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Ye Ol' Bed Race

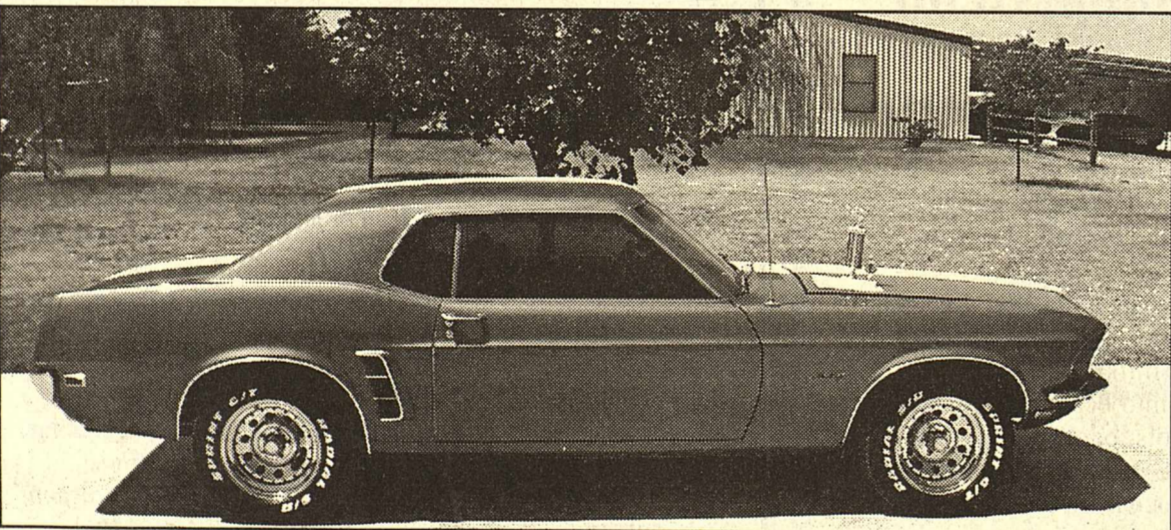
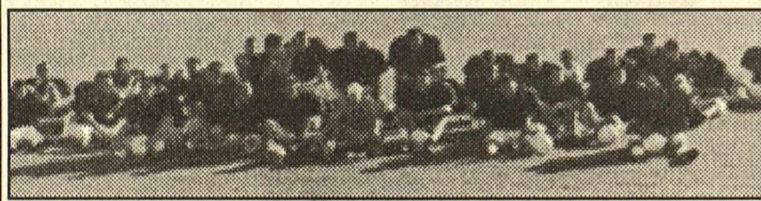
It has become a habit to see Men and Women running up and down the street in their bed clothes at Sutton County Days. We can't quite figure out why people want to do this, but it does draw a crowd on Main Street. This year will be the 5th Annual Ye Ol' Bed Race with a new twist. With the Wild Bunch in hiding, and the race in jeopardy of not being held, the coin was tossed and the newly elected "Bad Boys" in town turned out to be "Bad Girls"! Our Lady Bronco Basketball Girls will be sponsoring this year's event. These young ladies have hit the streets and local businesses to find challenges among local businesses and organizations. A few of the teams to watch for are: KHOS has challenged the Devil's River News, Sutton County Steakhouse has challenged Sonic, the Main Street Program has challenged the Chamber of Commerce, the Bank and Trust is trying to challenge First National Bank, but as of press time First National Bank had not accepted the challenge. Debra Hobbs of the Bank and Trust said, "Harold McEwen couldn't roll out of bed, much less ride a bed up the main street". (Everyonet knows Debra truly adores Harold)

As always, the graduating class of 2000 will have a team and of course are the favorites to win the event. There could however, be an upset in the making, there is a mystery team coming together to challenge the class of 2000, so you won't want to miss this race.

Anyone is invited to put a team together to race, or simply come out and watch. Race time will be Saturday morning at 11:30 a.m. on Main Street.



Bronco Fans fought the heat and faced the sun on Saturday, August 14, to "Meet the Broncos" at Bronco Stadium. All the teams and coaches were introduced, followed by a hamburger supper. Everyone was encouraged to join the Bronco Booster Club and show their support of our teams! It looks like a good year to come!



Simpler takes 2nd in 19th Annual Mustang Round up

Lynn Simpler, of Sonora, recently returned from the 19th Annual Mustang Round-Up, held Aug. 7, in Austin. Where he received a 2nd place trophy and award for his 1969 Ford Mustang Coupe. The event was sponsored by the Mustang Owners Club of Austin and featured the hottest Mustangs found.

Simpler has completely restored this mustang from the roof to the rubber on the road, a part-time process that he began in 1991. Under the hood sleeps a 302 buckled to the differential with a 3-spd Automatic. The paint--metallic turquoise--on the car is spectacular and if you wanted a peek you might swing by stadium trailer park on a lazy afternoon.

Lynn is nearing completion of his 1940 Ford, and hopes to have the viper red pickup churning the pavement in the upcoming parade on Saturday, August 21.



Look for this 1940 Ford in the Sutton County Days Parade

Top Contenders to Compete in 25th Outlaw Pro Rodeo

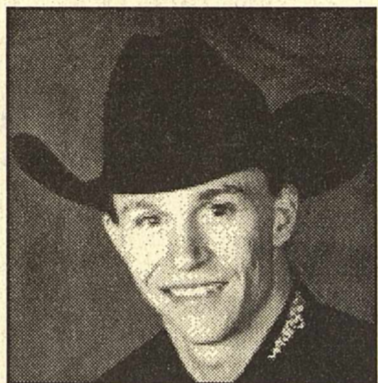
by Storie Sharp

A Silver Anniversary! Twenty-five years and going strong. The 1999 Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo is looking to be better than ever! "Rockin' -n- Reelin'" back in to Sutton County with some of the best rodeo stock going down the road, is Mack & Kathy Altizer's Bad Company Rodeo.

Bad Company was voted the 1998 Stock Contractor of the Year - this means it doesn't get any better than what will be seen in Sonora on August 18-21.

Combine this great stock with some of rodeo's top contestants and the outcome is sure to be explosive.

This year's entries include some of the top cowboys and cowgirls in each event, including 7-time All Around World Champion Ty



"King of the Cowboys" Ty Murray is entered in the 1999 Outlaw Pro Rodeo.

Murray competing in all three rough stock events, 13-time and reigning World Champion Steer Roper Guy Allen, 2-time and reigning World Champion Team Ropers, Rich Skelton and Speed Williams, and number one in the World of Barrel Racing, Sherry Cervi.

Joining these champions are Sonora's own celebrities; Frank Davis, Steve Duhon, Arnold Felts, Keith Hudson, Rachel Miller, Houston & Jimmy Powers, Olie Smith, Walker Wallace & Chase Wardlaw.

Entertaining the crowds, while also protecting the cowboys will be Bad Co. Bullfighters Chad Beaver, Mark Callihan and Michael "Smurf" Horton. Joining them in the arena this year is Barrelman/Rodeo Clown, "Shotgun" Rodney Gaston.

Keeping the fans abreast of all that is going on will be PRCA Rodeo Announcer Boyd Polhamous, with the assistance of the Copenhagen Skoal Scoreboard making it's second year appearance

So, make plans now to be among the best of the best in the world of Professional Rodeo this weekend! Pre-rodeo activities kick off at 7:30 p.m. at the Sutton County Park Arena on both Friday and Saturday nights. For more information call the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo Office at 387-5645.



Bad Company's bull Copenhagen Bad Leroy Brown took a cowboy to 96 pts. last week in Lovington, New Mexico. This is just one of the bulls that will be seen at the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo.

