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Tips on frying Thanksgiving Turkeys Safely

AUSTIN—The three Texas Railroad Commissioners today urged Texans to practice safety when frying Thanksgiving turkeys using propane-fueled, hot-oil cookers.

Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) Chairman Elizabeth A. Jones explained the RRC's role in propane safety. "The Texas Railroad Commission is the state agency charged with propane safety in Texas," Jones said. "This responsibility includes educating the public about the safe use of propane appliances. Each year, Americans buy an estimated half million hot oil cookers, and more than 10 million households cook with fryers. So, it's important that consumers know how to correctly use these devices."

Commissioner Michael L. Williams noted that it is important to pay attention to the location of a hot-oil cooker. "Cookers should be placed outside in an open area away from all walls, fences or other structures. You never want to place a cooker in, on or under a garage, breezeway, carport, porch or any structure such as a wooden deck that could catch fire. Also be sure to keep children and pets away from the fryer during and after use because the oil can remain hot for hours."

Commissioner Victor Carrillo said thawing and drying a turkey before it is placed in hot oil also is an important safety step. "Partially frozen turkeys placed in a fryer can cause a spillover effect when ice melts and water seeps into the boiling oil," Carrillo said. "Plan for about 24 hours to thaw every 4 to 5 pounds of turkey or about two days, if you are using a 10-pound turkey, which is the general size recommended for these hot oil cookers."

According to the latest figures available from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, there have been 112 incidents that involved fires or burns associated

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DPS urges Thanksgiving travelers to slow down, buckle up and drive sober

All available DPS troopers will be patrolling Texas roadways during the Thanksgiving holiday. Troopers will be looking for drivers who are intoxicated, speeding or not properly secured—or who have passengers who are not properly secured.

"Texas travelers should know that we will be on the lookout for unsafe driving," said Col. Thomas A. Davis, Jr., director of the DPS. "We want to make sure that everyone reaches their destination safely."

If last year's numbers are any indication, troopers will be very busy. During the 2004 Thanksgiving holiday period (Tuesday through Monday), DPS troopers arrested 653 people for driving while intoxicated. Troopers also wrote more than 18,800 tickets for speeding; more than 3,500 tickets for seatbelt violations; and cited more than 4,600 drivers for operating a motor vehicle without insurance.

"We would rather that Texas drivers voluntarily comply with the law than have to write them tickets," Col. Davis said. "Besides, complying with these laws will make you—and your loved ones—safer when you travel."

McBride to tee off at UTSA

by Storie Sharp

Sonora's hard hitter on the golf course signed a letter of intent to play for the University of Texas at San Antonio on Wednesday, November 9, 2005. Joining in on the festivities were her teammates, senior classmates, coaches, family and friends. Her proud parents, Mike and Juanita McBride, looked on with excitement and some trepidation as their oldest child prepares to leave for college.

The Sonora High School Senior has been All District every one of her three year high school career and was All State for the last two years. She and the Lady Broncos will also shoot for their fourth consecutive trips to State competition, where they finished as 1st Runners-up in 2005. Individually, McBride finished 15th, 9th and 6th, consecutively, at State.

McBride traveled to Australia in the Summer of 2004 to play golf with the International Sports Specialists, Inc. (ISSI). As a junior, she finished in the top three



Photo by Storie Sharp

Making memories at The More the Merrier

It was a stage full of smiles as Little Miss Sutton County, Isabella Samaniego and Little Mr. Sutton County, Mikey Galindo, joined Santa and Mrs. Claus for a photo op at the 2005 *The More the Merrier* Christmas Bazaar. Children enjoyed their turns to sit on the Old St. Nick's lap and share all their Christmas wishes, making promises to be good for the next month. (We'll see) See more fun with Santa on page 10 and look for more in the next few weeks before Christmas.

Don't forget, Santa is making a list and checking it twice, so you better BE NICE!

Since roads are more likely to be crowded, DPS reminds drivers to leave themselves plenty time to get where they're going. Avoid bad driving habits that lead to road rage, such as:

- Not using turn signals
- Driving in the passing lane
- Tailgating, flashing lights or honking
- Using high beams in traffic
- Not allowing adequate time for a given trip.

When confronted with aggressive drivers, the DPS recommends that you:

- Put your pride in the back seat and move aside.
- Do not speed up, block lanes, slam or tap on brakes.
- Report extreme cases of reckless driving to the appropriate authorities.
- Do not retaliate, gesture or make eye contact.
- Make sure everyone is buckled up.



Kayla McBride makes it official to play golf at UTSA, as Coach Drew Cox and her parents, Mike and Juanita proudly look on. Photo submitted

in all the major tournaments. Over the summer of 2005, McBride placed in the top three at the 2005 Best of the West/West Texas Junior Championship Tour (WTJCT) tournament, and the WTJCT Tour of Championship.

Although around golf all her

life, McBride did not start playing until junior high, but she pushed hard to succeed and continues to excel. She said she looks forward to playing with UTSA and can't wait to live in San Antonio. The UTSA program has posted top eight finishes in all four of their events this season.

Working together saves two in one vehicle accident

by Storie Sharp

It was real team work on Thursday, November 17, 2005, as Sutton County emergency crews responded to an early morning call of a one vehicle accident just north of Cusenbary Road. Two victims were reported to be trapped inside the small SUV.

Upon arrival Sutton County EMS and the rescue truck from the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department found the vehicle wedged on the bridge over a draw on 277, making it unstable to free the trapped San Angelo couple.

Quick thinking resulted in the recruitment of assistance from wrecker trucks from Creek Swabbing and Indian Creek Logistics, and a pick-up from Dominion, all of which were stopped in the line of traffic.

