

Soil & Water Conservation Essay Contest

submitted

The Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District is sponsoring a conservation essay contest open to boys and girls 18 years and under and does not jeopardize Texas University Interscholastic League eligibility. The subject of this essay is "Soil and Water Conservation" and up to 300 words is permitted. The essays will be judged in the district and outstanding essays sent to Temple for selecting the Regional Champions. Essays must be received by the Edwards Plateau SWCD no later than 5 p.m., February 12, 1997. The soil and water resources of this nation are vital for providing us with the necessities of food and shelter. Soil and Water Conservation Districts are engaged in the effort to carry out a local conservation program that meets the needs of the nation's soil and water resources for continued productivity.

The Edwards Plateau SWCD will award cash prizes for first, second, and third place, and should one of our local essays win a regional award, the students and their parents and/or guardians will be honored at the Region II banquet in San Angelo later this spring. If you are interested and want more information, please contact the Edwards Plateau SWCD, 301 Crockett in Sonora or call 387-2730.

Briefly

Choc-o-holic Bake Sale

To be held Valentine's Day, Friday, February 14, at Food Center from 3:00 p.m. - 'til sold out. The Boy Scouts of Troop 19 will be offering a wide variety of delicious baked goods, most of them chocolate. So if it is brownies you are wanting, a luscious cake, cookies, fudge... or whatever... Come see what we have to offer!

Library Story Time

Starting Wednesday, February 5, and every Wednesday of the week thereafter, 10:00-10:45 a.m. at the Sutton County Public Library 306 E Mulberry. Ages 3 - preschool. For more information call 387-2111.

L.M. Hudspeth Hospital & Nursing Home Auxiliary

Meeting will be the second Monday of each month at 3:30 in the basement of FUMC. Any interested persons are invited to attend.

Peppermint Ball

Peppermint Ball pictures may be picked up at the Chamber office after February 10th.

ICA Meeting

The Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas will hold its mid-winter meeting Wednesday, February 19, at the Sutton County Steakhouse at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will follow a Dutch treat dinner.

Charles Carter, Legislative Director, will be here to inform and update all members and guests attending of what can be expected from this legislative session.

All members and interested persons are urged and welcomed to attend this meeting. If you have any questions, call the home office at 512-836-1321 or chairman, Johnston Holekamp at 915-387-3621.

Harrelson Leads Broncos To Victory

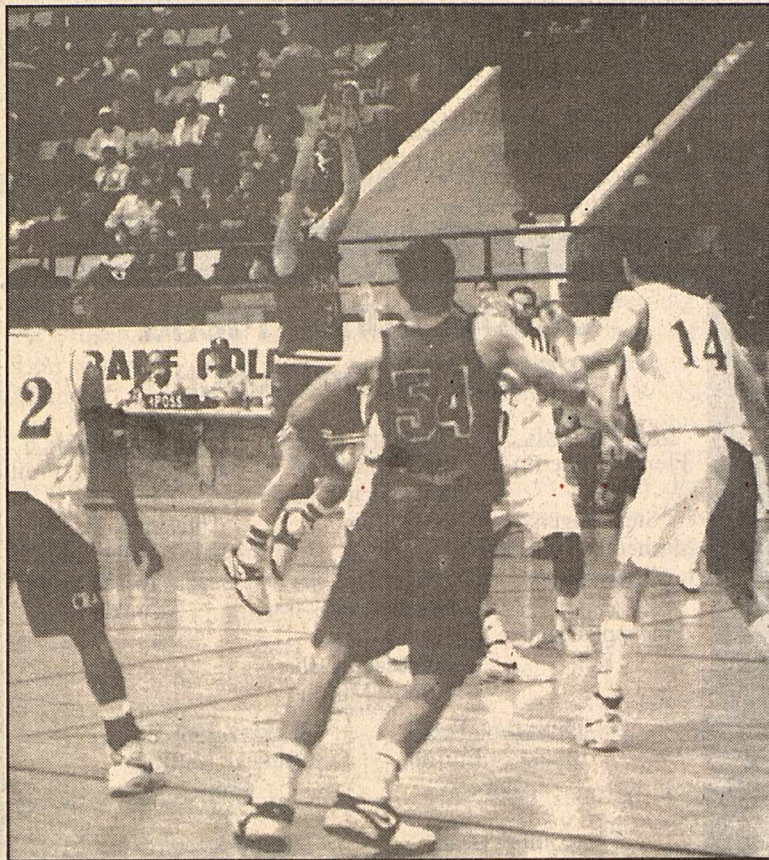
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Everyone who accepted Coach Harrelson's invitation to come enjoy Bronco basketball in Crane on January 28 was not disappointed. Amid sulphurous fumes, play after well-executed play brought the boys back from a confusing start to beat Crane High School boys 70-66.

Crane's initial fast and aggressive style seemed to shake the Broncos, but once they felt the court out it was business as usual. A disappointing first quarter (11-18, Crane) was an excuse for the Broncos to call on each individual player's talent to pull it out. By half-time, Sonora led 32-28.

Third quarter served to further encourage the Broncos, ending at 50-39, Sonora. The last three and a half minutes of the fourth quarter, however, were what made the drive West seem worthwhile. Crane players launched what they knew was their only hope; an all-out fast-paced and frantic attempt to close in on Sonora. With their big men under the basket, it was very nearly successful. Enter Justin House... with 28 seconds remaining on the clock, Mr. House sank two free throws from the line to transform Sonora's 67-64, somewhat uncomfortable lead to 69-64. (Ah, Calgon take me away). Somebody tell that man he is loved!

Game highlights: Scott Harrelson's incredible coaching



Kris Wood positions himself to rebound as Ty Harrelson gets some air on his jump shot.

talent... consistently giving every play and every player his 100%; Ty Harrelson's ball handling and outside shot, due very much respect for the initial recovery of the scoreboard in the first quarter; Dempsey's unflappable presence in the lane; all the Sonora students, fans and family who took the time to support their team on the road; and of course,

photo by Michelle Anderson

MVP House.

Game lowlights: a consistent, conspicuous Bronco cheerleaders squad absence.

The Most Detrimental to Community Spirit Award goes to: whomever's responsibility it should be reporting our statistics to the San Angelo Standard Times. Why do we seem to be the only team in the district unaccounted for?

City Council Honors Gesch's 20 Years Of Service



Brent Gesch shows his congratulatory cake from the city employees.

The Sonora City Council met for their regular meeting Tuesday, January 21. The meeting was called to order and invocation given by Judge Maxine Locklin. After the Pledge of Allegiance, recognition was given to Marie Barrera for serving as councilman. Brent Gesch received a service award for 20 years of service to the city in the capacity of Chief of Police since 1980 and recently being hired as City Manager in 1996.

Council minutes from December 17, 1996, were approved. Council members reviewed the Sutton County Appraisal District, the City quarterly investment and the Chamber of Commerce quarterly reports. Pat Campbell reported nine fires during the last quarter.

The consideration of appointment of Chief Chris Croy as Assistant Fire Marshall was tabled. City Manager Brent

Gesch suggested the council research the City Code regarding appointments of this nature.

Freddy Moore of Armstrong Backus accounting firm presented an audit report to members. The City's auditor was concerned about the percentage of monies spent on fund raising. Moore stated that \$20,000 was actually spent on tourism to promote Sonora. He made recommendations to implement changes in record keeping activities that would better reflect the expenditures.

A public hearing on the annexation of a 2.5 acre tract of land at Crockett and I-10 was stated. A 52 unit Super 8 Motel is planned to open in July of this year on this site west of the Ritz Theater building.

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of the extension of a hangar lease with Jeanne Morriss. The 20 year

lease expires on March 7, 1997, of the airplane hangar built by Bill Morriss. Mrs. Morriss requested a one year extension on the lease to allow time to dispose of the personal property stored in the hangar. For insurance reasons, the city voted unanimously not to extend the lease on the grounds that it would set precedence for allowing personal property to be stored instead of an airplane.

Robert Stephens and Mike Turner of the Concho Valley Council of Government requested the city to consider a part-time employee for public transportation for the TRAX van. According to Mr. Stephens, this will allow continuous service to Sonora. The cost from February 1 to August of this year will be \$1,125 to the city and county, each. COG is responsible for the remaining \$2,251 of the \$4,503 total cost.

The council approved the ordinance providing for the maintenance of certain state highways and/or portions of state highways in the City of Sonora. They also approved the resolution accepting the 1993-Water Supply Facility Improvements under the City's Texas Community Development Program and authorized final payment to Schroeder Brothers Construction.