Sutton County Queen Contestants Model Latest Fashions

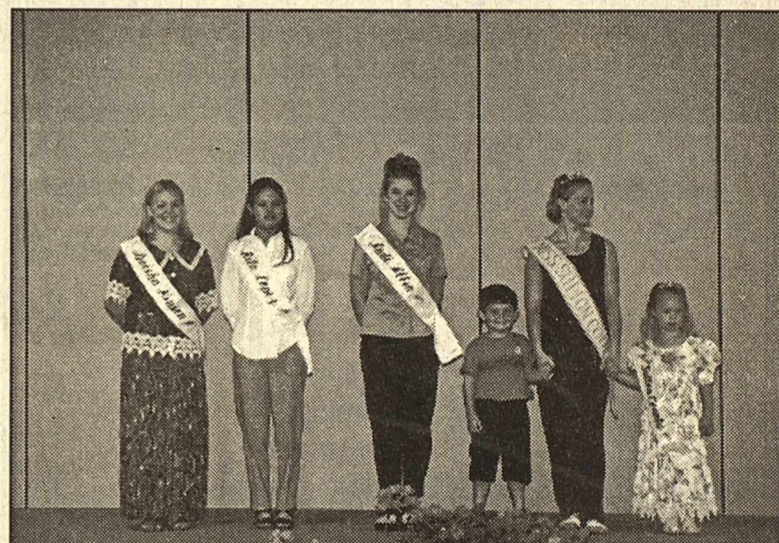
The ladies of Sutton County were treated to a tea party/fashion show provided by the Sonora Merchants Association on Sunday afternoon. The 1999 Sutton County Queen contestants, Daisha Henson, Rita Lopez, and Andi Allen, as well as the Reigning Miss Sutton County, Jamie Teasley were joined by Little Miss Sutton County Abby Creek and Little Mr. Sutton County Nolan Kinder in modeling the latest fashions.

Clothes were provided by B&C Dept. Store, Busy Bee Dept. Store, image apparel, Ol' Sonora, Vallree's and RodeoWild.

A hat contest was held for all the ladies in attendance and door prizes were awarded to lots of lucky winners.

Refreshments of fruit tea, cookies and fruit kabobs were provided by the Sutton County Steakhouse.

For more fashion fun see page 6...



GED Students Must Start Again on New Test if They Don't Finish Current Exams Before Release Date

Texas/Austin: Adults who are working toward their GED diploma now have fewer than three years to successfully complete the GED Tests. In 2001, the GED Testing Service in Washington, DC will release new tests to replace the current edition. Any GED candidate who has not successfully completed the battery by the time the new tests are introduced must start again with the 2001-series tests to qualify for a Texas GED credential. The obsolete scores cannot be "converted" to scores on the new tests.

The new GED Tests, which may be released as early as September, 2001, will continue to measure the major and lasting outcomes of a four-year high school course of study in English Language Arts, Social Studies, Science and Mathematics. The tests will incorporate the most up-to-date, widely used curriculum standards and standardized assessment practices available. Graduating high school seniors will continue to set the benchmark by which passing scores are set.

However, the structure of the GED Tests will be realigned in a way that no longer corresponds to the five tests found in earlier test series. At the recommendation of a panel of education professional experts, two tests which are now separate--the Interpreting Literature and the Arts Test and the Writing Skills Test--will be incorporated into a single English Language Arts Test and a new cross-disciplinary test will be introduced. This new test will use real-life "authentic"

materials that cut across traditional classroom subject areas and require candidates to process information in multiple disciplines simultaneously. One example of the type of test materials found on the cross-disciplinary test, say the GED's developers, might be a newspaper article about world-wide health care trends from which the test-taker would be required to answer questions relating to social studies, science and mathematics. According to GED Testing Service Executive Director Joan Auchter, "These types of test questions not only mirror the tasks students are being asked to perform in the K-12 environment, but also closely match the ways adults must function as effective workers, parents, students and citizens."

Another feature planned for the 2001-series tests will be a report of skills that are used in nearly all academic and life situations--skills such as critical thinking, communication, and information processing. Performance ratings in these areas will be drawn from across all five tests in the battery, providing a "third dimension" to the scores. While this added feature may not affect whether the candidate passes the GED Tests, it will equip the GED graduate and other end users, such as college and employment counselors, with helpful insight into the GED graduate's strengths. Because the GED Test reporting system has never before been designed to provide this information, scores from previous series are not compatible with scores from the 2001-series tests.

As these changes can be expected to affect test administration practices on many levels, the GED Testing Service says that it is working now with adult education policymakers in each state, province and territory to determine the needed practices and begin their implementation. Additional information about policy and procedural changes, such as specifications for the type of calculator to be used and the length of time candidates may take to complete the tests, will be forthcoming over the months and years ahead. The testing service says that it will announce the exact release date of the new tests one year in advance.

"Nearly 60 years ago," says Auchter, "the GED Tests created a revolution by making it possible for people who had gained high school academic skills and knowledge outside of the traditional classroom to document their ability. We've entered an age where the ability to find and use information is becoming more important than the ability to merely own it. These changes will ensure the GED Tests' continued value to the individual and to educational, business, and trade organizations as an authoritative measure of high school-level skills and knowledge."

Remember--It's never too late to get your GED Diploma!!

If you haven't started working on it, start now. For more information please call Ben Solis at 387-3023.

Sonora Church Directory

<p>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA Rick Sanchez 504 Santa Clara 387-2035</p> <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST Tim Dobbs, Minister 304 N. Water 387-3190</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Taylor Norman, Interim 404 E Oak 387-2951</p> <p>ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Rev. Ted W. Harris 404 E. Poplar 387-2955</p> <p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor 201 N. Water 387-2466</p> <p>JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS St. Ann's Street 387-3600</p> <p>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Rev. Charles Huffman 417 E. 2nd St. 387-5366</p> <p>NEW LIFE MINISTRY CENTER Jerry & Joy Wood 204 E. Main 387-3241</p>	<p>THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN Lewis Allen, Pastor 319 E. Mulberry 387-2616</p> <p>LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH Corner of Hwy. 277 S. and Glasscock</p> <p>PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED Randy Greenwood Pastor 509 Amistad 387-5266</p> <p>ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I. 229 W. Plum 387-2278</p> <p>JEHOVAH'S WITNESS 310 St. Ann's Street 387-5658 or 387-5518</p> <p>NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH Don Seigler 511 Cornell 387-3018</p> <p>COWBOY CHURCH Monty Price Auction Barn Wednesday 7:00 p.m.</p>
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Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

Card of Thanks

Just a note to say "Thanks" to everyone who has expressed concern since my recent surgery. I do appreciate the calls, flowers, and visits. I'm doing well and getting better everyday.

Thanks again,
Johnny Snyder

I would like to take this time to thank these special people for making our Sonora Meat Goat Show concession stand a big success: Brad Hughes, Tom Clifton, Bob Merat, Food Center, Ronnie Bowers, Curt Joy, Steve Thorp & Janalyn Jones. Also a big thanks to Kelly Thorp, Rae Ann Bible, Danine Brister, Kay Faris, Annette & Jalys Mabry, Janice & Courtney Caruthers, Louise Moore & Kathy Ball for checking - but had other duties. All volunteered many hours of work. I'd make ya'll some ice cream but...

Thanks again,
Moe

The Sonora Main Street Program and I would like to thank Mr. Al Elliott, Mrs. Linda Love, and Mrs. Carolyn Earwood and family for their donations to the Incentive Grant Fund. Through donations, the Incentive Grant Fund can help new and old Main Street businesses. We would like to express how much we appreciate the support these community leaders have given to the Main Street Program. Once again we thank you for your support.

