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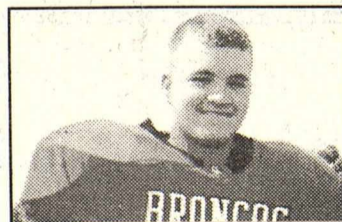
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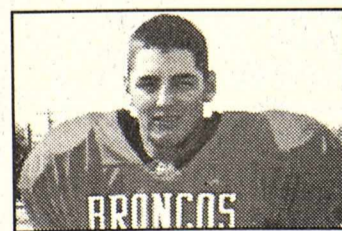
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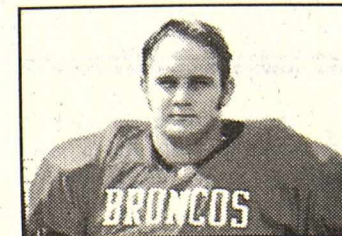
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Angel Tree Helps Make Christmas Merry

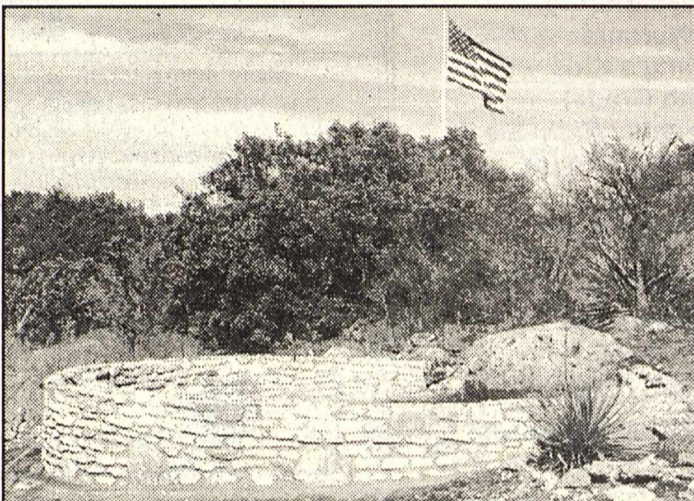
by Storie Sharp

For many families, adopting an Angel at the holidays is a wonderful way to share with others who are less fortunate. If you have never participated in the special holiday project sponsored by the Child Welfare Board, there is no better time than the present to start a new tradition. Stop by The Bank & Trust, First National Bank of Sonora or Alco and choose an "Angel" of school age. Then you and your family purchase a gift item of clothing for a special child that may not otherwise receive a much needed and anticipated gift under their tree. (Toys may be added to your



clothing gift). Spend the amount that you feel is appropriate, keeping in mind that your gifts may be all your chosen child will receive during the holidays. All gifts should be new - no used items, please. Gifts must be returned to their pick-up location by December 18th to ensure a Christmas delivery.

Water To Flow On Eaton Hill



New addition to Eaton Hill - a rock watering hole.

by Delyse Jaeger

We have struck water on Eaton Hill! The rock watering hole is nearly complete and will soon provide a constant water source for wildlife, and a treasure to the senses for hikers on the hill. Imagine the sound of a babbling brook - in Sutton County! The beautiful rockwork was done by Carl J. Cahill Construction and is the first

phase of our plan to create a cascade of pools down the ravine on the north face of Eaton Hill. This is an exciting project that adds distinction to the sanctuary while serving an important role in wildlife habitat. The pool is located on Zed's Cut, west of the flag. Water should begin flowing out of the rock soon. If you are planning your first trek

See Eaton Hill page 7

Efforts Pay Off, TIF Grant Awarded To S.I.S.D. Special Ed Department

by Bonnie Lou Campbell

The regular meeting of the Sonora Independent School District Board of Trustees was held on Monday, December 9, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. in the boardroom of the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by President, Tryon Fields. All board members were present, including John Berry, Alice Cox, Louise Dermody, Diane Jacoby, Cynthia Keel, and Bonnie Lou Campbell.

Mr. Myers gave the invocation. During visitor comments Mrs. Campbell thanked all the board members and superintendent for attending the PTO meeting held in November. A review of the monthly reports and payment of current bills followed, and the minutes were approved for the previous months meeting.

The cafeteria reported a loss of about \$889.51. Although the turnout was good for the Thanksgiving lunch, it could not catch up with the losses. There are many children out for field trips and illnesses this time of year, and this adds to the loss for the cafeteria income. Diane Jacoby reported that due to the sale of the bonds, \$7,464 million was deposited into the TexPool Building Fund.

Mrs. Jacoby had attended the District Investment Policy training, and reported that the annual Review of the District Investment policy was the same as last year, with no changes, and no action needed to be taken.

Mr. Fields opened the public hearing on the AEIS Report.

See School Board page 7

Santa Bucks Still Available For Last Minute Shoppers



Tedford Jewelry wants to deck your halls with great Christmas treasures!

submitted

Shopping days are dwindling, and the time for the Merchant's Association "Santa Bucks" Silent Auction is drawing near. A live auction, starring children of Sonora will be held at the same time on December 18, 2002 starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center. We have highlighted many items that will be up for auction and we would like to remind you of those gift items, as well as show you even more.

O! Sonora Trading Company has donated a complete Merle Norman Skin Care Kit, valued at \$78.00. Mary Ann and Dorothy want to be sure everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Gifts Galore and More will help decorate any home with their donation of a Christopher Radko Christmas Ornament, valued at \$50.

The image apparel has given a Cowboy Angel Necklace

valued at \$24 and Fran also threw in a Western Fire Starter Kit valued at \$75. Fran wishes everyone a Country Christmas and a Kickin' New Year.

The Bank & Trust of Sutton County has donated an Alco Surprise Gift Box valued at \$100! JoAnn, Mike, and all the ladies will not let the secret out until the Santa Bucks are on the table. Everyone at the Bank & Trust wishes you and yours the Happiest of Holidays.

The First National Bank of Sonora has donated a \$100 Sonora shopping spree. All ladies love to shop and John, Mike and all the staff at First National Bank want to make sure you do it right. The gift certificate is sure to be a hot item at the "Santa Bucks" auction. You are always a valued customer at the First National Bank and the warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas are extended to you and your family.

See Santa Bucks page 4

Ross Family Receives "Outstanding Forage Producer" Award

submitted

On Friday, December 6, 2002 Betsy Ross Buitla and Joe David Ross DVM received the 2002 Outstanding Forage Producer Award from the Texas Forage & Grassland Council (TFGC). The award was presented by David Reue, president of TFGC at the Gillespie Fair Grounds in Fredericksburg, Texas with 204 people in attendance.

Dalton Mertz of Belton, Texas nominated the Ross' for this award by answering the following question as seen below.

Why do you think this individual should be considered for the TFGC Award?

The Ross-Buitla Livestock Partnership has been operating Ross Farm at Granger, Texas since 1995. This operation has been well thought out and planned. DVM Joe David Ross and his sister, Betsy, as on-site manager of the operation, are no newcomers to the grazing business. Kathryn Ross Chastant, another sister, also lives at the farm and gladly lends an extra hand when called upon. All were raised a little further to the west, in the Sonora, Texas area. Good grazing land resource management is something that the Ross' are familiar with.

The Ross' gathered input from many well-known authorities on applied grazing management. Individuals and groups of experts have been assembled to critique and offer advice on development of the layout, operation, forage establishment, grazing system philosophy, animal management, fertility and operation/management of the ranch.

