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Members of the Mayfield family gather for a photo during the celebration of Caverns of Sonora 50th Anniversary. (left to right) Louise Ingham Moore, Cara Mayfield, Stanley Mayfield, Gerry Ingham, and Seco Mayfield.

50 Years In The Making: The Caverns of Sonora Rings in 50 Years in a Big Way

By Ben D. Taylor

Laughter, music, and BBQ smoke all mixed together this Saturday, July, 17th to give an undeniable atmosphere of celebration at the Caverns of Sonora. Local Musicians entertained the crowd during the day, and to ensure nobody went hungry a local catering company (Wack Shack Catering) sold BBQ and drinks from dawn to dark. organizers reported that over 250 people visited the cave throughout the day with a

100 people in attendance who did not tour the cave.

This event had something for everyone as the Lighthouse Baptist Church provided a bouncy house and water slide for any children in attendance. For those in attendance that were looking to expand their minds Dr. Jack Johnson gave a demonstration on the con-Event struction and use of some of the hunting tools used by the Native Americans that lived in member." the area, and his wife gave a conservative estimate of over presentation (in the cave's un-

derstanding cave paintings.

Event organizer Louise that, "this was a wonderful weekend! Usually we have about 100 to 120 people go through the cave on a Saturday, so it was great to see so many people come out and support such a natural beauty. It really did fee! like we were having a birthday for a family

LCRA Transmission Line Update: **Sutton County Is Still An Option**

By Ben D. Taylor

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In the July 8th edition of the Devil's River News, we printed a story that discussed the selection of the route for the Twin Buttes to McCamey D section. This selection encompasses the route from San Angelo to Eldorado, and does not affect Sutton County. The McCamey D to Kendall to Gillespie route is the section of transmission line that holds interest to the citizens of Sutton County. The final application for selection for this route was scheduled to be on July 6, 2010, but it has been postponed until July 28, 2010.

The McCamey D to Kendall to Gillespie route has several different options for its placement, most of which move due east from Eldorado along a direct path to its destination. One of the suggested routes has it running south along Highway derground classroom) on un- 277 South where it intersects with Interstate 10 and continues east along the right of way towards its final destination.

It is thought that the 277/Interstate 10 route would impact Ingham Moore commented fewer landowners and ultimately cost the state less money by running the route along existing right of ways. There are concerns that this route could negatively affect future plans for the Ports to Plains Corridor, as well as harming tourism to this area. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this project you are encouraged to contact your state representative.

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26 Years of Saving Lives: Thorp Recognized for her Contribution to Our Community



Submitted

Leslie Thorp (center) was presented a plaque recognizing her for 26 years (1984 to 2010) of outstanding service with Sutton County EMS. She was a charter member of the organization and has served in almost every officer position. Along with Mrs. Thorp is Sutton County Judge Carla Garner (left), and President of the Sutton County EMS Keith Butler (right).

Texas Leadership Responds to Federal Lawsuit **Against Arizona**

ing Texas Attorney General of their citizens. Greg Abbott's amicus brief zona case:

port today's actions by Texas nities. States are left with no Attorney General Greg Ab- choice. Until the federal govbott and other state attorneys ernment secures the border, I general in their efforts to up- expect more states to legislate hold the 10th Amendment of in an effort to protect their citithe U.S. Constitution and the zens.

Gov. Rick Perry issued the right of states to provide for following statement regard- the public safety and security feelings on the Arizona law,

"The federal government has in the U.S. v. State of Ari- failed to secure our borders as drug activity and murder rates "All Americans should sup- soar in many border commu-

"Regardless of anyone's we must protect the 10th Amendment and right of states to legislate public safety to keep families and communities secure. I join Texas Attorney General Abbott in opposing the Obama Administration's effort to undermine the right of states to protect their citizens and govern themselves."

2010-2011 Budget

By Ben D. Taylor

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District met for their regular meeting on Monday, July 12 and concluded the meeting with one less board member after the resignation of Barbara Jennings.

Directly after the meeting was called to order, Mrs. Jennings asked to address the board members. The following was taken from the minutes of the meeting, "This is very serious to me and it's also truly not about any board member, but I think you will understand more than anyone. I am resigning from the Board. Seven plus years is long enough for me to know more than I want to know about a school system. I want the freedom to have a personal opinion and to enjoy school functions without always being on the board.

I am tired of the politics involved and the stress and time it takes to be a board member. I am not feeling very productive and am too conservative to "be on board" with some spending and choices that have been recently made. I care deeply about Sonora Schools and want to thank so many who have supported me and been an important part of this job and my life. Good luck to all of you. I know what a tough job you have."

After her statement Mrs. Jennings left the meeting, whereupon the Superintendant commented that the board would take action regarding the resignation at the next board meeting.

The board moved onto a presentation on the 2010-2011 budget by Business Manager Diane Jacoby. The following is taken directly from the minutes. She pointed out that while staffing was up 4 people from the previous year, Title 1 funding, tax revenue, and state funding would all be down for the coming year. Additionally, Mrs. Jacoby stated that the previous year, the district had used \$100,000 of the fund balance to pay mandated teacher raises and would have to continue to do so this year since mandated state raises are not funded by federal or state government.

Other discussion:

1) Jim Barnes gave an update on the Field House Project stating that "If the weather cooperates, the weight room and coaches' office should be ready by the 26th"

2) Superintendant Gibson stated that, "Even though there were comments from the public about how much the district does for athletics, the amount of participation for both athletics and literary events was showing that Sonora ISD was doing something right". High School Principal Raul Chavarria informed the Board that participation rate for students in grades 9-12 was 92%.

