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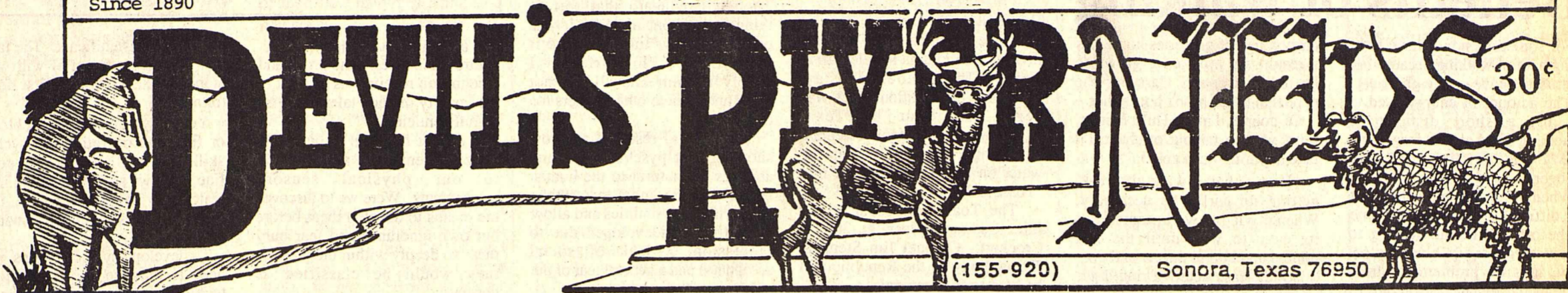
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Briefly

ICA to meet

The Independent Cattlemen's Association will hold its monthly business meeting and Dutch-treat dinner on Monday, March 4, 1991 at 6:30 p. m. at the Sutton County Steakhouse.

All members and interested persons are urged to attend.

Genealogical meeting

The San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society will meet Tuesday, March 5, 1991, at 7:30 p. m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Church of Christ at 901 North Main.

Cynthia Buchanan, Writer & Literary Consultant will speak on "Writing Your Family History or Personal Story."

The Beginners Genealogical Class, taught by Billye Scattergood, will meet at 6:30 p. m.

Visitors are always welcome.

Open House

The Sonora Independent School District will hold its annual Open House on Tuesday, March 5. The scheduled times are as follows: Primary and Intermediate Schools from 6:30 - 8:00 p. m. and the Junior High and High Schools from 7:30 - 9:00 p. m.

All parents and interested members of the community are invited to attend.

Halloween dance club

Halloween Dance Club will hold a meeting on Wed. March 13 at 7:30 p. m. at 405 E. 2nd.

Plans are to be made for the April 13th Spring Dance.

All members are urged to attend.

Tasting tea

The Sonora Womans Club invites you to a Tasting Tea and Home Tour Saturday, March 16, 1991, from 10 a. m. till 12 noon at the former home of Linda and James Hunt, an authentic replica of an early Williamsburg home.

The tea will feature many delicious recipes from our Centennial Cookbook.

Admission will be \$5 per person. The cookbook will be on sale.

Employer seminar

"Age is No Excuse," a seminar for employers who want to become more aware of the benefits of hire mature workers, will be presented Thursday, March 7th, from 2:00 to 5:00 p. m. at the Houston Harte Conference Center on the Angelo State University campus.

Lyndel Vaught, specialist in intergenerational communication, will be the presenter. The purpose of the seminar is to make area employers aware of the valuable pool of productive and reliable mature workers available.

DRN Deadline

The deadline for information to be included in the Devil's River News is 5 p. m. Friday for the following week's paper.

Information can be brought to the office located at 220 N. E. Main St. or mailed to the same address.

For pictures taken on Monday or Tuesday a two day notice should be given to our office.

# Jobless rates falls in Sutton County

The Sutton County employment rate was estimated at 3.4 percent for January 1991, well over a two percent drop from December 1990.

In figures released by the Texas Employment Commission, Sutton County's civilian labor force (CLF) was at 1,991 and employment 1,924.

