

Ho! Ho! Ho!



Santa Claus joined Sutton County royalty on Saturday, December 6, 2003, as he, Miss Sutton County, Kelly Kearney, Little Miss Sutton County, Holly Sparks, and Little Mr. Sutton County, Robert Zapata III made a trip down Main Street. Santa was then available for pictures with the good little girls and boys of Sonora. As the sun set and the lights came on down the street and on the Courthouse Lawn, Santa headed for his sleigh, to make the trip back to the North Pole. But, if you've been nice, not naughty, he'll be back to visit you in just 13 days. Merry Christmas!

School Board approves purchase of automated food service system for campus lunch rooms

by Storie Sharp

The Sonora I.S.D. Board of Trustees met on Monday, December 8, 2003. Prior to the meeting, board members Tammy Favila and Tom Payton were taken on a tour of the Old Rock School Building site by construction superintendent, Mike McGee. I joined them on the tour to see how the renovations were coming along. Having not visited the building since way before the construction began, the site was almost a shock. Board member Favila assured me that she had visited the site on a regular basis, and the progression appeared to be coming along quite nicely to her. Almost all of the interior has been gutted. McGee explained that the recent finding of moisture under the paneling in the walls was another unexpected setback. All the paneling is being removed and the problem will have to be rectified before completion. The tour led us up to the third floor where classrooms and office rooms will be located. An elevator will be installed from the basement to the top floor. The basement will house a lobby area and classrooms will be on the second floor. The intent is to match the ceiling tiles as closely as possible, which poses a small problem because of all the different pieces used in the original building. McGee assured us that he is working on that and it will look great when they are finished. While looking through the old building, we found some fun "historical" markings, including a note left behind on

an interior wall "Bert Bloodworth loves Cathy (someone)". We couldn't read the last name.

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., with Scott Jacoby, Jesse Bustamante, Tammy Favila, Tryon Fields, Barbara Jennings and Tom Payton present. Sam David Hernandez was absent.

John Williams, the architect with Pfluger and Assoc., joined McGee in reporting on the status of the bond project. Williams reported that the crews had a good meeting earlier in the day and they would be pouring concrete on the cafeteria addition as early as the end of this week. All the work is looking is good other than finding the rotten wood in the old Rock building. This will be a costly expense because of the large amount of plaster that is crumbling. Williams said he is very impressed with the plaster man. He continued his report with news on the red roof that is being installed on gym 1 and the interior designer has been working on the interior colors with Louise Dermody.

McGee reported that the completion is 12% to 14% done, with the only delays being on the outside because of "unexpected" rains this year.

In regular business, Tax Assessor Collector, Rex Ann Friess, reported that about 9% of current levy had been collected.

Superintendent Brant Myers reported that they are about 40% into the year, and there were quite a few large bills

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Making more merrier...



Making his rounds in Sonora last weekend, Santa visited the Sonora Chamber of Commerce "The More the Merrier" Christmas Bazaar. He visited with the young shoppers and posed for a few pictures, before heading out with one of Pam Armke's lamps in one hand, a Poinsettia in one of Chandra Hughes' Christmas buckets in the other, and some of Kathy Knight's jewelry sticking out of his pocket. hmmm... wonder what Mrs. Claus might be getting this year!

"Best Decorated" Winners Announced

The Streets of Sonora are alive with the Christmas spirit, with festive lights and decor covering many homes, yards and buildings. The judges (unknown to me) began making their rounds this weekend, looking for lights that give the "ooh" and "aahh" factor. Judging on creativity, effort, and spirit, the decisions were not easy. This year the contest has expanded to include local businesses, as well as the many beautiful homes around town. More winners will be chosen each week until Christmas, so it's not too late to put up your lights and deck your halls.

The first week winners of businesses are:

Lisa's Flowers and Gifts, The First National Bank, Ronda's Styling Haus and City Hall. For individual winners, see the back page.

Santa Bucks Auction to offer great buys from local merchants

by Ruthie Bounds, Sonora Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

Santa Bucks are all over town!!!! The Santa Bucks Auction is almost here. Starting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 18, 2003 at the Sutton County Civic Center, you don't want to be late. The people of Sonora have been very generous, and a lot of great items have been donated for the auction.

First National Bank has donated two \$50.00 Sonora shopping sprees. The Bank & Trust donated a big 5-disc CD player, valued at \$130 and Alco has given a 13" Color TV, with a value of \$120.

Steve Tackel at the NAPA store has donated a car care basket, valued at \$40 and Lisa's Flowers & Gifts has given a candle stick decorated for Christmas and a beautiful Christmas wreath each valued at \$35.

Carl J. Cahill Construction, Inc. donated an emerald green mohair throw with a value of \$98, and a pair of mohair socks valued at \$12.

Melissa, at the Hair Studio, donated a \$25 gift certificate, and the I-10 Exxon donated a \$25 driver cash card.

Thorp's Laund-Dry kept the little ones in mind, donating a radio controlled four-wheeler with a value of \$30 and a Twister game, valued at \$20.

T&C Village Market donated three items, a Crockpot, valued at \$29, an electric knife, valued at \$18, and a cookware set valued at \$15.

Teaff Oil Co. donated a case of oil, valued at \$20, and the Sutton County Steakhouse has given two gift certificates; one KC-for-two valued at \$26, and one KC-for-four valued at \$52.

Flowers by Irene had donated a gorgeous Christmas wreath with a value of \$35.

Lynn Sahr, of CellularOne, donated a certificate for one free month of service, with a value of \$40.

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Al Elliott, John Tedford, Doris Rousselot, Ruthie Bounds, Rosie Jones, Jo-Ann and Richard Palmer, members of the Sutton County Historical Society - Symphony Committee receive the contract with the San Angelo Symphony.

Sutton County Historical Society to bring San Angelo Symphony to Sonora

by Storie Sharp

The Sutton County Historical Society is working to bring culture and art to Sonora and Sutton County. With the help of underwriters and numerous sponsors, the Sutton County Historical Society has contracted with the San Angelo Symphony Orchestra to bring a new, yet old, sound to our community.

On Friday, March 19, 2004, the San Angelo Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Hector Guzman, and with Guest Artist violinist Motoi Pakeda, will perform at the Sonora High School Auditorium. This project has been underway for some time now, with a committee that was formed from the Sutton County Historical Society and interested parties. Rose Mary Whitehead Jones, Chairman, a strong supporter of the event, said that the original founders of Sonora wanted to implement the arts and music into the community, and that's what the Historical Society is still trying to do today.

Other Committee members include: Ruthie Bounds and Jo-Ann Palmer: Co-Chairmen, L.P. Bloodworth, Chairman of Contest Judges, Cam Campbell and Storie Sharp: Publicity and Program Committee, Linda and Preston Love: Food Committee,

Lola Beth Jones: Furnishings Committee, Richard W. Palmer and Jim Garrett: Construction Committee, John Tedford and Mrs. John Allen Ward: Technical Consultants, Doris Rousselot: Symphony Consultant, Al Elliott: Legal Consultant and Eddie Sawyer: Committee

There will be a dinner at the Sutton County Civic Center before the concert, and a dessert buffet at the Sonora High School following the concert. All profits from the evening will go to the Sutton County Historical Society to help continue their work of preserving the history of Sutton County, especially the Old Ice House Museum project.

The Historical Society hopes to have as many students as possible involved in this function; so they have spoken with the band director, Rusty Baldwin, about having students in the band participate as ushers and helpers for the performance.

English classes at the high school level will also be asked to write essays of 350-500 words to include a biography of one of the artists' works that will be performed that night and a statement of why they feel they should be awarded one

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Choose an Angel today, give a smile for Christmas

Angel Tree Project 2003, sponsored by the Sutton County Child Welfare Board

What is the Angel Tree Project?

The Angel Tree Project is a way for the citizens of Sonora to provide gifts of new clothing to children in our community who are in need of them.

Who can support the Angel Tree Project?

- * Individuals
- * Offices and businesses
- * Clubs
- * Sunday School Classes
- * School Classes
- * Families who want to teach their children the lessons of giving at Christmas time

How can I Participate in the Angel Tree Project

* Pick up an "Angel" at First National Bank, The Bank & Trust or Alco

* Purchase a gift of new clothing to fit the child described on your Angel. Age, sex, and clothing sizes are included on your "Angel". (No Toys Please)

* Return your wrapped gift to the same place where you picked up your "Angel" by December 17.

Members of the Child Welfare Board will arrange for families to pick up the gifts before Christmas.

