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Give Thanks U n t o G o d

Briefly

Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade booth registration and information is available at the chamber office. Area arts and crafts enthusiasts are invited to pick up a registration form at the chamber office or call 387-2880. Booth fees are \$5, payable at time of registration.

Bronco throws on sale! SHS Student Council is selling beautifully designed black with red and white throws emblazoned with a red Bronco. Cost is \$50 and they make wonderful Christmas gifts. To order, contact any member or sponsor, Kristin Keel at 387-6533.

1996-97 Yearbooks have arrived. Anyone who purchased a 1996-97 yearbook should pick it up at the High School no later than Tuesday, Nov. 25. If you have any questions, please call the High School at 387-6533.

Get your tickets ready! The first drawing of the Christmas season will be Saturday, Nov. 29 at 2 p.m. in the Ol' Sonora parking lot.

The Sonora ISD Food Service Department is holding a bake sale on Saturday, December 6 from 8 a.m. until noon at the Junior High Snack Bar. The proceeds will be donated to local charities for needy families in Sonora. Please help us help our neighbors have a Merry Christmas.

Sonora City League will meet on December 3rd at 6 p.m. in the First National Bank upstairs meeting room. Topics will be the election of 1998 Board of Directors, 1998 president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. Financial statement for 1997 will be reviewed. There will be a discussion about Little League Girls Softball also. Please come and participate.

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison cancelled her December 5th visit to Sonora. Plans are in the works for her to come in the spring. As soon as a date, time and place is scheduled, The Devil's River News will announce it.

The Third Annual Junction Christmas Tour of Homes, sponsored by the Kimble Library Board and Leti Study Club will be held on Sunday, Dec. 7th from 2-5 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the Kimble County Library and will also be available at the homes on the day of the tour. Cost of the tour is \$5. Hosts are Larry and Sarah Harrison - 402 West Pine, Merle Williams - Broughton Bed and Breakfast 215 Patricia Drive, Joe and Karla Brooks - 209 Cenizo, and Phillip and Lynn Jacoby - 377 N (10 miles turn left follow red ribbons)

Hudspeth Hospital & Nursing Home Auxiliary meets every 2nd Monday of each month at the Sutton County Steakhouse from 12 noon to 1 p.m. New members are welcome to come & join.

Bronco Band Boosters meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the High School Band Hall. All parents of Middle School and High School band students are encouraged to attend. New and fresh ideas are always welcomed.

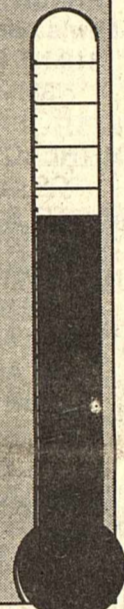
SCNB donates \$20,000 for new community center



Presenting the \$20,000 donation were SCNB officers and employees A.W. Bishop, Ray Smith, Lauri Smith, Tonya Brown, Joy Galbreath, Pam Payton, Terry Duckworth, Juanita Robles; accepting the donation were Community Center committee members Kelly Thorp, Claire Richards, Preston Faris, Preston Love, Ram Perez, Diana Condra, Glen Fisher and George Wallace

Sutton County 4-H Community Center Fund Raising Campaign

\$500,000
450,000
400,000
350,000
300,000
250,000
200,000
150,000
100,000
50,000
25,000



DRN closed for Thanksgiving

The Devil's River News will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 26, Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28. Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

We are also planning a special Christmas edition of The Devil's River News and ask you to submit for publication special moments and remembrances that have touched your heart in keeping with the Spirit of Christmas.

The First Thanksgiving

Much of this article was excerpted from *The Light and the Glory*, Peter Marshall and David Manuel, Fleming H. Revell Co., Old Tappan, NJ, 1977. Reprinted from *Personal Update*, November 1997

The early settlers of America, who braved the privations of those incredibly difficult years, were a fabulous lot, indeed. We can hardly imagine the burdens they endured to make a new life for themselves in a new land. Their turning point began one Friday in the middle of March, 1621.

Samoset

An Indian, wearing nothing but a leather loincloth, strode up their main street to the common house, and to their startled faces boomed in flawless English, "Welcome."

His name was Samoset, a sagamore (or chief) of the Algonquins.

He had been visiting the area for the previous eight months, having learned his English from various fishing captains who had put in to the Maine shore over the years.

He returned the following Thursday with another Indian who also spoke English, and who was to prove "a special instrument of God for their good, beyond their expectation." His story was to prove no less extraordinary than the saga of Joseph being sold into slavery to Egypt. His name was Tisquantum, also called Squanto.

Squanto

His story began in 1605 when Squanto and four other Indians were taken captive, sent to England, and taught English to provide intelligence background on the most favorable places to establish colonies. After nine years in

England, Squanto was able to return to Plymouth on Capt. John Smith's voyage in 1614.

Lured and captured by a notorious Capt. Thomas Hunt, he, with 27 other, were taken to Malaga, Spain, a major slave-trading port. Squanto, with a few others, were bought and rescued by local friars and introduced to the Christian faith. Thus, it appears that God was preparing him for the role he would ultimately play at Plymouth.

He was able to attach himself to an Englishman bound for London, then he joined the family of a wealthy merchant, and ultimately embarked for New England in 1619. He stepped ashore six months before the Pilgrims landed in 1620.

When he stepped ashore he received the most tragic blow of his

life. Not a man, woman, or child of his own tribe was left alive! During the previous four years, a mysterious plague had broken out among them, killing every last one. So complete was the devastation that the neighboring tribes had shunned the area ever since. The Pilgrims had settled in a cleared area that belonged to no one. Their nearest neighbors, the Wampanoags, were about 50 miles to the southwest.

Stripped of his identity and his reason for living, Squanto wandered aimlessly until he joined the Wampanoags, having nowhere else to go. But God had other plans.

God's Provision

Massasoit, the sachem (or chief) of the Wampanoags, entered into a peace treaty of mutual aid with the Plymouth colony that was to last as a model for forty years. When Massasoit and his entourage left, Squanto stayed. He had found

his reason for living: these English were helpless in the ways of the wilderness. Squanto taught them how to catch eels, stalk deer, plant pumpkins, refine maple syrup, discern both edible herbs and those good for medicine, etc.

Perhaps the most important thing he taught them was the Indian way to plant corn. They hoed six-foot squares in toward the center, putting down four or five kernels, and then fertilizing the corn with fish: three fish in each square, pointing to the center, spokelike. Guarding the field against the wolves (who would try to steal the fish), by summer they had 20 full acres of corn that would save every one of their lives.

Squanto also taught them to exploit the pelts of the beaver, which was in plentiful supply and in great demand throughout Europe. He even guided the trading to insure they got full prices for top-quality pelts. The corn was their physical deliverance; the beaver pelts would be their economic deliverance.