The trucks secured chains to both sides and the back of the vehicle and slowly turned the van to the left, allowing the EMS crews to be able to get to the victims that were trapped under the front dashboard and remove them from the wreckage. Both victims were transported to L.M. Hudspeth Hospital in Sonora, and later transferred to San Angelo.

Troopers on the scene said that the lack of skid



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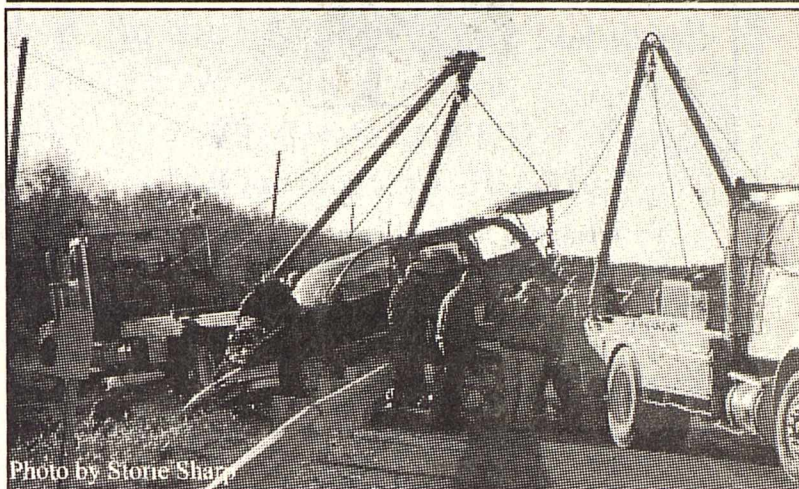


Photo by Storie Sharp

marks indicate that the driver most likely fell asleep, hit the guardrail, and continued along the rail until being stopped by the cement bridge.

Rescue workers on the scene highly commended the truck drivers and the companies that assisted in the rescue

2005 Bronco Football Season Ends

by Ray Glasscock

During the American Civil War, two soldiers had the honor to carry the flag and to play the bugle. These soldiers led the infantry during all charges. Whenever one was injured or killed, another soldier dropped his weapon and picked up the flag or the bugle. This year as each Sonora Bronco fell to injuries, the next man standing took over and performed better than what should ever be realistically expected.

The Area playoff game in San Angelo Stadium started off strange even during the pre-game activities. The Broncos came running out of their tunnel only to find that the "moment of silence" was going on.

The game started with the Broncos kicking off to the Coleman Bluecats. The Bluecats started off with Carlton Brown running left, right, and up the middle. On the second play of the game, another Bronco starter fell to injuries. Zadian McGee had to leave the game with a leg injury. After two first downs, Embre Smith, Steven Duhon, and Evan Gully bottled up Brown and forced Austin Buzzard to try his first pass of the game. Anthony Longoria knocked it to the ground and the Bluecats punted to the Broncos.

On the Broncos' first possession of the game, Caleb Ramos completed a 48-yard pass to Longoria to set Sonora up with a first-and-goal from the ten yard line.

An eight yard pass from Ramos to Nick Pena on third down set up a fourth-and-one. The coaching staff recognized that the Coleman defense was stacked to stop the called play and they called timeout. However, Ramos had already taken the snap and tried to score. Ramos broke his leg on a play that never really happened. Cullen Parker entered the game as quarterback and handed the ball to Uriel Santana. Santana clearly scored. However, the responsible official ruled no touchdown and the ball went over to the Bluecats. The Abilene chapter of officials has officially apologized for this mistake.

"That one play changed the whole game," Coach Herring said. "It should have been 7-0. I thought we were in clearly. It could have changed the whole momentum of the game."

Coleman drove 99 yards in 11 plays and scored on a two yard run by Brown with 1:15 left in the first quarter. Brown had a 37-yard run on the drive, and Buzzard had a 31-yard run.

With Ramos out, the Broncos began to struggle offensively, crossing into Coleman territory on one of its three second-quarter drives.

With less than two minutes left in the first half, the Bluecats began a possession at their own 42-yard line and needed only two plays to score. Brandin Vasquez caught a 44-yard pass from Buzzard on first down, then Brown ran it in from 14 yards out on the next play to give Coleman a 14-0 lead with 1:35 left in the first half.

Cullen Parker and the Broncos came out for the second half behind 14-0 and firing. Parker completed six straight passes to Pedro Gloria and Nash Traylor. With the help of a 15-yard pass interference penalty on a pass to Gloria in the end zone and a pass to Longoria, the Broncos had a first-and-goal at the 1-yard line. On second-and-goal, Parker scored to cut the Coleman lead to 14-7.

The Bluecats answered right back. On third-and-9 at the Coleman 35-yard line, quarterback Buzzard got outside the Sonora defense and raced 65 yards down the sideline for a touchdown. The extra point was no good and Coleman led 20-7.

