

THE Devil's River NEWS

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Queen Contestants Now Selling Rodeo Tickets

The 1999 Sutton County Days Queen contestants are beating the streets starting this week, offering everyone a chance to get their 25th Anniversary Outlaw Pro Rodeo tickets at a discounted price. This year's contestants are:

Andi Allen, daughter of Lewis & Cyndy Allen, sponsored by Ol' Sonora/Merle Norman and the First National Bank.

Kayla Burkett, daughter of Lynn & Susan Hinsley, sponsored by Multi-Chem and Amy Crenwelge's Head to Toe Salon.

Daisha Henson, daughter of Wes and Tressa Henson, sponsored by image apparel and the Ladies Golf Auxiliary.

Kendra Jones, daughter of Rocky & Janalyn Jones, sponsored by Vallree's Bright Spot and the

Sutton County Steakhouse.

Rita Lopez, daughter of John & Betty Lopez, sponsored by Location Builders and Pizza Hut.

The girls have tickets for Friday and Saturday night performances of the rodeo and dance. Pre-sale prices are \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 and under to the rodeo and \$6.00 for everyone to the dance. (Children 8 and under are admitted to the dance free with an adult.)

Rodeo tickets purchased at the gate will be \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Dance tickets at the gate are \$10.00. Reserved seats can be purchased from Pam Haynes at RodeoWild for \$12.00. Be sure to tell Pam if you want your purchase to go toward a certain contestant's total. The girls are working hard to sell these dis-

counted tickets because these sales play a significant part in the final choice of Miss Sutton County and the proceeds help benefit the youth of Sutton County.

Miss Sutton County receives a \$500.00 scholarship to the school of her choice, a custom made Lee Bloodworth silver bracelet, and many other nice prizes, including the Tiara donated by Tedford Jewelry. \$250.00 scholarships and other nice prizes are also given to the top 4 runners up.

Tickets can be purchased from any of these contestants or their sponsors, so show your support of Sutton County and purchase your tickets today. For more information you can call the Outlaw Pro Rodeo office at 387-5645.

Sutton County Days Parade

The Sutton County Days Parade is around the corner. This year's parade will be held on Saturday, Aug. 21, 1999 @ 9 a.m. This marks the 25th anniversary of Sutton County Days and we are looking for the best parade ever! We need your help and support in being a parade participant. Applications may be picked up at The Bank & Trust or the Chamber office. Inquiries may be made by calling Parade Chairman, Tonya Brown at 387-2593 or 387-5929. Let's all join in the fun.

Annual Community Appreciation Fiesta

Submitted
The Bank & Trust would like the community to join in the fun on Thursday, July 29, 1999 at 6 p.m. The bank will be holding its Annual Community Appreciation Fiesta at the Civic Center. A fajita dinner will be served and live

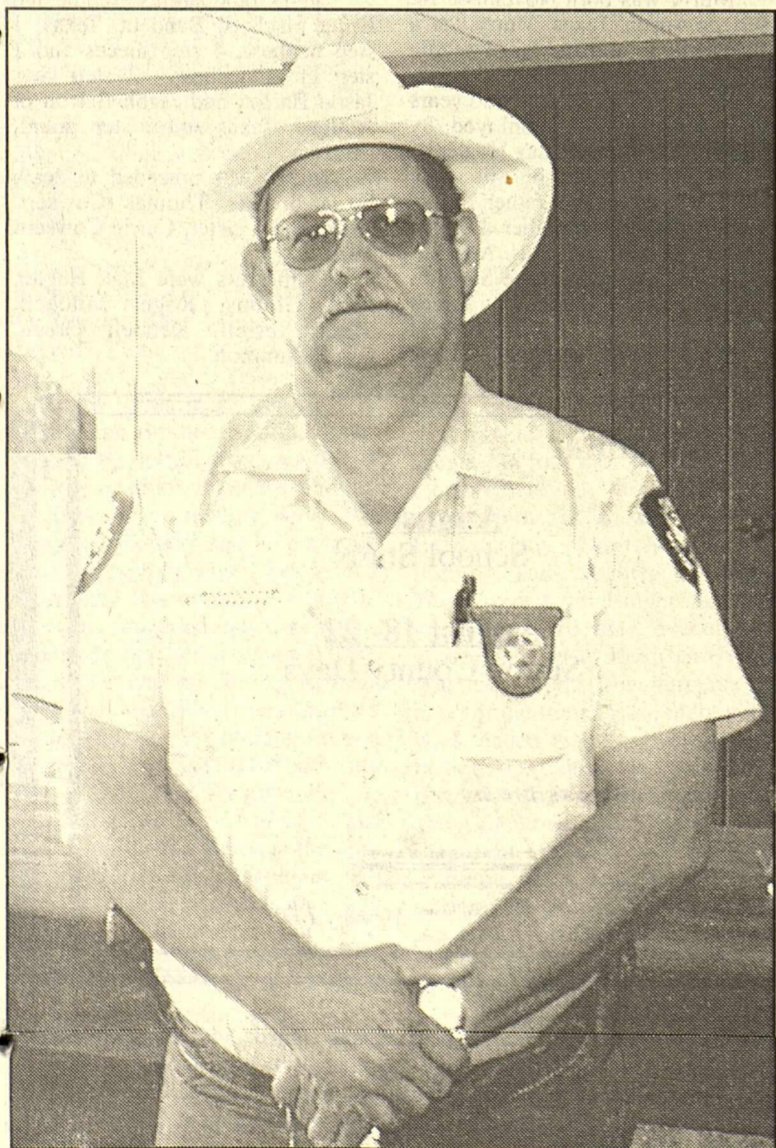
entertainment will be provided by "The Swigs", a country-n-western variety band. Entertainment will be from 6-10 p.m. Dinner will be catered by The Sutton County Steakhouse and served at 6:30 p.m. Come join us for a fun filled evening.

Deputy Receives Melvin Drum Award

Submitted
The Texas Chief Deputies Association at its eleventh annual training conference held June 13th-16th, 1999, in Galveston, Texas, selected Sutton County Chief Deputy Joe Fincher as recipient of its Melvin Drum Award. The award is given annually to a chief deputy who best represents the organization by recognizing his outstanding career and dedication to law enforcement.

Melvin Drum was a chief deputy from Perryton, Texas, who was shot and killed answering a disturbance call.

Joe Fincher has been with the Sutton County Sheriff's Office for twenty-two years. He and his wife, Karen have five children, Ty, Tracy, Tate, Kendra Vyvlecka, and Kent McAnally, and two granddaughters, Morgan Vyvlecka and Addison Fincher.



Sutton County Chief Deputy Joe Fincher

Little Miss & Mr. Sutton County Sign Up Scheduled

The 1999 Little Miss & Mr. Sutton County contest will take place on Saturday, August 21, 1999 on the courthouse lawn at 10:30 a.m.

Sign up for the contest will be held Thursday, August 12th at 5:30 p.m. at the Sonora Fire Hall. Entries are \$5.00 for children ages 4 & 5. The Devil's River News will be taking individual pictures of the children at sign up to be run in the August 19th issue.

This year's MC for the contest will be Mattie Nix.

For more information you can contact Trevlin Strong.

County Commissioners Court

The County Commissioners Court held its first regular meeting of the month on Monday, July 12, 1999 at the Sutton County Annex.

After a discussion on the cost of cleaning supplies at the 4-H Civic Center it was decided to look into changing the original contract that had been agreed upon with the vendor, so as to lower these costs. After further questions were answered about bills, it was approved to pay the bills for the month of July.

Justice of the Peace report showed 521 criminal cases. \$35,157.89 have been collected, with \$15,443.07 going to the county.

Pat Campbell reported 36 runs by the EMS Department for the month of June.