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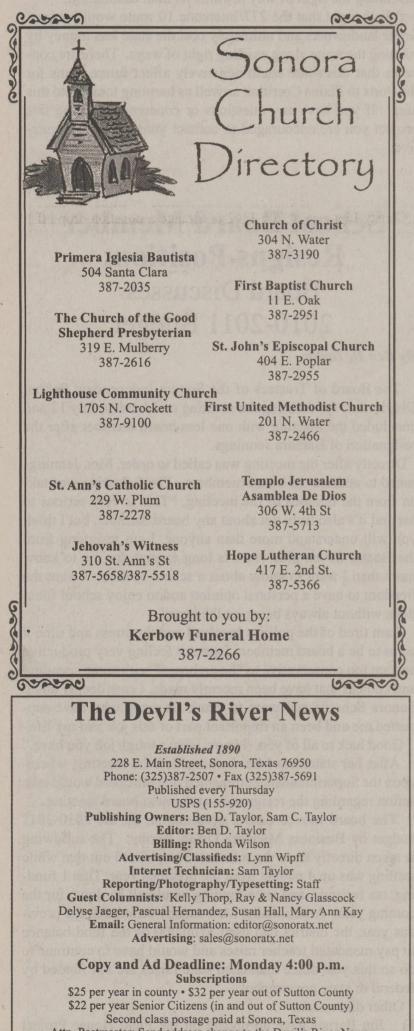
Senior Center Activities

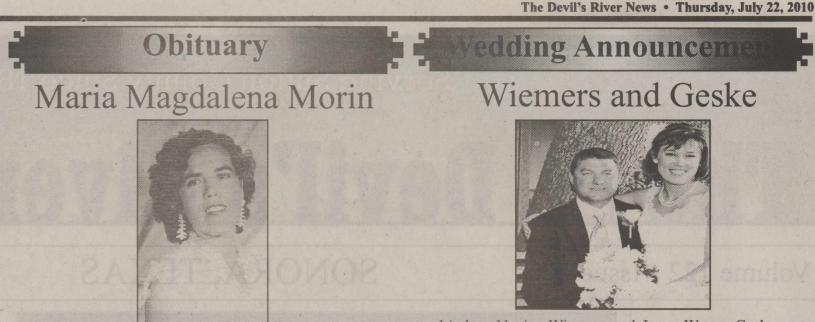
Thurs. July 22 - Happy Birthday Tina Capuchina July 23 - B-Day cake for July Birthdays Fri. Mon. July 26 - Bingo Tues. July 27 - Happy Birthday Demetrio Castro Wed. July 28 - Crafts

Senior Center Menu

Thur.	July 22 - Meatloaf w/tomato sauce, blackeyed peas, honey glazed carrots, combread, melon sala
Fri.	July 23 - Chicken fajitas w/ onion & peppers, spanish rice, refried beans, tortilla, Jell-O w/fruit
Mon.	July 26 - Frito pie w/ chili & cheese, chips, tossed salad, cinnamon applesauce and milk
Tues.	July 27 - Chicken strips w/gravy, baked potato, broccoli w/cheese, roll, pie and milk
Wed.	July 28 - Tuna sandwich, veggie soup, tossed salad fries, chocolate chip cookies, juice & milk

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older. Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m. **Donations are accepted** (suggested donation for Seniors is \$2.00; \$5.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).

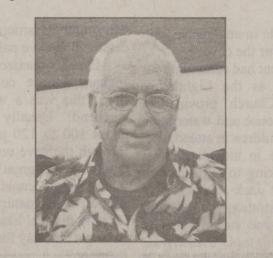




Muzquiz, Coah., Mexico. Arrangements were under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home in Sonora, Texas. Services were held on Tuesday, July 20, 2010, at St. Ann's Catholic Church at the Eldorado Cemetery. Rosary was held Monday, July 19, 2010 at Kerbow Funeral Home.

She was preceded in death by her husband Crecencio H. Morin; parents Juan and Gregoria Campos; six brothers-Jose Campos, Antonio Campos, Arnulfo Campos, Rosendo Campos and Arturo Campos. Survivors include one brother, Fernando Campos of Muzquiz, Coah., Mexico. One daughter, Sonora. Juanita Morin Gomez and husband Tomas of Sonora; One son, Jesus Crecencio Morin and wife Margarita of Sonora. Six grandchildren-Marcos Francisco Morin and wife Elizabeth of Eldorado; Sierra Gomez, Tomas (Tommy) Gomez III, Azucena Morin, Jesus Crecencio Morin Jr. and Christina Morin all of Sonora. Four great-grandchildren Miriam Garcia, Edmundo Dear Editor, Garcia, Marcos Francisco Morin Jr. and Emily Morin all of Eldorado.

Lloyd Frank Schwertner



SAN ANGELO - Lloyd Frank Schwertner, 73, of San Angelo passed away on Thursday, July 15, 2010 in Eldorado, Texas. Lloyd was born in Rowena on May 15, 1937.

Lloyd was preceded in death by his parents, Ludwig and Olivia Schwertner, and son, David Schwertner.

Lindsey Nevins Wiemers and Jason Wayne Geske were Maria Magdalena Morin, 79, went to be with our Lord united in marriage at Miss Hattie's Restaurant in San Angelo, and Savior on July 17, 2010. She was born July 22, 1930 in TX on June 26, 2010. Reverend Floyd Crider officiated the family wedding.

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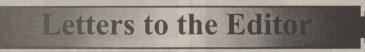
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Lindsey is the daughter of Jim and Barbara Nevins of San Angelo, granddaughter of James and Beverly Nevins and in Sonora, Texas, with the burial following in Eldorado, Texas Norman Heath of San Angelo, and the late Mary Helen Heath.

Jason is the son of Ronnie and Debbie Geske of Sonora, grandson of Hubert and Shirley Payton of Mertzon, and the late Roy and Betty Geske.

Shelli Stone, cousin of the bride, served as matron of honor and Eric Geske, brother of the groom, served as best man.

The couple honeymooned in Tennessee and will reside in



This is a letter in response to Pete Bradley's letter published July 15, 2010.

I will explain why the current council took action on amending the 2009-2010 budget in June 2010 meeting.