Sonora Broncos named to All-District team



Front: Caleb Ramos, Steven Duhon, Diego Cardona, Laramie Hall, and Chris Perez. Middle: Wilson Wallace, Brett McDaniel, Clint Cearley, Oscar Chavez and Anthony Longoria. Back: Chris Martin, Dustin Duhon, Trapper Valliant and Austin Wagoner.

The Sonora Broncos put on a good show this year, and the All-District picks for 2003 prove it. There were 16 Broncos chosen over-all for All-District, with six making First Team.

Caleb Ramos was named Newcomer of the Year.

Chris Martin, was chosen as 1st Team Running Back on Offense and 1st Team Safety on Defense.

Trapper Valliant, made 1st Team Guard on Offense and 1st Team Defensive Tackle.

Steven Duhon was named as a 1st Team Linebacker on Defense and Diego Cardona also made 1st Team Defense,

chosen as Utility/Special Teams.

Laramie Hall, was chosen as 1st Team Tackle on Offense and 2nd Team Defensive End.

Offensively, Anthony Longoria rounded out the 1st Team picks as Wide Receiver.

Austin Wagoner was chosen as 2nd Team Wide Receiver and 2nd Team Linebacker.

Scottie Moore (not pictured) was chosen as 2nd Team Offensive Running Back and 2nd Team Punter.

Oscar Chavez was chosen as 2nd Team Center and Zed Snodgrass (not pictured) was chose as 2nd Team Guard.

Five boys received Honorable Mention, including: Clint Cearley as Quarterback, Wilson Wallace as Defensive Back, Chris Perez as Wide Receiver, Brett McDaniel as Defensive End and Dustin Duhon as Linebacker.

Congratulations to all these boys.




Scottie Moore



Zedekiah Snodgrass

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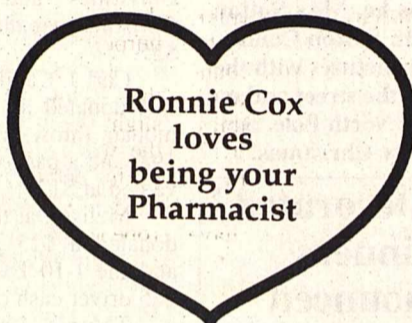
Card of Thanks

Thank you to all my friends and family for showing such love and concern for me while I was in the hospital. I appreciate all the calls, cards, flowers, food and especially all the prayers and support. May God bless you all. A very special thank you to Echi Samaniego, Maria, Alma and Isabell Quiroz.

Sincerely,
Roberto Herrera

I would like to say a BIG Thank You to all of you that helped and/or participated in the "Holiday Weekend in Sonora". We had a great turn out at "The More the Merrier" Christmas bazaar on Friday. I'm so glad that so many people participated. Dayton Armke, Ramon Estrada and Donna Garrett set up tables, Fran Pennington & Donna Garrett provided Christmas music C.D.'s, Sue Moore, Jason Bounds & Tan Cade took the tables down, Storie Sharp took pictures of the little ones with Santa, Rusty Baldwin and members of the Mighty Bronco Band serenaded us with Christmas music, the West Side Lion's Club, served up some wonderful food, KHOS/KYXX radio & The Devil's River News helped us get the word out, Keith Butler & Brant Meyers put up the "Happy Holidays" banners, Sutton County put up lights on the Sutton County Courthouse & Annex and allowed us to use the Sutton County Civic Center, Janalyn Jones assisted whenever we needed assistance (which was a lot), and over thirty vendors showed what a diverse shopping experience Sonora has to offer. The City of Sonora allowed us to use the Sonora City Hall on Saturday and blocked off Main Street for Santa Claus. We only had four vendors set up downtown Saturday, but the local merchants stayed open and Southwest Texas ACA provided coffee & cookies, The First National Bank provided punch & cookies, Diane Jacoby helped Team Graphics serve hot chocolate and Sonora Office Supply served hot spiced tea. Miss Sutton County, Kelly Kearney and Little Mr. & Miss Sutton County, Robert Zapata & Holly Sparks rode with Santa Claus in the horse drawn carriage that was provided by Chap Traylor and Juanita Mesa, who was there to help with tables. I would like to say a very special thank you to: Virgil Polocek, Mattie Nix, and Mike House for the roles they played during this "Holiday Weekend in Sonora". Sonora is such a wonderful community and I'm proud to call Sonora my home. Thanks to everyone that helped & have a very Merry Christmas!!

With heartfelt gratitude,
Ruth W. Bounds



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Senior Center News

Dec. 15 - Bingo.
Dec. 16 - City Council. 2:00 p.m.
Dec. 17 - Van to San Angelo! Call Lilia 387-3941.
Medicals come first.
Dec. 18 - Crafts.
Dec. 19 - Birthday Party for December. Noon.

Senior Center Menu

Dec. 15 - Steakfingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, fresh orange, milk.
Dec. 16 - Ground beef with vermicelli, pinto beans, tossed salad, tortilla, mixed fruit, milk.
Dec. 17 - Baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, Italian vegetables, roll, tossed salad, chocolate cake, milk.
Dec. 18 - Meatloaf with tomato sauce, potatoes, broccoli with cheese, cornbread, sugar cookie, milk.
Dec. 19 - Catfish, corn, tomato casserole, seasoned spinach, roll, Jell-o with fruit, milk.

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.*
*New Sound "Hearing Tests" will be at Senior Center in January 2004! Call San Angelo 1-888-297-1963

Obituaries

Virgina Valera

Virginia Valera, 74, loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend passed away Sunday, December 7, 2003.

She was preceded in death by her mother Carolina Clarkson and father Shannon Clarkson.

Virginia is survived by her husband, Joe Valera; daughters, Eileen Clarkson and Diane Clarkson; all of Sonora; grand-daughter Sara Callihan and Sara's fiance Shay Cathey, both of Jacksonville, Florida; and a very special friend and caregiver; Cruz Herrera of Sonora.

Services were at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 10, 2003, at Kerbow Funeral Chapel with burial following in Sonora Cemetery.

Michael Sims

Michael Sims, 56, of San Angelo, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, December 4, 2003 after a courageous battle with multiple sclerosis. Funeral Services were at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, December 9, 2003, at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Mike Andrew officiating. Interment followed at Sonora Cemetery. Michael was born August 18, 1947 in Princeton, Indiana, to Charles W. "Brown" and Thelma Hall Sims. Michael graduated from Sonora High School and from the San Angelo Police Academy. He was a decorated Vietnam Veteran serving in the United States Navy. Michael also worked for the City of San Angelo for many years. He is survived by his loving wife of 23 years, Patricia Sims, of San Angelo; one step-son: Sydney Frazier, of Japan; one sister: Phyllis McLaughlin, of Sonora, two nieces: Shawna McLaughlin and Christl Aguirre, both of San Angelo; one nephew: Wayne McLaughlin, of Sonora; one great nephew: Jeremiah McLaughlin, of Sonora; and one aunt: Polly Taylor, of Sonora. The family wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to Dr. Peter Chang, Sherry Copeland, Mary Camarillo with Hospice of San Angelo, and the entire nursing staff at Riverside Healthcare Center. Memorials may be made to Hospice of San Angelo.

Jerry A. Donaldson

Jerry A. Donaldson, 67, a construction and oilfield consultant, died Thursday, December 4, 2003, in an Amarillo hospital after a brief illness.

Graveside services were Monday, December 8, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. at Indian Creek Cemetery in Palo Pinto County, Texas. Services were by Baum-Carlock-Bumgardner Funeral Home of Mineral Wells.

Jerry was born July 28, 1936, in Eldorado, Texas, to Russell and Clara Donaldson. He married Patricia A. Green on December 19, 1964. Jerry and wife Pat made their home in Mineral Wells for the last 20 years where they were blessed with many wonderful friends.

He made a name for himself in the construction and oil field business, where he was a much sought-after consultant upon his retirement from Halliburton Resource Management. After 22 years with HRM, Jerry was proud to call them a part of his extended family.

Between his consulting jobs, Pat and Jerry spent their time together traveling in their RV, taking long trips to visit family and enjoying "getaways" to Las Vegas and other gambling destinations to try their luck. However, Jerry always said the luckiest he ever got was the day he met Pat. Anything beyond that, was just a bonus.

In the summer months, Jerry could always be found, Panama hat on his head, cooking his famous Killman burgers for friends and family. Those he loved were his greatest joy, and the feeling was mutual. His laugh, his gentleness and that arm that ended around your shoulder at just the right moment will certainly be missed. The wonderful memories we all share will assure Jerry will not be forgotten.

He was preceded in death by parents, Russell and Clara Donaldson, brother, Bill Carson, and sister, Barbara Ann Donaldson.