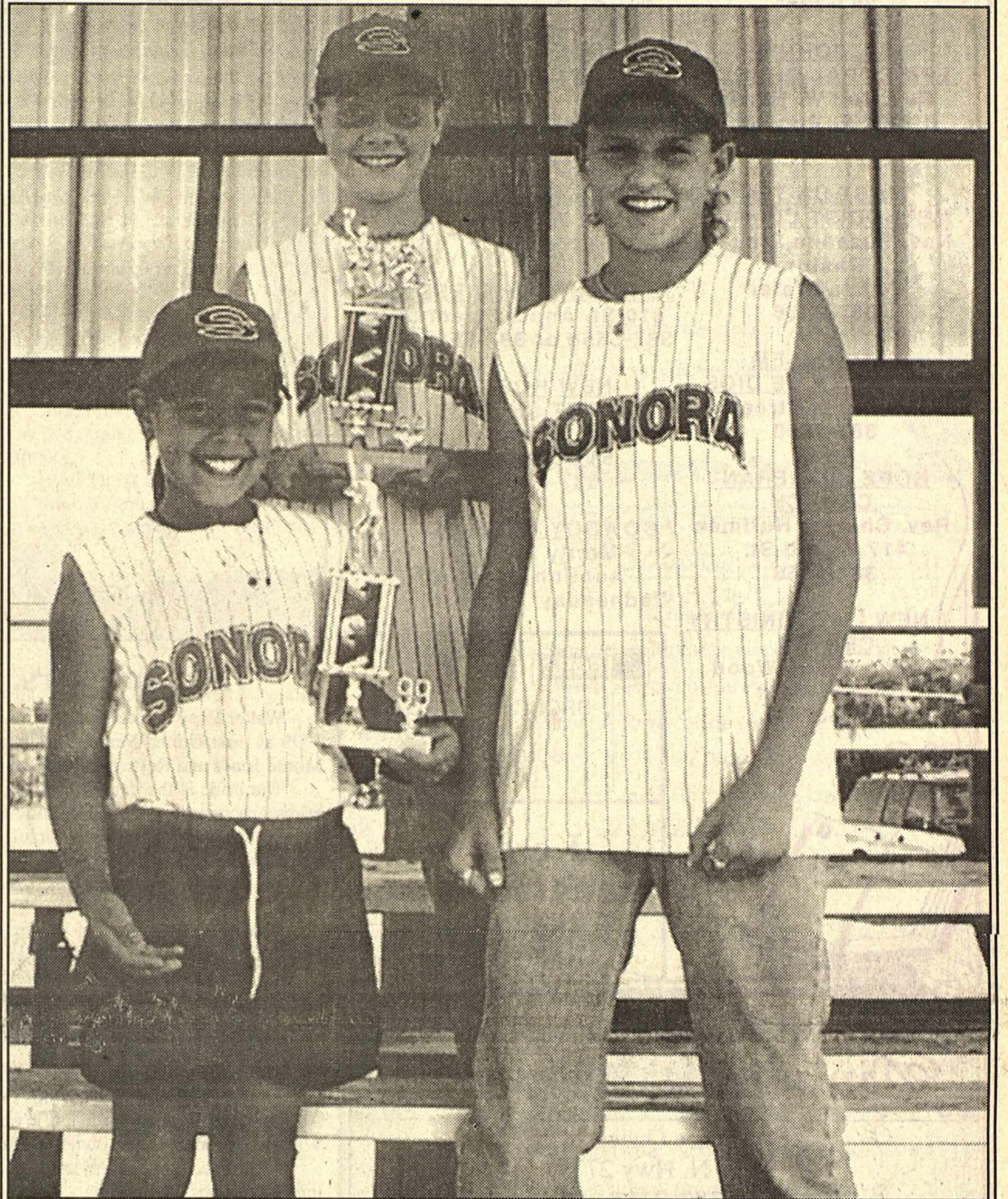
Oscar Jimenez, with the Road & Bridge Dept. reported that the parking lot at the Civic Center had been paved with the first course of gravel. Jimenez also told that WTU would charge \$125.00 an hour to change the ruined bulbs at the rodeo arena, but he only saw it taking about an hour and a half. The county had previously purchased the bulbs, so they were ready to go.

County Tax Appraiser, Rex Ann Friess informed the court that 98.4% of current taxes had been collected. With delinquents added in the 98 levy is 100% collected.

County Judge Carla Garner informed the court of several things, including that WTU has started work out at the Sutton County Slab area, where several poles for lights have had to be moved. A discussion took place

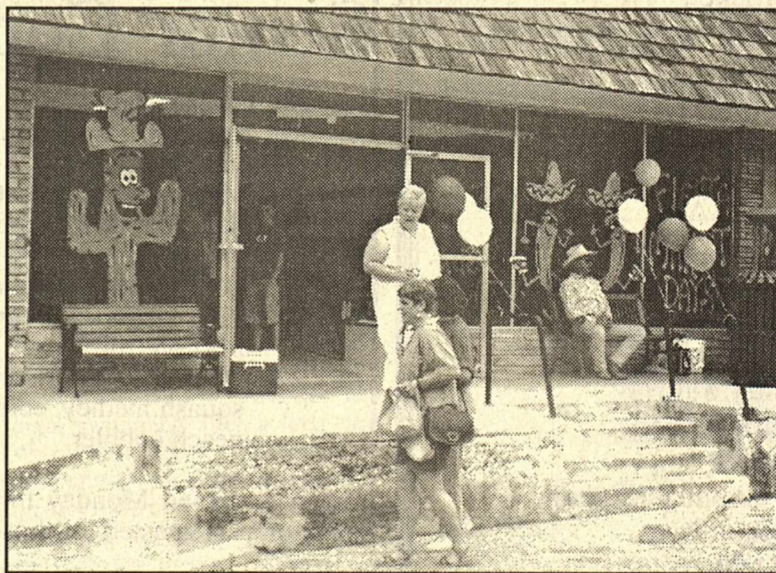
See Commissioners page 6

Sonora Softball All-Stars Take All Tournament



At the Sonora Softball Tournament held July 9-10, 1999, All Tournament Honors were awarded to (bottom Left) Jaimee Duran - Minor League and (bottom right) Laura Word - Major League. Best Pitcher was awarded to (center) Meghan Krieg - Minor League. For more on the Sonora Girls Softball All-Stars see page 5.

Sonora Celebrates "Short of the Border"



Despite the summer showers that graced Sonora on Saturday, the 1st "Short of the Border" Fiesta & Market Days took place on Main Street. Those that participated in the event were pleased with the outcome for a first time trial experience. There were several vendors inside the old Doran Furniture building and some good bargains could be found. Outside on the street there was everything from cantelopes to music to buggy rides and a train. Savory smells drew people to the pocket park where hot dogs and hamburgers could be purchased to munch on. See more Fiesta pictures on page 6.

Benefit Scheduled For Tyler Smith

Submitted
On April 26, 1999, a tragic accident occurred in Sonora, completely destroying Rafter L Barbeque and severely injuring 3 year old Tyler Smith in the fire. Tyler was burned over 30% of his body and sustained severe damage to his lungs, arms, hands, face and legs. He is home now and is doing well, but still requires therapy 3 times a week, and bi-weekly visits to the hospital in Lubbock. His doctors have projected that it will take at least another 12 months of therapy and reconstruction. We are asking for your help to relieve some of the financial burden placed on his family. Any help you may be able to give will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time and consideration.

The Blue-Eyed Devil Promotions presents a benefit for

Tyler Smith featuring J.J. Hughes and Southern Reign on July 25, 1999 at Sante Fe Junction. Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and admission is \$5.00. There will be Door

Prizes, a Raffle and a Silent Auction. For more information about the event or to make contributions call 482-9141.



Tyler Smith flirts with the camera.

Sonora Church Directory

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Rick Sanchez
504 Santa Clara
387-2035

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN
Lewis Allen, Pastor
319 E. Mulberry
387-2616

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Tim Dobbs, Minister
304 N. Water
387-3190

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH
Corner of Hwy. 277 S. and Glasscock

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Taylor Norman, Interim
404 E Oak
387-2951

PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED
Randy Greenwood, Pastor
509 Amistad
387-5266

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. Ted W. Harris
404 E. Poplar
387-2955

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor
201 N. Water
387-2466

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I.
229 W. Plum
387-2278

JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS
St. Ann's Street
387-3600

JEHOVAH'S WITNESS
310 St. Ann's Street
387-5658 or 387-5518

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

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
Don Sessom
511 Cornell
387-5215