Point 1: Pete and myself were both serving on the city council when the 2009-2010 budget was presented and approved in September 2009. The city budget is at least a 4 month process with the help of all city employees, the department heads and the city manager who then presents it to the council. Council will spend about 2 months out of the 4 reviewing, asking questions and then make a decision on the final plan that would best benefit the city as a whole. During that crucial "budget" preparing time, the city was undergoing major personnel changes, unforeseen problems that were affecting our upcoming budget and the council (including Pete) knew this was going to affect the budget. The budget we were handed in July 2009 was a mess and we had limited time to revise, try to fix and then approve by set date that was required by law. The 2009-2010 budget was approved by all council (including Pete) with the understanding amendments would be possible.

Point 2: With the condition of the city from the last city manager and being without a "hired" city manager for about 5 months we decided to step it up and actually hire a "professional city manager" knowing it was going to cost some money. The city council (Pete included) all agreed this would make the city go over budget. However, the council felt it was money well spent to improve the City of Sonora Point 3: On the TML class for General Law that was quoted by Pete is correct and the city council did abide by those said guidelines. We hired our current city manager in December 2009 and her job started January 2010. (2009-2010 Budget was approved at the end of September 2009 which had old city managers pay scale.) When council (including Pete) finally agreed on the city manager's salary package, council already knew it was going to put the city over budget. These 3 points alone are reasons under "grave public necessity".... "unusual and unforeseen conditions could have been thought and attention and have been included in budget..." to amend the 2009-2010 budget. From "one past city council member to the other", we approved those expenditures that caused the 2009-2010 budget amendments that you are wanting an explanation for. And we wonder why citizen's are not running to volunteer their time to be a part of the city government? If we didn't spend all our energy on negative speaking, we would have more time for positive thinking. Just something to think about!

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Lloyd served his country as a member of the US Air Force. He was active in Alcoholics Anonymous for over 35 years and was always eager to help anyone. As owner of Aircon Air Conditioning and Heating in Sonora, Lloyd practiced his profession across Sonora, Eldorado, and Christoval. He was

a proud father and grandfather and loved fishing, carpentry,

gardening, and watching the birds that visited the feeder on his front porch. Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law Rose and Kyle Green of San Angelo and Helen and David Hulse of Colleyville, four grandchildren; Mindy Woehl of Midland, Chelsea Green of San Angelo, Jaxon Hulse and Haylee Hulse of Colleyville, three siblings; Rita Mae Frey of Fredonia, Jane Holtman of Ballinger and Maynard Schwertner of Rowena,

many nieces and nephews, and long-time friend Sheri McWilliams. The funeral service was held at Johnson's Funeral Home on

Monday, July 19th with Pastor Taylor Sandlin of Southland Baptist Church officiating. Burial followed at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Family and friends may sign the online register book at www.johnsons-funeralhome.com.

City of Sonora- job well done and many more to come.

Jana Dover

CRISTINA ESPINOZA

CRANE: Cristina Espinoza, 82, of Crane, passed away on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at the Sienna Nursing Home in Odessa.

Graveside services were held on Sunday, July 18, 2010 at the Sonora Cemetery in Sonora, Texas with Reverend Jimmy Carrasco officiating. Arrangements were under the care and direction of Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home.

Cristina was born on July 24, 1927 in Del Rio, Texas. She had lived in Crane for the past five years, and was a member of the Times of Refreshing Church in Crane.

She was preceded in death by her son, Desiderio Espinoza in 1976.

She is survived by her daughter, Anabelia Espinoza of Crane; a son, Eliazar Espinoza of Arlington, TX; and a sister, Angelita Sanchez of Midland.

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Funeral Insurance

I have resigned from my position as precinct 3 trustee on the school board. I want to thank all of the many people who have supported and encouraged me these past eight years. The school system will continue to be an important part of my life, just not as a board member.

Barbara Jennings





Family & Friends are invited to join us for her birthday celebration on Saturday, July 31, 2010 at the Civic Center. Dinner 5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

Birthday cake to follow

Dance 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Baker Ranch Receives Honor



Rex Ann Freiss and Paula Freiss

Lewis Baker and Wheeless Baker Miller

The Baker Ranch, located 25 miles east of Sonora in Sutton County, has been in continuous agricultural production by the same family for 100 years.

In return, the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program honored the decendants of R.T. Baker, who established the Baker Ranch in 1897, in special ceremonies in Austin, Texas in June 2010.

Pictured are Rex Ann Freiss, Paula Freiss, Lewis Baker and Wheeless Baker Miller receiving their certificates of honor. Mr. & Mrs. Jack Baker also attended the ceremony.

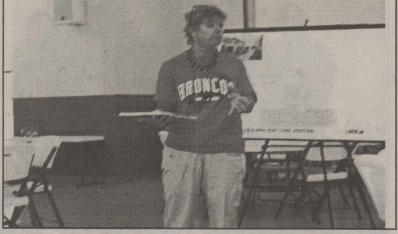
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Last week we reviewed the 7 on 7 superb field performance of our student athletes at Bryan-College Station. Our program this week focused on the behind the scenes and logistics necessary to support the performance of our Sonora Broncos at the 7 on 7 State Championship in College Station. In order to assist our athletes, many citizens of this great community made contributions of food, water and monetary gifts. Lion Suzanne Badeaux was our program speaker and completed the picture of the great spirit of Sonora behind the scene. Just imagine twenty teenagers going on a long three day trip to an unknown town. The food requirements alone would blow your mind. But also transportation, insurance, lodging, tournament registration and game schedule, uniforms, media guide sponsorship and team roster input were some additional requirements for the Sonora Volunteers. Note: UIL rules prohibited our SISD from being involved in this venture. Heartfelt thanks are in order to Coaches Pope and Hudson, the supportative parents and citizens of Sonora and Suzanne Badeaux for her selfless effort. A thanks to your Lions Club was received from the Student Athletes this past week.

Preparations are underway for the Lions concession at the Rodeo and the Teacher Welcome Supper.