Brent Gesch was asked to serve as Community Development Citizen Coordinator. This resolution covers grievance procedures. Mr. Gesch will receive and respond to complaints.

A fourteen day holiday and one floater day was adopted for

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Come To The Public Meeting To the people of Sutton County:

Are you interested in your community? Are you aware of the social and economic changes that are taking place in Sutton County today? Do you wonder what the future of this area holds for you and your family? If you have given these questions any thought, you need to come to the public meeting on Monday, February 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Center.

The meeting is sponsored by the Sutton County Extension Program Council and is open to everyone in Sutton County. We encourage ranchers and ranch workers, business owners and employees, homeowners and homemakers, anyone involved in agriculture, the oil and gas industry, state, county, and city governments, the school system, the church community, and anyone who pays taxes. Anyone with a stake in Sutton County needs to attend to voice their concerns and ideas to help make Sutton County a better, more productive place.

The Extension Program Council has put together a group of people representing different areas of the community and has tried to target the positive and problem issues in many areas of the county. This group is by no means the final word on any subject, but rather, a starting point from which to direct a campaign to pull this community together, look at where we are, where we would like to go and how we can get there. This group has taken economic and social information from many sources and tried to piece together a picture of what the future holds for Sutton County. In many cases, the picture is not entirely positive, but it is also not beyond repair.

The county and city governments are making decisions about providing services with less money; the school system is trying to make our children competitive in today's world with smaller budgets; and parents, educators, and community leaders are trying to instill a sense of pride in our children for their community that will encourage them to further their education and come back to contribute to this community in the future. All of these things take money, time, and commitment on the part of the members of this community.

Are you concerned about the decline in agricultural income, the future of the oil and gas industry, what your child is learning at school or why small business owners in town seem to be having such a hard time? Then attend this meeting and bring a friend. Listen to the presentations and express your own concerns or comments about Sutton County. The community of people in this county can all make a difference if we work together to make things better. We want and need your input; our future depends on it.

For more information please contact Nick Garza at 387-3237, Sharon Key at 387-2880 or Preston Faris at 387-3101.

Nick Garza
Executive Committee Chairman of the
Extension Program Council

Get Ready For Relay for Life

The Sutton Unit of the American Cancer Society held an informational meeting Tuesday night to discuss the upcoming 18-hour event, Relay for Life. The event includes a cancer survivor parade, lumina-ria lighting to memorialize those who fought cancer, fundraiser, and slumber party.

The Relay kicks off at Bronco Stadium Friday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m. and concludes

Saturday, May 17 at 12:00 noon.

Erica Morriss and Shanna Johnson are chairing the event. At this stage in the planning process, they are recruiting volunteers for the underwriting/sponsorship and team recruitment committees. Anyone interested should contact Erica at 387-9003 or Shanna at 387-3378.

The entire community is invited to participate.

Jump Rope For Heart

submitted by Carol Sessom

Jump Rope for Heart is an aerobic exercise event to benefit the American Heart Association, sponsored by the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. Students collect contributions and then jump rope for a set amount of time. They receive prizes based on the amount of contributions they turn in.

For the safety and conve-

nience of the student, it is requested that no cash is given if possible. Please make check payable to the American Heart Association. The cancelled check can serve as a receipt.

The students will be jumping February 10-14 and donations will be taken February 10-28. Last year, the students raised \$4,285.00. The AHA donated \$150.00 which was used to purchase equipment for the physical education classes.

Proclamation

Whereas, the City of Sonora takes pleasure in expressing commendation and appreciation for the efforts of fine citizenry rendered to Sonora, Texas by Mr. and Mrs. Smith Neal and desires to establish a day of recognition.

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Neal have been committed educators in our community and urge all citizens to join in and recognize the dedication and hard work they have given to meet the diverse educational needs of all children; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Neal have given generously of their time, talents, and efforts, unselfishly in many civic organizations, and

Now, Therefore, I Margaret Cascadden, Mayor of the City of Sonora, Texas, do proclaim that Mr. and Mrs. Neal be honored and call upon all citizens of Sonora to join me in commemorating the significant contributions of Mr. and Mrs. Neal, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to our community have made it a better place in which to live.

Witness my hand and seal, this 28th day of January 1997.

Margaret Cascadden
Mayor
City of Sonora

OPEN LETTER



Our Sympathy

Carolina Barrera Chavez

Carolina Barrera Chavez, age 94, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1997, in Sonora.

Rosary was held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, at Kerbow Funeral Home. Mass was at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Mrs. Chavez was born March 8, 1902, in Del Rio and had been a lifetime resident of Sonora. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, belonging to the Cursillistas and Guadalupana Society.

Survivors include her husband, Lupe Chavez of Sonora; a son, Francisco Andrade of Sonora; three daughters, Elvira Garcia of Sonora and Consuelo Maskill and Esperanza Sanchez, both of San Angelo; a brother, Martin Barrera of Colorado City; 14 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be grandsons, Freddy Chavarria, Leroy Chavarria, Chris Chavarria, Ray Maskill, Corby Maskill, Paul Sanchez, and Mark Sanchez.

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any creature, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39.

I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me, even if he dies will live. John 11:25-26.

For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord, so then whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it so much dawned on man what God has prepared for those who love him. 1 Corinthians 2:9.

Yet with you I shall always be; you have hold of my right hand; with your council you guide me, and in the end you will receive me in glory. Psalm 73:23-24.

Thus we will always be with the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 4:17.

Mama, we love you, and we are sorry for all the time you suffered. But, we trusted in the Lord that God was helping you carry your cross and that he would never abandon you or us.

And the streets of the City were of pure gold, transparent as glass. Revelations 21:21.

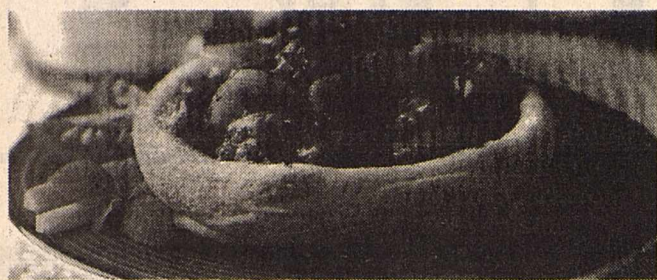
Mama, you are absent in the body but present in the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:8). We pray that you are holding hands with Jesus, walking the golden streets in the New Jerusalem. To be with Jesus is the sum of all happiness.

Thank you, Mama, for being a good wife, mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother. We love you! Vaya Con Dios!

"It's a perfect day for DINTY MOORE"

Beef Stew Bread Bowls

(Instructions for 24 oz.)



Form Breadsticks securely around the bottom of a well-greased inverted muffin tin.



Bake bread bowls at 350° F, until crusty and golden brown.



Spoon stew into warm bread bowls and serve.

This recipe brought to you by Foodcenter and the Devil's River News

Beef Stew Bread Bowls

1 (24 oz.) can DINTY MOORE® Beef Stew
1 (11 oz.) can of refrigerated soft breadsticks

Heat oven to 350° F. Turn a muffin pan upside down. Grease inverted muffin cups. Remove breadsticks from can; do not uncoil. Place each section of dough over muffin cup, press dough over entire surface of inverted muffin cup. Bake at 350° F for 16 to 20 minutes.

Refer to heating directions for preparation of stew. Spoon about 1/3 cup stew into warm bread bowls. Serve immediately. Makes 8 bowls.

Tip: Garnish with shredded cheese, sour cream or chopped green onion.

Sonora Church Directory

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

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
504 Santa Clara
387-2035

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Tim Dobbs, Minister
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
St. Ann's Street
387-3600

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Charles Huffman
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
Hwy. 277 S. Glasscock

PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE
Willie West, Pastor
509 Amistad
387-3236

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

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

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
Don Sessom
511 Cornell
387-5215

Attend the church of your choice, this Sunday.



Cornerstone Home Health Agency

116 N Concho
(915)387-2505 (800)593-8222

Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

School Lunch Menu

BREAKFAST and LUNCH

Monday, Feb. 3 French Toast, Fruit Steakfingers, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Green Beans, Pineapple Chunks, Roll	Tuesday, Feb. 4 Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tater Tots Beef Tips w/ Noodles, Peas-n-Carrots, Applesauce, Blue Berry Muffin	Wednesday, Feb. 5 Sausage, Biscuit, Fruit Chicken Fajitas on Flour Tortilla, Refried Beans, Tossed Salad, Cookie
Thursday, Feb. 6 Breakfast Burrito, Juice Chili & Beans, Fried Okra, Apricot Halves, Cornbread	Friday, Feb. 7 Oatmeal, Muffin, Fruit Hamburgers, Burger Salad, Pickles, French Fries, Gingerbread	

All meals served with milk

SENIOR CENTER

Calendar of Events

January 30- CRAFTS!
February 3- BINGO!
February 5- Blood Pressure Checks w/HouseCalls Health Program
February 6- CRAFTS!

