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Claudia Dempsey Returns Home



Yellow ribbons and "Welcome Home" signs from loved ones lined the streets and the Dempsey house to welcome Claudia back to Sonora.

by Andi Allen

After spending the past seven months in hospitals in Denver and San Antonio recovering from complications of a perforated colon, Claudia Dempsey returned home to Sonora on Saturday, January 13.

Claudia was vacationing with her family in Colorado when, on July 10, 2000, her lupus medication caused her abdominal tissue to deteriorate, her colon to perforate, and she went into septic shock. She was airlifted to University Hospital in Denver where she remained in Intensive Care for 15 weeks.

During that time, Claudia was on life support and underwent three operations. She had acute respiratory distress and became ventilator dependent, and was so weak that she could barely move.

At the end of October, Claudia was transferred to Vencor-Denver, a pulmonary rehabilitation hospital whose main function is to get patients off ventilators and respirators. The amount of breathing assistance from Claudia's ventilator was reduced at gradual intervals. By the week before Thanksgiving, Claudia was able to breathe on her

own, although she required supplementary oxygen.

A big step in her recovery process was getting to go downstairs to Vencor's cafeteria to eat Thanksgiving dinner with her family.

Following a successful wean from the ventilator, Claudia was able to return to Texas when the doctors decided that she was strong enough to make a direct, commercial flight. On December 19, Claudia and her mother flew from Denver to San Antonio where Claudia was admitted to Warm Springs, a strictly physical rehabilitation hospital. While there, Claudia did physical therapy twice a day to strengthen her lower body and occupational therapy twice a day to strengthen her upper body. She was required to perform such tasks as bed making, cooking, vacuuming, doing laundry and setting a table before the doctors would release her.

At about 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Claudia arrived home.

"It's hard to describe how I felt," she said of returning to Sonora. "We saw the Sutton County line and then Sonora city limits. It was almost like a dream."

Healy Appointed to Fill Smith's Position on Hospital Board

The regular meeting of the Sutton County Hospital District, Board of Directors, was held on Monday, January 8, 2001. The following directors were present: Alvis Johnson, Jr., President, Virginia Epps, Sherrill Dannheim, Lenora Pool, Preston Faris, Lewis Allen. Also present were: Rex Ann Friess, Sutton County Chief Appraiser; Dianne Dower, Keith Butler, Administrator, employee and residents of the District, and Kathy Knight, Board Secretary.

After being called to order by Dr. Johnson, minutes from prior meetings were approved as written.

Ray Smith submitted his resignation from the Board, due to his early retirement. Lewis Allen made the motion to accept Mr. Smith's resignation with regret. Virginia Epps seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Dr. Johnson advised that Mr. Smith had visited with Michael Healy regarding the position on the Board. Mr. Healy had shown interest in the position. Upon a motion made by Virginia Epps, seconded by Lenora Pool, the Board appointed Michael Healy to fill Mr. Smith's position. This term expires in 2004.

Rex Ann Friess, County Tax Appraiser, reported that 34% of our tax levy had been collected as of December 31st. This is 4% less than this time last year.

Mrs. Dower advised the Board that at a previous meeting, Mr. Fahs, with the North American Fund Development Service, had addressed the Board regarding setting up a fund development program. With no definite plans, the Board had tabled any action until this meeting. Dower advised that the Board could get a three month contract with North American and do a feasibility study to see if it would be beneficial to continue with any further plans for this program. Discussion was held regarding the contract, including a discussion regarding the Corporate Board helping on this expense. Lewis Allen made the motion to enter into a three month contract with North

American Fund Development Service for the feasibility study and to designate \$10,000 of the Corporate Board money to pay for this expense. Sherrill Dannheim seconded the motion. Motion carried. Lenora Pool made the motion for the Directors to bring 10-15 names back to the next meeting. After a discussion, Mrs. Pool amended her motion for each of the Directors to submit approximately 15 names to the next meeting and to sign the contract starting March 1, 2001. Lewis Allen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Sherrill Dannheim, seconded by Preston Faris, to approve the bad debt write-off list of \$9,322.64. Motion carried.

Ms. Lara advised the Board that at the last meeting the indigent care policy was revised to not pay any out of county bills for indigent care. The District has had a contract with UTMB in Galveston for indigent care patients that need surgery. With the revised indigent care policy, this contract with UTMB needs to be canceled with a 30 day notice. Discussion was held regarding this contract. Sherrill Dannheim made the motion to cancel this contract with a 30 days notice. Lewis Allen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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Lady Broncos Undefeated in District Play

by Heather Felts

The Sonora Lady Broncos started their district season on January 5, 2001 in Junction. Having struggled in the pre-season, the girls were looking for a change of pace for the district season. Having gone to the play-offs last year, the Lady Broncos were hoping to see the team succeed once again.

The Lady Broncos started out their district season confidently as they defeated the Lady Eagles 39 - 21. Taking hold from the beginning the Lady Broncos never let Junction get ahead. The girls had a small

2001 Sutton County Junior Livestock Show Results

Sutton County 4-H and FFA members crowded into the 4-H Civic Center on Friday, January 12 and Saturday, January 13 to show their stock at the 2001 Sutton County Junior Livestock Show.

Emily Earwood was the big winner in the Registered Angora Goat Division, winning both Champion and Reserve Champion. Emily was also awarded the B.M. Halbert Award, donated by the Bloodworth Family and Lee Silver Co. and the Reserve Grand Champion Angora Goat award, donated by Terry & Elizabeth Schenkel.

Landon Brockman was the Champion in the Commercial Angora Goat division and Laura Martin was the Reserve Champion.

The Angora Goat Division is sponsored by The Bank & Trust - Sutton County.

First place in the Senior Showmanship went to Landon Brockman and second went to Marilyn Holman. Emily Earwood took first place in the Junior Showmanship and Cash Jennings took second.

Dayton and Pam Armke donated

the Angora Showmanship award.

In the Swine Division, sponsored by Top Notch Trophies & Awards (Reggie Williams), Justin Sims showed the Champion and Cady Taylor showed the Reserve Champion.

Showmanship awards in the Swine Division went to Brea Hughes and Reserve Champion. Emily was also awarded the B.M. Halbert Award, donated by the Bloodworth Family and Lee Silver Co. and the Reserve Grand Champion Angora Goat award, donated by Terry & Elizabeth Schenkel.

Tom Jacoby was the overall winner in the Meat Goat Division, sponsored by Shurley XS Ranch. Jacoby had the Champion and Reserve Champion Meat Goat and won the Senior Showmanship award, given by Cathy Ball. Thomas Bloodworth was second in the Meat Goat Senior Showmanship.

Rocky and Janalyn Jones donated the Junior Showmanship award. This year's winners were Dustin Neff first and Steely Ingham second.

The Market Lamb Division, sponsored by the First National Bank was primarily led by William Renfro, showing the Champion

Finewool Lamb, as well as the Champion and Reserve Champion Crossbred Lambs.

Tom Jacoby showed the Reserve Champion Finewool Lamb.

The Federal Land Bank Association sponsored the Market Lamb Division Showmanship Awards. The Senior Showmanship went to William Renfro and the Junior Showmanship went to Brandy Neff. Class placements went as follows:

Market Lamb Division Finewool Division Light Weight

1st-William Renfro, 2nd-Tom Jacoby, 3rd-William Renfro, 4th-Dustin Neff, 5th-Anna Butterbredt, 6th-Elle Newton

Medium Weight

1st-William Renfro, 2nd-William Renfro, 3rd-Tom Jacoby, 4th-Emily Newton, 5th-Chelsey Lou Campbell, 6th-Chelsey Lou Campbell

Heavy Weight

1st-William Renfro, 2nd-Tom Jacoby, 3rd-Brea Hughes, 4th-Chelsey Lou Campbell

Finewool Cross Division Light Weight

1st-William Renfro, 2nd-Brea Hughes, 3rd-Tom Jacoby, 4th-Mandy Brister, 5th Tom Jacoby

Medium Weight

1st-William Renfro, 2nd-Tom Jacoby, 3rd-Mandy Brister, 4th-William Renfro, 5th-Brandon West

Heavy Weight

1st-William Renfro, 2nd-William Renfro, 3rd-Tom Jacoby, 4th-Brandy Neff, 5th-Anna Butterbredt, 6th-Erin Newton, 7th-Brandon West

Meat Goat Division Class No. 1, 52-71 lbs.

1st-Bailey Joe Pennington, 2nd-Zenon Acosta, 3rd-Bailey Joe Pennington, 4th-Colton Moore, 5th-John Duke Hudson, 6th-Cash Jennings, 7th-Bryce Williams, 8th-Jalys Mabry, 9th-Kylie Johnson, 10th-Colton Moore, 11th-Jena Teasley, 12th-John Duke Hudson, 13th-Anna Butterbredt, 14th-Jena

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School Board Receives Facilities Report

by Storie Sharp

At the January 15 meeting of the Sonora ISD Board it was reported that December was not a good month for the Cafeteria. Due to holidays, finals and early dismissal, the number of meals sold were low. This happens every December and the cafeteria is working on ways to cut down on food preparation for these days.

Craig Hudson and John Berry gave the Technology Report. They reported that funding would be received from the Ty Grant for a distance learning lab. Sites at several

locations are being studied for the location of the lab. Hudson also reported that applications have been made for an ERATE grant to help fund existing technology costs. The last grant reported on was a TIFF grant, that won't be funded until May 1, if granted. This grant is a matching grant for up to \$100,000, which the District would have to match 10%.

The Board then discussed budget amendments due to a check from the Booster Club for \$4,000 and a travel reimbursement for AP

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Santa Makes Unscheduled Visit to Sonora



For the sixth consecutive Christmas season, Randy Wuest has played the part of Santa Claus or his long lost brother, Pancho Claus, at local Christmas parties. Each year Randy donates the money he earns by working these parties to the Ministerial Alliance. What started as a \$200 donation six years ago has grown to over \$800, and Randy hopes that this will continue to increase.

Wuest said that he began making the donations after having to borrow money from the Ministerial Alliance to help a homeless friend. He promised to pay the loan back and did so by playing Santa that year. He says he will continue to play the part as long as he can.

The Ministerial Alliance helps local families in need and depends on donations and volunteers.

Why Your Natural Gas Bills Are Higher This Winter

By Commissioner Charles Matthews
Railroad Commission of Texas

During the last year I have been traveling throughout the state discussing the challenges facing the Texas natural gas industry. As the demand for natural gas is increasing, we are seeing the tightening of supply.

Experts in the energy field expect the U.S. demand for natural gas to grow during the next decade. By 2010, it is projected to be more than 30 percent over the 1998 level. In addition to the national demand picture, Texas natural gas consumption has been increasing steadily over the last six years. The biggest driver for that growth is gas-fired electric generation.