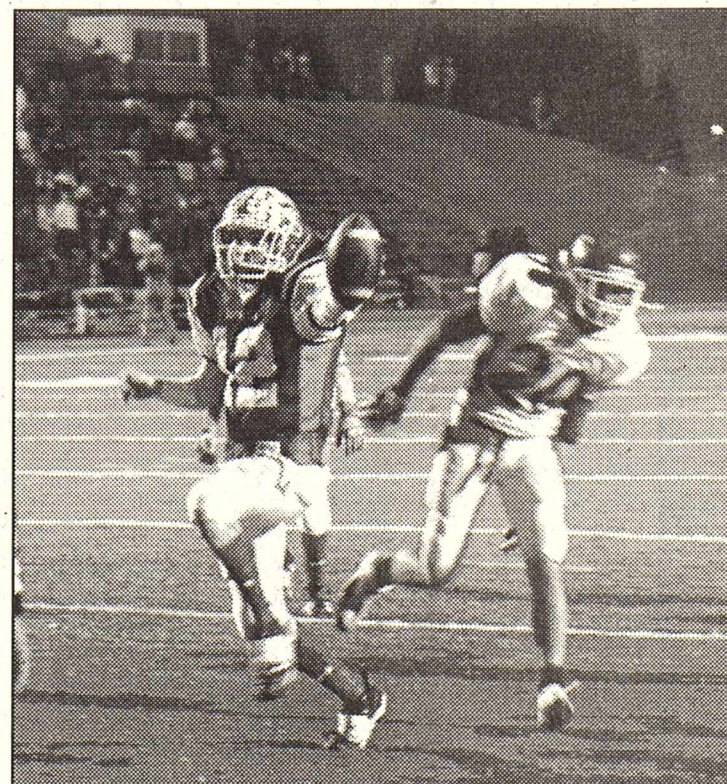
Late in the third quarter, Steven Duhon intercepted a Buzzard pass at the Sonora 23-yard line. The Broncos took advantage, driving 77 yards in 23 plays and scoring on a three yard run by Parker

to pull within six points at 20-14 with 10:22 left in the game. Parker's 40 yard completion to Gully was the long gain of the drive.

Sonora forced Coleman to turn the ball over on downs with five minutes left in the game. After an incomplete pass on first-and-10 at the Sonora 21-yard line, Parker's deep pass on second down was intercepted by Coleman's Brandin Vasquez at the 50-yard line and returned inside the Sonora 10-yard line. A personal foul penalty gave the Bluecats a first-and-goal from the three yard line, and Brown ran it in from there. He also added a two-point conversion run to give Coleman a 28-14 lead with 4:39 left in the game.

The Bluecats added to their lead when Brown broke free for a 41-yard touchdown with 2:01 remaining in the game making the final score 35 to 14 in favor of Coleman.

The 2005 football season was the best since 2000. Sonora football teams won 41 games, lost six, and tied three. No words can adequately describe how well the offensive and defensive lines played this year. The Bi-District Champions finished at ten wins and two losses. Both the JV Red and the Eighth Grade Colts were undefeated. The JV White Broncos had six wins, two losses and one tie. The 7th Grade Colts had five wins, two losses and two ties. Many thanks to all Bronco football players for an exciting football season.



Cullen Parker tiptoes in to score against the BlueCats.

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Obituaries
James Wardlaw Harrington
 James Wardlaw Harrington, 71, died Wednesday, November 16, 2005, at his residence. Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 22, 2005, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, with Masonic grave side services in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.
 Survivors include son, William Harrington of Oakland, California; daughter, Charlotte Hill of Anaheim, California; brother Whitey Harrington of Odessa; and sister Martha Lou Eggleston of Devine.

Senior Center Activities
 Fri. Nov. 25 - Center closed for Holidays!
 Mon. Nov. 28 - Bingo - every Monday after lunch - bring a friend!
 Tues. Nov. 29 - Happy Birthday Rick Palmer & Hilda May Smith.
 Wed. Nov. 30 - Happy Birthday Carmen Avila
Senior Center Menu
 Fri. Nov. 25 - Center closed for holidays!
 Mon. Nov. 28 - Steak fingers w/gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, rolls, cake, milk
 Tues. Nov. 29 - Baked chicken fried rice, zucchini squash, orange juice, rolls, peach cobbler, milk
 Wed. Nov. 30 - Baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, roll, juice, peanut butter cookie, milk
 Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older.
 Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m.
 Donations are accepted
 (suggested donation for Seniors is \$1.50; \$4.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go)

Thank You Notes
 I would like to send out my deepest thanks to my family, close friends and everyone for their calls, flowers and visits during my stay at the hospital. Thank you to Judge Carla Garner, Rosie Butler, and Officer Mike Routh for the trip to the hospital. To Dr. Johnson and his hospital staff, thank you for the special care. A special thanks to Letty Campos for my beautiful bunny and to Mrs. Louise Dermody and the Sonora Elementary for the balloons and gift.
 To my two closest cousins, Autumn and Alyia, thanks for being there and to my Tia Elsa thank you for all my gifts. Thank you all so much. I am blessed to live in such a caring community.
 Love, Sydney Robles



With a smile like that, the numbers HAD to be wrong!
 When it rains, it pours!
 Annika Alyssa Galindo, and her friends in the Cute Baby Contest at Duckworth-Alco raised **\$672.36**, which was incorrectly printed in last week's DRN.
 Thanks! Storie



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Counting our blessings on this Thanksgiving
 by Congressman Henry Bonilla

Each year on the fourth Thursday of November, families and friends across America gather together to celebrate Thanksgiving. This holiday gives us the chance to reflect on the many blessings we possess as citizens of this strong and wealthy nation.
 As we celebrate Thanksgiving 2005, and face our new challenges in America, it's important to give thanks for the many blessings we share as Americans.
 We should give thanks for living in a free country ruled by the people. It's easy to forget how fortunate we are to be a democracy. But the War on Terrorism and recent natural disasters has brought us new reason to reflect. Let us be thankful we live in a democracy where we enjoy the freedoms of religion, speech, the press and the right to assemble.
 Another simple blessing that is often overlooked is America's free, prosperous economy. Unlike any other nation, America's spirit of individualism and independence has produced the world's top economy. From the very first families who struggled to farm this country's rich soil to today's high-tech entrepreneurs, the pioneer spirit has propelled our nation to the forefront of discovery and exploration.
 Finally, we should give thanks for the thousands of men and women who protect us on a daily basis. The firefighters who protect our homes and places of business; the police officers who look over our family and friends; and of course, the men and women of the armed services, who dutifully watch over our nation. Each of these groups does their part to keep our nation safe from harms way. We would not be the nation of the free, if we were not also the home of the brave.