Jerry is survived by wife Pat, sons Kevin R. Donaldson and wife Debbie of Mineral Wells, and Chris C. Donaldson and wife Christy of Lillian; brother Kyle Donaldson and wife Elaine of Sonora, Texas; sister Ruby A. Harris of Eldorado, Texas; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Mart and Sandra Chumley of Pampa, Texas; grandchildren Keith, Kaitlin and Garrett; special friends Charlie Jo and Tomye Lynn Taliaferro and family of Mineral Wells and Brad and Pat Burris of Mineral Wells; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

School Lunch Menu • Nov. Dec. 15 - Dec. 19, 2003

Breakfast

Mon. - Toast with jelly, applesauce.
Tues. - Pancake on stick, syrup, juice.
Wed. - Cinnamon toast, assorted juice.
Thurs. - Oatmeal, trail mix cups.
Fri. - Cinnamon roll, orange juice.


Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon. - Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, English peas, peaches, biscuit.
Tues. - Chili & beans, carrot, celery sticks, jello with fruit, cornbread.
Wed. - Cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice, vegetable salad, fruit cobbler.
Thurs. - Baked ham, mac & cheese, green beans, fruit salad, hot roll.
Fri. - Corn dog, mustard, tator tots, ketchup, mixed fruit, pudding, topping.

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<p>Dec. 12 Senior Center Christmas Party 5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Dec. 16 City Council Meeting 2:00 p.m. • City Hall</p>	<p>Dec. 18 Santa Bucks Auction 4-H Civic Center • 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Dec. 19 - Jan. 4 SISD Christmas Holidays</p>
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Ask the Historical Society

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

Q. Do you have anything on the early day track teams?

A. Devil's River News, April 9, 1921-The local track meet was held last Saturday. The winners in these events will go to San Angelo Friday and Saturday, April 15th and 16th, to represent the county at district meet. The winners in the different seniors events are as follows: 120 yards low hurdles, #1 Giles Hill, #2 Weldon Moreland #3 John Martin and #4 Greydon Rees. In the 100 yard dash, #1 Albert Runnels, #2 Greydon Rees, #3 John Martin and #4 J. B. Moreland. In the 50 yard dash, #1 Greydon Rees, #2 Albert Runnels, #3 J. B. Moreland and #4 Millard Cope.

In the 200 yard dash #1 Runnels, #2 Hill, #3 Lum Trainer and #4 Cope. In the 880 yard dash, #1 Carney Wyatt, #2 Weldon Sewell, #3 Lum Adams and #4 Cope. In the 4.0 yards dash, #1 Greydon Rees, #2 J. Morris, #3 John Eaton and #4 Hill.

Running Broad Jump, #1 Marion Archer, #2 Greydon Rees, #3 Weldon Moreland and #4 Lum Trainer. In the 12 lb. Shot put #1 Greydon Rees, #2 Albert Runnels, #3 Weldon Moreland and #4 Lum Trainer. In the 12 lb. shot put, #1 Greydon Rees, #2 Runnels, #3 Horace Rees and 4th Curtis Edens. In the discus, #1 Runnels, #2 Greydon Rees, #3 Martin and #4 Weldon Moreland.

In the running high jump, #1 Horace Rees, #1 Lum Trainer, #3 Runnels and #4 Marion Archer.

In the mile run, #1 Martin, #2 Weldon Moreland, #3 John Eaton. Top time 5 min. 45 sec. In the tennis contest, Horace Rees and Albert Runnels were the winners in the boy's doubles and Joanna Stokes and Dorothy Smith for the girls. J. B. Moreland was the winner in the boy's singles and Grace Trainer in the girl's singles. In the Junior track event, Elmo Mitchell won the 100 yard, 50 yard and 220 yard dash. The 120 yard low hurdles went to Lawrence Grimland as well as the shot put. The running broad jump was won by Leonard Caldwell as

well as the running high jump. The 440 yard run was won by Wylie Trainer.

We found one wedding in this issue: Martin Rose of Del Rio and Miss Guida Miers of Sonora, were quietly married at the Methodist parsonage in San Angelo at 4 o'clock p.m., Tuesday, April 5, 1921. Rev. Frank Buchanan of the Methodist church officiating. The bride is the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Miers of Sonora, and a most pleasing and popular young lady. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ab Rose of Del Rio and is engaged in the ranching business in Val Verde Co. The happy couple, after a short visit to the bride's parents, left on Thursday for Del Rio, and, when a short trip to San Antonio is ended, they will make their home on the ranch.

W. A. Miers had just returned from Oklahoma where he bought pasturage for 1200 steers in the Osage Nation. Mr. Miers would have preferred selling these steers at home but, as no buyers would offer a satisfactory price, he decided to ship them to the Territory to finish them.

William Black, who had ranched on the head of the San Saba in the east portion of Schleicher Co., since 1876, sold the old ranch to his grandson, H. Leslie Jones, of San Antonio. The Black ranch is one of the first ranches blocked out in this portion of Texas, and for many years was the home of the wandering cowboys; there is hardly an old time cowboy who roamed the hills from 1876 to 1900 who had not at one time or another found refuge in the old ranch home. Col. Black now resides in San Antonio. His son Charlie, who has been in charge of the ranch for several years, has moved to Barnhart.

Q. Do you have an obituary on James Brown in the early 1920's?

A. Devil's River News, January 22, 1921-James Brown, a pioneer, was found dead in his home in the Mexican part of town Monday morning. He was about 70 years of age and had been in feeble health for many years. A number of years ago he was a freighter on the Angelo road. His son, Jim Brown, had gone to Del Rio the day preced-



Kenneth Babcock, Sonora Boy Scout Troop at Camp Sol Mayer

ing the finding of his body.

In the same issue we found that Harry Keese had succeeded in capturing a wolf that had been killing stock in the Fields, Allison and Clarkson pastures.

T.L. Miller, the jeweler, returned Sunday from Big Lake and a visit to the Stockton country. He went to Big Lake, to bring home his wife and babies. At San Angelo on December 17, 1921, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Marion have moved back to town and Vernon has a position with the Sonora Motor Co.

Here is one time it paid to be a woman in the good old days: All male persons, from 18 to 45 years of age, except ministers, invalids, active firemen and active National Guardsmen are subject to a road tax of \$3, which must be paid before, February 1st, or thereafter, they will be subject to work roads for five days or pay \$5. The tax should be paid to the County Treasurer.

At E. F. Vander Stucken Co., you could get 33 1/3 off everything on the dry goods side of the house for paying in cash.

In the May 14, 1921 issue we found that George Lea Aldwell was awarded "Berk" a blooded Arabian stallion, the property of the U.S. Govt. for breeding purposes on the Aldwell Brothers ranch, 16 miles south of Sonora. Berk is a beautiful little fellow, 17 years old and the holder of endurance tests. He was brought to the U.S. and donated by a wealthy Bostonian. The Arabs and Turks are reluctant to allow the exporting of these famous horses and do so only for great favors. Berk comes from the province of Hejaz, Mecca, the home city of Muhammed in the Sixth Century, was the port from which this Hejazzer was

shipped to the U.S. The government is distributing these horses for the purpose of keeping alive the strain of endurance blood in the country at large, and, in order that when occasion arises, they may have them for military purposes.

In the same issue we found that Louie Stuart met with a slight accident Wednesday. On the way to town, accompanied by his wife, the car stuck in a mud hole, and, after he tied a rope to the front axle, Louie fell through the windshield, cutting his right forearm. The doctor fixed it with eight stitches.

At the Methodist Church to celebrate Mother's Day, each person who did not wear a flower was given a white or red flower. The red were given to people whose mothers were living and the white to those who had a deceased mother.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, please send them to the Sutton County Historical Society, P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonorax.net. You may call the office on Monday or Friday morning to rent the depot, or volunteer to work with the society. If you are interested in purchasing a dinner table and/or tickets for the San Angelo Symphony Orchestra performance on March 19th, please give us a call. We have already sold 14 tables. There is still some advertising space/Memorial space open in the program. If you would like to have an ad please call me here at the office, 387-5084 Monday or Friday mornings or at home at 387-2855. Saturday is work day at the old ice house. If you would like to volunteer, just show up dressed warmly and we will gladly let you help.

Natalie Lira passes the Bar Exam and is sworn in

Natalie Marie Lira received a passing score on the July 2003 Texas Bar Examination. The formal swearing-in ceremony and reception for new attorneys took place, on Monday, November 17, 2003 in Austin, Texas before the Texas Supreme Court.