On most residential and commercial gas bills, gas is a "pass-through" cost. Utilities make no profit on the cost of gas; they simply pass through to the consumer what it costs the utility to purchase the gas in the marketplace. When natural gas costs increase, consumers face higher bills. When natural gas costs decrease, consumers pay less. Utilities make their profit from distributing the natural gas to consumers. In most cases, the rate that a utility charges for distributing natural gas is approved by the city in which it serves, but in some cases the rate is approved by the Railroad Commission of Texas.

The cost of natural gas is market based, subject to the forces of supply and demand, and changes frequently. The major cause of recent high natural gas prices has been uneasiness in the marketplace over natural gas supply. Simply put, the injection rate of gas into storage was too slow to comfort the market for this winter's heating season. Consumption of natural gas in the summer is usually relatively low, which allows excess gas to be injected into storage. However, gas

that would otherwise have been injected into storage was being used to generate electricity to run air conditioners.

While natural gas imports have been rising significantly in recent years, the United States may be running into some short-term supply constraints. Several years of relatively low prices have slowed down exploration and drilling for new sources of supply. During the first downturn in 1986, the oil and gas industry lost over 500,000 jobs nationwide. In addition to that number, another 50,000 jobs were lost during the most recent downturn of 1998-1999, which lasted over 18 months. The recent higher prices should be causing an increase in drilling opportunities, and in fact rig counts have increased significantly from a year ago. However, at the Commission we are seeing a decline in drilling permits and completion permits for natural gas wells. This should not be happening. This shows that we have lost talented, qualified people in the industry who have the ability to identify and explore new fields, drill new wells, and increase production. The new wells that will be coming on line may not begin to yield significant increases in actual production until later in the year.

The demand for natural gas most certainly exists, and the resource is in the ground. The problem is how to stimulate production and ensure that the necessary infrastructure to move gas to consumers remains available. In the long run, the market will answer most of these concerns. But regulatory and legislative policies will certainly influence how quickly the market responds. I believe that with the growing demand for gas by electric generation in Texas, the Railroad Commission and the Texas Legislature should be considering policies

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2-AA All District Football 2000

The 2-AA All-District Football team was recently chosen. Sonora's Bryce Williams was chosen as the 2-AA MVP. Offensive Player of the Year went to Bill Renfro and Defensive Player of the Year was awarded to Thomas Bloodworth.

Broncos chosen for the 1st Team - Offense were:

Offensive Lineman - Dustin Patino and Thomas Schenkel
Tight End - Riley Crain
Wide Receiver - James Elliott

Running Back - Tom Jacoby

Kicker - Javier Gaytan

2nd Team Offense

Center - Beau Hughes
Wide Receiver - Matt Torres

Broncos chosen for the 1st Team - Defense were:

Defensive Lineman - Anthony Sanchez and Chris Green
Defensive End - Jerrad Solis

Linebacker - Danny Solis
Secondary - James Elliott
Defensive End - Riley Crain

Linebacker - Tom Jacoby
Secondary - Matt Torres
Shane Mathews was chosen

for Special Teams and Jason Herring was chosen as 2-AA All District Coach of the Year.

Broncos chosen for the Honorable Mention All - District Football team were: Javier Gaytan and Jake Trainer - Offensive Line, Stetson Hall - Linebacker/Kicker, Cole Cearley - Linebacker, Sean Fields - Secondary, Chance Armke - Running Back, Jacob Percuffill - Special Teams and Cameron Sims - Wide Receiver.

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Sonora Church Directory

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Rick Sanchez
504 Santa Clara
387-2035

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST
304 N. Water
387-3190

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Don Longoria, Pastor
Corner of Hwy. 277 S. and Glasscock

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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Pastor
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387-2951

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Randy Greenwood
Pastor
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Rev. Ted W. Harris
404 E. Poplar
387-2955

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229 W. Plum
387-2278

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Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor
201 N. Water
387-2466

JEHOVAH'S WITNESS
310 St. Ann's Street
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Rev. Santos Beserra, Jr.
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387-5713

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511 Cornell
387-5207

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Charles Huffman
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387-5366

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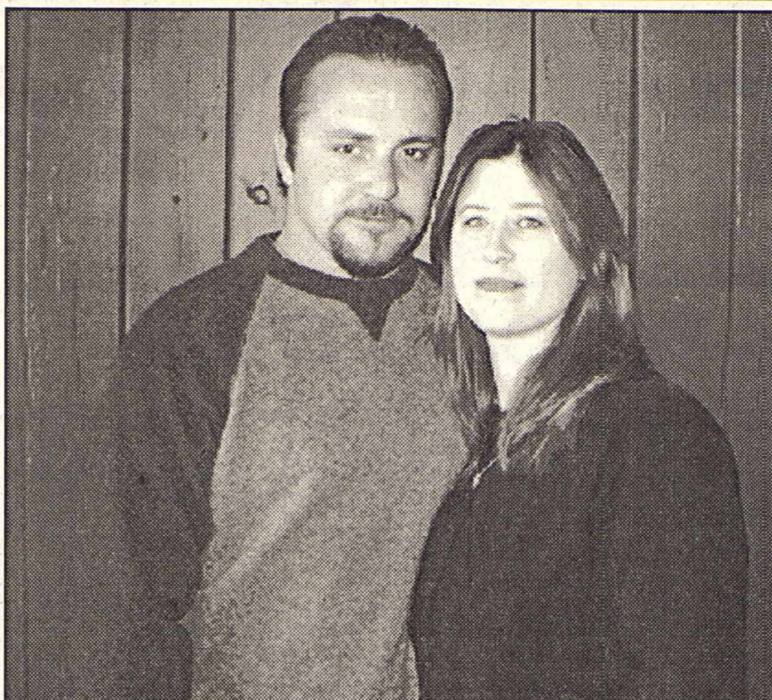
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387-3241

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387-6065

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SONORA, TX 76950
(915)387-2549

Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

Engagement



Durdin-McKnight / Bristow

Kimberly Durdin-McKnight and Johnny Bristow both of Sonora, Texas will be married April 27, 2001, at The Lighthouse Baptist Church in Sonora, Texas.

The bride-elect is the daughter of George and Judy Slika of Oceanside, California and Glenn and Deborah Durdin of Hockley, Texas. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Larry and Gay Monroe of Sonora, Texas and George and Sherry Bristow of Van Horn, Texas.

Miss Durdin-McKnight is employed by Elliott's Law Office. Her fiancé is employed by Gulley & Son.

Weddings



Mayer - Childress

Megan Leigh Mayer of Sonora and John Clayton Childress of Ozona were married December 30, 2000 at First Presbyterian Church in San Angelo, Texas. The Rev. Lewis Allen of the Church of The Good Shepherd in Sonora officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Ernest R. Mayer of San Angelo and the late Carol Mayer. The bridegroom is the son of the late Johnny Childress of Ozona.

Maid of honor was Kristi Burge of Sonora. Bridesmaids were Brooke Nichols of Dallas, Lori Sammons of Lubbock and Jaleesa Roberts of Fort Worth. Flower girl was Macy Yates of Lubbock.

The house party consisted of Whitney West of Lubbock, Lisa Hughes of Lubbock, Cindy Perrin of Dallas and Kimberly Bean of Ozona.

Candlelighters for the ceremony were Brea Hughes and Bailey Joe Pennington, both of Sonora.

Best man was Tommy Conner of Ozona. Groomsmen were Josh Cross and William Cross both of Somerset, Bob Duke of Utopia, and brother of the bride David Mayer of San Angelo. Junior groomsmen were Bailey Joe Pennington of Sonora. Ringbearer was Gunter Pennington of Sonora.

Ushers were Wesley Bean, Ryan Bean and Stephen Tarr, all of Ozona, and Andy Coates of San Angelo.

The bride wore a beautiful gown of white Italian Satin by the designers of Victoria's Bridal. The sleeveless gown featured an elegant bodice that was accented with rows of cascading pearls and crystals. The drop basque waist led into the full ballroom skirt that fell gracefully to the floor into a chapel length train. To complete the ensemble, Megan wore a demi-style band accented with pearls and crystals. The cathedral length illusion fell softly over her train. The bride carried a bouquet of a single white rose surrounded by fire and ice roses.

The bridesmaids wore floor length dresses of black velvet and red taffeta. The bridesmaids carried a single white rose.

The bride is a graduate of Sonora High School and attended Texas Christian University. She received a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Texas Tech University.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Ozona High School and attended Angelo State University. He is self-employed.

After a wedding trip to Playa del Carmen, Mexico, the couple will live in Ozona.

Ronnie Cox
would like to be
your pharmacist.

Obituaries

Andy Holguin

Andy Holguin passed away Wednesday, January 10, 2001 at Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. Burial was in Del Rio, Texas, Saturday at 2:30 p.m. with Military Honors and Army escort.

Andy was born in Terlingua, Texas on November 11, 1933. Andy was self-employed. He was the owner of Andy's Automotive. He was a Catholic and a life-time member of the VFW.

He is survived by his wife Elvira Holguin, his daughter

Natalie Cline and husband Charles Cline of Manchester, NH and daughter Tammy Benter and husband Kevin Benter of Austin, Texas. One grandson Calvin Cline of Manchester, NH, his mother-in-law Esperanza Arredondo of Del Rio, Texas and niece Mary Ellen Andrus of Caldwell, Idaho.

Pallbearers were Ramiro Acosta, Robert Acosta, Joe Arredondo, Kevin Benter, Charles Cline and Roberto Musquiz.

Graciela Vasquez

Graciela Hernandez Vasquez, 61, of San Angelo died Friday, Jan. 12, 2001, in a local nursing home.

Memorial service was Sunday in Robert Massie Riverside Chapel. Arrangements were by Robert Massie Funeral Home.

She was born March 26, 1939, in Menchlor Musauiz, Coahuila,

Mexico. She was a homemaker and a housekeeper.

Survivors include a sister, Enriqueta V. Garcia of Eagle Pass; two brothers, Fidencio H. Vasquez of Sonora and Armando H. Vasquez of Lockney; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank the community of Sutton County for making West Texas Rehab 2001 a success.

Your generous expression of giving makes it possible for people in need to receive physical therapy. We raised over \$4,400.00 in donations and pledges. We would also like to thank the Sutton County Steakhouse and Pizza Hut for their donations of food that kept us going throughout the evening.

Our sincere thanks,
Rosa, JoAnn, Juanita and Terry

Birth Announcement

With special thanks and joy in our hearts, we welcome
Antonio Diego Adame
born on December 30, 2000

at Paradise Valley Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona.

He weighed 7 lbs. 2 ozs.

Proud parents are Beth and Eric Adame.

Maternal Grandparents are Dee Orren and Jerry M. Orren.

Paternal Grandparents are Frank and Antoinette Adame.