As our nation faces many struggles, now more than ever, we are thankful for the blessings our nation has provided each of us. I hope that on this Thanksgiving day, as family and friends gather around the table, each of you will say a special thanks to the amazing blessings of our nation.
 God bless each of you and may God continue to bless America. Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours.

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Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary
Sutton County Historical Society
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Patricia Craig Johnson for
Christmas decorations.*

Q. Do you have the story of the people who were killed in the sixties south of Sonora?

A. "The Devil's River News," April 18, 1968-Four Bodies Found South of Town-Sonora, Tex. (UPI)-Four persons were beaten and stabbed to death 31 miles south of Sonora, apparently late Tuesday, and two children were stabbed and beaten, but were found alive.

The bodies were found shortly before 8 a.m. Wednesday by a ranch hand on the Lee Whitehead ranch.

Justice of the Peace Warren Hutt of Rocksprings said the victims apparently were from Piedras Negras, Mexico. Mexican National passports were found on the bodies.

The body of a man and a small baby, about 14 months old, were found in a pasture about 31 miles south of Sonora.

The two injured children were found near the man and baby, one stabbed and the other beaten around the head.

The girl, about 17 or 18, and the woman were found about a mile and a half down the road, Hutt said.

"The girl evidently had been raped," Hutt said. "Her clothes had been stripped off. There was blood leading from a gate over to where she was lying."

One of the injured children was taken to Sonora in critical condition. The other a boy about 4-5 years old was hospitalized at Del Rio.

Hospital administrator Al Everett said the girl admitted at Sonora was suffering from a head injury and was in critical condition.

Hutt, who has lived in Rocksprings for four decades, said it was the most brutal crime in the area in memory.

In the next issue it states they were looking for a man 30 to 35, 6ft. 2" tall with sandy hair. He is described as having a pock mark rash on his neck. He had been talking to the family at a gas station in Sonora and trying to get the young girl to look at him. She kept ignoring him and he was angry when they pulled off and headed south. He left shortly after in the same direction.

The man was identified as Manuel Arrellano 25 and the girl who died in Sonora was Leticia Arrellano.

In digging a little deeper we found that the little boy brought to Del Rio was moved from there to a hospital in San Antonio. He survived his brutal wounds but



Velma (Mrs. Byran Hunt) and Miers Savell with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theo Savell and Mrs. Trainer, Mother of George, Joe and Fred Trainer.

was too young to be of much help to the police.

The murderer was never found and taken to trial.

Q. When did a fire almost destroy Zola's Tourist Courts?

A. This one has been on the bulletin board for a while, but we found the answer when researching the above question in "The Devil's River News," February 8, 1968. Fire Destroys Two Units of Zola's Tourist Courts-Two Units of Zola's Tourist Courts were destroyed and two others were damaged by a fire early Wednesday, January 31. Pat Jungk, owner, said the fire apparently began about 12:30 a.m. and blazed for a long period of time.

He said the fire apparently began when a butane tank on a pickup evidently began leaking and was ignited in some way. The flames, he said, were confined to the rear of the parked truck for some time but evidently spread to the overhead carport.

Exact cause of the fire is not yet known nor is the extent of damage. The destroyed units had recently been remodeled. Jungk said two of the units suffered smoke damage and that much of the outside portion of the facility was badly smoked. No one was injured in the blaze.

In the same week there was an early morning explosion that pushed the front walls of W. H. Hill's Service Station several inches out near the top of the building. The explosion apparently occurred when fumes from gasoline reached an overhead heating unit and were ignited. Victor Fuentes, an employee, suf-

fered painful burns in the explosion.

Q. When will the depot be ready for rentals?

A. As soon as the concrete men get there and install the supports for several of the lights so that the electricians can get them connected and up. They claim they have been busy and not able to get to us but the agreement for them to do the work was made nearly a year ago. We sincerely hope they get there this week or I might teach some volunteers how to make forms, mix concrete and pour it for the footings and they will lose out on their money. No matter what the building is decorated and will be ready for rentals December first. Congratulations to the Newkirk family on the recent birth of their grandson.

We would like to thank all our wonderful helpers for all the work they have done at the grounds the last few weeks. They have trimmed trees and cut up all the branches and hauled them to the dumpsters. They decorated all the buildings this year. There are no lights on the Miers Home and Office Building but you will notice we have all new greens and all new bows on these buildings and a new wreath on the Miers Home. There are also new icicle lights and twinkle lights on the John & Mildred Cauthorn building and all new bows on it. Thank you again to the Johnson family for the decoration donation it was so nice of them to remember the society and their needs even after leaving Sonora. The kids mowed the lawn around the ditches for lighting and in front of both buildings; they also weed whacked the whole area. They worked very

hard to insure it looks nice for the holidays.

We are awaiting a load of top soil that will be used to fill in the areas that have been dug up and help us start new grass on them in the spring and to fill in a few spots on the grounds that are a little bare from being torn up by riding lawn mowers in the past.

We are also having the sprinkler system repaired in several areas and one section that keeps getting broken at the edge of the sidewalk moved a few feet in so that it will be protected by the wall. All it takes is time, money and workers. And we are certainly getting some help this month from volunteers but we still have to pay for materials to fix the sprinklers and buildings. It is also time to seriously consider repainting the outside of the depot. We have done extensive painting on the inside the last few years but the outside is going to need more expertise than we have.