Natalie received her Doctorate of Jurisprudence on May 24, 2003 from South Texas College of Law, where she graduated with in the top 15% of her class, and was a member of the South Texas Law Review, Phi Alpha Delta, American Bar Association and Texas Bar Association. She was also named a Langdell Scholar while receiving an award for her article written on Corporate Law. These achievements, combined with her place on the Dean's List, earned her a scholarship for academic excellence.

During her course study, Natalie was employed as a law clerk in Chevron Texaco North American Upstream's Law Department. Natalie recently accepted an associate position at the law offices of Murray & Lobb, L.L.P. and will be practicing law in Clear Lake.

Natalie is the wife of Narciso Lira III and the daughter-in-law of Narciso and Evangelina Lira.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the people of B&H Catering. I was recently in Sonora with my crew. We had no money and nothing to eat or drink. I was driving down a street when I noticed a small building with a man and a lady inside preparing food. I hid my pride and walked up to the door. When they came to the door I was nervous, but I asked if there was a possibility I could get a sandwich for the girl that was on my crew. None of us had eaten all day, but I was concerned about our female companion. The people asked if any of our other crew were hungry. I replied I was just concerned about the girl that was with us.

By the time we left the building, the couple at the B&H Catering made sure that we all had food and drink.

There are Angels among us, God Bless them.
Sincerely, Pete R. Simas, Midland, TX

Who started Christmas?

The following is an e-mail I received this week and wanted to share it with our readers; it really made me stop and think for a minute. SS

This morning I heard a story on the radio of a woman who was out Christmas shopping with her two children.

After many hours of looking at row after row of toys and everything else imaginable, and after hours of hearing both her children asking for everything they saw on those many shelves, she finally made it to the elevator with her two kids.

She was feeling what so many of us feel during the holiday season time of the year: overwhelming pressure to go to every party, every housewarming, taste all the holiday food and treats, getting that perfect gift for every single person on our shopping list, making sure we don't forget anyone on our card list, and the pressure of making sure we respond to everyone who sent us a card.

Finally the elevator doors opened, and there was already a crowd in the car. She pushed her way into the car and dragged her two kids in with her and all the bags of stuff.

When the doors closed she couldn't take it anymore and stated, "Whoever started this whole Christmas thing should be found, strung up and shot."

From the back of the car everyone heard a quiet calm voice respond, "Don't worry, we already crucified Him."

For the rest of the trip down, the elevator was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop.

Don't forget this year to keep the One who started this whole Christmas thing in your every thought, deed, purchase, and word. If we all did it, just think of how different this whole world would be.

Tim and Laura Wolff are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Tanna Elizabeth Wolff**
Tanna was born November 19, 2003 at the College Station Medical Center.
Tanna weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces and was 18 1/2" long.
She was welcomed into this world by her maternal grandparents Hoot and Kathy Hearn, paternal grandparents Sandra and Bubba Wolff of Gonzalez, Texas.

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Sonora students make a great showing at U.I.L. competition in Big Lake

The Sonora Elementary and Middle School students competed in the U.I.L. District Meet in Big Lake on November 18, 2003.

The Sonora Elementary School results were as follows:

2nd Grade
Story Telling
Sidney Dermody 1st, Maddie Lang 2nd, JD Garcia 3rd
Creative Writing
Kenzie Herring 1st, Ashley Perales 3rd

3rd Grade
Story Telling
Marci Parks 1st, Abby Creek 2nd, Blake Esparza 3rd

Ready Writing
Rebekah Infante 6th
Spelling
Jared Hinsley 6th

4th Grade
Music Memory
Team 4th Place

Kelsey Favila
Adriana Faz
Alex Lang
Andres Aparicio
Abby Creek

Number Sense
Bryce Smith 1st, Word Hudson 2nd, Cadesman Pope 5th

Oral Reading
Delilah Agüero 2nd

Art
Team 2nd

Caitlan Garza
Nathan Villa
Aliana Castro
Phillip Stephens

The Sonora Middle School students did great, placing 2nd overall.

5th Grade
Oral reading
1st Chelsey Lou Campbell, 4th Colyer Dermody, 5th Marissa Preto

Maps, Graphs, and Charts
5th Ethan Morris

Ready Writing
6th Serena Allison, 2nd Morgan Smith

Art Memory
2nd Kallie Humphrey, Christina Rodriguez, Stephanie Hulsey (tie)

Number Sense
2nd Alexis Galindo, 5th Valeria Buitron

Listening
2nd Alexis Galindo
Dictionary Skills
5th Leandra Castaneda

6th Grade
Ready Writing
2nd Sterling Love

Oral Reading
3rd Tyler Creek, 4th Bethany Berry

Spelling
5th Christian Lujan
Listening

6th Alyssa Favila and Mario Oliden (tie)

Maps, Graphs, and Charts
6th Colton Moore

Math
1st Cassie Krieg, 4th Cash Jennings, 6th Sterling Love

Dictionary Skills
3rd Edna Dominguez, 5th Michael Stephens

Calculator
3rd Bethany Berry, 4th Will Anderson

Number Sense
3rd Mario Oliden, 4th Cassie Krieg, 6th Michael Stephens

7th Grade
Ready Writing
3rd Savannah Leonard, 6th Steely Ingham

Editorial Writing
4th Steely Ingham

Oral Reading
3rd John Duke Hudson, 5th Jessica Snyder

Spelling
3rd Vicki Torres
Listening
2nd Ross Crites, 4th Mikael

Math
6th Karley Frasier
Modern Oratory
3rd Savannah Leonard

Calculator
1st Savannah Leonard, 5th Rosario Moreno

Number Sense
6th John Duke Hudson

8th Grade
Ready Writing
2nd Laura Martin, 4th Lauran Schaefer

Editorial Writing
4th Kelsey Watkins

Oral Reading
4th Marcus Perez

Science
3rd Kari Nicholas

Listening
3rd Edwardo Garcia, 6th Colton Moore and Chelsea Martinez (tie)

Maps, Graphs, and Charts
6th Colton Moore

Impromptu Speaking
6th Chelsea Martinez

Math
4th Laura Martin

Modern Oratory
2nd Laura Martin

Calculator
4th Kari Nicholas, 5th Heather Hughes, 6th Danielle Rodriguez

Number Sense
4th Emily Earwood, 6th Laura Martin

A thank you is extended to all U.I.L. coaches: Glenda Barton, Joleta Traylor, Anita Spiller, Marsha Patton, Diane Benson, Nancy Brockman, Kim Cole, Tamra Farley, Shelly Shannon, Kate Jennings, Dustin Glidewell, Lisa Herring, Marilyn Young, Glyndell Glasscock, Ronnie Golson, Bobby Morgan, Melinda Valkonen, Victoria Baldwin, Martha Martin, Julie Martin, Carol Love, Delia Samaniego and Denice Arispe.

How to survive holiday hazards

The holiday season, despite its reputation as a time of good cheer and well-being, can have many hidden dangers. Anthony Greenbank, author of *THE BOOK OF SURVIVAL*, has these tips for making it safely through the holidays:

FIRE
Tree lights can overheat a flammable decoration or a candle can slip sideways (a good reason not to use candles!).

If a fire does start, pull out the plug of the tree lights before you do anything else. Unlikely as it seems, water hitting a live electric wire could throw a lethal shock back at you. Use water only if it's not possible to smother the blaze with a rug or a piece of clothing. If the fire is out of control, get everyone outside. Close windows and doors so drafts won't fan the flames, and phone 911.

POISONING
Holly berries, are, unfortunately, attractive to children and can have dire effects when eaten.

If a child doubles up with violent stomach pains and starts vomiting, suspect the worst. Take him straight to the nearest hospital.

If only a few berries have been swallowed and there is no hospital nearby, make the child drink lots of water or milk while a doctor is called.

CHOKING
The risk of choking on food is greatest during the festive season, when alcohol can blur judgement and slow reflexes.

Quick thinking is vital. There are only four minutes in which to save the casualty's life.

Choking is so frequently mistaken for a heart attack that it has become known in America as the "cafe coronary". If the casualty cannot speak, it's safe to assume they are choking. In fact, in most cases a individual who is choking will be completely silent.

First, remove any false teeth. Then bend the casualty over with the head lower than the legs. Smack sharply between the shoulder blades with the heel of your hand, repeating several times if necessary.

The last resort--because of the possible damage it causes to internal organs--involves applying sudden sharp pressure with a bear hug from behind to the upper part of the abdomen.

GIFTS
Heavy baggage, laden with gifts, is always a problem for families on the move during the holiday season. The strain of shifting heavy luggage can cause any number of problems, from pulled muscles to heart attacks.