Sutton County had an annual unemployment rate of 4.8 percent in 1990. Those number include an average CLF of 2,038 and employment of 1,940.

The 1990 numbers were well below the averages for 1989 which held a 7.6 percent unemployment rate, 1,965 CLF and 1,816 employed.

Compared with the surrounding counties of Crockett, Reagan, Schleicher and Tom Green; Sutton County held the lowest unemployment rate.

Crockett County held the highest unemployment rate at six percent, Tom Green at 5.6, then Schleicher and Reagan County at 5.4 percent.

Meanwhile, the TEC reported Texas' unemployment rate hiked to 6.9 percent in January from 6.5 percent in December of 1990.

A press release from the TEC said the increase is due to a drop of

employed individuals by 126,000 and an increase in the number of unemployed job seekers.

The report showed a moderate growth occurred in the oil industry during 1990.

San Angelo was among the metropolitan areas with the lowest unemployment rate at 5.4 percent.

Others with the lowest unemployment rates in January included: Bryan-College Station at 4.2 percent; Austin at 4.8 percent; Midland, 5.2 percent and Lubbock, 5.3 percent.

Among the highest were McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, 21.7; Brownsville-Harlingen, 14; Laredo, 12.6; El Paso, 12; and Longview-Marshall, 8.2 percent.

John Kruse, spokesman for the TEC, said the Texas economy is expected to be adversely affected by a national recession. Kruse said that does not necessarily mean the Texas unemployment figures will decrease as the nation's increases.

It does mean, said Kruse, the Texas economy will not be contracting as the nation's is, but holding steady or increasing slightly.

"The Texas economy won't perform as well as it could if the national economy were doing well as a whole," said Kruse.



T-SHIRT WINNERS - Wilma Patrick and Melvin Glasscock show off t-shirts won from the Devil's River News. Don't forget to wear your t-shirt Friday to support the troops.

# Pair of 4-Hers pick up grand champs

By Griffin B. Cole  
DRN Editor

HOUSTON - Rolling from one stock show to the next, Sutton County 4-Hers continue to garnish awards.

Brian Faris and April Spiller have been awarded a champion in the lamb class at the Houston Stock Show and Rodeo. Preston Faris, Sutton County Extension Agent, said Brian had the champion Rambouillet ewe while Spiller won the Registered Angora buck competition.

Faris said the judging was held last Friday and Saturday. On the schedule for this week at Houston; sheep and swine Monday; steers, Tuesday and market lambs, Wednesday.

Sutton County 4-Hers are coming off a fantastic showing in San Antonio.

"It was the best show we ever had since I've been in Sonora," said Faris. The numbers are there to back Faris' words.

Sutton County swept the Fine Wool Cross with Amy Patton having the champion and Sara

Patton the reserve. Amy's lamb sold for \$6,800 and Sara's, \$3,200.

Spiller has a Reserve Champion buck in Angora goats at San Antonio to add to her Champion in Houston. Tammy Fisher collected first place with both her heifers in the Junior Polled Hereford Show along with Reserve Champion with her youngest heifer and placed second in the neatness award.

Competition is keen in Houston as only the best head in. Faris called the Houston show, "the granddaddy of them all." For some high-finishes in Houston, Faris said the kids need to present their animal and themselves well.

For that, lots of practice and show are important.

"The key is for the kiddos to have experience," said Faris. "The

mom and dads and I can't do anything, it's all up to the kids."

Going out to the pens and working with the animal then following up with shows is important. Faris said the sheep and the kids need to feel comfortable.

## Something out of nothing

# Ringgold is an original thinker

By Griffin B. Cole  
DRN Editor

For those who believe originality has gone by the wayside, meet Johnny Ringgold.

Talking with Ringgold, you get the feeling his mind is always turning. It has to be when you are making decoration and handy items by recycling garbage.

"Everything I pick up I see something in it," said Ringgold.

Using discarded items, Ringgold has managed to put together miniature windmills and airplanes, towel holders and even a filet knife.