The Miers Home has been painted and looks great but I think it is time to replace the roof on it. The shakes are starting to curl and we are having a bug problem, especially hornets in the attic. The bug man keeps killing them but they sneak into the smallest crack and we are infested again. There are a few small leaks on the front porch but so far none in the main roof but I expect if will be leaking soon. We have received several quilt tops, one quite old, which have been hung in the Miers Home and some old baby clothes which we repaired, washed in Oxiclean and have hung on the crib in the building also some old house dresses and an apron and house cleaning cap.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, 307 Oak Street, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net You may call us at 387-5084 on Mon., Fri., and Sat. mornings on rentals, and with your questions or stop in then to do research.



State spent \$1.3 billion on Katrina, Rita

State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Costs of responding to the ruin caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita are adding up fast.

On Nov. 16, Texas' purse-string agency, the Legislative Budget Board, estimated \$1.3 billion had been spent by the state on hurricane relief since the storms hit.

Costs to local governmental entities have been at least that much, making the combined costs more like \$3 billion, so far.

Yet, while this amount of money addresses the short-term impact, it does not take into account such long-term costs as housing, feeding, schooling, health care and employment.

For now though, it is easy to guess how some of the state's \$3 billion budget surplus over the next biennium may be used.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is supposed to reimburse Texas for many costs related to the hurricanes if all goes according to design.

But FEMA observes certain limits. The agency said that on March 1, 2006, Katrina evacuees' apartment leases co-signed by Texas state or local governments must be assumed by the occupant, if the occupant elects to remain in the apartment. But Texas is negotiating with FEMA to extend the period to 12 to 18 months.

The fate of evacuees who've

been staying in hotels and motels, however, is unknown. FEMA said it won't pay for the rooms past Dec. 1, but the state of Texas is appealing that deadline.

Meanwhile, FEMA said it would reimburse the city of Austin \$21.5 million for the cost of providing housing to Katrina evacuees. This covers rent for 4,500 units, plus utilities, transportation and move-in costs such as food, furniture and housewares.

The city of Houston received a similar reimbursement grant for \$101 million.

Court ruling doesn't materialize

Rumors of a Nov. 17 ruling proved false.

So court watchers are still waiting for the Texas Supreme Court to rule on the state's appeal of a lower court ruling saying the current method of funding public education benefits wealthier school districts and hurts poorer school districts to the point of being unconstitutional. If the high court upholds the lower court ruling, the abiding question will be how the tax system can be re-engineered to give property owners tax relief and improve public education to an acceptable level in all schools.

The governor's recently created Texas Tax Reform Commission, chaired by former Comptroller John Sharp, will formally contemplate the question. The commission met for the first time on Nov. 21 and took testimony from staff and others by invitation.

DeLay, Earle haggling continues

The latest in the state's highest-profile ethics story is that Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, also known as chief enforcer of state ethics laws, is fighting motions by DeLay's defense attorney Dick DeGuern.

One defense motion seeks to get the congressman's trial moved to his home county (Fort Bend).

A second defense motion seeks permission to cross-examine grand jurors to determine if they were coerced into indicting DeLay.

Earlier this fall, DeLay was indicted on charges of money laundering and conspiracy to violate Texas election laws prohibiting corporations from directly contributing campaign funds to candidates. The alleged infractions took place in 2002.

Vital document costs to go up

Fees for Texas birth and death certificates will increase Dec. 1, to \$22 from \$11 for a birth certificate and to \$20 from \$9 for a death certificate.

The state health department said the increases are needed to pay the cost of transferring some 48 million paper and microfilm birth, death and marriage records and other vital documents to electronic files. Heflin seeks lottery chiefdom Former state Rep. Talmadge Heflin, R-Houston, applied for the position of director of the Texas Lottery Commission. After 22 years in the House, Heflin was narrowly defeated in his 2004 reelection bid by Democrat and political novice Hubert Vo.

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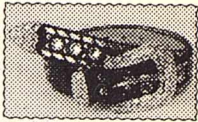
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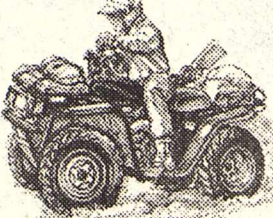
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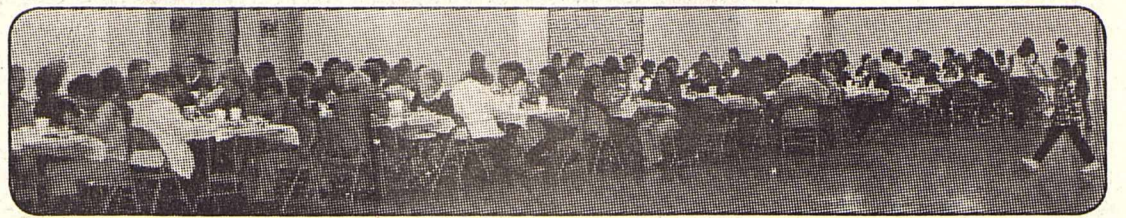
Sharing blessings and giving thanks at local lunches
Knights of Columbus and FHSMS prepare lunch for community

by Ann Kay, Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program Manager

On Sunday, November 21, 2005 there were approximately 200 friends and neighbors that met at the 4-H Civic center for a plentiful lunch well worth many thanks.

The youth group from St. Ann's Catholic Church were behind the counter, lending a helping hand to serve all the food. The ladies of the church were cooking up a storm all morning, and we thank you so much for everything that all of you did, it was greatly appreciated. There were people from all over town lending a hand, making the annual Community Thanksgiving a very enjoyable afternoon for all.