In fact, it's NOT the weight but the way you carry it that makes the difference. Many people, for example, don't know how to properly swap suitcases from one hand to the other. Struggling to cross over arms is the wrong way. Instead, face the opposite way to the one in which you are walking before you put the suitcases down. Lower them to the ground, rub your wrists to restore circulation, then turn around to face the way you are heading. Pick up the cases--and you will have changed hands without effort.

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Laurie English announces bid for 112th District Attorney

First Assistant District Attorney, Laurie English, announces her candidacy for District Attorney of the 112th Judicial District. English graduated Fort Stockton High School in 1981 and attained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Angelo State University in 1997 with a double major in English and Government. She graduated Texas Tech School of Law in 1999. Prior to law school, English worked as a legal secretary from 1992 through 1997. During law school and while awaiting her bar examination results, English worked as a litigation law clerk for the Lubbock City Attorney's Office. English returned to Ozona in 2000 and opened her civil law office. She is a member of the State Bar of Texas, College of the State Bar, and the Texas District and County Attorneys Association.



just to convict the accused. Justice demands that every case is evaluated on its own merits and that the District Attorney proceed accordingly."

"Wrongdoers must be held accountable for their crimes and to the victims they create," continues English. "I am committed to accessibility and accountability in my role as a prosecutor. I intend to continue working closely with our outstanding law enforcement officers and the citizens of this District to increase accessibility and accountability if elected District Attorney."

A fourth generation Texan, English lived in McCamey as a young child and in Fort Stockton from 1968 through 1981. English has lived in Ozona since 1989. She is the daughter of Larry and Nancy Lay. English and her husband, Lyndon, have been married for 21 years and have two sons. Layne is completing his senior year at Ozona High School. Logan, a 2003 honor graduate of Ozona High School, is entering the Air Force in 2004.

English and her family are actively involved in the Ozona First Baptist Church, where she serves on the Personnel Committee. She is a member of the Ozona Women's League and the Baccalaureate Band. English also serves on the Crockett County Library Board and the Crockett National Bank Development Board.

Pol. adv. paid for by Laurie English, 1203 Avenue E; P.O. Box 2069, Ozona, Tx. 76943.

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Happy Birthday

December 11
Carl Weaver, Sam Taylor

December 12
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December 13
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December 17
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Local banker spearheading West Texas Rehab phone bank

Sutton County residents have an opportunity between now and midnight on January 17, to help West Texas Rehabilitation Center by making a gift to Rehab 2004, the Center's 34th annual telethon.

Volunteer Rosa Hernandez is spearheading the local solicitation effort and has arranged for a phone bank to be in operation on telethon night at the Bank & Trust. Donors may call 387-2593 to make a pledge during the telethon. Those who won't be able to call in January 17, are encouraged to make an advance donation to Mrs. Hernandez P.O. Box 895 Sonora, TX 76950.

The five-hour television special will be aired from 7 p.m. to midnight on ten Texas stations, including KLST-TV in San Angelo. Country music singer Joe Nichols, who was recently named Country Music Association's Horizon Award

winner, will be the telethon's featured entertainer.

Charlie Chase and Red Steagall will emcee the show, which also will include entertainment by Bill and Susan Hayes, Brad Maule, Anacani and ten-year-old Morgan Jones of Abilene, who'll make her debut with the Rehab 2004 orchestra.

Significant underwriting for Rehab 2004 comes from American Electric Power (AEP) and Associated Publishing's Area-Wide Phone Books. American Airlines/American Eagle is the official airline for the telecast.

In addition to entertainment, the telethon showcases the services of the Center which provides care annually to more than 22,000 children and adults with disabilities and communication disorders at facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona.

Also, the show includes an auction of more than 300 items donated by businesses and individuals ranging from agricultural products and autos to celebrity items and travel packages. Interested persons may bid on-line at www.WestTexasRehab.org beginning mid-December or by phone on January 17.

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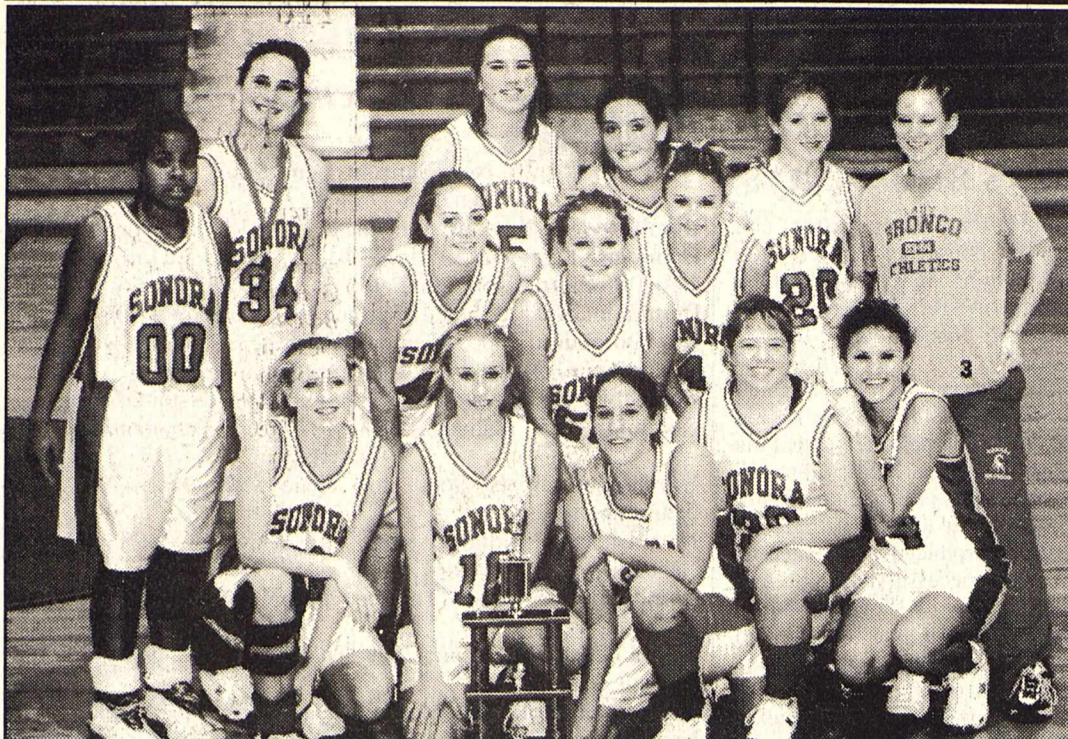
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Lady Broncos win Consolation at Ballinger Tournament

by Kathy Marshall

The Lady Broncos traveled to Ballinger for a tournament, December 4 - 6, 2003.

The girls met with Ballinger first, taking a tough loss. Team hustle and working together kept the game close for a while. The young ladies have come a long way since the opening of the season. Struggling with a couple of young ladies fighting off minor injuries, the Lady Broncos lost 55 to 31.

The Ballinger girls lit up the first quarter, and never gave our girls a chance to catch up. Tamika Marshall led the scoring with 13 points, 4 rebounds and 2 steals. Brea Hughes played strong, with 10 rebounds, 4 points and 3 steals. Other Lady Broncos scoring were Meghan Krieg 6, and Elizabeth Elliott, Chelsea Seaton, Tissie Wagoner and Savannah Hedgecock each with 2 points.

The second game of the tournament found the girls teamed up against Winters. This was a good game for the Lady Broncos, who were able to get everyone into the action. The girls began to show that they understand the importance of rebounding and less turnover.

The Lady Broncos defeated the Winters girls, 46 to 23. Marshall again led the scoring with 13 points, 5 rebounds, 4 steals and 1 assist. Hughes was under the basket again, having 9 rebounds and 6 points. Hedgecock also scored 6, followed by Krieg with 5, Missy Longoria with 4 and Elliott, Wagoner, Megan Berry, Chelsea Seaton, Hanna Scott, and Amanda Word each with 2 points.

The next game was a rematch against Menard. Only two weeks ago, the Lady Broncos played the Menard team and lost by 15 points. Sonora was very determined this would not happen again and pulled down 20 rebounds and had only 7 turnovers for the game. The final score found Sonora victorious, 45 to 40.

Hughes put up a double-double, with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Great job!

Marshall led the scoring with 11 points, 6 steals and 7 of 8 on free-throws. Hughes was right on her tail with her 10 points.

Longoria had 8 points, was 50% from the floor and 66% from the 3-point line. Elizabeth had 6 points, Hannah and

Meghan each scored 4 and Jillian Gully rounded things out with 2.