The First Thanksgiving

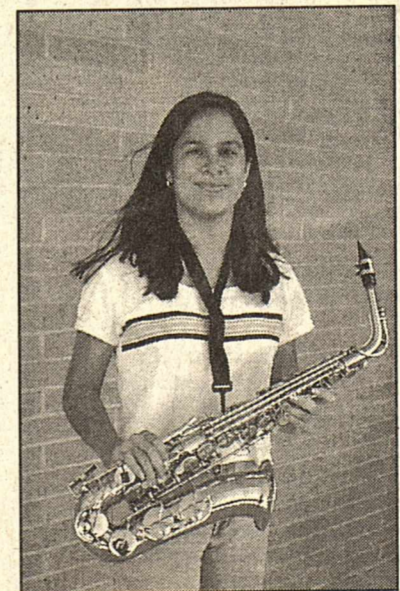
The Pilgrims were a grateful people-grateful to God, grateful to the Wampanoags, and grateful also to Squanto. Governor Bradford declared a day of public Thanksgiving, to be held in October.

Massasoit was invited and unexpectedly arrived a day early-with an additional ninety Indians! To feed such a crowd would cut deeply into their stores for the winter, but they had learned through all their travails that God could be trusted implicitly.

And it turned out that the Indians did not come empty handed: they brought five dressed deer and more than a dozen fat wild turkeys. They helped with the preparations, teaching the Pilgrim women how to make hoe cakes and a tasty pudding out of cornmeal and maple syrup. In



The Sonora Broncos named to 1997 All-District in 4-3A football: (kneeling) Chris Braly Defensive Lineman -1st team, Michael McLaurin Receiver -1st team, Kasey Wood Defensive Back -1st team, Brad Legan Line Backer -1st team and Tight End -2nd team, Justin Mathews Quarter Back-2nd team and Defensive Back-Hon. Men, Terry Stone Running Back-1st team; (standing) Jason Jacoby Running Back-2nd team, Anthony Renfro Line Backer and Kicker-Hon. Men., Tanner Fields Defensive Back-2nd team, Lupe Ramon Tight End-Hon. Men., David Arevalo Defensive Lineman-2nd team, Bobby Salinas Offensive Lineman-2nd team.



Maribel Capuchina was selected to the All-District Band. Maribel plays the saxophone for the Mighty Bronco Band.

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Dining Out Directory

Food Center Deli 600 S. Crockett Ave.
387-5616

La Mexicana 240 N. Hwy. 277
387-3401

Pizza Hut 401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

Rosie's Cafe 207 E. Glasscock Ave.
387-5552

Sonic Drive-In 202 Hwy. 277 N.
387-5292

Sutton County Steakhouse 1306 N. Service Rd.
387-3833

Town & Country Subway 610 S. Crockett
387-6181

Town & Country-Country Kitchen
903 N. Crockett Ave.
387-2169



Lewis/Hunt to exchange vows

Shalyn Lewis and Thomas Danny Hunt of Sonora. Miss Lewis is a 1996 graduate of Dumas High School and attends McMurry University. Mr. Hunt is a 1996 graduate of Sonora High School and attends McMurry University.

Primera Baptist Church Receives New Pastor

Primera Baptist Church located at 510 Santa Clara has accepted Rev. Rick Sanchez as their new pastor. Rick Sanchez was born and raised in Sonora. He was presented to the Lord at the age of 40 days at Primera Baptist Church here in Sonora. Rev. Sanchez was called to the ministry at Camp Menard on July 7, 1983. He was licensed to preach in November of 1984 in Manchester Baptist Church in Houston, Texas and was ordained to the full ministry in April 1997 at North Side Baptist Church in Reading, Pennsylvania. Rev. Sanchez graduated from Sonora High School in 1983. He was a summer missionary for the Baptist General Convention of Texas for three summers. He attended the Houston Baptist University and the Hispanic Baptist Theological Seminary where he received his diploma in Religious Education in 1994. Rev. Sanchez has worked as Youth Minister in Houston, San Antonio, Corpus Christi and Rungy, Texas and as a Pastor in Reading, Pennsylvania. Rev. Sanchez and Primera Baptist Church invite everyone to come and worship every Sunday for Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and worship service at 11:00 a.m. Sunday night at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday for prayer at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Sanchez will pray, console and help with any problem 24 hours a day. With Christ on our side everything is possible. Rev. Sanchez is the son of Mrs. Nelda L. Yorba and the late Richard P. Sanchez, he has four brothers and five sisters. His grandmother is Maria Leija.

The First Thanksgiving

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fact, they also showed them how to make one of their Indian favorites: white, fluffy popcorn! (Each time you go to a movie theatre, you should remember the source of this popular treat!)

The Pilgrims, in turn, provided many vegetables from their gardens: carrots, onions, turnips, parsnips, cucumbers, radishes, beets and cabbages. Also, using some of their precious flour with some of the summer fruits which the Indians had dried, the Pilgrims introduced them to blueberry, apple and cherry pie. Along with sweet wine made from wild grapes, it was, indeed, a joyous occasion for all concerned.

The Pilgrims and Indians happily competed in shooting contests, foot races, and wrestling. Things went so well (and Massasoit showed no inclination to leave) that this first Thanksgiving was extended for three days.

The moment that stood out the most in the Pilgrims' memories was William Brewster's prayer as they began the festival. They had so much for which to thank God: for providing all their needs and His provision of Squanto, their teacher, guide, and friend that was to see them through those critical early winters.

A National Institution

By the end of the 19th century, Thanksgiving Day had become an

institution throughout New England. It was officially proclaimed as a national holiday by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. Traditionally celebrated on the last Thursday in November, it was changed by an act of Congress in 1941 to the fourth Thursday of that month.

Originally observed to acknowledge the provision of God, let us also make this national holiday a very special time to thank Him for our own provision-our families, our sustenance, and, above all, our redemption in His Son!

Let's also pray that He might restore the religious freedom that those early Pilgrims cherished so dearly-and that the current enforced paganism that has invaded our land be curtailed. This country is now becoming what the Pilgrims had risked their very lives to flee from.

Notes:
*The Pilgrims lived that first winter aboard ship and suffered the loss of 47 colonists.
*This epidemic, from 1615 to 1617, is believed to have killed 95,000 Indians, leaving only about 5,000 along the coast.
*Canada first adopted Thanksgiving as a national holiday in November 1879, and it is now celebrated there annually on the second Monday in October.

Sonora Church Directory

<p>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA Rick Sanchez 504 Santa Clara 387-2035</p> <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST Tim Dobbs, Minister 304 W. Water 387-3190</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Jim Stephen, Pastor Rev. Paul Cornelius, Assoc. Pastor 404 NE Oak 387-2951</p> <p>ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Rev. J. Monte Jones, Rector 404 NE Poplar 387-2955</p> <p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor 201 NW Water 387-2466</p> <p>JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS St. Ann's Street 387-3600</p> <p>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Rev. Charles Huffman 417 E 2nd St. 387-5366</p> <p>NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Brother Rick Brinson 306 N. 4th Street 387-2898</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Attend the church of your choice this Sunday</i></p>	<p>THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN Lewis Allen, Pastor 319 NE Mulberry 387-2616</p> <p>OUTREACH CHURCH OF CHRIST Hwy. 277 S. Glasscock</p> <p>PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE Willie West, Pastor 509 Amistad 387-3236</p> <p>ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I. 229 SW Plum 387-2278</p> <p>JEHOVAH'S WITNESS 310 St. Ann's Street 387-5658 or 387-5518</p> <p>NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH Don Sessom 511 Cornell 387-5215</p> <p>COWBOY CHURCH Monty Price The Depot Weekly Starting Sept. 2</p>
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Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

SENIOR CENTER

Calendar of Events

November 27 & 28-Center closed for holiday!
December 1- Bingo!
December 3- Trax van to San Angelo! Junior High Choir.
December 4- Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade 5:00-10:00 p.m. Downtown Main Street.