We would like to give a special



Sonora residents enjoy lunch and fellowship at the annual Community Thanksgiving lunch.

thank you to the Knights of Columbus, The Bank and Trust, First National Bank of Sonora, Town & Country Village Market, St. Ann's Catholic Church, Schlumberger, City of Sonora and the County. The Community is what makes things like this lunch such a great event.

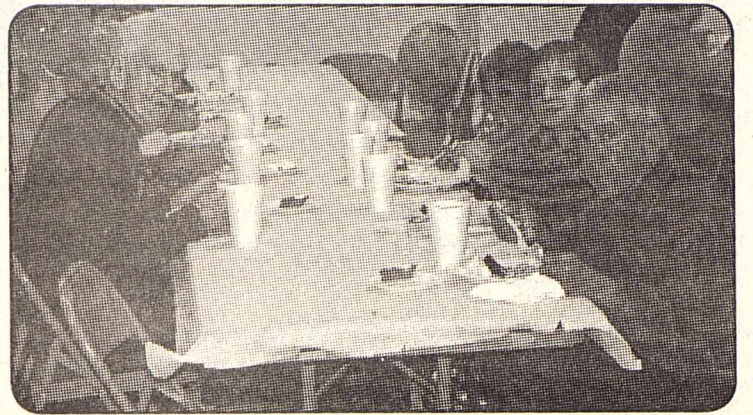
HAPPY THANKS GIVING FROM THE FRIENDS OF HISTORIC SONORA MAIN STREET PROGRAM!!!!!!



Ladies and gentlemen from around town enjoyed a turkey and dressing lunch and visiting with friends.



Volunteers from St. Ann's Catholic Church prepare plates for hungry guests.



Holiday Stress Busters

by Bryan Golden

41% of those polled are stressed by the holidays. Fortunately, there are many ways to bust holiday stress. Set realistic goals. Your expectations should correspond to your circumstances, time and money. Don't try to outdo family and friends. You don't have to impress anyone.

A wonderful holiday season doesn't have to be expensive. Set a manageable budget and stick to it. Determine before you go shopping how much you will spend on food and presents. Entertaining doesn't have to cost a lot. Scrumptious meals can be prepared without expensive ingredients. Use your imagination and creativity.

If there are lots of people on your gift list, contact them and agree to a maximum cost for each gift. They will probably appreciate a pre-set spending limit as much as you will. Consider making your own gifts, such as baked goods or crafts.

A variety of free or low cost activities are available. Many communities provide holiday programs such as parades and winter carnivals. Informal gatherings with friends and family can be lots of fun without obligating anyone to host a big party.

Accept relatives and friends for who they are. Put aside differences; don't try to resolve them during gatherings. Bringing up past issues will not add to the seasonal joy. Divorced parents need to be extra sensitive to their children's emotions. Make children's needs a priority and avoid using them as pawns. Children want to spend time with

both parents, so work together to facilitate reciprocal visitation.

If you are hosting a meal or party, ask each guest to bring a dish. Delegate responsibilities to your spouse and children. Everyone will feel included and no one has to carry the full load.

Don't snap at others. Have rules and guidelines for older children returning home for the holidays. Ask guests to supervise their children if they get too rambunctious.

Plan ahead for what you want to get done, before the holiday rush starts. You can pace yourself if you have enough time. Spreading out activities leaves you calmer and more relaxed. Prioritize what you need to accomplish. Organize your time to allow for the most important tasks. Say no to requests that don't fit your plans. Be flexible.

Make time for yourself. Maintain a healthy lifestyle by eating properly, exercising, and getting enough sleep. It's normal and ok to feel sad during the holidays. Life is unpredictable and brings many changes. Don't compare today with the good old days from your past. Take charge of your life. Don't act like a victim. Spend time with supportive and caring people. Help others by volunteering. Whenever you bring a smile to someone's face, you will feel better too.

Make realistic resolutions. Set goals you can accomplish. Don't abandon your resolutions after a few weeks. After the holiday, actively working towards your goals will keep you positive and focused on the good in life.

Gonzales assists with strikes in Baghdad

Navy Lt. j. g. Jorge V. Gonzalez, whose wife, Joey, is the daughter of Dois and Shirley Badgett of Sonora, Texas, conducted strikes on a known Improvised Explosive Device (IED) production facility northeast of Baghdad during a scheduled deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

The F-14 Tomcats from Fighter Squadron (VF) 31 joined a handful of other Roosevelt-based aircraft this week that have conducted strikes in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom while protecting coalition ground troops.

IEDs have been one of the biggest threats to coalition ground forces since the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The airstrikes underscore the success that Roosevelt-based aircraft have had working with coalition troops on the ground in the last several weeks.

"We are happy with what we have been able to bring to the fight since our arrival in the

theater a few weeks ago," said Rear Adm. James A. Winnefeld, commander, Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group. "Whether we are hitting targets of opportunity called in from our troops on the ground, or conducting pre-planned strikes on known terrorist sites, we will continue to do whatever is necessary to protect our ground forces. At the same time, we will continue to do our part to help set the conditions for security and stability so the Iraqi people have the opportunity to determine their own future."

Other CVW-8 aircraft continue to fly missions such as convoy escorting, patrolling oil pipelines and protecting new construction.

Since their arrival in the Persian Gulf, Roosevelt-based aircraft have provided close air support to coalition troops in the vicinities of Al Hillah, Al Mansuriyah, Baquba, Basrah, Kirkuk, Madain, Mosul and Tall Afar.