The operation has developed into a practical intensive grazing operation. A very diverse forage/grazing/animal system has evolved. Simple tools are utilized on the ranch.



David Reue, President of TFGC, Dr. David Bade, Extension Forage Agronomist; Betsy Ross Buitla, Joe David Ross DVM, Kathryn Ross Chastnut, sister to Betsy & Joe David; David Ross, son of Joe David and Dalton Mertz, USDA - NRCS Range Specialist who nominated the Rosses for the award.

You will have no luck finding fancy, new, expensive, contraptions and equipment on this working ranch.

The establishment of the forage base and the infrastructure were the first steps. Cattle herd sizes have increased as the forage base has grown. From time to time cattle are purchased. Usually when purchases are made the cattle are pre-sold, at a predetermined date or weight. This is done to insure steady and reasonable income for the professional grazing and management services expended.

Stocking rate is currently planned and maintained at about 300 to 350,000 pounds of live weight. The ultimate target is to maintain a maximum of approximately 400,000 pounds of live weight. The carrying capacity of the ranch, once all acreage has been established into forages, is estimated as high as 500,000 pounds of live weight in a 'perfect' year.

The present system has approximately 100 paddocks or grazing units. There have been over 7 miles of pipeline

installed to distribute drinking water to all grazing units. A 3-inch main water line supplies water through 2-inch lateral lines to troughs. All 527 acres of the ranch are utilized effectively. Ideally animals are moved once or twice each day.

The grazing system was planned and designed to allow for easy movement of livestock from any one pasture on the place to the central working/headquarter area at any given time with minimal effort. The alley system was designed with the help of experts from New Zealand. Livestock handling work can be carried out by one person while imposing minimal stress on the grazing animals.

Interior fences are primarily one strand galvanized 12 gauge high tensile electric type. A training period of about 3 days is used for all new arrivals. Cost is minimal for these type fences. Ten-foot pieces of steel pipe are used for corner posts. About 5 to 6 feet is buried

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Seth Prather



Lance Roberts



Luis Segura



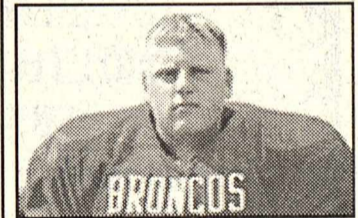
Justin Sims



Zedekiah Snodgrass



Tom Valliant



Wylie Wagoner



Wilson Wallace



Brandon West



Douglas Yocham

Congratulations To All Of The All-District Broncos. Good Job!



Sonora Church Directory

- PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**
Antonio F. Gonzales, Sr.
504 Santa Clara
387-2035
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Jerry Jackson
304 N. Water
387-3190
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**
T. Wayne Price
Pastor
111 E Oak
387-2951
- ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
404 E. Poplar
387-2955
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Rev. Conrad Archer, Pastor
201 N. Water
387-2466
- TEMPLO JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS**
Rev. Santos Beserra, Jr.
306 W. 4th St.
387-5713
- HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**
Rev. Charles Huffman
417 E. 2nd St.
387-5366
- NEW LIFE MINISTRY CENTER**
Jerry & Joy Wood
205 E. Main
387-3241
- LA IGLESIA HISPANA PENTECOSTAL DEL NOMBRE DE JESUS, INC.**
387-6072
- IGLESIA PENTECOSTAL UNIDA HISPANA**
Pastor Isai Oviedo
509 Amistad
650-3121
- THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN**
Lewis Allen, Pastor
319 E. Mulberry
387-2616
- LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH**
Don Longoria, Pastor
707 Glasscock
387-5886
- PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED**
Randy Greenwood
Pastor
509 Amistad
387-5266
- ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I.
229 W. Plum
387-2278
- JEHOVAH'S WITNESS**
310 St. Ann's Street
387-5658 or 387-5518
- NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**
Interim Mike Dixon
511 Cornell
387-5207



Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

Lighthouse Baptist Church
Family Life Center 707 Glasscock • 387-5886
Listen to our Radio program on KHOS.92.1 every Sunday Morning at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m
Worship 11:00 a.m.

Saint Ann Catholic Church Holiday Schedule

Dec. 21
Confessions - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass - 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 22
Sunday Mass - 8:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass - 11:00 a.m.

Dec. 24
Confessions - 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Vigil Mass - 7:00 p.m.
Midnight Mass 12:00 a.m.

Dec. 25
Christmas Day Mass - 10:00 a.m.



311 W. Plum St. • Sonora, Texas 76950

First Baptist Church Sonora

Ministries include....
Sunday: 9:45 AM Bible Study
10:45 AM Worship
6:30 PM Worship
Wednesday: 3:15 PM King's Kids (K - 4th Grade)
6:30 PM Family Night Meal
7:15 PM Small Groups

Worship/Serve with us!!

111 E. Oak • 387-2951
Email: twp@sonoratlx.net
T. Wayne Price - Pastor
Mike Andress - Music Minister

Pastor Tony Gonzales invites you to come worship at Primera Baptist Church

Sunday School 9:50 a.m.
Sermon Message 10:50 a.m.

510 Santa Clara
387-2035

School Lunch Menu • Dec. 16 - 20, 2002

Breakfast
Mon. - Cheese toast, fruit, juice.
Tues. - Egg and potato burrito, juice or fruit.
Wed. - Hot oatmeal, fruit, juice.
Thurs. - Pancakes, syrup, fruit.
Fri. - Breakfast pizza, asst. juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch
Mon. - Beef and bean burrito, tossed salad/dressing, corn, butterscotch brownie.
Tues. - Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, French fries, pudding/topping.
Wed. - Chili and beans, broccoli/cheese, carrot sticks, dressing, orange half, crackers.
Thurs. - Baked ham, macaroni & cheese, green beans, fruit salad, biscuits.
Fri. - Sausage pizza, tossed salad, mexicali corn, jello with topping.



Obituary

Larry E. Lockett

Larry E. Lockett, 67, of Sonora died Sunday, December 8, 2002 at his residence. Graveside services were held Wednesday, December 11, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sonora Cemetery. Kerbow Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. He is survived by one sister, Ann Feagin of Sonora and 2 nieces, Cindy Feagin and Angela Crittendon, both of Sonora. He was born December 26, 1934 in Greenville, Texas to C.A. and Ruth Brotherton Lockett. He was a veteran of the US Army. He was involved in the horse racing industry.

Cards of Thanks

Words can never really express how we felt when we were in pain from losing our mom, Maria C. Leija, when you all came with so much love and care, shown to us through food, flowers, cards, words and just being there. We also want to thank Rev. Don Longoria, Rev. Daniel Olivian, San Angelo; Mrs. Charlotte Wilson, Mr. Rojelio Carranza, Fort Worth for the beautiful service rendered, Primera Baptist Church for the food served after. Mom would really have loved your care and love for her. God bless each and every one.

With our thanks and love,
The Nelda Yorba Family
The Israel Leija Family

The family of Alfredo F. Sanchez would like to take the time to say thanks to everyone who sent flowers, food, cards or simply a prayer during the loss of our father. Ruben Salvador Castilleja for the wonderful music, Benita and Harold for the meal, Father Bill DuBuisson, the nurses at Schleicher County Nursing Home.