The Lady Broncos continued to play great together, taking the next game against Brady 38 to 35 in a two game winning streak. This was the Consolation game and was very exciting. Savannah Hedgecock pulled down a season high 8 rebounds, and scored 3 points. Brea took the lead in scoring for the final game, with 14 points. Tamika stayed consistent, scoring 11 points. Elizabeth had 4, Savannah 3, and Jillian, Chelsea and Meghan each had 2 points.

Cady Taylor was out for the tournament with a knee injury.

The Lady Broncos won the Consolation bracket of the tournament.

The Lady Broncos now have a record of 4 wins, 5 losses.

All-Tournament Honors went to Brea Hughes with 34 points, 32 rebounds, 6 steals and 7 turnovers and Tamika Marshall with 48 points, 13 rebounds, 13 steals and 13 turnovers.

Congratulations to all the Lady Broncos - keep winning.

Basketball Results

Eighth grade Colts fall to Owls

by: Danni Price

The 8th grade Colts hosted the Ozona Owls on Monday, December 8, 2003, in the Jr. High gym. This was the best game played by the Colts so far, this year. When the final buzzer sounded, all was tied and 3:00 of overtime was needed to decide the winner. Unfortunately, the Colts did not end up on the victorious side, final score Colts 34, Owls 40.

Scoring and Rebounding for the Colts were: Nick Pena with 9 points and 2 rebounds, Alonzo Pena with 8 points, 7 rebounds, Riley Sanchez 6 points, J.T. Downing 5 points, 3 rebounds, Zadrion McGee 4 points, 4 rebounds, Morgan Martinez 2 points, 1 rebound, Aaron Gaytan 4 rebounds, Victor Vaquera 3 rebounds, Colton Moore 2 rebounds, and Fidel Acevedo 1 rebound.

8th Grade Lady Colts

by Bill Dempsey

The 8th Lady Colts played the Ozona Lady Cubs in Ozona. Sonora scored the first 6 points from their strong defense. Kimble Luna and Kayla Garcia scored the first 8 points. Emily Earwood, Elbe Samaniego and Katrina Ramos did a great job inside to stop their tall girls. Kyla Turney, Laura Martin, Heather Hughes, and Chelsea Martinez, did a good job on passing, and defense. They had some long shots that rimmed out. Ozona shot 16 free shots and we shot 2. Nine of Ozona's points were from free shots. Good game Lady Colts. Scorers: Kayla Garcia 4, Kimble Luna 4, Emily Earwood 2, and Kyla Turney 2.

7th Grade Lady Colts

by Larry Jennings

The 7th grade Lady Colts traveled to Ozona on Monday, December 8, 2003. The Lady Colts played hard, but just couldn't push past the Lady Lions. The final score of the close game was Ozona-24, Sonora-21.

Azeneth Villanueva-6, Steely Ingham- 5, Tanya Adams- 4, Loren Isenhour-2, Kaitlyn Henderson- 2, Jessica Snyder- 2.

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Local troops visit Sonora Animal Hospital

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The girls enjoyed every moment of the educational tour, and would like to thank Dr. Gibbens for an excellent experience. Mrs. Gibbens surprised the girls with treat bags and the Daisies and the Brownies would like to say thank you for those also.



Daisies and Brownies learn about veterinarians with Dr. Gene Gibbens, D.V.M. at the Sonora Animal Hospital.

School Board from page 1

last month, including the construction, computers, software, band instruments, part of the aerators for the football field. TM Davis, the high school air conditioner and benefits.

Dora Gonzales gave the quarterly cafeteria report, stating that there was a little increase on revenues for October, with expense being at \$25,842 and revenues at \$29,956.

Diane Jacoby reported that the interest rates are still down.

Superintendent Myers said that enrollment as of November 24, was at 931, which is up. The outbreak of flu has resulted in the week before Thanksgiving having the worst attendance on record since Myers started here. There is nothing that can be done: Texas is reported as being one of the most infested.

In maintenance reports, the showers in the girls locker room at the high school have been repaired, the A/C at the high school is almost complete, outside lights have been installed at the administration building, the Middle School gym roof is being replaced, the benches in the gym have been repaired and the plumbing problem at the Superintendent's house is complete.

After a lengthy discussion on the automated food service proposals, the board approved the recommendation of Dora and Myers for the Nutrakids

system. This program will allow for a complete automated lunch system, doing away with lunch tickets. The touch-system is supposed to make the line move more quickly and cut down on excessive charges. The middle school and high school students will be required to use a pin number. The younger kids will not have to remember a pin, a photo identification system will be used. The plans are to have the new system in place by next semester.

Minutes from the September 16, 2003, meeting had to be amended to list why TM Davis was chosen as the contractor for the bond project.

A budget amendment was approved to accept donations from the booster club for the purchase of the aerator and other supplies, and from individuals for the printing of the large photos of past state competitors.

Myers explained that the 2002-2003 Audit Report showed the district was clean, with no problems showing on the audit, and it was approved.

The board then approved the shift of funds from an insurance fund to designate construction, capital improvement, transportation and structural improvement funds. They also approved a December stipend for all Sonora I.S.D. personnel.

Myers explained that it was

time to renew the electric contract through the Texas General Land Office (T.G.L.O.). He said that he had spoken with several districts and all were staying with the T.G.L.O. After discussing several options, the board chose to sign a two year contract with a rate of .05990.

As a result of a recent bus accident and the breakdown of another bus, the new activity bus is having to be used as a route bus. Myers explained that it takes about a year to get a bus, so the approval to purchase a new bus would have to be done this year. The board approved the purchase of a new bus.

In board comments Tammie Favila congratulated the PTO talent show participants, but expressed extreme disappointment in the parents who did not go to the show, or to any PTO meetings. She said that these are their children, and parental support is very important. PTO volunteers work very hard and would appreciate more support.

Tryon Fields commended the football program for a great unexpected season and said that the band director, Rusty Baldwin, is to be extremely commended for an exceptional job this year.

With no further comments, the board went into executive sessions to discuss staff evaluations, board evaluations and superintendent evaluations.

2003 - 2004 Sonora Basketball

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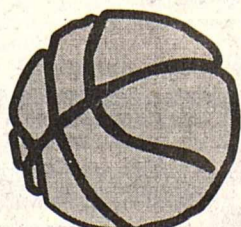
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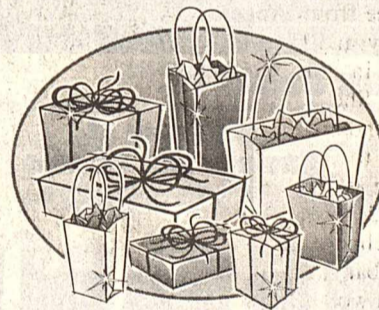
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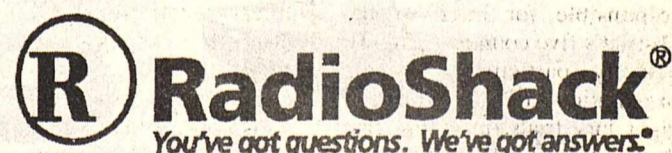
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Cash prizes to be awarded for conservation posters and essays

The Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District and the Lower Colorado River Authority is sponsoring Conservation Poster and Essay contests for youth in Sutton County. The deadline for receiving posters and essays is February 10, 2004. Neither of these contests jeopardizes Texas University Interscholastic League eligibility.

The poster contest is for boys and girls 12 years of age and younger and must use either "Food for the Future" or "The Living Soil" as the theme. For information on these themes, please visit the NACD web site at www.nacdnet.org and click on Public Outreach and 2003 or 2004 Soil & Water Stewardship information. Poster entries must be on standard poster board, cut to half size (22" x 14"). Artwork on poster entries should be produced with materials that do not readily smear, crack, or chip. If necessary, a fixative or lamination may be used. The poster entry artwork should be flat.

Essay contest is open to boys and girls 18 years of age and younger. The subject of the essay must be "The Living Soil" (a maximum of 300 words). For information on this theme, please visit the NACD web site at www.nacdnet.org and click on Public Outreach and 2004 Soil and Water Stewardship- Theme and Essay information.

If you have questions concerning either of these contests, you may contact the Edwards Plateau SWCD at 301 Crockett in Sonora, or call 387-2730 ext. 3 and ask for Iris Garza.

All entries must be turned in by February 10, 2004.

