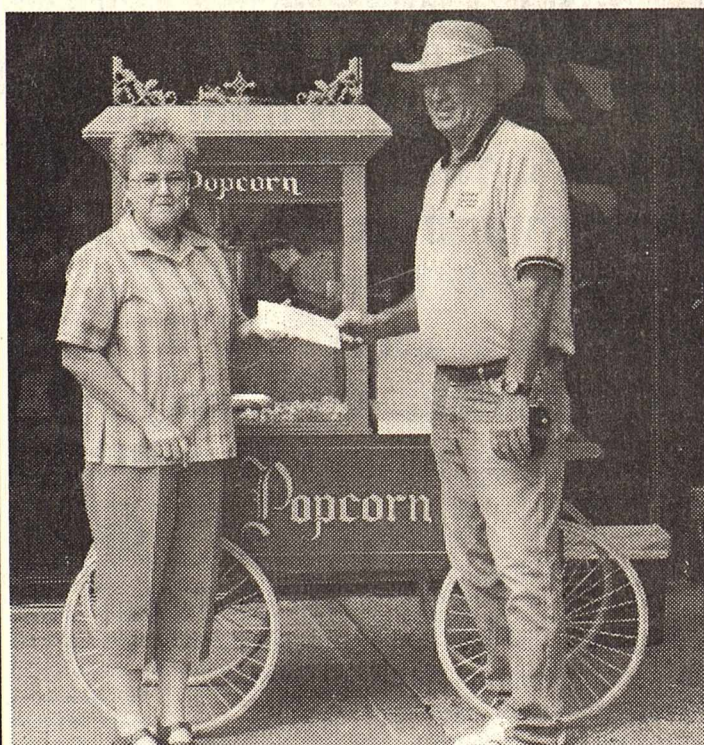
daughter, Rylee, who is 2. Living in Midland, he has been a reservist for 9 years.

Sgt. Justin King, age 25, and also from Midland, has been a reservist for 6 years. He has a wife, Kindra, a son, Stetson, and a daughter, Destiny, who was born during his last call up. His entire platoon attended the delivery by speaker phone lending encouragement. This is his 2nd mobilization from Fort Bliss. His first mobilization was to go to Turkey when Turkey closed its borders. Presently, he is due to ship out in 3 months.

Before being activated, both men worked for H B Rentals in Midland. Their jobs

See King brothers page 5

First National Bank fuels fireman fund



The First National Bank donated the July Popcorn funds to the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department in recognition of all their hard work fighting grass fires during these hot summer months. Elaine Donaldson presented husband and local fireman, Kyle Donaldson with a check last Thursday.

Countdown to Friday Night Football

by Nancy Glasscock

The scene was repeated across Texas on Monday morning August 1st on practice fields from Stratford to Brownsville and Tornillo to Orange. It included Sonora's own Broncos' practice field. 77 players reported to play JV and Varsity football for the first day of UIL authorized high school football practice this season.

The pads were put on for the first time last Friday. The first scrimmage is Saturday, August 13th against Stanton's Buffaloes at Bronco Stadium. The JV teams will take the field at 5 PM. The Varsity follows at 6:30 PM. As always, admission is free for the scrimmages.

The wins and losses start being counted for real on August 25th for the JV teams at home and the following night for the Varsity on the road in Alpine. Just as last year, the season begins with three non-district games, followed by an off week, September 16th.

The Homecoming game is September 9th against the Coleman BlueCats.

For all of you Bronco fans who don't want to drive to and from Alpine, but want to see the game, there will be a charter bus that will depart Sonora at approximately 3:45 PM on Friday, August 26th. Tickets can be purchased at Teaff Oil.

Bad Company will be "Takin' Care of Business" at Outlaw Pro Rodeo

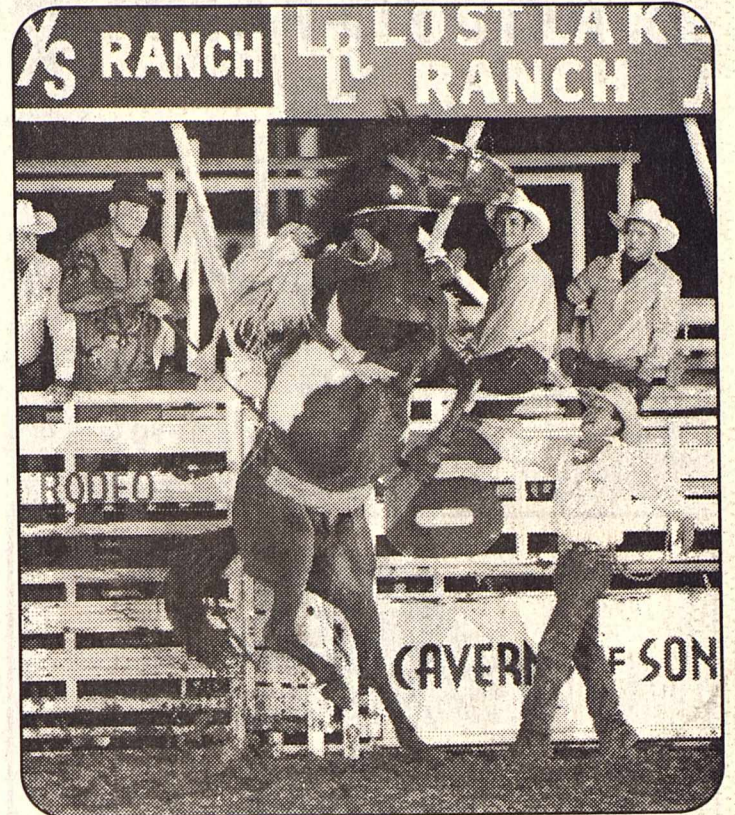
The 2005 Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo promises to be better than ever. Rated as one of the best small town PRCA rodeos, the Outlaw Pro Rodeo will have high-flying, action, with some of the best bucking stock from Bad Company Rodeo and their Takin' Care of Business Tour. Rodeo bullfighters, Chad Beavers, Gerry Byrn and Wesley McManus will be keeping the cowboys safe in the arena, with barrel man Michael "Smurf" Horton returning to entertain the crowds.

There will be a new sound to the Outlaw Pro Rodeo, as Roger Mooney joins our band of outlaws in the arena. All the way from Ellijay, Georgia, Mooney has been featured at the greatest rodeos in North America, and now will add Sonora, Texas to his venue. In addition to over 45 rodeos per year, Mooney has a full schedule with radio commercial, voice over work and hosting the Rodeo Round-up Telecast on the Outdoor Channel. He has been selected as an alternate for the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, and has announced the National Final Steer Roping, Indian National Finals, Ten-Time National High School Finals and for the past five years has been the voice of the Calgary Stampede.

The action starts Wednesday, with special slack performances. Friday and Saturday offer full nights of rodeo fun, with the Mutton Bustin' finals on Friday and the crowning of the new Miss Sutton County on Saturday.

The top 12 County Team Ropers will return to see who wears the trophy buckle home, with five roping Thursday, three on Friday and four on Saturday. Come cheer on your favorite Sutton County cowboy as he races against the clock and his compadres for the winning time.

What instantly became a crowd favorite last year as local thrill seekers were tossed in the mud, the Wild Steer Saddling returns this year to end each rodeo performance. Teams of three (3), 18 years old or older participants will take their chances against a wild steer. Teams must drag the steer across the start line, saddle them, get a rider on and be the first team make it across the line - on top of the steer. Entries are now open at The Devil's River News office and only the first 6 teams each night will be accepted. NO LATE ENTRIES and forms must be filled out to participate. Teams will have to provide their own saddle.



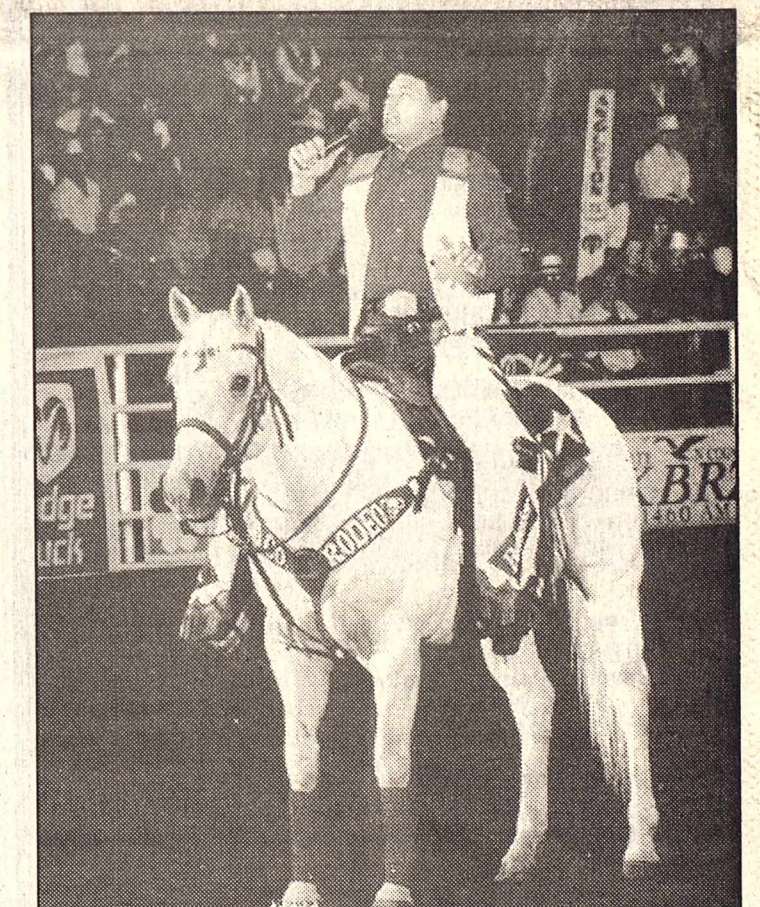
Bulls, broncs and Bad Company blow into Sonora this week.