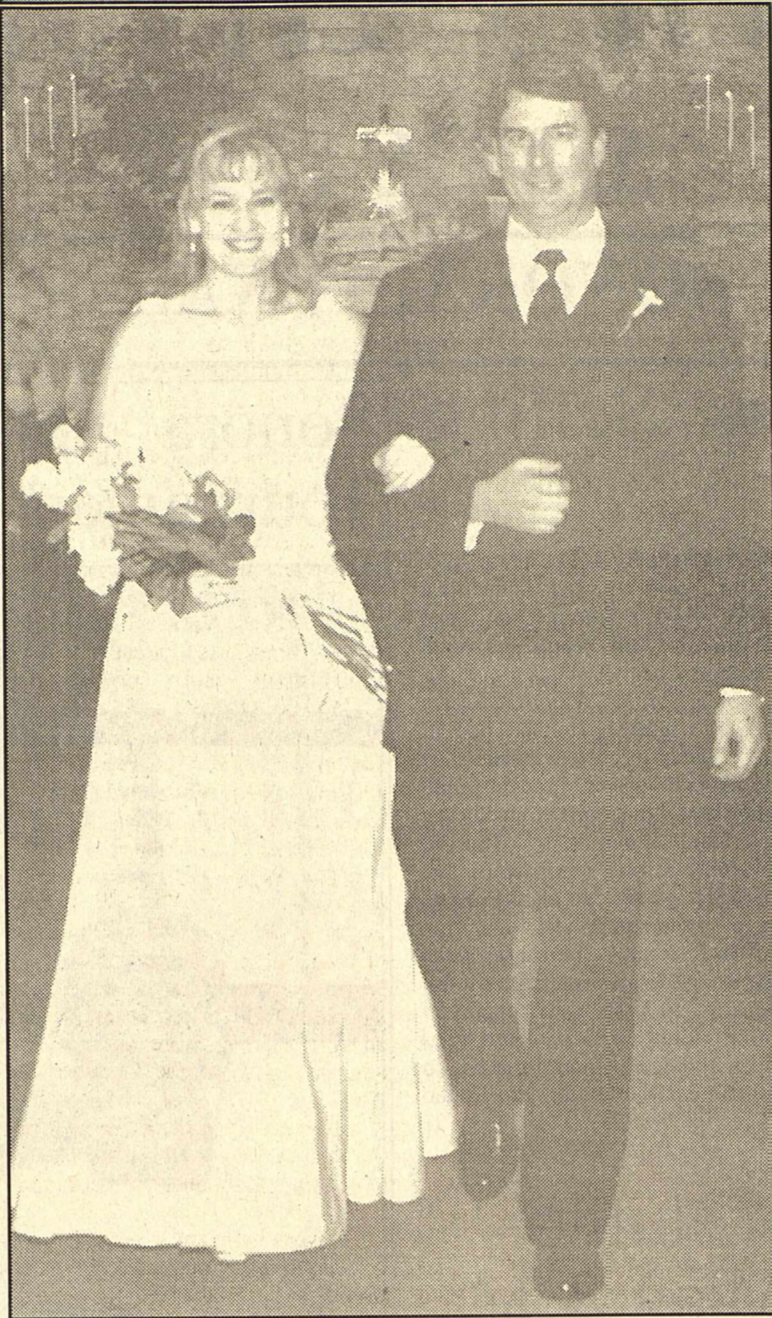
NEW LIFE MINISTRY CENTER
Jerry & Joy Wood
204 E. Main
387-3241

COWBOY CHURCH
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FORD
BRONCHO FORD INC.
115 N CONCHO
SONORA, TX 76950
(915)387-2549

Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Espy Whitehead

Walter Espy Whitehead and Laura Livingston were married May 29, 1999 at First United Methodist Church in Fredricksburg, Texas. Reverend Monte Jones and Reverend Ted Harris officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Livingston II. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Linn Whitehead.

Matron of Honor was sister of the bride, Launa Livingston Crites of San Antonio, Texas.

Best man was cousin of the groom, William Espy Phinzy of Dalhart, Texas.

Ushers were brother of the bride James Shannon Livingston III of Houston, Texas and Robert Todd Waight of Fredricksburg, Texas.

The bride is a graduate of Alpine High School and received a Bachelor's of Business Administration from Sul Ross University and a Master's of Science in Psychology from Angelo State University. She is employed by JHA Marketing in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Sonora High School and attended the University of Texas at Austin. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Agribusiness Economics from Texas Tech University. He is a partner in Whitehead Ranches and owner of Sonora Napa Store.

After a wedding trip to Lake Tahoe and Las Vegas, the couple is residing in Sonora.

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for all of the acts of kindness during our recent surgery and hospital stays. Words can not express our thanks for the cards, food, flowers, prayers and visitations. Truly, there is no place like home.

Thanks Again,
Jack and Gloria Kerbow & Family

The Sonora Middle School Reading Program would like to thank all those who came out and supported our program by buying a hot dog and drinking some lemonade. The Program would especially like to thank Sutton County Bank and Trust, Sutton County Steakhouse, Dairy Queen, and Walmart for donating all the supplies that made the booth possible. We would like to thank the Main Street Advisory Board for allowing us to be the first to use the beautiful Pocket Park for serving hot dogs. The booth was successful and hopefully with the money we will be able to better our program and offer more support to our Middle School students.

We appreciate the support from the community!
The SMS Middle School Reading Program

Who's Who



Cynthia Trevino has graduated from Howard College where she has received an Applied Science Associate's Degree majoring in Respiratory Care. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and has also received an outstanding achievement award from the Department of Respiratory Care. Cynthia is now certified by the National Board of Respiratory Care and will be sitting for the Registry Board's examination in December, 1999. Cynthia, a 1997 Sonora High School graduate, is the daughter of Mike and Amparo Villanueva. She and her husband, Robert reside in San Angelo with their daughter Myra Alexandra.

Ronnie Cox
would like to be
your pharmacist.

Obituaries

Seth Ori Snodgrass

Seth Ori Snodgrass, infant son of Chase and Kathryn Snodgrass of Ft. Davis, died Wednesday, July 7, 1999 at an Alpine Hospital.

Graveside services were held Saturday, July 10, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. at Hillcrest Cemetery in Ft. Davis, Texas.

Survivors include his parents,

Chase and Kathryn Snodgrass of Ft. Davis. A sister, Elizabeth (12) and brother Gunther (2) of Ft. Davis. Paternal grandparent: Bob Snodgrass of Sonora. Maternal grandparents: Ralph K. Harmer and wife June of Utah and Karen Hurst and husband Fred of Utah. Great grandmother: Velma Hutchings of Utah.

William Murry Cowser

William Murry Cowser, of Abilene, Texas died July 3, 1999.

Graveside services were held July 8, 1999 at 2:30 p.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery in Anson, Texas with Pete Lollar officiating.

Murry was born November 18, 1961, in Anson, Texas. Murry was a son of Monte and the late Priscilla (Edwards) Cowser, 1990.

He moved to Abilene two years ago where he was employed by Abilene Auction and Max Hagler.

He is survived by his wife Debora Cowser, his father Monte Cowser and stepmother Bernice Cowser of Sonora, Texas. A brother, James Cowser, a niece Stephini Cowser and nephew James (Jimmy) Cowser of Anson, Texas. 2 step-sisters, Melissa Lockaby

and husband Anthony Lockaby of Farmington, New Mexico, Suzanne Anuskiewicz and husband Ronnie of San Diego, California, and 1 step-brother James McKnight of San Diego, California.

Step Grandparents Freddie and Erma Flach of Bandera, Texas. 1 step nephew, 4 step nieces and 1 step great nephew. 2 step sons Jason Barron and Jacob Barron of Abilene, Texas and 3 step grandchildren.

Murry was preceded in death by a brother Thomas Cowser, 1988, and a sister, Carrie Cowser, 1979.

Pallbearers were Max Hagler, Rick Gimms, Roger Mitchell, Mitch Terrell, Kendall Green, Frank Cumpston.

Dining Out Directory

Dairy Queen
134 N. Hwy 277
387-2118

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

La Mexicana
240 N. Hwy 277
387-3401

Los Jarritos
605 S. Crockett
387-2838

Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

Rosie's Cafe
207 Glasscock Ave
387-5552

Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833

Town & Country Subway
610 S. Crockett
387-6181

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

Senior Center News

July 16 - Run errands & pay bills after lunch.
July 19 - Kooking with Kelly! Nutrition Program at Noon.
July 20 - City Council 2:00 p.m. City Hall. Bingo!
July 21 - Van to San Angelo! Call Lilia NOW! * Also SCP Training.

Senior Center Menu

July 16 - Chicken fajita salad, tomato wedges, lettuce, macaroni salad, crackers, cherry perfection, pumpkin pie.

July 19 - Meatloaf with tomato gravy, blackeyed peas, honey glazed carrots, cornbread, melon salad.

July 20 - Polynesian chicken salad, sweet peas, wheat bread, golden salad, vanilla pudding.

July 21 - Steak fingers with gravy, whipped potatoes, steamed broccoli, roll, peach cobbler.

July 22 - Oven baked pork chop with gravy, zucchini/yellow squash medley, corn with red peppers, wheat roll, peach cobbler.

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 noon. \$1.75 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 from all others.

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Community

July 15
Sutton County 4-H Playday
6:00 p.m. at Sutton County Arena.

July 29
Bank & Trust Appreciation Dinner
6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
4-H Civic Center

The Community Calendar

SUTTON COUNTY
THE BANK & TRUST S.S.B. MEMBER FDIC
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Calendar

August 9
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August 18- 22
Sutton County Days

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Our Spring stock of Men's, Ladies and Children's Low Cut Shoes are here. They consist of the Latest Styles, Shapes and Colors, for spring and summer wear.