Birthdays

<p>August 19 Freddie Chavez Sr. Alisha Covey David T. Sanchez Jr. Lauri Smith E.M. Hobbs Tom Jacoby</p> <p>August 20 Danielle Fox Steven Gandar Ryan Hardgrave Maritza Villanueva</p> <p>August 21 Jeremy Surber Elvalvess Martinez</p> <p>August 22 Margarita Hernandez Manuela San Miguel Tom Glasscock Bobby Mogford Mackenzie Hirt</p>	<p>Shannon Arnwine Shane Arnwine</p> <p>August 23 Sarah Blakely Tino Dominguez Haleigh Miller Kevin Snyder Colely Thompson Miguel Vaquera Blair Crain Jason Edward Vitela II</p> <p>August 24 Jason Freeman Heather Lawson Anna Munn M.C. Tobias Cassandra Torres Beau Hughes</p> <p>August 25 Abby Gesch Javier Segura</p>
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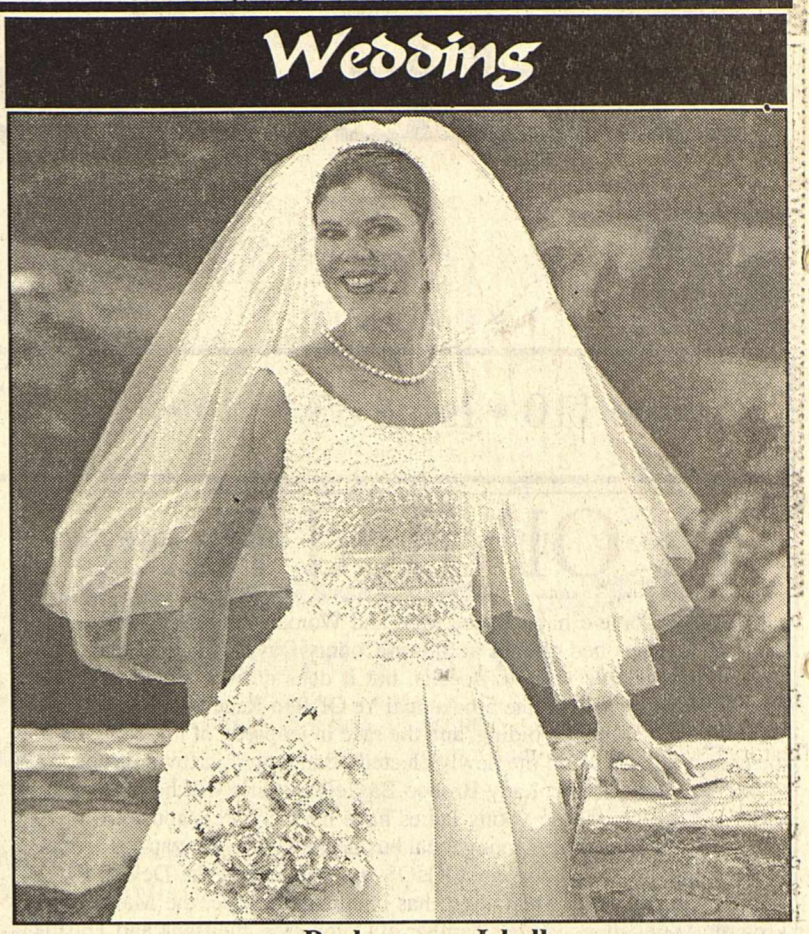
Public Invitation

You are cordially invited to the official opening of the New Public Facilities located behind the Cauthorn Depot Building

The Bank Vault Park

The Ranch Women Exhibit - Miers Home Saturday, August 21, 1999 @ 3:00 p.m.
Honored Guests will include:
U.S. Representative Bob Turner, Micci Carter & JoAnn Hernandez

Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist.



Wedding

Barlemann - Isbell

Laura Lee Barlemann and Jack Donovan Isbell, III were married August 14, 1999, at the First Baptist Church in Sonora, Texas with the Rev. Bill Blackburn of the Trinity Baptist Church of Kerrville, Texas officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barlemann of Sonora, Texas. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Jack Donovan Isbell, II and the late Mr. Jack Donovan Isbell, II of Fredricksburg, Texas.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an ivory Oleg Cassini design. The fitted tank bodice is made of Venice lace with waist ribbon details ending in the center back with small bows. The back dips to a deep square ending above the ribbon details. The boxed pleated skirt of ivory matte satin flows just below the waistline to form a flowing train. Her veil of ivory tulle has pearls scattered throughout the two layers of tulle and was attached to a pearl headband.

The altar was decorated with greenery of ferns and baby's breath. Candelabras were decorated with English ivy, baby's breath. Large white satin bows framed the altar and pews.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Tana Halfmann of St. Lawrence, Texas. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Janet Levitan of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Miss Amber Carraway of Houston, Texas; Mrs. Allison Tucker of Bryan, Texas; Mrs. Angie Balentine of Austin, Texas and Miss Sara Patton of Kerrville, Texas. Flower girls were Holly Halfmann of St. Lawrence, Texas; Valerie and Jamie Taylor of Lubbock, Texas.

Best man was Mr. Chris Nicholas of Houston, Texas. Groomsmen were Mr. Steve Gano and Mr. Dustin Dichaso, both of Houston, Texas; Mr. Kirk Kuresta of Kerrville, Texas; Mr. Marc Levitan of Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Mr. Owen Gilbert of Kerrville, Texas. Ring bearer was Austin Taylor of Lubbock, Texas. Candelighters were Forrest Taylor of Lubbock, Texas and Matthew Isbell of Houston, Texas.

Ushers were Mr. Scott Allen of Midland, Texas; Mr. Todd Keller of San Antonio, Texas; Mr. Kirk Scheel of Hunt, Texas; Mr. Blake Allday and Mr. Gene Allday, both of Houston, Texas.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Sonora High School and received a Bachelor's Degree in Human Development and Family Studies from Texas Tech University. She is also a Licensed Substance Abuse Counselor. She is employed as a Program Director at K' Star Youth Shelter in Kerrville, Texas.

The bridegroom is a 1992 graduate of Ingram High School and is attending the University of Texas at San Antonio majoring in Political Science. He is employed with St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Kerrville, Texas and Serenity Foundation in Fredricksburg, Texas.

The reception was held in the back yard of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve T. Jones, III.

After a wedding trip to Montego Bay, Jamaica. the couple will reside in Ingram, Texas.

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

August 20 -BBQ Fundraiser (COA) Only \$5.00. Buy Tickets from Members!

August 23 -BINGO!

August 24 -Kooking with Kelly! Nutrition Program.

August 25 -TDHS Blood & Sugar Checks with Maria & Noemi • 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

August 26 -Birthday Party for August Babies!

Senior Center Menu

August 20 -Hamburgers, baby carrots, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, seafoam salad, grapes.

August 23 -Oven baked pork chop, zucchini with yellow squash, corn with peppers, wheat roll, tossed salad, fruit parfait.

August 24 -Tuna stuffed tomatoes, vegetable beef soup, wheat bread, fresh fruit cup, German chocolate cake.

August 25 -Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, strawberries, angel food cake, milk.

August 26 -BBQ chicken, pinto beans, potato salad, cornbread, apricots, banana mix, milk.

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

School Lunch Menu August 23 - 27

Breakfast

Mon. -Waffles, syrup, fruit, juice.

Tues. -Scrambled eggs, ham, toast, fruit, juice..

Wed. -Muffins, juice, fruit.

Thurs. -Biscuits, jelly or honey, fruit, juice.

Fri. -Egg & bacon burritos, fruit, juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon. -Pizza, corn, celery & carrot sticks, ranch dressing, rice krispies.

Tues. -Chicken burger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, potato wedges, cookies.

Wed. -Frito pie, tossed salad, cheese, pinto beans, cookies.

Thurs. -Macaroni & beef, green beans, cornbread, fruit.

Fri. -Breaded chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, broccoli casserole, fruit.

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Community Calendar

August 18 - 22
Sutton County Days & Outlaw Pro Rodeo

August 20
Cowboy Church • 6:00 p.m.
Party in the Park
Ozona, Tx. Town Square

The Community Calendar

SUTTON COUNTY
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Calendar

August 21
Official Opening Bank Vault 3:00 p.m.

August 26
Elementary School Pictures

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Ask the Historical Society



by Jo-Ann E. Palmer

Q. Was the Rock School the first school in Sonora?

A. No it was not. Maybe a little history lesson on early Sonora schools is in order today.

Down at Winkler's Well, Mr. Winkler hired a private teacher to educate his children and built a small school for them to use. The building was large enough that some of the hand's children and some relative's children attended classes

On March 22, 1890 the newspapers make mention of a "new town," Wentworth. On May 6, 1890 they tell of moving school from a one story building to a two story building. The material has arrived and the new building will house a school downstairs and a Masonic Lodge upstairs.

Wentworth was founded mostly by Sonorans that were upset over deeds on Main Street being transferred without the clause prohibiting liquor sales. When the bars

exist.

In November of 1891 the Sonora School Trustees purchased the now empty Wentworth School building/Masonic Lodge and moved it to Sonora a little above where the current Masonic Lodge building now stands and next to their wood frame school building. The downstairs was used for overflow classrooms and the upstairs was still used as Dee Ora Lodge.

The town grew and the school started to get pretty crowded. Kindergarten classes were held in the Old Jail and then in the back room of the Ervine sisters store. After the 1902 fire some residents were pretty concerned about their children attending school in the older wood frame buildings that were so overcrowded. Unrest continued until finally in February of 1904 a mass meeting was held in the Koenig Hall regarding the "urgent necessity of a commodious and fully equipped school building."