Thanks and God Bless,
Hector and Carmen Sanchez and Family
Alma Sanchez Perez and Family

A great big thank you to everyone who helped make the Hudspeth Hospital Auxiliary Rummage Sale a success. Thank you to everyone who contributed in some way - whether it was by a donation of items to sell, shopping, or adding extra to your total purchase - your donation is appreciated.

Many thanks, too, to the many ladies of the auxiliary who helped gather, sort, tag, sell and clean up!
Thank you Sonora!
Elizabeth Schenkel

Many thanks to all who contributed in the way of donated items, purchases and volunteer help in making the rummage sale a huge success. The goal was to raise enough money to purchase two recliners for patients' rooms. If the sale was short of that goal, it isn't by much because of a total of \$1,134.15 was raised.

Special thanks to Cindy Batchelor for the handmade quilt she donated to the auxiliary. Eighty-three dollars in chances were sold, and Jordan Miller was the lucky winner of the quilt.

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Senior Center News

Dec. 17 - City Council. 2:00 p.m.
Dec. 18 - Van to San Angelo! Medicals come first...sign up now!
Dec. 19 - Kooking with Kelly! Nutrition Education. Noon.
Dec. 20 - Birthday parties for December babies! Noon.

Senior Menu

Dec. 16 - Baked chicken, fried rice, zucchini with tomatoes, juice, roll, peach cobbler.
Dec. 17 - Salisbury steak with gravy, blackeyed peas, broccoli with cheese, roll, jello with fruit.
Dec. 18 - Catfish, spinach, pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread pudding.
Dec. 19 - Steakfingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, fresh orange.
Dec. 20 - Beef/cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, coleslaw, fruit salad with citrus.

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

Dining Out Directory

- Dairy Queen**
134 Hwy. 277 N.
387-2118
- La Mexicana**
240 N. Hwy 277
387-3401
- Pizza Hut**
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540
- Stagecoach BBQ & Catering**
109 W. Main
387-0623
- Sutton County Steakhouse**
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833
- Taco Grill**
232 Hwy. 277 N.
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Community

Dec. 11
Sonora Job Fair
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sutton Co. 4-H Civic Center

Dec. 17
City Council Meeting
2:00 p.m.
Carolyn Earwood's School of Dance
Christmas Program • 5:30 p.m.
Main Street

The Community Calendar



Calendar

Dec. 18
Santa Bucks Silent Auction
Civic Center • 7:00 pm.

Dec. 20
SISD early Release 1:00 p.m.
Christmas Vacation through January 5

Dec. 23
County Commissioners Meeting
9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg.

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We reserve the right to edit for length, content, and potentially libelous statements.

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Email us at editor@sonoratlx.net

Ask the Historical Society

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

The Sutton County Historical Society offices will be closed until after December 15th. We will open on the 16th and try to be on hand as much as possible the rest of the month for those coming home or wanting to do research.

Q. I am trying to locate an article on the 25th wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schwiening that was held in December of 1936, can you help me?

A. Devil's River News, January 3, 1936 - Alfred Schwiengings Host to Children at Wedding Anniversary Luncheon Monday

The twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage was observed Monday by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schwiening when they entertained at a luncheon for their children and a few friends at the family home in Sonora.

The Schwiengings have lived in the Sonora section since they were married in Sonora in 1910. Mrs. Schwiening, before her marriage was Miss Callie Margaret Allison, a daughter of George S. Allison, a pioneer ranchman of Sutton and Menard counties. Mr. Schwiening was reared in the Mason and Goldthwaite districts and as a young man was a bookkeeper and railway telegraph operator. His parents owned the old Kirkland Ranch on the Llano below Camp Allison at one time. When Mr. Schwiening was twenty-one he went into business for himself and leased the old Bunton Ranch on the Llano.

Several years later he bought the old Theirs place of one section and leased the Chris Wyatt 8 section ranch. After six years on a place in the Middle Valley section Mr. Schwiening leased the Allison Llano ranch from his father-in-law and moved to the sixteen sections which comprise it.

Mr. and Mrs. Schwiening received a number of gifts of silver pieces from their children and others who attended the luncheon Monday. Those who were present were: George, Kathleen, Junior and Curt Schwiening; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones of Ozona; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schwiening and son; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stites; Miss



Mule and horse drawn wagons make a stop in old Sonora.

Wilma Hamer and Cecil Pearce. Note: Our records indicate that the marriage took place on December 30, 1910.

Other activities of the time included: Stanley Mayfield and Armer Earwood, both students at the Texas Military Institute in San Antonio were spending the holidays at home with their parents. The educational institution they attend is an Episcopal one, founded in 1886 as San Antonio Academy, it became Texas Military Institute in 1893.

A daughter was born December 23 to Eddie Sosa and Mrs. Sosa, a local Mexican couple. A girl was born to Gilbert and Mrs. Castillo on Christmas Day and named Cora.

J. T. Shurley, student in San Angelo College, returned to San Angelo Sunday after a Christmas visit with his father, Ira Shurley. Cleveland Jones, Jr., left Wednesday for Lubbock, where he is attending school after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Jones.

Q. How much did food cost in 1938?

A. Devil's River News, December 30, 1938 - E. F. Vander Stucken Co., Inc. listed the following specials: A package of Aunt Jemima Pancake Flour 12 cents, Swift's Premium Bacon 25 cents per pound, pork chops 17 cents per pound, pork roast 18 cents per pound, baby beef roast 18 cents per pound, select rump roast 20 cents per pound, Pure Maid Peas 14

oz. can 5 cents, Bright and Early Coffee 22 cents per pound, American Beauty Flour 24 pounds for 70 cents and a 10 pound bag of pinto beans for 55 cents. A meal at the McDonald Hotel cost 50 cents. An 8 lb. carton of Jewell or K-B Shortening sold for 79 cents and a 5 pound can of Folger's Coffee was \$1.29. Del Monte Peaches were 16 cents and a Pure Maid quart jar of Peanut Butter sold for 25 cents. You could buy two large cans of Tamales for 25 cents or two tall cans of Pure Maid Chili for 35 cents. Grapefruit sold for 19 cents a dozen, 2 heads of lettuce sold for 9 cents and yams went at 19 cents for 5 pounds. Apples cost 1 cent each and 10 pounds of potatoes sold for 17 cents.

At the City Variety Store 5 cents to a dollar - Men's leather jackets were on sale for \$7.95 and all children's boots were \$2.98. Women's shoes sold for \$1.49 a pair and you could buy an Indian blanket, full size for 88 cents.

Devil's River News, December 12, 1952 - A short walk back in time to see what was happening in Sonora: Air Cadet Richard Street will receive his wings and commission as a second lieutenant in the Air Force December 19, when Class 52-H is graduated at Webb Air Force Base, Big Spring.

Mrs. Anna Ake Neville, 76, mother of Tom Neville, died in Midland and was buried in Alpine. She was born June 12,

1876 in Yellow Springs, Pennsylvania and married Edwin Neville at Marathon on April 12, 1908. One of their sons, Glenn, was killed in 1918 by Mexican bandits raiding their ranch in the Big Bend. Mr. Neville had ranched in the Big Bend country from 1882 to 1947 when they came to Sonora.