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Grimland & Allison.

SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN FOR ORDERS FOR MADE TO MEASURE CLOTHING.

This ad for Grimland & Allison ran in the August 10, 1912 issue of the Devil's River News.

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary
Q. Do you have any information on where the Grimland family came from?

A. Devil's River News, August 10, 1912 ran a reprint from a Dallas News article on the Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration held in Bosque Co. on July 13, 1912 for Mr. and Mrs. Y. Grimland.

In the afternoon at 4 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Grimland, their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and other guests assembled at the Lutheran Church, which had been made especially attractive by the hands of loving friends and relatives. The bride of half a century ago entered on the arm of her daughter, Mrs. N. O. Nelson of Waco, while the groom was escorted by his son Edward Grimland of Sonora. Mr. and Mrs. Grimland occupied seats on the rostrum underneath the figures "50," composed of gold leaf.

After the program in the church concluded, a biographical address was delivered by the pastor Rev. P. E. Thorsen.

Among some of the handsome mementos received by Mr. and Mrs. Grimland, was a gold bed, the gift of

their sons and daughters; a buffet, from their nieces and nephews; a silver punch bowl, ladle and cups, from one of their sons, Harry at Clarita, OK.; handsome pieces of china and silver, besides several pieces of gold currency.

Y. Grimland was born March 11, 1833, twenty-five miles west of the city of Arendal, in one of the mountain valleys of Norway. In 1855 he was married to Miss G. Tergoson, after locating at Henderson County, Texas. Mrs. Grimland died in 1861, three children being born as a result of this union, two of them having died. In the spring of 1862 he was married to Miss Inger Holverson. Fourteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Grimland, seven sons and seven daughters. Of this number twelve are still living.

Mr. Grimland was elected Justice of the Peace in Bosque County in 1878, serving, intermittently, for twenty-four years. He was elected County Commissioner in 1880, which office he held for sixteen years.

Lifelong members of the Lutheran Church, Mr. and Mrs. Grimland have been instrumental in

the establishment of four Norwegian Lutheran congregations at Brownsboro, Fourmile, Norse and Clifton. When the first school house was built in Norse, used for a number of years as a church, Mr. Grimland hauled two loads of lumber from Anderson County, a distance of 200 miles.

Besides their living children, Mr. and Mrs. Grimland have forty-two grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. The following are the names of their children:

Robert Grimland, Fort Worth; Miss Anna Grimland, Clifton; H. N. Grimland, Clarita, OK; Miss Flora Grimland, Ms. Concord Bronstad, Clifton; T. W. Grimland, Norse; Mr. and Mrs. Y. Grimland, Clifton; Mrs. N. O. Nelson, Ben Grimland, J. A. Grimland, Waco; A. C. Grimland, Cranfills Gap; Ed Grimland, Sonora; G. D. Grimland, Clifton; and Mrs. George Wallace, Norse.

Other news of interest on that date include: Charlie Adams returned from San Angelo Tuesday where he had been advertising his show.

Malcom McNicol the windmill man who has been working on the G. S. Allison ranch was in Sonora Tuesday on his way home to the Bond ranch.

Mrs. G. W. Muster who has been visiting her mother Mrs. E. A. Stephenson for some time left for the home in Houston, Monday.

Wiley Glinip and Gus Hahn of Barnet arrived in Sonora Friday. They are brothers of Mrs. W. A. Holland.

Alfred Vander Stucken member of the E. F. Vander Stucken Co. of Sonora has sold out his mill business in Fredericksburg and has a ranch in Kinney county. Mr. Vander Stucken retains his Banking and Insurance Company interests in Fredericksburg and San Antonio but expects to make his home on his ranch.

John Martin and family of Junction and R. H. Martin and family of Sonora are having a reunion on Devil's River this week.

M. V. Sessom of Sonora sold 250 muttons to Dr. C. D. Smith at \$3 per head.

Merck & Sims, Blacksmith and Machinest will do all kinds of iron and wood work, poilers refueled, gasoline engine, windmill repairs done on short notice, good work and reasonable charges. Horseshoeing a specialty.

Theo Savell is the proprietor of The Favorite Saloon and Trainer Bros. are the proprietors of the Bank Saloon.

The Sonora, Eldorado & San Angelo Mail, Express and Passenger Line managed by L. L. Caraddock has automobile or stage service. Automobile leaves Sonora daily, except Sunday at 7 o'clock a.m. and arrives at San Angelo the same evening. One way fare is \$6 and round trip \$10. The stage leaves Sonora Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock a. m. arriving in San Angelo that night. Fare is \$4 one way and \$7 round trip.

The First National Bank of Sonora, Texas had a capital stock of \$100,000.00 and surplus of \$34,500.00. Officers and Directors: W. L. Aldwell, President; E. F. Vander Stucken, Vice Pres; C. S. Allison, Will Whitehead, E. E. Sawyer and D. J. Wyatt. Roy E. Aldwell, Assistant Cashier.

They paid 4 per cent on saving deposits.

H. R. Wardlaw, M. D. Practice of medicine and surgery, formerly house physician at John Sealy Hospital at Galveston, Texas. Office at Corner Drug Store and can be reached nights at the Commercial Hotel.

Bud Hurst is the proprietor of the Sonora Bakery and is now ready to supply all demands for bread and pastry.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society", P. O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885, ore-mail them to schs@sonorotx.net You may also call me at 915-387-2855 or drop your questions off at the Devil's River News office on Main Street. Donations to the Sutton Co. Historical Society should be sent to the attention of Al Elliott, Treasurer at the above address or dropped off at his office.

A View From the Treetop

by Christy Honea - Howe, TX.
The week started off with a bang and ended with a splash as the youth of Sonora celebrated Independence Day in the usual style and concluded the week with a party at the Municipal Pool. There was plenty of activity in between, and if you were wondering what all the commotion was about this week, it was about Jesus. So climb up in your sycamore tree while I offer to you Zaccchaus' view of what Jesus did in the town of Sonora over the past few days.

Thirty Christian teenagers and young adults trekked down to Sonora from First Baptist Church in Howe, Texas, a small community north of Dallas. Their purpose was to lead the Vacation Bible School hosted by Lighthouse Baptist Church at the Civic Center July 5-9. The VBS was held in the mornings and was open to all children. There was a bus service provided to all the kids who needed it. Each evening, young people in junior high and high school gathered for food, fellowship, and fun under the name of Jesus as youth minister Bobby Cox from Howe brought the message of salvation along with a challenge to stand for Jesus in a perishing generation.

On Sunday afternoon, the new Civic Center was transformed into a mountainous camp site as the theme for Vacation Bible School was "Mt. Extreme: Climbing to New Heights with Jesus". Tents were pitched and Christmas trees were set up. A small camp fire here and there surrounded by sleeping bags was not an uncommon sight. Monday morning the place was crawling with little campers, climbers and hikers, each there to explore who Jesus is and what he has done for them. Activities included crafts, missions education, recreation, worship time, and Bible studies. The main message was that Jesus demonstrated his love for you by dying to set you free from sin's entanglements, and that he has a plan for your life that will bring you hope and joy. The underlying theme hinted at the reality of life. It's like a mountain. It's tough climbing at times, but with the power of the resurrection that is bound up in our hearts at the time of salvation, we are enabled to reach new heights and conquer the sin that begs to defeat us. The best part is that it's a gift. We only need to know our ABC's, the campers were taught. Admit you are a sinner in need of a savior. Believe that Jesus is God's son and has risen to defeat

the death at work in each of us. Commit your life to following his ways. The only way we can receive this gift is to trust the Giver enough to surrender our own will in exchange for his whose is more beneficial to us. It is not because he wants to watch you jump through hoops, but because the way he sets before us leads to life. We as sinners must come to the realization that our ways naturally lead to death, for "the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord," (Romans 6:23). It is certainly a narrow trail involving some true endurance, but that's because it winds around the obstacles of sin. And that is why Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Monday evening the town was CRASHed. Christians Ran Around Snatching Humans, mainly humans aged 12 to 19. The school bus made its way through town carrying "kidnappers", and when it was full the young people were dropped off at the park next to the Civic Center. There Pizza Hut had graciously delivered the pizza (and given a generous discount on the purchase), and the youth of Howe and Sonora mingled. It was a good time for establishing relationships and finding common ground. The common ground seemed to stretch a good distance as everyone was familiar with small town life and several of the Howe people were originally from San Angelo. In fact, Bobby Cox caught his first pass on the Sonora football field, but we won't hold it against him that he was in a Wall Hawks jersey. The fellowship was friendly and laughter abundant. There were several nights like that to follow. Tuesday evening the group gathered at Keith and Vicky Wallace's home for burgers and more of the same. Each night in the week added to the growing camaraderie, but there was more than that. Monday night Bobby spoke about the crucifixion of Jesus. We journeyed through the range of emotions Jesus must have experienced as he prepared to lay his life down for us and endured such physical torture. The betrayal, the fear, the frustration, the anger, the anxiety and anguish, the iron will to do what was right, the depths of true love; never could we fathom this kind of commitment. Tuesday night the kids were challenged to put away nonchalance and be intrigued

by and devoted to this man called Jesus. Wednesday night's service, held at the Civic Center, proposed an invitation. A testimony was given by Debra Hobbs in which she shared about the difference salvation made in her life. It was one thing to know who Jesus was, and quite another to experience who he is. This experience of true love and comfort came out of some of life's difficulties for her, and we are all familiar with difficulty. "Three percent of the population today leads what the other 97% follows," Bobby told the youth. "Will that three percent please stand up for Jesus?" An invitation was extended to come forward and commit to being that three percent who would stand rock solid and live a life God calls holy and acceptable. The youth who came forward committed to being an example of Christian character, to pressing in to new understanding and experiencing God so that the 97% would at least have the opportunity to know what God offers.