Maternal Grandparents

are Syble Orren and Vicenta Lopez.

Paternal Great-Grandparents are

Antonio Mata and Rose Cowert.

Aunts and uncle Jackie Orren, Stacy Adame,

Annie and Jon Christenson and several cousins.

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387-2118

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387-5616

La Mexicana
240 N. Hwy 277
387-3401

Los Jarritos
605 S. Crockett
387-2838

Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

Rosie's Cafe
207 Glasscock Ave.
387-5552

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

Senior Center News

Jan. 24 - Kooking with Kelly Nutrition Program. Noon.

Jan. 26 - Party for January Babies!

Senior Menu

Jan. 22 - Chicken fried steak, oven fried potatoes, carrots, rolls, vanilla pudding with fruit.

Jan. 23 - Salmon croquette, macaroni and cheese, turnip greens, roll, coleslaw, peach half.

Jan. 24 - Spaghetti sauce with meatballs, zucchini squash, garlic bread, juice, white cake with caramel top.

Jan. 25 - Smothered steak with onions, whipped potatoes, green beans, roll, orange juice, apple crisp.

Jan. 26 - Chicken enchiladas, pinto beans, broccoli, crackers, tossed salad, fruit cup.

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.
\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.

Community

January 20

Little Dribblers Practice

January 27

BSA Pinewood Derby

9:00 a.m. Sonora Civic Center

Feb. 20

Tri-County Discovery Tour

Contact Chamber of Commerce

The Community Calendar

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Calendar

Feb. 24

Sonora Community Arts & Theater Presents

Kimberly Snauffer (Harp) & Marc Garvin (Guitar) Duo

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AI-Anon Meeting

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Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

Q. Do you get paid by the Devil's River News?

A. No! I am a guest columnist in the Devil's River News. My column is done as part of my volunteer work for the Sutton County Historical Society.

Q. Would you please print the Nicks/Trainer marriage story from the 1920 paper?

A. Devil's River News, March 20, 1920: Miss Cora Trainer and M. M. Nicks were married at San Angelo Wednesday, March 17, 1920. The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trainer of this city and the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nicks of Eldorado and is engaged in the sheep business with his brother Oran Nicks. The happy couple returned to Sonora. Thursday. The News extends best wishes.

In the same issue we found a couple of items of interest: Born on Friday, March 12, 1920, to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Miers, a girl.

Claude Keene, one of the owners of the City Garage, had shipped to Sonora several Maxwell trucks and touring cars. With the building of the Old Spanish Trail he expects a great increase in travel by automobile from Sonora.

Q. Did they have game laws in the early days?

A. In the earliest days of Sutton County there were no game laws and the local game was sadly depleted. Men realized that something must be done or there would be no game to hunt for food or sport. One of the earliest listing of game laws, which I know were not the first, was found in the Devil's River News of September 23, 1909 under an article titled "New Game Law." Every person hunting in counties outside of his place of residence or the adjoining counties is required under the revised law to register his name and secure a permit from the State game commissioner and pay a fee of \$1.75. Permits will be issued by the county clerk of each county.

A synopsis of the game law made by the game, fish and oyster commissioner is as follows: You may kill 25 quail or doves in any one day only from November 1st to February 1st of each year. You may kill three buck deer only from November 1st to January 1st of each year. You may kill three wild turkey only from December 1st to April 1st of each year.

You may kill in all seasons of the year duck, geese, robins, wild pigeon, snipe, jacksnipe, curlews, Mexican pheasants or chacalacs;



A & W Drug is located on the left side of Main Street. 1929-1930

bag limit 25 in any one day. You may kill rabbits, squirrels, fox, opossum, coons, bear in any number, all seasons. You may ship or transport to your home such game as you have lawfully killed by making proper affidavit.

You must not buy or sell any of the wild game or game birds, or kill, catch or destroy the eggs or have in possession, living or dead any wild song bird, except hawks, crows, buzzards, owls, English sparrows, rice birds and black birds.

You must not hunt for any game or birds at night with a lantern, hunting lamp or any other light. Any person may hunt or kill any game during the open season when it is lawful to kill game, in his county of residence, or in the counties adjoining the county of his residence, or any land owned or controlled by him, without procuring a license; but they must not hunt beyond the boundaries of their adjoining counties without a license.

Other items of interest in this issue: Ed Smith of Uvalde stated that land that was bought for \$1 is now selling for \$6 in his area. Ben Cusenbary, a student at the Southern Methodist University, came home from Dallas Monday to attend court. Henry H. Diebitsch received word of the death of his brother-in-law, Adm. Robert E. Peary in Washington D.C. on Friday, February 20, 1929. Adm. Peary had visited here in 1917. He was best known for discovery of the North Pole in 1909.

Q. Where was A&W Drugs located?

A. A&W Drug Store, owned and operated by Allison and Wardlaw, was located on Main Street. Going up the hill from Concho on

the right hand side and can be seen in the picture with this article. It has the cross like sign on it.

It was interesting to note the dividers in the street at this time. Several accidents were caused by drivers making much too wide a corner and going into the opposite lane. The City of Sonora stopped this problem by planting a small decorative bush in the middle of the street at the intersection of Main and Concho and Main and Water. When the bushes proved to grow too much and interfere with traffic they were cut down and large cones with concrete in them replaced them. I guess drivers finally learned to stay on their own side and make square corners because there is now nothing at these intersections.

Q. When was the old VanderStucken home torn down?

A. August 23, 1959 San Angelo Standard ran an article that stated the house was torn down that week. It had been built by Marcus Balch and he had put his name and date of completion, June 21, 1890, in the cupola. Court records show the property was owned by Callahan, Saunders, Word and then bought by VanderStucken in 1899. They owned it until 1916 and sold it to Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Allison. Over the years it was owned by Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Gilmore, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Labenske. The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church bought the site and plan to build a church there. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lightfoot bought the lumber from the old house to build rent houses.

Q. Do you have anything on file on the death of William Banta in 1898?

A. Devil's River News, April 16, 1898: William Banta of McCulloch County, Tex., age about 35 years, departed this life in Sonora, Texas April 10, at 12 p.m., of inflammation of the stomach and bowels. He had suffered a long time from chronic derangement of these organs. He was principally reared in Llano Co., Texas. He was brought to town from a ranch about 12 miles below here where he had been at work. He was very sick when they arrived here, Dr. Colson was called but it was too late and he passed quietly away. I am informed that he was a Christian man. But Oh! How sad to die a stranger in a strange land, but still, loving hands did all they could do in the brief time he stayed, and then he was given a nice Christian burial, and many tears were shed at the grave as we read God's word, spoke, and sang and prayed. His parents live in McCulloch Co. at Voca. May the loving Savior comfort and help the bereaved ones and bring them to a home of rest. "Thy work on earth is ended, Thy race on earth is run, Well done good and faithful son. Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord." J. W. Gibbens, P.C. Methodist Ozona and Sonora Circuit.

Special thanks to Scott Jacoby for the 1970 football info.

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 e-mail them to schs@sonorax.net. You may call me any day but Wednesday at 915-387-2855. Please call before coming over so I may put the dogs in their pen. Thank you.

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Letter to the Editor

My name is Brittany Michelle and I want to share some of my precious moments with the people of Sonora. I'm only 1 year, 10 months old.

My first precious moment is knowing Jesus Christ loves me and takes care of me and my family.

Second is my dear parents - Patty & Fonzie Covarrubiaz.

Third is the birth of my baby sister, Angel Nicole, born November 14, 2000. She weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz. and was born at the Community Hospital in San Angelo. She is so precious.

Our Dad came all the way from Japan to see us. He is in the U.S. Marines, serving our country, for you and me. I'm very proud of my Daddy and I miss him very much.

Fourth is my grandparents Ruben and Nelda, my uncles and aunts, Rick, Joe, Chuckie, Desi, Elizabeth, Lizzette, Sandra, and Erika, who I can depend on to take care

and love us, hug us, and be with us when we are sad while Dad is away.

My fifth precious moment is being selected the "Cutest Baby" at the contest held at Alco. The money collected was given to the Ministerial Alliance. I'm so glad I took part in helping.

Sixth is having a new family in Christ, The Lighthouse Baptist Church. They are so beautiful. Tamara has always shown love and care for me and my baby sister has a new friend her size, Sid Wesley.

My seventh precious moment is when I learned that my Mom, baby sister and I will travel to visit my Dad in Japan for three weeks!

All my precious moments have passed here in Sonora, where I am a fourth generation Sonoran.

God Bless You and may you have many Precious Moments in your life. My family tells me "Trust in God".

Avoid Headaches, Prepare Taxes Early

WASHINGTON -- Earlier is better when it comes to working on your taxes. The IRS encourages people to get a head start on tax preparation. Not only do you avoid the last-minute rush, early filers also get a faster refund.

Seven easy ways to get a good jump on your taxes long before the April 16 deadline rolls around:

- 1) Gather your records in advance. Make sure you have all the records you need, including W-2s and 1099s. Don't forget to save a copy for your files.
- 2) Get the right forms. They're available around the clock at www.irs.gov in the "Forms and Pubs" section.
- 3) Take your time. Don't forget to leave room for a coffee break when filling out your tax return. Rushing can mean making a mistake, which

can be expensive.

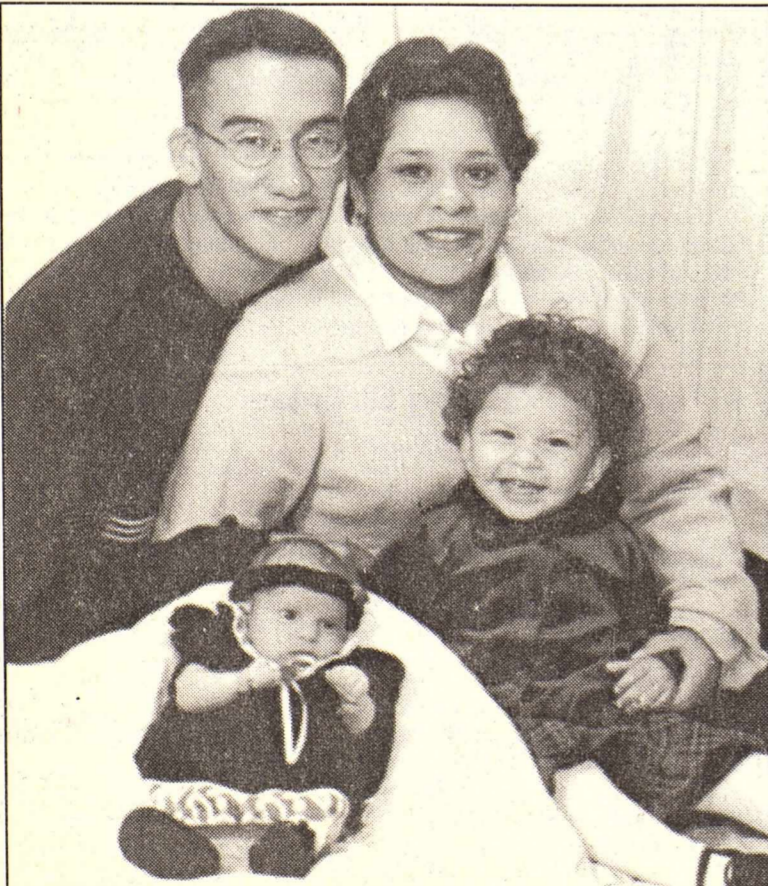
4) Double check your math and Social Security number. These are among the most common errors on tax returns. Taking care on these reduces your chances of hearing from the IRS.