Rodeo performances start at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with advance ticket still available from any of the Miss Sutton County Queen Contestants or their sponsors. Tickets will also be available at the gate.

After the rodeo on Friday and Saturday don't miss your chance to polish your buckles and cut a rug with John Bendel and "Keeping Texas Country" at

the Sutton County Dance Slab. The dancing begins at 9:00 on Friday and 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 2005 "Takin' Care of Business" Tour Finale.



Roger Mooney will be calling the action in the arena at the Outlaw Pro Rodeo

Powers' named "Pioneers" for western heritage contribution

by Ann Kay

During Sutton County Days the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program are proud to announce the First Western Heritage Pioneer Family Award goes to the Powers Family.

The Powers family was chosen because of their support of rodeo in Sutton County.

The Powers Family has a long history of outstanding Rodeo accomplishments. Louis Powers was recently inducted in the Texas Rodeo Hall of Fame, and the entire Powers family has succeeded in the professional world of rodeo throughout the years.

The Powers' have donated countless hours to the repairs and preparation of the rodeo arena and rodeo business.

To quote, Will Rogers, "If you're riding ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there." This family has often rode ahead of the herd, leading the way in



The Powers family

western heritage in Sutton County. The purpose of the Community Western Heritage Pioneer Family Award is to recognize the accomplishments of the past history of outstanding community pioneer family.

I would like to invite you to share in a special moment with the Powers Family at the Sutton County Dee Ora Masonic Lodge Scholarship Steak

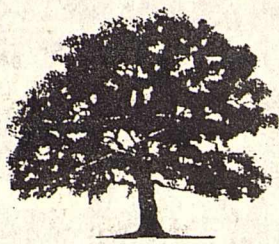
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Note of Appreciation

Regarding the grass fires on Schulz, Ross and Clarkson Ranches on August 4, 2005, we weren't sure of the names of all the volunteers who quickly came to our aid on Thursday afternoon, August 4, 2005, but we would like to express our deepest gratitude to all involved and let them know how grateful we are to all of you. We were just overwhelmed by all the equipment and volunteers who operated the department's equipment, plus the many ranchers, fence builders and others who showed up with their equipment to fight and control these two separate fires. WE don't know their names, but to you who were there, thank you, thank you, thank you!

We, like many ranchers, have come to realize that "controlled fires" are good for the land. Fortunately for us, due to the skill and efforts of all above, the fire on the Schulz Ranch, and I think the Ross and Clarkson ranches as well, ended up being such fires. However, due to the two completely separate fires which were started by lightning being over three

miles apart, this presented a real challenge for good control and containment. When we first knew we had a fire on the Schulz Ranch, we called 911 and the Sheriff's office and were told that crews were either on their way or at the fire which had started on the Ross or Clarkson Ranch. The fire chief, who did such a great job of direction and control, said he would rush crews over to us, and they showed up a short time later.

After several hours it appeared that the fire on the Schulz Ranch was under control and most of us went over to the Ross and Clarkson fires. About that time the wind changed 180 degrees and a fire which had been left to burn itself out near the Schulz camp house now presented a real danger to all of our buildings and about 12 people and vehicles who were staying at the ranch. Fortunately a few of our own people saw what was happening with the wind change and had set a backfire close to the house area. When I arrived back at the camp house it was such a comforting sight to see 4 or 5 fire trucks and crews working so hard to keep the fire away

from the house. The backfire surley helped them finally put out the head fire, but I'm sure we would have lost a lot had they not been there to put the fire out.

Mrs. Cornelia Schulz, who turned 100 this past January, came out to her ranch from San Angelo on Saturday and had a good cry when she saw all the burned pastures and the one which came right up to the camp house. At the same time, she realized how fortunate we had been and joins with all of us at the Schulz Ranch, and I know the Ross and Clarkson ranches as well, in saying again, thank you to all those who assisted on these fires. I estimate that 600 acres on the Schulz Ranch was burned. I do not how many acres burned on the other ranches. I am certain that we would have burned out completely on the south side of FM 3130 if the Sonora Volunteers had not shown up in such force. The Anderson Ranch to our east would have also been affected. We are ALL so grateful!!

Sincerely,
 Richard Lowke
 Schulz Ranch General Manager

Obituaries

Oma Eloise Vaughan Hale

Oma Eloise Vaughan Hale, 95, of San Antonio and formerly of San Angelo, Texas, died Friday, Aug. 5, 2005, in San Antonio. Graveside service was held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 8, in Fairmount Cemetery.

Oma was born Nov. 17, 1909, in Izzard County, Ark., to Lora Ann and Samuel Davis Vaughan. She attended public school in Springdale, Ark. In 1931, she graduated from Enid Springs Training School for Nurses in Oklahoma, then completed her surgical training at Cook County General Hospital in Chicago, Ill.

Oma Vaughan married William Hansel "Buster" Hale on Sept. 14, 1936. He preceded her in death on July 19, 1982.

Mrs. Hale served as the school nurse for the Eldorado and Iraan school districts. She also worked as a registered nurse for doctors and hospitals in those communities. Her nursing skills were among the best.

Oma Vaughan is survived by her two sons, William Samuel Hale and his wife, Jo Anne, of San Antonio, and Michael Vaughan Hale and his wife, Rita, of Sonora; five grandchildren, Christi Ratliff and husband Rodger, Wendi Frisenhahn and husband John, Karen Wilkins and husband John, William Davis Hale and wife Heather, and Lora Hale; and seven great-grandchildren, Hunter and Madison Ratliff, Brooks and Brody Frisenhahn, and Jack, Sam and Grace Wilkins. She also is survived by her sister, Bula Rose of San Antonio; her sisters-in-law, Mary Hale and Pauline Rosenthal; a special nephew, Bill Hale and wife Sally; nieces Joanie Sacksteiz, Vicky Jeffers, Judy Feldman, Lindy Scherzer and Penny Rosenthal; and nephew Peter Rosenthal.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Morningside Ministries and staff, and members of the Vista Hospice team.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Morningside Ministries, 700 Babcock Road, San Antonio, TX 78201-2600, or the charity of your choice.

Freddie Virgen Gandar

Freddie Virgen Gandar, 57, passed away Tuesday, August 9, 2005, at his residence in San Angelo. Services will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 11, 2005 at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial to follow in Sonora Cemetery.

Freddie is survived by his wife, Edna Flores Gandar of San Angelo; son, Lee Gandar of San Angelo; daughter, Cynthia Perez of Sonora; his mother, Juanita Gandar of Sonora; a sister, Edna Aguirre of San Angelo; and five grandchildren, Chris Perez, Annalisa Perez, and Elias Perez all of Sonora; Charlie Gandar of Odessa and David Lee Gandar of San Angelo

Arrangement are by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Order of Eastern Star to offer scholarship

During a recent meeting of Sonora-Eldorado Chapter #575, Order of the Eastern Star, officer for the ensuing year were installed. Pictured l-r: Dorothy Baker, Maela Edmonson (Warder), Susan Hall (Treasurer), Brenda Valliant (Worthy Matron), Charlotte Wilson (Assoc. Matron), Candy Nelson (Secretary), Jackie Polocsek (Conductress), Beverly Valliant (Assoc. Conductress... 2nd row: Wheelies Baker-Miller, Frank Wamble (Assoc. Patron), Marjorie Russell and Virgil Polocsek (Worthy Patron).



The Sonora-Eldorado Chapter is asking for your support of their scholarship fundraiser during Sutton County Days. They will be selling Blue Bell ice-cream, with all the proceeds to be distributed as scholarship(s) for local graduating students. This will be their first fundraiser for this worthwhile project and your support will be greatly appreciated.

Welcome Home... To First Baptist Church Sunday, August 14, 10:45 a.m.

Hear "Clay Vessels" Featured at Sutton County Days... A group with 4 recent awards from the Country Music Association... This father-daughter duet plays the Mandolin, Guitar, & Harmonica. Their music is a mix - Swing, Gospel, Yodeling, & Country. Hear them this Sunday at First Baptist!

Regular Weekly Schedule for Summer

Sundays: 9:45 a.m. Bible Study • 10:45 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Worship
 Wednesdays: 11:00 a.m. Ladies' "Beth Moore" Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. - Preschoolers & Childrens Groups
 Youth Group at Youth Center
 Adults - "Wednesday Spark!"

Be part of our family -- Welcome home!

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Community Calendar

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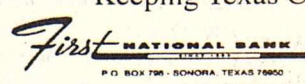
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Sutton County Days

Festivities
 Friday: 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
 Sat.: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

August 16

City Council meeting
 2:00 p.m.



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Ask the Historical Society

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

Q. Who do you consider to be the best football player that Sonora ever had?

A. No matter who I say, someone is going to be angry because it wasn't them. The team of 2000 were all great. They really pulled it together for Sonora but I would have to go back a little further than them to find what I and many others consider the best player Sonora ever had.

"The Devil's River News," January 11, 1957-GEORGE JOHNSON SELECTED CAPTAIN OF ALL-AMERICAN PREP-FOOTBALL TEAM

George Johnson was named captain of the All-American Prep football team by the Wigwam Wisemen of America. The announcement was made Thursday afternoon.

Johnson, who gained national fame by scoring 286 points this season for the Bi-District Bronco Team, was selected All-American Prep quarterback and then crowned with the additional honor of the team championship.

In a letter to Veteran San Angelo Standard Times sports writer Blondy Cross, Wigwam Wiseman Football Chairman Moss Simms wrote: "We had many, many fine reports on the boy and, naturally, your sending me clippings of the past prompted me of my very fine memories and put up his name for consideration for the Captain berth...The boys were sold on the finest modern back of all times to come out of Texas...and he was the proper one...it carried and now you as a letter man can stick out the old chest."