When he was just a kid the recycling idea really struck Ringgold, "When I was young I saw a movie...everybody was living in bubbles and earth was nothing but garbage."

Ringgold started his hobby while working in insurance. After a customer would purchase insurance from him, Ringgold would give them a mailbox just the right size to put business cards in.

The mailboxes were made from tomato paste cans, the bottom of an aerosol can and a bleach bottle for grass around the base.

Soon he had given 400 of these mailboxes away.

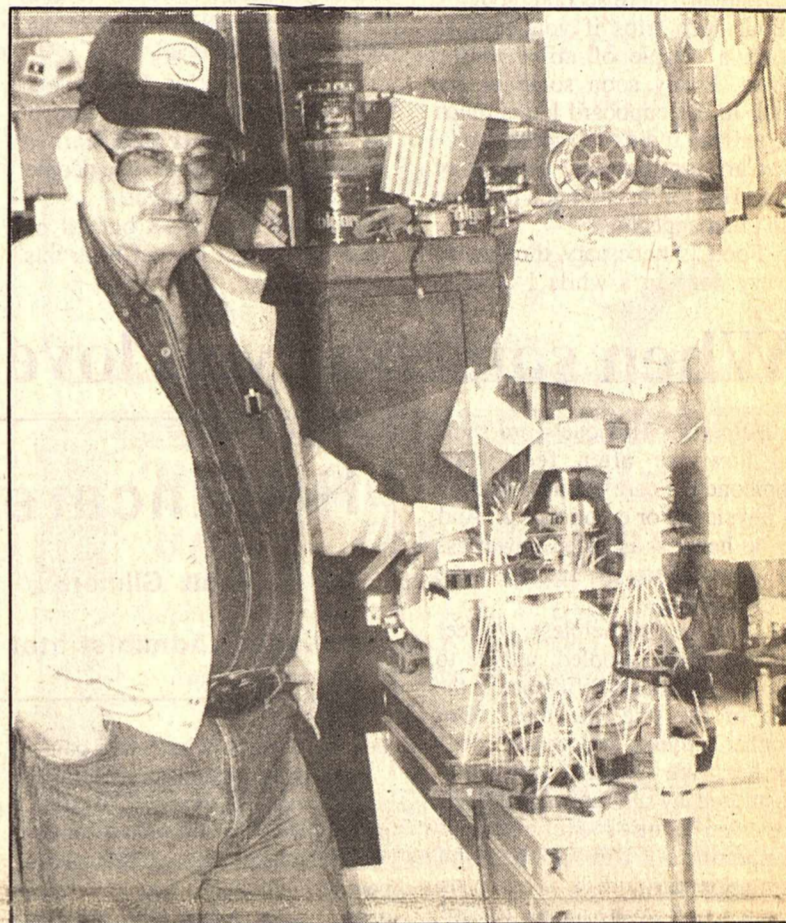
Things went a step further when he was at a party and a man gave him a Coke bottle and said, "Here you recycling nut, let's see you make an airplane out of that."

Ringgold soon had the airplane made with the Coke bottle as the body. The man was willing to give \$50 for it, but Ringgold kept it when the man wanted him to not make anymore.

Coke bottles aren't the only thing Ringgold makes airplanes from. There are also the spark plugs and pieces of wood he may find.

What is really amazing is Ringgold gets some of his ideas while he is asleep, "I have dreams about these things."

Ringgold does not want to keep



DRN staff photo by Griffin B. Cole

UNIQUE HOBBY - Johnny Ringgold shows off some of the items he makes from recycled material. Ringgold said he comes up with some of his ideas from dreams.

this unusual hobby to himself.

"We're running out of space to bury garbage in," said Ringgold. "If I can get a person interested in it and they get somebody interested..."

While working in his little shop behind his trailer, Ringgold will often attract neighborhood kids. One of the children, about 10-years-old, has become very interested.

"He is completely absorbed in it," said Ringgold. "I found most children are real curious."

Ringgold would like to get into making toys as a way to get children interested in the unique recycling effort.

Just last July Ringgold began to sell his items.

