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Livestock Auction Boosts Local Economy

submitted

The Sonora Livestock Auction owners, Robert Bryson and Maida Sims, certainly believe in trying to do all they can to help the local economy. They have employed 47 people in Sonora since they purchased the Sonora Stockpens.

As you know, an intense remodeling and renovation has taken place at the old stockpens. But, did you know ALL work was done by local individuals or general contractors? This means all the money stayed in the local economy, giving people jobs, and adding some unexpected dollars to the local businesses.

If they failed to use some of the other services available here in Sonora or the surrounding communities, do not give up. They are not through with the work that needs to be done and are here to stay. The Sonora Livestock Auction offers a new and exciting service to the livestock producers of this area.

To add to the above mentioned economic shot given to Sonora, Maida and Robert have also given jobs to other individuals in speciality positions from surrounding towns such as Ozona, Junction, Rocksprings, Del Rio, Eldorado, San Angelo, Fort Stockton, the Juno/Sanderson area, etc.

Their new business is exciting and offers a great deal of satisfaction for Maida and Robert to see the support shown by the area livestock producers. The producers realize how important it is to receive their check from a local business. They know that their livestock is not shrinking in weight as they are being hauled to another facility. In addition, they realize they get a check instead of a hauler's pink slip and do not have to wait on the mail to deliver their checks. The producers also see that the same buyers that are at the surrounding livestock markets are at the Sonora Livestock Auction.

Producers are treated like "family" here at Sonora with an open atmosphere. Each animal is handled by the auction as if it is their own hand-raised prize from the receiving point to the point of loading onto the new owner's truck. Their personal attention and community involvement make the Sonora Livestock Auction a welcome addition to the Sonora area.



Hodges Receives Memorial Award

submitted by Donna Keese

The Sutton County EMS held their Christmas party on Friday, December 15, 1995. At this time, The Gene West Memorial EMT of the Year Award was presented. This is the highest award that can be received by any member of the organization.

The 1995 recipient of this prestigious award is Jonnie Hodges. Jonnie joined Sutton County EMS in May of 1987 as an Emergency Care Attendant. In March of 1988, she received her Emergency

Medical Technician Certification. Jonnie has served in many offices in the EMS over the past years. She has served as treasurer, training officer, and vice-president.

Jonnie has a love for the EMS and is willing to help in any possible way. Jonnie is a very caring and loving person and best of all, a beautiful friend to have.

Jonnie is married to Alfred (Buddy) Hodges, and they have six children and numerous grandchildren.

Ol' Sonora Wins Lighting Contest

submitted by Melett L. Rowland

A lighting contest was sponsored by the Sonora Merchants Association among the members of the group. First prize was awarded to Ol' Sonora Trading Company, and they win their dues paid to the merchants association for one year.

Honorable mention went to First National Bank for their exterior and interior

decorations and also to Sutton County National Bank for their wonderful use of lights on and around the bank.

The merchants association encourages everyone to get out and look at all the Christmas lights and wonderful decorations that are displayed around town to celebrate the season. Merry Christmas from your Sonora Merchants Association.

Margaret Galbreath Recognized For Service

submitted

The Appraisal District Board of Directors met Tuesday, December 14, 1995, for their regular monthly business meeting. Margaret Galbreath was presented a plaque in recognition for her service as a board member. At the end of the meeting, refreshments were served by the appraisal district.

Margaret has served as a director appointed by the County Commissioners for twelve years. She has always made a special effort to attend the monthly meetings, unless she had goats to shear or was having knee surgery. Serving in the best interest of the taxpayers was always utmost in any decision she made. She has been a dedicated and loyal board member and has been appreciated by all those serving and working with her. Margaret says she has learned a lot by serving on the board but feels it is time to step aside and let someone else serve.

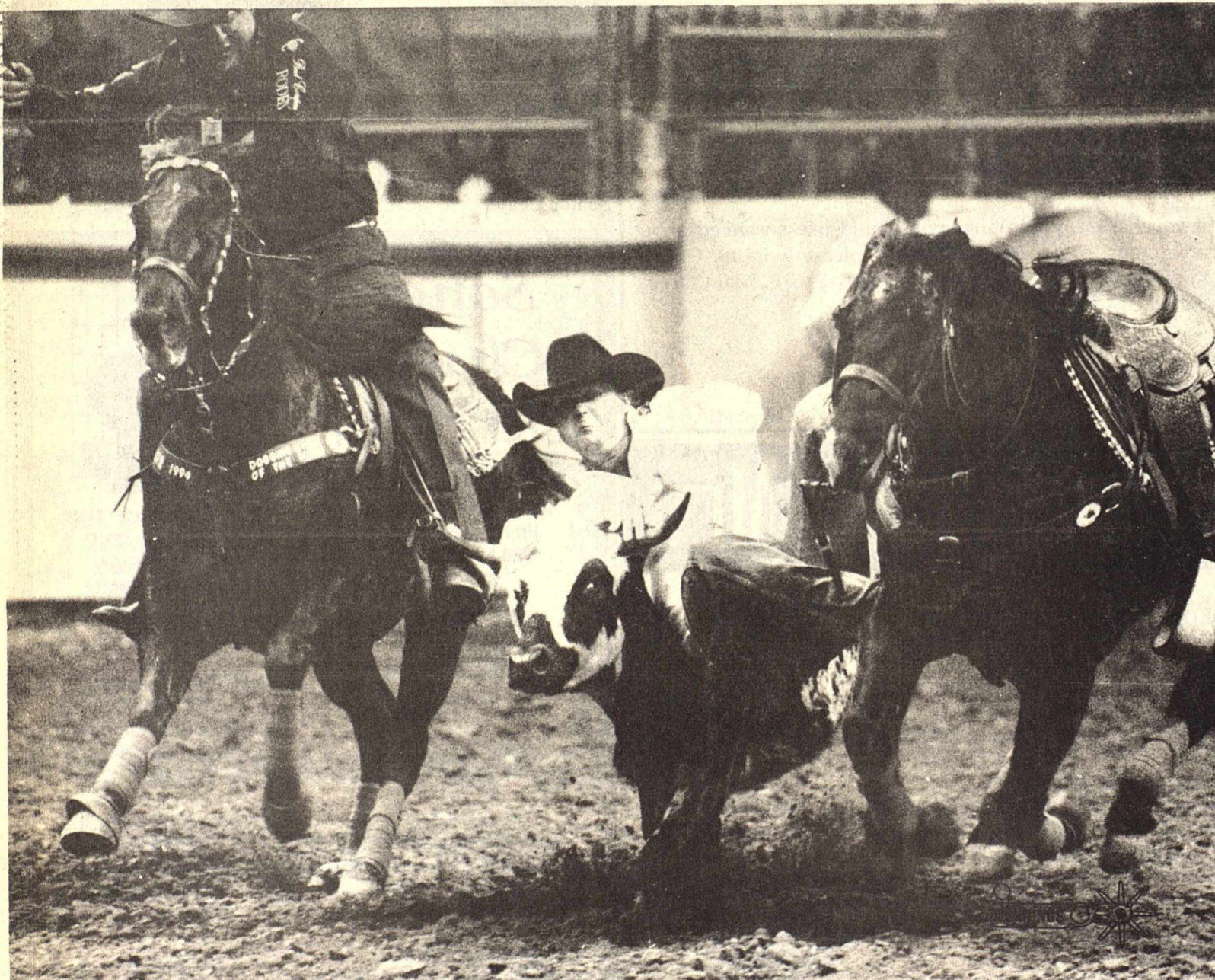


Photo courtesy of Jennings Photography
Frank Davis is pictured above bulldozing at the National Finals Rodeo 1995.