Lunch Menu

Thursday, January 30
Sweet & Sour Pork, Rice, Sweet Peas, Bread, Fresh Orange

Friday, January 31
Baked Ham, Buttered Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Wheat Rolls, Peach Cobbler

Monday, February 3
Pepper Steak w/ Rice, Au gratin Potatoes, Carrots, Hot Rolls, Peach Half

Tuesday, February 4
Oven Baked Chicken, Lima Beans, Broccoli, Bread, Cranberry Crunch

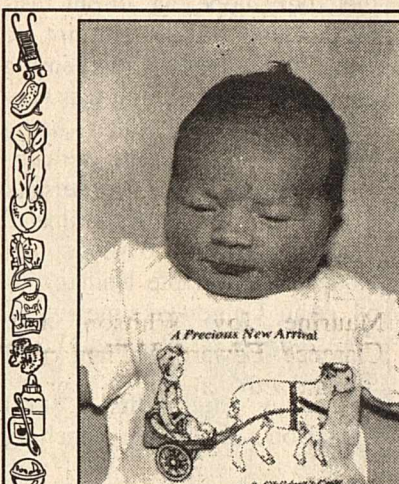
Wednesday, February 5
Crab cakes w/Tartar Sauce, Sweet Peas, Okra Gumbo, Hot Rolls, Applesauce

Thursday, February 6
Chicken Stir Fry, Hot Rice, Chinese Vegetables, Bread, Tossed Salad, Sugar Cookie

Friday, February 7
Baked Ham, Yams, Green Beans, Carrot-Raisin Salad, Hot Rolls, Jello w/Fruit

Guest Meals are \$4.00.

Suggested donation for Senior Citizens is \$1.75.



Meagan Nikole

Chayse and Karnea Dannheim are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter Maegan Nikole. Maegan arrived Jan. 6, 1997 at 1:49 p.m., weighing 7 pounds 10 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Sherrill and Nancy Dannheim of Sonora, Tx., Jerry Dickerson of Wills Point, Tx. and Annette Morris of Dallas, Tx.

Halle Samaniego

Pokey Samaniego is proud to announce the birth of his sister Halle Samaniego. She was born January 24th at 4:01 a.m. She weighed 6 lbs 4oz and was 18 1/4 inches long. Halle's parents are Pete and Yvette Samaniego. Her paternal grandparents are Pedro and Yolanda Samaniego from Eola and her maternal grandparents are Frank and Elvira Castaneda from Del Rio. She is welcomed home by her brother Pokey and lots of family and friends.

Community Calendar

30 January

Thursday January 30th
Public Meeting, City Hall 5:00 p.m.

Friday January 31st
Sonora Broncos vs. Greenwood, There, JV 5:00, Var 8:00, 9th vs. Lakeview Here 7:00
Lady Broncos vs. Greenwood There, JV 5:00, Var 6:30, 9th vs. Del Rio There 6:00

Sutton County National Bank
207 Hwy 277 N

February 6

Monday February 3
Public Meeting, 4-H building 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday February 4
Sonora Broncos vs. Reagan County, Here, JV 5:00, Var 8:00, Lady Broncos vs. Reagan County Here, JV 5:00, Var 6:30

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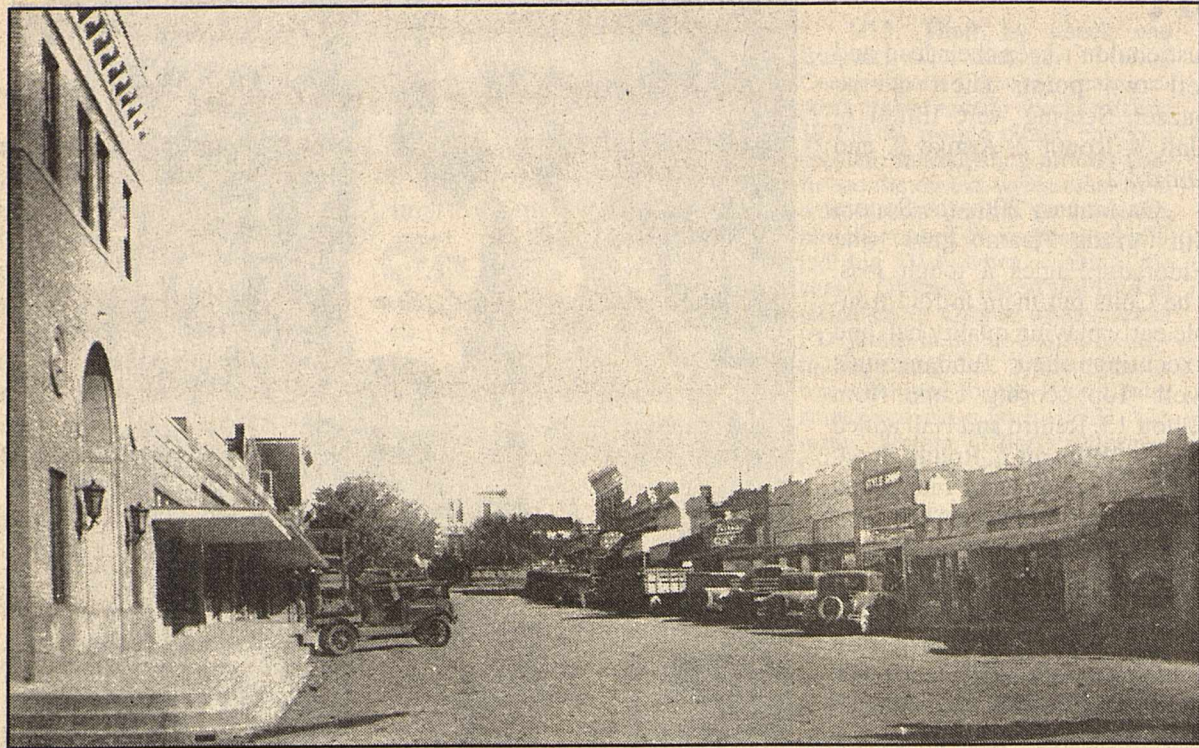
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January 30th
Mandy Fierro
Devoe Smith
31st
Oscar Jimenez
February 1st
Mario Lira
Brandy Neff
Marcy Parks
Katie Ramos
Ruth Shurley
Mary Rust
2nd
Antonia Castro
Shanna Patton
Candilaria Noriega
Ramiro Martinez
3rd
Susan Crowder
Gregory Jolly
Eva Perez

Savanah White
Myrtle Armentrout
4th
Jennifer Creek
Jennifer Covey
Michelle Escalante
Janey Dillard
Mariah Gonzalez
Kevin Miller
Carlos Reyes
Evelyn Solis
Isidora Ramirez
Leonor Sentena
Trudy Carta

Happy Anniversary
February 4th
Estella & Armando Sanchez



Main Street Sonora, circa 1930

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer

Q. When was Frank Holliday appointed City Manager?

A. The Devil's River News of Friday, October 18, 1929

Frank Holliday Is Named City Manager

At a meeting of the city commission Tuesday night, Frank Holliday, present employee of the Sonora Drug Company, was chosen as city manager. Two applications were up before the commission when Holliday was appointed. Salary fixed by the city will not exceed \$125 per month, it was declared. There will also be a few fees which should hike his compensation to approximately \$150 per month.

The new manager will serve as town marshal, which duty will be to assist county officers and see that all traffic rules are enforced; inspect buildings as they are constructed; reduce fire hazards; inspect plumbing jobs before connection is made; collect sewer rentals; assess taxes; collect all taxes and other accounts due the city. He will also be required to see that all city laws are enforced.

Mr. Holliday will go into office after the first of November.

In the same issue we found the following items of interest:

Cliff C. Belcher, Del Rio attorney, ranchman, former Sonoran, was invited to be a guest of the Lions Club next Monday at their noon luncheon.

Jack Turney, son of Mr. and

Mrs. Paul Turney, underwent an appendectomy in a hospital in Del Rio. Governor Dan Moody, who was enroute to El Paso and Mexico on a deer hunt spent the night at the Hotel McDonald. He will return to Austin on the 24th. He announced that all officers in Borger had resigned, and that steps were being taken to appoint an entire new body of law officers in that oil town, which has been under martial law for the past two weeks.