The Sonora High School girls basketball team ate the cake at their own party last Saturday night when they handed the Lakeview Maidens a 39-35 defeat to win the Sonora Girls Invitation Basketball Tournament. Betty Sue Allen was named to the all tournament defensive team and June Henderson made the all tournament offensive team. Barbara West was the only casualty of the tournament when she fractured her leg and tore a ligament at the Eldorado-Del Rio game. Members of the Sonora team are Nettie Kisselburg, Betsy Ross, June Henderson, Betty Sue Allen, Rita Renfroe and Patsy Drennan.

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 reach us by phone at the office at 387-5084 or at my home after hours at 387-2855. Until December 15th all rentals will be handled through Al Elliotts office 387-3529. Happy Holidays!

State Government Services and Information Are Only A Mouse Click Away

by Jeff Wentworth
State Senator, District 25

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private/public partnership between the State of Texas and BearingPoint. The partnership currently generates \$1 million annually in new revenue for Texas and is expected to generate more than \$7 million in additional revenue in the next biennium.

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Happy Birthday

December 12 - Tessa Joy, Emily Cory, Lupe Buitron, Richard Bernal, Guadalupe Marquart, Kassandra Tyler, Mary Mauldin

December 13 - Valerie Lopez, Laura Bedwell, Andes Chavez, Scottie Moore, Michael Harris, Bobby Dickenson, Dianne Luckie, T.J. Thorp, Ginger Everett

December 14 - Lisa Price, Tim Roberts, Shelby Randolph, Randy Mabry, Billie Renfro, Michelle Rushing

December 15 - Dustin Neff, Chris Neal, Sean Matchus

December 16 - Bobby Taylor, Bobby Morgan, Shannon Rushing

December 17 - Bobby Liverman, Candise Martin, Israel Leija, Donna Seymour

December 18 - Hoot Hearn, Fernie Emiliano, Donny Yocham, Jr., Yesenia Gandar

Thorp's Laun-Dry
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Letter to the Editor

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all who attended and supported the 9th Annual Cowboy Christmas Promenade. Without the help of volunteers, these community events would not be possible. Special thanks to First National Bank and the Federal Land Bank for providing refreshments during the lighting.

Due to the recent restoration of the Sutton County Courthouse, we are limited on our decorating options. In the future, we hope to expand the light display on both the courthouse and the lawn. Anyone interested in volunteering for the decorating committee, please contact the chamber.

Ladonna Wardlaw and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce

Giving Gifts

This time of year I try to spend some time in the evenings thinking about my loved ones. What a joy comes to my heart when I think about each one and how much I love them. When we give gifts from the heart it is because we are motivated by love. As I think about giving a gift to my loved ones I try to find a balance between what they want and what they need. What warmth comes to my heart when I have given a gift that they really need and enjoy. In my trying to decide what gifts to give reminds me of a dilemma God may have been in years ago. He

loved us very much (1 John 4:8) and was facing the problem of giving us what we needed the most or the things we wanted. He knew that mankind was going to disobey Him and forever be separated from Him. He wanted to make a way that fellowship could be restored to Him (1John 4:9,10). He did this by sending His own son to die for us (Romans 5:8) so we could have a new relationship to Him (Ephesians 2:4-10, John 3:16). Let's make sure we have received God's Love (His Son, John 1:12). See you in Church on Sunday.

Brother J

EMS Meet For Regular Business

Sutton County EMS met on Monday, December 2, 2002 for their regular Business meeting. All members are reminded of the Christmas party to be held Monday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. A meal will be served beginning at 6:30 p.m. The party will be held at the EMS building. All members are encouraged to attend.

Pat Campbell and Pascal Allison attended the Texas EMS Conference held last month in Austin. Pat and Pascal attended workshops and received several continuing education hours.

The next training meeting will be in January of 2003.

Snyder Reports For Duty

December 06, 2002(FHTNC)--Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Kenneth B. Snyder, a 1991 graduate of Sonora High School, Sonora, Texas, recently reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis, homeported in San Diego.

Santa Bucks from page 1

Dairy Queen had given four (4) \$25 meal gift certificates to be bid on. Joana and the Dairy Queen team are cooking up warm goodies for Christmas and want to share them with you.

Tedford Jewelry has loaded Santa's sleigh with a variety of choices, donating 1 boxed set of four (4) Towle wood-handled steak knives valued at \$44, a hand-painted dresser lamp, perfect for any little girls room, valued at \$39.50 and a Waterford Heirloom Christmas Tree Ornament valued at \$40. John and Dell and the staff at Tedford Jewelry would like to make all your Christmas shopping dreams available at one stop.

The new kids on the block, Parker Lumber "Do It Best" didn't want to miss out on the fun, they have donated a Mr. Heater, valued at \$60. Keep warm on this cold Christmas morning while waiting for the big buck to come out of hiding. Happy Holidays from Russell and the staff of Parker Lumber.

The Sutton County Steakhouse wanted to be sure everyone had a great meal this holiday season, so they have donated three (3) lunch buffet gift certificates valued at \$25. They also threw in a dinner for two, valued at \$20 and a wish for a very Merry Christmas.

Town & Country Village Market donated a Toast Master Toaster Oven, valued at \$25 for that perfect holiday breakfast.

Lynn over at Cellular One has donated one free month of

cell service so that you can call home for the holidays.

Butch from the Video Store has donated 3 video rentals to share with visiting family over the holidays or after the New Year, valued at \$60.

A delight to any child or child at heart would be the gift filled balloon donated by Busy Bee Dept. Store, valued at \$21. You don't have to wrap it because the wrapping is part of the gift.

Cuddle up with the Santa Bear donated by Team Graphics, valued at \$15 or pick the Christmas Reindeer Card Holder to share all your memories with friends (valued at \$25). Marla and Lydia would like to extend best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

Mr. Samuel and the staff at Alco would like to express their appreciation for a successful year and have donated a 13 inch color television - a great gift for all ages.

Vivian and Donna from KHOS Radio have donated 4 gift packages and would like to thank everyone for listening and sharing another great year!

Santa Bucks are still available at Sonora businesses and shopping days are running low. So Shop Sonora today and double your gift giving by earning Santa Bucks to spend on great treasures. Each visitor will get \$500 Santa Bucks just for attending the auction - you can't lose, don't miss it.

Special thanks to all who helped make possible the 9th Annual Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade!

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Please accept my sincere apology if I have inadvertently left someone off the list.
Season's Greetings from the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

F.Y.I.

Little Dribblers Group Practices 3rd grade - 6th grade boys will practice from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m on January 11th, 18th, & 25th. 3rd-6th grade girls will practice on the same days (1/11, 1/18 & 1/25) from 10:30 a.m to 12:00 p.m.

The 5th grade class will hold an Economics Fair on December 17th from 8:30 a.m to 10:30 a.m in the Middle School Gym Student made projects will be sold. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

New Year's Eve Dance - Tejano Mix D.J. y Esperanza - December 31, 2002 at Sutton County Civic Center from 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. - \$8.00 advance - \$10.00 at door. For more information or tickets call Chavarria's Grocery, Fred's Tiendita, Mike Villanueva at 387-5300, Florie Gonzales at 387-5335 or Maria Mesa at 387-2287. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Child Welfare Board is once again sponsoring the Angel Tree. Angels are available at First National Bank, The Bank & Trust and Alco. Please pick up an angel and provide a gift of clothes for a child in Sutton County. Gifts must be dropped off by December 18th to the place where you chose your angel.

Sonora ISD recently sent out informational surveys to parents and students of the Classes of 2000, 2001, and 2002. You may return the survey in the self addressed envelope that was enclosed or drop it by the Administration Building at 807 S. Concho. Your reply would be greatly appreciated.