There were 369 children of school age in Sutton County, 269 were enrolled in the Sonora School. The decision to build a \$10,000 rock school was made and bonds issued. Mr. S. G. and Mrs. May Callahan Tayloe donated 5 acres of land for the new school.

The old school building was sold to the Baptist Church and modified for use by them, the Masonic Lodge building was sold to Dee Ora Masonic Lodge by Mr. Vander Stucken, who had purchased the school land, with a small portion of land for them to move it onto within a specified time frame. Both old wood frame buildings no longer exist.

On May 28, 1904 the Devil's River News reported that T. S. Hodges, a rock mason, of Lockhart

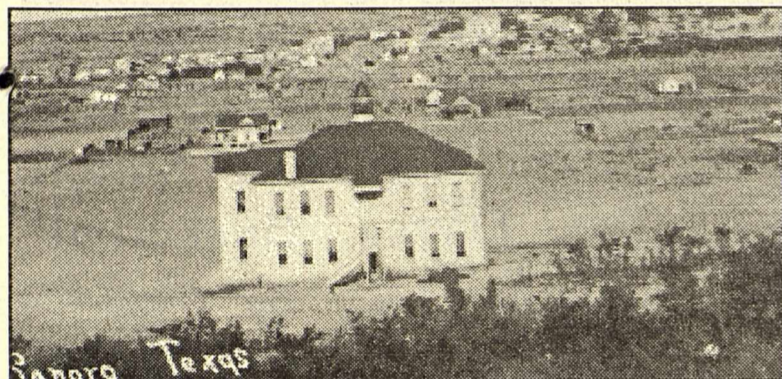
arrives in Sonora to begin the foundation for the rock school building. On July 5, 1904 the members of the Masonic Lodge, accompanied by the Sonora Silver Cornet Band, led the way to the site of the new school house and laid the cornerstone for the first rock school building.

In August 1913, \$18,000 in school bonds were voted and an addition, the south extension, was built on the Rock School. Over the years electric lights, bathrooms, a kitchen, a fire escape, a ramp and other modifications have been done to the building. Because it has been used by so many different grades over the years, many of Sonora's residents can boast of having attended school in the old Rock School building.

The Rock School is an important part of the history of Sonora and we sincerely hope that every effort will be made to see that it continues to be used in some capacity. If it can't be used for classes maybe it could be brought up to code and used for offices, PTA meetings and other organizational meetings of students.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to Ask the Historical Society, P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885, e-mail them to schs@sonorax.net, drop them off at the Devil's River News or Al Elliott's offices or give me a call at 915-387-2855 any afternoon or evening.

Don't forget it is time to pay dues again. Please mail your checks for \$10 per person to the Sutton County Historical Society, P. O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 Attn: Al Elliott, treasurer or drop them off at Al's office when you are on Main Street. Thank you!

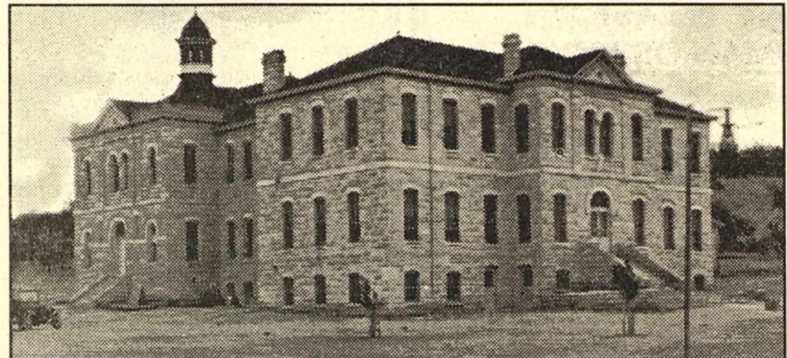


Rock School, built in 1904

there. This was not a public school.

On March 29, 1889 the newspapers mention a school will be built in Sonora. On April 6, 1889 the newspapers state there will be school in the Fall. Mr. Stewart is building a 24 x 40 wood frame school house. On October 25, 1889 the papers state that the school is completed and classes will begin on October 28, 1889 with 50 or 60 pupils.

arrived these people moved out and started their own town on a section that once belonged to Mr. Winkler. It didn't last very long. After the first elections, Wentworth lost it's bid to be the county seat of Sonora ending their wish to have a dry county. Many of the residents of Wentworth moved away, some to Ozona, some back to Sonora and others on to distant places. Within a few years Wentworth ceased to



Rock School with later addition.

Historic Preservation is Good for Sonora & Texas Economy

AUSTIN-- The Texas Historical Commission (THC) recently completed a full-scale study in collaboration with seven local governments and a number of nonprofit preservation organizations confirming that historic preservation positively and significantly impacts the state's economy.

The study concluded that historic preservation activities contribute more than \$1.4 billion in revenue to the Texas economy each year and in the process, generate almost 41,000 Texas jobs.

"Sonora Main Street Historic Preservation generated 21 jobs and reinvested \$1,124,993.00, into our downtown economy," said Ann Kay, Main Street Manager. "Programs such as the Incentive Grant Program, Low Interest Rate for building Owners, and special services given to graduate Main Street Cities, from Austin Main Street Commission, contribute to our success each year."

The THC's study of the economic impact of historic preservation found that:

* Historic designations improve property values

* Incentives for historic properties attract reinvestment

* Historic building rehabilitation enhances Texas communities

* Preservation of historic properties creates jobs

* Texas' heritage attracts tourists

* History museums draw tourists and economic vitality to communities

* Revitalization of Texas downtown makes good business sense

"Historic preservation is a major industry in Texas," said Larry Oaks, executive director of the THC. "The number tells the story-historic preservation is gaining momentum in Texas. The impact of preservation programs and initiatives on our economy is an important force worth recognizing."

The study, the first of its kind in Texas, documents and verifies the benefits of historic preservation. It details how historic preservation influences a community's and state's

economy and confirms the relationship between historic preservation and economic growth.

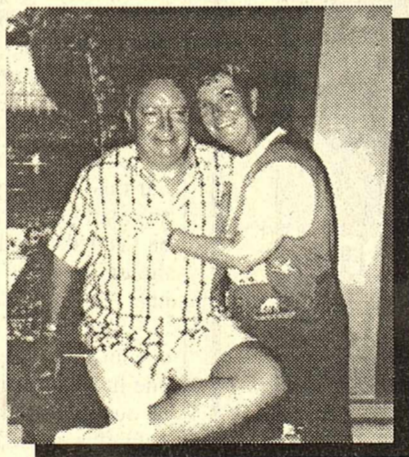
Researchers found that one out of 10 travelers to Texas are heritage tourists. These travelers spend more money per day than the average traveler, stay longer at their destination and have higher household incomes. "Almost any community of any size can stimulate its economy by promoting its local heritage as a tourism attraction," said Oaks.

The study also suggests that cities offering economic incentives

for the rehabilitation of a historic property have seen more reinvestment due to those incentives.

To view the Economic Impact Study report, visit the THC web site at www.thc.state.tx.us.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.



**Congratulations
Carl & Melissa
-30 years on August 19th-**

We wish ya'll the best in the years to come.
Love--Traci, Polli, Tori, Brad, Anna, Carrie and Robert.

Bruce and Cathy Morgan of Jacksonville, Florida are proud to announce the arrival of Marshall Garrett Morgan born on August 4, 1999 in Jacksonville. Marshall weighed 6 lbs. 10 ozs.

He is welcomed by his Maternal Grandparents, Jim and Lynn Perkins of Topeka, Kansas and Bill Hartman of California; Maternal Great-Grandparents, Mary and Walt Meyers, of Colorado Springs; Colo. Paternal Grandparents Bobby and Mary Beth Morgan, Great-Grandmother, Angie Morgan, of Sonora Great-Grandmother, Betta Schrade, of Runge, along with aunts and uncles.