The Sonora Sewer System had 27 business connections and 48 residence connections made to it. The rate for business connection is \$2.50 per month and \$1 for residence connection. A \$40,000 sewer system completed here last year serves the business district as well as a large part of the residential section.

The city cut the tax rate to 90 cents per hundred dollar valuation. This cut will mean that tax payers will save \$800 during the next year.

The marriage of Miss Maurine Joy Whitson and Clarence Edward Valliant was solemnized at high noon Monday, September 30, 1929, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Pennick, with Rev. Jas. W. Albritten, pastor of the Methodist church officiating; the ring ceremony being used.

Between the 19 and 26 of October the following selections can be seen at the La Vista Theatre, show starts promptly at

7:45: "California Mail" with Ken Maynard, "Singing Fool" with Al Jolsen, "East is East" with Lon Chaney, and "Greyhound Limited" with Monte Blue.

This issue lists six pages of Citations by Publications for overdue taxes on property in Sutton County.

Stites Motor Company listed the following prices for Chevrolets: Roadster \$525, Phaeton \$525, Coach \$595, Coupe \$595, Sport Coupe \$645, Sedan \$675 and Imperial Sedan \$695, plus freight and delivery charges and any additional accessories or financing desired charges.

You could purchase the new Wild Cat fade-proof work pants that were sun-proof, sweat-proof and tub-proof at E.F.

VanderStucken Co., Inc. for \$1.50 men's sizes, \$1.00 boys' sizes, and \$1.15 youth sizes.

The Broncho is the name to a six page, four-column school paper that made its first appearance Wednesday of this week. The paper is being published by the senior class of the Sonora High School. Proceeds will be used to defray athletic expenses. It is being printed semi-monthly by The Devil's River News. Miss Mae Cauthorn is managing editor and Miss Allie Halbert is business manager.

About two inches of rain fell over three days in Sutton County. Christoval reported five inches, Big Lake four inches, Rocksprings one inch, and Ozona two inches.

The Sonora Motor Company Ambulance Company has a modern Lincoln ambulance and reasonable prices. Telephone 135.

Alfred Schweining, Jr. was operated upon last week in San Angelo for appendicitis.

Mesdames L.W. Elliott and Roy E. Aldwell honored their husbands Thursday night with a four course birthday dinner party at the home of Mrs. L.W. Elliott.

The Sonora Chapter No. 355 R.A.M. meets the first Tuesday night in each month. S.L. Merck, High Priest and J.D. Lowrey, Secretary.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society" PO Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885, fax them to 915-387-5691, drop them off at The Devil's River News office or give me a call at 915-387-2855 after noon please. Thank you.

Ronnie Cox
would like to be your pharmacist.

If you're looking for the latest movie releases, look no further than the VIDEO STORE!!

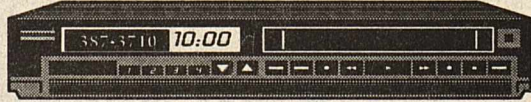
NEW releases for this week are:

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Riot • Trigger Effect
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Sat: 10:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Sun: 1:00-6:00 p.m.



Tedford Jewelry

Bridal Gift Registry

Adelita Smalling bride elect of Adolfo Alvarez
Shanna Patton bride elect of Nick Hart

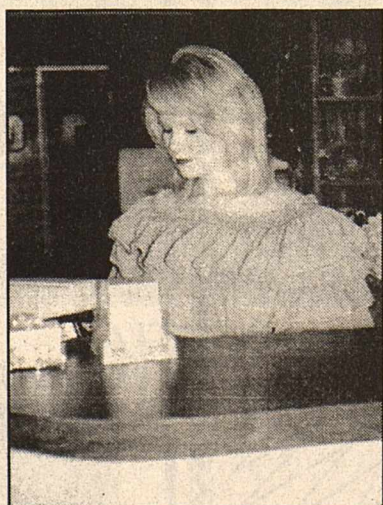
Sutton County Steakhouse
Daily Buffet Specials

Thursday.....Ribeyes
Friday.....K.C. Steak, Fish & Onion Rings
Monday.....Beef & Chicken Fajitas
Tuesday.....Chicken Strips & Steakfingers
Wednesday.....Chicken Fried Steak & Chicken Fried Chicken

Monday - Thursday Nights

Old Fashioned Suppers
Chicken Strips,
Steakfingers, or Catfish
with Onion Rings,
Fries, Coleslaw,
Biscuits & Honey

\$4.19



Amy would like to invite everyone to join us for our nightly specials!

Monday & Tuesday Nights

Family Special
4 Burgers, 4 Fries, 4 Drinks
\$10.00

Friday & Saturday Nights

With any Steak order receive a free small order of onion rings!
Limit one order per table.

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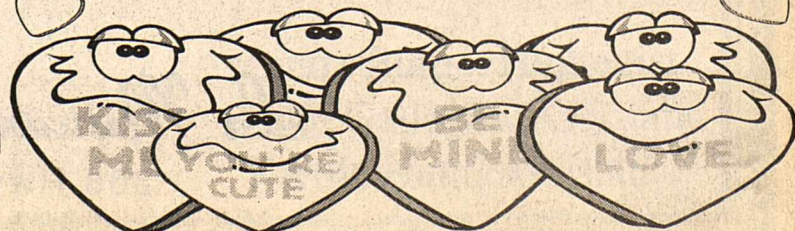
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101 N Concho Av.
387-2541



7th Grade Colts' Basketball Report

submitted

The Sonora 7th Grade Colts basketball team has had a very successful year. The boys have all played hard and have demonstrated how the Little Dribblers program has helped develop their basketball skills and fundamentals. On December 5, 1996, the Colts met a tough team from McCamey to open the Ozona Tournament. They came up a little short on the scoreboard when the last buzzer rang, 28-34. Scoring for the Colts were James Elliott 16, Chance Armke 5, Bill Renfro 4, Stetson Hall 2, and Tim Warden 1.

Two days later, the Colts returned to the Ozona tournament to play the Ozona "B" team. The boys really made up their loss against McCamey with

this game. The score was 42 to 6 with the Colts on top. Scoring for Sonora were Elliott 18, Armke 6, Fields 4, Routh 4, Scott 2, Renfro 2, Cervantez 2, Dillard 2, and Warden 2.

The same day, the Colts played for consolation against the Big Lake Owls. They once again dominated the court. They all hit the board strong for some excellent rebounding. Scoring were Elliott 19, Renfro 7, Dillard 6, Hall 5, and Armke 5. The score of this game was Sonora 42 - Big Lake 22. The Colts brought the trophy home. Congratulations, Colts.

On December 9, the Colts traveled to Big Lake to meet the Owls again. This was a closer game with the Colts falling short

at the free throw line shooting only 30%. The final was 27 to 20 with Sonora on top. Scoring for the red team were Elliott 11, Renfro 10, Hall 2, Warden 2, and Armke 2. Good job, 7th grade.

On December 16, the Colts were "on the road again" to Del Rio. The team all played hard but picked up their third loss of the season. The boys ran out of time. Elliott scored 15, Renfro 7, and Hall 6.

The Colts had a long absence from the court with the Christmas holidays and cancelled the game due to bad weather. January 16th was the opening day of the McCamey Tournament with a rival match-up with Ozona. The Colts totally ruled the game with a final of Sonora 29 - Ozona 12. The points came from Armke 8, Scott 6, Elliott 5, Routh 4, Hall 4, and Dillard 2.