The Theodore Roosevelt Strike Group is currently operating in the Persian Gulf in support of maritime security operations and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Parents enjoy meal with Elementary students

It was a special time for sharing and giving thanks, as parents, grandparents and special friends of Sonora Elementary students joined their children for a traditional lunch of turkey, dressing, green beans and fruit cocktail. Tables decorated with cutout turkeys, cornucopias, pilgrim hats and fall leaves, set a festive atmosphere for the meal and school staff captured the memories with digital photos to be displayed later.

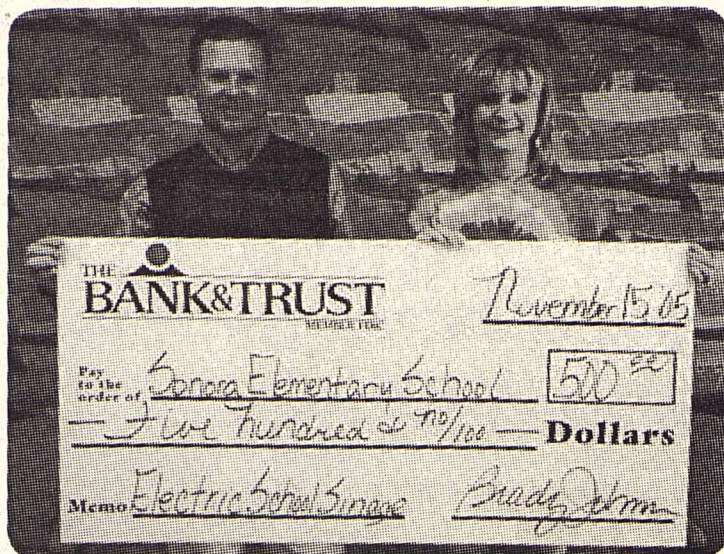
The annual lunch for families is a favorite for many young students, who get to show off how it's done everyday. A special thank you to the Sonora Elementary staff and the ladies in the cafeteria for all your hard work in preparing the special day for the parents and children to enjoy.



Bank & Trust donates \$500 to new Elementary sign

The Bank & Trust proudly donates \$500 towards the new double faced sign with electronic marquee at Sonora Elementary. Louise Dermody, Principal of Sonora Elementary, said that the new sign will allow for more effective communication between the school, parents, and community.

"What a great use of technology to improve communication to families and the community. This ultimately effects a students overall educational experience and we are always willing to do our part," said Brady Johnson, President of The Bank & Trust.



Brady Johnson, Bank & Trust President, presents Sonora Elementary Principal, Louise Dermody, with a check for \$500.

Year end roundup for the new herd PeeWee Broncos end season with pizza celebration



The day before we watched the Sonora Broncos season come to an end, another end was marked with the presentation of trophies and a pizza party. The YMCA Sonora PeeWee Broncos had a great season, with some playing for the first time ever, and some getting it done with one year already under their belt. These 3rd and 4th grade boys and girls played hard this year, giving up only a couple of losses, playing Eldorado, Ozona, Junction, and Big Lake over five weeks. Good sportsmanship and learning the elements of the game were the main goal, but winning was great too! Some of the team will move up to the Heavyweight next year, but all will still be working toward that ultimate goal of playing under the Friday Night Lights as a Mighty Bronco!

Chamber Chatter

Give thanks for what we've got while giving to those that do not

SONORA
Chamber of Commerce
by Ruthie Bounds,
COC Executive Director

It is hard to believe that it has already been a year since our last column on Thanksgiving. This time of year always puts in our minds all the wonderful things with which we have been blessed.

There are more blessings than we can ever count, but one of the most precious to all of us here, is that we live in such a wonderful community. Sonora is a friendly, loving, giving town. This has been proven over and over again this year with all the donations for less fortunate people and for those that suffered through the most devastating hurricane season in recent memory. The citizens, churches, and other civic organizations came together to donate to the victims of hurricane Katrina with a truckload of needed items and funds through the ministerial alliance. Then came hurricane Rita, and Sonora, like most other Texas communities, was swamped with evacuees. Again our community came together and showed wonderful hospitality and compassion to these people that had been stuck in traffic for hours, and some times days.

These hurricane victims are still in need. There are many, many people that still do not have homes, or any other belongings for that matter. A friend reminded me recently that it is like having lost a loved one and everyone rallies around you for the first week or so and then you are sort of left alone to pick up the pieces of your life.

In the spirit of bringing a "Merry Christmas" to some of the displaced hurricane families, we have joined with a national fundraising event called "Ride To Provide". The "Ride To Provide" will be raising funds to build new homes for the families with the Fuller Center for Housing, which will include a convoy of trucks following the motorcycles; that will be filled with holiday toys, gifts, and household goods. A core group of riders, trucks and vehicles will make the trek from the West Coast to the Gulf Coast, reaching its final destination in Shreveport, Louisiana on Dec. 11th. It is said to be the

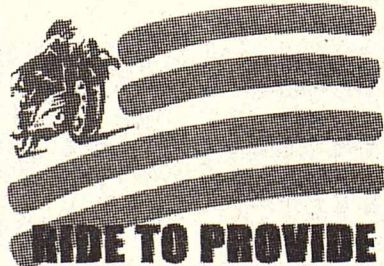
largest and longest fundraising event in the history of the United States to date, and they have chosen to make Sonora one of their overnight stops.

As we gather to count our many blessings this Thanksgiving let's remember those that are in dire need this year. If you would like to donate to this national relief effort and Holiday drive, you may do so by contacting Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center at 325/387-2880 or Jo Ann Jones at First National Bank of Sonora or Becky Allison at Southwest Texas ACA.

Some of the items needed are: Household items, linens for bed & bath, school supplies, athletic equipment for children and teens, backpacks, baby products, personal hygiene items, and of course toys. For a complete list of needed items you may contact any of the people listed above or T. Wayne Price at First Baptist Church of Sonora.