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2010 Sonora High School Registration Dates: Monday, August 9th Seniors – 8:00 am – 11:00 am Juniors – 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

> Tuesday, August 10th Sophomores – 8:00 am – 11:00 am Freshmen – 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Wednesday, August 11th New Students – 8:00 am – 11:00 am

Middle School Registration and Meet the Teachers Will be on August 17, 2010

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n grade	9:00 a.m10:00 a.m.
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grade	11:00 a.m12:00 p.m.

We encourage all of you to come register, pick up schedules, textbooks, and meet the teachers at the Middle School.

Parking permits will be issued during time of registration. The cost for the permit will be \$10. Please have vehicle information with you (license plate #, brand of auto, type or style of auto, and color of auto), as well as, proof of vehicle insurance and driver's license.

Old Sonora Ice House Ranch Museum will be holding the fiddling contest Saturday, August 14, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

The Bronco Booster Club are selling ads for Seniors and ALL Athletes for the football program. Please take ad to JMC ASAP. Deadline is July 23, 2010. FMI call Jimalee Dutton 325-226-5651.

The Sonora Class of 1995 will be having a reunion in New Braunfels, Texas on July 31st. FMI call 325-374-5601 or visit our website at www.95shs.com.

1980-- 30th CLASS REUNION-To ALL members of SHS Class of 1980: You & your family are invited to our 30th Class Reunion your host is Peter Gomez 387-5018 and Eddie Favila 387-3661. Events will be during Sutton Co. Days Aug. 13 & 14 RSVP to us & help us find classmates!!!

Summer Camps and Activities on Eaton Hill- The first two weeks of August have been set aside for Eaton Hill's summer camp sessions. Planning is underway and details will be published at a later date. Additionally, parents can contact the Eaton Hill office to schedule a one day camp which includes an art activity for up to six children. FMI contact the Eaton Hill office at 387-2615.

Sonora Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is having a Rummage Sale on Saturday, August 1st at the Fire Hall. Your donations for clothing, household items and etc. are tax deductible and most welcome. Please contact Sandee Reese at 387-5368 or Christy Lippman at 206-1342 to arrange a donation drop-off today.

Sutton County Friends of NRA 3rd Annual Auction/Banquet will be Saturday, September 18, 2010. Banquet tickets are \$25 per person. Pre-event raffle tickets are \$10 each with one winner taking home five firearms and a 14 gun fire resistant safe. Tickets may be purchased at First National Bank, Sonora Air Cooled Engines or by contacting Tonya @ 387-3861 or 387-5929. Your support is appreciated!



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PARADE FOR LA ELLIOTT SCHOOL REUNION--If you would like to be in the parade for La Elliott School Reunion, on Sept. 11, 2010, please contact Ernesto Barrera at 512-961-9709-cell or 325-387-5480-home.

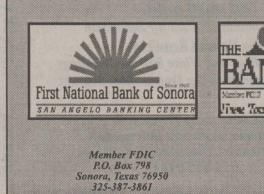
Looking for L. W. Elliott School (La Elliott) Alumni. Register on facebook or by emailing guschavez2000@yahoo.com or juanita@sonoratx.net or by calling 325-206-0830. Everyone is encouraged to submit names. A committee is being put together to organize LA ELLIOTT SCHOOL REUNION and also to place a historical marker where the school stood. If you have any information or questions please contact us.

La Elliott School Commemorative Poetry Contest- Open for all Sonora Middle and High School Students. Adults are also welcome to participate. No Entry Fee. Poetry should be your own and can be submitted in both English and Spanish. Submit one poem of no more than 20 lines with a maximum of 150 words, in any form on the personal experiences of former L.W. Elliott School Alumni, provided that the poem content is not vulgar/offensive. Deadline is Friday, September 10, 2010. Please include your name and grade level. Winners will be announced September 16. Please submit poems to Delia Samaniego: the_twins@verizon. net or FMI Call 325-226-0666.

L.W. Elliott (La Elliott) School Reunion will be Sept. 10-11, 2010. Registration will start Sept. 10, with a ceremony on Sept. 11, the unveiling of the Historical Marker and a parade. Please plan to attend these two days for this Historical Event in Sonora, TX.

The Primary Purpose Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. at the St. John's Episcopal Church, 404 NE Poplar. FMI call 325-387-9765 or 325-206-1311.

Rent the Depot or Icehouse Ranch Museum for your special party or event. Call 325-387-5084 Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.





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We're Not Going to Take it Anymore: Community Leader In Mason Takes

A Stand Against Transmission Lines

By Mayor Brent Hinckley, City of Mason

lies back in the third grade, munity in any way, and then and I thought the education some strings got pulled and system had pretty well elimi- suddenly Mason County and nated them. Now that I am other parts of the Hill Counmuch older and working to try are involved in a problem serve my community as May- we neither created nor will we or, I have discovered that in benefit from in any conceiv-Austin there are still bullies able way. For the past nine that hide behind big bureau- months our elected officials cracy and work in govern- and many concerned citizens mental agencies. I'm mad, the have struggled to understand citizens of Mason, Texas are the issues and process inmad, the Hill Country land- volved and to very actively owners are mad and we are work informing the decision tired of being pushed around makers of our unwavering opby bullies. Until very re- position to this route through cently I honestly thought the Mason. Citizens throughout Lower Colorado River Au- the Hill Country have used thority (LCRA) would listen their individual influence and to our concerns and do what the letters and resolutions was right for Mason County from our communities conand even the entire Hill Coun- tinue to pour into the files of try. But, today, I am tired of the decision makers; I can listening to the bullies and I only hope that they will take am convinced that the "big the time to read and appreci-bureaucracy" has not and will ate the vast concern our local not be influenced by the prac- population has for this project. tical concerns of a small rural I have participated in numercommunity.