The Devil's River News Relocating

The Devil's River News will be moving back to 228 E. Main. Regular business hours will begin January 2, 1996 at this location.

Our office will be closed Friday, December 22, Monday, December 25, and Monday, January 1, 1996.

\$300 Mega Merchants Money Give Away

submitted by Melett L. Rowland

The Sonora Merchants Association held the third ticket drawing of the season on Saturday, December 16. The winners were Mallory Carta, Lucy Ramos, Beth Carta, Michelle Lipham, and Guggle Thorp.

The Association is pleased to announce that a \$300 gift certificate (Mega Merchants Money) will be given away at the Saturday, December 23, 1995, 2:00 p.m. ticket drawing downtown. This year, the merchants chose to give away one big gift certificate which can be redeemed at any participating Merchants Association member in its entirety. A portion of every members' dues went to make this outstanding "megaprize."

Along with the grand prize of the \$300 Mega Merchants Money, prize packets of gift certificates will also be given away at the fourth and final drawing on Saturday.

The Sonora Merchants Association is dedicated to the idea of shopping at home and likes to help encourage shopping Sonora with promotions such as these. The Merchants would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

The Mega Money gift certificate may be redeemed at one of the following members of the Sonora Merchants Association:

- Vallree's Bright Spot
- Sutton County National Bank
- Tedford's Jewelry
- Doyle Morgan Insurance
- The Video Store
- Jimco Enterprises, Inc.
- First National Bank
- Grider Trucking
- T & C Village Market
- Sutton County Steak House
- Thorp's Laun-Dry
- Ol' Sonora Trading Co.
- Richeson Companies
- Outdoor Drama Group
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- KHOS
- Sonora Sports & Supply
- Sonora Wool & Mohair
- Craft Cottage
- Perry's
- Sonora Golf Club, Inc.
- Main Street Realty
- Doran's Furniture Store
- PM Office Supply
- West Texas Utilities
- Devil's River News
- Sam Dillard--State Farm Ins.
- Teaff Oil Company
- Rodeo Wild
- Dr. Bernard Rust
- I-10 Auto Ranch
- Broncho Ford
- Caverns of Sonora
- Cox Drug, Inc.

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Appraisal Tax Office
The Appraisal Tax office will be closed Dec. 25, 26, and Jan. 1, for the holidays.

Thunderbird Changes
Starting in January, The Thunderbird will be making their trips to San Angelo Every 3rd Thursday, instead of every 3rd Wednesday.

Christmas in April
Applications for the Christmas in April 1996 workday are now available at the following locations: Sonora City Hall, Texas Department of Health, The Craft Cottage, and the Sutton County Senior Center. Applications are to be submitted to the Christmas in April of Sonora, Inc. no later than January 19, 1996.

The Devil's River News staff wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Our Sympathy

GeorgeAnne McAngus Evans

GeorgeAnne McAngus Evans was tragically taken away from her family and friends on Sunday, December 17, 1995.

"George," as she was called by her family and friends, was born June 28, 1961, in San Angelo and was raised in Eldorado. She was employed as a branch manager at the Tom Green National Bank in San Angelo.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 20, 1995, at 10:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Eldorado with the Rev. George Lumpkin officiating. Burial was in Eldorado Cemetery under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

GeorgeAnne is survived by three children: J.R. Edmiston, Coby Edmiston, and Tate Evans; her mother, Helen Williams; one brother, Mack McAngus; four nieces, Karen Klaassen, Kelli McKinzie, Shannon West, and Danielle Wagner; one nephew, Tim McAngus; three great nieces,

Carli McAngus, Samantha Klaassen and Alexandra Klaassen; and a host of friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Marvin McAngus and two sisters, Becky Smith and Lisa Austin.

"George" had a great personality and was witty, energetic, and very funny. She was always there for family and friends. "George" could always make you smile, and she could make you think that you were the most special person in the world. She was the BEST!!! GeorgeAnne's kids were the most important things in the world to her, and she really enjoyed being a mom.

Pallbearers were Mike Westbrook, Mark Harrison, Bob Fisher, Bob Ellisor, Jim Bob Ellisor, Gary Floyd, and Tim Abbott.

A fund for GeorgeAnne's boys has been set up at the Tom Green National Bank and memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to all the wonderful friends and wonderful family that gave us moral support and their love during the last few weeks while Mike was in the hospital.

Thank you for all your prayers, love, faith, support, and all the many calls and cards that we received during this difficult time. We are blessed to have friends and relatives like you.

To all the churches that had Mike on their prayer list, the Knights of Columbus, the ladies that generously helped with their time in making tamales, to the ladies that helped with the meal that was held for the benefit of Mike, and all the people that generously gave a monetary donation, we appreciate every one of you.

Also many thanks to the EMS Dept., the Sutton County Sheriff's Office, the Police Dept, the DPS, the Fire Dept., and the Hospital Staff for their wonderful and professional caretaking.

Thanks Carl for everything that you're doing. We are blessed to live in Sutton County. May God bless you and from the bottom of our hearts, here's wishing you the warmth of friendship and lasting happiness at this special holiday season. Que Dios los bendiga.

Mike and Amparo Villanueva and Family

New Year's Eve Dance

The Fiestas Patrias Committee will be having a New Year's Eve Dance on Sunday, December 31, 1995, at the 4-H Center.

Tickets can be purchased from any committee member or by calling 387-2112 or 387-3515. Advanced tickets are \$10.00 and \$15.00 at the door.

Pre-entertainment will be from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

with a DeeJay. The dance will be from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. with "II Generations" from Lubbock.

No one under the age of 18 will be admitted, and 18-20 year olds must be accompanied by an adult relative.

Proceeds will benefit the Cindy Favila Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Community Calendar

December 21 - December 31

Thursday, December 21

CellularOne representative at Location Builders
4:30 p.m. - 9th Boys vs. Ozona - H
6:00 p.m. - JV Broncos vs. Ozona - H
6:00 p.m. - Lady Broncos vs. Ozona - H
7:30 p.m. - JV Lady Broncos vs. Ozona - H
7:30 p.m. - Broncos vs. Ozona - H



Friday, December 22

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Santa pictures at Shots #5 & #6
3:00 p.m. - SCNB & FNB close all facilities, remain closed Saturday and Monday

Saturday, December 23

2:00 p.m. - Ticket Drawing, downtown - MEGA MERCHANTS MONEY \$300 giveaway
5:00 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Ann Catholic Church confessions
7:00 p.m. - St. Ann Catholic Church
7:00 p.m. - Primera Baptist Church Christmas Program

Sunday, December 24

7:00 p.m. - St. Ann Catholic Church Mass Christmas Vigil
7:00 p.m. - FUMC Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
12:00 a.m. - St. Ann Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25

10:00 a.m. - Mass

Wednesday, December 27-Friday, December 29

TBA - Lady Broncos - Reagan County Tournament
TBA - Bronco - Reagan County Tournament



Sunday, December 31

7:00 p.m. - Fiestas Patrias New Year's Eve Dance, 4-H Center

The Community Calendar is made possible by:

First National Bank
Member FDIC
102 N. Main 387-3861

Devil's River News
220 N. Main
387-2507

Card of Thanks

As 1995 comes to an end, we remember all the concern and support shown us during the year. We have more friends than we ever imagined and are truly grateful for all your prayers and acts of kindness.