Goat breeders to benefit from new program

by Steve Byrns,

Communications Specialist, SAN ANGELO - Expected Progeny Differences or EPDs have been available within several cattle breeds for years. Boer goat breeders will soon have the same tool thanks to the Boer Goat Improvement Network or "B-GIN" (pronounced "begin"), a genetic improvement program being developed by the American Boer Goat Association (ABGA) with assistance from Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

"This new program being implemented by the ABGA is the first of its kind within the U.S. meat goat industry," said Dr. Dan Waldron TAES geneticist here. "EPDs provide measurable estimates of the genetic value of an animal as a parent. This program will make a real difference for U.S. goat producers in terms of selecting breeding stock for specific measurable traits."

The ABGA, was recently awarded \$35,000 by the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center to fund the program.

Robert Swize, ABGA's executive director, said the program has the potential to change the U.S. meat goat industry by making use of the same genetic improvement methods that have been so successful in other species. "Breeders across the U.S. will soon be able to get EPDs on their animals to use as an aid in selecting breeding stock," he said. "ABGA members from across the U.S. will collect the performance information needed to help breeders make genetic improvement. This will result in animals that are documented to be genetically superior for growth and reproduction being available to all goat producers."

"Through the combination of performance records and pedigree records, we will be able to have a valid comparison of animals in Texas, Kentucky, California, or any other state. The ABGA is fortunate to have the Texas A&M faculty available to help us develop this very valuable resource."

Waldron said the program will give purebred Boer breeders and commercial goat producers an important tool to improve the genetic merit of their herds. "Selecting more productive animals will lead to increased efficiency of production," said Waldron. "Using EPDs to select breeding stock gives producers the ability to predict how next year's kid crop will perform."

"The ABGA breeders took the initiative and came to me for help in developing this program last winter. This grant will help the ABGA to make faster progress toward the availability of EPDs," Waldron said commercial goat producers will ultimately benefit from the B-GIN program because they will be able to buy bucks that will pro-

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Range Restoration workshop slated for December 17

by Steve Byrns, Communications Specialist,

SAN ANGELO -- Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES) are sponsoring a "Rangeland Restoration Tour" on the San Angelo State School lands at Carlsbad beginning at 1:30 p.m. December 17. The tour is designed to show the restorative effects of ripping, seeding, and weed control on severely degraded rangeland.

The tour will start from the white barn located across U.S. Highway 87 from the state school. Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered.

Dr. Darrell Ueckert, TAES range researcher here and the day's speaker, said anyone interested in economically and ecologically feasible methods for improving degraded rangeland is invited and encouraged to attend.

"Rangeland ripping, wing ripping, and disk diking are mechanical soil disturbance

practices installed on the contour 15 to 30 feet apart," said Ueckert. "These treatments increase surface roughness which slows runoff thus helping water soak into the soil. Ripping alone increased the 2003 grass production three-fold on the site we'll visit during the tour. Ripping and spraying for weed control increased grass production eighteen-fold.

"The tour will show vegetative responses on areas ripped and seeded in 1996 and 2002. We'll also have the equipment we used onsite and have information on the costs of implementing these practices."

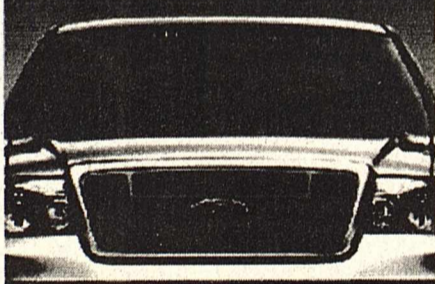
The Texas Cooperative Extension Offices involved with the tour include those in Glasscock, Sterling, Irion, Coke, Concho, Tom Green, and Schleicher Counties.

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ticket to the dinner and symphony performance in Sonora. The essays will become the property of The Sutton County Historical Society and the winning essays will be published in the program. Some will be exhibited at the pre-performance dinner. One ticket will be awarded to six students in the essay competition.

The Sonora High School Art class has been challenged to design a cover for the program at the performance. The winning art work will be used and the artist will be acknowledged in the program. All submissions will become the property of The Sutton County Historical Society and will be used as decorations at the dinner before the performance. The person who submits the winning design will receive two tickets to the performance and dinner.

The date of March 19, 2004 should be included in the cover in the upper right hand corner of the design.

The theme for the Symphony in Sonora will be "Experience the Universal Language of Music" and should be incorporated into the cover design.

"The San Angelo Symphony Orchestra" must also be on the piece, in the lower right hand corner in a circle.

Art work may be submitted in black and white or color.

Pieces that will be performed at the Symphony include: *Ruslan & Ludmila Overture* by Mikhail Ivanovich Glinka (1804-1857), *The Cowboys* by John Williams, *Duke Ellington Medley* (arrangement by Custer), composer Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington (1899-1974), *"Jota" from the Three Corners Hat Suite* by Manuel de Falla (also referred to as Manuel Maria de Falla y Matheu 1876 - ?), *Huapango* by Jose Pablo Moncayo (1912-1958), *Violin Concerto in D Major* by Piotr

Tchaikovsky (1840-1893), and *Pictures at an Exhibition "The Great Gate of Kiev"* by Modest Mussosky (1839-1881).

A recipient of countless distinctions, Maestro Hector Guzman has been Music Director of the Piano Symphony Orchestra since 1983, Music Director of the Irving Symphony since 1991 and, most recently, Music Director of the San Angelo Symphony. Born in Fresnillo, Mexico, he began his musical training at a very early age under the supervision of his beloved father.

While a student in Mexico, Hector Guzman achieved an impressive reputation as an organist by taking first prize in both the Chamber Soloist and the "Manuel M. Ponce" National Organ Competitions. In the United States, he earned further distinction by winning solo competitions at both the University of North Texas and Southern Methodist University. In 1978, he gained world acclaim when he became the first Latin-American ever chosen as a finalist in one of the most prestigious international organ competitions, France's "Grand Prix de Chartres".

Mr. Guzman's conducting talents became evident at age 17, when he conducted a memorial concert performance of Mozart's Requiem at the National Conservatory of Music in Mexico City. Maestro Guzman holds degrees from the Conservatory in Mexico City, UNT and SMU. Mr. Guzman has studied with many illustrious maestri including his mentor Anshel Brusilow, Helmuth Rilling and Carlo Maria Giulini at the Academia Musicale Chigiana in Siena, Italy. For several years he was a protegee of the late Maestro Eduardo Mata, Conductor Emeritus of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra.

In demand internationally as a conductor and recitalist,

Maestro Guzman was accorded the Outstanding National Young Artist award from the government of Mexico, the Golden Lyre award, and the Meadows award in conducting from SMU. In 1995, he received the DeVry Institute's "Director per Excellence" award for his contributions to the arts, and in 2000, he was included in the "Outstanding Musicians of the XX century", published by the International Biographical Centre in Cambridge, England. Mr. Guzman appears regularly in Mexico with the Monterrey Symphony, UNAM Philharmonic, Xalapa Symphony, Philharmonic Society Symphony and the State of Mexico Symphony Orchestra. He has been a frequent guest conductor of the San Antonio Symphony, Dallas Symphony and the National Symphony of the Dominican Republic. He made his European debut in 1997 with the Collegium Orchestra of Prague in the Czech Republic and his debut with the Japan Philharmonic and Violinist Motoi Takeda in 1999 was considered one of the "top ten concerts of the year" by the Japanese press. He returned to Japan in May of 2001 for a series of concerts with the same orchestra.

Maestro Guzman became a U.S. citizen in October 2001 and makes his home in Dallas, where he lives with his wife Daisy and their children Francisco and Sofia.

Sponsor packages and advertising in the Symphony program are available now. Only 488 seats are available, so to reserve your tickets today or for more information on being a sponsor for this event, contact Jo-Ann Palmer at The Sutton County Historical Society, 387-5084 or 387-2855. General sales will open in a few weeks.

State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

Child abuse and neglect cases increase 15 percent

By Mike Cox

AUSTIN - The holidays are shaping up to be a not-so-happy time for some Texas children.

Child Protective Services, a division of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, has estimated that the number of child abuse and neglect cases reported to it will increase by 15 percent over the number reported in 2002.

In numbers entirely lacking in any holiday glitter, the division has estimated it will receive 181,423 reports of child abuse-neglect, a 15 percent increase over the 157,544 cases that came to light in fiscal 2002. By way of comparison, in 1999, 131,920 child abuse-neglect cases were reported.

Though many state health and human services programs underwent some severe budget cutting during the last session, CPS actually will gain 356 employees during the 2004-2005 biennium in anticipation of an increased caseload.

Clearly, dealing with victimized children is emotionally draining work. In fiscal 2002, CPS' turnover rate was 25.3 percent.

School finance follow up...