Lunch Menu

Thursday, November 27
Senior Center Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 28
Senior Center Closed for Thanksgiving

Monday, December 1
Baked Chicken, Fried Rice, Zucchini Tomatoes, Rolls, Peach Cobbler

Tuesday, December 2
Salisbury Steak w/Gravy, Blackeyed Peas, Broccoli w/Cheese, Roll, Gelatin w/Fruit

Wednesday, December 3
Steakfingers w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Roll, Fresh Orange

Thursday, December 4
Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Wheat Roll, Carrot Sticks, Applesauce

Friday, December 5
Fish Sticks, Herbed Potatoes, Roll, Peaches, 3 Bean Salad, Lemon Pudding

Guest Meals are \$4.00.
Suggested donation for Senior Citizens is \$1.75.

Ronnie Cox

would like to be your pharmacist.

First NATIONAL BANK

will be closed Thursday, November 27th, in observance of Thanksgiving.

will close at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 26th and will be closed Thursday, November 27th, in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

Both Banks will resume regular banking hours on Friday, November 28th.

Member FDIC

SCHOOL MENU

<p>Monday, December 1 Pancakes w/Syrup, Sausage Patty, Fruit or Juice</p> <p>Wednesday, December 3 Grilled Cheese, Tator Tots, Fruit or Juice</p> <p>Friday, December 5 Doughnut, Oatmeal, Fruit or Juice</p> <p>Hamburgers, French Fries, Peaches, Salad</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 2 Scrambled Eggs, Biscuit w/Jelly, Juice/Fruit</p> <p>Spaghetti w/Meatsauce, Tossed Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Pears, Garlic Toast</p> <p>Thursday, December 4 Egg & Potato Burrito, Fruit or Juice</p> <p>Pepperoni Pizza, corn, Applesauce, Cherry Cobbler</p>
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All meals served with milk

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Community Calendar

November 27

Thursday, November 27
Thanksgiving
First National Bank/Sutton County Bank Closed
No School

Saturday, November 29
2:00 p.m. First Ticket Drawing, Ol' Sonora Parking Lot

Sutton County National Bank
207 Hwy 277 N

December 4

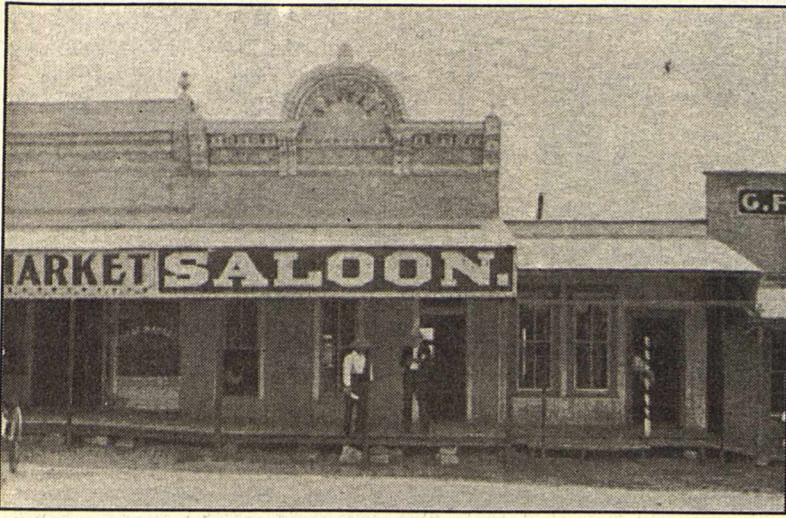
Sunday, November 30
7:00 p.m. Hanging of the Green, First Baptist Church

Thursday, December 4
6:00 p.m. Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade, Main Street

First NATIONAL BANK
Member FDIC 102 N. Main 387-3861

The Community Calendar is made possible by:

Ask The Historical Society



Market - Theo Savell Saloon and Barber Shop

By Jo-Ann E. Palmer

Q. How much did a turkey cost fifty years ago?

A. We couldn't find a price for turkey in the 1947 issue, so called a few of our more mature members on this one. Most of them stated a store bought turkey would cost between 25 and 29 cents a pound about fifty years ago. We did find ham listed for 49 to 59 cents a pound.

In the November 28, 1947 issue of *The Devil's River News* we found the following: The Texas rancher has much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. In most instances his income from livestock has been the greatest in the history of the nation. Western Europe had the lowest per-capita crop yield in history and there was a 900,000 bushel loss in the American corn crop. There was a food emergency in the world and people were being encouraged to save wheat and save meat.

Q. Didn't the Pilgrims celebrate the first Thanksgiving to celebrate their bountiful harvest?

A. The Pilgrims did celebrate a

day of thanksgiving to show their thanks for a bountiful harvest but historians have shown this was not the first celebration of this type.

Ancient Romans made gifts to their household gods and held celebrations for harvests. Incas in ancient Peru sacrificed sheep to the god Mayz, from whom we get our word maize, meaning corn. Centuries before the Pilgrims the Iroquois celebrated thanksgiving harvests with dancing and prayer to the Great Spirit.

The Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony held a feast to celebrate their harvest in the autumn of 1621. This feast was based on celebration they had in Europe for harvest there. This is generally recognized as the origin of Thanksgiving Day in America but it has been disputed at times by prominent historians.

In 1621 after the crops were gathered, Governor Bradford proclaimed a feast day. Chief Massasoit and 90 of his braves came to help celebrate at the invitation of the Governor. The Indians brought venison and other game and the feasting went on for three days.

In 1623, a celebration was held after a long drought. A ship arrived bearing supplies and a religious service was held as well as a feast to give thanks for the much needed supplies. After this an annual thanksgiving feast became customary in New England. On November 26, 1789 President Washington issued a general proclamation for a day of thanks. In 1863 President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November of that year as Thanksgiving Day. Most of the presidents succeeding him did the same each year.

In 1939, 1940, and 1941 President Franklin Roosevelt proclaimed the next-to-last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving to stimulate business by extending the shopping period between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Many of the states ignored him and still observed the last Thursday as the feast day. On December 26, 1941, President Roosevelt signed a joint resolution passed by Congress making the fourth Thursday in November of every year Thanksgiving Day. The day is a national holiday in the United States and Canada. A day set aside to give thanks for the blessings of the year.