**Place Your Classified Ad Today!
387-2507**

Ol' Sonora Trading Co. Bridal Registry

Janet Jones bride elect of Frank Davis
Beth Covington bride elect of Jason Donaldson
Mrs. Jimmy Davis nee Michelle Torres
121 N. Hwy 277 • 387-5507

Tedford Jewelry

Bridal Gift Registry

Chelsea Thomlinson bride elect of Brian Blackbird
Beth Covington bride elect of Jason Donaldson
Janet Jones bride elect of Frank Davis
Mrs. Jack Isbell nee Laura Lee Barlemann

15th Celebration

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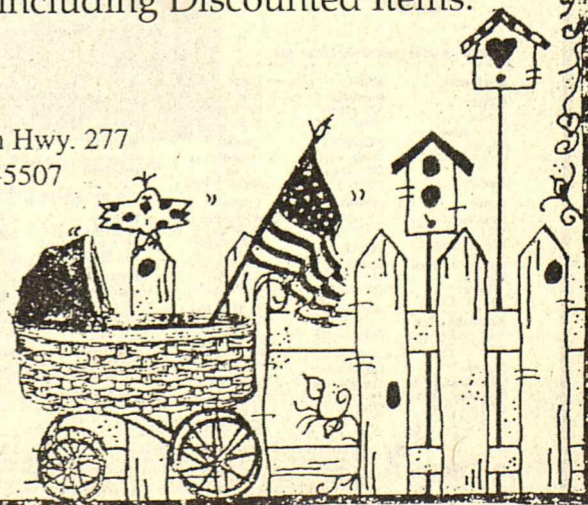
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The women of St. John's Episcopal Church will be serving Chicken Salad plates during Sutton County Days on Saturday, August 21st at the Parish Hall across the street from the Courthouse. They will also have "To Go" plates available.

Be Sure to **DUNK** your favorite local celebrities on Saturday, Aug. 21st beginning at 10:00 a.m. near the courthouse lawn. Join us in celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Sutton County Days. Sponsored by Sonora Fireman's Auxiliary.

Pack 19 Update
 Sonora Cub Scout Pack 19 will be marching in the Sutton County Days Parade, Saturday, Aug. 21, 1999. All Cub Scouts, including prospective scouts, are asked to meet on 1st St. next to the School Administration building between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Scouts should be in uniform and wear comfortable shoes. No bikes this year as we will be marching. This activity will count as one of

the summer time events so please attend if at all possible. Cub Scouts should be picked up at the Scout Hut immediately following the parade.

First United Methodist Summer Drama Camp presents "EXODUS FROM EGYPT COUNTY" (The Story of Moses set in the Old West) Come join us for a fun time of entertainment as you enjoy the story of Moses - set in the old west! Good guys, bad guys, cowboys, and saloon girls, fun music and dance, and a lively story add up to a great show! The show features young actors and actresses from our own community - don't miss it! Saturday, August 21st First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall 3:30 p.m. Admission is free - donations will be accepted.

Get out of the Kitchen! Get Out of the House! Go to the Civic Center on Friday, Aug. 20th from 5 to 7 p.m. to enjoy a Big Bar-B-Que plate with all the trimmings. A \$5.00 donation per person gets you admission to the food and fellowship provided annually during Sutton County Days, by the Sutton County Committee on Aging. This activity helps to ensure services and activities continue for Sutton County Senior Citizens.

Pre-K - 11th grade and All employees of Sonora I.S.D. school pictures will be August 26th. Picture order forms will be passed out on your child's campus. You must have the correct amount of cash or a check made out for the correct amount to the Blunk's company. **CHANGE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.** For questions please call Kristen Keel.

Party in the Park! Friday, August 20th, 6:00 p.m. Free Hamburger Supper at the Ozona Town Square. There will be a come-as-you-are Cowboy Church Service with Monty Price afterwards...also, great music with Susan & Leann Price and others. Bring yourself, a lawn chair & a few friends and enjoy food & fellowship in the park. For more information call 915/687-1241.

The Class of 1989 is looking for addresses to contact classmates for their 10 year reunion. Please call Kay Fries at 387-2997 (evenings) with information.

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!

Sonora Band Boosters Meet

The Bronco Boosters held their kick-off meeting on Thursday, Aug. 12 at the Bank & Trust. What an exciting meeting. It seems this was the best turn out. Sandi Ainsworth brought up some important issues that we will be dealing with this year.

It was a unanimous vote that the Boosters purchase 2 Marching Baritone for the High School Marching Band. These will enable the sound to be directed out towards the audience instead of up as in the concert band. That will save a lot of money. Great job Mr. Medina.

Sign up sheets went around for very much needed volunteers. They will be looking for additional volunteers in the following areas; Yard signs for the marching band members, decorating committee, chaperoning; guidelines to be followed, Ice Cream social, and possible Enchilada dinner. The importance in everyone doing their fair share to help all of our children can not be stressed enough. The decision was reached that any parent that cannot find the time to work 1 game for concession duty would be obligated to make a \$25.00 donation to do their part in helping our kids. Also with the upcoming Ice Cream Social, Fri., Oct. 1, 1999, we are in need of volunteers. There were a few areas addressed to insure the night runs smoothly. Of course lots of ice cream scoopers are needed but this is a very delicious job that any one can help with. Others will be needed to help Mr. Medina with the other bands while he is directing.

The most excitement of the evening was the enthusiasm everyone had in helping with the growth of our High School Band. To help with this growth we need up and coming band members and parents excited about the Bronco Band. Suggested ideas to encourage younger members to be included and rewarded were to have them come to the games and help support the High School Band, and in turn our High School Band will support them with recognition. Possibly with the approval of Mr. Medina they will be allowed later on in the season to play the Fight Song with the High School Band at the Friday night football games. Also help would be needed if we are able to have the 6th & 7th grade bands march in the Homecoming Parade. It was suggested that parents along with the director and some High School students help teach the students at an earlier age the proper techniques for holding their horn and marching. It was a real positive meeting. Thanks to the Band Booster Officers and all the concerned parents who made time in their busy schedule to offer their ideas and support. We also would like to thank The Bank & Trust for the use of their meeting room.

Wouldn't it be great to see even more parents at the next meeting. Check the paper and listen to the radio for the next date and time in September.

Lady Broncos to Host Sutton County Days Basketball Tournament

The Lady Broncos are inviting everyone to participate in their 3 on 3 Basketball tournaments to be held during the 25th Annual Sutton County Days.

The tournament will consist of two 3 on 3 tournaments one for boys and one for girls. The cost of the 3 on 3 tournament is \$15 per team. Also, we will have a 4 on 4 tournament with each team having 2 girls and 2 boys. The cost per team for the 4 on 4 tournament will be \$20. Look for us on Water Street near the old Post Office. You may register your team on Saturday. For more information on the tournament call 387-3625.

Slave Auction Takes Main Stage

Something new and different will take place on Sunday, August 22, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. on the Main Stage on the Courthouse Lawn. There will be a "Slave Auction" held in conjunction with the Sutton County Days activities. The following "Slaves" have donated their time to entertain:

Joe Lane - Himself and an ice cream freezer for a private party!
 Donnie Weaver - Shine shoes @ The Bank & Trust shoeshine stand.
 Pam Haynes - Ride a horse during the Homecoming Parade wearing her high school cheerleading uniform!
 Justin McGeath - Ride a tricycle in the Homecoming Parade.
 Kelly Owen - Car hop @ Sonic for 1 hour.
 Tonya Brown - Entertain @ the Lion's Club Auction!
 Sam Perez - Cut hair in the lobby of The Bank & Trust for one hour!
 Sharon Tinsley - Play Santa's elf @ the Annual Christmas Lighting.
 Chris Croy - Bicycle patrol in uniform on Main Street during the Fall Festival!
 Ann Kay - Be an auction item @ the Lion's Club Auction
 Preston Love - Auctioneer @ the Lion's Club auction in a pinafore!

Elementary News

School pictures will be taken on August 26. Picture packets will go home with all primary and intermediate students this week. All students will have their pictures made on August 26. However, picture packets will only be made for students who pay by August 26. Look your best and SMILE!

All registration information is due. If you have not already completed information for your child's school records, please do so immediately. If you have question, please call the school office.
 Kelly Hirt

We had a very smooth and productive first week of school at

From the Superintendent's Desk

The Texas Education Agency has officially notified school districts and campuses of the 1999 Accountability Ratings. Sonora Elementary received a Recognized Rating. A Recognized Rating is achieved by at least 80% of all students and each student group passing each subject area test and at least a 94.0% attendance rate.

Congratulations to all of the faculty and staff at Sonora Elementary School. The faculty and staff at every grade level are to be commended for a job well done. Their efforts, thoughts, and commitment are greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to the students of Sonora Elementary School. The students worked hard and put forth their best effort. We appreciate their efforts and determination.