In preparation for next year's special session on school finance, the Legislature's Select Committee on School Finance began taking testimony last Thursday.

Upshot of the first day's hearing: There's no such thing as a "good" tax and, as Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington, put it, "Everybody dislikes some aspects of every tax."

Upshot of the second day: Committee members are interested in Nevada's first-in-the-nation payroll tax as a state government income source.

In the new Nevada tax, the state levies employers less than 1 percent of their payrolls. (Nevada state law, like Texas, prohibits personal income tax so employers pay the tax, not workers. Wages of government employees, people who work for nonprofit groups or sole proprietorships are not taxed under the new law.)

Fake fir...

Not the most pressing matter in state government, but the people should know. It was revealed last week that the Christmas tree placed in the House of Representatives not only is a plastic fir, it was made in China.

A real Texas cedar, however, stands on the south side of the Capitol, just off Congress Avenue. Twenty-eight feet tall and 16 feet in diameter, the tree was harvested in Bastrop.

An artificial tree certainly lasts longer than a snowman. Just north of the Capitol at the Texas State History Museum, "Santa Vs. The Snowman" will be playing in 3-D through Jan. 16 at the museum's IMAX theater. For show times, call 512-936-4629.

"The More the Merrier" scores great gift buys for shoppers



Treasures a-plenty (above) were displayed for Santa's helpers at the Civic Center on Friday, December 5, 2003. The elves (like the one below) were out in full force at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce "The More the Merrier" Christmas Bazaar, with crafts, sweets and treats of all kinds - a holiday shopper's dream for that hard-to-buy-for family or friend. Plans are already under way for next year's event, with visions of bigger and better dancing in our heads!

A special thank you goes to T&C Village Market, who so generously donated all the door prizes that were given away throughout the day. Twelve prizes were awarded to lucky winners! Thanks guys!



Coping with holiday stress

For those who feel lonely, sad, or stressed-out during the holiday season, remember these thoughts of positive encouragement:

ACCEPT YOUR FEELINGS

Acknowledge that the season can be sad and stressful at times, and that it's okay to feel that way.

BE GENEROUS

Concentrate on making someone else happy, even a smile can brighten a day.

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1. An application form must be completely filled out. Application forms can be requested at/from Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Business Office.
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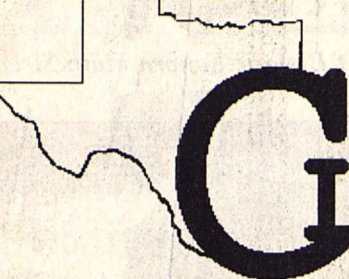
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Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital
 Mr. Keith Butler CEO
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 Sonora, Texas 76950

Bids must be on a Lump Sum basis. Indicate on exterior of envelope the project and bid opening date. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the time and Bid Date identified above. Bids received after 2:00 P.M. on the bid date, December 23, 2003, will not be accepted.

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No. 1279

ESTATE OF NELSON STUBBLEFIELD, DECEASED, IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS NOTICE OF CREDITORS
 Notice is hereby given that the original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of NELSON STUBBLEFIELD, Deceased, were issued on the 3rd day of November, 2003, in Cause No. 1279, pending in the County Court of Sutton County, Texas, to:

SELMA NELLE GLASSCOCK

The residence of the Executor is in Sinton, Texas, and the mailing address is:

P.O. Box 1400,
 Sinton, Texas 78387

All persons having claims against the Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 3rd day of November, A.D. 2003.

SELMA NELLE GLASSCOCK, Independent Executor, of the Estate of NELSON STUBBLEFIELD, Deceased
 By: ALBERT C. ELLIOTT Attorney for the Estate
 P.O. Box 586
 Sonora, Texas 76950
 (325) 387-3529
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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF PEGGY JOAN COLLINS, DECEASED, IN CAUSE NO. 1278, COUNTY COURT, SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS.

Notice is hereby given that on December 4, 2003, original Letters Testamentary were issued to Michael Barton Collins in this Estate. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Claims may be presented and addressed to Michael Barton Collins, Independent Executor of the Estate of Peggy Joan Collins, Deceased, c/o Law Offices of Daniel A. Edwards & Charla H. Edwards, 311 W. Harris Ave., San Angelo, Texas 76903.

No. 1277

ESTATE OF LEO B. MERRILL, DECEASED, IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS NOTICE OF CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of LEO B. MERRILL, Deceased, were issued on the 17th day of October, 2003, in Cause No. 1277, pending in the County Court of Sutton County, Texas, to:

PAT EDWARDS MERRILL
 The residence of the Executor is in Sonora, Texas, and the mailing address is:

120 Edgemont Road,
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All persons having claims against the Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 4th day of December, A.D., 2003.

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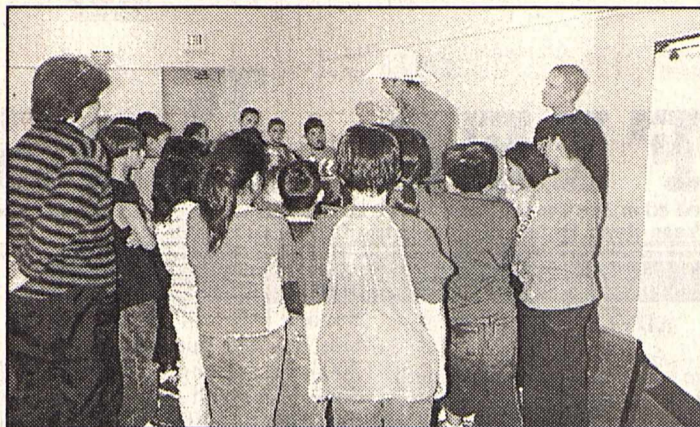
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Water 2000 Plus Fair held at Civic Center



Tom Payton and Levi Tibbs of the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service discuss the role that water plays in our plants and soils.

by Kelly Thorp, Texas Cooperative Extension Office
The entire fourth grade class was treated to a special day of water education at the Sutton County 4-H Center on Monday, November 24, 2003. The water fair was held to help students understand the importance of water to all of us. Students were challenged to think about ways to conserve water and to minimize the risk of contamination of our water sources.

The educational effort was coordinated by the staff of Texas Cooperative Extension here in Sutton County. Other sponsors and collaborators in the event included the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District and the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Instructors and their subject matter areas were Kelly Thorp on Indoor Water Conservation, Virgil Polocek on Watersheds and Aquifers, Tom Payton on Water and Soils, and Levi Tibbs on Water and Plants. Each concurrent session not only involved instruction by the professionals but also interactive demonstrations to help students grasp the concepts presented. The students also enjoyed a game of water bingo at the lunch break. A hot dog lunch was provided by the Sutton County Water District and the Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation Service. The coordinator for the lunch was Iris Garza assisted by Cindy Cawley. Students were acknowledged with a completion certificate as a special recognition for attending the water fair. The event sponsors would like to express appreciation to the school and Principal Louise Dermody and the faculty of the fourth grade class for allowing the students to participate in this educational program.

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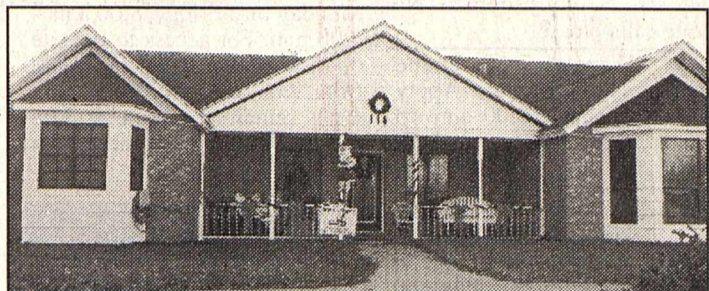
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The Sonora Post Office will be open on the following Saturdays for your Christmas mailing convenience: December 13 and 19, 2003 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

The Sutton County Sr. Center Support Group will have a Christmas Party for Sonora and Sutton County Senior Citizens on Friday, December 12, 2003, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Join them for a good time, with food, door prizes, music provided by The Old Tyme Band and maybe even a visit from "Pancho Claus" Santa's brother from the South Pole. Everyone is invited to join the fun.

Westside Lions Club meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Sutton County Library at 6:30 p.m.

Emmaus gathering - 2nd Tuesday of every month at Lighthouse Community Church, 6:30 p.m. Babysitting provided.

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program now has the 2003 Christmas Ornaments. The 24K gold finish brass ornament is a windmill and a turkey on the Sutton County Courthouse Lawn. The cost is \$10. Visit the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street office on Main Street to get yours today, and add it to your Sonora ornament collection.

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