In another article in the same issue we find that Tommy Ray Adams and George Johnson were named this week to the Class A All-State Schoolboy Football Team as selected by the Texas Sport Writers Association.

Johnson was the only hold-over from last year, being

named to his undisputed spot in the backfield.

Adams the Bronco guard who was the terror of the Bronco's opponents, was picked as guard.

In a July 25 issue we find the George Johnson, who was visiting Sonora, has two big football games to look forward to before he starts to school at the University of Colorado this fall. One is the High School All-Star Game at the Cotton Bowl. There he will be part of the 25 man North Texas team coached by Abilene's Moser.

Perhaps an even greater honor for Johnson is his participation in the All-American High School Game in Memphis, Tennessee, at the Crump Bowl. He won out over hundreds of notable competitors to be part of the Western team. The annual classic is sponsored by Will Walls of the University of Colorado and Mose Simms, head of Oklahoma Wigwams. Only fifty boys were chosen from thousands of applicants from the United States and Hawaii for the game which will be played August 30.

Johnson had originally planned to enter Rice Institute in the fall but he turned it down in favor of Colorado's single wing offense. His great aspiration is to be a part of the team that whips the University of Oklahoma.

In the January 18, 1957 issue of "The Devil's River News," Two Sonora Scouts were among 23 Scouts from the Concho Valley Council to form an honor guard for President Dwight D. Eisenhower on his arrival Sunday night at Goodfellow Air Force Base.

The two scouts as named by popular vote of their troops were Johnny Fields and Samuel Lopez. The boys' parents accompanied them to San Angelo.

Q. What year was the airport built?

A. "The Devil's River News," Thursday, September 26, 1957-Sonora's airstrip got off to a speedy start Monday morning when two men of

action, E. L. Harrell and Carl J. Cahill, got things rolling in high gear. The two men were on the job early Monday morning with bulldozers and other heavy equipment clearing the land to level and fill it. By Wednesday afternoon the site itself had been staked, the area for the 150 foot runway cleared and raked and dozed brush was smoldering in the clearing.

Cahill has indicated he will contribute generously in labor and equipment. Harrell will be in charge of the county's operations on the strip which include paving to be completed in May of 1958.

The airport was made possible after an agreement was reached between F. L. McKinney, representing the local airport committees and Joe Berger regarding property consisting of approximately 175 acres, to be purchased by the City of Sonora for a total of \$20,000 a per acre price of \$114. Berger agreed to the sale on the condition that land thus made available be used for community betterment. Berger donated 1/4 of the mineral rights on the land as he felt these would help offset the costs of the airport. He also rebated to the airport the amount received by him from the Texas Highways Department for the new San Angelo highway right-of-way.

The strip will be 3,956 feet long by 150 feet wide and will not be finished until next spring. Berger expressed a desire to see part of any excess land used for such projects as parks or recreation areas.

Note: When I-10 came through Sonora the land was cut into two sections. Part of it has been sold off for commercial development, ALCO, Pizza Hut, Everett's Pharmacy, The Comfort Inn, and many other places of business now occupy the section of land that was on the west side of the interstate, it was resold by the city under a clause that stated it could be resold only for the betterment, growth and progress of Sonora. With the donation of the miner-



George Johnson

al rights, the money from the sale of the right of way, Sonora got one of the best bargains it has ever made.

In the same issue we find that Mrs. Robert Rees was hostess for the Thursday Afternoon Club at her home last week. Fall flowers decorated the party rooms and a dessert plate and iced tea were served. Mrs. Trainer won high score prize, Mrs. Maysie Brown won high guest, Mrs. C. E. Stites won at Bingo and Mrs. R. V. Kelley won the deuce prize. Others attending were Mmes. Lee Labenske, R. V. Cook, Tom Sandherr, Karen Peterson, Joe Berger, Auther Simmons, O. G. Babcock and Jim Cauthorn.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonorax.net. You may call us at 325-387-5084 on Monday, Friday and Saturday mornings when our offices at 307 Oak Street are open. We will be closed during Sutton County Days as we will be out at the grounds manning a booth. We will be selling books, buckles, note paper, and memberships in the society. We will also have some of the historical items from the office and archives on display in our booth.

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Craddick tosses wet blanket on Senate's school finance efforts

State Capital Highlights
Texas Press Association

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Senate Education and Finance committee hearings sparked and fizzed with proposals to solve school finance early in the second week of Special Session II (Aug. 1-3) but the embers cooled considerably thereafter.

An Aug. 4 statement from House Speaker Tom Craddick showed there is no collective will to produce a legislative solution because of things that have and have not happened.

What has happened: The House killed its own property tax reform and school finance bills.

Without a House-originated revenue-raising bill, the Senate's school finance solving plans can't move.

What has not happened: The Texas Supreme Court has not ruled on the state's appeal of a lower court ruling that public education and its funding method are neither adequate nor constitutional. When the ruling comes, the Legislature should have a clearer idea of how to craft needed legislation.

So Craddick suggested three things:

- Adjourn the Legislature sine die;
- Ask the Texas Education Agency to draw up a list of reforms that can be accomplished without legislative action; and
- Wait to review the state Supreme Court's ruling before meeting again.

But Dewhurst wants to do it now

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, said he was disappointed with Craddick's statement and the House's "apparent unwillingness to continue considering school finance reform." Dewhurst is backing Sen. Florence Shapiro's 438-page comprehensive school finance bill that passed at committee level. The next step would be a hearing by the full Senate.

Two other senators attacked the problem another way. Rather than engineer another sweeping bill loaded with stuff that if passed by the Senate would only dissipate in the House, they co-authored a bill that does just a couple of things their colleagues and constituents want.

Kevin Eltife, R-Tyler, and Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, are those two senators, and their bill, SB 37, over the next biennium would give certified classroom teachers, full-time librarians and full-time counselors a \$2,000 pay hike and - just in time for the start of the 2005-2006 school year - pay for new textbooks.

Governor Rick Perry's words hinted at his acceptance of the bill: "Each day that passes without education reform is another day textbooks remain in warehouses instead of being shipped to classrooms and money set aside for teacher pay raises sits idle in a bank account," he said.

Dewhurst reacted coldly to the little-steps approach by Eltife and Ellis. "I strongly believe that any legislation that is passed must reform and improve the quality of our public schools, give teachers a much-deserved pay raise, fund textbooks and end the lawsuit," he said.

History seems to indicate, however, that having one bill to do everything may not be the way to go. Lawmakers, in their endless charge to fix education funding, have failed four times in a row and are close to a fifth, counting the last two regular sessions and three special sessions (with the third still in

progress). They have focused each time on a behemoth bill infused with deal-killing bits and pieces.

This, of course, is complicated by a relentless cry for property tax relief.

Correction/Clarification In last week's State Capital Highlights, I mentioned by name each House member who voted against a bill that would increase their pay. I regret my error in using the word "pay"

instead of "pension" in that context.

Those who serve at least eight years in the state Legislature receive a pension that increases automatically when judicial salaries are increased by act of the Legislature.

However, Texans would have to vote to amend the state constitution in order to raise lawmakers' current stipend of \$600 per month.

Senior Center News

- August 15 - Bingo
- August 16 - CEAP 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- August 17 - Van to San Angelo! Medical 1st - 387-3941
- August 18 - Crafts... after lunch
- August 19 - B-day party for August babies. Join us for cake & ice cream at noon

Senior Center Menu

- August 15 - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Italian veggies, tossed salad, garlic toast, tropical fruit, milk
 - August 16 - Steak fingers w/gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, rolls, peach cobbler, milk
 - August 17 - Swedish meatballs w/mushroom gravy, egg noodles, fried okra, bread cake, milk
 - August 18 - Fried chicken w/gravy, whipped potatoes, mixed greens, cornbread, jello w/fruit, milk
 - August 19 - Tacos w/cheese, pinto beans, corn/peppers, mixed lettuce & tomatoes, mixed fruit w/cantaloupe, milk
- Mon. - Fri 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.
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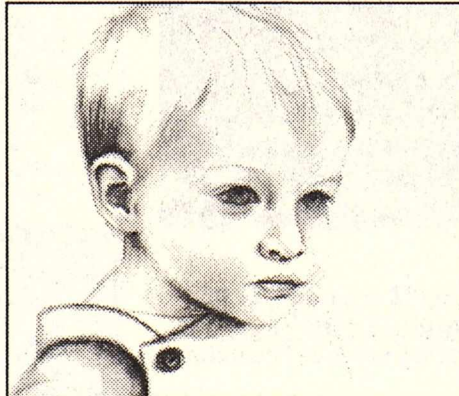
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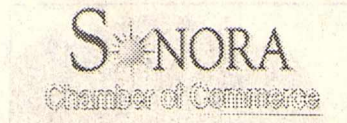
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Chamber Chatter



by Ruthie Bounds, COC Executive Director

The August Sonora Chamber of Commerce "Landscape of the Month" has been awarded to the First National Bank of Sonora. The rotation of seasonal plantings and blooming plants have brought a beautiful sight to downtown Sonora for many years. It's wonderful to see with each season of the year what the First National Bank of Sonora will have planted in their flowerbeds. The landscaping comes all the way out to the street and goes all the way around the building and is always kept so clean and well cared for. Congratulations to the First National Bank of Sonora for being recognized as the Sonora Chamber of Commerce "Landscape of the Month".

We hope you are all ready for the fun, food, rodeo, and shopping!! Sutton County Days and the Outlaw Pro Rodeo take place this week, August 10th through the 13th. There will be slack rodeo performances on Wednesday evening at 5:00 pm, Thursday morning at 8:30 and evening at 5:00, Friday morning at 8:30.

The regular performances of the Outlaw Pro Rodeo will be on Friday evening at 7:30 and Saturday evening at 7:30. Advance rodeo tickets can be purchased from any of the Sutton County Queen contestants and their sponsors.