Sincerely,
Roberta, Dod, and Bree James

Card of Thanks

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everybody that helped in our Tamale Sale on December 3 to benefit Mike Villanueva and Bernardo (Yogie) Solis. We collected \$1,100.00. Thank you very much.

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank the Senior Center Staff and all of my friends who attended the Birthday Party in my honor on December 8, 1995. Thanks for everything.

I would also like to thank the Cub Scouts, the Boy Scouts, their parents, and their sponsors for the beautiful Christmas carols at my home on Sunday, December 10.

God bless you all!

Always,
Maria H. Dominguez

It's a Boy

Charles & Melissa Carroll are happy to announce the birth of their son, Tristan Sloan. Tristan was born Monday, December 4, 1995 weighing in at 7lbs. 7oz. 19 inches long. at Angelo Community Hospital.

Granny Knows Best!

by Judy Edmondson

Think of your ironing board as an adjustable table. Lower it for small children at meal time...raise it for extra serving room at a buffet. This would be great for the holidays.

Granny

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If you have any questions you would like answered about arts, crafts, or general information, please write to: Granny Knows!, c/o The Devil's River News, 216 E. Main Street, Sonora, TX 76950.

SENIOR CENTER MENU

Friday, December 22

Center Closed Christmas Holiday

Monday, December 25

Center Closed Christmas Holiday

Tuesday, December 26

Beef Burrito, pinto beans, coleslaw, flour tortilla, pears/lime jello

Wednesday, December 27

Chicken creole, pinto beans, spinach, hot rolls, cherries over angel cake

Thursday, December 28

Catfish, new tatoos, green beans, hot rolls, applesauce

Friday, December 29

Roast beef /gravy mash tatoos, mixed veggies, wheat bread, peach cobbler

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BIRTHDAY

December

22nd
Armando Avila
Jayme Hufstедler
Irene Mears
May Moore
Edwin Arnold
23rd
Tommy Newkirk
Kelly Martin
Wayland Stephens

24th
Freddy Casillas
Jason Brook
25th
Veronica Gandar
Jesus Hernandez
Curt Dempsey
Betty Arredondo

26th
Jessie Noriega
Larry Lockett
27th
Leandra Seiffert
Honey Hicks
28th
Kent Newkirk
Brent Newkirk

Happy Anniversary

December

22nd
Eddie & Rosa Hernandez
Gus & Jean Redman
23rd
Oscar & Kathy Marshall

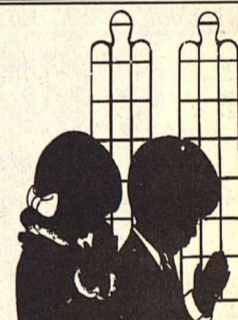
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If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary to *The Devil's River News'* birthday and anniversary list, please call 387-2507.



Everyone of all ages enjoyed the Christmas party held at the Senior Center

Sonora Church Directory



NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Jimmy Lee, Pastor
306 N. 4th Street
387-2898

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
504 Santa Clara
387-2035

CHURCH OF CHRIST
304 W. Water
387-3190

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Jim Stephen, Pastor
404 NE Oak
387-2951

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. J. Monte Jones, Rector
404 NE Poplar
387-2955

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Ron Myers, Pastor
201 NW Water
387-2466

JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS
Daniel Diaz de Leon, Pastor
St. Ann's Street
387-3600

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

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

OUTREACH CHURCH OF CHRIST
Randy Dunn, Minister
1001 Eaton
387-3097

SONORA TABERNACLE UNITED PENTECOSTAL
Danny L. Keel, Pastor
509 Amistad
387-5719

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

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

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
511 Cornell
387-5215

Attend the church of your choice this Sunday.

Southwest Texas Electric Co-op
853-2544

Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266



Lucy Morriss

Morriss/Dingel Wed

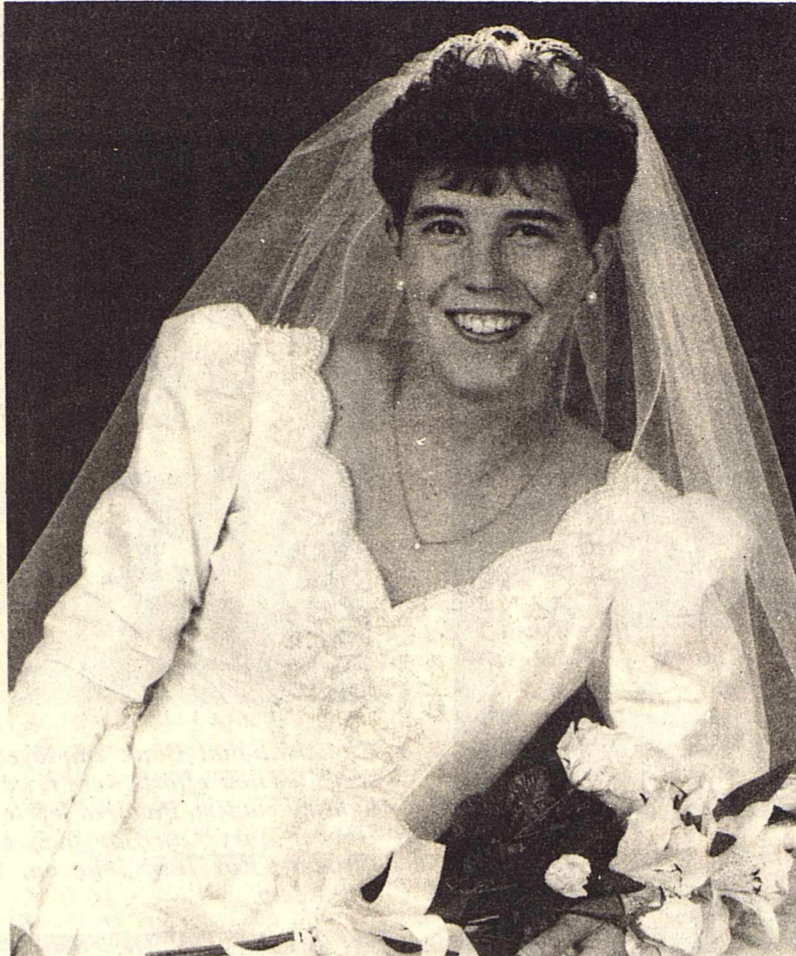
Lucy Morriss and James Edward Dingel were married on Saturday, December 16, 1995, at Bald Head Island Chapel in Bald Head Island, North Carolina, with Rev. J. Brown officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Louise H. Morriss of Kerrville and Mr. William L. Morriss of Sonora.

She graduated from Sonora High School and obtained graduate and postgraduate degrees from Baylor University. Currently, she is Vice President of SunTrust Bank, North Florida, Director and Treasurer of the Junior League of Jacksonville, Director and Secretary of

Robert Morris Associates, and a member of the VIP Council to Prevent Blindness.

Mr. Dingel is the son of Mrs. Dorothy H. Dingel of San Antonio and the late Edward F. Dingel. He graduated from San Antonio Academy, Antonian High School, and the University of Texas. He is Senior Hydrogeologist for Handex of Florida, Inc. and is a member of the VIP Council to Prevent Blindness.