There was a thread woven through the younger children in the mornings and one through the older youth in the evenings, and Thursday night the two merged and offered some of the adults in town a chance to be a part of the tapestry God began to weave this week. There was a large gathering at the Municipal Pool open to the public. A gifted and anointed band called New Covenant entertained and ministered, the pool was open, and the sausage, beans, and ice cream dinner was free. Again Bobby Cox preached. He spoke about security. "We try to find our security in our 401k's and retirement plans, and we all have a fearful anticipation of Y2K with different theories that are causing us to store up canned goods. But our true security is in God." He preached from Luke 15 about the lost sheep, lost coin and the lost son. In each story what was once lost was found again. There was an active effort on the part of the owner to search for the lost sheep and the lost coin and much rejoicing when it was found. As for the son who was lost, he had his own free will. When he chose, however, to return home after he had spent all his inheritance and hit bottom, the father went to meet him as he saw his son returning. A feast was held and there was a celebration over the recovery of a relationship. "In the same way," Cox said, "God actively pursues us. He seeks a love relationship with us. In

Matthew 10:27-30, Jesus says, 'My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one.' This," Bobby states, "is true security. Once you give your life to God, it is safely wrapped in the hand of Jesus, and Jesus is in the Father's hand, securely held." There was again an invitation to accept the gift of salvation, and the band played a few more songs, and the crowd found their way home.

The week would not have happened without the major effort that was put forth by many members of the community. Vicky Wallace coordinated the activities and made most of the necessary arrangements. She and Keith, along with Lee and Kelly Aguerro, Nick and Diana Anderson, Bill and Caroline Doran, Kyle and Jana Dover, and Mike and Debra Hobbs, all opened their homes wide up for the group of kids from Howe. Thanks to Al and Sandra Elliott as well for the late night swimming after a long day. We truly appreciate your West Texas hospitality, your patience, and your bravery. We hope you survived and thank you for risking your homes and vehicles to host and entertain us. Your crown awaits you when you go Home. Ladies and gentlemen who worked in the kitchen each day to feed us breakfast and lunch, your efforts did not go unnoticed and the food was great. Thanks to "Peanut" Scott for driving us all over town in the school bus and picking up the children for Bible school. Also, we are very grateful to the community for the use of the Civic Center and the Municipal Pool. Without the use of the building and the pool this would have been far more difficult. Thank you, Kathy Cashman, for bringing ice cream to the pool party, and thank you, New Covenant for filling the air with sweet praise. God bless your ministry. To the one who so generously paid the admission price for the Howe kids to go to the Sonora Caverns, we thank you. We also want to extend gratitude to John Lanier for the Vacation Bible School banner in front of the Civic Center, Harold McEwen and First National

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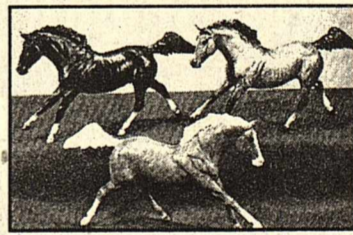
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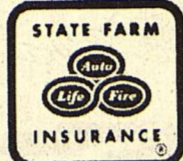
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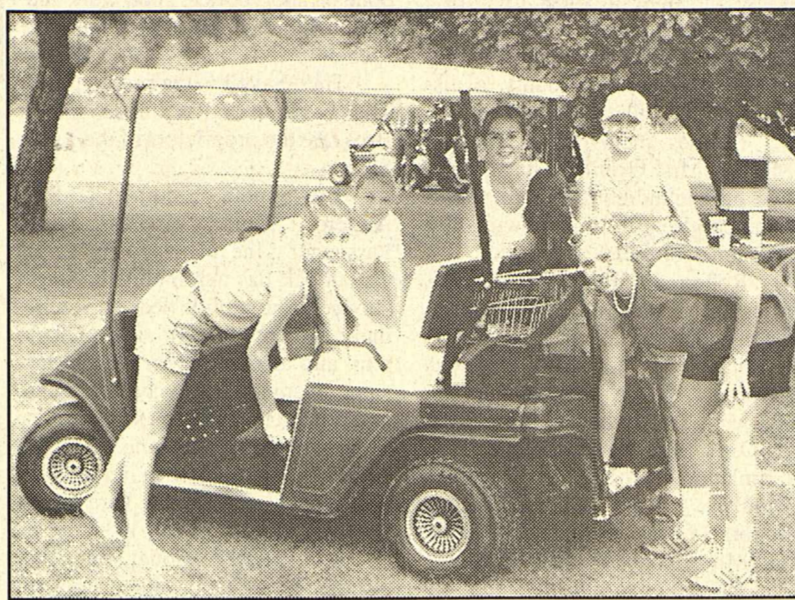
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Bronco Cheerleaders Clean Carts For Camp



Kacci Lewellen, Kara Hard, Ashley Parker, Kasey Kearney and Heather Felts give one of the golf carts a good scrubbing at the Cheerleader's Cart Wash held on July 10, 1999.

During the 4 Man Tournament held at the Sonora Golf Course on July 10th & 11th, the Sonora Varsity and Junior Varsity Bronco Cheerleaders held a cart wash, sold burritos and hamburgers, and sold chances on #9 to try and hit the ball in the circle. 2 1/2 days of hard work went towards raised money that will help pay for the girls to attend Cheerleading camp at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, TX. The girls will go the last week in July.

The 1999-2000 Varsity Cheerleaders are: Brandi Baize, Sarah Ball, Lindsey Bowers, Kara Eaton, Heather Felts, Daisha Henson, Cindy Jones, Kacci Lewellen and Rita Lopez.

The 1999-2000 Junior Varsity Cheerleaders are: Kara Hard, Clair Healy, Shalayne Hobbs, Kasey Kearney, Emily Matthus, and Ashley Parker.

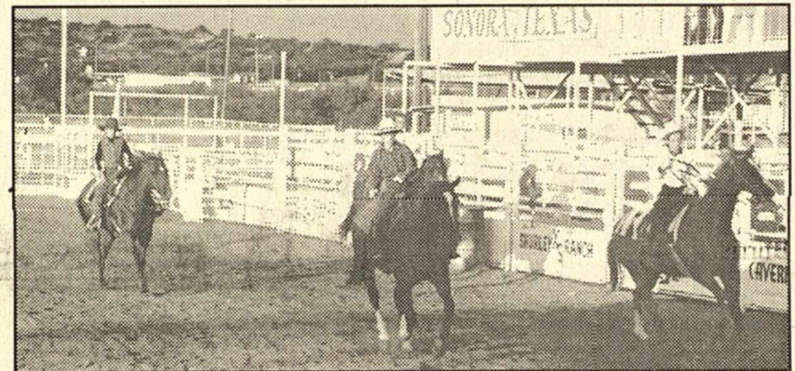
The SHS Cheerleaders would like to say THANK YOU to the Sonora Golf Club and Ladies Golf Auxiliary for letting us have our fundraiser. Also, thanks to the First National Bank, The Bank and Trust, the T&C Village Market, Napa, Smittys, Sonic, Rye Supply and Taquera El Torito for your donations. Thanks goes to all the golfers who generously supported us and all the parents for the help, support and donations that you made.

SHS Varsity & SHS J.V. Cheerleaders



Rita Lopez, Sarah Ball, Lindsey Bowers, Shalayne Hobbs, Kara Eaton and Clair Healy serve up some lunch for a hungry golfer.