"Most people seem to like my stuff and they buy it," said Ringgold.

He is backed up with orders because he can make just one item at a time due to the lack of space in his shed. Ringgold said his turning mind also can get in the way, "I'll get bored making the same items...I want to go do something else because I have ideas."

And it is the ideas which make all the difference. Like he told a relative, "That's what the world is all about," and they replied, "Yeah, but out of a garbage can?"

# Five Sonora players chosen for first team All-District

The Sonora High School basketball teams placed five individuals on the first team All-District squad for District 6-AAA.

Chosen from the Lady Broncos were juniors Dana Evans and Monica Gonzalez and senior Tana Churchill.

The Lady Broncos finished the season at 18-10 and advanced to the regional playoffs before being defeated by Fredricksburg. Sonora captured the district championship at 7-3, their third district championship in a row.

The previous two had come while members of District 8-AAA.

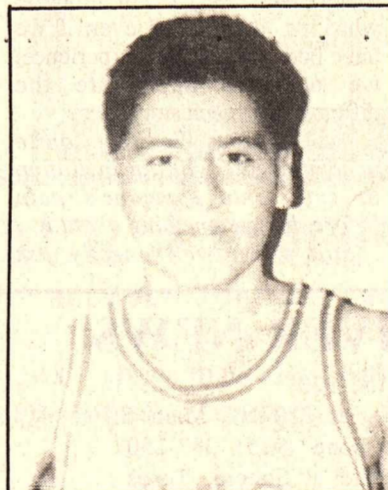
Honorable mention selections from Sonora included Susen McCleery, junior; and Amy Reston, senior.

Lady Broncos head coach Clyde Dukes was named as Coach of the Year in the district.

MVP of the district was Alicia Thompson of Reagan County and Pam Neil was named Newcomer of the Year. Neil is also from Reagan County.

On the boy's side, David Mirike and Ramiro Luna of Sonora were highlighted as All-District selections. Both players are seniors.

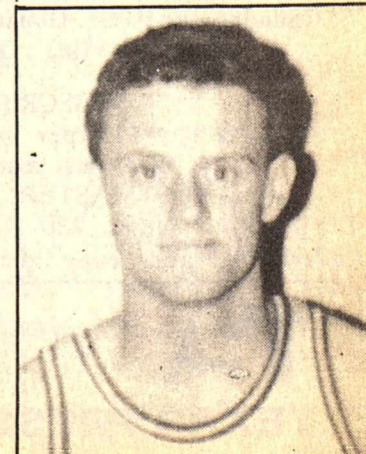
Joining Mirike and Luna as All-District were Eric Clutter, Ray Scals and Damon Dublin of



RAMIRO LUNA



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Greenwood; Harry Dawson and Byron Heiser of Kermit; Jackie Jefferies of Crane; Robbie Smith of Colorado City and Jose Avalos of Reagan County.

Crane High School swept the top honors. Coury Jones, senior, was selected MVP; Michael Carrasco, freshman, Newcomer of the Year and Mark Wendel, Coach of the Year.

Oscar Perez, senior at Sonora, was an honorable mention selection. Others named honorable mention were Marcus Monroe and

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## What's the verdict? - Matthew 26:57-66

Courtroom Drama's made for a couple of good movies and several successful TV series. The series of events in the argument of the Prosecution and Defense before the Bench are interesting and vivid, and a high tension continues to mount until the Jury's Verdict is read. Often we put ourselves in place of the Defendant, and anguish with them until their fate's determined. However, there is a very real and more important Drama that takes place before the Judge of Heaven and Earth. We don't have to imagine ourselves in place of the defendant before His seat of Justice - for we ARE the defendants! This is not a Jury Trial, but the Judge Himself will hear our case - since He's the One who wrote the Law, and the One against who we've committed our crimes.