As long as we have some space left I thought we would take a look at November 21, 1957 in *The Devil's River News*:

Nelson Stubblefield moved his Sonora Electric Company to the VanderStucken building and Phillip Cooper announced he was opening a barber shop in the Elliott building in the space formerly housed by the Corner Barber Shop.

A Fort Worth firm was awarded

the contract for widening the bridge on the Dry Devil's River on U.S. Highway 290 for a low bid of \$46,960.31. The work was expected to be completed in 75 working days.

Plans were announced by the Ministerial Alliance for a joint Thanksgiving service to be held on Wednesday night at seven at the Methodist Church. A special collection would be made at the service to be split fifty-fifty between the Ministerial Alliance and the Christian Rural Overseas Project.

The Broncos defeated the Eagles 28-13 to take second in District 8-A. There were outstanding plays by Sam Galindo, John Ed Neville and Eddie Sosa.

Evans Foodway had Ranger Farm fancy dressed hen turkeys for 45 cents a pound and were running an advertisement for a free Shetland pony they were going to be giving away. At Joseph's you could get men's western shirts from \$4.98 to \$8.95 and baby chenille full size bed spreads for \$2.49. At Bell's Cash Way you could get a pound of Maryland Club coffee for 79 cents and a giant box of Tide for 69 cents. Piggly Wiggly had 10 pounds of Idaho Russet potatoes for 45 cents and a half gallon of Gandy's milk for 45 cents.

I bet some of you remember those air born B-58 Buicks with their B12000 engine and flight pitch dynaflo or the 58 Chevy Impala convertible with its gull wing rear fenders. Or maybe you had a new Ford Fairlane with its cruise-automatic drive and magic circle steering.

There was plenty to do in town. Mrs. Ratliff had the Idle Hour

Bridge Club at her house that week. Mrs. Vicars was the hostess for the Tuesday Night Bridge Club and Mrs. Bond was the hostess for the Wednesday Luncheon Club. The Club 13 was at Mrs. Neville's and Mrs. Babcock hosted the Pastime Club that week.

There were reports that after years of poor land management the depleted turkey population was making a comeback and that hunters should have no problem bagging their limit.

On Thanksgiving Day I think I will take a ride down by the Sutton County Courthouse. Even though most of us will be sitting down to a big turkey dinner, I bet I can find plenty of them running around the lawn and by the Episcopal Church. It

seems like almost every Sunday and most holidays they appropriate that area for their own. Maybe they know you can't hunt in the city limits. Smart turkeys. I have even seen some turkey and deer in the cemetery lately. No matter how many hunters are out there Rick still sees plenty on 277 every night on his way home. It seems like we are doing a much better job of land management in Sutton County in the present day, even with low rainfall.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to Ask the Historical Society, P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or give me a call after noon or evenings at 915-387-2855. You may e-mail me at schs@sonora.digi-com.net.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!



November 27th
Dub Bearden
Erin Scott
Kristen Shurley
J.R. Solis
28th
Monte Dillard
Nora Dominguez
Shanna Reeves
Cady Taylor
Brandon Wood
29th
Julie Marie Guana
30th
Belia Almaguer
Brenda Chavez

December 1st
Ruben Brown Jr.
John Martin Hidalgo
Sue Moore
Lelo Morales
Manuel Tobias
2nd
Tanya Coronado
Elizabeth Elliott
Angela Herrera
Cassie Krieg
Hanna Swanson
3rd
Barry Graves
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Local youth rock in rehab rock-a-thon

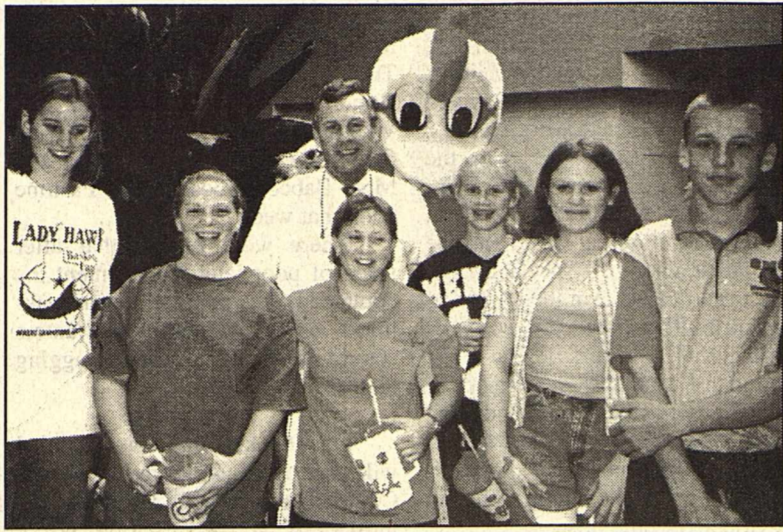
Submitted

It is amazing what a few caring young people, generous donors, and some rocking chairs can accomplish. The Chick-fil-A Rockathon for Rehab on November 1 brought in over \$8,000 to help those served at West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Groups participating at Heartland Mall in Brownwood where Brownwood Middle School Student Council and Early Middle School Council. In Abilene, rockers included Roscoe ISD Student Council, Madison Middle School Student Council, Aspermont FHA, and Olden 4-H. Groups at Sunset Mall-San Angelo were Menard Junior High Student Council, Lincoln Junior High National Honor Society, Central High Student Council, Wall FHA, Wall High Student Council, Sonora Middle School Student Council, and Eldorado High Student Council.

Roscoe once again brought in top dollars, with \$2,015. Second was Menard with \$826, and they were top dollar group in San Angelo. The top dollar group at Heartland Mall was Early Middle School with a total of \$281. Each of these groups will be invited to participate in West Texas Rehab Telethon activities on January 10, 1998, joining Chick-fil-A onstage at Abilene Civic Center to present the check to West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

In addition to their participation at the Telethon, the top dollar group will keep a giant rocking chair at their school for a year and will receive a \$300 donation to their school from Chick-fil-A. Prizes will also go to individuals, including a \$500 scholarship to Eric Martinez from Roscoe, top dollar individual, with over \$1,000 in contributions.



Beau Hughes, right, was top Rockathon collector from Sonora Middle School

Second and third place winners, yet to be determined, will also receive prizes. Each student who collected \$100 or more will receive a T-shirt. Top collector from Sonora was Beau Hughes.

Abilene Chick-fil-A operator

Will Rogers said, "We are most grateful for the young people and their sponsors' hard work and for their giving up a Saturday to 'rock for Rehab.'" They have certainly made life better for a number of folks at West Texas Rehab Center."



A group of Sonora Middle School rockers for rehab

Covarrubiaz completes basic training for Marine Corps

Submitted

November 13, 1997 (FHTNC)-- Marine Pvt. Alfonso Covarrubiaz, whose wife Patty, is the daughter of Nelda and Ruben Yorba Sr. of 105 Tres Street, Sonora, Texas, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Covarrubiaz successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Covarrubiaz and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Covarrubiaz spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first-aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Covarrubiaz and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values-- honor, courage, and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Covarrubiaz and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54 hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Covarrubiaz joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

He is a 1997 graduate of Eldorado High School of Eldorado, Texas.