The deadline to purchase a Senior Ad for the 2003 Yearbooks is December 18th. Text and pictures are also due at this time. Your pictures will be returned to you when the completed yearbooks arrive in September of 2003. For more information call Kristin Keel at 387-6533, ext. 315.

If you have not purchased a 2002 Yearbook, they are still on sale. Come to the High School or send your payment to S.H.S. Yearbook Department, 807 SE Concho, Sonora, TX 76950 or call Kristin Keel at 387-6533, ext 315 for more information.

The Sutton County Historical Society office will be closed until December 15, 2002.

Parent information classes are being offered weekly at the elementary auditorium. Classes are on Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Area agencies along with school staff will be presenting information on a wide range of topics such as positive behavior support, building self-esteem in your children, nutrition, and much more. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend. Refreshments and childcare will be provided.

The Depot may be rented by calling the Sutton Co. Historical Society at 387-5084. Open Mondays, Tuesday until noon and Fridays.

The Poinsettia is Not Poisonous

The widespread belief that poinsettias are poisonous is a misconception. The scientific evidence demonstrating the poinsettia's safety is ample and well documented.

Studies conducted by Ohio State University in cooperation with the Society of American Florists concluded that no toxicity was evident at experimental ingestion levels far exceeding those likely to occur in a home environment. In fact, the POISINDEX Information Service, the primary information resource used by most poison control centers, states that a 50-pound child would have to ingest over 500 poinsettia bracts to surpass experimental doses. Yet even, at this high level, no toxicity was demonstrated.

As with all ornamental plants, poinsettias are not intended for human or animal consumption, and certain individuals may experience an allergic reaction to poinsettias.

However, the poinsettia has been demonstrated to be a safe plant. In fact, in 1992, the poinsettia was included on the list of houseplants most helpful in removing pollutants from indoor air. So, not only is the poinsettia a safe and beautiful addition to your holiday decor, it can even help keep your

indoor air clean!

The Do's and Don'ts of Poinsettia Care:

DO place your plant in indirect sunlight for at least six hours per day. If direct sun can't be avoided, diffuse the light with a shade or sheer curtain.

DO provide room temperatures between 68-70 degrees. Generally speaking, if you are comfortable, so is your poinsettia.

DO water your plant when the soil feels dry to the touch.

DO use a large, roomy shopping bag to protect your plant when transporting it.

DO fertilize your plant AFTER THE BLOOMING SEASON with a balanced, all-purpose fertilizer.

DON'T place plants near cold drafts or excessive heat. Avoid placing plants near appliances, fireplaces or ventilating ducts.

DON'T expose plants to temperatures below 50 degrees F. Poinsettias are sensitive to cold, so avoid placing them outside during the winter months.

DON'T over water your plant, or allow it to sit in standing water. Always remove a plant from any decorative container before watering, and allow the water to drain completely.

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Last Week in the 2002 Bronco All-District Football list we inadvertently listed Israel Arevalo as 2nd Team Offensive Line twice. Israel was actually named 1st Team Defensive Tackle and 2nd Team Offensive Line. Sorry Israel and congratulations on a great year!

7th Grade Colts Lose to Grape Creek

by: Danni Price

The 7th Grade Colt teams entertained the Grape Creek Eagles here in Sonora on Monday. The Colt "B" team played first, with the "A" team immediately following.

Luck was not on our side as the "B" team struggled in the paint. Many shots were put up, but in the end, only 3 of those fell. These boys hustled and gave it their all, but Grape Creek would out score them and get the win. Final, Sonora "B" 3 Points, Grape Creek "B" 14 Points. Scoring for the Colts were; Tanner James 2, and Michael Chavez 1.

The Colt and Eagles' "A" team game was a back and forth, close game almost to the finish. The Colts tried a defensive press during the first half of the game and did their best to keep the Eagles and the ball on our end of the court. Scoring was close and at the end of the 1st Quarter the Colts trailed by a basket. The 2nd Quarter went pretty much as the 1st, with the Colts scoring 5 and the Eagles scoring 6. At the half, Grape Creek led by 3 points.

After a brief break, both teams hit the floor with a renewed sense of who would be the victor. This 3rd Quarter proved to be very competitive as both teams were able to put up the points and tie-up the game. Grape Creek scored 8 and Sonora scored 9.

The 4th Quarter started with a score of 25-25. This period was more of a defensive battle, than anything else. The Colts were not able to sink a single basket this period, and unfortunately the Eagles scored 4. Final Score: Sonora 25, Grape Creek 29. The Colts had an excellent showing, despite getting the loss. Scoring and Rebounding for the Colts were; J.T. Downing 2 Points and 2 Boards, Aaron Gaytan 2 Points and 2 Boards, Hunter Lawson 1 Point and 2 Boards, Zadrion McGee 3 Points and 5 Boards, Morgan Martinez 2 Points and 5 Boards, Alonzo Peña 5 Points and 9 Boards, Clayton Sahr 4 Points, Riley Sanchez 6 Points and 1 Board, and Dalton Dover with 1 Board.

The 7th Grade Colt teams will host the Reagan County Owls after the break, Monday, December 6th at the Middle School Gym. Game time is 5:00 PM. GO COLTS BEAT THE OWLS!

Lady Bronco JV "B" Falls To Lady Lions - Soar Over Lady Eagles

The Sonora Lady Bronco JV "B" team traveled to Ozona on December 2, 2002 where they played a very close game against the Lady Lions JV "B". Ozona took the lead in the first quarter, but Sonora came back in the second, taking the lead 6 to 5. The Lady Broncos held on to the lead in the 3rd, but the Lady Lions gave an extra push in the last quarter and wound up on top by 2, final score Ozona 25, Sonora 23. Danielle Fox and Desirae Alvarado each had 5 points and Lauren Smith was right there with 4.

On the 9th of December the JV "B" Lady Broncos logged a strong victory against a visiting Grape Creek team, defeating the Lady Eagles 42 to 16. Desirae Alvarado led the scoring with 9 points, 5 of which she sank from the free throw line. Kaleena Samaniego made a strong showing, scoring 6 points. Kristina Hernandez, Tabitha Ovalle, Desirae Boldt and Hillary Lawson each scored 4, Mandy Brister, Dee McGee and Lauren Smith all had 3 and Courtney Caruthers rounded things out with 2.

The JV "B" team will play Big Lake on January 6th.

J.V. Broncos Start Season With Wins

by Maray Cearley

The Sonora Junior Varsity boys started the Basketball season on a winning streak. Their first game was a very impressive victory against Rocksprings. The Broncos controlled every aspect of the game with 4 in double figures. Steven Duhon led the Broncos with 22 points. Embre Smith added 14, and Dustin Creek and Austin Wagoner each had 10. Other Bronco scorers were Clint Cearley with 8, Boomer Galindo 6, Chris Perez 4, Lance Roberts and Cameron Cox 2 each. The final score was 78 to 22.

The Bronco's second victory was against the Junction Eagles, 60 - 55. Leading scorer was Cearley with 14 followed

by Smith with 9, Roberts 8, Creek 7, Perez 6, Galindo and Cullen Parker 5, Duhon 4 and Wagoner 2.