Following a wedding trip to Bald Head Island and Cape Fear in the barrier islands of North Carolina, the couple will reside in Jacksonville, Florida.



Joanna Lynn Teaff

Teaff/Schaible Wed

Joanna Lynn Teaff, daughter of Carl and Melissa Teaff, and Charles Bradley Schaible, son of Bob and Margene Stearns of Brownwood and Bob and Karen Schaible of Pleasanton, California, were united in holy matrimony on December 16, 1995, at the First Baptist Church in Sonora, Texas. Clyde Dukes of Sonora officiated the ceremony.

The Matron of Honor was Traci Guerrero of Ft. Stockton, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Sara Reston of Hagerman, NM, Lisa Wyatt of San Angelo, and Julie Schaible of Brownwood, sister of the groom.

The Best Man was Jeff Schaible of Pleasanton, CA. Groomsmen were Scott Bird of Brownwood, Frank Winn of

Brownwood, and Robert Carl Teaff of Sonora, brother of the bride.

Flower girl was Brandi Lewis of Gainesville, niece of the bride. Candlelighters were Taylor Lewis of Gainesville and Christopher Derrick of Marble Falls, cousins of the bride.

Ushers were Brian Stearns of Brownwood, step-brother of the groom, and Keith Laramore of Brownwood.

Anna graduated from Sonora High School and is attending Angelo State University. She is employed at the YMCA. Brad graduated from Brownwood High School and is attending Howard College.

After a wedding trip to Daytona Beach, Florida, the couple will make their home in San Angelo.

Banda/Levairo Announce Engagement



Mr. and Mrs. Filiberto Carreno of Sonora would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Becky Banda, to Mr. Jimmy Levairo, Jr. Jimmy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Levairo, Sr. of Sonora.

The wedding will be December 30, 1995, at 5:00 p.m. in The Clint Langford Memorial Building in Sonora.

Students Perform Piano Recital

submitted

Students from the Jones Piano Studio entertained family and close friends at a Christmas Reception on Sunday afternoon, December 17, at St. John's Episcopal Parish Hall.

Those who performed were Brian Payton, Kate Higdon, Wilson Wallace, Koda Armke, Whitney Martin, Desirée

Gonzales, Leslie Gamez, Cady Taylor, Thia McKissack, Lacy Ragsdale, Elizabeth and James Elliott, Jordan and Mayer Anderson, Ashley Parker, Krista Simpler, Marjie and Stacey Becknell, Kristen Hardgrave, Nathanael and Davey Prather, Susanna Street, Lee Voight, Payton Holekamp, and Allison and Shane Benson.



Maria Rodriguez celebrates her birthday with Santa Clause at the Senior Center

If your loved one is in need of more care than you can give, but you resist a nursing home,
Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital
 has a "long term" program that might be just the right thing for you! For more information about taking advantage of 24-hour nursing care in the hospital call **387-2521**

Tedford Jewelry
 Bridal Gift Registry
 Kelley Webster, bride-elect of Steven Leach
 Emily Gonzales, bride-elect of José Rodriguez
 Mrs. Brad Schaible, nee Anna Teaff

I would like to wish all my customers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you in 1996.
Vallree's Bright Spot
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 214 Main St. • 387-5918

Saint Ann Catholic Church
 Christmas Schedule

December 23	Confessions Mass	5-6 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
December 24	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass Christmas Vigil Mass Midnight Mass	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 12:00 a.m.
December 25	Mass	10:00 a.m.
December 30	Confessions Mass	5-6 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
December 31	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
January 1	Mass	10:00 a.m.

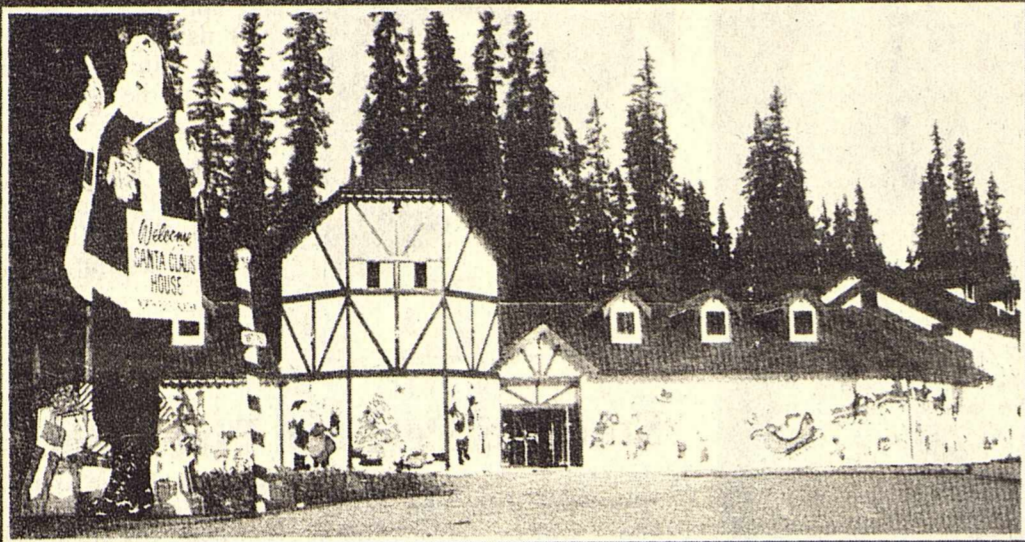
First United Methodist Church
 cordially invites you to their
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 December 24, 1995
 7:00 p.m.

The service will be broadcast on KHOS

Happy Holidays from all of us at
Shot's #5 and #6
 Santa Claus is coming to town!
 Friday, December 22, 1995
 10:00am to 1:00pm
 at Shot's #6
 Hwy 277 at I-10

The Banking Facilities of First National Bank and Sutton County National Bank will close December 22nd at 3:00 p.m. and will remain closed Saturday and Monday in observance of the Christmas Holidays. Regular banking hours will resume on Tuesday, December 26th.
Happy Holidays
 Member FDIC

Ask The Historical Society



Santa Claus House
North Pole, Alaska

Pictured above is Santa Claus' house in North Pole, Alaska. Santa Claus House distributes forms to children who want to write to Santa.

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

Q. Where does Santa Claus live?

A. According to "Alaska the Magazine of Life on the Last Frontier," Santa Claus lives at North Pole, Alaska. This is a little town about 13 miles south of Fairbanks. It is between Eielson Air Force Base and Fort Wainwright. Some of the streets are Santa Claus Lane, Donner Drive, Blitzen Drive, and Snowman Lane. There is even a subdivision called Kris Kringle Subdivision.

When you enter the town, you see a great big sign that says "Welcome to North Pole, Alaska--The Home of Santa Claus--Where dreams come true..."

Someone told me that Santa Claus even drives a car there, and that it has an Alaskan license plate with SANTA written on it. In North Pole, Alaska, Christmas lasts all year long. Civic groups help Santa handle the large volume of mail he receives from children around the world. Many people send letters

and cards there so that they will have the North Pole cancellations. If you would like to do this, you must address your cards early and mail them so they arrive in Alaska before December 10. They say address the cards, put on proper postage, and put them into a large envelope addressed to North Pole Cancellations, U.S. Postal Service, 5400 Mail Trail, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709-9996. Include a note requesting the North Pole cancellation, and your loved ones will receive your greetings canceled North Pole, Alaska. It is too late to do this year, but you might want to keep it in mind for next year.