I'm talking about the CREZ hours with a wide variety of electric transmission lines experts and governmental of-that the Public Utility Com- ficials as well as many repremission (PUC) ordered con- sentatives of LCRA, and after structed throughout the entire all of this I do not see any valstate to connect the West Tex- ue to our community in havas wind turbines, one of the ing this blight in our county in most inconsistent producers order to satisfy a few bureauof electricity, with the people crats in a distant city. in the big cities. What nobody wants to admit is how their had to quickly organize to degreat project is going to liter- fend ourselves when LCRA ally destroy our beautiful Hill and the PUC decided to stall Country with power lines, the process and include our lattice towers and two hun- county as an alternative to that are going to decimate the addition to forming the Texas heart of our beautiful land by Hill Country Heritage Assovate acres and destroying our of government – our city and local environment and econo- county - formed a legal unit mies. The electric transmis- of government under Section sion planners have played the 391 of the Texas Local Govgame their way for so long ernment Code that requires and now that Mason County LCRA, the PUC and, by Fedand the City of Mason have eral statute, U.S. Fish and stood up and formed a local Wildlife, to "coordinate" their Planning Commission to co- plans and policies with ours. ordinate with them, they have In fact, federal law requires shown their true colors. Just ten months ago we were *Continued on Page 6* assured that this transmission

I remember school yard bul- line would not affect our comous meetings and spent many

Right here in Mason, we



Front Row L-R: Sky Jennings, Darby Ramsdell, Janelle Vasquez, Kamryn Lozano; Middle Row L-R: Rachel Mendoza, Madison Childress, Sydney Covarrubiaz, Cipriana Tobias; Back Row L-R: Nelda Tobias, Kaci Lewis, Eddie Lozano, Kelisha Alvarado, Jillian Buitron, Manuel Tobias, Rikki Chavez

12U Sonora All-Stars placed 4th in the big city of Midland with 22 teams in their division after playing 9 games in four days of 98 degree weather!! 3 Games on Sunday alone and look at the big smiles in the picture!

10 Cases of gatorade \$150 10 Cases of water \$50 10 Bags of ice \$20 Bringing home 4th place priceless!!

10U SONORA ALL-STARS



dred foot-wide right-of-ways one of their CREZ lines. In Front Row L-R, Danyse Ramirez, Jackilyn Sykes, Reagan O'Brien, Audry Nolen, Alex Ramirez, Middle Row L-R, Jena Telles, Nydia Rodriguez, Iris Mc Afee, Kristin Garrett, Elyssa condemning thousands of pri- ciation, our two local units Prieto, Hailey Guerra, Savannah Castro Coaches: Michael Ramirez, Pedro Rodriguez

Sonora Icehouse **Ranch** Museum **Fiddling Contest** Come Cool Off during Sutton County Days and enjoy some Concessio Saturday, August 14, 2010 playing 11:00 a.m. Twin Fiddling Contest 12:00 p.m. Fiddling Contest Food and Drink Concession will be provided by Wack Shack Catering!

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Customer Service Champion



Sonora's Customer Service Champion for the month of June is Elizabeth Chavez, owner of Sonora Academy of Arts and part-time waitress at La Mexicana Restaurant. Lizzie was born and raised in Sonora, graduating from Sonora High School in 1999.

Lizzie's love for Sonora spills over in every aspect of her life. She is raising two sons, shares her talent of song and dance with the community and continues to inspire our youth in the performing arts. When asked about what she loves about her part-time job at La Mexicana, she replied, "interacting with the public, local and out-of-town visitors and promoting Sonora."

Lizzie received an award certificate and a \$100.00 gift card from the program sponsors: Sonora Chamber of Commerce and Sonora Economic Development Corporation. All business owners and employees who are in contact with the public are eligible to win. Contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 325-387-2880 to nominate your favorite customer service representative.

2010 Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo



Kid's Mutton Bustin' Entry Form

The preliminary Kid's Mutton Bustin' will be held Saturday, August 7, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. The top 6 contestants will return for finals in the Friday, August 13, 2010 Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo. It is open to any child between the ages of 4 and 7, weighing 55 pounds or less. Entry fee is \$10 per child. Each Mutton Bustin' finalist receives free entry into the Friday night performance of the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo. The overall Mutton Bustin' winner will receive a buckle, 2nd place will receive a gift certificate for a pair of boots, and 3rd place will receive a pair of spurs. All top 6 places to receive a youth rope!

Notes:

- 1. A helmet is required and will be provided.
- 2. Each child may have ONE helper/parent in the arena.
- 3. SCDA reserves the right to refuse any entry.

Name of Contestant:

Hobbies\Interests:

T-Shirt Size (XS 2-4, Sm 6-8, Med 10-12 Lg 14-16)_____

Weight: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Must weigh in at registration

Name of parent/guardian: (Only 1 helper/parent allowed in the arena during performance)

Telephone Number: (Home) _____ (Cell)_____

Address:

City: _____ State: ___ Zip: ____

All Entries must include the hold harmless release below. It must be signed by the parent/guardian of the entrant. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Release

The undersigned does hereby voluntarily assume all risks arising out of and/or connected with his or her participation in the below named event and does hereby release the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo and Sutton County Days Association, the employees, agents, and/or officers, and all other persons associated with the organizations, from any and all claims and causes of action that may result from an injury to the undersigned which has been sustained or may be sustained, and from any and all damages to property belonging to the undersigned that may be a result of his or her participation in the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo Mutton Bustin'. If the undersigned is a minor, the parent or guardian of said minor shall sign this release and hereby agrees to hold each of the above said persons harmless from any liability whatsoever to say minor arising out of his or her participation in the above named event.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Printed name and address of Parent/Guardian:

Signature of Witness

Date

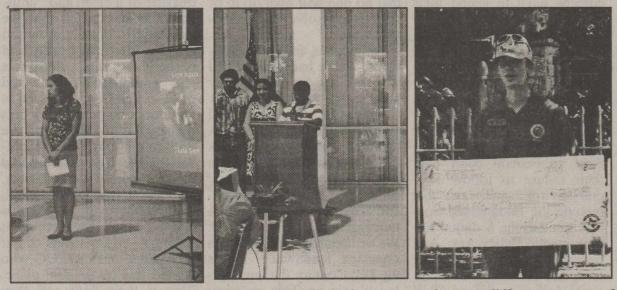
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Arena Helper:

Deadline for entry is Wednesday August 4, 2010 by 5:00 p.m. in order to receive a t-shirt. Turn in entry form to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 205 Hwy 277 N. FMI Call 325-387-2880 or 325-387-5220 (Bridget Wardlaw) Fax: 325-387-5357 or 325-387-3813

Oil & Agribusiness

4-H Students Attend Natural Resource Camps



Adriana Faz (left) and Erasmo Esquivel (center) give presentations on different aspects of water conservation, while Sterling Hall receives a \$250.00 scholarship for his work promoting the Brigades Youth Summer Camp at the Bass Brigade (right).