The queen contestants are: Mandy Brister at 206-1912, sponsored by First National Bank, Sutton County Steakhouse and JMC Transport; Alisha Covey at 206-0543, sponsored by Rosie's Café, Multi-Chem and Schlumberger; Hillary Lawson 226-3096, sponsored by The Bank & Trust, State Farm Insurance, and La Mexicana. These young ladies

and their sponsors are very much appreciated by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce and the Outlaw Pro Rodeo committee.

There have been a few changes in the Sutton County Days festivities since last week. We have been able to confirm that the Brazos Bottom Cow'Ographers, a group that does historic reenactments with gunfights, skits and comedy skits will be performing at the Sutton County Park during Sutton County Days.

They will perform both Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. We are looking forward to having this very well known group in Sonora. They have performed at many major events all over Texas and the Southwest.

We will have entertainers on the main event stage following the Little Mr. & Little Miss Sutton County Contest.

We have a wide variety of entertainers this year, they are: Bobby Soloman Smith & his dancers, a pop artist that has performed with Destiny's Child; The Crabby Grass Boys, an Austin sensation performing country & blue grass; The Clay Vessels, a father and daughter duo that features gospel, yodeling, and blue grass; our own



Beauty is blooming at the Chamber of Commerce "Landscape of the Month" pick, First National Bank.

Devil's River Dancers, a group of professional quality cloggers; and the Sonora Band, a group of local musicians who play country and gospel music. We are looking forward to having such a wide array of talent visiting Sonora.

Don't forget that Monte Jones AKA Biscuits O'Bryan will be signing his book in the foyer of the Sutton County Civic Center from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm on Saturday.

We have also been contacted by Tumbleweed Smith. He

will be visiting Sonora for Sutton County Days and the Outlaw Pro Rodeo to do a story on the event and a story on the Brazos Bottom Cow'Ographers. Tumbleweed will be setting up interviews with different individuals and will have a booth to sign his book. He will also be one of the official judges of the Little Miss and Mr. Sutton Co. contest.

At last count we had approximately 45 arts and craft vendors and 15 food vendors signed up to participate in Sutton County Days and that does not include all the children's rides and games. There will be a "cooling off tent" complete with chairs and water misters near the children's rides for the comfort and convenience of the parents and grandparents.

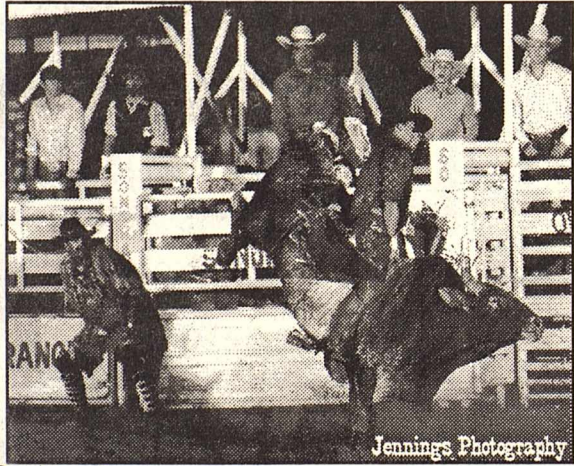
If you need information concerning Sutton County Days or the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo, please call or come by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office and Welcome Center at 205 Hwy 277 North next door to The Bank & Trust. Our phone number is 325/387-2880 or you can e-mail us a son-coc@sonoratx.net or better yet visit our website at www.sonoratx-chamber.com. We have lots of info about this week's events on our website.



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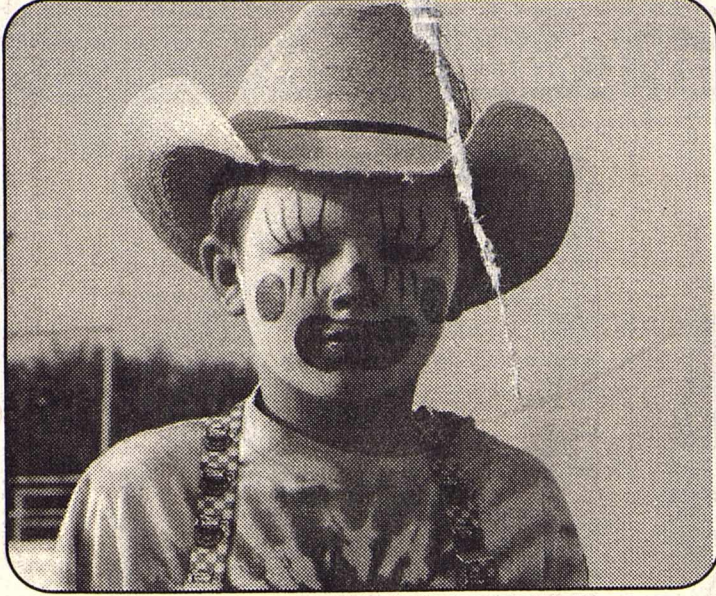
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Thursday, August 11th • 8:30 a.m. Calf Roping • Steer Wrestling Team Roping • PWRA Breakaway	Friday, August 12th • 7:30 p.m. Full Rodeo Performance Kids Mutton Bustin' Team Roping Steer Saddling
Thursday August 11th • 5:00 p.m. WPRA Barrel Racing • Calf Roping Steer Wrestling • Team Roping PWRA Breakaway Special Section of Bull Riding	Saturday, August 21st • 7:30 p.m. Full Rodeo Performance Crowning of Miss Sutton County Team Roping • Steer Saddling

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Main Street Traffic

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Board of Directors monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, August 10, 2005, at 12:00 noon, at the 232 Main Street Suite 101 (Mercantile Building).

Submitted by Ann Kay

We would like to add a note of appreciation to the radio station KHOS, First National Bank of Sonora, The Bank & Trust, Sonora Golf Club, Gail and the girls at the Golf Club, Randy Douglas, and Devil's River News for the support we received on the Titleist Golf Bag Promotion at the Four Man Shot Golf Tournament last Saturday. The winner of the Titleist Golf Bag Promotion was Cy Griffin of Doyle Morgan Insurance.

How to Keep the High Temperatures From Turning Into High Energy Bills



by Congressman Henry Bonilla

As I write this column, it is in the high 90's in parts of Texas and it probably won't be cooling down anytime soon. While the August heat continues to bear down on us, it is important to remember how you can beat the heat without the high energy bills.

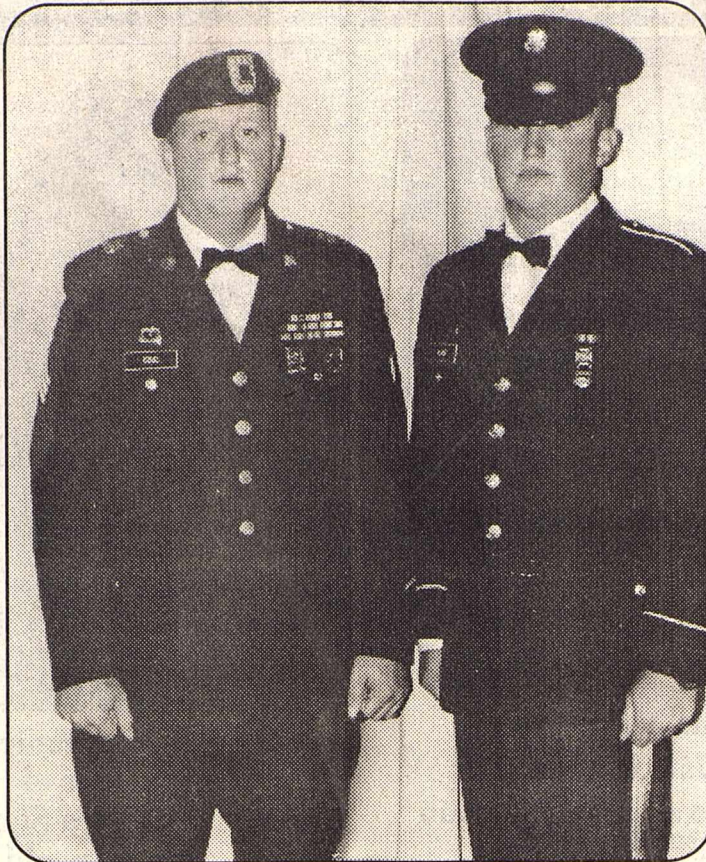
Heating and cooling your home uses more energy and drains more dollars than any other system in your home. Typically, 44% of your utility bill goes for heating and cooling. With the average family spending \$1300 a year on home utility bills, the Department of Energy (DOE) has provided some helpful tips to allow bill payers to lower their utility costs by becoming more energy efficient.

The first step in becoming more energy efficient is to formulate a plan. A good plan begins with a budget based on your current electric bills and by looking into trouble spots that can use maintenance or replacement. Although house maintenance can be expensive, the end result will often save you large quantities of money in the long run. A few areas of great concern around the house are windows, air conditioners, water heaters and duct systems. There are specific steps you can take to keep your energy bills down during the hot summer months. For instance, it is suggested that you set your thermostat as high as comfortably possible in the summer. The less difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your overall cooling bill will be. If nothing else, you should avoid setting your thermostat at a colder set-

ting than normal when you turn on your air conditioner. It will not cool your home any faster and most likely will result in a higher electric bill. One last tip involving your thermostat is to avoid placing lamps or TV sets near it. The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause the air conditioner to run longer than necessary.

If you really want to make a dent in your energy bills, consider using fans instead of the air conditioner. Whole-house fans help cool your home by pulling cool air through the house and exhausting warm air through the attic. They are effective when operated at night and when the outside air is cooler than the inside. Consider using an interior fan in conjunction with your window air conditioner to spread the cooled air more effectively through your home without greatly increasing your power use.

King brothers from page 1



Christopher and Justin King

brought them throughout this area to many drilling sites.

Their dad, Rick, works in Indonesia and knows what it is like during war time with the shootings and bombings among the Indonesians.