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6) E-filing is easy. E-filing catches math problems, provides confirmation your return has been received and gives you a faster refund.

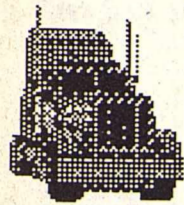
7) Don't panic. If you have a problem or a question, remember the IRS is there to help around the clock. Try our web site at www.irs.gov or call our 24-hour toll-free number at 1-800-829-1040.

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Sonora Takes Sixth Position On TDA Board of Directors

Ann Kay and the Sonora Main Street Program have been elected to the Texas Downtown Association Board of Directors, where they will hold the sixth position. The other cities on the TDA Board with Sonora are: Elizabeth Simpson from Dallas - President, Carolyn Howard of Beaumont - President Elect, Christine Vina of San Antonio - Secretary, Dina Stapleton of Tyler - Treasurer. Also on the Board are Lucy Buck of the Downtown Austin Alliance, Judy Skowron of McKinney, Elizabeth Grindstaff of the City of Abilene, Patricia Kleinknecht with Central Dallas Association, Linda Vickers from Marlin, Guy Hagstette of

Houston, Odessa's Kirk McCarley, and Karen Wunsch from the City of Garland.

The Ex-Officio members of the TDA Board of Directors are: Kay Harvey-Mosley from the Texas Main Street Program in Austin and Kim McKnight Program Specialist.

Ann Kay's first duty for the TDA Board will be attending the first meeting, to be held on January 19-20 in Marlin.

"I am proud to represent Sonora in the sixth position on this board" commented Ann, "I will be reporting back to the City of Sonora on the meeting and all the events happening around Texas."

Editorial

Laws vs. Lawlessness

by Jed Davenport - Director of Probation

When you hear someone say "the law" the first thing that probably comes to mind is your favorite or not so favorite law enforcement officer. What you may think of "the law" from that point on probably depends upon the nature of your last encounter with it. However, I would like you to put aside any such thoughts for a moment and seriously examine your perspective of "the law" as you read this article.

Last year while attending a Probation conference in El Paso, I experienced one of the most bizarre opening ceremonies ever. The ballroom and all of the adjoining rooms were filled with families and friends of victims who experienced the death of a loved one or were themselves injured as the result of a drunk driving accident. Each of these people were given a candle to light and hold while a giant screen projected rows and rows of names of people who were victims of drunk drivers. As the names of the loved ones appeared on the screen, family and friends began to cry. I recall being told that there were at least 75 people brought in to hand out Kleenex to the mourning victims. After watching the screen for about 15 minutes, I realized we were only to the names that started with the letter L. As the list continued to scroll, the number of people crying grew louder and louder. The large meeting hall was so full with people crying uncontrollably that it would have been difficult to get out. I recall being a little frightened as I noticed that these people were crying tears of sadness and tears of anger. I thumbed my name tag as I

looked down recalling how many people I had dealt with on Adult and Juvenile Probation in the past 10 years who were arrested repeatedly for drunk driving. At that very moment I remember being just a little concerned that an upset victim might identify me as a probation officer and ask me how a repeat DWI offender on probation was even able to kill or maim their loved one. I can assure you that for the first time in my life, crime statistics literally came to life.

After I returned to my office, I read the previous year's crime statistics report that I had casually flipped through. As I read the numbers in each category of crime, murder, rape, assault, burglary... I realized that there is no place big enough to hold all of the victims of crime. Each year the rate of crime increases as does our negative attitudes towards upholding "the laws." Interestingly, during my 11 years of working as a probation officer, I have not met anyone, offender or victim, who enjoys being a victim of crime. It is sometimes easy to overlook the benefits of living within the limits of "the law" until we personally suffer the consequences of someone breaking "the law."

Because it is impossible to control everybody, it is also impossible to completely protect anyone from being a crime victim. That is why it is so important to understand that when we as individuals choose to violate laws, regardless of whether we are caught or not, or when we fail to support enforcement of such laws, we increase the chances of a loved one becoming a victim of tragedy.

Police Search For Late Night Vandals

01/10/2001 - Accident - Officer was dispatched to the 500 block of E. 2nd St. in reference to a minor accident. Upon arrival officer located individuals involved and no injuries were reported.

01/13/2001 - Warrant Arrest - Officer was on a routine stop, which led to the arrest of Joshua James Burch of Brownwood, TX. Burch was arrested for warrants out of Stephenville Sheriff's Office for Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle, and warrants out of Brownwood for Display Expired MVI.

01/13/2001 - Criminal Mischief - Officer was dispatched to the Landmark Apartments in reference to a lady with a knife. Upon arrival officer contacted complainant. Complainant advised he and his girlfriend had an argument and she pulled out a knife. Complainant advised he left the scene and when he returned he found three tires on his vehicle cut. Complainant wished not to file charges.

01/13/2001 - Burglary Motor Vehicle - Officer was dispatched to

the 900 block of Concho Avenue in reference to a burglary. Complainant advised that someone unknown to her had taken an item from her vehicle. Investigation continues.

01/14/2001 - Criminal Mischief - Officer was dispatched to the 400 block of Santa Clara in reference to a Criminal Mischief report. Upon arrival officer contacted complainant, who advised that someone unknown to him had broken out the windows to his 1990 blue Chevrolet pickup. Investigation continues.

01/14/2001 - Criminal Mischief - Officer was dispatched to the Landmark Apartments in reference to a Criminal Mischief. Complainant advised that someone unknown to him had caused damage to his 1984 blue Chevrolet Impala. Investigation continues.

01/14/2001 - Criminal Mischief - Officer was dispatched to the Sonora High School in reference to a suspicious vehicle in the area. After further investigation Officer located two windows that were broken out. Officers are following up on several leads.

Area Students Make the Grade at ASU

Four Sonora area students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, are listed on the Dean's List for the Fall semester at the University.

Those listed include Serina Torres Arispe, a Psychology major, Stacey Lynn Becknell, a Biology major, Gloria Elaine Ortiz, a Math & Science major, and Amy E. Torres, an Interdisciplinary Studies major.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full time student and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

F.Y.I.

Last Day to Order State Champion Shirts & Caps will be Tuesday, January 30. Turn your order in to your school campus office or drop it off at the high school office.

The Recycling Center has been moved to 302 Tom Green Ave., beside the City Little League Field. The center takes oil, oil filters and paper.

Attention All Basketball Lovers! The Texas Professional Basketball League has come to the Hill Country. For information about tryouts please call Sonny Rowe at (915)446-4951 or Ernest Adams at (915)446-8646. Serious inquiries only. Particularly looking for tall centers and forwards. If no answer call cell number (830)739-9699 or work number (915)446-3102.

Piano lessons - trying to put together a Wednesday class. If interested call 387-5788.

The Sonora Tennis Team will be babysitting for the Fling Ding from 6:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church. Prices will range per family starting at \$25.00. Call 387-3216 or 387-5240 for reservations.

The Sonora Community Arts & Theater (SCAT) presents Kimberly Snauffer (Harp) and Marc Garvin (Guitar) Duo. February 24, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sonora High School Auditorium. A reception to meet the artists will follow the presentation. Tickets will go on sale soon.

A representative of the San Angelo Social Security Office will be in Sonora on Tuesdays, January 30, February 27, and March 27, 2001 from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. You do not have to wait until the representative's visit to handle Social Security matters. Your Social Security business can be handled just as quickly by telephone. Call toll free 1-800-772-1213 Mon. - Fri., 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. You can also call the San Angelo office at 915-949-4608 Mon. - Fri., 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

If you would like to purchase a copy of the Bronco's state winning game or any Varsity or J.V. game tape, please call Kristin Keel at the High School. Each tape is only \$6. All proceeds benefit the S.H.S. Radio and T.V. Class. The class is also selling highlight tapes of the 2000 season for only \$15.00. The highlight tapes are edited to the latest music and have the best plays of the season.

The Cub Scouts will have their Annual Pinewood Derby Race on Saturday, January 27th at the Sutton County Civic Center. If you have not received your car, please contact your den leader or call Tibba at 387-3988.

Dr. Calderon now has flu shots. Call 387-5666 for an appointment.

The ASU Small Business Development Center is conducting an Introduction to Quickbooks workshop for individuals interested in setting up their business finances on QuickBooks software. The workshop will be conducted on Saturday, January 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at ASU in the Math-Computer Science Building, Room 105. The charge for the workshop is \$30.00 (includes lunch). Basic computer skills needed. Reservations are REQUIRED. To register or for more information, please call the ASU*SBDC at 942-2098.

TAAS/TEAMS Out of School Registration
Individuals who are no longer enrolled in school and who have not previously met minimum expectations on all sections of the exit level TAAS or TEAMS test, may retake the necessary section(s) any time that the tests are offered. The next scheduled test dates for the exit level TAAS and TEAMS tests will be February 20, 2001 (Writing), February 21, 2001 (Mathematics) and February 22, 2001 (Reading).
If you are no longer enrolled in a Texas public school and wish to register to retake the exit level TAAS test or TEAMS test, pick up a registration packet from the Sonora High School counselor. The test registration form must be completed and returned in the pre-addressed envelope and must be received in Austin, Texas, no later than 5:00 p.m. January 19, 2001.

Speech Meet Looking For Volunteers

On February 9th and 10th the Sonora High School Speech and Drama Department will host the 55th Annual Speech and Academic Practice Meet. This tournament requires a lot of assistance from the community to be the successful competition that it is currently known for.

This year's contest will be under the direction of Mr. Cody S. Eoff, Theatre Arts teacher at the high school. Preparation has been underway since before Thanksgiving, but due to the fact that there are many things to be done, help from the community is being requested. The main thing needed for the tournament will be judges in the speak-

ing events. Anyone can qualify to judge these events and a workshop is being planned prior to the tournament to answer any questions and clarify the rules in each contest. A judge's packet will also be made available to be a source of reference in all speaking events.