County Judge Carla Garner, Sutton County National Bank President A.W. Bishop, Ag Commissioner Candidate Susan Combs and First National Bank President John Childers take time out from a reception for Mrs. Combs to pose for a picture.



The Eastern New Mexico University women's cross country team took first place at the West Texas A&M Buffalo Stampede Oct. 10 in Canyon, Texas.

Veronica Samaniego, a 1996 graduate of Sonora High School came in second just 10 seconds out of first place. It is the first trophy won by the women's program in school history.

A sophomore at ENMU, she is the daughter of Ruben and Connie Samaniego of Sonora.



These adorable puppies are waiting for a good home. If interested, contact Dr. Gene Gibbons at Sonora Animal Hospital 387-2481.

Search for missing pilot & craft still underway

Submitted

College Station-The search for a missing airplane piloted by Texas A&M University Professor Raymond L. Tilford is currently under way in an area between Bryan and Van Horn, Texas.

Tilford, 62, left Coulter Field in Bryan at approximately 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13 en route to Van Horn, where he was to meet a group of Texas A&M geology students on a field trip Friday morning. Van Horn is approximately 125 miles southwest of El Paso.

When Tilford did not arrive as anticipated, his students called the Bryan air field to find out if he had left there as scheduled.

The Civil Air Patrol has been searching for the plane- a white Cessna 180 with a maroon stripe and the tail number 20MF- since Saturday, says John Happ, associated director of aviation at Texas A&M's Easterwood Airport and a CPA member. Happ is serving as coordinator with Tilford's family. The actual search is under the direction of Orlan Scott in Georgetown.

The plane is described as a "tail-dragger" high-winged aircraft that can seat four, CAP officials say. Tilford was believed to have food, water and a sleeping bag aboard the plane.

Anyone who believes they may have seen or heard this aircraft Thursday night or has information on its whereabouts is asked to call Carol Weiss at 512-914-6768.

The CAP is especially interested in hearing about reports of low-flying aircraft, explosions or loud thuds.

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11/29	Eldorado	There	6:00
12/2	Eldorado	Here	4:00 5:30
12/9	Wall	There	5:00 6:30

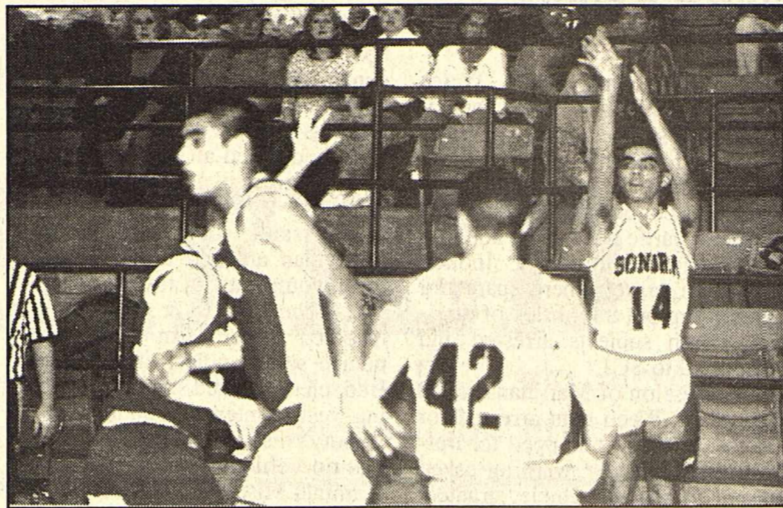
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Renfro-12	1	2	0	0
Emiliano-14	3	7	5	5
Luna-20	3	8	3	0
Wood-32	1	2	5	8
Legan-40	0	2	6	8
Anderson-42	3	0	5	2
McLaurin-44	1	0	1	3
Dempsey-52	0	1	4	4
Mayer-54	0	1	1	0



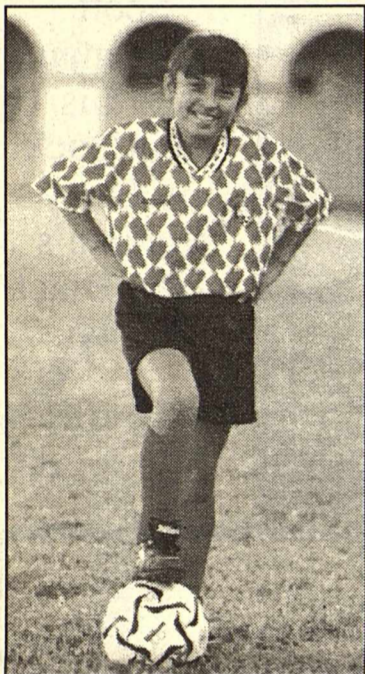
Mayer Anderson, #42, gets in position as Fernie Emiliano, #14 shoots for 3. Sonora Broncos were narrowly defeated by the Lake View Chiefs, Friday night at Sonora High gym.

Scorers were Fernie Emiliano - 17, Anthony Renfro - 9 and Ty Harrelson - 9. Rebounds: Kasey Wood - 9, Ty Harrelson - 6 and Fernie Emiliano - 6.



Freshmen started a great season against Wall.