Their mom, Krysta, has worked with Family Support in the Army Reserves for 8 years. During that time she was an instructor for the Army Reserves Family Readiness. She has seen many soldiers deployed but it doesn't get any easier. They are all like her own

children. She's watched them work their way up the ranks, had a few be wounded, but through the Grace of God, they have all come home. She's dealt with family situations while soldiers are deployed. Family Support takes care of the families so the soldiers can concentrate on their jobs. She states, "My only 2 children are not supposed to both be deployed at the same time. It's their choice. I stand behind them. I cannot choose to keep one home. I just put them in God's hands."

Extension Deadline Looms; Form Available for More Time

WASHINGTON - Taxpayers who requested the automatic four-month extension to file their 2004 tax return face an Aug. 15 deadline. People who are unable to meet this looming deadline may seek an additional two-month extension. Taxpayers with special circumstances or hardships should file Form 2688, Application for Additional Extension of Time to File, before Aug. 15. This extension request is not automatic. If the IRS approves the Form 2688 request, taxpayers will have until Oct. 17 to file their return.

Taxpayers should read Form 2688 instructions carefully to ensure they provide an explanation for their extension request. The extension applies only to the deadline for filing the tax return, not time for paying taxes owed.

Taxpayers can file Form

2688 electronically with the IRS. The form can be sent to IRS e-file either through tax professionals or through personal computers. Taxpayers also may mail it to the IRS center where their tax return must be filed.

IRS e-file and the Free File program, will be available through Oct. 17.

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Time: 2:00- 4:00 (come and go)

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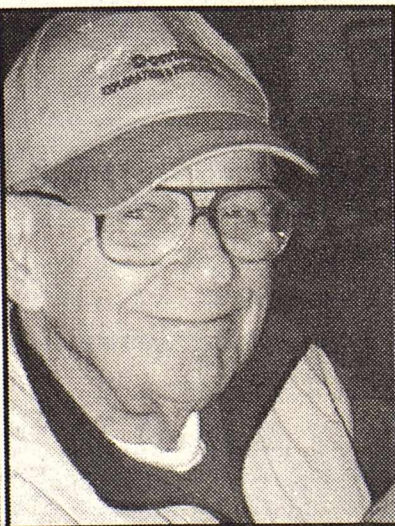
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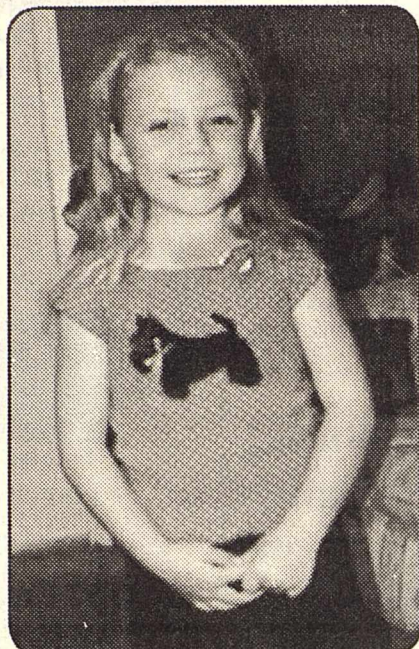
Isabella Samaniego
Daughter of:
Ricky and Monica Samaniego
Age: 3 yrs old



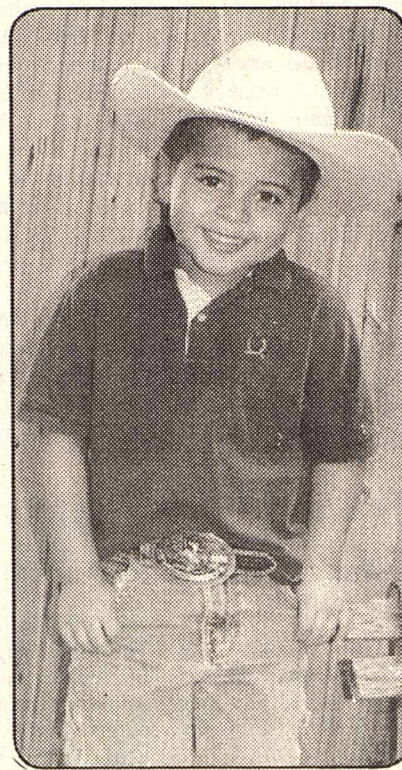
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Daughter of:
Jerry and Nancy Jimenez
Age: 4 yrs old



Jayde Bean
Daughter of:
Donald and Debra Bean
Age: 3 yrs old



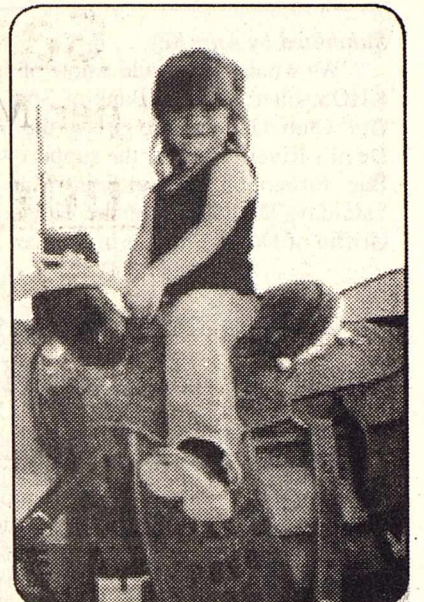
Kristin Kate Garrett
Daughter of:
Scott and Donna Garrett
Age: 5 yrs old



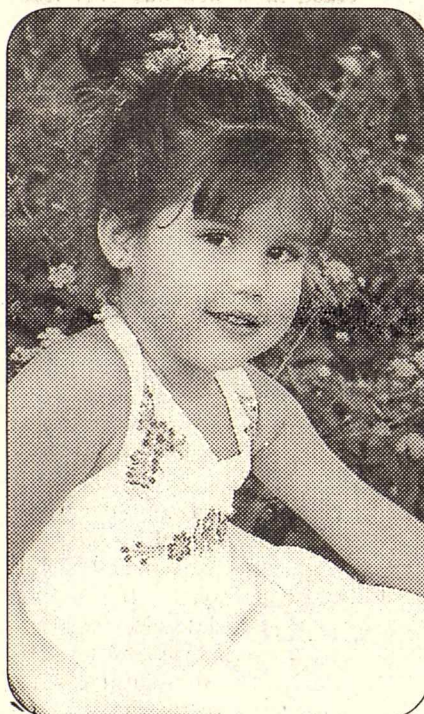
Mikey Owen Galindo
Son of:
Anthony Luna and
Dana Duhon
Age: 5 yrs old



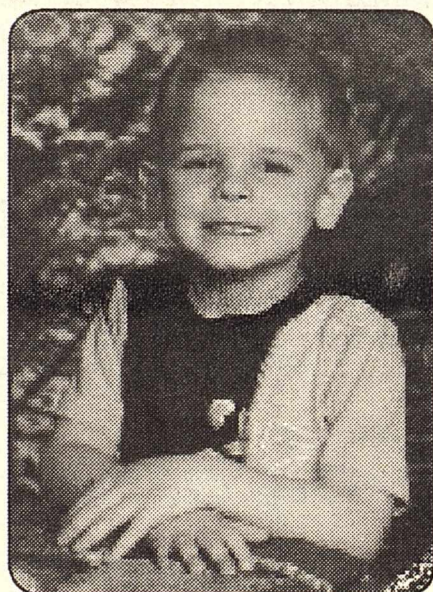
Rivers Martinez
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Paul and Cenisa Martinez
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Kodee Smith
Daughter of:
Ronny and Betsy Smith
Age: 4 yrs old



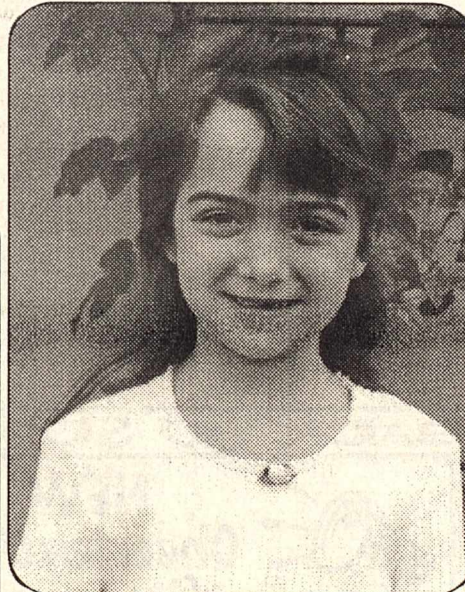
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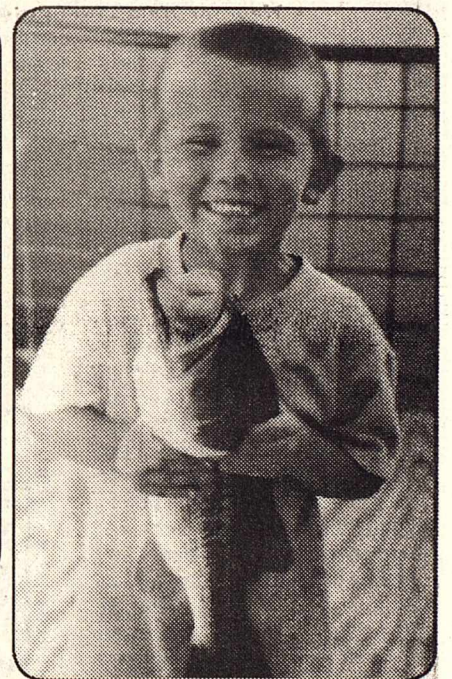
Christopher Adkins
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Thomas and Dawn Adkins
Age: 5 yrs old