Sutton County 4-H Playday Results



The Western Pleasure Junior Class

Submitted
A good crowd was present Thursday, July 8 at the Sutton County Park Arena for the second in the 4-H summer series playdays. The makeup date for the playday that was canceled due to rain will be July 15. It is not too late to join the fun if any 4-Hers wish to participate at this point. Call the Extension Office at 387-3101 if you need any information.

Showmanship at Halter:
Pre-Junior: 1) Hanna Swanson, 2) Dustin Crittendon, 3) Bailey Joe Pennington, 4) John Duke Hudson, 5) Stella Ingham, 6) Alex Lang, 7) Madison Stewart, 8) Word Hudson, 9) Gunter Pennington, 10) Murphy Black and 11) Allie Black.

Junior: 1) Andrea Holland, 2) Dusty Riggs, 3) Jena Teasley, 4) Mishay Black and 5) Kindra Bounds.

Senior: 1) Sheryl Strauch, 2) Tyler Babin and 3) Amberlie Kinder.

Western Pleasure:
Pre-Junior: 1) John Duke Hudson, 2) Bailey Joe Pennington, 3) Stella Ingham, 4) Hanna Swanson, 5) Madison Stewart, 6) Alex Lang, 7) Dustin Crittendon, 8) Word Hudson, 9) Gunter Pennington, 10) Murphy Black and 11) Allie Black.

Junior: 1) Mishay Black, 2) Andrea Holland, 3) Kindra Bounds, 4) Jena Teasley and 5) Dusty Riggs.

Senior: 1) Amberlie Kinder and 2) Tyler Babin.

Hudson, 7) Stella Ingham, 8) Dustin Crittendon and 9) Laura Martin.

Juniors: 1) Mishay Black, 2) Dusty Riggs, 3) Jordan Hilliard and 4) Kindra Bounds.

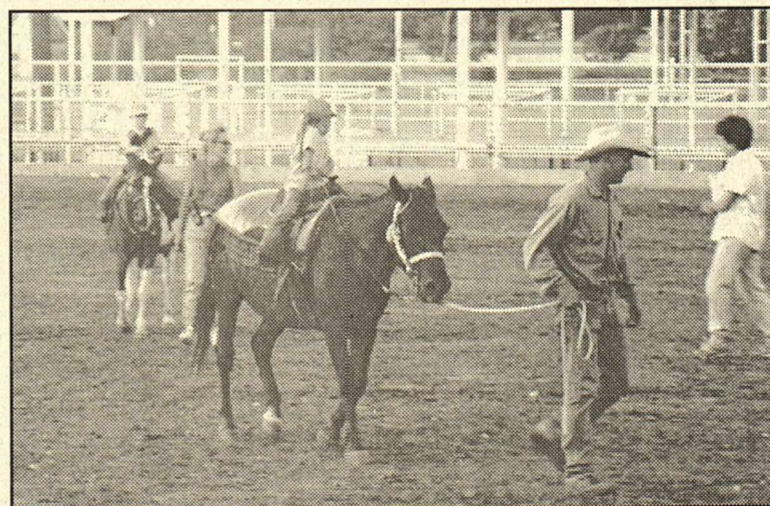
Seniors: 1) Tyler Babin and 2) Amberlie Kinder.

Goat Tying & Ribbon Pulling:
Pre-Junior: 1) Madison Stewart, 2) John Duke Hudson, 3) Bailey Joe Pennington, 4) Hanna Swanson, 5) Murphy Black, 6) Word Hudson, 7) Stella Ingham, 8) Gunter Pennington, 9) Dustin Crittendon and 10) Allie Black.

Juniors: 1) Mishay Black
Seniors: 1) Tyler Babin and 2) Amberlie Kinder

The group of lead-liners and their parents participated in Western Pleasure, Barrels, and Goat Ribbon Pulling. These participants were Garrett Sharp, Maddie Lang, Macie Friess, Nolan Kinder, and Laramie Haynes.

Diane Keller served as judge. She spent time with each child encouraging them to improve their skills and complimenting them for a job well done. The efforts of Diane and all other helpers (especially Dean and Barbara Rutland) are greatly appreciated.



The Lead Line Western Pleasure Class

Sutton County Days is August 18th - 22nd.



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July 20
Brenda Valliant
Blanca Arevalo
Mage Duran
Victoria Tovar
July 21
Pam Bolt
Chico Guerra
Lydia Lopez
Abel Rodriguez Sr.

F.Y.I.

Bronco Band to meet 8:00 a.m. August 2, 1999 at Sonora High School Band Hall. We look forward to seeing you promptly at 8:00 a.m. Don't be late. Practices will be from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Please note - NO REHEARSAL on Friday evening.

The next Sutton County 4-H Playday will be held on July 15, 1999 at the Sutton County Arena. Sign up is at 6:00 p.m. and the first event will start at 6:30 p.m.

A representative of the San Angelo Social Security Office will be in Sonora from 9:30 - 10:30 on July 27, Aug. 31, and Sept. 28. However, you do not need to wait until the representative's visit to handle Social Security matters. Your Social Security business can be handled just as quickly by telephone. Call toll free by dialing 1-800-772-1213 Mon. - Fri. 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The Legend and Lies of Sutton County - Come see the Melodrama at the Sonora Caverns running for 7 Saturdays at the Sonora Caverns. Time - 6:30 for meal and 7:15 for show. Cost for meal & show is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 8 yrs. and under, show only = adults \$10 and children \$5. Games and fun for everyone - prizes will be given every night.

Angelo Civic Theatre presents our Teen Workshop Summer Musical! Tap dancing, toe tapping, comedy fun! CRAZY FOR YOU! Music by George & Ira Gershwin. City Boy meets Small Town Girl in this sweetheart of a show. July 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24 at 8 p.m. Sunday Matinee, July 25 at 2 p.m. Call 949-4400, reserved seating & tickets sold at the door. Box office opens Wed. July 7, Mon. - Sat. Noon - 5:30 p.m. Tickets: \$8 adult, \$7 Seniors, students & military, \$6 children 12 & under.

It's Summer Time Again . If you need transportation for Summer School, Library Reading Program, Vacation Bible School, Drama Camp at Methodist Church or swimming lessons please make reservations by calling 387-2509. Thanks for your support, Thunderbird Transit.

The Bank & Trust is unable to obtain Texas Amusement Park Tickets this year for resale at our Sonora location. However, customers may obtain discounted tickets for various Texas Amusement Parks by submitting a direct application order with payment. Applications are available at the Bank & Trust. Allow 3-4 weeks for ticket delivery.

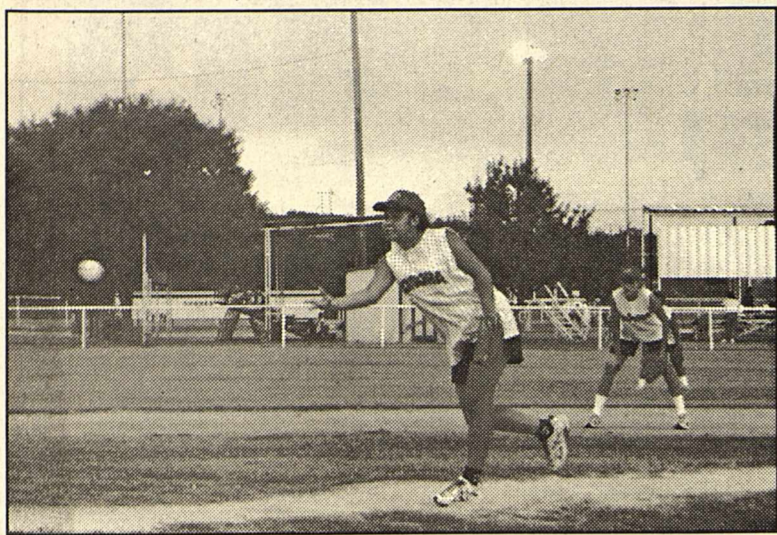
The First Baptist Church has changed the Sunday evening worship service from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday services remain at 7:00 p.m.

The Sonora Municipal Pool is booking pool parties. All parties will be booked at the pool! The number is 387-5377.

The Lillian Hudspeth Nursing Home & Hospital Auxiliary meets every 2nd Monday of the month at the Sutton County Steakhouse. Meetings are at noon. Everyone is welcome!

Tony Evans with the Urban Alternative can be heard Mon. - Fri. at 7:08 p.m. on KHOS - 92.1 & KYXX - 94.3, sponsored by Lighthouse Baptist Church and other anonymous sponsors.