McGee competes in soccer playoffs

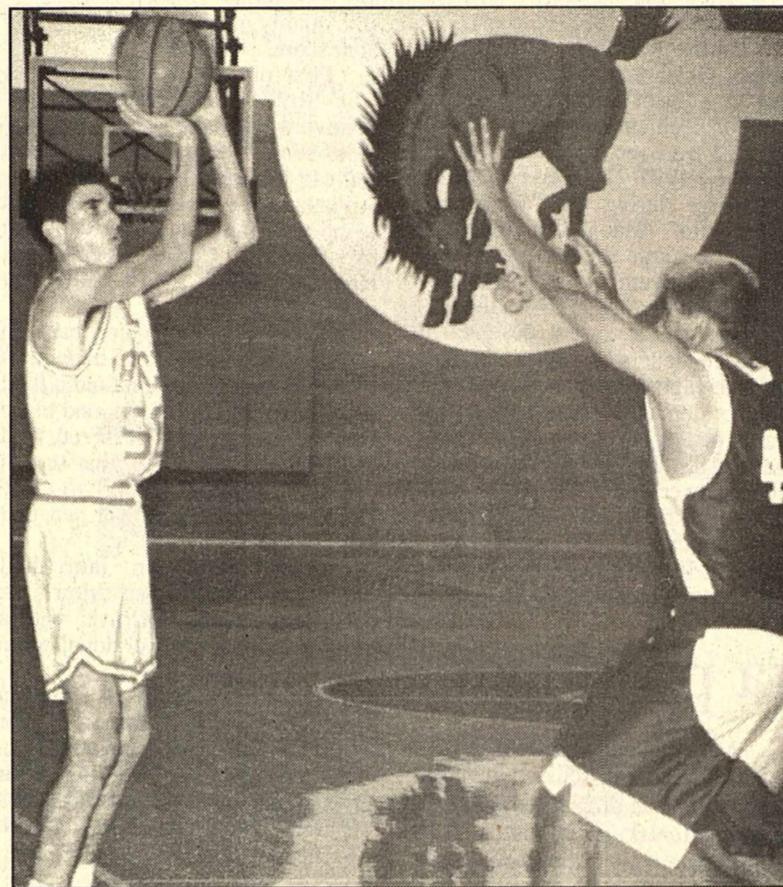


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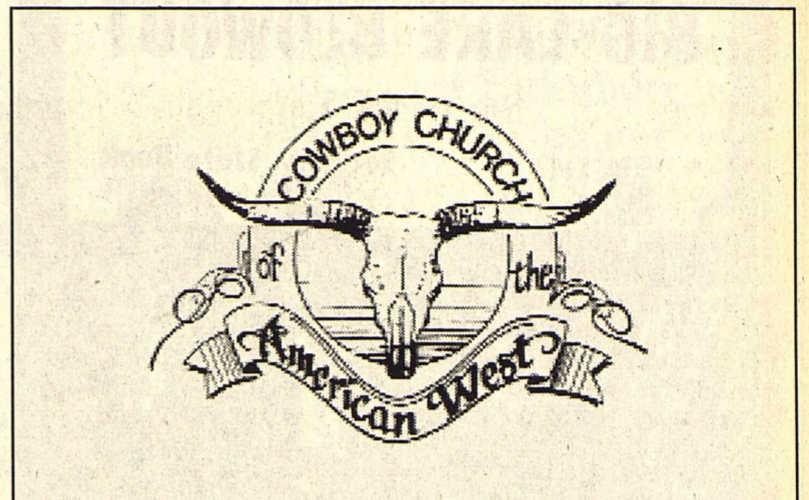
On Saturday, November 15, 1997, Dee McGee joined a soccer team from San Angelo in Abilene for the end of the season soccer playoffs.

She was selected from the Sonora Colts soccer team. They were to play two out of three games, but only played two due to the weather in Abilene.

Unfortunately, they lost to the 1996 #1 team in West Texas. She was cheered on by her family and friend Michelle Hernandez.



Russell Dempsey puts one up. Sonora JV Broncos defeated Lakeview 55 to 40 Friday night. Isaac Ramos scored 15, Russell Dempsey 12, and Ernie Perez 7.



Cowboy Church of Sonora to welcome guest speaker

Submitted

We are proud to announce that we are having a special guest speaker coming here to Sonora. Jim Loper is the Head Pastor at Cornerstone Church in Borger, TX. In 1987, he moved to Borger and started a word church with just a little bible study. In 1989, Stanley and Daphney Adams began to go to his church and went there until January of 1996. During that time, God grew a church from 50 families to nearly 500 in regular attendance. Jim Loper has a heart to minister the Word of God for life changing results.

This last June, what began as a one week revival service became a move of God that is still continuing to this day. Jim Loper is coming here with the fire of revival still fresh in his heart.

Jim Loper will be here December the 2nd at the Sonora Auction Barn. The service will start at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcomed to come and bring a friend. For more information please call Stanley and Daphney Adams 915-387-6141.

Cowboy Church is still meeting every Tuesday at 7:00 pm with other guest speakers also. Monty Price and his family are going to be here the next two weeks after Jim Loper. The singing will be by Susan and Leann Price. Come and be blessed by their wonderful singing and his anointed preaching.

We would like to give a special



thanks to Robert and Maida Bryson for the use of the Sonora Auction Barn. They are such a blessing to us in allowing us to meet there. Thank You very much.

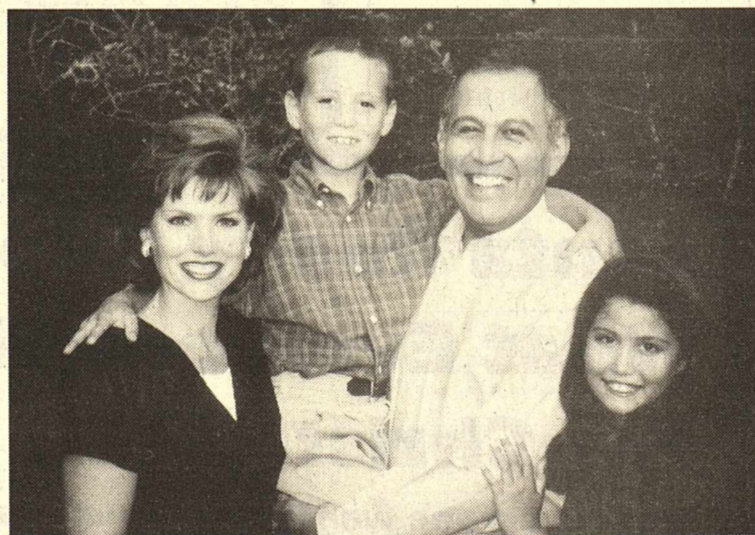
Also we want to thank Preston and Linda Love for the use of rooms for the guest speakers. You also have been a wonderful blessing to us. Thank You from COWBOY CHURCH OF SONORA.

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A Holiday Thought

As we prepare for the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, it's comforting to stop and reflect about the importance of giving thanks. David Barton, president of Wall Builders, reminds us of the meaning of the first Thanksgiving festival, which our family would like to share with yours.



Deborah, Austin, Henry and Allie Bonilla

The First Thanksgiving Festival

The Pilgrims left Plymouth, England, on September 6, 1620. Their destination? The New World. Although filled with uncertainty and peril, it offered both civil and religious liberty.

For over two months, the 102 passengers braved the harsh elements of a vast storm-tossed sea. Finally, with firm purpose and a reliance on Divine Providence, the cry of "Land!" was heard.

Arriving in Massachusetts in late November, the Pilgrims sought a suitable landing place. On December 11, just before disembarking at Plymouth Rock, they signed the "Mayflower Compact" - America's first document of civil government and the first to introduce self-government.

After a prayer service, the Pilgrims began building hasty

shelters. However, unprepared for the starvation and sickness of a harsh New England winter, nearly half died before spring. Yet, persevering in prayer, and assisted by helpful Indians, they reaped a bountiful harvest the following summer.

The grateful Pilgrims then declared a three-day feast, starting on December 13, 1621, to thank God and to celebrate with their Indian friends. While this was not the first Thanksgiving in America (thanksgiving services were held in Virginia as early as 1607), it was the first Thanksgiving Festival. Pilgrim Edward Winslow described the Pilgrims' Thanksgiving in these words: "Our harvest being gotten in, our Governor sent four men on fowling (bird hunting) so that we might, after a special manner, rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors. They four in one day

killed as much fowl as...served the company almost a week...[Many] of the Indians [came] amongst us and...their greatest King, Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted; and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought...And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God we are...far from want."

That festival became the precedent for our modern holiday. As you celebrate Thanksgiving this year, retain that original gratefulness to God, and remember that it is to those early and courageous Pilgrims that we owe not only our traditional Thanksgiving holiday but also the concepts of self-government, the "hard-work" ethic, self-reliant communities, and devout religious faith.