Mary Kyle Johnson
Daughter of:
Brady and Anna Johnson
Age: 5 yrs old



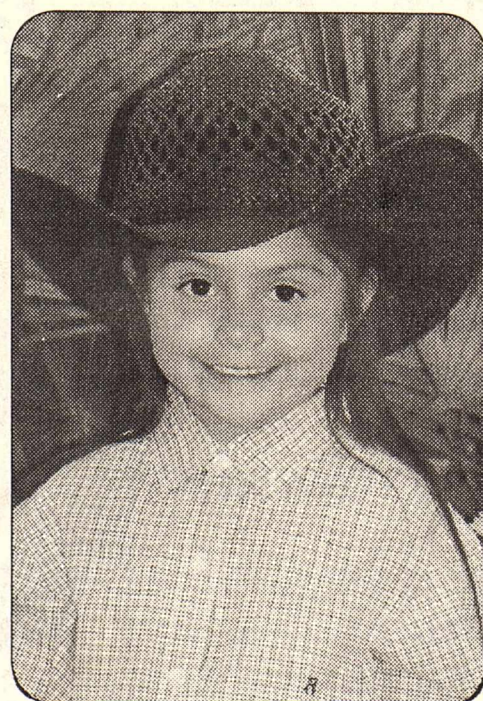
Summer Adele Hall
Daughter of:
Stephen and Susan Hall
Age: 5 yrs old



Brodey Myers
Son of:
Brant and Tracey Myers
Age: 4 yrs old



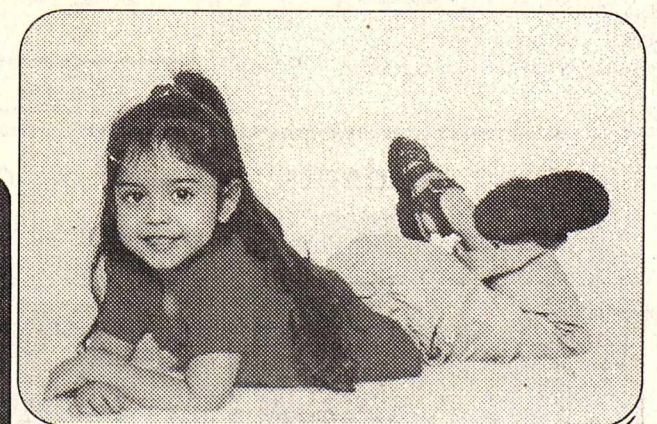
Sterling and Stevie Smith
Daughters of Olie & Carla Smith
Age: 4 yrs old



Trinity Zook
Daughter of:
Jon and Arianna Zook
Age: 5 yrs old



Jordan Paredes
Daughter of:
Jessie and Cindy Paredes
Age: 4 yrs old



Shyanne Gamez
Daughter of:
Carlos Jr. and Marisol Gamez
Age: 3 yrs old

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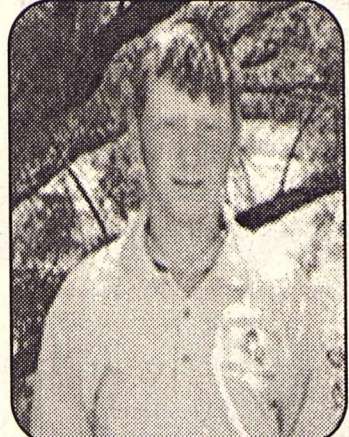
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 New Unit Petroleum; 7400' University - 14 - #3, Heart Land Drilling.
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For more rig locations call 1-800-627-9785 or go online to www.rigdata.com.

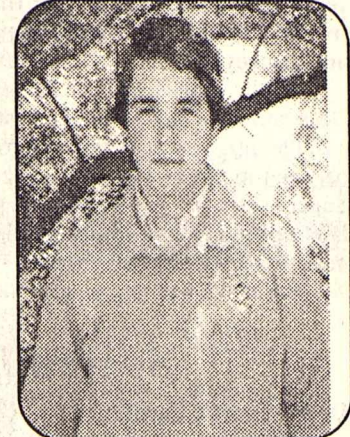
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Lawson and Wallace attend wildlife leadership camp



Hunter Lawson



Warren Wallace

Krooked River Ranch, Leuders, TX - Hunter Lawson and Warren Wallace of SONORA participated in the Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade at the Krooked River Ranch in Leuders, Texas in mid June. Lawson and Wallace were two of thirty high school students who took part in this award-winning leadership development program.

The Texas Brigades' mission is to empower high school youth with the necessary skills and knowledge in wildlife and fisheries, habitat conservation, land and water stewardship, team building, communication, and leadership to become ambassadors for conservation in order to ensure a sustained wildlife and fisheries legacy for future generations.

There are six Brigade camps being held this summer: two Buckskin Brigades, two Bobwhite Brigades, the Feathered Forces (which focuses on quail and turkey), and the Bass Brigade.

Participants must be between 13 and 17 years of age, have a 'B' average, and submit a complete application for consideration. Applications may be downloaded off of the website, www.texasbrigades.org, and are due in April.

For more information, contact Helen Holdsworth, Executive Director, at 800-TEX-WILD or 210-826-2904, ext 120 or via email

USDA Rural Development announces grand opening of Ozona Office

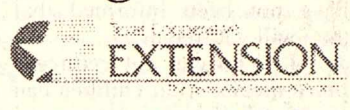
TEMPLE, TEXAS, August 8, 2005 - Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director announced the Grand Opening of a new USDA Rural Development local office in Ozona, Texas. To celebrate this Grand Opening, a ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 19, 2005, in the new office located at 201 East 11th Street, Ozona, Texas. The Ozona Local Office will serve the counties of Crockett, Glasscock, Irion, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green and Val Verde.

"USDA Rural Development has been working to establish a local office in Ozona, Texas for some time and we are delighted to announce the Grand Opening," said Daniel. "We look forward to building new relationships in this area and believe that this new office will allow us to better serve the needs of the rural Texans of the area."

Through the numerous programs USDA Rural Development offers, we are committed to increase economic opportunity in rural communities by improving the flow of capital to businesses and by addressing the essential needs of rural households, to enhance the quality of life.

USDA Rural Development strives to ensure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life. For further information, please contact the Ozona Local Office at (325) 392-2301 or visit us on the web at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

Watch out for Gray Leaf Spot in St. Augustine grass!



by Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Extension Agent - Agriculture

Have you ever noticed small spots on the leaf blades of your St. Augustine grass? It could be a sign that gray leaf spot has infected your lawn.

Gray leaf spot is a fungus that attacks St. Augustine grass, as well as several other turf grass species including perennial ryegrass, bermudagrass, fescue, and centipede grass. It develops rapidly with warm temperatures and abundant moisture, and it is capable of causing severe damage to your lawn. It is especially troublesome in shaded areas that remain damp for some time. Under these conditions, the disease causes serious thinning of the turf. Leaf spots first appear as tiny brown to ash-colored spots (lesions) with purple margins that enlarge and become diamond-shaped. In severe cases, lesions develop on stems and spikes and the leaves wither and die. The St. Augustine grass will have a yellowish color and appear drought stricken (turf grass may have a burned or scorched appearance resulting from death or spotting of the leaf blades).

Factors that promote gray leaf spot development include: high nitrogen fertilization, high humidity, 80 to 90 degree days and above 70 degree nights, shaded areas, herbicide damaged areas, compacted soils, excessive thatch, and drainage problems.

So what can be done to avert gray leaf spot? Avoid application of soluble nitrogen fertilizers on moderately shaded lawns during summer months. Apply water early in the morning only when water is needed. Avoid evening waterings which keep the leaf surface wet for long periods. Catch and remove grass clippings where gray leaf spot is a problem.

To learn more about "Gray Leaf Spot" and recommended fungicides, you can visit the Aggie-Turf web site at <http://aggie-turf.tamu.edu> and click on "Pests", then "Disease Index". Also, we are in the process of developing some horticulture workshops. Please call the Extension office at 387-3101 if you would like to have landscape seminars or workshops on diagnosing plant problems. We will coordinate the educational programs based upon your response.

Notice of Public Hearing on Sutton County Appraisal District Year 2006 Budget

The Sutton County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2006 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on August 15th, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. at the Sutton County Annex Building meeting room.

A summary of the appraisal district follows:

- The total amount of the proposed budget **\$296450**
- The total amount of increase over the current year's budget **\$31,930**
- The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget **3**

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school, city, water and hospital served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

300 E. Oak St.
 387-2809

School Lunch Information

Applications for free and reduced lunches will be distributed the first day of school and will also be available at the Food Service Directors office. Students who were on free or reduced meals last year, may eat in the cafeteria until **September 20, 2005** on last year's applications; **after that time, they will not be eligible for free or reduced meals until a new application has been filled out and approved.**

Aplicaciones para el Programa Nacional De Almuerzos y Desayunos Escolares, tambien estan Disponibles en Espanol.

Parents, you may prepay into your child's account at any time **between** meals at any of our 3 campuses, or at the Food Service Supervisor's office. Please make payments **directly** to the cafeteria. It is not the responsibility of the teachers or office personnel to bring money to the cafeteria.

Payments will **not** be accepted during the meal periods!

Meal Prices

Breakfast (All Grades)

- \$.75
- \$.30 (Reduced)
- \$1.15 (Adults)
- \$2.00 Visitors
- \$.25 Extra Milk

Lunch

- \$1.50 (Elem. School)
- \$1.75 (MS & HS)
- \$.40 Reduced All grades
- \$2.00 Student Visitor
- \$3.50 Adult Visitor
- \$.25 Extra Milk
- \$.50 Juice (Elem. School)

Sonora I.S.D. Letter to Households

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Sonora ISD offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$.75, lunch costs \$1.50 and \$1.75. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. The reduced price is \$.30 for breakfast, and \$.40 for lunch.

1. Do I need to fill out an application for each child? No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced-price meals. Use one Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. **Return the completed application to: Dora Gonzales, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX 76950**

2. Who can get free meals? Children in households getting Food Stamps, TANF and most foster children can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, if your household income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Chart.