Some people think there is no accounting for what they do. They deny the obvious and say there is no God - or pretend that if He is the Creator that He's not concerned about what goes on in our world - or that He's not capable of doing anything about it. Other people think they'll be tried in the Court of their own Opinions, or by their fellowmen. So they work only for Social Justice, and not godly living. For them the Majority Rules, ie, what Society accepts, they accept. In other words, they DO Their Own Thing. But Jesus says that's not enough, and makes it clear in Matt. 5, where He says: "I tell you, unless your righteousness is much better than that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you'll never get into the Kingdom of Heaven". So 'Doing the best you can' DOESN'T 'Do It' with God. He demands more than you demand of yourself, and more than Society demands of you. His is a Higher Court, where only perfection is accepted. The Apostle Paul says in Romans 2 that God'll judge ALL people by His Law, whether they've learned and accepted it or not. And chapter 3, verse 19 shows us the reality of guilt - and that the Law's condemnation is universal: "We know that whatever the Law says, it says to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may become silent and the whole world may stand guilty before God." And WHAT does the Law say? According to Galatians 3, it says: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to DO EVERYTHING written in the Book of the Law". And WHO is "under the Law"? Paul says that "every mouth" must be silenced, and that the "whole world" must be held accountable. So if we have a "mouth", if we're part of the "world", then we must be silent about any goodness or righteousness we may pretend to

have of our own. At best, our obedience to God's Law is imperfect, inconsistent, and only external. So if I were on trial, there's no doubt that I'd be found guilty - how about you?

But the Good News is that God has put Jesus on trial in our place. Every Christian knows that the trials of Jesus Christ during Holy Week was actually their own trial. For whether it is before Annas, Caiaphas, Herod or Pilate - Jesus was in reality standing in for us before the Judgement Seat of God. In the above reading from Matthew 26, we find that the Jewish Court was looking for "false testimony" against Jesus - for there was no true evidence. So the High Priest, in the blind hatred of his unbelief, put Jesus under oath in order to make Him respond to the claim that He was the Son of God. Jesus accepted the right of the High Priest's earthly authority and answered honestly: "I AM"! Jesus' willingness to submit to trial - and the punishment of the Cross, was an act of love. It was God who "so loved the world" that He sent His Innocent Son to die for this world which "stood guilty" before Him. So the High Priest condemned Jesus of blasphemy for claiming to be the Son of God, and asked the Court: "What's your Verdict"? And only on the basis of a misconstrued trial and a faithless denial of the truth did Jesus accept the Verdict of the Sanhedrin: "He's guilty, and deserves to die!"

When we look in on Caiaphas' Courtroom, we must see ourselves sitting where Jesus sits. The irony is that the unjust Verdict against Jesus is His Father's loving Verdict for us - because Jesus is our Substitute Defendant before the Judgement Seat of God. And here's the paradox: Jesus is Innocent, before God and man. Yet He's found guilty and worthy of death. We are guilty, under God's Law and in sinning against our fellowman. Yet we live, and in fact are promised eternal life with God in Heaven. How's that possible? There must have been a switch somewhere - and there was! St. Paul put it this way in Galatians 3: "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, by becoming a curse for us, as it is written; CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO IS HUNG ON A TREE". The Cross of Christ is a double-exchange, for not only did our sin become Jesus' sin and our punishment become His punishment, but also His Innocence became ours. So we don't have to wait until Judgement Day to hear the Verdict, for God's

already announced it. At the same time Jesus was pronounced worthy of death, you and I were declared worthy of life. When Jesus cried from the Cross: "It Is Finished", it was! That's why Paul could write in Philippians 3: "I consider everything a loss, compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Jesus Christ my Lord. . . . I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness based on the Law, but the righteousness that depends on faith - that God gives those who believe in Christ."