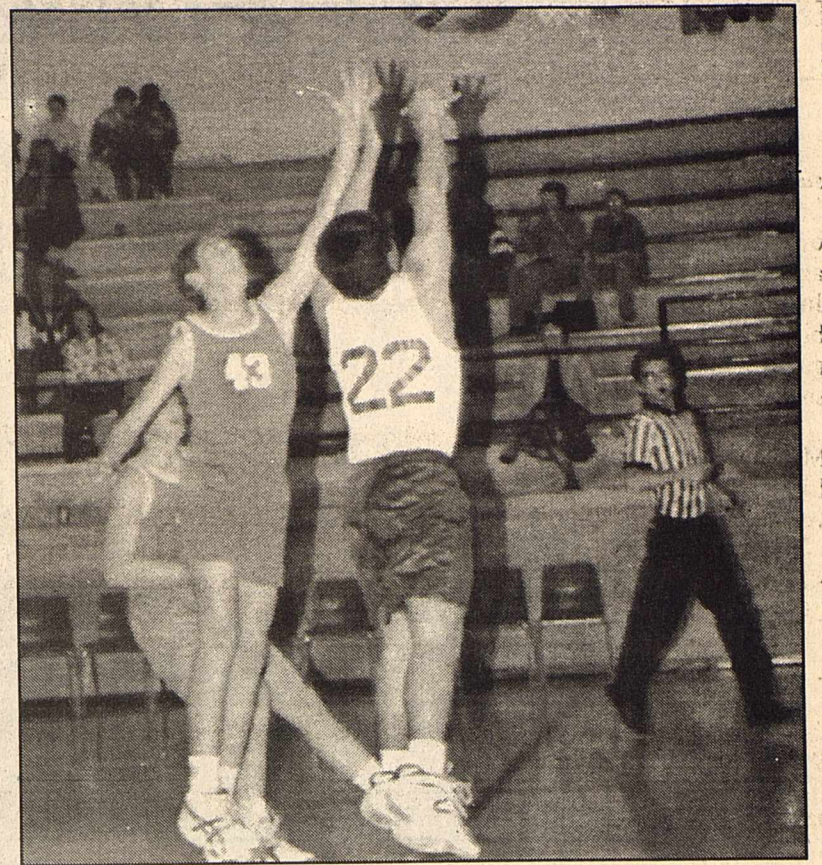
On Saturday, the team traveled back to McCamey to meet Rankin. With a weak game at the free throw line, shooting only 32%, the Colts came up four points short, but if rebounding would have counted, they would have been on top. Scoring were Elliott 10, Hall 4, Renfro 3, Armke 2, Warden 2, and Dillard 2.

The team traveled back to McCamey to meet Iraan on Saturday morning with a strong defensive game. Playing a strong defensive game was Sean Fields with several steals. The Colts

just couldn't keep their lead and fell two points short at the buzzer. Scoring were Elliott 6, Hall 3, Routh 2, Armke 2, and Dillard 2.

On January 20th, the Sonora 7th grade team gave the Eldorado Eagles a tough loss. The Colts put them in foul trouble early playing quality ball and executing their fundamentals well. Top scoring came from Elliott 13, Renfro and Hall added 6 each, Williams 5, Routh, Scott, and Dillard 4 each, Fields and Armke each scored 2. The final of this game was Sonora 46 - Eldorado 21.

January 27th, the Colts invited the Wall Hawks back for another match. The team had been struck with a "stomach bug" and had strong defensive player Sean Fields out. The Colts executed every aspect of the game well and the score showed with a final of Sonora 48 and Wall 19. Beau Hughes and Byron Williams were moved to the "A" team due to several players being questionable due to illness. The team scored high with Elliott 11, Renfro 10, Hall 10, Scott 5, Dillard 4, Routh 3, Armke 2, Williams 2, and Hughes 2. Good games, Colts, and we look forward to the match up next Monday, February 3, with the Reagan County Owls. Please come out and support these young teams - they are tomorrow's high school teams.



Crispin Lira puts one up.

8th Grade Colts' Basketball

submitted

Eight grade Colt boys' first game in the Big Lake Tournament was a knuckle-biter from start to finish against a big, quick, and aggressive McCamey Badger team. The Colts trailed by three to five points until 3:34 was left in the fourth quarter before pulling ahead for the first time all night. Sonora finally won 37 to 32. Top scorer was Riley Crain 17 points followed by Jake Trainer 6, Bryce Williams 5, Ryan Hardgrave 4, Crispin Lira 3, and Cole Cearley 2.

Saturday morning's game did not fall the Colts' way, however, when they met up with the excellent shooting of the Stanton Buffaloes. The Colts fell 38 to 42, after fighting back from a 15 point deficit. Crispin Lira led the scoring with 13, Trainer had 10, Williams 9, Hardgrave 3, Crain 2, and Matt Torres 1.

Later Saturday, the Colts faced Reagan County for third place and beat them 56 to 34. Everyone saw a good bit of play time in this game. Scorers were Crain 16 points, Lira 10, Hardgrave 7, Javier Gaytan 5, Williams 6, Trainer, Cearley, Jacoby, and Mayfield each 2, Pete Samaniego 3, and Torres 1. Trainer and Crain each had 8 rebounds, Shane Mathews 6,

Jacoby 4, Mayfield 3, Williams, Cearley, and Chang Hernandez each had 2 rebounds, and Samaniego, Lira, and Danny Solis each 1 rebound.

Monday night, the 8th grade second unit took on the Wall Hawks on their own home court and defeated them 6-3. David Miller, Jeremiah McLaughlin, and Joseph Percifull each scored two points, Cody Ainsworth and Davy Prather led the team in rebounds with three each.

The first unit then took the floor and continued the winning momentum with a 67 to 27 victory. The scorers were Bryce Williams 14, Crispin 13, Riley Crain 8, Cole Cearley 7, Shane Mathews 6, Ed Mayfield 5, Ryan Hardgrave 4, Matt Torres and Jake Trainer 3, Pokey Samaniego, Danny Solis, and Javier Gaytan 2. Rebounding for the Colts were Trainer 4, Tom Jacoby, Mayfield, Mathews, Crain, and Williams each 3, Cearley 2, and Lira 1, Hardgrave and Torres led in steals with four each and Jacoby led in assists with three.

Monday night, February 3, they play their final game of the season here in Sonora against Reagan County at 6:15 p.m. We would appreciate everyone coming to watch this fine group of young men.

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Basketball Reports

7th Grade Lady Colts

submitted

The girls played good both offensively and defensively against the Wall "A" team January 27. Free throws played a big part in the outcome of the game. Of the 13 points scored, seven were from the charity line.

Heather Lawson scored five, Maribel Hernandez and Monica Lira each scored four. Final score was Sonora 13 - Wall 7.

Other team members are Amy Gann, Ashley Bible, Emily Luna, Kasey Miller, Desiree

Gonzalez, Pam Shahan, and Jessica Bruns. Managers are Jenny Cramer and Micah Adams

The 7th "B" showed a lot of improvement from their last game. The girls executed on offense and played better defense. Kasey Kearney scored two points to defeat Wall "B", 2-0.

Other team members are Leslie Gamez Marjorie Becknell, Carrie Smith Paula Gonzalez, Jalys Mabry, and Tori Valliant.

8th Grade Lady Colts

submitted

Big Lake hosted their tournament, Thursday, January 23rd. The Lady Colts took on McCamey for the first game and won Sonora 34 - McCamey 22.

Heather Felts scored 14 for high point. Daisha Henson with one three pointer totaled eight. Garland Williams, Japha Word, and Crystal Montgomery each had four.

Saturday morning, the Lady Colts didn't come alive until the fourth quarter against the Ozona Lions. In the first quarter Heather Felts had one basket and Crystal Montgomery sunk one free shot while Ozona scored eight. The second quarter play was even worse for the Colts with no points scored. Ozona's six points made the halftime score Ozona 14-Sonora 3. The third quarter didn't prove much better with one basket and three free shots for the Colts. But the defense held Ozona to only four. The Lady Colts played hard and scored 14 points in the fourth quarter, coming up short just five points of Ozona. The final score: Sonora 22 - Ozona 27.

Japha Word was high point with 11. Daisha Henson scored a three. Lorena Lopez, Garland Williams both scored two from

the line. Heather Felts had two. Angie Leyva and Crystal Montgomery both scored one from the line.

Sonora played Reagan County for the third place trophy Saturday afternoon. The Lady Colts kept their reputation of close games. The halftime score was Sonora 12 - Reagan County 11. Both teams played defense in the third quarter: Colts 16 - Reagan County 14. The final score was the Sonora Lady Colts 22 - Reagan County 20.

Daisha Henson with one three pointer totaled eight. Heather Felts also scored eight. Lindsey Bowers and Crystal Montgomery both had two.

Congratulations, ladies! On January 27th, the eighth grade Lady Colts traveled to Wall. The halftime score was Sonora 15-Wall 9. Wall's defense began in the third quarter holding the Colts to three points. The final score: Colts 23-Hawks 29.

Heather Felts scored seven with five rebounds. Crystal Montgomery scored five with three rebounds. Daisha Henson scored four with five rebounds. Japha Word scored three with nine rebounds. Lorena Lopez and Lindsey Bowers both scored two with one rebound.