Submitted By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Agricultural **Extension** Agent



as leadership, team-building,

implementing wise manage-

4-H'ers attended "camps" make up the learning experi- youth study botany (terrestrial which were not only fun, but ences included in the event. and aquatic plants), biology, also provided learning expe- Erasmo and Adriana saw river, pond, and lake manriences which are practical. first-hand how water is used agement, water quality and They got natural resource for such things as crop irriga- quantity strategies, and land training as well as raised their tion, oil recovery, generating and water stewardship. There awareness in associated issues. electricity, aquaculture, and are also activities involving So, let's recognize Erasmo many other uses. This is an photography, journalism, and Esquivel, Sterling Hall, and excellent opportunity for high art. Fishing skills, safety, and Adriana Faz for their dedica- school boys and girls from ethics are covered. The other cops again. tion to educating themselves across the state to learn more major components of the Bass on natural resource needs.

Esquivel participated in the Texas Youth Water Camp at Texas Bass Brigade held at nication. Sterling received a Monahans, Texas from July Santa Anna, Texas from July \$250.00 college scholarship 11-15. The camp strives to 12-16. The Bass Brigade is for his work promoting the build an appreciation for the a unique educational pro- Brigades. implications water manage- gram designed to educate ment has on agriculture, in- high school age youth about efit? Well, they gained ap- three patrol cars, a SWAT dustry, municipalities and aquatic ecosystems and natu- preciation for conservation of

This summer, several of our hands-on group project work For five days, high-achieving about our water resources and Brigade are life-skills, such Adriana Faz and Erasmo the need for conservation.

homes. Field trips, tours and ral resource management. natural resources and ideas on



Way To Catch Burglars It was late and Charlie was

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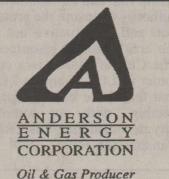
about to climb into bed when his wife informed him that garden shed. Charlie started to go outside to turn off the light but noticed some people in the shed who were busy stealing his things.

He ran back inside right away and called the cops, who asked him "Are there any intruders in your house?" to which Charlie replied no and explained his circumstances. The cops told Charlie that all patrol cars were otherwise occupied, and that he should just lock his door and a uniformed cop would be at his house when one was free.

Charlie answered, "Alright," hung up, waited 30 seconds, and then called the

"Hello, I just called a short while ago because there were people stealing things from Sterling Hall attended the critical-thinking, and commu- my shed. I want to let you know that they're not a problem anymore because I've just shot every one of them."

> Charlie then hung up the So how did these kids ben- phone. In five short minutes, team, and an ambulance arrived, and Of course, the cops caught the burglars in the act.



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now?

policies "consistent" with public services in partnership LCRA transparently using ministrative brow-beating. In fend their rights because our tinue to do all we can to proours, but do you think they with our customers and com- their leadership to protect the that process, our Hill Country Legislators created a monster tect our cultural and economic even want to acknowledge munities and to use our lead- natural resources of the Hill citizens have to spend their that no one will own up to or treasure of a clean and "unlitthat fact? Of course not. It ership role and environmental Country? Not that I can see! own money to hire lawyers help us to resolve in a reason- tered" landscape so that we isn't the way they've always authority to ensure the protec- I am in doubt of any environ- to intervene in the State's ad- able way. done business and why start tion and constructive use of mental authority they might ministrative hearings that are the area's natural resources." exhibit having any positive so rigged it becomes each in- vants, we've had enough and peacefulness that our parents On the back of every LCRA The City of Mason is a cus- impact on our scenic, rural dividual against everybody we will not be bullied any and grandparents protected business card, from the CEO tomer of LCRA, but do I feel part of Texas. All I have seen else and the administrative more. In Mason our 391 down, is their mission state- that they have been in "part- is the possible negative im- judge gets to decide who wins Commission, the Texas Hill no doubt one of the very best ment claiming "to provide nership" with our commu- pacts on the cultural and en- and who loses. On the other Country Heritage Associa- hometowns in Texas and we reliable, low-cost utility and nity in considering this CREZ vironmental heritage we have, hand, we're planning to take tion and American Stewards will continue to fight to pretransmission route? NO! Is with absolutely no positive them to Federal court over of Liberty have already begun serve all that we treasure and



the Hill Country.

have to protect their private government. interests, but we are not willing to "play" their game. In ing and it's theirs to solve. ning Commission, the U.S. troduced the bill that created Fish and Wildlife Service this whole mess. By now, said they were performing a he has received thousands of "full and rigorous Environ- dollars from wind energy lobmental Impact Statement" byists. But, he's not the only (EIS). LCRA representative one who benefitted from this sat in front of us and denied boondoggle. Many of our there was any activity in this state elected officials, from process that required an EIS, the highest office on down, although now they tell us they have monetarily gained from are working with consultants this horrible idea and now to assist in preparing an EIS. we have to step up as indi-To date, we can't get a copy vidual citizens and use our of anything either one of them hard earned money to defend claim they are working on, our rights, our land, our comeven though we have repeat- munity, our environment, and edly asked. We've told them our values. There's justice for several times in writing how you! In Mason County, our they all are violating the Fed- landowners are raising moneral environmental laws, but ey to hire a lawyer to reprethey do not seem to care, or sent them in Austin. This is will ever admit that to us. It a total outrage and someone seems that everyone is point- somewhere needs to do someing the finger at everyone else thing about this. There will - a typical bureaucratic re- be some who will win in that sponse - and we've decided process, but most will lose, that the only way we're going and local landowners will lose to ever be able to protect our- again when their land is taken selves and our citizens is take through eminent domain to them to court.