A "BIG" thanks to the parents, guardians, and community members who support Sonora elementary students. Your efforts and interest are critical in these children's education and success.

The administrators, faculty, and staff of Sonora Elementary are proud of the students and their scores. We strive to help each student reach his or her potential in all areas. Therefore, we will continue to work to help the students become effective readers, writers, and thinkers who believe in themselves and have the social skills to interact and work within a diverse society.

Last but not least I wish to commend Mrs. Kelley Hirt and Mrs. Louise Dermody for providing the administrative leadership in our elementary school. They have done an outstanding job.

Our achievements in Sonora ISD are not due to complacency and satisfaction with the status quo. They have happened because of a supportive community, involved parents, caring teachers, an outstanding school board, and a dedicated staff of inspiring men and women who have a common goal of educational excellence and are always looking for ways to achieve that goal.

I am proud to be the Superintendent of Sonora ISD. I have challenged the students and staff to do the best they can do and to take pride in their accomplishments. So far, the challenge has been answered positively and the future looks bright for Sonora ISD.

Respectfully submitted by Dr. Bill Harlan

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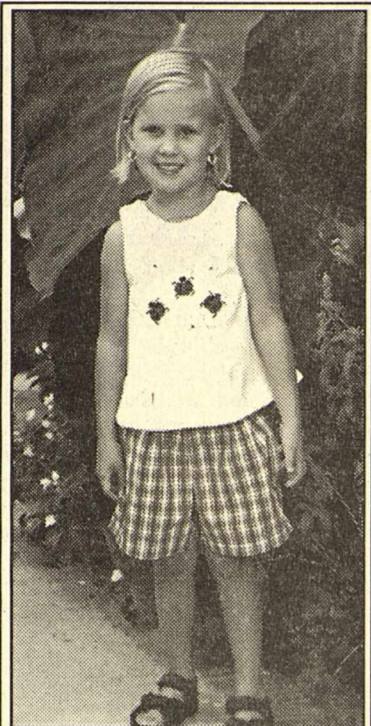
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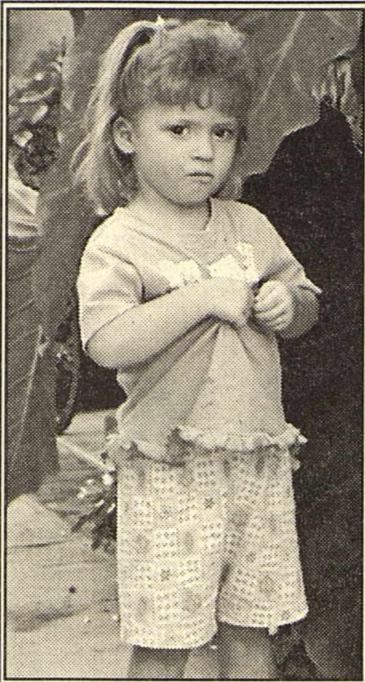
1999 Little Miss & Mr. Sutton County Contestants



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Parents:
 Mary Arredondo
Favorite Food:
 Pizza & Chicken
Favorite Toy:
 Puzzles & Paint
Interests:
 Swimming



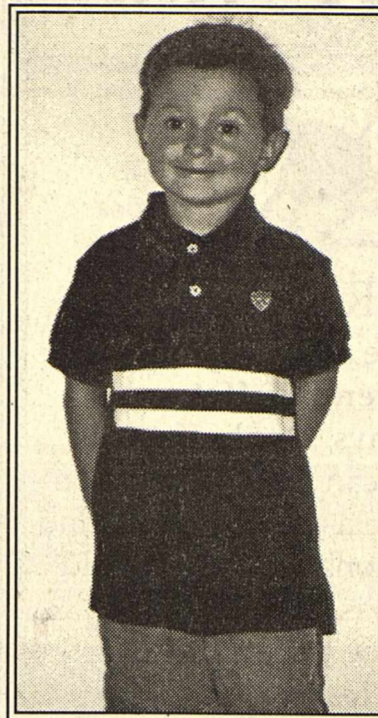
Sidney Adele Dermody
Parents:
 Dean & Louise Dermody
Favorite Food:
 Cheese Enchiladas
Favorite Toy:
 Cooker Dilly
Interests:
 Riding horses, swimming,
 riding the go-cart, & playing
 with animals



Shandra Rae Barrett
Parents:
 Bryan & Donna Barrett
Favorite Food:
 Chips
Favorite Toy:
 Cat named Polly
Interests:
 Singing & saying ABC's



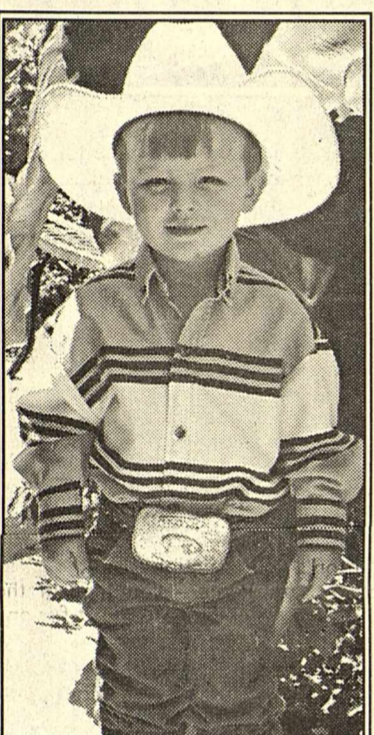
Kelsey Leann Favila
Parents:
 Eddie & Tammy Favila
Favorite Food:
 Spaghetti & Ice Cream
Favorite Toy:
 Pongo the Dalmation
Interests:
 Ballet dancing, singing Shania
 Twain, & playing on the
 computer



Kevin Angel Buitron
Parents:
 Monica & Joe Buitron
Favorite Food:
 Chicken
Favorite Toy:
 Hot Wheels
Interests:
 Being outside, playing with
 dog, & picking up bugs



Shea Lynn Holmes
Parents:
 Judy & Stoney Holmes
Favorite Food:
 Pizza & Macaroni & Cheese
Favorite Toy:
 Barbies
Interests:
 Swimming



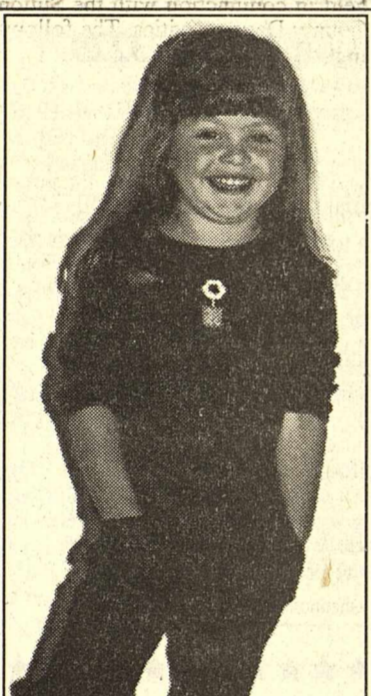
Kaden Kinder
Parents:
 W.A. & Katie Kinder
Favorite Food:
 Hot Dogs
Favorite Toy:
 Horses
Interests:
 Horses, Rodeos, Ropes, &
 Saddles



John M. Lopez IV
Parents:
 John & Yvonne Lopez III
Favorite Food:
 Pizza
Favorite Toy:
 Power Rangers
Interests:
 Swimming, Going to the
 River, & Fishing



Logan Nicole Luttrell
Parents:
 Carla Luttrell/ Mr. & Mrs.
 Jody Luttrell
Favorite Food:
 Spaghetti & Pizza
Favorite Toy:
 Dolls
Interests:
 Singing



Chanel Martinez
Parents:
 Paul & Cenisa Martinez
Favorite Food:
 Pizza
Favorite Toy:
 Basketball
Interests:
 Playing with her dog & going
 to Grandma's