Chief's Corner

1/15, Theft by check and Burglary. The manager of Food Center reported that two male suspects cashed several checks totaling \$3,720.00, from a closed checking account. Investigating officers confirmed the checks were stolen from a deceased's persons vacant house, however one of the suspects submitted his DL# when cashing the check. Officer's traced the DL# to residence in Ozona, where Ozona P.D. joined in the investigation submitting a mug shot. A photo line-up was submitted for the Food Center employees and a positive I.D. was made. Sonora Officers informed local retailers of the suspects appearance.

January 21st, 4:30 p.m. Food Center employee contacts Sonora P.D. with positive I.D. of suspects. Officer's Mike Ruth and Brent Humphrey were dispatched to the store. The Food Center employee informed the officers the two suspects fled on foot heading South on

HWY 277. DPS officer Norbert Ortiz joined the search for the two subjects on 277. At 5:20 p. m. a citizen notified police that two subjects were running down the draw toward St. Ann's Catholic Church. Off duty officer Art Herrera heard the broadcast and spotted the suspects. Arresting officer Bryn Humphrey apprehended the two suspects at 837 St. Anns Street.

1/17, D.W.I., local man arrested after having an accident with injury at Hwy. 277 S. and St. Anns. 9:20 p.m.

1/18, Burglary of a vehicle, 311 W. Plum Street. complainant stated that between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. subject entered their truck and stole a cellular phone and a .22 cal. pump rifle.

1/19, Cat Bite 313 N.E. Mulberry, church of the Good Shepherd. A cat bit a young girl on the leg and bit Officer Mike House while attempting to place cat in the patrol unit. He later bit Officer House again while he was attempting to place the animal in a pet con-

tainer. The animal has been sent to Austin for rabies check.

1/24, Burglary of a building, police received a call of a burglary at the Jr. High school. Superintendent (S.I.S.D.), principal (Jr. High) and police investigated location to determine missing items. Three local juveniles were arrested for the offense. Judge Garner was present during the arrest. The police recovered (2) VCR's, (4) cameras, (1) laser disc player, (2) backpacks, (2) duffel bags, (5) assorted national flags, (2) packages of video cassettes and (1) static ball. The 3 juveniles provided statements and were released back to parents.

1/26, Family Violence 12:30 a.m., local male arrested for Class C assault.

1/26, 9:20 p.m. Criminal Mischief, Chances Lounge, witness in restaurant heard a loud pop in parking lot and noticed a suspect cutting the tire of a car in the parking lot, suspect ran and entered a black car. As he was leaving the

parking lot he ran over a beer bottle and blows out his own tire. Suspect drove to Sonora Sage Apartment. After visiting with eyewitness, the officers went to the 'apartments. Suspect stated loudly that he cut no ones tire and said victim was in bar so he could not know he did it. Case pending investigation.

1/26-1/27, Criminal Mischief sometime between the hours of 6:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m., a car was vandalized at Sonora Senior Apartments. Estimated damage at \$1,000.

Chief Croy and the Sonora Police department would like to thank the Explorer Scouts for a job well done while assisting the officers with traffic during Fling Ding. The chief had lots of compliments from citizens.

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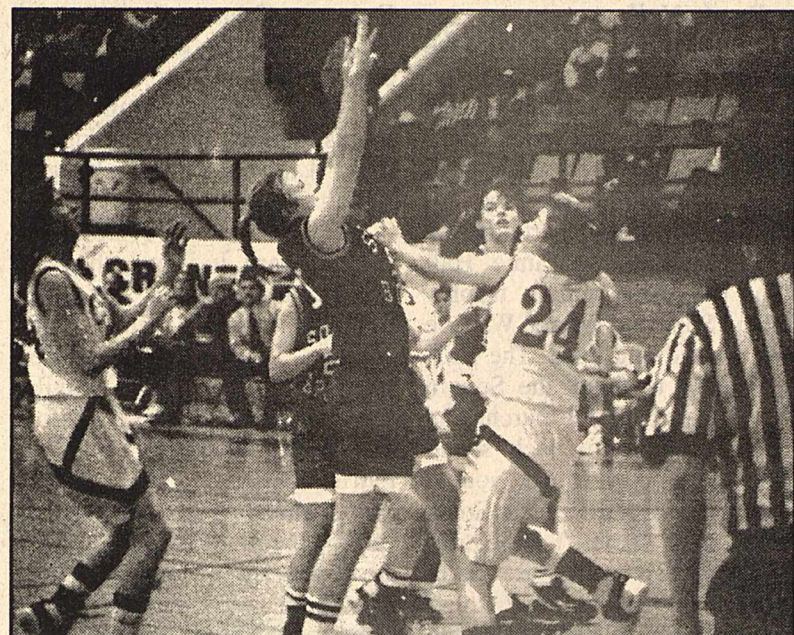


photo by Michelle Anderson

Blair Crain puts one up as Kelly Harrelson moves in for the rebound.

Lady Broncos Hand Crane Girls Endangered Species Status

The Lady Broncos counted on shot making ability to consistently lead the Crane girls to a 75-60 victory Tuesday night in Crane.

Up close, the Crane girls seemed to loom over the Lady Broncos, swatting, stuffing and stealing their shots. From the outside, where both teams were forced

to make their significant efforts, Crane frankly did not have the talent and consequently could not hang with our girls. The Lady Broncos also ran the court and passed the ball much more effectively than their opponents.

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End Score: 75-60, Sonora

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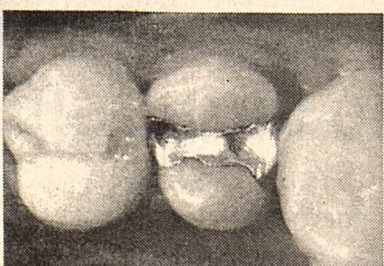


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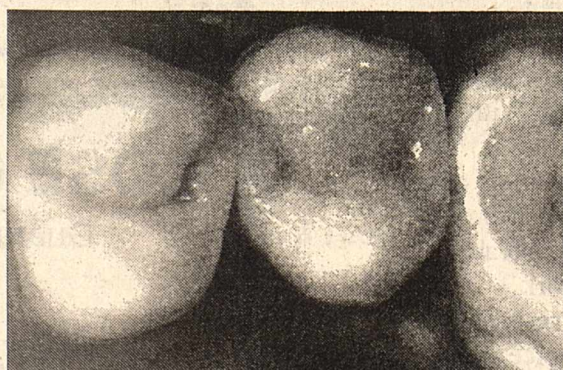


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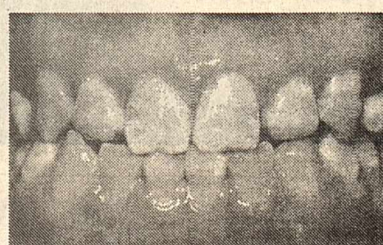


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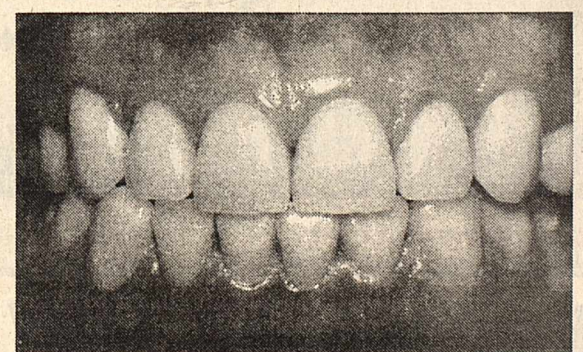


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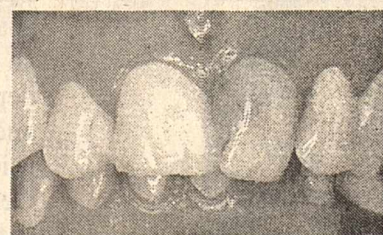


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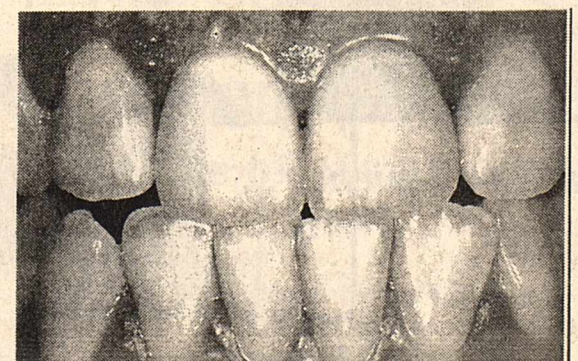


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City Council Honors Gesch

the 1997 calendar year. This schedule reflects the same holidays that Sutton County takes.