into the administrative mo- Country. Unfortunately, they rass and get caught in their all have to spend their own web of agency rules and ad- money to hire lawyers to de-

benefit to our community or their failure to follow Fed- discussing the development the community we hold dear. LCRA has tried to convince include the Endangered Spe- eral lawsuit to stop the LCRA and together we can stop this my City and our County along cies Act and the National Enwith most of the Hill Country vironmental Policy Act. And to intervene in the admin- here's the outrage. We have impacted landowners across legislators and the PUC who istrative process in Austin. to spend OUR citizen's per-There is a place and a reason sonal dollars to defend OUR ing to join us. This isn't just This is their fault and they for individuals to do just that citizen's private property and

This is the Legislature's docarve a path of destruction We are not blindly going through our beautiful Hill

eral environmental laws that of a Hill Country wide fed- Join us as we take a stand, transmission line, period. and put it all back where it We've begun discussions with belongs – in the hands of our the Hill Country that are will- started this in the first place. about protecting Mason any- must be held accountable. If because, unfortunately, they OUR community from OUR more; it is about righting an they won't do it, then let's injustice that impacts the en- take them to court and have tire Hill Country.

a public meeting before our The CREZ project was started the sand" and I pledge that we ness and obey ALL the laws. Mason Sub-Regional Plan- when Senator Troy Fraser in- in the Hill Country will con-

can hand to our children and As citizens and public ser- grandchildren the beauty and for us. The City of Mason is a federal judge tell them how A line "has been drawn in they must run our state's busi-



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2010 Little Miss and Little Mr. Sutton County Entry Form & Rules

- 1. A \$5.00 entry fee is required upon entry from each contestant.
- 2. The contestants must have turned (3) years of age and must not have turned six (6) prior to August 14, 2010.
- 3. Parent or guardian must be present throughout the contest.
- 4. Contestants must be a resident of Sutton County or be eligible to attend Sonora Schools.
- 5. Completed pre-entry forms must be returned by July 30, 2010 to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office at 205 Hwy 277 N or mailed to P.O. Box 1172, Sonora, TX 76950.
- 6. There will be no late or last minute entries accepted, so that all contestants may be pictured in the Devil's River News the week of the contest.
- 7. Bring a picture of the contestant to be put in the Devil's River News or email to sonco2@sonoratx.net.
- 8. Contest begins at 10:15 a.m. on Saturday, August 14, 2010 at the main entertainment stage at the Sutton County Park.
- 9. If the contestant wishes to sing, he or she may not have recorded accompaniment, but may play an instrument themselves.
- 10. All contestants should dress comfortably and appropriately for children their age.
- 11. All contestants are very much encouraged to participate in the Sutton County Days Parade to be held on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m.
- 12. Entry forms will not be accepted without signatures.