Sonora's next opponents were the Mason Punchers. The Broncos had a slow start, with the Punchers leading by 1 at the end of the first quarter. The Broncos then held them to only 2 second quarter points. The final score was Sonora 36, Mason 14. Cearley once again led the way with 9 points, followed closely by Duhon and Smith with 7 each. Cox had 4, Parker 3 and Wagoner, Creek and Galindo each had 2. Duhon led the Broncos with 9 rebounds.

This week the Broncos will travel to Brady and also Iraan to participate in their tournament.

Bronco JV Takes Third At Wall Tournament

by Maray Cearley

Last weekend the Junior Varsity boys took their 3-0 record to Wall for their annual tournament. There were 7 teams on the Bracket. The Broncos first draw was Wall "A".

With the Broncos speed and full court press, the Hawks were forced to commit 24 turnovers. Clint Cearley led the Broncos with 7 steals and 10 points. Others scoring for the Broncos were Austin Wagoner with 7, Dustin Creek 6, Steven Duhon 5, and Embre Smith with 3. Lance Roberts, Cameron Cox and Cullen Parker each had 2. Smith led all Broncos with 6 rebounds and the final score was Sonora 37, Wall 23.

Sonora then faced the Ballinger Bearcats, who were the quickest team the Broncos have faced so far this year. At the half, Sonora was trailing 20-21. Although the Broncos shot

Lady Broncos Playing Strong Win or Lose

The Varsity Lady Broncos played a great game against Mason on December 3, 2002, finally defeating them after two prior losses when the teams met. Player of the Week honors went to Brea Hughes who scored 10 points and had 4 rebounds. Morgan Hobbs had a season high in rebounds, bringing down 13! Tamika Marshall and Kara Hard each had 9 points, helping secure the close win, 39 to 36 in favor of the Lady Broncos. Hobbs had 5, Parker had 3, Elliott 2 and Garcia had 1.

On the 5th the Ladies played a very hard game against the Hamlin Pipers. Turnovers and missing key free-throws down the stretch cost them the game, falling to Hamlin 51 to 55. Hobbs and Marshall were named players of the games, with Hobbs scoring 19 points and Marshall scoring 16. Ashley Parker had 8 points. The girls sank 14 of 25 attempted free throws.

On December 6th the Lady Broncos found themselves up against a "blizzard" from Winters. The Lady Broncos fought hard, but turnovers again cost them a loss, with a final score of Winters 57, Sonora 48. Overall the young ladies are

doing a great job and just need to stay consistent in their play. Morgan Hobbs, who was able to get a double double, 12 points and 10 rebounds, was chosen as the Player of the Game. Marshall also had 12 points and Kara Hard finished with 8.

The Lady Broncos were once again on the court on December 7th, going to war once again with the Lady Pipers from Hamlin. Even though they came up a little short, 1 point short, it was a very exciting game. A hard lesson of never quitting while you are ahead was learned, as the Pipers pushed to the last buzzer, winning the battle 60 to 59. Hobbs was once again named Player of the Week, sharing the honor with Hard and Hughes. Hobbs finished with 18 points, Hughes had 12 and Hard had 11. Hughes also lead the rebounding with 6.

Morgan Hobbs was selected to the All Tournament Team. Congratulations Morgan and all the Lady Broncos. The Ladies will compete in the Ozona Tournament December 12 - 14th, starting at 8:30 a.m. on the 12th against Fort Stockton. Come cheer the Lady Broncos to victory.

Broncos Jump-Start Basketball Season With Wins

The Sonora Broncos started off their Basketball season with a big win against Rocksprings on November 22, 63 to 22. Douglas Yocham led the Broncos with 20 points. Caleb Gulley had 13, and Chris Martin had 11. Yocham led the rebounding with 9.

On the 25th of November the Broncos continued their winning start, defeating Junction 49 to 45. Gulley stepped up, leading the scoring with 18 points, followed by Dustin Martin with 11. D. Martin also led rebounding with 7 saves.

Another win was logged on December 3rd against the Mason Punchers, 51 to 46. Gulley led in points again, with 14, followed by Yocham and C. Martin with 10 each.

The Ballinger Tournament would find the Broncos first loss in the 2nd round of games. After a first round win of 66 to 57 against San Angelo Central JV the boys moved on to the 2nd round of games. This is where the Broncos met up with Coleman and what should have been a win turned into a loss of 34 Sonora, 41 Coleman. In the final round of games in the Tournament, Sonora faced

Grape Creek and put up a strong fight through the entire game, being down by only 1 in the 4th quarter. But the Eagles kept playing strong and took the win 69 to 55.

Dustin Martin led the scoring against San Angelo Central with 20 points, Gulley had 16 and Chris Martin had 12. C. Martin took the most points against Coleman with 11 points and Yocham led the way against Grape Creek with 17 points.



Douglas Yocham goes up against Mason. Glasscock photo

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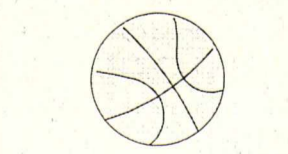
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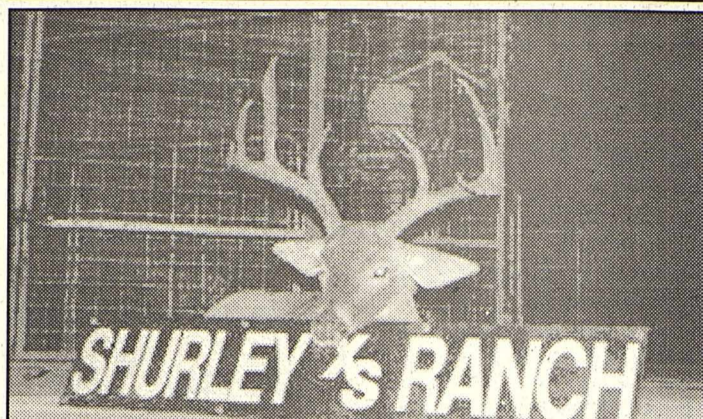
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This buck was killed by a hunter at the XS It took all 4 days to get this buck that had been shot at 3 different times, and it took some innovation on the guide's part to set up the last attempt. The deer was killed in Sulfer pasture in a section referred to as "horn canyon", at 5:30 pm on 11/29/2002 while chasing a doe, using a Remington BDL LSS 300 win mag using Winchester 180 grain ballistic tip shot was 85 yards while walking in the direction of the hunter. He had 8 points, with a 19 inch (inside spread) and 8 inch brow tines (G1), he was 5 1/2 years old and an estimated score of 160 B/C was given.



Billy Ivey of Ft. Wort, TX got this 10 point buck with approximately a 17" spread on December 4, 2002 while hunting at the Frank Bond Ranch. The buck is reported to have scored a 151 on the Boone & Crockett scale.

Rig Locations as of December 6, 2002

Sutton County
New Dominion; 8750' Sawyer - 15 - #5, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 8350' LB Glasscock - 32 - #3, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 8190' Simmons Ranch #43, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 6600' Thomson - C - #6, Patterson Drilling
New Dominion; 6450' Mack Cauthorn - 112 - #9, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 6000' Vanderstucken - 50 - #13, Patterson Drilling.

Crockett County
New Dominion; 9200' Van Shoubrouck #1401, Patterson Drilling.
New RME Petro Co.; 8700' McMullan - C - #7, Patterson Drilling.
New Concho Oil & Gas; 7000' Montgomery - A - #1010, Patterson Drilling.
Beach Expl.; 7000' Baldrige #1, Rod Ric Corporation.