However, we also need other helpers in the roles of: contest managers, timekeepers, hospitality workers, information workers and registration workers. We are strongly encouraging anyone who feels that they will be able to help in any way during the tournament to contact the office of Speech and Drama at 387-6533 ext. 313.

TxDOT Recognizes Local Employees



Hector Leal



Houston Petty

The San Angelo District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recently awarded Service Awards to two Sonora employees.

Hector Leal and Houston Petty were recognized for 10 years of service. Leal works in the Sonora Area Office as an engineering tech. Petty is a transportation maintenance tech at the Sonora Maintenance Office.

Happy Birthday

January 18
Diamantina Hernandez, Michael Miller, Rene Vasquez, Colby Savell, Kent McAnally, Jed Leal, Rose Karnes

January 19
Mario Coronado, Victor Chavez, Mario Hernandez, John Lopez, Michelle Villanueva, Keith Wallace, Abb Smith

January 20
Ricky Gandar, Erin Payton, Rusty Garner, Jessi Burris, Cindy Feagin

January 21
Elma Trevenio, Savannah Savell

January 22
Lance Castro, Arnold Hosford, Michelle Krieg, Bianca Sepeda, Carrie Herd, Callie Herd, Doris Hull, Carla Garner, Tara Johnson

January 23
Gildardo Favila, Leslie Samaniego, Amy Murray, Katherine Sparks, Straton Rushing

January 24
Stevie Hernandez, Jonathan Alec Martin, Edward Mata, Claudia Dempsey, Louise Dermody



Hey Yankee! How ya' likin' Michigan so far?

Lady Colts Pluck The Eagles and The Hawks

Junction Tournament

On January 6th, at the Junction Tournament, the 7th grade Lady Colts placed first in the tournament beating Junction 43 to 9. Leading scorers were Tissie Wagoner and Kathy Ibarra each with 10 points. Jillian Gulley had 6 points, Desirae Boldt and Kaleena Samaniego each with 4 points, Kayla McBride had 3 points, and Kristina Hernandez, Candise Martin and Desiree Alvarado each had 2 points.

In the same tournament the Lady Colts defeated Eldorado 33 to 17. The scoring was as follows: Kathy Ibarra-8 points, Desirae Boldt-7 points, Jillian Gulley, Kristina Hernandez and Tissie Wagoner with 4 points each, Desiree Alvarado- 3 points, Kayla McBride-2 points, and Candise Martin with 1 point.

During the Junction Tournament, on Jan. 6th, the 8th grade Ladies placed third. They were defeated by the Junction Eagles 24 to 10. Danielle Fox was the high scorer with all 10 points.

However, the Ladies defeated Eldorado 37 to 28. Amanda Word-15 points, Tara Green- 8 points, Alyssa Ibarra- 5 points, Kenia Gutierrez and Courtney Caruthers each had 4 points, and Chelesa Seaton had 1 point.

Wall Tournament

The 7th grade Lady Colts brought home first place in the Wall Tournament on January 11-13. The 7th grade Ladies beat Eldorado in both games they played 40 to 23, and 28 to 21. Leading scorers were: Tissie Wagoner-12, Kristina Hernandez-7, Desirae Boldt-6, Kaleena Samaniego-3, Kayla McBride-4, Kathy Ibarra-4, and Jillian Gulley-4 in the first game against Eldorado. In the second game, scoring was Hernandez-8, Wagoner-6, McBride-6, Boldt-4, and Gulley and Ibarra with 2 each. Against Wall, the Ladies won 20 to 14.



The Seventh Grade Lady Colts dominated in both the Junction and Wall Tournaments. Top Row: (L-R) Kristina Hernandez, Desirae Boldt, Tissie Wagoner, Desiree Alvarado. Middle Row: Kayla McBride, Kaleena Samaniego, Kathy Ibarra. Kneeling: Candise Martin and Hillary Lawson. Not pictured are Jillian Gulley, Lauren Smith and Coach Larry Jennings.

Scoring was as follows: Boldt-7, Hernandez-6, and Gulley, Wagoner, Samaniego and Ibarra each with 2 points.

The 8th grade Lady Colts played Wall and Wall B, winning both games 29 to 6 and 27 to 8. The leading scorers against Wall were: Allison Higdon- 4 and Alyssa Ibar-

ra- 2. In the Wall B game scoring was Alyssa Ibarra-10, Amanda Word-6, Kenia Gutierrez-4, Chelsea Seaton-3, Courtney Caruthers and Adriana Castillo with 2 each. In the Ozona game, the Ladies were defeated 21 to 7 with scoring by Caruthers-3, and Ibarra and Seaton each with 2 points.

7th Grade Colts Second At Wall Tournament



The 7th grade Colt Boys placed 2nd in the Wall Tournament on January 11-13. The Boys who participated in the tournament were Mason Martinez, Nash Traylor, Steven Barthelemy, Trent Reiner, Anthony Longoria, Embre Smith, Cullen Parker, Cameron Cox, Boomer Galindo, Brandon Munn, John Healy, Warren Wallace, Roland Solis, Ty Love, Will Crittendon, Adam Hopper, Chris Perez, Suade Draper, Phil Garza, Tyler Talley, and Hilton Bloodworth.

Hospital Board from page 1

A motion was made by Virginia Epps, seconded by Lenora Pool, to accept the Medical Staff's appointment of Dr. Charles Pajestka, as Chief of Staff for 2001. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Preston Faris, seconded by Sherrill Dannheim, the Board approved the Medical Staff's reappointments of the active and consultant staff.

Sheila Richter, QA Coordinator, gave the Quarterly Quality Assurance Committee report. Richter stated that delinquent dictation still continued to be a problem and will continue to be monitored. She advised that a new problem with nurses entering the R&F room during radiographic procedures and being exposed to radiation will be monitored for at least 3 months. Nursing and x-ray are working together for a solution. Virginia Epps gave the Joint Conference Committee report. Epps reported that Dr. Pajestka had expressed his concern regarding the dictated progress notes not being transcribed in a timely manner. She reported that discussion was held regarding the proper way to order some of the lab tests.

Keith Butler reported that he had met with the Hospital Auxiliary today at noon. Butler advised that he had given them some of his plans for the Hospital. Butler advised that he

would like to have educational offerings for the Community here at the Nursing Home building. He would like to have the Auxiliary's help in getting this program started. Butler stated that he was having an employee wide meeting to let the staff know where he stands and that he wants their input. He advised that the CLIA inspection will be the end of January. Butler then gave the accounts receivable report and advised that it would be in a different format at the next meeting. He advised that it would be more detailed.

Dianne Dower addressed the Board, thanking them for all their support during her 18 months at the facility. She advised that HOSPAC had given her a flag and she was donating it to the Hospital. Dower's last day at the hospital was January 9, 2001.

Kathy Knight gave the financial report for November. She reported that the Hospital had an operating loss of \$49,689.12, which is \$20,876.37 under budget. Expenses through November are \$135,034 under budget.

Dr. Johnson ended the meeting by presenting Mrs. Dower with a gift of appreciation for all her hard work.

Lady Broncos from page 1

guard Koda Armke. The game balls went to Felts for scoring and rebounding with 12 points and 7 rebounds and the Hustle Ball went to Kara Hard. High Scorers were Felts - 12, Kara Hard - 11, Hobbs - 7, Marshall - 6, Word - 4, Gann - 4, Stephanie Hard - 4, Miller - 2, Lewellen - 2, Armke - 2, Lira - 2, Lawson - 2, and Gonzales - 1.

Friday, January 12, 2001 the Lady Broncos played the Mason Cowgirls in Mason. This was the biggest game so far for the season. The Lady Broncos knew going into this game that they could leave being one of the two schools left undefeated in this district. The enthusiasm rose when the Lady's entered the gym. Taking an early lead the Broncos never let Mason catch up. The Lady Broncos knew how important the game was and they did exactly what they came to do. The final score was Sonora 46, Mason 42. Game balls went to Heather Felts for scoring, with 18 pts., rebounding to Kasey Miller, with 11 rebounds, and Hustle to Tamika Marshall. Leading Scorers were: Felts - 18, Kara Hard - 13, Marshall - 6, Word - 5, Lira - 2, Lawson - 1, and Gonzales - 1. A sixth man award went to the bench for all the support and cheering during the game.

School Board from page 1

English teacher training. Of the \$4,000 from the Booster Club, \$1,000 goes to softball meals, \$1500 to softball equipment and \$1500 to track equipment.

A discussion was then held regarding playoff money.

The Board approved a temporary loan to West Texas School CO-OP in the amount of \$360,000 to help with a large insurance claim. The loan will be repaid, with interest in 30-45 days.

The Board received Thank You Certificates in recognition of School Board Recognition Month.

Donna Hill, acting Superintendent, reported enrollment for all schools down by 5 from December. She also reported that the High School floor is near completion of repair and gave the facilities report. The report has been prioritized, with the roof of the Elementary Building being top priority. The total costs after the initial overview is \$4,800,000. Hill stated that some cuts can be made to help lower this amount.

The Board commended the Middle School Basketball teams for their success at the recent tournaments, and also commended all students qualifying for All-State status in Band, Football and Academic.

The Board then went into Executive Session where no action was taken.

Speech/Academic U.I.L. Win Second Overall in Eden

Congratulations to the participants at Saturday's Speech/Academic Meet in Eden. Everyone worked together to win 2nd place overall at the tournament. Individual awards were as follows:

Reading Writing
Ruben Brown-2nd, Cameron Sims-3rd, Brittney Longoria-5th

Current Events
Manuel Campos-2nd
Shalayne Hobbs-6th
1st Place Team

Poetry
Genny Cramer-1st

Computer Applications
Candice Humphrey-5th
Chris Weingart-6th

Computer Science
Chang Hernandez - 2nd
Accounting
Cameron Sims-4th
2nd Place

Team Spelling
Leticia Loes-6th
2nd Place Team

Prose
Sean Fields-2nd
Informative Speaking
Jalys Mabry-3rd
Margie Becknell-4th

Persuasive Speaking
Manuel Campos-6th

Invitational Meets are to help prepare the students for the District Meet in March. Students will attend a few more Invitational Meets prior to the District Competition.

Journalism U.I.L. Competes in Eden

The Journalism U.I.L. students traveled to Eden on Saturday, January 13th for the first academic U.I.L. Meet of the season. The results were as follows: in News Writing, Leslie Gamez placed second, Susanna Street placed fourth, Evangelia Martinez was fifth and Albert Borrego was sixth. In Feature Writing, Walker Thompson placed second. In Editorial Writing, Byron Williams placed fifth and Albert Borrego placed sixth. And in Headline Writing, Walker Thompson placed first. This was the first journalism competition ever for all the competitors except Thompson and Williams. The students are coached by Kristin Keel.