There are other places named North Pole in the United States, but I like to think of Santa Claus as being at home in the "land of the midnight sun" where the temperatures drop to 40 below, and the snow creates a natural runway for his reindeer and sleigh.

Can't you picture him in your mind silhouetted against

the snow capped trees, calling out to his reindeer, "On Dasher, on Dancer, on Prancer and Vixen, on Comet, on Cupid, on Donner and Blitzen." I almost forgot, Rudolph's at the head of this group, as they take off from North Pole, Alaska, and head south, where one of Santa's stops will be the homes of the children of Sonora, Texas.

The members of the Sutton County Historical Society would like to wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society" P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885, drop them off at the Devil's River News office, or give us a call at 915-387-5144 or 387-2855 after noon please.

Discounted Golf

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First National Bank employees gather around the ginger bread house made for the holiday season. Their efforts were rewarded when named honorable mention in the Merchants Association lighting contest. Pictured left to right bottom row are JoAnn Jones, Beth Snyder, Ida Bruns, Debra Hobbs, Mary Ann Gonzalez, Margaret Garrett, and Yolanda Avila. Top row left to right: John Childers, Roy Jean Johnson, Alana Dakan, Mike Hale, Elaine Donaldson, Roberta James, and Joy Kemp.

The Sonora Merchants Association would like to thank the the community of Sonora, City Hall & all employees, all participating merchants, and the following people

Community Carolers, Lewis Allen, Jimmy Cahill, Kelly Owens, Fran & Stacey Pennington, Nelda Yorba, Sam Perez, Primera Baptist Church (Living Nativity Participants), Wanda Nixon, Virgil Poloczek, Judy Edmondson, Devil's River News, L.P. Bloodworth, Pat & Butch Campbell, Ronnie Cox, Melett Rowland, Jo Ann Hernandez, Kelly & Richard Carta, Pam, Joshua & Brian Payton, Richard Key (WTU), Charlie & Tonya Brown, Mike Hale, KHOS, Red Hoss Feeds, Sandi Espinosa, Caverns of Sonora, Bill Sawyer, Cheryl Chevalier, Old Time Band, Westside Lion's Club, Tony Torres, John Barker, Johnny Solis, Juventino Granados, Pam's Purrfect Petals, Roberta James & First National Bank staff, Juanita Robles, Rosa Hernandez, Tom Payton & all his Wild Bunch Riders



Merry Christmas

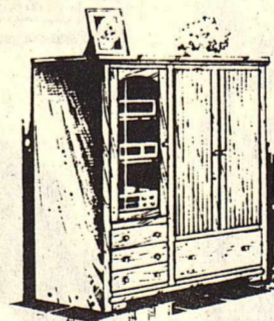
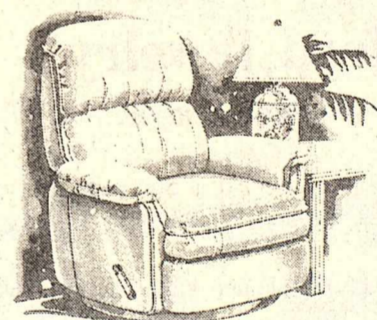
For your shopping convenience we will be open all day
Saturday, December 23rd
&
1pm to 5pm
Sunday, December 24th

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387-3131 or 1-800-335-2733



Financing Available



SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION



by Joan Latta

Wife, mother, and numbers merchant best describe Diane Jacoby, chief accountant and business manager for the Sonora Independent School District. Valedictorian of her Rocksprings' graduating class, she acquired her accounting degree from Angelo State University magna cum laude.

One of four daughters, Diane grew up on a working ranch in Edwards County. One of her most persistent memories is her mounted stance at the back of a pasture, waiting for the sun to come up to provide enough light to round up whatever sort of critter was being rounded up.

She was also very active in 4-H activities, and one year won first place in the State cooking contest--main dish, chicken noodle soup. She is still an A-one cook, and with a husband and two teen-age sons, gets plenty of opportunity to practice.

Diane's expertise with numbers and her organizational skills, both vital to success in her professional position, brand her as the classic "left-brained" person. Yet, amazingly enough, she is

also multi-talented in various areas of arts and crafts, such as ceramics, sewing, cooking, baking, and other artistic endeavors.

Though an accomplished gardener and home canner, her job as business manager peaks during the summer months because of district budget preparation and ordering supplies for the coming school year. This has resulted in husband, Scott, and sons, Jason and Tom, filling in the gaps in the home agriculture department.

Despite her heavy responsibilities, both at home and certainly on the job, Mrs. Jacoby always greets her callers with a smile and a big welcome. According to both school district employees and to those who do business with the district, she is unfailingly courteous and helpful to all with whom she comes in contact. She has the near-genius touch of feeling perfectly at home and completely competent with her own duties and passing on that comfortable feeling to her co-workers. To use her own lingo, she is a blue-chip asset to the Sonora Independent School District!

BRONCO BOOSTER UPDATE

by Vickie Barker

The Sonora Bronco Booster Club wants to thank all parents and fans who came to the basketball social. The Booster's cooking crew, serving crew, and cleaning crew did a great job. The Bronco Basketball teams and coaching staff all expressed their gratitude for the Boosters

putting on such a nice event for them. The Boosters hope to continue hosting the event in the future.

Boosters want to encourage the public to come out and see these teams in action. They are a fine group of kids doing a great job of representing Sonora. Come to the gym and show your support!

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Valiant Effort

by Martha Valliant McLain

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I don't believe that I am an expert on anything, but I am very close to becoming an expert on defensive driving schools in Texas. Since the 5th amendment does not require a person to give information about his or her criminal activities, I do not have to tell you why I have attended such a variety of driving schools in our state. Let's just say that once again, last Saturday, I found myself consorting with criminals. I was enrolled in a defensive driving course in San Antonio. I could very easily not tell this story, but it is something that I do want to share.

In the past, I have attended schools taught by a variety of people. I once attended a course at Sears, where the goal was to get through the day doing as little as possible, and I have had a course taught by an ex-highway patrolman, who tried to make it similar to Marine boot camp. Some of the longest years of my life have been spent in a one day course at a driving school. This time, I attended the Comedy School of Defensive Driving. The course is taught by professional comedians, and the motto is, "This is no joke!" I had found them in the Yellow Pages and chose them because their location was convenient, and they had a course on the day I wanted. It was a wonderful choice.

The course really is taught by professional comedians, men and women who tour the comedy clubs doing stand-up comedy routines. By teaching defensive driving, they can stay home with wives and children for at least half of the year. My location has several instructors, and the job pays well, gives a steady income to the performers, and allows them to spend the rest of their time on the road making people laugh. It is a perfect combination of professions. The instructors, whether stand-up comedians, retired teachers, or ex-highway patrolmen, all take the same training courses to be licensed by the state. Their license does not say "professional comic." They are required to know their material well, and they must cover the state's required curriculum. They just use humor to make their points, and it is very effective. I thoroughly enjoyed doing something that I had hated in the past. I also learned more in this course than all of the others combined.