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BP America Prod; 11452' Banner Estate #4 H, Patterson UT/LV.
New Conoco; 16000' Culbertson - 9 - #1, H, Nabors Drilling.
Riata Energy Inc.; 9000' Pakenham - 51 - #1, Nabors Drilling.

Edwards
New EEXE & P Company; 10000' Shaw - B - #6201, Patterson Drilling.

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The 43rd annual Round-Up for Rehab, through regional sales in San Angelo, Abilene, Coleman, Dublin, Ranger, Junction and Stephenville, as well as club lamb, goat and pig sales and cash gifts has generated \$248,6000 through November 30.

Also included in the 2002 total is \$25,000 in corporate underwriting from regional sponsors Federal Land Bank Association, First Ag Credit, Patterson-UTI Energy Inc., Stongpoint/Pied Piper Pet & Wildlife and Wrangler. A-B Distributing and Lone Star Beef Processors, both of San Angelo, also made additional financial contributions.

WTRC President/CEO Woody Gilliland expresses appreciation to Round-Up General Chairmen Mike Alexander and Randy Carson of Abilene and Carter Behrens of San Angelo, as well as all donors, buyers, sponsors, volunteer chairmen and auction personnel for "helping Rehab others in spirit of their own tough times... for truly representing what neighbor-helping-neighbor is all about."

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below the soil surface. Wire tension is moderate.

A team of local and regional ranch resource management experts are utilized in an on-going evaluation of ranch operation. Regional grazing land resource management experts like R.L. Dalrymple and Walt Davis are visitors to the ranch. Local talent such as Dalton Merz and Dr. David Bade are also called upon on a regular basis. Nutrition is monitored on a regular basis as well. An animal nutritionist, Kent Mills, is a regularly scheduled consultant. Regular forage samples are taken.

At this time there are 120 head of mature crossbred beef and Holstein cows on the farm, 120 dairy replacement heifers, and 90 yearlings. The brood cow herd is used as the clean up crew behind the yearlings and dairy heifers. The dairy heifers are being grazed for a fee of over \$1/pound of gain; all of the yearlings will be grassed with the larger ones being finished on grass. A low-key marketing program for the grassed beef has been developed these past two years.

Joe David provides the vision for the growth and future of the farm. His guidance, teaching and leadership are the framework for the farm. He ranches in Sutton County, Texas. However, Joe David can often be found at the farm for special workdays, to 'pull' just a few more weeds, or to answer a 'help' call from Betsy.

Betsy's main job is to manage the operation, the personnel and the infrastructure. She continuously evaluates forages, animal demand, and plans and has implemented a grazing schedule. She walks the pastures on a regular basis. Betsy says that it is the only way to see what is going on! Her goal is to achieve proper utilization of each of the 100 grazing units each and every time that they are grazed. When plants are properly utilized they recover from the grazing event in a positive fashion. Proper grazing management is the key to success. This is no easy task with the variety of forage and grazing animals on the ranch. A stocking rate of approximately 50,000 to 65,000 pounds of live weight to the acre is desired. At this stock density utilization is usually optimum.

She uses the Allen Henning method of forage evaluation. Everything is evaluated on a scale of 1 - 10. Her record book is never far away. Taking notes on a frequent basis has become a way of life. A management team of local and regional professionals is rallied upon. A consulting soil scientist is a regular visitor to the ranch. Soils are the basis for all life on the farm. Good farm management requires being in touch with the natural resources on the farm.

Betsy has stated that being a good grazing manager requires plenty of thought followed by action. A decision must be made, then the results evaluated. Grazing manage-

ment requires good foresight, good hindsight, and the ability to make needed adjustments to the game plan.

Forage content, quality, and quantity must be known. Use of stockpiled forage for winter roughage has been done on the Ross Builtta Farm. Stockpiling has become a way of life on the farm. Upright plants such as Tifton 85 Bermuda grass and some of the tall grass prairie natives such as Eastern Gammagrass seem to have the most potential for this use. Tifton 85 was first planted on the place in 1997. It has provided as much as 9,000 acre of standing roughage during the winter feeding period.

Several varieties of Eastern Gammagrass have been planted and established on the farm. Varieties being established are Jackson, Medina, San Marcos, Pete, Iuka, and Iuka IV. San Marcus has performed best in the blackland in terms of regrowth and grazing preference. Establishment and proper management is a top priority on the farm. The San Marcos Eastern Gammagrass variety is being harvested and expanded by the Ross' in production blocks for future commercial seed production.

The following forages are utilized for grazing on the Ross Farm: Eastern Gammagrass, various clovers, common bermudagrass, Oats, Purple Bundleleaf, Brazos Hybrid Bermudagrass, Coastal Hybrid Bermudagrass, Jiggs Hybrid Bermudagrass, Tifton 85 Hybrid Bermudagrass, various Rye grasses, Chicory, Dahl Bluestem, Kleingrass, Alamo Switchgrass, King Ranch Bluestem, and Lometa Indiangrass.

Equipment use is limited on the farm. A low-tech hybrid bermudagrass planter, made from an old disk, is also useful and effective. From the used tractors to the old used bush-hog, one can tell that any equipment purchased for use on the ranch has to pay for itself within a reasonable time period. Hay is custom baled. A rotowire is used to control weeds such as silverleaf nightshade. In an effort to reduce chemicals they graze the weeds and then do selective treatment and hand pulling of weeds like wild mustard, cocklebur and Russian thistle.

While abundant earthworm and dung beetle populations are good indicators of soil and plant health, Betsy and Joe David have recently begun a soil fertility program to re-inoculate the soil with missing microorganism by brewing and spraying 'compost tea'. A new inorganic fertilizer blend has also been initiated. No more than 60 actual units of Nitrogen/acre are put out at any one given time. This is done to avoid damage to earthworms and other soil borne critters. An equal amount of potash to nitrogen is included.

All of these measures go towards quality forage management and are why the Ross Family were nominated for this award.

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School Board from page 1

Each of the campuses was discussed and most of the scores were average or above, compared to the state average.

The Superintendent's report included a loss of two more students, bringing the total enrollment to date, down to 899. Attendance was at 97.65%, which was about the same as this time last year. Mr. Myers was glad to report in the November maintenance report, that many projects have now been completed. The floor was finished at the high school auditorium, the AC/heater was fixed at the Jr. high band hall, all the scoreboards are up and running, the interior of the Castlehill Apartments have been completed, the outfield fence at the baseball field is finished, and two hot water heaters were taken out of the high school gym and new ones were installed. A bid had been received for the community privacy fence for the apartments in the amount of approximately \$3,600.

Mr. Myers gave the Bond project update, which included a letter from Mr. Ritter with Geotechnical Services. Ritter had given the board a complete asbestos report on the entire elementary campus. There were many pages of pictures included where asbestos had been found in the floors, in chalkboards, in the caulk around windows, in ceiling tiles, just to name a few areas around our school. It was his recommendation that all the areas with asbestos be ripped out and completely renovated. It would cost less than what had been originally budgeted for the removal of the asbestos. Mr. Myers indicated that he would like to keep Mr. Ritter on the project as a consultant, since he had done the preliminary reports, and would know where clean up needed to take place. The removal of the asbestos will be staggered throughout the project calendar so that the facilities project will stay on schedule. The Board felt that keeping Mr. Ritter on as a consultant would be contingent on any fees incurred.