Sonora Bronco Basketball Varsity Schedule * District Games

Jan. 19 - Eldorado • There - 8:00 p.m.
Jan. 23 - Junction • Here - 8:00 p.m.
Jan. 26 - Grape Creek • There - 8:00 p.m.

JV Schedule

Jan. 19 - Eldorado • There - 5:00 p.m.
Jan. 23 - Junction • Here - 5:00 p.m.
Jan. 26 - Grape Creek • There - 5:00 p.m.

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Lady Bronco Basketball Schedule

Varsity Schedule * District Games

Jan. 19 - Eldorado • 6:30 p.m. - There
Jan. 23 - Junction • 6:30 p.m. - HOME
Jan. 26 - Grape Creek • 6:30 p.m. - There

JVA Schedule

Jan. 19 - Eldorado • 5:00 p.m. - There
Jan. 23 - Junction • 5:00 p.m. - HOME
Jan. 26 - Grape Creek • 5:00 p.m. - There

JVB Schedule

Feb. 1 - Big Lake • 7:30 p.m. - Home

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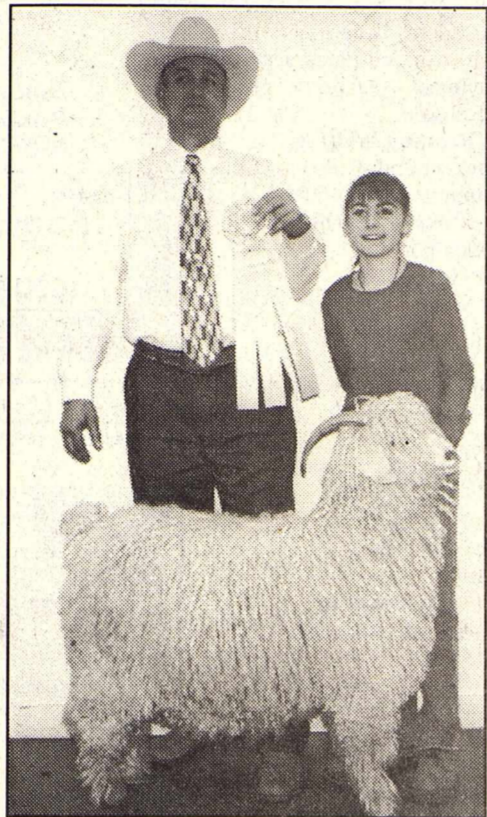
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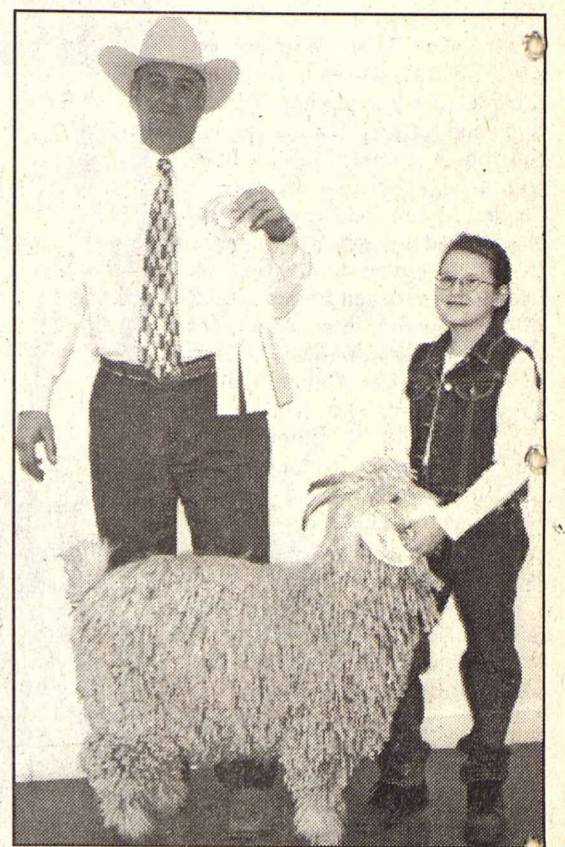
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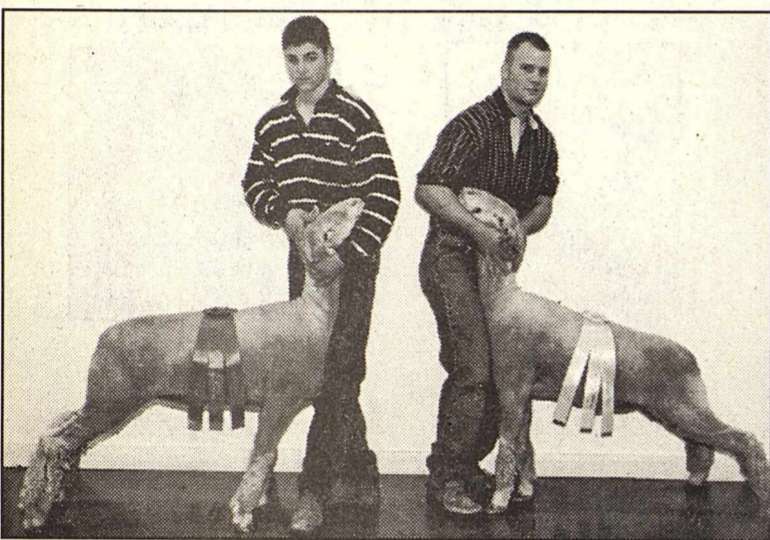


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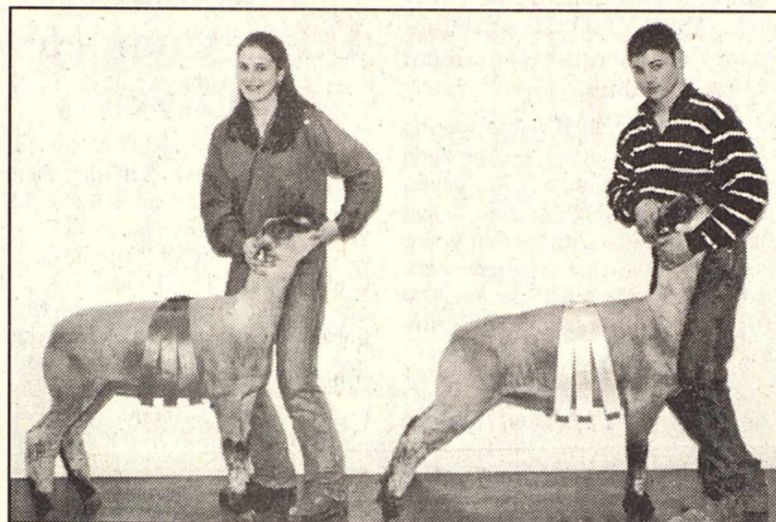


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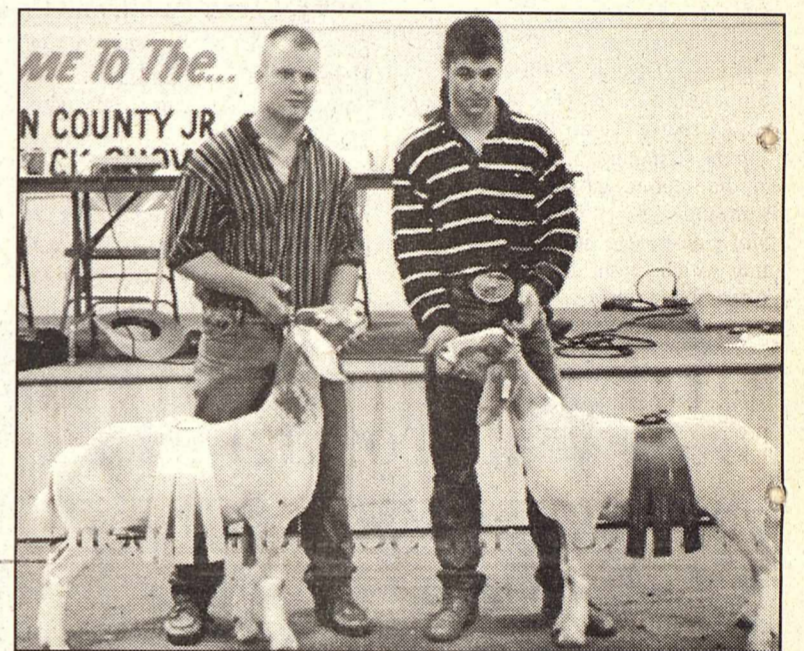


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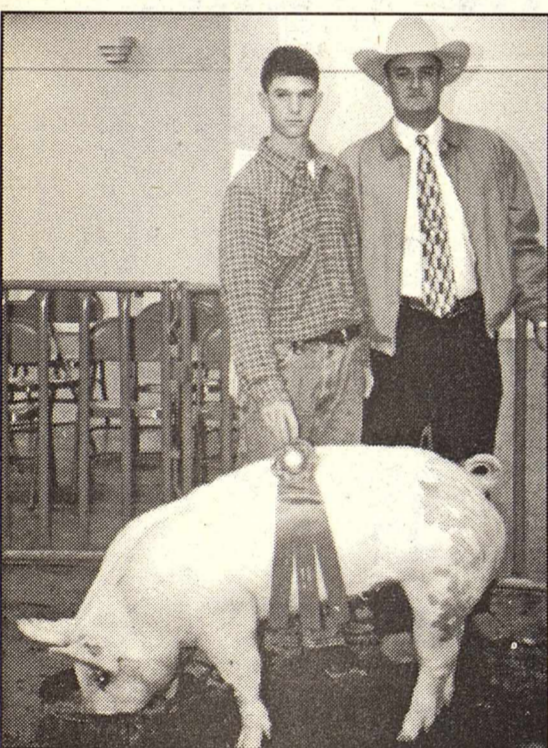
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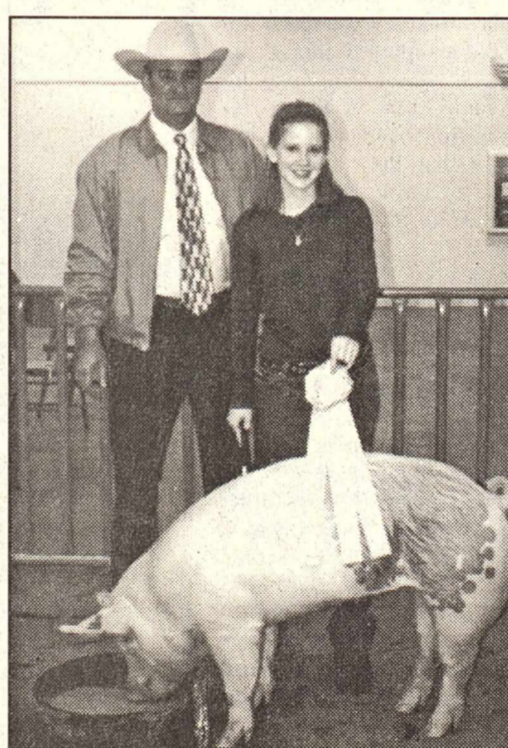