Girls Softball All-Stars Hittin' Hard



Debra Martinez throws a pitch at the Sonora Tournament

submitted
The Minor and Major League All-Star Girls Softball teams have competed in several tournaments over the last two months. The girls have done very well and should be congratulated for their efforts. Results from past tournaments follow:

On **June 18-19, 1999** at the Eden 9 and Under Tournament the 7-9 year old tournament team was: Jaimee Duran, Valerie Gonzales, Kaitlyn Henderson, Lucy Hernandez, Heather Hughes, Shaylynn Kresta, Cassie Krieg, Kimble Luna, Chelsea Martinez, Stacy Sanchez, Valerie Torres.

Game #1 defeated Brady 14-9, winning pitcher Jaimee Duran.

Game #2 defeated Wall 21-7, winning pitcher Heather Hughes.

Game #3 defeated Eden 17-10, winning pitcher Jaimee Duran.

Won 1st place!
The Sonora 13 & Under All-Star team consists of Desiree Alvarado, Adrianna Castillo, Felicia Castillo, Catherine Herrera, Alyssa Ibarra, Angie Ibarra, Kat Ibarra, Debra Martinez, Christine Sanchez, Deidra Warden, Laura Word, and Sandra Yorba.

On **June 15, 1999** the girls lost to Junction 18-17, losing pitcher was Kat Ibarra. On June 22, 1999 they defeated Junction in Sonora 19-2, winning pitcher was Debra Martinez.

On **June 25-26, 1999**, the

girls competed in the Eden 13 and Under All-Star Tournament.

Game #1 defeated Mason 33-6, winning pitcher Debra Martinez

Game #2 defeated Sonora 10 and under All Stars 21-14, winning pitcher Kat Ibarra

Game #3 defeated Brady 15-3, winning pitcher Debra Martinez

Won 1st place!

Due to a lack of 10 and under teams in our area, Sonora's 10 and under All-Stars must compete with 13 and under teams, which they do quite well as you will see.

Sonora 10 and under All-Star team also competed in the Eden 13 and under Tournament on

June 25-26, 1999. Team members are: Jaimee Duran, Chasady Garcia, Jennifer Gonzales, Kaitlyn Henderson, Madeline Higdon, Heather Hughes, Shaylynn Kresta, Meghan Krieg, Brandy Neff, Stacy Sanchez, and Jena Teasley.

Game #1 defeated Menard 14-6, winning pitcher Meghan Krieg

Game #2 defeated Eldorado 12-11, winning pitcher Meghan Krieg

Game #3 loss to Sonora 13 and under team 21-14, losing pitcher Madeline Higdon

Game #4 defeated Eldorado 16-14, winning pitcher Heather Hughes

Won 2nd place!

The girls competed in the Sonora 13 and under All-Star Tournament on **July 9-10, 1999**. The Sonora 13 and under team stayed the same as above, but the 10 and under team had a few change ups. The 10 and under team was: Jaimee Duran, Kayla Fields, Kaitlyn Henderson, Madeline Higdon, Heather Hughes, Shaylynn Kresta, Cassie Krieg, Meghan Krieg, Brandy Neff, Stacy Sanchez, Jena Teasley, and Valerie Torres.

On **Friday, July 9, 1999** Eldorado defeated the Sonora 13 and under All-Stars 10-9, losing pitcher was Debra Martinez. San Angelo defeated Junction 14-4. Eden defeated Sonora 10 and under All-Stars 20-8, losing pitcher was Meghan Krieg.

On **Saturday, July 10, 1999** Sonora 13 and under All-Stars defeated Junction 26-3, winning pitcher was Debra Martinez. Sonora 10 and under All-Stars defeated Sonora 13 and under All-Stars 18-17, winning pitcher was Heather Hughes. Sonora 10 and under All Stars defeated Eldorado 10-6, winning pitcher was Meghan Krieg. Eden defeated Sonora 10 and under All-Stars 7-6, losing pitcher was Meghan Krieg. San Angelo defeated Eden 28-5. 1st place went to San Angelo, 2nd place to Eden, and 3rd place to Sonora 10 and under All-Stars.

All Tournament team from Sonora was Jaimee Duran, catcher, Sonora 10 and under All Stars and Laura Word, 3rd base, 13 and under All-Stars.

Best Pitcher of Tournament was Meghan Krieg, Sonora 10 and under All-Stars.

Coaches for the teams are:
10 & under All-Stars - Michael Krieg, Sam Hughes, and Rachel Duran.

13 & under All-Stars - Sam Hughes, Mike Krieg, and Regina Burris.

The Sonora 13 & Under All-Star Girls Softball team get ready to play in last weekends tournament held here.



The Sonora 10 & Under All-Stars played the Sonora 13 & Under All Stars Saturday morning.



The 7-9 year old All-Stars took first place in the Eden Tournament held June 18 - 19, 1999.

McBride Knocks In Eagle From 30 Yards To Win 4 Man Tournament

The Sonora Golf Course hosted a 4 Man Tournament July 10-11, 1999. Participation was good despite the rain on both Saturday and Sunday. Results for the two days are as follows:

Saturday:
Championship Flight
1st - Steve Alexander, Cory Adams, Ricky Kelly, and Gilbert Velez with -9. The team won with a scorecard playoff.

There was a tie for 2nd & 3rd - Adolf Garza, Charlie Prince, Tim Phillips, and Jeremiah Luttrell (-9)

Brian Navarro, Louis Jonietz, Kevin Yantity, and Mike Abriz (-9)

President's Flight:
1st - John Adams, Preston Joy, Wes Evans, and Kenneth Land
2nd - Tim Gray, Jim Bailey, Sterling Abbott, and Stephen Lee
3rd - Isiah Navarette, Manual Ortiz, Jr., Juan Barrera, and Adrian Navarette

First Flight:
1st - Bob Bryant, Paul Hopper, Bill Renfro, and Jim Shelby
2nd - Jesse Cerda, Donnie Ledsinger, Brownie Taylor, and Maxie Delerie
3rd - Terry Wojtek, Bill Rowaldt, John Slaughter, and Doug Phillips

Second Flight:
1st - Tim Hicks, Steve Rankin, Phillip Bobwell, and Steve Rambi
2nd - Hoot Hearn, Rick McKee, Randy McKee, and Curtis Weant
3rd - Dennis McGhee, Steve Wilson, Butch Keath, and C.B. Hilderbran

3rd Flight:
1st - Don Heath, Monte Spann, Bill Jeller, and Jim Borath
2nd - Abel Garcia, Chris

Garcia, Jesse Peredes and Juan Sanchez
3rd - Kenneth Spence, Tommy Thompson, Mike Riley, and Randy Karnes

Sunday
Championship Flight
1st - DeVoe Smith, Mike McBride, Ronald Koerth, and Wade Hartman. The men shot a -16 thanks to the 30 yard Eagle knocked in by Mike McBride on #8. DeVoe called it "a miracle!"
There was a 3 way tie for 2nd



These golfers contemplate their putt on #9 during the 4 Man Tournament held last weekend.

& 3rd. The teams were: (A) Steve Alexander, Gilbert Velez, Cory Adams, and Ricky Kelley; (B) Brian Navarro, Louis Jonietz, Kevin Yantity, and Mike Ambriz; (C) Mike Lang, Barry Fletcher, Jay Kent, and Con Hartman

President's Flight:
1st - Ken Brackeen, Terry Kelley, Dustin Brackeen, and Kelly Eng
2nd - Tom Gray, Jim Bailey, Sterling Abbott, and Stephen Lee
3rd - John Adams, Preston Joy, Kenneth Land, and Wes

Evans
First Flight:
1st - Terry Wojtek, Bill Rowaldt, John Slaughter, and Doug Phillips
A tie for 2nd & 3rd - (A) Donnie Ledsinger, Jesse Cerda, Brownie Taylor, Maxie Delerie (B) Grey Weber, Gary Scott, Jay Scott, and Richie Cravens

Second Flight:
1st - Benny Granger, Billy Bob Galbreath, Bob Granger, and

Marshall Heap
2nd - C.B. Hilderbran, Dennis McGhee, Steve Wilson, and Butch Keath
3rd - Jerry Don Balch, Zane Powers, Mickey Powers, and J.T. Hill

Third Flight:
1st - Abel Garcia, Chris Garcia, Jesse Peredes, and Juan Sanchez
2nd - Don Heath, Monte Spann, Bill Jeller, and Jim Borath
3rd - Kenneth Spence, Tommy Thompson, Mike Riley, and Randy

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Bank for the popcorn machine, and Pizza Hut for bending the delivery policy and the price break on the pizza. Also, thanks to all of you who knew about the events of the week and spent time on your knees praying for the Spirit of God to stir in the hearts of young people. Truly, both the Sonora and Howe groups remain changed and awe-inspired by God's freshness.