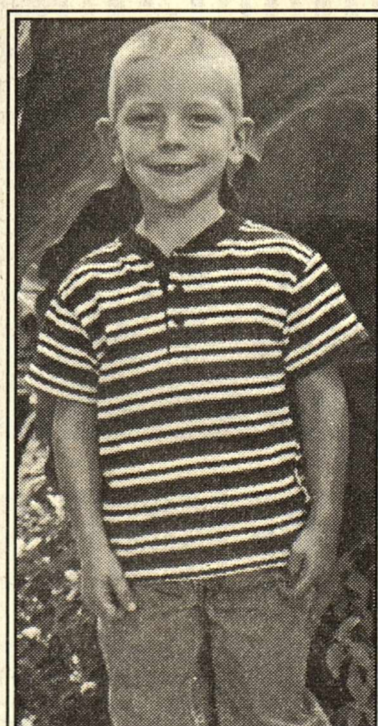
Sam Patterson
Parents:
 Sam Patterson & Tammi
 Patterson
Favorite Food:
 Chicken Strips
Favorite Toy:
 Firetruck
Interests:
 Going to Work with Daddy &
 Playing with Sooner (dog)



Brittney Peiser
Parents:
 Scott & Regenia Freasier
Favorite Food:
 Pizza & Ice Cream
Favorite Toy:
 Barbie
Interests:
 Horses & Playing with her
 brother & sister



Hagen Pendergrass
Parents:
 David & Stormi Pendergrass
Favorite Food:
 Coolies (Oreo's) & Chicken
 Strips
Favorite Toy:
 Bowie Knife & Jeep
Interests:
 Riding horses, playing, swim-
 ming, riding in the jeep



Gunter Pennington
Parents:
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Interests:
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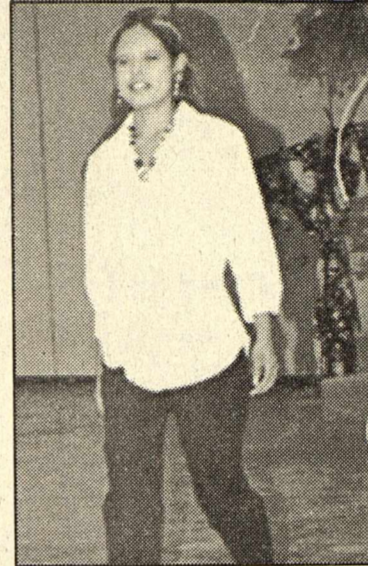
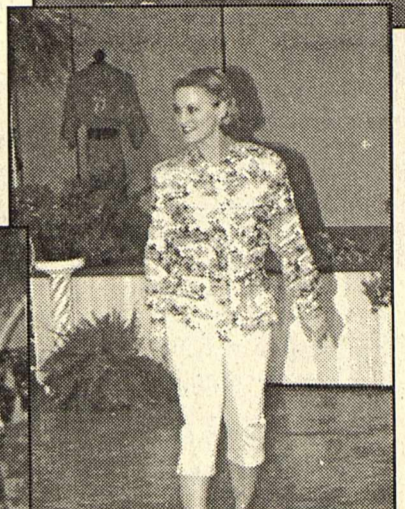
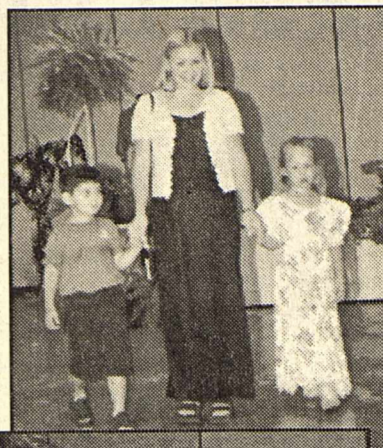
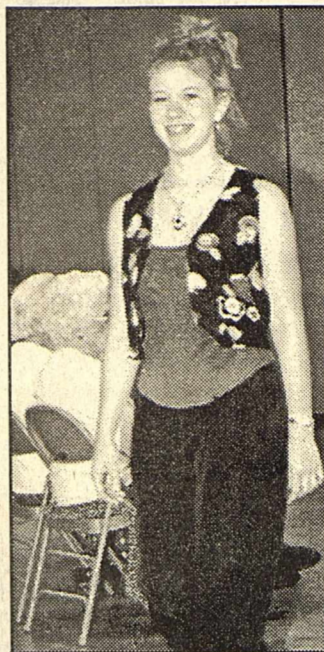
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Garza Stops in Sonora

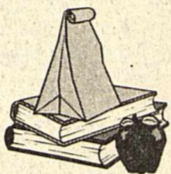


Isidro Garza took time out of his busy schedule in running for Congress in 2000 to visit Sonora. Garza, pictured above with his wife of 27 years, Martha, and County Commissioner Mike Villanueva told the Devil's River News "It is our intent to change the method of decision making in Congress, going back to the basics and making decisions on conscience instead of political convenience. This country is tired of Partisan Politics. I think this sentiment is predominately held through out the country and particularly here in the 23rd Congressional District." Garza will official announce his candidacy on August 28th in Eagle Pass.

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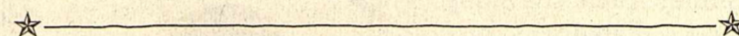


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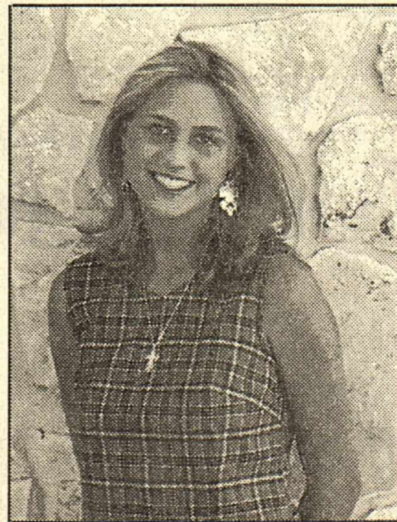
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Bonilla Announces House Passes Sweeping Tax Cut Plan For Working Americans



WASHINGTON - U.S. Congressman Henry Bonilla (R-TX) announced that the House of Representatives today passed the final version of a sweeping tax cut package that provides over \$792 billion in tax relief over the next decade for hard working Americans.

"It's only fair to give taxpayers back some of their hard earned money, after all, they are the ones who earned it," Bonilla said. "We all know what will happen to that money if it stays here in Washington - bureaucrats will spend it."

"This tax relief doesn't just reach a few, targeted people," Bonilla continued. "With the 10% across the board tax cut, every taxpayer in America will be able to look at their pay stub and see the difference. They'll see that they are getting to keep more of their own money."

The far reaching tax cut plan also eliminates the death tax, phases out the marriage penalty tax, provides relief for people saving for their retirement and for their children's education.

"This tax cut plan kills the death tax for good," Bonilla said. "Farmers, ranchers and small business owners are hit particularly hard by this unfair tax. Too many Americans have been forced to sell off the property left to them by loved ones just to pay the outrageous tax bill. It's time to bury this cruel and unfair tax once and for all."

"For too many years the federal government has punished couples by taxing them for getting married," Bonilla continued. "Talk about an anti-family tax. This tax cut plan phases out the marriage penalty tax so married couples no longer have to shoulder an unfair share."

"Tax incentives in this tax relief plan encourage parents to save for their children's education, rather than penalize them for it," Bonilla said. "Parents can put up to \$2,000 tax free each year into an Education Savings Account."

"In addition, Americans who plan ahead and save for their retirement will no longer be penalized for it. This tax relief plan increases the limit for taxpayers who put away money each month into a 401(k) retirement plan. It is unfair to tax people for planning ahead and investing in their future retirement."

"Every American, whether it's single worker, students, married couples, parents, farmers, ranchers or small business owners - everyone will benefit from this much needed tax relief. Hard work, thrifty savings and a desire to make a better life for our children are noble principles that should be honored and protected, not taxed."

The tax relief package passed the House of Representatives with a vote of 221 to 206. The bill now goes up for a vote in the Senate before being sent to the White House.

"We are hopeful the President sees things our way and signs this bill into law," Bonilla said. "Despite the fact that he has threatened to veto this important bill, this is a President who has changed his mind more times on major issues than any President in modern times. He threatened to veto other major pieces of legislation, like welfare reform that he signed into law. I hope the President realizes how important these tax cuts are to working Americans and signs this bill into law."

Deer Symposium Features 30 Internationally Known Speakers

By Steve Byrns, s-byrns@tamu.edu

COLLEGE STATION -- Big, heavy antlered deer are the dream of hunters and game managers alike. Unfortunately, really good bucks are still more the exception than the rule. Like any good animal production enterprise, the "secret" to producing top bucks is proper management.