Meat Goat show held in Big Lake

Submitted
The Second Annual Big Lake Blowout Meat Goat Show was held on November 15 and 16. There were eleven exhibitors from Sonora that participated on both days. They were: Brad Mogford, Chris Strubhart, Brandy Neff, Dustin Neff, Desirae Morris-Boldt, Stephani Morris, Mandy Brister, Courtney Strubhart, Colton Moore, and Ashley Bible, Jeremiah McLaughlin. On November 15, there were 262 goats and the judging was done by Frank Craddock. The following day there were 186 goats judged by Shawn Ramsey.

Placing was as follows: November 15, CLASS 1-- 4th- Ashley Bible, 5th- Ashley Bible,

7th- Dustin Neff. CLASS 2-- 2nd- Brad Mogford, 8th- Colton Moore, 9th- Mandy Brister. CLASS 3- 1st- Mandy Brister, 5th- Ashley Bible. CLASS 4- 5th- Desirae Morris-Boldt. CLASS 5--2nd - Colton Moore. CLASS 6-- 4th- Ashley Bible, 8th- Stephani Morris. November 16, CLASS 1- 3rd- Brandy Neff, 5th- Ashley Bible, 8th- Mandy Brister, 9th- Ashley Bible, 10th- Brandy Neff. CLASS 2- 2nd Colton Moore, 5th- Brad Mogford. CLASS 3-- 2nd- Ashley Bible, 12th- Mandy Brister. CLASS 4-- 3rd- Colton Moore, 7th- Desirae Morris-Boldt, 10th- Desirae Morris-Boldt. CLASS 5-- 6th- Ashley Bible, 9th- Mandy Brister, 10th- Brad Mogford.

Police Report

10/24/97
Possession of marijuana, Water Ave., 2 black males from Tampa, FL., subject stopped on traffic violation, issued warning asked consent to search, driver gave consent, while officer was conducting search located several garlic pods, after noticing pods Officer Humphrey, looked underneath carpet where spare tire goes, no tire but 8 lb. brick of marijuana. Both subjects arrested and transported to SCJ.
11/7-Possession of Marijuana, 1000 N Crockett, Waco man arrested for possession, subject stopped for traffic violation, issued warning asked consent to search vehicle, granted, found in blue fanny pack in car, arrested transported to SCJ.
11/8-Driving while intoxicated, Deerwood, local man, officers received call of possible drunk driver in 900 block of East Poplar, caller advised subject was driving on wrong side of roadway, officers located vehicle honking horn in front of apartment, officers pulled

up behind subject activated emergency lights, subject drove off and parked in adjacent parking lot, subject was given several field sobriety tests, and failed all that were given, subject arrested and transported to SCJ.
11/9-Assault, 104 Calle Useues, local man arrested after assaulting local woman at that residence.
11/13-Theft, I-10 & 277, Officer received panic alarm from convenience store, subject stole 18 pack Bud, clerk advised subject left heading west on interstate, Sutton County Deputy was already west bound and met no vehicle heading west.
Criminal Mischief, 308 S. Hwy 277, b/t 8 p.m. 11/12 and 8:30 a.m. 11/13 someone damaged front seat of U-Haul truck est. damage \$300 no suspects at this time.
11/14-Assault, local juvenile assaulted 11/13 by two local juveniles, pending investigation.
Six accidents worked this month to date, Please have a safe holiday keep all packages hidden.

1997 TCFA Fed Beef winners announced

Submitted
Cattle Feeding Country of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico has long been known as the best place to feed cattle. And the best of the best were recognized as winners of the 1997 TCFA Fed Beef Challenge during the "Visualizing the Future" Annual Convention of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA), November 17th in Austin.
Sponsored by TCFA, the Fed Challenge is a contest designed to let cattle feeders compete in producing the high quality beef that consumers demand. A total of 26 feed yards entered 48 pens of steers and heifers in the contest. Cattle in the contest were scored on an index developed by TCFA to identify optimum carcasses. The index uses a base of 100 points and is adjusted for ribeye area, internal fat, back fat

and quality grade to arrive at the final score.
First place pen of steers was won by C-Bar Feedyard of Plainview with a pen that had a total index score of 284.92. Second place went to Carson County Feed yards at Panhandle with a pen that scored 282.62 and third place was captured by Keeling Cattle Feeders at Hereford with a set of cattle that scored 256.46.
C-Bar Feedyard came back to capture first place pen of heifers, as well. The pen of three tallied a final index score of 276.96. Second place was captured by Wes Tex Feed Yard at Muleshoe with a pen that scored 268.64 and third went to XIT Feeders at Dalhart with a pen that scored 254.96.
Grand champion individual honors went to Vance Morris & Sons Stock Farm at Gruver with a carcass that had an individual score of 111.3.
The Manager's Evaluation Contest was won by Monte Koller of Cactus Feeders headquartered in Amarillo and the "Judging Your Own Pen" evaluation contest was captured by Patrick Kircher with XIT Feeders.

Rig Locations as of November 21, 1997

Crockett County
New Union Oil/Midland; 12,000', Wayne West Ranch A-#8, Patterson Drilling.
U.P.R.; 9,800', Perner Ranch 3301#, Patterson Drilling.
New U.P.R.; 10,000', Couch 2-29 #3H, Patterson Drilling.
New U.P.R.; 10,000', Vada Bean #7, Patterson Drilling.
New Harrison Interest; 9,400', Joe Wylie McMullan #9, Patterson Drilling.
New U.P.R.; 7,800', Millspaugh 38-#10 Patterson Drilling.
New J. Cleo Thompson/Dal; 10,000', University 46-16 #1, Patterson Drilling.
New U.P.R.; 9,800', Perner Ranch #4301H, Patterson Drilling.
New WTG Exploration; 7,500', Hunt-Miller #3, Patterson Drilling.
New U.P.R.; 7,500', Tom Mitchell-State-20C#4, Patterson Drilling.
New U.P.R.; 7,500', Millspaugh-14D-#5, Patterson Drilling.
New U.P.R.; 7,200', Crystelle Childress-28D-#12, Patterson Drilling

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New Lomak Production; 6,000', WL Miers C-#39, Cleere Drilling.
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Burlington Res/Mid; 5,300', Roy Baker #2103, Patterson Drilling.

Sutton County
New Louis Dreyfus/OKC; 8,100', Jones Ranch #1872, Patterson Drilling.
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Scott Kaufman killed this 16 point buck on Larry Finklea's Miers Black Ranch.

Marlboro Man helps Angora producers

Submitted
The Marlboro man, America's best known export symbol, could help Texas Angora goat producers to expand their overseas sales of mohair fiber, Mohair Council of America leaders learned here recently.
"American image sells goods. Everyone in China wants to ride a horse, wear a yellow slicker and smoke a cigarette like the Marlboro man," council executive director Zane Willard observed.
Willard, who just returned from a trip to mainland China where he visited a number of mills making woollen goods in the Shanghai area, believes the China market could be an important source of income for

Texas producers. "They have the expertise to use mohair if they can get the fiber," he said.
"China is a complicated place to do business," Willard noted. However, the council has made contact with a Chinese representative who has expertise in the fiber import-export business and who is interested in selling mohair to Chinese manufacturers.
Willard reported that the council's yarn and fabric exhibit was well received at the recent Asia Interstoff fair in Hong Kong. Our goal is to continue discussions with the contacts we made to encourage their use of mohair. The fair is an excellent place to make industry contacts, he said.