Now, to you in your sycamore trees. It is impossible to put into tangible, readable words what the immortal, invisible, Almighty God can do in the hearts of those who love him. In Luke 19 we find the story of Zacchaeus. Maybe you are like Zacchaeus. He only wanted to see who Jesus was, and being short in stature he had to climb a tree to see through the crowd. He only wanted to put a face with a name because he had heard so much about this man who had performed miracles in his time.

Maybe you have seen new faces in town but time didn't allow you to stop and find out who they were. Maybe you noticed the population increase among the young people. So this article serves as your tree, and now your curiosities can rest because you know what was going on. But Jesus wasn't satisfied to let Zacchaeus just see his

face as he passed by. Jesus saw the interest of Zacchaeus, and he gave him the opportunity to get to know him better if he wanted to. Jesus walked up to the tree and asked if he could stay in Zacchaeus' home that day. Just the same, Jesus is standing at this tree, asking you if you care to know him more. Colossians 3:3 says that your life is hidden with Christ in God. If you want true security, if you want a place to belong, if you need forgiveness and release from bondage to habits that harm you or your loved ones, you are encouraged to search for true life no farther.

Accept the invitation to know him. Zacchaeus did. He was a changed man afterwards. Once he realized the love of God toward him, he was filled with compassion and made reparations for his sin. Luke 19:10 was one of the memory verses in Vacation Bible School this week. "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." Be a part of what God is doing in the town of Sonora. Your life will be forever changed. Youth, "let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another -- and all the more as you see the day approaching," Hebrews 10:25.

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about the 4th of July fireworks activities that took place at the park area. This year got a little out of control, with people shooting fireworks at others and minor injuries taking place. If this continues to be a problem the commissioners will have to look into taking restrictive action where firework use is concerned.

Garner also informed the court that because Sutton County Days will be extended to Sunday this year, there will be additional clean up required. The commissioners stated that it would be the responsibility of the Chamber to make sure the clean up crew was paid for their work.

A discussion was held on how the monies earned from vehicle sales were handled, the item was tabled until County Attorney David Wallace could be present for the dis-

cussion.

Election judges and alternates were approved as follows:

Precinct 1 - Joyce Jimenez, Judge; Loma Surber, alternate.

Precinct 2 - Jean Davenport, Judge; Herschel Davenport, alternate.

Precinct 3 - Jeanette Turner, Judge; Lewis Allen, alternate.

Precinct 4 - Vicenta Lopez, Judge; Carmina Trevino, alternate.

A line item transfer in the ambulance budget was approved for repair of the EMS Van.

A request for assistance from the 4-H Civic Center in the construction of a retaining wall extension was denied.

After a short break the court went into discussion about the budget. The next County Commissioner meeting is scheduled for July 26, 1999.

"Short of the Border" Fiesta & Market Days



Lots of good buys could be found at the "Market"



Children enjoyed miniature horse & buggy rides and train rides at the "Fiesta"



Some good toe-tappin' music entertained passers-by on Main Street



Meeting To Focus On Rural Economic Development

Rural economic development for counties or cities with populations less than 50,000, will be the topic of a one day meeting July 22 at the UTPB Center for Energy and Economic Diversification (CEED). The center is located at the intersection of Highway 191 and FM 1788.

Troy Williamson, director of the EDA University Center at UTPB, said that the conference is especially designed for those who work with rural community agencies, chambers of commerce, and economic development committees. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. "We plan to have these meetings, with different speakers, every quarter," said Williamson.

Set for 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., the meeting will feature Robert Cox, director of rural affairs for the Texas Department of Economic Development; Willie Taylor, executive director of the Permian Basin Workforce Development Board; and Daila C. McAnally, community development specialist for the USDA Rural Development program.

A brisket lunch will be served at noon. Reservations to attend the meeting should be made by July 16 to the EDA University Center at UTPB. Registration is \$7.50 per person. For more information or to make reservations, call 915/552-2447.

Hill Country Community MHMR Center Soliciting Members

Hill Country Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center is soliciting interested persons to become members of the Mental Health Citizen's Advisory Committee. A representative is needed from Edwards, Kimble, Mason, Menard, Schleicher, or Sutton County.

Hill Country Community MHMR Center is a non-profit organization that provides

out-patient treatment services in a nineteen county area to persons with mental illness and/or mental retardation. For more information, interested persons should contact Betsy Rhoden in Kerville at (830)792-3300 no later than Friday, July 30, 1999 by 5:00 p.m.

UT Austin Honors its Graduates with Three-Day Celebration

Submitted More than 6,000 students received undergraduate and graduate degrees from The University of Texas at Austin in ceremonies this spring. The May 22 evening Commencement celebration marked the 116th observance of UT spring graduation and drew 30,000 people to the campus.

The evening University-wide ceremony was the capstone event of a weekend of festivities (May 21-23) designed to honor the graduates. The ceremony, which was high on pageantry, music, colorful regalia, dramatic fireworks and the tri-

umphant lighting of the Tower, has become such a popular and anticipated experience that seating capacity was increased again this year. To highlight and herald the reopening of the observation deck this fall, the traditional fireworks display was even more spectacular than in past years.

The night began with a carillon prelude, followed by the Commencement concert and grand procession of graduates and faculty members. The music at the ceremony had a Texana theme celebrating Southwestern and Mexican heritage, and a new musical piece was espe-

cially commissioned for Commencement 1999. The herald trumpet fanfare was showcased during the processional and trumpeters were located up and down the Main and South Malls.

Dr. William S. Livingston, renowned University professor of political science, author and administrator, delivered the main Commencement address.

UT Austin President Larry R. Faulkner announced the following graduates from Sonora: Leslie Ann Carrasco, J.D., Law - Jurisprudence and Narciso Lira III, B.S.C.E., Civil Engineering.

Mark Your Calendars Now For "Old Yeller Days"

Mason and Mason County, Texas, are known for many things: beautiful bluebonnets in the Spring; blue topaz, the state gem of Texas; and citizens who retain close ties to the land of their ancestors. Mason is also known as the home of Fred Gipson, author of America's most

beloved children's story, *Old Yeller*, a tale which chronicles that special relationship between a boy and his dog.

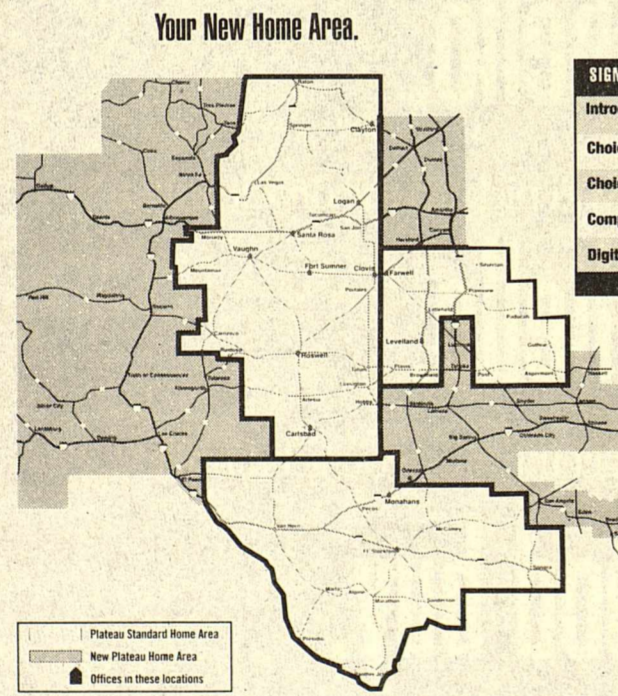
To commemorate this timeless tale set on the Texas frontier, a full-size bronze statue of Travis and his beloved, ragged eared yellow mut,

Old Yeller, will be unveiled during "Old Yeller Days", October 1 and 2, 1999, at the M. Beven Eckert Memorial Library in Mason. Garland Weeks, honored as the 1995 Official State Sculptor, was commissioned by the Mason Library Board to sculpt the full-size statue as well as the master for a limited edition of one hundred bronze maquettes, which are fourteen inch miniatures of the final monument.

"Old Yeller Days" will kick off on Friday, October 1st, with the showing of the classic Disney film, *Old Yeller*, at the Odeon Theatre, the historic Mason theatre where the film made its world premiere in 1957. Saturday's activities include a public tour of the Gipson/Tullos ranch and home, plus food booths, children's activities, and an Artisans' Fair. Saturday's highlight will be the unveiling ceremony of the full-size statue plus the raffle drawing for an "old Yeller" maquette.

For more information on this exciting fall festival, please write to: "Old Yeller Days", P.O. Box 495, Mason, Texas 76856; visit us online at: www.cig.net/~gametex/yeller; or call (915)258-4410 Ext. 3 or (915) 347-6360. We hope to see you here in Mason for "Old Yeller Days", October 1st and 2nd!

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