Game managers can discover these secrets Sept. 21-23 at "Deer Management 101 -- From the Ground Up!" a symposium sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas A&M University department of wildlife and fisheries sciences in the Rudder Conference Center at Texas A&M.

Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist and a symposium coordinator, said the "Management 101" name might turn some seasoned managers off, but it shouldn't. "The '101' doesn't mean this is a beginning course, but rather it refers to the sound habitat foundation that must be built one step at a time if real quality deer are to be produced on a sustained basis. Our goal here is to provide a forum for information exchange among the leading scientific authorities and field practitioners in the areas of deer and deer

habitat management."

The program features 30 internationally known speakers who are all experts in their particular deer management niches. Initial registration and exhibit viewing is from 3-7 p.m. on the first floor of Rudder Tower. The two days of programming are divided into eight sessions. Between sessions, participants have ample time to view exhibit areas.

The symposium will close at 3 p.m. with wrap-up comments by Dr. Billy Higginbotham, Extension wildlife specialist, Overton.

Participants are urged to pre-register to facilitate planning. Pre-registration fees are \$100 per person and must be received by Sept. 7. Late registration will be \$125 per person. Registration fees include a copy of the symposium proceedings, one meal and refreshments.

For further information on the symposium contact Higginbotham at (903) 834-6191.

Limited exhibit space is available at \$250 per single booth (includes one registration) or \$400 per double booth (includes two registrations). Contact Brown at (409) 845-1261 for additional details and to reserve space.

Producers Livestock Auction

8/12 Cattle and Calf Auction: Estimated Receipts: 2125; Last Week: 4500; Last Year: 4379; Compared with last week feeder steers and heifers weak to 1.00 lower. Slaughter cows 1.00-2.00 lower, slaughter bulls weak. Stock cows and pairs steady. Trading and demand moderate. Quality average to plain. Cattle carrying moderate fills. Supply included 60 percent calves, 20 percent slaughter cows and bulls, 15 percent yearlings, 5 percent stock cows and pairs, of the feeders 60 percent steers and 40 percent heifers.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 115.00-120.00; 300-400 lb 98.00-108.00; 400-500 lb 87.00-96.00; 500-600 lb 77.00-85.00; 600-700 lb 73.00-81.50; 700-800 lb 73.50-74.00.

Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 97.00-107.00; 300-400 lb 88.00-98.00; 400-500 lb 79.00-87.00; 500-600 lb 70.00-77.50; 600-700 lb 66.00-74.50; 700-900 lb 62.00-73.50.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 95.00-100.00; 300-400 lb 84.00-89.00; 400-500 lb 77.00-85.00; 500-600 lb 70.00-80.00; 600-700 lb 70.00-77.00; 700-800 lb 67.00-71.50, set 75.50.

Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 85.00-95.00; 300-400 lb 74.00-84.00; 400-500 lb 66.00-77.00; 500-700 lb 64.00-70.50; 700-900 lb 62.00-67.00.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean Breakers 75-80%

Extended Forecast 8/18-8/22

Wednesday - Partly cloudy. High near 100. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday Night - Clear. Low near 70.

Thursday - Partly cloudy. Low near 100.

Thursday Night thru Sunday - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Highs near 100.

AGRIBUSINESS

West Texas Rehabilitation Center's 40th Annual Cattlemen's Round-Up

Sutton County ranchers Rande Fawcett and Albert Ward are among 150 volunteers throughout Texas who will carry on the tradition of "helping Rehab help others" by serving as local chairmen for West Texas Rehabilitation Center's 40th Annual Cattlemen's Round-up for Rehab.

Regional chairmen of this year's program are Carter Behrens of San Angelo and Mike Alexander of Abilene and honorary chairman is Rex Allen.

Since 1960, Round-up has provided friends in the agricultural industry an opportunity to lend their support to WTRC and to date has brought in over \$8,050,000 to Rehab which annually serves more than 17,000 children and adults with disabilities.

Ways in which ranchers and agriculture-related businesses can participate in CRR include:

- * Donating livestock -- cattle, sheep, goats, or horses - to be sold at one of Rehab's seven special auctions during September and October.

- * Sending a cash donation to Rehab if this is not a good time of year to cut out livestock for an auction.

- * Attending one of the special sales and joining the bidding on livestock or novelty items.

- * Notifying a CRR chairman right now of an intent to have your auction house cut a check to Rehab for the proceeds of one or more animals to be sold later in the year.

This year's CRR program has already received a significant boost from four great friends of Rehab. Twin Mountain Fence Company has joined Wrangler, Federal Land Bank Association and First Texas Ag Credit as Round-Up sponsors.

Together these businesses have contributed a total of \$20,000 to the 1999 Round-Up to ensure its success.

WTRC President Jim Pethis expressed his appreciation for these

gifts and hope that everyone in the livestock industry will help build on the momentum by being a part of the Rehab tradition of the Cattlemen's Round-Up.

1999 Round-Up will begin with a cattle auction Thursday, September 16 at Producers Livestock Auction; and specialty sales October 6, Coleman; October 8, Dublin; October 13, Stephenville; and October 28, Ranger. A special sale for sheep and goats is scheduled for October 25 at the Junction Stockyards.

For more information about this important Rehab fund-raising program, please contact the local CRR volunteers or WTRC at 915-223-6300 in San Angelo or 915-793-3507 in Abilene.

Foundation Development Workshop Planned

The Concho Valley Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc., a non-profit organization, is sponsoring a Foundation Development Workshop on August 24, 25, and 26, 1999 at the Brady Housing Authority conference room in Brady. The cost of the three-day workshop is 150.00, all materials included. Meals and lodging are not included and the responsibility of the participant.

The Foundation Development Workshop covers two important elements: creating a foundation and capitalizing your foundation. Subjects to be addressed include types of foundations, fundraising campaigns, matching funds and other key elements of foundation development.

Deadline for the workshop is August 18, 1999, so make your registration with Concho Valley RC&D as soon as possible. For information, contact Tony Resendez at 915-597-4666.

Rig Locations as of August 13, 1999



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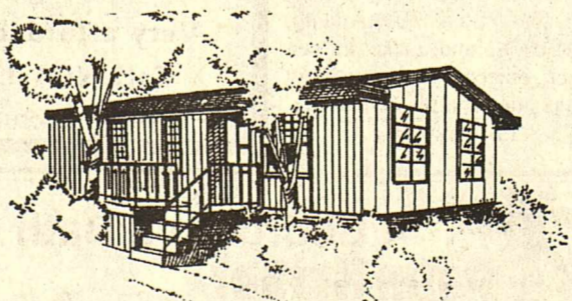
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Public Notice

Sonora Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet to adopt the 1999-2000 budget on August 30, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX.
1(8-19-99)b

The Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District will conduct a budget hearing for FY00 at 9:00 a.m. on September 2, 1999 at the Water District Office, Edwards-Plateau SWCD Building, 301 S. Crockett Ave.

The Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District will hold a meeting immediately following the budget hearing on September 2, 1999 at the Water District Office, Edwards Plateau SWCD Building, 301 S. Crockett Ave. to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2000. The proposed tax rate is 0.03619 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in Sutton County Underground Water conservation District by two(2) percent.
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Public Notice of Adoption to Biological Father

TO: ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, all unknown, unnamed, legal, putative an/or biological fathers of a female child born September 17, 1993, whose names and whereabouts are unknown. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 9th day of July, 1999, Mark David Brinson filed a petition in the Superior Court of Gwinnett county in the State of Georgia seeking the adoption of a female child born in Snellville, Georgia on September 17, 1993, to Christie Marie Krenk and seeking to terminate your parental rights in and to said female child. The biological mother of the aforementioned child has consented to the adoption of the child by Petitioner.

YOU ARE HEREBY ADVISED that a hearing will be held on the 28th of October, 1999 at 3:00 p.m. in the Chambers of Judge Jackson of Gwinnett County Superior Court to determine why the prayers of the Petitioner should not be granted.

All parental rights you may have with respect to said child will be lost and you will neither receive notice or nor be entitled to object to the adoption of said child unless, within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Notice, you: 1) file a petition to legitimate the child pursuant to O.C.G.A. 19-7-22 and 2) give notice of the filing of the petition to legitimate to the Clerk of Superior Court of Gwinnett County and to Joseph P. Farrell, Attorney at Law, 5591 Chabree Dunwoody Road, Building 1360, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30338, and make known other such objections as you may have to the adoption of such child.
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