So nothing remains but to BELIEVE it and LIVE it! Run from the Courtroom of God's Justice, yelling and telling everyone that nothing in your life matters anymore except Jesus! That's the life of a convicted sinner declared Innocent! The Trial is over! The tension of our sin-filled past is over! The Verdict is in! Case Closed - and every opportunity for thankful service to God is Open! All that remains for us to thank the Innocent One who stood in our place, Jesus Christ! Charles Huffman, Pastor Faith Lutheran Church, Ozona Hope Lutheran Church, Sonora

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<b>The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian</b> Worship Service-11:00 am Church School-9:45am Communion first Sunday of each month Lewis Allen, Pastor	<b>Sonora Tabernacle United Pentecostal</b> Rev. Kenneth Doyle, Pastor Sunday School, etc. -10:00 am Prayer Meeting-6:30 pm Evening Worship-7:00 pm Prayer Meeting-6:00 pm Wednesday Service-7:00 pm	<b>Jehovah's Witness</b> 310 St. Ann's / 387-2679 or 7-3947 Spanish Meeting Public Talk-1 Sunday Watchtower Study -1:55 Sunday Theocratic Ministry-7:30 pm Tues. Service Meeting -8:15 Tuesday Bible Study-7:30 Thursday
<b>New Life Assembly of God</b> 306 N. 4th Street Sun. Worship 10:30 am Sun. evening worship 6:00 pm Weds. Study 7:00 pm Daniel Timmerman, Pastor	<b>Jehovah's Witness</b> 310 St. Ann's / 387-2679 or 7-3947 English Meeting Public Talk-10 am Sun. Watchtower Study-11:55 Sunday Theocratic School-7:30 pm Wed. Service Meeting-8:15 Wednesday Bible Study-7:30 Monday	<b>Hope Lutheran Church</b> Sunday School-10 am Worship Service-11 am Thursday: Adult Bible Class-8 pm Charles Huffman, Pastor
<b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b> Sunday School-9:45 am Worship Service-11:00 am Training Union-5:00 pm Evening Service-6:00 pm Wednesday Service 7:00 pm W.M.U.-Sunday-2:00 pm Between Santa Clara & Chestnut	<b>New Hope Baptist Mission</b> 511 Cornell Sun. morning bible Study-10 am Sun. morning Worship-11 am Sun. evening Worship-7 pm Weds. Childrens Bible Study-7 pm Dana Floyd-Pastor	<b>St. Ann's Catholic Church</b> Rev. Lawrence D'Mello Deacon E. Samaniego Saturday Night Mass-7 pm English Sunday Mass 8 am Spanish 11 am English Holy Day Mass-7 pm
<b>Somebody Cares Ministry</b> Rev. Louis Halford Sunday Adult Bible Hour-9:30 am Super Son Bible Hour-9:30 am Morning Service-10:45 am L.I.F.E. (youth)-3:00 pm Evening Service-6:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study-7:00 pm	<b>Church of Christ</b> Minister-Don Jones Bible School-10 am Worship-11 am Sunday Night-6:30 pm Wednesday Night-7 pm	<b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b> 404 NE Poplar Holy Eucharist-Sunday 8 & 11 am Sunday School-9:45 am Holy Eucharist w/Prayers for healing, 1 & 3- Wed. 7:15 pm Rev. J. Monte Jones, Rector
<b>First Baptist Church</b> Rev. Jim Stephen Sunday School-9:45 am Morning Worship-11:00 am Church Training-6:00 pm Evening Worship-7:00 pm Wednesday Service-7:00 pm	<b>First United Methodist Church</b> Kent L. Kepler Sunday School-9:45 am Worship-10:55 am KHOS 92.1 FM-11 am Chancel Choir Wednesday-7:30 pm	<b>Jerusalem Assembly of God</b> Ministry to the Bi-lingual Community Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Eve. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Family Night 7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer 5:30 a.m. Daniel Diaz de Leon, Pastor

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**School Menu**  
  
**BREAKFAST**  
**Monday, March 4** - Cereal, toast w/jelly, fruit and milk.  
**Tuesday, March 5** - Pancakes w/syrup, juice and milk.  
**Wednesday, March 6** - Scrambled eggs, toast w/jelly, fruit and milk.  
**Thursday, March 7** - Sausage, biscuits and gravy, juice and milk.  
**Friday, March 8** - Egg & cheese burrito, fruit and milk.  
**LUNCH**  
**Monday, March 4** - Steakfingers w/gravy, mashed potatoes, corn on the cob, lime jello, roll and milk.  
**Tuesday, March 5** - Chicken spaghetti, green beans, sliced peaches, garlic bread and milk.  
**Wednesday, March 6** - Tamale pie, seasoene peas, brocoli & cauliflower w/dressing, tapioca pudding and milk.  
**Thursday, March 7** - Hamburger, french fries, lettuce tomato & pickle, rainbow cake and milk.  
**Friday, March 8** - Cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, vegetable salad, chocolate chip cookies and milk.