The City Code will be reformatted to an 8 1/2 X 11 format and computerized for the convenience of citizens. The council set the 1997 salary at \$50 per month and \$25 for special meet-

ings. The city attorney and department heads gave their monthly reports and heard comments from visitors. The council went into executive session in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Personnel), evaluation of city manager.

Ruidoso Vacation Spot

submitted by Shelly Briscoe

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The Scout Report



Laramie Hall, Roland Solis, and Warren Wallace, show off their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place Pinewood Derby trophies.

by Ronda Hall

On Saturday, January 25, the Sonora Cub Scouts gathered for one of the most exciting events of the year for the pack, their Pinewood Derby. Fifty-four scouts took part in the race. All Scouts received a participation card for racing. Laramie Hall won the first place trophy, Roland Solis and Warren Wallace took second and third. The pack would like to thank the Sonora Fire Department for purchasing the derby cars for each scout. Most of all a big thank you to Allan Prather and Russell Green for being the starters for the race. We sincerely appreciate them giving their time to help these scouts. Congratulations to all the scouts.

Before the race started, advancements were handed out. Starting with the Tiger Cubs earning paws were Hunter Rushing, Nicholas Peña, Morgan Martinez, David Ashton, J.T. Downing, and Colten Moore.

Dens 3 and 4 Wolves all earned a yellow bead for their progress toward rank. These boys are: Den 3--Shane Love, Coleman Hemphill, Nicholas Shurley, Marco Jimenez, Cody Perez, Jonathan Marrs, Dustin

Duhon, Alonzo Peña, Ariel Trevina, and Zack Clark earned physical fitness belt loops. Den 4--Tanner James, Bryan Acuff, Travis Valliant, Juan Dominguez, C.D. Lipham, Chris Knight, Robert Guerra.

The Bears have all been working hard. In Den 1, the boys earned a red bead for their progress toward rank. They include Liano Luna, Mason Martinez, Nicholas Favila, Brandon Munn, Micheal Ashton, Steven Barthelemy, Ty Love, and Patrick Shahan. Den 2 Bears earned mostly belt loops. Bears earning their basketball belt loops are Frank David Gallegos, Will Crittendon, Warren Wallace, Cameron Cox, Embre Smith, Tyler Talley, Roland Solis, and Walsh Hearn. Steven Duhon earned his physical fitness belt loop. C.J. Turney earned a red bead, and Justyn Gray earned his swimming belt loop.

The fourth grade Webelos have been working hard toward their Webelo Badge. Earning the athlete badge was Clayton Hicks, Jacob Adams, Andrew Barthelemy, and Steve Reyna. Earning handyman was Steve Reyna. Receiving their craftsman was Will Ferguson, Laramie Hall, Clayton Hicks, and Steve Reyna.

The fifth grade Webelos have been busy working on their requirements for their arrow of light badge. Earning their citizen badge was James Ross, Joseph Ainsworth, Zed Snodgrass, Israel Mendoza, Wilson Wallace, Norbert Ortiz, David Cook, Shaun Ramos, Trapper Valliant, Stevie Hernandez, J.E. Carillo, and Devon Yearout.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS



January birthdays pictured from the left: Horace Humphreys, Pauline Ringold, Vicenta Lopez, Arturo Trevino, Pablo Favela, Baldemar Reina and back row Juana Mesa



Marc Schmidt, Ellen DePugh, and Rev. William Kren

by Juanita Mesa

The Committee on Aging met January 22 at the Senior Center. Elected officers are Johnny Ringgold, president; Carmen Sanchez, vice-president; Iris Garza, secretary; and Maura Weingart, treasurer. New members are Carmina Trevino, Charles Graves, and Paul Cornilus. Other members are Olivia Longoria, Yeidra Castro, Vivian Crites, Jeanne Davenport, Iris Garza, Mary Lou Gilly, Kelly Thorp, Vicenta Lopez, Carmen Sanchez, Johnny and Pauline Ringgold, Brigitte Rogers, Lura Sawyer, Marie Aldwell, Mandy Turk, Maura Weingart, Betty Hardegree, Terry Surridge, and Director, Juanita Mesa.

The Committee on Aging meets every second Tuesday of each month. The purpose of the committee is to conduct a continuing assessment of needs of Sutton County senior citizens. It will provide leadership in identifying realistic alternatives to address these needs of Sutton County. The committee will cooperate with the Sutton County Judge, Commissioners Court, City of Sonora Alderpersons, and Mayor by providing information about senior citizen needs. It will promote an awareness of senior cit-

izen needs and provide assistance to groups in developing programs to address those needs. The Senior Citizen Center Director shall serve as liaison between this committee and all other groups. The committee will cooperate with the Concho Valley Area Agency on Aging, the Concho Valley Council of Governments, and the Sonora Senior Citizens of Sutton County. It will also engage all activities necessary, useful or expedient, through operative measures and active organization to promote and further the interests of the senior citizens of the area.

Guests at the Senior Center on Friday, January 24, was Ellen DePugh's son, Rev. William Kren, and Marc Schmidt, exchange student from Dortmund, Germany.

Thanks to all who helped with the birthday party. We had a full house. Thanks to Mr. Pablo Favela and Aurora Cardenas for helping with the program. Everyone had a good time and said we were pretty good actors, dancers, and singers.

Congratulations to Pete and Yvette Samaniego on the birth of their daughter, Halle, born January 24th at 4:00 a.m. Welcoming her is big brother, Pokey.

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Drought Conditions Prompt Legislation

In reaction to continuing drought conditions, state water agencies are developing a broad range of ideas regarding surface and ground water management for lawmakers to consider during the 75th Texas Legislative Session which convenes later this month in Austin.

This emphasis on water management is underscored by Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) Chairman Barry McBee's recent call for a sweeping overhaul of Texas water law to cope with increasing population and periodic droughts.

During a November 12 speech in Austin, McBee recommended changes in the way ground water is allocated, clarification of the policy on transferring water from one river basin to another, and tax exemptions for water-saving equipment.

"Water--how we consume, manage, and allocate it--is the single most important factor for the future economic viability of our great state," said McBee.

The Texas Water Development Board in Austin (TWDB) is charged with updating the Texas Water Plan bi-annually to identify policies and actions required to meet statewide near-and long-term (50 year) water needs based on a reasonable projected demand for water, affordable water supply availability, and a goal of near- and long-term conservation of the State's water resources.

In writing the draft of the 1996 update, the TWDB has for the first time included input from the TNRCC and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) to "ensure the availability of adequate water supplies for Texas' long-term needs, to provide adequate stream flows to protect the aquatic environment under normal conditions, and to maintain water quality."

Following are some of the key policy recommendations relating to ground water that have surfaced to date and which may be considered by the Legislature during the upcoming session.

Water Conservation And Drought Plans-Regulatory

The joint agency policy paper states that during the drought of the 1950's, communities in Texas embarked upon a period of aggressive reservoir construction resulting in a safety net of firm yield supplies for Texas towns and communities. However, some 40 years later, they say development of new reservoirs is much more difficult and expensive; therefore, they emphasize that water conservation measures must be implemented to extend current supplies to reduce demand for additional reservoirs. The agencies say only 15 percent of the State's public water suppliers have filed water conservation plans, which are required when applying for a new or amended TNRCC surface water rights permit or for certain loans from the TWDB.

The agencies say that the legislature should consider statutory changes to:

"provide that all municipal and industrial surface water right holders having an annual appropriation of 200 acre-feet per year or more, or who have been found in violation of rules prohibiting the waste of water, shall be required to develop and implement a water conservation and drought contingency plan.

"require drought contingency plans for municipalities and public water suppliers."

Ground Water Management

A "critical area" process was created by the state to identify ground water availability and/or water quality problems in areas where no ground water management authority exists. After evaluation, the TNRCC may recommend the

creation of an underground water conservation district to manage the ground water resources. The state agencies say the critical area process is cumbersome and not well-implemented.

They recommend that the Legislature consider:

* "amending the Texas Water Code to streamline the critical area designation process and other measures to better assure ground water management district creation.

*re-assessing ground water law doctrines to ascertain if improvements can be made to state law to provide for better management of ground water resources."

It is important to note that one of the TNRCC proposed options is to amend Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code to establish a ground water correlative rights system.

Under a proposed statewide correlative rights doctrine, an imaginary boundary would be drawn from the surface property lines on each tract of land to the base of the water-bearing formation. The landowner would have the right only to the water underneath the tract of land--no more and no less.

If pumpage caused water from a neighbor's tract to move under the property and across this imaginary boundary, the landowner would therefore be stealing his neighbor's water and could be held liable for damages as a result of such action.