3. Can homeless, runaway and migrant children get free meals? Please call Dora Gonzales, Sonora I.S.D. to see if your child(ren) qualify, if you have not been informed that they will get free meals.

4. Who can get reduced-price meals? Your children can

get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced-price limits on the Federal Income Chart, shown on this page.

5. Should I fill out an application if I got a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free or reduced-price meals? Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at 387-5760 if you have questions.

6. I get WIC. Can my child(ren) get free meals? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please fill out an application.

7. Will the information I give be checked? Yes, we may ask you to send written proof.

8. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later? Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start getting Food Stamps, TANF or other benefits. If you lose your job, your children may be able to get free or reduced-price meals.

9. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Dr. Brant Myers, Superintendent @ 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX. 76950**

10. May I apply if someone in my household is not a

U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

11. Who should I include as members of my household? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives or friends). You must include yourself and all children who live with you.

12. What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally get. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get it only sometimes.

13. We are in the military, do we include our housing allowance as income? If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.

If you have other questions or need help, call (387-5760). **Se necesita ayuda, por favor llame al telefono: (387-5760). Si vous voudriez d'aide, contactez nous au numero: (387-5760).**

Sincerely, Dora Gonzales

Estimado Padre de Familia/Encargado:

Los niños necesitan comida nutritiva para aprender. Sonora I.S.D. ofrece comidas nutritivas todos los días escolares. El desayuno cuesta \$.75 y el almuerzo \$1.50-\$1.75. Sus niños podrían calificar para comidas gratis o a precio reducido. El precio reducido es de \$.30 para el desayuno y \$.40 para el almuerzo.

1. Es necesario llenar una solicitud para cada niño? No. Complete la forma para solicitar comidas gratis o a precio reducido. Use una solicitud para comidas gratis o a precio reducido para todos los estudiantes en su hogar. Asegurese de llenar la solicitud con toda la información requerida ya que no podemos aprobar solicitudes incompletas. Devuelva la solicitud completa a: **Dora Gonzales, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX. 76950, 387-5760**

2. Quien puede recibir comidas gratis? Niños en hogares que reciben Cupones para Alimentos o TANF y la mayoría de los menores bajo la supervisión de servicios sociales pueden recibir comidas gratis sin importar sus ingresos. También si su ingreso familiar esta dentro de los límites de la Tabla Federal de Ingresos, sus niños pueden recibir comidas gratis.

3. Pueden los niños sin hogar, niños que han abandonado su hogar y niños emigrantes recibir comidas gratis? Si no le han informado que sus hijos recibirán comidas gratis, por favor comuníquese con: **Dora Gonzales @ 387-5750** para verificar si sus hijos califican.

4. Quien puede recibir comidas a precio reducido? Sus hijos pueden recibir comidas a precio reducido si su ingreso familiar esta dentro de los límites de la Tabla Federal de Ingresos mostrada en esta solicitud.

5. Debo llenar una solicitud se este año escolar recibi una carta que dice que mis hijos fueron aprobados para comidas gratis o a precio

reducido? Por favor, lea la carta que recibí y siga las instrucciones. Llame a la escuela al (387-5760) si tiene preguntas.

6. Yo recibo WIC. Pueden mis hijos recibir comidas gratis? Niños en hogares que participan en WIC podrían ser elegibles para recibir comidas gratis o a precio reducido. Por favor llene una solicitud.

7. Sera verificado la información que yo provea? Si, nosotros podríamos pedirle que envíe prueba escrita de la información provista.

8. Si yo no califico ahora puedo solicitar mas tarde? Si. Usted puede solicitar en cualquier momento durante el año escolar si el tamaño de su familia aumenta, sus ingresos disminuyen, o si comienza a recibir Cupones para Alimentos o TANF. Si usted pierde su trabajo, sus niños podrían recibir comidas gratis o a precio reducido durante el tiempo que usted este sin empleo.

9. Que pasa si no estoy de acuerdo con la decisión de la escuela con respecto a mi solicitud? Usted debera hablar con los oficiales de la escuela. También podría solicitar una audiencia ya sea llamando o escribiendo a: **Dr. Brant Myers, Superintendent @ 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX. 76950, 387-2220**

10. Puedo solicitar aunque alguien en mi hogar no sea ciudadano americano? Si. Ni usted ni sus niños necesitan ser ciudadanos americanos

Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls within the limits on this chart.

Federal Income Chart For School Year 2005-06

Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	17,705	1,476	341
2	23,736	1,978	457
3	29,767	2,481	573
4	35,798	2,984	689
5	41,829	3,486	805
6	47,860	3,989	921
7	53,891	4,491	1,037
8	59,922	4,994	1,153
Each additional person	6,031	503	116

SMS SNACK BAR MENU 2005-2006

Plates (or "Tray") of the Day:
 Monday - Chicken Nuggets
 Tuesday - Steak Fingers
 Wednesday - Chili Dog
 Thursday - Chicken
 Friday - Burger Day (Cheeseburger, Chick burger, Hamburger)
 • Plates (or "Trays") include salad, French Fries (3 times weekly), dessert and milk

Available daily and CAN be purchased with your "Lunch Ticket":
 Corn Dog Plate, Burrito Plate, Salads (not on Fridays), Hamburgers
A la Carte Food Items that are not covered under the "Free/Reduced Lunch"
 Slice Pizza 1.00
 Pizza Pocket 1.00
 Ham & Cheese Pocket 1.00

Chick-n-Cheese Crispito 1.00
 Cheese Sticks 1.00
 French Fries 1.00
 • Lunch charges MUST be paid the following day after a charge has been made!
 Parents, you may prepay into your child's account at any time, between meals in the Middle School Snack Bar.

Instructions for Applying—2005-06

Use a separate application for each foster child. List other children together.

If you are applying for a FOSTER CHILD, follow these instructions:

- Part 1:** List the child's name, school and grade.
- Part 2:** Skip this part.
- Part 3:** List the child's personal use monthly income, if any.
- Part 4:** Skip this part.
- Part 5:** Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.

If your household receives FOOD STAMPS OR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF), follow these instructions:

- Part 1:** List each child's name, school, grade and Food Stamp or TANF case number.
- Part 2:** Skip this part.
- Part 3:** Skip this part.
- Part 4:** Skip this part.
- Part 5:** Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.

If you are applying for a HOMELESS, MIGRANT OR RUNAWAY CHILD, follow these instructions:

- Part 1:** List the child's name, school and grade.
- Part 2:** Check the appropriate box.
- Part 3:** Skip this part.
- Part 4:** Skip this part.
- Part 5:** Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, follow these instructions:

- Part 1:** List each child's name, school and grade. Optional (Social Security Number, Student I.D. or Date of Birth)
- Part 2:** Skip this part.
- Part 3:** Skip this part.
- Part 4:** Follow these instructions to report last month's household income.

Column 1—Name: List the last, first and middle name of each person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives or friends). You must include yourself and all children. Attach another sheet of paper if needed.

Column 2—Last month's income and how often it is received: For each person who receives income, write the amount received and how often it is received.

Employment Income: List the gross income for each person. It is not the same as take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and deductions. It should be listed on your pay stub or your boss can tell you. Next to the amount, write how often you receive it—weekly (W), every 2 weeks (E), Twice a month (T) or monthly (M).

Other income: List the amount each person receives from all other sources. Include welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, Worker's Compensation, unemployment, strike benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), disability benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household and ANY OTHER INCOME. Report net income for self-owned business, farm or rental income. Next to the amount, write how often the person receives it.

Column 3—Check if no income: If the person does not have any income, check the box.

Part 5: An adult household member must sign the form and list his or her Social Security Number or mark the box if he or she doesn't have one.

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us. The National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your children for free or reduced-price meals. The Social Security Number of the adult household member who signs the application is required unless you list Food Stamp or TANF case numbers for all children you are applying for OR if you are applying for a foster child. You must check the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box if the adult household member signing the application does not have a Social Security Number. We WILL use your information to see if your children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, to operate the program, and to enforce the rules of the program. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into misuse of program rules.

Non-Discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington D.C. 20250-9410 or call 202/720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Multi-Child Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for 2005-06

Sonora		District/Charter School		
Part 1. Children in School (Use a separate application for each foster child.)				
Names of all children in school (Last, First, Middle Initial)	School Name	Social Security #, Student I.D. or Date of Birth (OPTIONAL)	Grade	Food Stamp or TANF case # (if any)
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
If you listed a Food Stamp/TANF case number for one child, skip to Part 5.				
Part 2. If the child you are applying for is homeless, migrant or a runaway, check the appropriate box: Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Migrant <input type="checkbox"/> Runaway <input type="checkbox"/>				
Part 3. Foster Child				
If this application is for a child who is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court, check box <input type="checkbox"/> and list the amount of the child's personal use monthly income: \$ _____ Skip to Part 5.				
Part 4. Household Members and Gross Income From Last Month (List each person in the household. For each person who receives income, write the amount received and how often it is received.)				
1. Name, list everyone in household:	2. Income and how often it is received. Weekly (W), Every 2 Weeks (E), Twice a Month (T), Monthly (M)			3. Check if NO income
	Earnings from work before deductions	Welfare, child support, alimony	Pensions, retirement, Social Security	Other
Example: Jane Smith	\$ 200 / E	\$ 50 / M	\$ /	\$ /
1.	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /
2.	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /
3.	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /
4.	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /
5.	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /
6.	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /
Part 5. Signature and Social Security Number (Adult must sign.)				
An adult household member must sign the application. If Part 4 is completed, the adult signing the form must also list his or her Social Security Number or mark the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box. (See Privacy Act Statement on the "Instructions for Applying" page.)				
I hereby promise that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify checks the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted.				
Sign here:				Date:
Social Security Number:				<input type="checkbox"/> I do not have a Social Security Number
Printed Name:	Home Phone:	Work Phone:		
Mailing Address:	City:	State:	Zip:	
Do not fill out this part. For school use only.				
Monthly Income:	Monthly Income Conversion: Weekly x 4.33, Every 2 Weeks x 2.15, Twice a Month x 2	Household size:	FS/TANF:	Date Withdrawn:
Eligibility: Free	Reduced	Denied	Reason:	
Temporary: Free	Time Period:	Expires after _____ days		
Determining Official's Signature:				Date:
Confirming Official's Signature:				Date:
Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us. The National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your children for free or reduced-price meals. The Social Security Number of the adult household member who signs the application is required unless you list Food Stamp or TANF case numbers for all children you are applying for OR if you are applying for a foster child. You must check the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box if the adult household member signing the application does not have a Social Security Number. We WILL use your information to see if your children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, to operate the program, and to enforce the rules of the program. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into misuse of program rules.				
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- Ozona

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Place your Non-Commercial classified ad in The Devil's River News, Eldorado Success, Ozona Stockman, Big Lake Wildcat and Ivan News for one low, low price. Call today for details!