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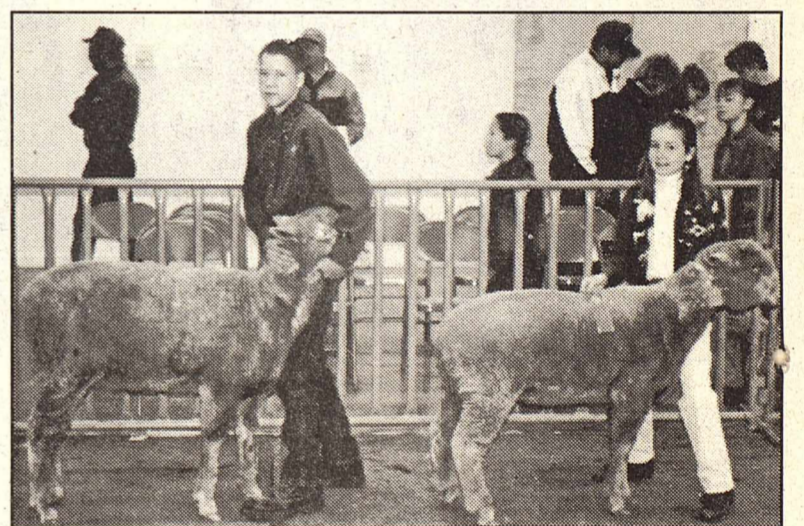
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Champion Swine (L)
Justin Sims
Reserve Champion Swine (R)
Cady Taylor



Rambouillet Ewe Lamb Exhibition



Nash Traylor - 1st & Monica Traylor - 2nd

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Tasley, 15th-Whitney Kinder
Class No. 2, 72-80 lbs.
 1st-Thomas Bloodworth, 2nd-John Duke Hudson, 3rd-Megan Fitzgerald, 4th-Jalys Mabry, 5th-Steely Ingham, 6th-Josh Everett, 7th-Austin Wagoner, 8th-David Cook, 9th-Byron Williams, 10th-Brandy Neff, 11th-Josh Hopkins, 12th-Hilton Bloodworth, 13th-Thomas Bloodworth, 14th-Mandy Brister, 15th-David Cook, 16th-Jerimy Brown
Class No. 3, 81-84 lbs.
 1st-Tom Jacoby, 2nd-Steely Ingham, 3rd-Steely Ingham, 4th-Colton Moore, 5th-Rose Karnes, 6th-John Duke Hudson, 7th-Tyler Edmondson, 8th-Hilton Bloodworth, 9th-Colton Moore, 10th-Laura Martin, 11th-Jordan Hilliard, 12th-Mandy Brister, 13th-Jerimy Brown, 14th-Wylie Wagoner, 15th-Cash Jennings, 16th-Andy Galindo
Class No. 4, 85-88 lbs.
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Class No. 5, 89-92 lbs.
 1st-Tom Jacoby, 2nd-Dustin Neff, 3rd-Andy Galindo, 4th-Chance Armke, 5th-Brandy Neff, 6th-Brandon West, 7th-Laura Martin, 8th-Jordan Hilliard, 9th-Megan Fitzgerald, 10th-Dustin Neff, 11th-Mandy Brister
Class No. 6, 93-100 lbs.
 1st-Steely Ingham, 2nd-Mandy Brister, 3rd-Chance Armke, 4th-Colyer Dermody, 5th-Thomas Bloodworth, 6th-Dustin Neff, 7th-Zenon Acosta, 8th-Brandy Neff, 9th-Jalys Mabry, 10th-Chance Armke, 11th-Colyer Dermody, 12th-Wylie Wagoner, 13th-Laura Martin
Class No. 7, 101-135 lbs.
 1st-Steely Ingham, 2nd-Whitney Kinder, 3rd-John Duke Hudson,

4th-Jalys Mabry, 5th-Chance Armke, 6th-Wylie Wagoner, 7th-Justin Sims, 8th-Mandy Brister, 9th-Colyer Dermody, 10th-Colyer Dermody, 11th-Brandy Neff, 12th-Cameron Sims, 13th-Laura Martin, 14th-Colyer Dermody, 15th-Kaija Valkonen
Swine Division
Light Weight, 165-181 lbs.
 1st-Tyler Seaton, 2nd-John Duke Hudson, 3rd-Taylor Liverman, 4th-Chelsea Seaton, 5th-Monica Traylor, 6th-Brea Hughes
Medium Weight, 182-200 lbs.
 1st-Kaija Valkonen, 2nd-Stephani Morriss, 3rd-Mandy Brister, 4th-Brandy Neff, 5th-Beau Hughes, 6th-Madeline Higdon
Heavy Weight, 201-230 lbs.
 1st-Justin Sims, 2nd-Cady Taylor, 3rd-Nash Traylor, 4th-Kate Higdon, 5th-Dustin Neff, 6th-Allison Higdon

Rambouillet Ewe Lamb Exhibition Class
 1st-Nash Traylor
 2nd-Monica Traylor
Angora Goat Division
Class No. 1- Commercial Doe Kid
 1st-Laura Martin, 2nd-Mark Holman, 3rd-Mark Holman, 4th-Marilyn Holman, 5th-Emily Earwood, 6th-Shane Benson, 7th-Landon Brockman, 8th-Edward Garcia, 9th-Laura Martin, 10th-Meredith Earwood, 11th-Jacob Percifull, 12th-Tiffanie Henry, 13th-Jake Trainer, 14th-Ryan Hardgrave, 15th-Joseph Percifull
Class No. 2-Commercial Yearling Doe
 1st-Landon Brockman, 2nd-Landon Brockman, 3rd-Emily Earwood, 4th-Meredith Earwood, 5th-Marilyn Holman, 6th-Shane Benson
Class No. 3-Commercial Aged Doe

1st-Landon Brockman, 2nd-Landon Brockman, 3rd-Landon Brockman, 4th-Shane Benson, 5th-Meredith Earwood, 6th-Emily Earwood
Class No. 4-Registered Buck Kid
 1st-Meredith Earwood, 2nd-Emily Earwood, 3rd-Emily Earwood, 4th-Landon Brockman, 5th-Meredith Earwood, 6th-Landon Brockman, 7th-Chance Armke, 8th-Laura Martin, 9th-Chance Armke, 10th-Mark Holman, 11th-Mark Holman, 12th-Marilyn Holman, 13th-Cash Jennings
Class No. 5-Registered Yearling Buck
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Class No. 6-Registered Aged Buck
 1st-Shane Benson, 2nd-Chance Armke, 3rd-Landon Brockman,

4th-Landon Brockman
Class No. 7-Registered Doe Kid
 1st-Emily Earwood, 2nd-Meredith Earwood, 3rd-Emily Earwood, 4th-Meredith Earwood, 5th-Landon Brockman, 6th-Mark Holman, 7th-Landon Brockman, 8th-Chance Armke, 9th-Cash Jennings, 10th-Cash Jennings
Class No. 8-Registered Yearling Doe
 1st-Emily Earwood, 2nd-Emily Earwood, 3rd-Meredith Earwood, 4th-Shane Benson, 5th-Shane Benson, 6th-Laura Martin, 7th-Landon Brockman, 8th-Landon Brockman, 9th-Meredith Earwood
Class No. 9-Registered Aged Doe
 1st-Landon Brockman, 2nd-Landon Brockman, 3rd-Emily Earwood, 4th-Meredith Earwood, 5th-Emily Earwood, 6th-Thomas Bloodworth, 7th-Meredith Earwood, 8th-Shane Benson

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New J. Cleo Thompson; 6800' University 30 - 27E #3, Patterson Drilling.
New Union Pacific; 7600' Hutchins - 43 - #10, Patterson Drilling.
New Oxy Permian; 6500' MK Daniel - 111A - #7, Cleere Drilling.
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to increase the production of natural gas.

This legislative session, I will suggest we address this issue of high natural gas prices by looking long range. Political policy is sometimes looked at as a short-term fix when prices are either too high or too low. We should view energy issues from a long-term perspective and seek to help stabilize the industry, which should result in lower prices for consumers and businesses. The legislature will need to look at what we can do to help revitalize the industry, encourage people to invest their money in Texas energy projects and encourage the skilled labor to return.

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77th Regular Session Opens

AUSTIN - The Texas Senate convened Tuesday, January 9, the start of the 140-day 77th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature. The first Session of the 21st century began with the traditional ceremonies in a chamber packed with the Senators' family and friends beneath a crowded public gallery.

The session began with the invocation, followed by the roll call and swearing in of the Senators re-elected last November and the chamber's only freshman, Sen. Todd Staples of Palestine.

The Dean of the Texas Senate, Sen. Carlos F. Truan of Corpus Christi, offered Senate Resolution (SR) 1, the first resolution of the 77th Session, in tribute to Gov. Rick Perry. Perry, accompanied by his wife, Anita, addressed the full Senate in session for the first time since he succeeded President-elect George W. Bush.

"The good news is we have 140 days to make a difference in Texans' lives," Perry told the members of the chamber over which he used to preside.

Lt. Governor Bill Ratliff, selected by the Senate on December 28 to serve out Perry's term as presiding officer of the Senate, showed a humorous side to the proceedings in the traditional recognition of the Doctor of the Day, introduced by Sen. Jeff Wentworth of San Antonio: "Thank you for being here, doctor," Ratliff said. "We sincerely hope you're not needed."

Sen. Truan then offered SR 2, the adoption of the Senate Caucus Report naming senate officials elected by the members. This session's Caucus Report adds an unprecedented new official, Secretary of the Senate Designee Patsy Spaw. The Secretary of the Senate is elected by the Senate as its chief executive administrator.

Spaw will replace Betty King, who will retire following this session after 24 years as Secretary of the Senate and 52 years of service to the Texas Senate.

"We consider Betty King the Mother Superior of the Senate," Lt. Governor Ratliff said, "and she always will be, I think."

Next came the nomination and election of the President Pro Tem of the Senate, Sen. Chris Harris of Arlington. Following unanimous election by his peers, Harris invoked the name of a giant figure in Texas politics, the late former Lt. Govern-

nor Bob Bullock. "I think if he were here today, he'd try to say something nice, give me a slap on the back, and then he'd tell me to get back to work," Sen. Harris said.

2002-2003 Budget Recommendation Introduced
Sen. Rodney Ellis of Houston and San Angelo Rep. Rob Junell on Wednesday, January 10, announced the introduction of the Texas General Appropriations Bill for the 2002-2003 biennium.

The General Appropriations Bill sets budgets for every state agency and outlines the state's general spending priorities for the next two-year budget period.