Mohair Council executive committee members discussed the possibility of bringing select Chinese manufacturers to Texas at some future date so that they could experience the "Texas mystique." As a result of the trip, the council has registered its mohair logo trademark with the China Ministry of Textiles.
The marketing of mohair to China, India and other developing nations will be discussed in detail at the Mohair Council's annual meeting in San Angelo on January 21, 1998, said Lanny Leinweber of Mountain Home, council president.

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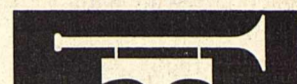
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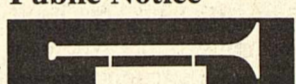
Bid packages with specifications will be presented at the pre-bid meeting; therefore, you must notify Judge Neville G. Smart, Jr. at (830) 683-6122 by December 8, 1997, of your intent to attend the pre-bid meeting.

Sealed bids will be accepted until 2:30 p.m. on January 5, 1998, and then opened and read by Edwards' County representatives.

Minority owned businesses are encouraged to attend and bid. Usual rights reserved.

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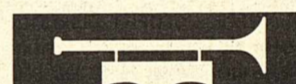
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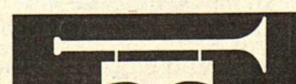
Sealed proposals for **PICNIC AREA AND LITTER BARREL MAINTENANCE** on various roads in Sutton, Crockett, Irion and Reagan Counties and covered by Contract No. RMC - 6023-58-001 will be received in the Assembly Room of the Texas Department of Transportation's District Complex located at 4502 Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas until **2:00 p.m., December 17, 1997** and then publicly opened and read. **Only prequalified contractors are eligible to bid. THERE WILL NOT BE A PRE-BID MEETING FOR THIS PROJECT.**

Requests for proposals for the above mentioned contract can be made in the office of Mr. Dennis W. Wilde, P.E., Director of Operations, 915/944-1501, Loop 306 & Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas 76904. Plans and specifications must be requested thru Austin Plan Rooms.

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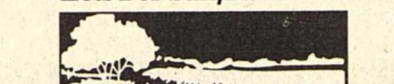
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

WTU offers holiday lighting tips & cautions

Submitted

Holiday lighting with its twinkle and color, adds much to festivities this time of year. To keep your holidays merry and bright, decorate with safety in mind.

"Stringing lights is a fun activity for families," says Paul Valdez, safety consultant for West Texas Utilities Company. "Whether it's along the roof or on a tree, special lighting displays help welcome in the season. But people need to string lights carefully and avoid electrical hazards."

WTU offers the following tips for safe lighting: Outdoors—Use only lights approved for outdoor use with a "UL-approved" label. They are safety tested by Underwriters Laboratories. Check strings and extension cords for damage. Light strings and extension cords can crack and fray. Check all strings, sockets and cords for damage before you plug in your lights. Discard any frayed or damaged items you find. Be sure extension cords are capable of carrying the electrical load you are connecting. Each extension cord carries a rating which indicates its maximum load.

Cover connections with plastic wrap and seal with electrical tape and use rubber gaskets in sockets to keep water out. For added protection, hang lights downward from the house or tree.

Use insulated staples to attach wires to wood surfaces. Do not staple, tack or nail through wiring insulation or the

conductor. Brass cup hooks are most convenient to use around the eaves of your house.

When using a ladder to string lights, always make sure it is clear of any overhead electrical lines. These lines can cause serious injury if you or your equipment should come in contact with them.

When working with outdoor lights, make sure your power is off. It is best to control outdoor lighting with a separate circuit breaker.

Indoor: Use only lights approved by Underwriters Laboratories. They will have a UL tag attached. Check all light strings for cracked insulation, frayed cords, wires, or faulty plugs. Replace any damaged strings with "UL-approved" lights. Check and replace damaged extension cords. When stringing lights, make sure the power is off. Don't overload wall sockets. Use a separate circuit if possible or a wall socket that is on a switch by itself. Always unplug lights when the tree or house is unattended.

It is best that extension cords not be used, but, if necessary, place extension cords so they won't cause people to trip. Do not run them under rugs or carpets. Be sure to use only the length of extension cord needed and one capable of carrying the load connected to it.

Water the tree frequently to prevent bulbs from scorching pine needles. Don't place hot bulbs inside a container or near cloth, paper or other flammable ornaments.

Cranberry Sauce and Pumpkin Pie

by Ralph F. Wilson

Turkeys and cornucopias and pilgrim hats. Seasoned stuffing hot from the oven. Creamed onions, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. Uncles and aunts and cousins to play with. Grandmothers and grandfathers with family gathered round. Children waiting for the Great Pumpkin rise over Charlie Brown's pumpkin patch and dads watching college football. A day to relax and maybe rake leaves in the afternoon.

But Thanksgiving? How much will our celebrations tomorrow have to do with giving thanks?

A glance at the first Thanksgiving brings it all back. On December 21, 1620 the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth rock. Through the dead of winter the colony struggled with poor and meager food, strenuous labor, a biting wind that chilled to the bone, and the ravages of disease. Nearly half the 102 Mayflower passengers did not live to see Spring refresh Cape Cod Bay.

But God sent Indians—Samoset, Squanto, and Massasoit—to help the English settlers plant and hunt and

fish. The bountiful harvest that autumn led Governor Bradford to invite the Indians to celebrate God's goodness. Ninety tall braves accepted the invitation to join the Pilgrims in a feast of Thanksgiving to God for His blessings.


The Pilgrims lived close enough to the soil to know how dependent they were on God's Providence. They had learned to thank God in the midst of the bitterness of winter past. And they were quick to thank Him during abundant blessing, too.

We teach our children to say "please" and "thank you" as the rudiments of courtesy, yet it is so easy to be rude and unthinking toward God. How often we forget to gratefully acknowledge His goodness towards us.

This Thanksgiving let your prayers and expressions of love rise toward your Heavenly Father.

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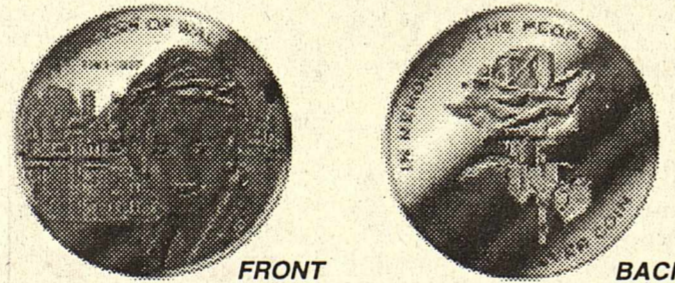
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