I attended the course as a total skeptic. I expected the instructor to tell some corny, prepared jokes as he presented the dry, dull statistics of driving safety. Wrong! My instructor was a bundle of energy, with wonderful examples of everything that he was teaching. He had a way of making you look at the information in a new way. He was a great speaker and storyteller. His humor and stories were prepared, but he also responded to the people in the class with clever, witty remarks. He was always positive, informative, and very, very funny. Mike O'Rourke was the instructor, and I highly recommend him if you ever feel a need to take defensive driving.

There are several reasons to take the course: a judge's suggestion; a 10% discount on your insurance for the next three years; and a day full of needed info and lots of laughs. The day went rapidly, and I was entertained for the entire 6 hours.

With the holidays approaching, I hope that everyone will drive safely. I am not as clever as my instructor, but there were some facts that I learned during the course that I would like to share.

The Conservative, serious state of Texas is twice as lenient to drunk drivers as the liberal, wild state of California. In Texas, you are considered "intoxicated" if your blood alcohol level is .10% and in California you are "drunk" at .05%. Many other states

consider you impaired if your level is .08%.

I had always assumed that "driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs" was probably the leading cause of accidents. Wrong! The failure to yield properly is the leading cause of accidents. Our instructor explained that there are almost 32 pages in the Driver's Handbook concerning when and how to yield the right of way. He said that all you really need to know is that how to yield on the highway is just like the British social system. You always yield to the more expensive. For example, your driveway costs less than your street; so, the car in the driveway yields to the car in the street. A dirt road yields to a paved road. (paved road costs more). A 2 lane road yields to a 4 lane, and a 4 lane yields to a 6 lane. There are a few exceptions, but very few.

This failure to yield is really important in our area. As I drive to town, I frequently have someone fail to yield as they come down the hill from the Caverns. I have learned to watch for them, but it is a dangerous spot. Another dangerous spot for me is the exit from I-10. Many people on the service road of I-10 fail to yield to the off-ramp of I-10. You could easily be squashed between someone on the service road, who did not yield and someone behind you, who expected you to keep going. It would put you in the right place at the wrong time.

I thought that speed probably caused most accidents? Wrong! Most accidents in Texas occur at 44 mph or under. I suppose this makes wearing seat belts around town a necessity.

I am convinced that seat belts save lives, but I have never found them comfortable. On short people, a seat belt can fit just under your chin, which is not what you want in an accident. I don't know where I have been, but I didn't know that they make adapters for seat belts. I plan to get one. An adapter can keep a seat belt from choking you while you are wearing it.

One very good thing that has happened recently is a change in attitude about driving and drinking. Our instructor said that when he began his career in the comedy clubs that a person ordering a nonalcoholic beverage was charged \$8.27 for the drink. The clubs wanted everyone to drink liquor. It was supposed to make everyone lively and jolly. Now, the comedy clubs encourage every group to have a designated driver. The person who is the "designated driver" receives his nonalcoholic drinks free and does not have to pay the cover charge. Maybe a non-drinker could become a professional designated driver.

I don't know the answer to highway safety, but I do know that if I ever really need a good course in defensive driving, I will go to the Comedy School for Defensive Driving. It really was fun. No joke!

Have a happy holiday and drive carefully.

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SPORTS PAGE

Bronco JV Extends Record To 10-3

by Tryon Fields

Tuesday of last week found the Broncos on the road again. This time it was only a small jaunt north to the land of the green. This game found the Bronco JV in the inaugural game of the new Eldorado gymnasium.

The first half found the boys from Sonora still feeling the effects of their long weekend road trip as they were only able to muster 26 points. But even at this rate, they led over the Eagles by 9 points: 26-17.

The Bronco JV came out of the locker room with a new burst of energy as they scored 48 points in the second half to cruise to a 74-39 victory.

Drew Dempsey came back into form leading the Sonora team with 17 points, excellent defense with 7 rebounds, and 6 steals. Sesar Lomas showed a hot hand by draining 3 three pointers on his way to a 16 point night. Fernie Emiliano picked up the slack by adding 15 points to the total with 9 of his coming from 3 point land. This was a game where each player made the most of the minutes he got to play either on defense or offense.

On Friday, the Bronco JV played at home for the second

time this season. The Water Valley Wildcats came to town for a return match, but it was evident from the onslaught that the Wildcats were no match for the Broncos.

Even with Drew Dempsey and Kris Wood moved up to play with the varsity, the eight remaining players rose to the occasion by out-shooting and out-defending the Wildcats and winning by 38 points: 31-69.

All of the Broncos contributed with points and excellent defense. Brad Legan ruled the paint with 20 points, 4 steals, and 4 rebounds. Tanner Fields and Robert Carl Teaff both had 9 points each with Fields finding the range from 3 point land, and Teaff getting his from the inside. David Fisher added 8 points along with 5 steals and 2 assists. John Brown and Fernie Emiliano both had 7 points with both getting a 3 pointer. Sesar Lomas' scoring average dipped with 5 points, but he played an excellent game getting 7 rebounds, 2 steals, and 1 assist. Justin Eaton rounded out the scoring with 4 points and good play inside the paint.

The Bronco JV will play their next game at home this Thursday against the Ozona Lions.

Broncos Win One, Lose One

by Tryon Fields

The Varsity boys traveled north to Schleicher County to play the Eldorado Eagles last Tuesday, December 12. After a very slow start of only scoring 2 points in the first quarter, the Broncos finally caught fire, but came up short at the buzzer losing by 3 points: 54-57.

Ty Harrelson led the Bronco scores with 13 points, 2 steals, 2 rebounds, and 4 assists. Caleb Barker picked up his game and added 12 points, 1 steal, 4 rebounds, and 3 assists. Josh Burnham and Justin House both had 8 points with Burnham leading the defense with 11 rebounds and 3 steals. House used his quickness in gathering 3 steals and 5 rebounds.

On Friday, December 15, the Broncos entertained the Wildcats from Water Valley. After the loss on Tuesday, the Broncos were not very hospitable so they took the Wildcats to task on both ends of the court.

Where the Broncos were short on Tuesday, mostly on defense and under the boards, they took control of the game at the opening tip-off on a

mission to limit the visiting team to less than 40 points. This was accomplished with almost all of the men in white getting a rebound and at least one steal each.

Josh Burnham pumped in 14 points to lead the Bronco scorers. Josh also had 5 rebounds and 1 assist. Ty Harrelson was next with 11 points, 4 assists, 2 rebounds, and 2 steals. Caleb Barker's defense and offensive leadership helped control the tempo of the game with 4 assists, 4 rebounds, 3 steals, as well as 8 points. Justin House's quickness was once again evident as he was able to contribute 7 points off of 3 steals.

All in all, Coach Harrelson was pleased with the performance of the Broncos, as they were able to accomplish the main objective of playing defense and limiting the opponent to only 33 points in a 33-56 win.

The Broncos will play their last home game of the year on Thursday at 7:30 against the Ozona Lions. Come out and support the Broncos!

Lady Broncos Split Win/Loss

submitted

The Lady Broncos continued to show improvement during the past week. They lost a hard fought game on Tuesday in Eldorado to the Lady Eagles by the score of 49-45 and then also defeated Water Valley by the score of 65-44 on Friday night in Bronco Gym. Better team defense and improved offensive execution are two of the main reasons for the improvement.