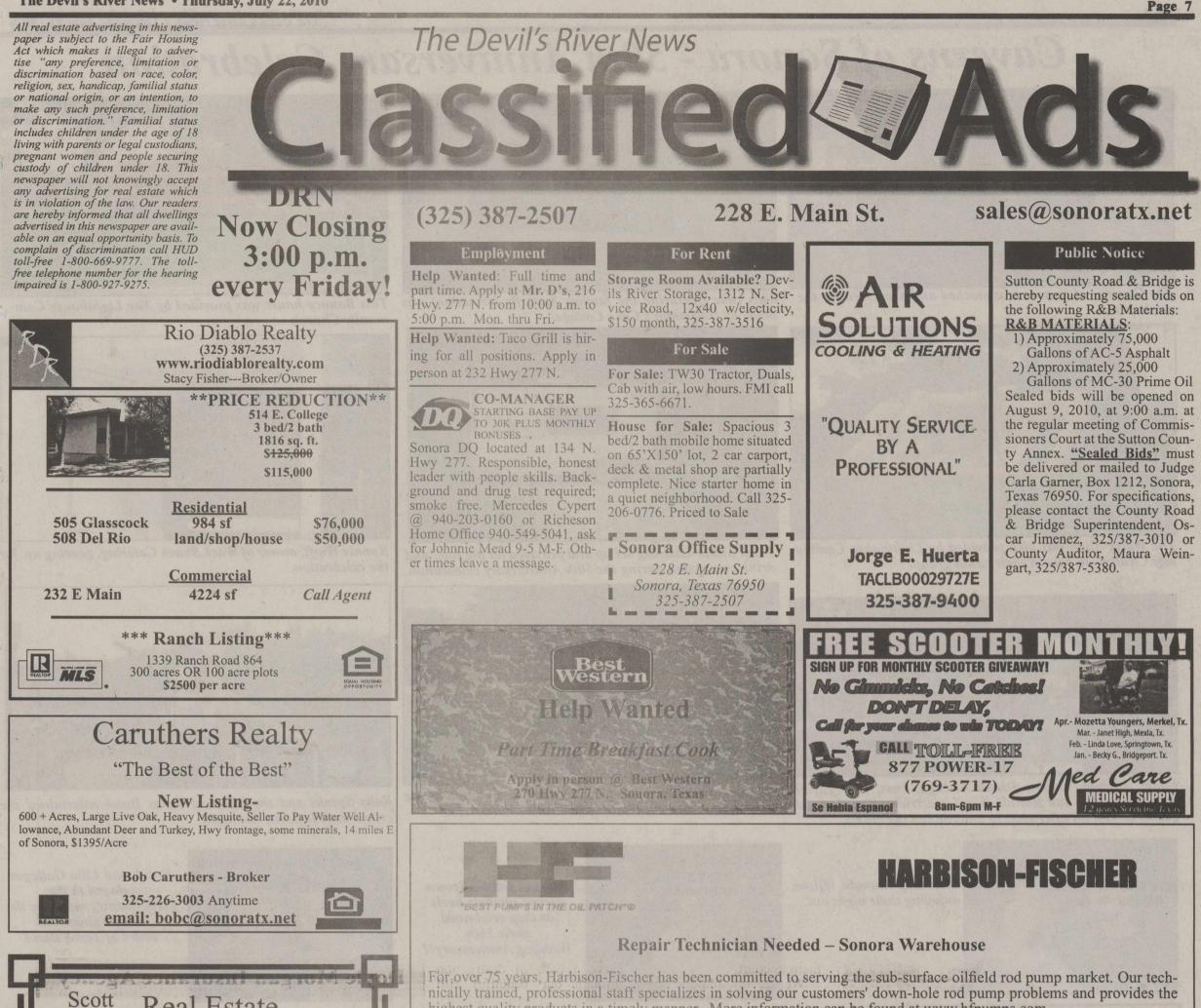
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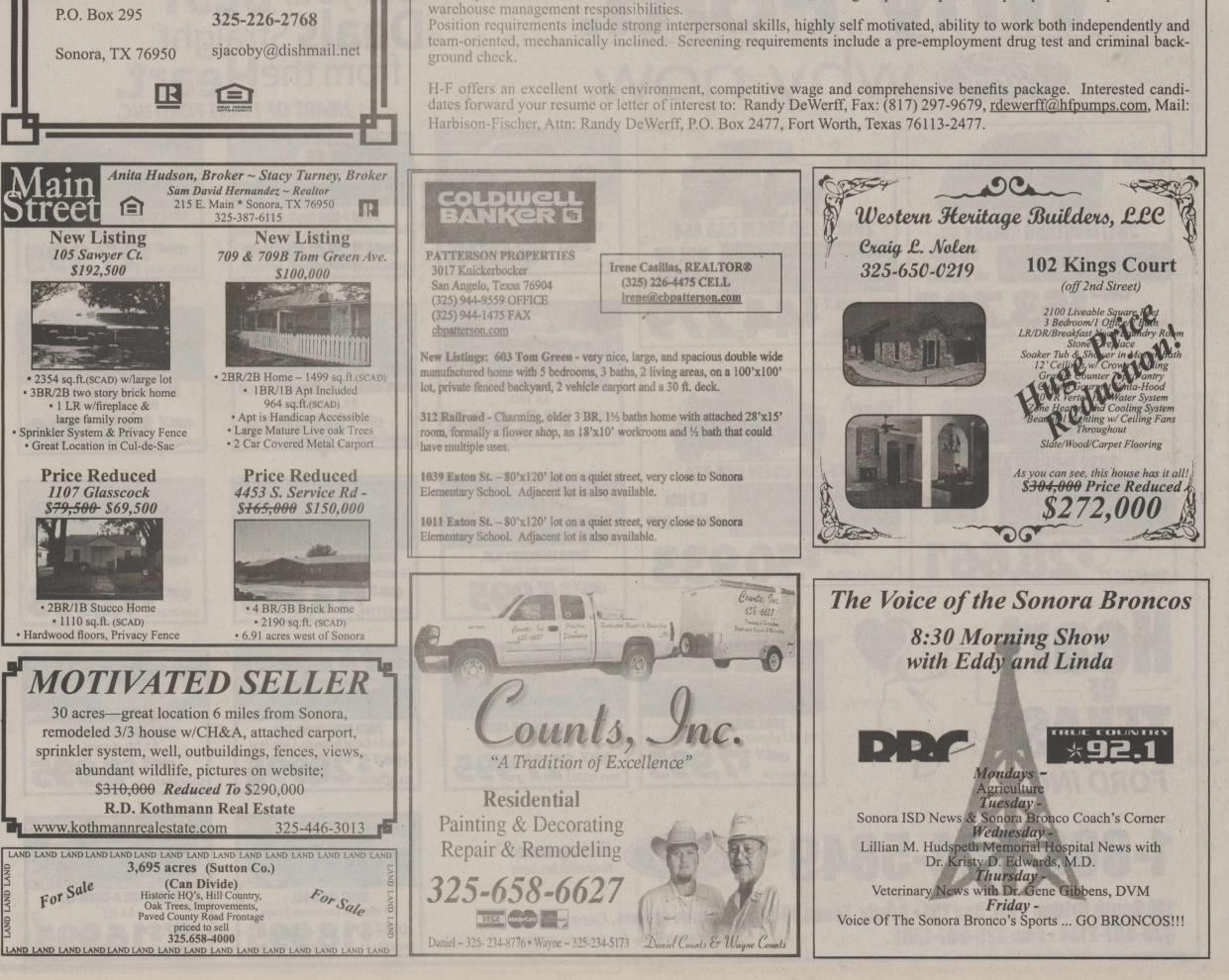
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Caverns of Sonora - 50th Anniversary Celebration



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The Caverns of Sonora was stocked and decorated for the celebration.



This cake (featuring the famous butterfly formation) was made by Halfmann's Cake Cottage.



This Bouncy house was provided by The Lighthouse Community Church



The Water Slide was also provided by Lighthouse Community Church- to benefit their youth group.



Wack Shack Catering set up and provided all the food and drink concession during the 50th Anniversary celebration.



Ronnie Wipff, owner of Wack Shack Catering, gearing up for the celebration.



Eddie Arteaga, drums, Diana Arteaga, bass, Ben Taylor, Dr. Jack Johnson, gave a demonstration on some of the acoustic guitar, and Ronnie Wipff, electric guitar, came to- hunting tools used by Native Americans in this Area. gether to jam all afternoon to entertained the crowd.





Kelly Spinks and the Miles of Texas Band entertained the crowd until late into the night



Tom and Rhonda Wilson enjoying their night out.



Joe and Goldie Brown kicked up their heels as they celebrated their 56th Wedding Anniversary!!



Frank and Lilia Gallegos relaxed to the great country music by the Kelly Spinks and Miles of Texas Band