Under a correlative rights system, a landowner could be held liable for interfering with another person's water use if: (1) the withdrawal unreasonably causes harm to a neighbor by significantly lowering the water table, reduces artesian pressure, or results in long-term over drafting of the aquifer; (2) the withdrawal exceeds a person's reasonable share; or (3) the withdrawal has a substantial effect upon a watercourse or lake and causes unreasonable harm to a person entitled to use of its water."

Currently, Texas water law provides that landowners have the right to capture and use the ground water beneath their land as long as it is for a beneficial purpose and is not wasted.

Nature does not recognize man's boundaries, and water in geologic formations moves according to the laws of nature. In the Ogallala Formation, water moves horizontally at a rate of about 150 feet per year when the natural gradient of the water table is 10 feet per mile.

The majority of irrigation wells in use on the Texas High Plains have been drilled near property lines. If a correlative rights system were adopted and pumping a well caused a cone of depression extending across property lines, the well owner could be liable for lowering the water level under the neighbor's property. Total compliance with correlative rights laws would involve abandoning wells near property lines, moving away from the boundary, and drilling new wells at a considerable cost to the landowner/operator.

"A ground water correlative rights system probably would have worked if we had started out that way in 1900," said A. Wayne Wyatt, High Plains Water District manager.

"However, changing ground water rights after 96 years would cause a whole lot of problems. It's not as easy as repealing the 55 mile-an-hour speed limit, updating the highway signs, and being able to drive 70 miles-an-hour. There's a lot more involved with ground water rights than that. The correlative rights proposal is a private property rights issue that could affect every landowner, rural public water supply system, and every town, city, and/or industry in Texas that utilizes ground water," said Wyatt.

AGRIBUSINESS

Sonora Livestock Auction Report

by Robert Bryson

We had another good week with the cattle sale. The overall market was stronger with a continued sale off of light calves. The market was fully steady with last week's \$2-\$6 higher market. Packer cows and bulls remained unchanged with the rail figures reflecting a \$2 loss from last week. Strickly choice steers were in short supply at Sonora Livestock Auction with these reflecting a \$2-\$4 higher market.

Steers 2-400 lbs. \$62-\$88 per hundred, 4-500 lbs. \$60-\$69 per hundred, 600 lbs. up \$60-\$66 per hundred.

Heifers 2-400 lbs. \$55-\$71 per hundred, 4-500 lbs. \$52-\$68 per hundred, 600 lbs. up \$50-\$61 per hundred.

Slaughter cows \$27-\$35.50 per hundred, slaughter bulls \$38-\$45 per hundred.

We had another good sheep and goat sale, but still lack the numbers to fill orders. We had a strong demand in Spanish goats; young nannies were \$2-\$5 higher. Kids were steady as were

Spanish billies. Spanish nannies sold from \$56-\$75 per hundred and kids were \$86-\$99 per hundred. Large billies sold from \$100-\$155 per head. Slaughter ewes were steady at \$44-\$54 per hundred; lambs were \$89-\$105 per hundred; bucks remained steady with not enough to establish a trend. Barbadoes continued to gain speed with lambs in the 90's, ewes in the 60's and bucks at \$65 per hundred.

Early consignment 300 Spanish goats of mixed ages and classes. Several small groups of Spanish billies.

Don't forget this Saturday, February 1, is also our regular horse sale. We will sell tack and horses immediately following the cattle sale. Tack will sell before the horses. We will accept all tack and horses right up to sale time, around 2:00 p.m. We will accept all farm and ranch related items for the tack sale. This is a good time to sell horses, tack, etc. because the sheep, goat, and cattle buyers are still available buyers.



Joana and Randy Wuest present Lewis Allen, of the Ministerial Alliance a check for \$100 donated by Louis Dreyfus.

Santa Helps Those In Need

"Christmas is for everybody," says Randy Wuest.

Mr. Wuest demonstrates the true spirit of Christmas by giving of his time to play Santa for many children in Sonora.

During the holiday season he portrayed Santa at 13 different engagements. He donated all the proceeds to the Ministerial Alliance.

He began playing Pancho Claus at the Senior Center. For the past three years, he has made visits to the Dairy Queen, where his wife, Joana, is manager.

This past year, Randy was

invited to Louis Dreyfus which donated \$100 to the Ministerial Alliance.

Lewis Allen stated, "on behalf of the Ministerial Alliance, I wish to express how grateful we are to everybody that gives of themselves to help people in their times of need."

Wuest simply says, "Christmas is truly giving, not receiving."

Mr. Wuest has more engagements lined up for the 1997 Christmas season. It is great to see the true meaning of Christmas demonstrated.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Sonora is now calling for bids for two new 1997 Year Model 1/2 Ton Pickup Trucks for the Public Utilities Department and Animal Control Department. Specifications may be obtained from the City Secretary's Office, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950. All bids must be sealed and addressed to the City Secretary. The bid envelope must be clearly marked "SEALED BID - PICKUP TRUCKS" and returned to the City Secretary's office prior to Tuesday, February 11, 1997, at 2:00 p.m.; at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

The City of Sonora reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Inquiries should be directed to Brent Gesch, City Manager, (915) 387-2558. 2(1-30-97)b

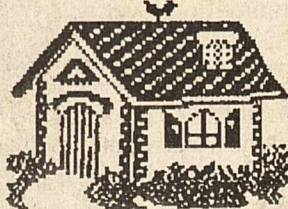
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Mohair Council Accepts Menzies Resignation

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After serving nearly three years as executive director of the Mohair Council of America, Duery Menzies announced that he would step down on January 23 to pursue other interests. His resignation is effective April 30.

Menzies, when hired, told council officials that he would work three years. That time is up on May 1.

Lanny Leinweber of Mountain Home, the council's newly elected president, said a search for Menzies successor would begin next month. Menzies has agreed to stay through May or June if the search for his replacement is not complete. He did not reveal his future plans but will continue to maintain ranching interests in Menard County.

Despite slow demand for mohair fiber in the marketplace and low prices, Menzies said the 31 year-old organization has certain strengths to carry it through hard times.

"You (members) and your ideas are the strength of this industry," he said. "The second strength is the employees you have working for you."

Leinweber said the executive director manages the day to day operations of the council which conducts mohair market and promotion programs on an international basis. It also conducts educational programs and provides scholarships and assistance to students of the country's leading textile and fashion design institutes.

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Sonora is now accepting applications for a Permanent Part Time Van Driver entitled Transportation Coordinator for the Rural Public Transportation system operating out of the Sutton County Senior Center. Applicant must have a valid Texas Driver's License and physical qualification necessary for safe and effective driving performance, including the ability to assist handicapped or infirm passengers. Applications can be picked up at City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas and returned to the City Secretary's Office prior to February 7, 1997. The city of Sonora is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 2(1-30-97)

The Sutton County Sheriff's Office is now accepting applications for the position of a relief dispatcher and two jailers. The position of jailer will require a state certification license, typing and computer skills, shift work, and working holidays. This position will require working inside the jail. The position of relief dispatcher will require some computer skills, talking on a two way radio, shift work, and working holidays. Applications may be obtained at the Sutton County Sheriff's Office, 309 N.E. Oak Street, Sonora, Texas, from the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Sutton County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

the 10th day of February, 1997, at which time such applications shall be opened and read aloud.

All terms, conditions, specifications and requirements for such Application are available upon request made to the Sutton County Auditor, and same are hereby incorporated into this Notice to the same extent as though fully set forth verbatim herein.

The Commissioners' Court shall have the right to accept the Application which offers the most favorable terms and conditions for handling of such funds and shall have the right to reject any or all Applications and to waive formalities. 2(1-30-97)b

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Sonora has adopted complaint and grievance procedures regarding its Texas Community Development Program. These procedures outline the steps for a citizen to follow if he wishes to file a written complaint about proposed TCDP activities or implementation of past TCDP assisted activities. The City will make every effort to respond fully to such written complaints within 15 working days. Citizens may obtain a copy of these written procedures at the City Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Citizens may also request the procedures be mailed to them by calling Becky Covington, City Secretary, at 387-2558.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Sutton County Sheriff's Office is now accepting bids for a 1997 Police Package vehicle. Specs may be obtained from the Sutton County Sheriff's Office. Sealed Bids should be submitted to the Sheriff or County Judge by 9:00 a.m., Feb. 10, 1997, at which time bids will be opened and accepted or rejected in a meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners Court to be held at 9:00 a.m., Monday, Feb. 10, 1997, in the meeting room of the Sutton County Courthouse Annex.

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