In Eldorado, Sonora fell behind in the first quarter. 12-9. Pam Jones and Camille Marshall each made three point field goals. In the second quarter, defense still prevailed as the Lady Broncos were outscored 10-9. Kelly Harrelson contributed a three pointer during this quarter. This brought the halftime score to 22-18. The third quarter showed a little more offense, but Sonora was still outscored 14-11. Jones contributed 6 points and Jesse Crain added 4. The fourth quarter saw the Lady Broncos score 16 points, led by Jones who contributed 10 of them. However, they could only close the margin to four points as Eldorado scored 13 points during the quarter. This performance was a vast improvement over the first two times Sonora played Eldorado

this year. Scoring for the Lady Broncos were Jones-21, Marshall-11, Harrelson-7, Crain-5, and Becca Chalk-1.

On Friday, Sonora had little trouble with Water Valley. They jumped off to a 15-6 first quarter lead as five different Lady Broncos scored including a three pointer by Camille Marshall. In the second quarter, they started getting the ball inside to Jesse Crain, who scored 8 points in the quarter, and then stretched the lead to 29-18 by halftime.

They completely blew the game open in the third quarter, outscoring the Lady Wildcats 22-9. Becca Chalk, Crain, and Pam Jones all scored 6 points in the quarter. The final quarter saw Stephanie Daniels come off the bench and score 9 points. The final score was 65-44. Scoring for Sonora were Crain-16, Marshall-14, Chalk-12, Jones-10, Daniels-9, and Harrelson-4. This brings Sonora's record to 5-8 for the year.

The Lady Broncos will host Ozona on Thursday night, December 21, at 6:00. This will be their last game until after Christmas. Between Christmas and the New Year, they will be participating in the Reagan County Tournament. The first game will be Wednesday at 3:00 against Ft. Worth Trimble Tech.

JV Lady Broncos

by Katrina Cooke and Stefany Davenport

The Sonora JV Lady Broncos traveled to Eldorado Tuesday, December 12. Sonora was defeated 57-29. Scoring for the Lady Broncos were Stefany Davenport with 18 points, Blair Crain with 5

points, Raven Rainer with 4 points, and Kellie Downing with 2 points. The Sonora JV team's record is 3-3. The JV girls will be returning to Eldorado Saturday for a tournament. Good Luck girls and let's have a victorious defeat!

JV & 9th Lady Broncos

by Vonnie Daniels and Cara Mayfield

The Junior Varsity and ninth grade girls' basketball teams combined their efforts on Friday, December 15, to beat Water Valley 28-18. Scoring for Sonora were Stacy Fox with 7 points, Katy Cooke and Robin Conner each scoring 4 points, Vonnie

Daniels scoring 3 points, Erin Payton, Tavia Valliant, Joni Thorp, and Sandy Trevino scoring two points each, and Lizzie Chavez with one point. Team spirit was high on Friday night bringing the Lady Broncos a victory and the confidence that they will defeat their opponents in the future!

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Is It Really Extreme?

U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

This week, Congress is continuing to work to balance the budget in seven years. Seventeen days after he agreed to a balanced budget, the President finally submitted his own budget plan so we could see where his priorities lie. Unfortunately, the President continues to make unrealistic assumptions that will leave the budget \$400 billion in the red in seven years. No matter how much he tries to dress it up, \$400 billion in deficit spending will not produce a balanced budget.

How do the big spenders address the need to balance the budget? By avoiding the debate and calling fiscal conservatives "extremists." That's right. So I guess you and I are "extremists." If I had a nickel for every time I've heard that word in recent months, I could make a dent in the deficit.

Along with calling us "extremists" and "mean-spirited," the slur campaign uses several falsehoods.

You may hear that Congress is "cutting" Medicare. The truth is that Congress increases Medicare spending 6.4 percent every year over the next seven years while ensuring its solvency. The White House claims that Congress wants to raise Medicare premiums. The truth is that the monthly Medicare premium proposed by Congress is only \$4 more per month than what President Clinton proposed last year.

On welfare, the liberals say Congress wants to take away the safety net for the poor. Our budget plan transfers federal funding of welfare to the states for implementation and places limits on the amount of time an individual can be on welfare.

My personal favorite is that Congress is cutting (welfare, school lunches, student loans —insert any government program here) to fund "tax cuts for the rich." The truth is that our budget calls for a \$500-per-child tax credit that benefits middle-class families. In fact, about three-fourths of the child tax credit helps families making less than \$75,000 per year.

The newest charge in the big lie campaign is that the Republican Congress is going to cut Social Security. That could not be further from the truth. Our budget plan makes no changes in the Social Security program.

The question is, why do these big-government lovers attack us as "extremists?"

Because bringing common sense to government threatens them. Because allowing citizens to control their lives takes away Washington's power. Because streamlining and cutting government waste gets rid of the huge bureaucracies they have worked for decades to build.

If it's "extreme" to want to balance the budget so our children and grandchildren have a shot at the American dream, then I'll wear that

Tax Credit \$1.6 Billion To Texans

U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm

The Republican \$500 per child income tax credit would bring a total of \$1.6 billion annually to more than 2 million Texas households, says U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm.

"Our tax cut is aimed at doing two things," Gramm said. "It allows working families in Texas to keep more of what they earn to invest in their own children. Secondly, it provides incentives for people to invest more money to create more jobs, more growth, and more opportunity."

The House-Senate compromise on the balanced budget bill calls for a full \$500 per child tax credit for individuals earning up to \$75,000 and for couples earning up to \$110,000 a year.

Nationally, the family tax credit would add a total of \$23.1 billion to the household budgets of 28 million families.

Gramm said the balanced budget bill, which includes the \$500 tax credit, will also lower interest rates on home mortgages, car loans, and student loans.

"The people of Texas who do the work and pay the taxes and pull the wagon can do a lot better job of spending their own money on their own children and on their own family than the federal government can do, and that's why I'm going to continue to fight for a balanced budget and tax relief for working families," Gramm said.

The tax credit is a key part of the Republicans' "Contract with America," and is a major portion of the \$245 billion in tax cuts over seven years in their balanced-budget plan.



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Sonora Stockyards

submitted

Saturday, December 16 - Sold 574 head, feeder steers and heifers sold firm to \$1.00 higher. Slaughter cows sold steady to \$1.00 lower. Feeder lambs sold \$1.00 higher with a limited supply available. Slaughter ewes and bucks were steady. Kids steady. Feeder lambs \$77-85, good slaughter ewes \$24-33, bucks \$24-34. **Barbados:** lambs \$35-44.5; stocker ewes \$28-44 per head. **Spanish goats:** Slaughter kids \$23-33 per head, fat nannies \$40-55, mutton and billies \$44-62. Half-blood boar billies \$75-88. Half-blood nannies \$125-135.