### Solo and ensemble contest a success

Sonora High School and Junior High School competed in the U.I.L. solo and ensemble contest in Granbury Feb. 23 with much success.

The junior high students competing with solos were Jennifer Gallion, Kathy McManus and Junior Odem.

Junior came home with a Division I rating and Jennifer and Kathy each received a Division II rating.

At the high school level, solos were performed by Carmen Burch, Division II; Monica Chavez, Division II and Sherry Hocutt, Division III.

Sounds unlimited, the high school pop choir also competed and received a Division II. Members of the group include; Norma Alvarez, Carmen Burch, Ector Castilleja, Carmen Chavez, Monica Chavez, Shari Franklin, Gina Gamez, Frank Guzman, Sherry Hocutt, Ramiro Luna, Kendra MacAnally, Debbie Mata, Cristina Ramirez, Jessica Smalling, Virginia Talemantez and Ramon Zartarain.

This is the first year for a full fledged choral program at the junior high and the first time those students competed in an U.I.L. event.

### Public Notice

#### PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Williamson County Commissioner's Court invites the submission of sealed bids for the lease of the surface estate (including grazing and hunting rights) to the following described tracts of land in Sutton County, Texas, which form a part of the Williamson County School Lands. Bids must be received by the undersigned prior to 10:00 a. m., March 18, 1991, at which time the bids will be opened in open court at the Commissioner's Courtroom on the 2nd floor of the County Courthouse in Georgetown, Texas. Bids received after that time will be returned unopened. As to each tract listed in this notice, the Court may either reject all bids or award a lease to the highest and best bidder.

All bids submitted must comply with the following restrictions, conditions and limitations which the Commissioner's Court has determined to be necessary and proper:

The proposed lease shall be for a term of two years, with the Commissioner's Court retaining the option to cancel said lease or leases in the event of sale or exchange of said property, with a pro-rata refund of any lease payments previously tendered. At the expiration of the two-year lease, if both parties agree, said lease may be extended for a period of two years.

The lessee shall be obligated to manage the land in a prudent rancher-like manner, and shall employ the highest degree of care in conserving the land and its produce.