The highlight of the meeting was the report Alice Cox gave regarding the TIF Grant from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for students with disabilities

that had been awarded to our district's Special Education Department. Mrs. Cox reported that, among the stipulations for the grant application were two components. One was that the applicant has a community partner, and that the applicant be willing to support 5% of the grant. The community partner for this grant is the Sutton County Public Library who will be receiving new computers, software, and devices to assist disabled patrons. Our local students will also be receiving new computers, software, and devices, along with teacher, student and parent training and support on how to use these new items. The total amount of the grant was \$158,951.15 from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, and the local school district supporting funds totaled \$8,365.85.

The next order of business was a discussion on the change of time for the Regular Board meetings. Mr. Fields suggested that the board consider changing the meeting time to 5:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month, to go into effect at the next regular meeting. Mr. Jacoby made a motion, and Mrs. Favila seconded, and the motion carried. The next action taken was to amend improvement plans for 2002-2003, regarding Comp Ed. A motion was made by Mr. Bustamante, seconded by Mrs. Favila and the motion carried.

Mr. Myers received a letter regarding TASB legal assistance services, and the board voted unanimously to adopt this legal service in the event that legal defense, advice, or assistance was needed.

During the board member comments, Mr. Fields commended Mrs. Cox on her time and efforts in obtaining the TIF Grant for the Special Education Department. Mrs. Favila commended Mrs. Dermody on the outstanding turnout for the Thanksgiving Lunch at the elementary school. Mr. Myers also commented on the good turnout for the PTO meeting held last month.

The board took a brief break and went into closed session to discuss fall staff evaluations, board self evaluation, and the evaluation of the superintendent.

News From The Neighbors

Eldorado Groups To Host Christmas Trilogy

Once again, a unique, one-of-a-kind, two day event will be presented for the citizens of Eldorado and surrounding environs. Three local organizations have joined to create a trilogy built around illusions developed in McKinney, Texas in the early nineties for a haunted house that was reckoned in the DFW area.

The illusions were brought to Eldorado in early 2002 and have been re-designed for this Christmas presentation. The first part of the trilogy will be held in the 1907 bank/pool hall on Main Street between 11 AM and 1 PM on Saturday, December 14. Sponsored by the Circus 101 Class, members will present a very brief version of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," with the emphasis being on the actual appearances of the ghosts of Marley, Christmas Past, Christmas Present and Christmas Yet to Come. Cast members will don Dickens era garb and be available for pictures. Admission for this show is \$2.

Stage two of the trilogy is sponsored by the Eldorado Olympic Bid Organizing Committee and will take place in their world headquarters, located just SE of the only stoplight in town. The building has

been converted into Grinch's cave and visitor's will see the infamous Grinch steal Christmas, only to be apprehended by Batman, who will force the Grinch to return his take to the original location. This will take place between 7 and 8 PM on the 14th and admission to this aspect of the trilogy is \$1.

The three part show will return to the 1907 bank/pool hall on Sunday, December 15 between 2 and 5 PM, and is sponsored by the Tagoo Bird Preservation Society. This will conclude the trilogy with the immediate, mystical appearance of Santa Claus from the North Pole via the interjet. The interjet is a state of the art concept, much more advanced than the internet, in that instead of just transmitting words and pictures via cyber space, it is able to transport objects and living creatures through space at internet speeds. Hence, Santa Claus will be whisked into town to listen to Christmas wishes and then pose for pictures by his fireplace. Admission to the show is \$1, and pictures with the jolly old man will be available at an extra charge.

For more information, contact Jim Runge at eldorado-texas@hotmail.com.

Austin Gospel Group To Sing At San Angelo Chamber Music Series

Wonderful holiday and gospel music will be performed by the nationally known amplified gospel group, The Bells of Joy of Austin, Texas, at the third concert of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts' Chamber Music Series. The concert will take place on Sunday, December 15, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. at the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts located at One Love Street.

Tickets for the performance are \$10.00 for the general public, \$8.00 for Art Museum and Symphony members, \$5.00 for students, elementary through college, and \$5.00 for senior citizens. Tickets may be purchased at the door or by calling the Art Museum at 653-3333. Refreshments will be provided during intermission by Linda Love of Sutton County Steakhouse / A Catered Affair. Coffee is courtesy of DeCoty Coffee Company. The Chamber

demand after acclaim during a concert in last season's Chamber Music Series. They have been part of a gospel tradition for over fifty years and were featured on the nationally distributed radio series, "Lift Every Voice: Celebrating 50 Years of Texas Black Gospel."

Current personnel include three of the original members, A.C. and Ester Littlefield and A.D. Watson; they are joined by Alton Cybers, lead vocals; Edward Denmon, bass vocals and bass guitar; Willis Ira Littlefield, drums; and J.T. Stewart, guitar.

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up the Hill, you are in for a treat. In wildlife News, winter birds continue to visit Eaton Hill. Species sighted recently include the Black-throated Sparrow, Pyrrhuloxia, Brown Towhee, Scrub Jay and a few new birds that will require a second look to positively identify. One of these is a small falcon that has been seen by several folks and may possibly be a Merlin. If you are a birder visiting Eaton Hill and happen to make a positive identification of

our guest, please contact Lewis Allen, Mary Humphrey, Delyse Jaeger or the SIDC office. Two other species seen in Sutton County, which may possibly be found on Eaton Hill are the Rufous-sided Towhee and Eastern Bluebird. Bird books make great Christmas gifts for seasoned birders, young naturalists or those who'd just like to know what they are looking at in their own backyard. So, buy 'em a book and send 'em up on Eaton Hill - Sonora's back-

yard wildlife sanctuary. Hike the trails this Christmas season, enjoy a little sanctuary yourself, and keep an eye out for mistletoe in the trees along the trails. Our thanks to the community for all the support and positive feedback we have received on this project. We wish everyone a delightful holiday and all the gifts of the season. *The Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is a project of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation.*

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Sutton County Hospital District will use the following rules and procedures to comply with its responsibility under the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act. These rules and procedures are the same as found in the County Indigent Health Care Program Handbook published by the Texas Department of Human Services. In summary, these rules are as follows:

1. An application form must be completely filled out. Application forms can be requested at/from Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Business Office.
2. An appointment is set for personal/telephone interview and the applicant must be present at the personal interview.
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4. Net income per month cannot exceed the following:

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8	356	356	293

5. Liquid resource assets cannot exceed \$2,000. The fair market value of a vehicle greater than \$4,650, is countable against the \$2,000. limit. Personal property and homesteads are exempt assets.
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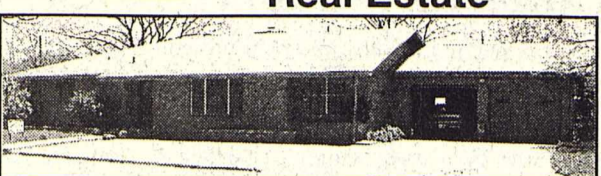
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 200 E. Riverside Dr.
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 San Angelo District
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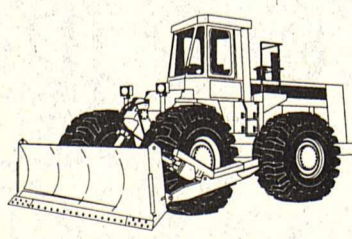
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