387-2507

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

Public Notice

Official Notice to Tenants of Intent to Sale Big Door Storage Hwy 277 S.

Sonora, Texas, Sutton County will begin to sell contents of one (1) storage unit on August 30, 2005 to satisfy back rent owed. Tenant is Sylvia Henry. Business: 325-387-5548.

PUBLIC NOTICE BUDGET HEARING

The city council will hold a public budget hearing on August 16, 2005 at 2:00 p.m., City Hall. All citizens are invited to attend and provide the council with written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the city's entire proposed budget. The proposed budget can be inspected by the public from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday in the city secretary's office, City Hall.

The Sonora ISD offers career and technology education programs in DCP, BCIS, Agriculture Science, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Tech Prep. Admission to these programs is based on special needs and/or desire to participate.

It is the policy of Sonora High School not to discriminate on basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Sonora High School will take steps to insure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, John Berry, at 807 S. Concho, (325) 387-3023 and the Section 504 Coordinator, Stefanie Taylor, at 807 S. Concho, (325) 387-5944.

El distrito escolar de Sonora ofrece programas vocacionales en DCP, BCIS, la ciencia de la agricultura, las ciencias de la familia y el consumidor, y cursos preparativos de técnica. La admisión a estos programas se basa en caso de necesidad, deseo en participar, y en espacio necesario para conducir los programas.

Es norma de el distrito escolar de Sonora no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, o impedimento, en sus programas, sericios o actividades vocacionales; tal como las requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, segun enmienda; el Título IX delas Enmiendas en la Educacion, de 1972, y la Seccion 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitacion de 1973, segun enmienda.

El distrito escolar de Sonora tomara las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y participacion en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para informacion sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuniquese con el Coordinador del Título IX, John Berry, at 807 S. Concho, (325) 387-3023 y el Coordinador de la Seccion 504, Stefanie Taylor, at 807 S. Concho, (325) 387-5944.

Lost

\$500 Reward - For information leading to the return or arrest and conviction. A Red Front SA-200 50's model Lincoln Welder. Taken from business in Eldorado. Taken sometime late hours of July 22 or early hours of July 23. Has a red top gel batting, no lincoln decals, paint has faded to a light gray. Is sitting on a home made single axle trailer has no lights or license plate. Please contact Dana at 325-853-2629 or 325-650-8988

Employment

Weatherford UBS in Sonora, is looking to fill the following positions, one nitrogen tech, two air techs, and one shop inventory clerk. Must be 18 years of age and have a valid drivers license. Must be able to pass DOT physical and drug screen and background check. Individuals must have a dependable truck and be readily available. Position will consist of operating membrane nitrogen units and air compression on drilling sites. Long hours and great benefits package included. Applications may be picked up at the Weatherford office at 3269 S. Service RD. in Sonora. (No phone calls please!)

Schleicher County Medical Center 42 miles South of San Angelo Lab Manager

Must have: BS in Medical Technology with ASCP/NCLIA. Flexible schedule/On call schedule/On call pay/competitive salary. Full Time Position: Paid time off, Health, Dental, Vision, and Life Options, retirement options. E-mail resume to:sdietz@scen2.net or fax to Administrator 325.853.3166

Lariat Services, Inc. is seeking an experienced Air Driller. Wage ranges between \$20.00 to \$24.00 an hour depending on experience. Will pay \$30.00 per diem and mileage reimbursement. Benefits include 401K Plan and Dental Plan and company paid Medical Insurance. Fax resume to 325-336-9339 or contact the Fort Stockton Office at 325-336-7821.

DQ of Sonora now accepting applications for Maintenance Worker. Non-smoking, drug free environment. Drug test required. Apply in person today with Manager, Patti Lindaur.

RN's & LVN's Needed

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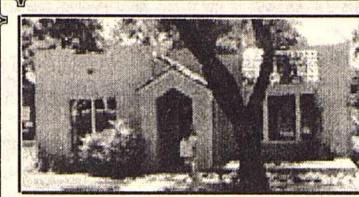
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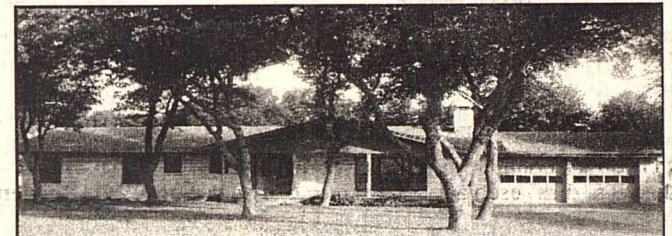


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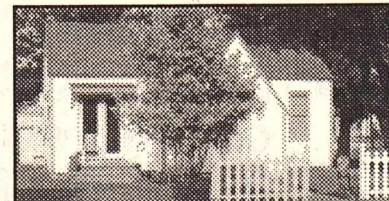
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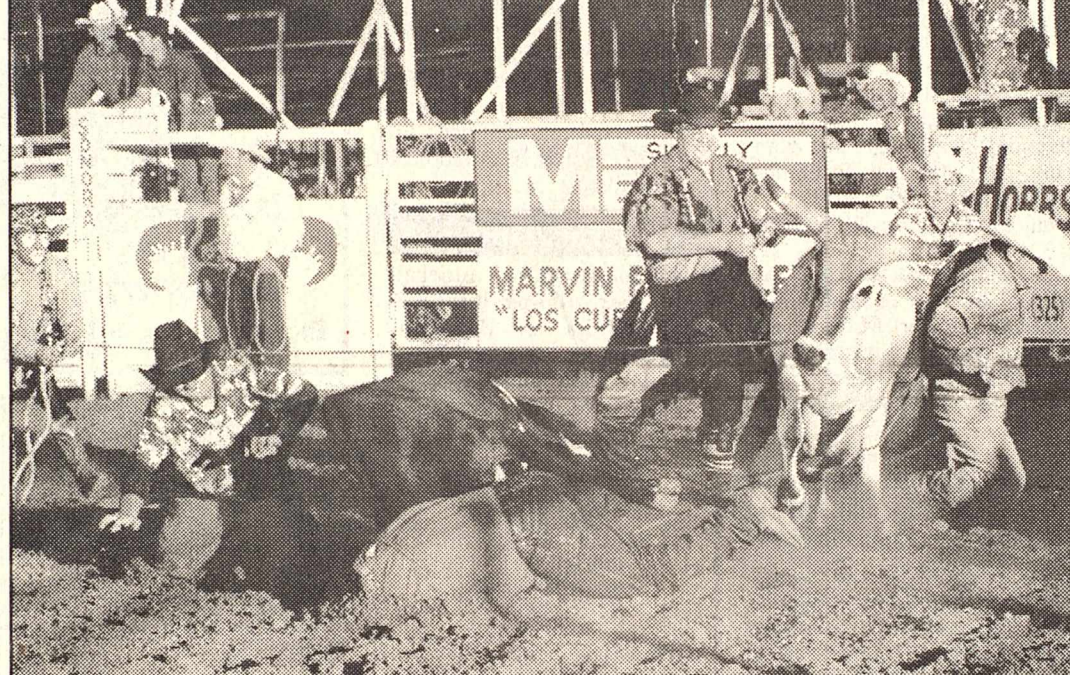
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Miss Sutton County and Queen Contestants enjoy the tropics

Miss Sutton County, Courtney Caruthers, (2nd from left), was joined by the 2005 Miss Sutton County Queen Candidates, Alisha Covey, Hillary Lawson and Mandy Brister on Sunday, August 7, 2005 as they modeled fashions from local merchants and enjoyed the annual luncheon at the Civic Center. Advance rodeo tickets are still on sale at a discounted price from any of the girls!

Saddle up for a Wild Time



Wild Steer Saddling returns to Outlaw Pro Rodeo. Interested entrants (18 years and older) MUST enter before 8:00 p.m. Friday, August 12 and Saturday, August 13. Teams of 3 must provide own saddle and sign release form. For more information call Storie at 325-386-2507 or 226-3861.

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Dinner Saturday, August 13, 2005 at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center, starting at 5:30 p.m. The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program is proud to sponsor the First Community Western Heritage Family Pioneer Award and we would also like to express our appreciation to the other sponsors of the First Community Western Heritage Family Pioneer Award Johnson Law Office, Dee Or Masonic Lodge, Multi-Chem Group LLC., and KHOS Radio. Hope to see you there!

2006 EQIP Meeting Notice

There will be a stakeholder meeting regarding the possible inclusion of the North and South Llano Watersheds into the Statewide Resource Brush Program of the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) for the 2006 fiscal year. All producers who fall within these two watersheds are invited to attend this meeting. Discussion will include types of brush practices to be used as well as associated practices that may assist in rangeland recovery.

Place - Kimble County Courthouse
 501 Main, Junction
 Date - Wednesday
 August, 17th
 Time - 10:00-12:00 am

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- August 11
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