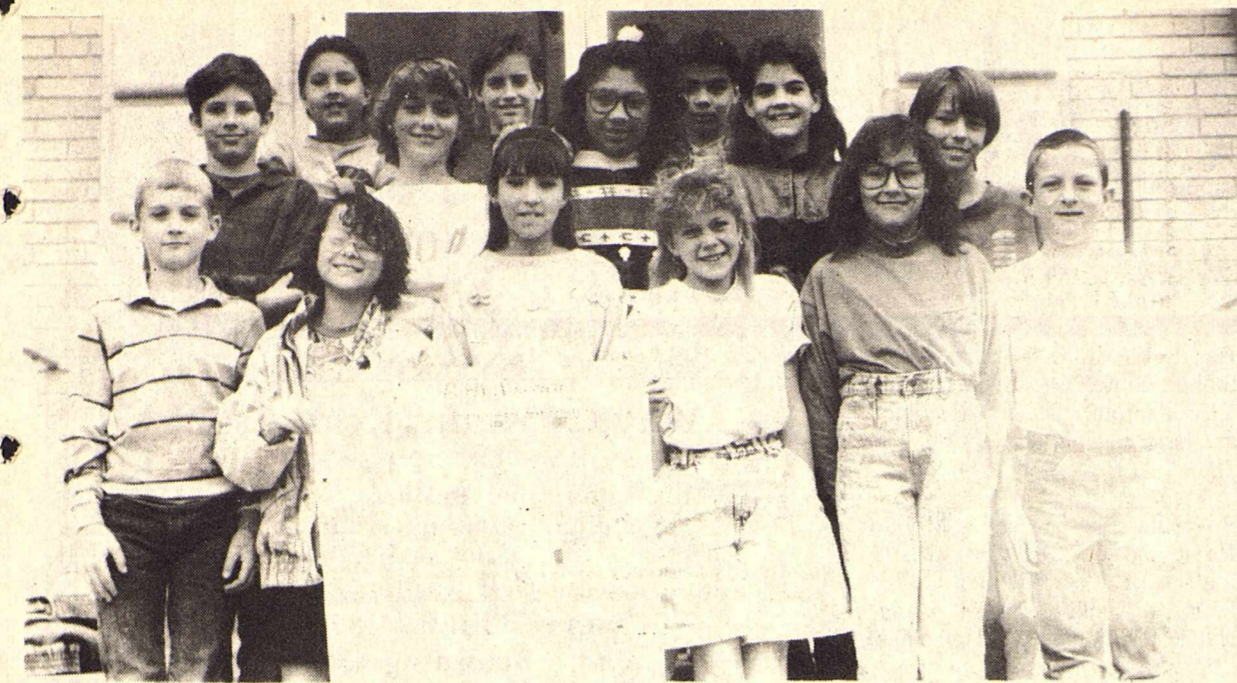
The Williamson County School District owns a one-half undivided interest in the lands described below. The Williamson County Commissioner's Court may reject the bid if the bid is not accepted by the owners of the other one-half undivided interest.

The convenience of having a single lessee for several adjacent or close tracts will be taken into consideration together with the experience of the bidder and the price in determining the highest and best bids. The Commissioner's Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

For further information, please contact Charles Crossfield at 309 East Main Street, Round Rock, Texas (512) 255-8877.

DESCRIPTION OF TRACTS			
SURVEY	ABSTRACT	OWNER	APPROXIMATE ACRES
55	731	Williamson County 1/2 undivided interest	640.405
56	1,114	Williamson County 1/2 undivided interest	290.404
61	734	Williamson County 1/2 undivided interest	90.859
62	1,112	Williamson County 1/2 undivided interest	258.956

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STUDENTS COMPETING IN NATIONAL CONTEST

### Local students compete in national contest

Students from Sonora Intermediate competed in the local level of an outstanding educational program entitled Discover Early America: The National Historical Pictorial Map Contest which is taking place in schools in the #21 Congressional District. The District contest was held on Feb. 27 in San Antonio.

Now in its third successful year, the Discover Early America map contest has been highly acclaimed by students, teachers, and administrators. Implemented in every congressional district in the nation, the contest is designed to encourage students to study geography in relation to historical events in early America. Elementary school students compete by class, middle school students by class or in small groups, and high school students in small groups or as individuals.

Mrs. Anita Lane and Mrs. Louise Barlemann, as well as principal, Mrs. Donna Hill, have been instrumental in implementing the contest at Sonora Intermediate, 5th grade. Representative Lamar Smith is responsible for bringing the program into the 21st District, with the assistance of Holly Boyle of Bandera.

Students participating in Discover Early America map contest complete special outline maps of the original thirteen colonies, creating ways to illustrate significant events, persons, and places that shaped the Colonial and Founding periods of our history. Key criteria of the competition are historical accuracy, artistic creativity, and imagination. The students participating in the contest are: Charlotte Alewine, Will Allen, Mayer Anderson, Ashley Browning, Fernie Emiliano, Romy Casteneda, Andrew Dempsey, Kellie Downing, Traci Hightower, Cara Jackson, Jason Jacoby, Justin Morley, Erin Payton, Kacie Pruitt, and Amy Torres.

Each winning school at the congressional level receives a \$100 cash award and enters the state level of competition scheduled for March. The winners of the state level receive a cash award of \$500 and enter the national level of competition scheduled for Washington, D. C., in May.

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