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All Breed Bull Sale

submitted

These are the early consignments for the Monday, February 12 sale. 15 registered Simmental bulls; yearlings to 30 months old. 20 registered Brahma bulls; yearlings to 2 yrs. old. 5 registered Angus Bulls; 18 to 36 months old. 35 registered Hereford Bulls; yearlings to 3 yrs. old (from 3 different breeders) 11 Charolais Bulls

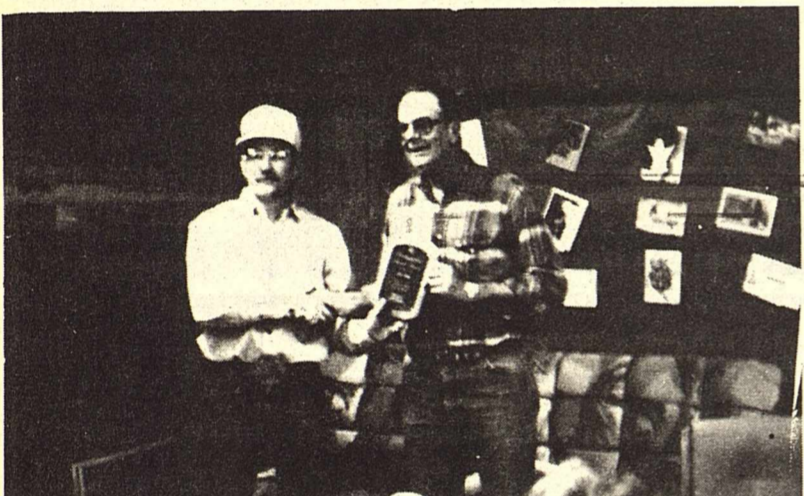
These will all be catalogued bulls with performance records, birth weights, weaning weights, yearling weights, gain ratios, and EPD's available.

We will limit the number sold to 150 bulls. All bulls sold will have been TB'd, Bangs and fertility tested, and will have health certificates to be shipped anywhere in the world.

We do have a large number of interested buyers from Texas, New Mexico, Mexico, and expect a large turnout for this annual event. Early consignments are necessary in order to make the catalogue. We will accept a few registered females.

To assure our buyers and sellers of a top quality sale and show, we have hired the services of **Mr. Burt Reyes** to act as Chairman and coordinator of the sale. He brings 40 plus years of experience in the bull business and is world known for his knowledge and expertise in the business.

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Glen Fisher receives a plaque of appreciation from Bob Brockman, Chairman of the Edwards Conservation District. Fisher was honored December 13th for over 13 years of dedicated service as a director of the Edwards Plateau SWCD.

Commission Slates, Statewide Gas Forum

submitted

Texas mavericks, majors, and marketers should plan to attend two-day forum slated to explore the role that natural gas will play in the future energy mix and discuss evolving competitive markets.

The Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) will host the "Gas Forum" in Houston on Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 21-22, 1995 at the Doubletree Houston - Post Oak. Oscar Wyatt, Jr., Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Coastal Corp., is confirmed to deliver the keynote luncheon speech at the forum.

"This conference is all about Texas natural gas in the 21st century," Chairman Carole Keeton Rylander said. "Our forum is an opportunity to begin an open and straight-forward dialogue between the public sector and the private sector about the future of one of the greatest natural resources in our state."

The idea for the statewide forum was conceived by RR Commissioner Barry Williamson, who believes the time has come for Texans to look toward the future of their natural gas industry - "Natural gas will be to the future of the Texas energy industry what oil was to its past. Not only is it our duty to prepare for that future indeed, we should help shape it," Williamson said.

The forum is expected to attract 350-500 industry representative to hear discussions on topics such as the role of gas in tomorrow's energy market; the evolving roles of value-added services such as a storage and marketing; whether certain services are being offered competitively in Texas; and the impact on Texas of recent developments in the Canadian and California markets.

"This conference will provide a great opportunity for intrastate pipelines and the end-users to have meaningful dialogue with each other and the Railroad Commission," Commissioner Charles Matthews said. "These issues should be of great interest to the various segments of the natural gas industry, especially in the larger context of deregulation."

In addition to Wyatt, confirmed speakers include David Biegler Chairman and President, Enserch Corp.; Tom Case, President and General Manager, Mobil Natural Gas, Inc.; Katherine B. Edward Partner, Travis and Gooch, Washington, D.C.; Rich Kinder, President and Chief Operating Officer, Enron Corp.; Jerry Langdon, President Republic Gas Corp. and former commissioner of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Earle Nye, President, Texas Utilities; T. Boone Pickens, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer Mesa, Inc.; Raymond Plank, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Apache Corp.; James Walzel, Chairman, HNG Storage Co.; and Pat Wood, III, Chairman, Public Utility Commission of Texas.

To be included on the Gas Forum registration mailing list, please call Linda James at the RRC at 512-463-6710. For information on exhibiting at the forum, please call Pam Roberts at International Meeting Managers, Inc., at 713-965-0566.

Junction Stockyards

submitted

The Junction Stockyards sold 247 head of cattle and 6,814 head of sheep and goats, Friday, December 8. Calves and yearlings selling steady. Packer cows and bulls mostly \$1-2 lower. Stocker cows selling \$10-25

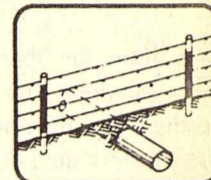
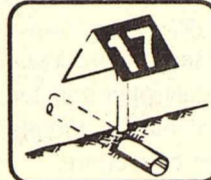
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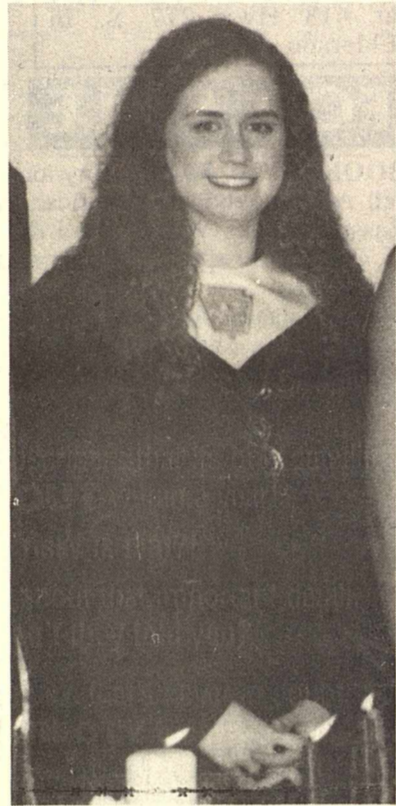


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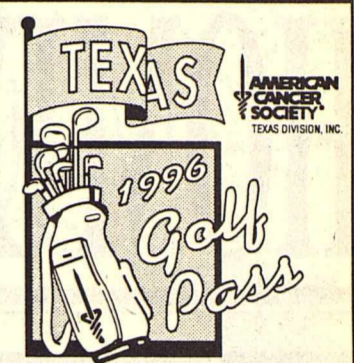
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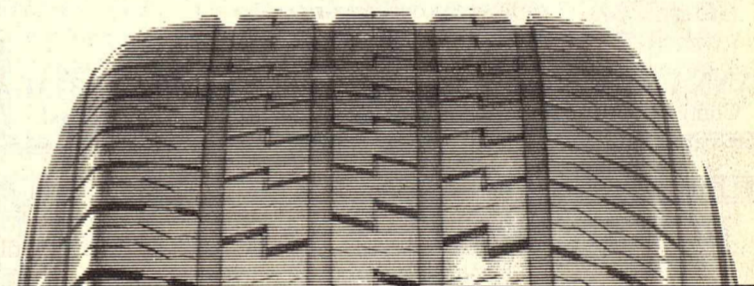


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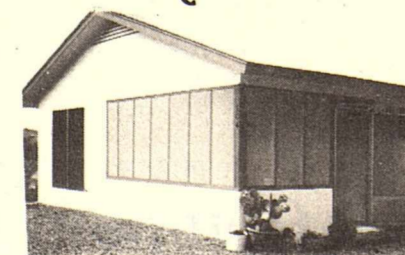
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