Ellis, chair of the Senate Finance Committee, said the \$108.2 billion budget proposal takes into account both current economic factors as well as future considerations.

"This budget reflects the realities of a strong but possibly cooling economy," Senator Ellis said. "It allows us to meet the basic needs of Texas for the next two years while tackling several important challenges that impact our future."

Junell, who chairs the House Appropriations Committee, said the proposal will serve as a vehicle for legislators in both chambers to use to craft final legislation setting the state's next two-year budget.

"The State of Texas can run smoothly on this budget," Rep. Junell said. "It makes the right investments and sets forth the priorities of the legislature for the next two years. Over the next few months we will work together to make a good budget even better."

The introduced bill dedicates the bulk of the budget to education and health and human services, which together account for almost 75 percent of the total. The \$108.2 billion represents a 6.2 percent increase compared with the current budget.

"There are several important priorities I look forward to working to address this session," Ellis said, "including increasing funding for the TEXAS Grants Program, providing health insurance to our hard-working Texas teachers, giving state employees a pay raise and maximizing participation in the CHIP program."

But Ellis and Junell said the House and Senate will have to carefully weigh priorities during the legislative process.

nor Bob Bullock.

"Unfortunately, there are more bright ideas than there are dollars to pay for them," Ellis said. "We have to make tough decisions and fund initiatives that will help build a stronger foundation for Texas."

Finance Committee Hears Budget Testimony

The Texas Senate Finance Committee met Thursday, January 11, to hear invited testimony on Senate Bill 1 (SB1).

SB 1 is the bill that will become the General Appropriations Act, which will set every state agency's budget and outline Texas' general spending policies for the 2002-2003 biennium. The proposed budget totals \$108.2 billion, a 6.2 percent increase over the current budget.

The committee, chaired by Sen. Rodney Ellis of Houston, heard testimony from six witnesses, including representatives from the Legislative Budget Board, who laid out the details of the proposed budget for the committee members, and the Office of the Comptroller, who gave the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate.

In Session on Thursday, Lt. Governor Bill Ratliff distributed a letter to the members of the Senate naming the Veteran Affairs and Military Installations Committee, chaired by Corpus Christi Sen. Carlos F. Truan. Also appointed to the committee were Sens. Eliot Shapleigh of El Paso (vice chair), Troy Fraser of Marble Falls, Tom Haywood of Wichita Falls and Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio.

Also in Thursday's Session, the Senate adopted Dallas Sen. David Cain's Senate Concurrent Resolution 4 (SCR4), which will provide for a portrait of former governor and current President Elect George W. Bush to be hung beside the portraits of all former Texas governors in the Capitol Rotunda.

The Senate also unanimously adopted Senate Resolution 5 (SR5), offered by Sen. Royce West of Dallas, in honor of the anniversary on Monday, January 15, of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The chamber will not convene on Monday in honor of the day and stands adjourned until 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 16.

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The Holistic Resource Management of Texas Annual Conference 2001 Systems in Agriculture and Land Management Friday and Saturday, March 2 & 3, 2001 in Ft. Worth, Texas.

In an effort to broaden our understanding of how people can recognize, acknowledge and thrive synergistically within natural systems, Holistic Resource Management of Texas and The Texas A&M Agricultural Extension are teaming up to co-sponsor two days of intensive training in whole systems management for sustainability.

Bringing renowned speakers in their fields from all over the country, the conference will explore ever widening fields of ecosystem components from the soil food web through the role of insects, human communities and agriculture economics from the family through farming communities. Dr. Elaine Ingham, soil microbiologist, will talk about the soil food web and the foliar food web - strikingly complex systems of life that, because of the size scale (too small for us to see without microscopes), we tend to ignore, under utilize or destroy. Dr. John Ikerd, agricultural economist, will speak of the changes in economic systems that would better promote sustainability in agricultural systems. Dr. W. Joe Lewis, entomologist, will look at the complexity of interconnected life cycles in agricultural systems and discuss management implications, principles and strategies. Father Darryl Birkenfeld, parish priest, will talk about our system of human ethics and how it affects - and is fundamental to - agriculture and sustainability. Malcolm Beck, founder of Gardenville, will provide a naturalist's understanding of how we can move toward agricultural sustainability through synergy with "that thin layer of topsoil that sustains all life on earth." A panel of HRM practitioners will relate their experiences in different environments, using holistic management as a process to achieve long-term sustainability.

This is an important conference for anyone wishing to gain greater understanding of systems working within larger systems, all dependent on balance, and how we can influence the systems consciously for the greater good of the earth. The two day conference is packed with

intensive training suitable for the in service requirements for ag professionals. Some scholarships are available.

A common focus blending these speakers together is their interest in the complexity of earth's living systems. Whether they start with an insect, a soil sample, a government agency, a compost pile, or a church congregation, they are careful to observe the rippling effects expanding out into the living, larger whole. Humanity, so important and precious to us, is really only a tiny thread in the fascinating web of life. Our responsibility is to weave our strand with wisdom, understanding and respect. Please join us for the Systems in Agriculture and Land Management conference.

Friday, March 2nd begins at 8:00 am with the whole spectrum of speakers. The program includes lunch and dinner, as well as an audience / speaker forum after dinner. The Saturday workshop on getting organic matter back into the soil will be taught by Malcolm Beck, author of several gardening books, including *The Secret Life of Compost*, along with Elaine Ingham. The Saturday workshop, 8:00 am- noon, is included in the conference registration fee.

Registration by Feb. 10 is \$110 per person, \$200 per married couple or family member pair, \$85 student rate. Registration after Feb. 10 is \$120 per person, \$220 per married couple or family pair, \$90 student rate. To receive registration materials for the conference, please contact HRM of TX Executive Secretary, Peggy Jones via email at delphic@earthlink.net, or call 512-858-2761, clearly stating your name, address and phone.

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Public Notice

Employment Notice
 Notice is hereby given that Sutton County Road Department is now accepting applications for two (2) full-time positions. Applications may be obtained at the Auditor's Office and **Must** be returned to Auditor's Office by Friday, January 26, 2001.
 Sutton County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Call for Bids
 Notice is hereby given that the Sonora Independent School District will accept sealed bids for the purchase of playground equipment. Sealed bids will be received in the District Administration Office at the following location until January 26, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. at which time said bids will be opened, tabulated, and presented for approval at the next regular Board of Trustees meeting. Specifications may be requested from and bids may be submitted to:
 Sonora ISD
 Administration Office
 807 S. Concho
 Sonora, Texas 76950
 Envelopes should be clearly marked "Sealed Bid: Playground Equipment." Bids received after the said deadline will be disqualified and returned unopened. Each bid must conform and be responsive to the conditions and specifications that follow. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding process, and to be the sole judge of the merit and qualifications of products or services offered. Furthermore, the District may accept whatever bid is deemed to be in the best interest.

License Application
 Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Beer and Wine Premise License by Lowell Kirk Joy, Michael Robert McBride, and Lisa Kay Lipham dba Stagecoach Grill & Cantina, Inc., to be located at 407 South Crockett Street, Sonora, TX. (Sutton County). Officers of said corporation are as follows: Lowell Kirk Joy, President; Michael Robert McBride, Vice President; and Lisa Kay Lipham, Secretary/Treasurer.

No. 1237 Estate of Jo Ann Thorp, Deceased in the County Court of Sutton County.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jo Ann Thorp, Deceased, were issued on January 8, 2001, in Docket No. 1237, pending in the County Court of Sutton County, Texas, to: Thomas Marion Thorp. The residence of independent Executor, Thomas Marion Thorp, is in Sonora, Sutton County, Texas, the post office address is: c/o James A. Carter & Associates 515 W. Harris, Suite 100 San Angelo, Texas 76903
 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 10th day of January, 2001.
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 A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
 515 W. Harris, Suite 100
 San Angelo, Texas 76903
 915/655-4889
 Fax No. 915/657-2070
 By: James A. Carter
 State Bar No. 03919000
ATTORNEYS FOR THIS ESTATE

Employment

Help Wanted: Cook and wait persons. Come by La Mexicana 240 Hwy. 277 N.

Help Wanted: Part time. Evenings and Weekends. Apply at Mr. D's from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at 216 Hwy. 277 N.

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Help Wanted: Full and part-time personnel needed for numerous positions. Apply in person at The Stagecoach Grill & Cantina, 407 S.E. Crockett Ave., Sonora. Contact Kirk Joy 915-387-0623.

NURSE III
MAKE A DIFFERENCE! GREAT OPPORTUNITY! The Texas Department of Health is recruiting for a Registered Nurse III, headquartered in either San Angelo, Brady or Sonora, TX. Acts as Clinical Consultant to the nursing staff of the Concho Valley Area of PHR Region 9/10. Performs assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of client health needs with emphasis on Women's Health Services. Assists other staff nurses with maintaining and expanding current Women's Health theory and clinical skills. Revises/updates protocols for the Women's Health Nurse Practitioners. Licensed to practice as a Registered Nurse in Texas. Certified to practice as an Advanced Nurse Practitioner in Women's Health by the Board of Nurse Examiners. Current Texas Class C driver's license is required. Travel Requirements: 30% day and 5% overnight. Application are available at 1005 Eaton St., Ste. B, Sonora, TX. For additional information contact Mary Lee Lenertz, RN, at (915) 683-9492. PRN # 01-R09-0016. Closing date: 01/26/01. EEO/ADA.

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EMPLOYMENT NOTICE
 Sonora ISD is accepting applications for the position of Bilingual Pre-Kindergarten Aide. This position will begin on January 29, 2001. Applications may be obtained at the Superintendent's Office, 807 S.E. Concho. EOE.

Help Wanted: Cook and dishwasher for evenings. Experience needed. Apply at Taco Grill. 232 Hwy. 277S.

WANTED: Looking for 24-hour home care for gentleman with broken hip. References please. Call (915) 387-5700 or (915) 450-7648.

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2 AND 3 BEDROOM Trailer for rent. Call J. B. Miller. 392-2641. Also large lot to rent for trailer.

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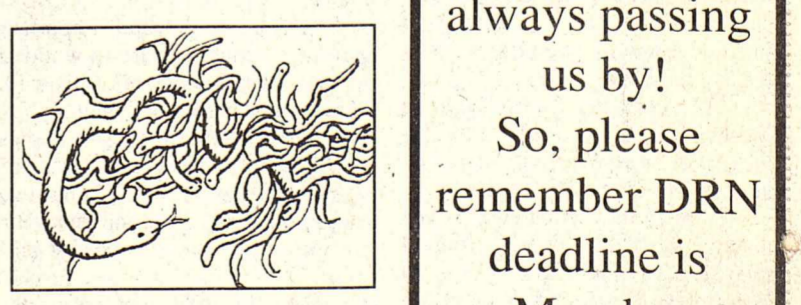
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