All items need to be new and do not have to be gift wrapped, but if they are wrapped, please note prominently on the outside of the package the gender & age appropriate information. For more information visit www.ridetoprovide.com or www.sonoratx-chamber.com

Sonora Hosts



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7th grade girls basketball Thursday, Nov. 17 in Eldorado

Sonora - 22 Eldorado - 6
Maci Zuniga - 8
Morgan Smith - 4
Karina Trevino - 2
Kallie Humphrey - 2
Maria Lugo - 2
Gabriela Ibanez - 2
Kash McGee - 2

School Lunch Menu • Nov. 28 - Dec. 2

Breakfast
Mon.-Cinnamon roll, asst. juice
Tues.- Peanut butter toast, asst. juice
Wed.- Breakfast burrito, asst. juice
Thurs.-Breakfast pizza, asst. juice
Fri.- Banana nut muffin, asst. juice
Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.
Lunch
Mon.- Corn dog, macaroni & cheese, mixed vegetables, pineapple bits
Tues.- Chicken patty on bun, lettuce/pickles, baked beans, cookie
Wed.- Tacos w/beef, cheese, tossed salad, Spanish rice, asst. fresh fruit
Thurs.- Fish nuggets, ketchup, green beans, macaroni & cheese, fruit cup
Fri.- Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, French fries, cookie

Sweet Sixteen

It was cold and windy that 20th day of November 1989
But you were determined to enter this world
to join this family of mine

As you were placed in my arms
I prayed that you would be with us for
a long long time.

Dad's smile on that day
was from ear to ear,
oh so happy you were finally here!

A precious baby girl with lots of hair to curl
A pretty little girl to dress in lace, ribbons and bows
A Sweet little girl that would play with dolls,
have tea parties, and all
But instead you played with
toy guns, cars, trucks and footballs

As a little girl you rode tricycles,
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Dominion; 8360' Edwin S Mayer Jr #703, Patterson Drilling.
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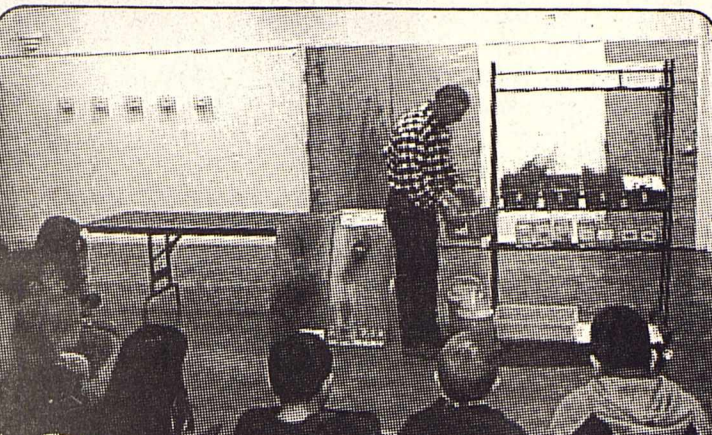
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Sonora Students take part in Water Fair



County Extension Agent, Billy Kniffen, using a rainfall simulator to demonstrate how plants affect water infiltration.

submitted by Pascual Hernandez
 Sutton County Extension Agent

Sonora fourth graders attended a Water Fair on November 21st at the Sutton County Civic Center. The students enhanced their knowledge of hydrology, aquatic habitats, conservation methods, and much more. This curriculum enrichment effort is intended to heighten awareness of the need for water conservation. The event had a fair-type atmosphere in which groups attended demonstration sessions at one station then rotated to a new station. Ms. Cindy Cawley, with Sutton Underground Water District, instructed youth on "Amazing Aquifers" which discussed underground water systems and watersheds. Tom Payton and Ronnie May, with Natural Resource Conservation Service, gave a presentation on "water &

soil". Sutton County Extension Agent Kelly Thorp gave tips on home water use and conservation. Sessions on healthy aquatic habitats were instructed by Sutton County Agricultural Extension Agent, Pascual Hernandez. Lunch was provided courtesy of the Sutton County Underground Water District. Following the meal, Menard County Extension Agent Billy Kniffen used a rainfall simulator and talked to the group about how plants affect infiltration of water. Students completed their day by taking part in interactive computer sessions to assess their new knowledge. This water education event is sponsored annually by staff from Texas Cooperative Extension, the Sutton Underground Water Conservation District, and the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service. For additional information on curriculum enrichment opportunities, contact the Sutton County Extension Office.



Instructors preparing their demonstrations.

Frying Turkeys from page 1

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- Follow the manufacturers instructions to determine the proper amount of oil to add.
- Cover bare skin when adding or removing food. Always use cooking mitts. Use only cookware and accessories designed for frying turkeys; never use glassware, ceramic or plastic cookware.
- Raise and lower food slowly to reduce splatter and avoid burns.
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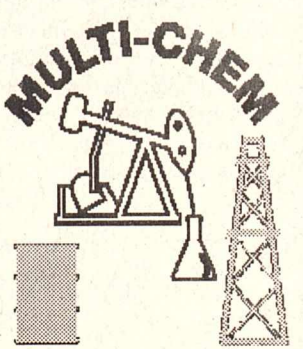


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Ministerial Alliance prepares for Annual Food Basket distribution

by Lewis Allen

The Sonora Ministerial Alliance is preparing for the Annual Christmas Food Basket program in Sonora.

One hundred baskets of food will be packed and distributed to local families in need of assistance during the Christmas season.

Anyone who would like to receive a food basket this Christmas may request one by calling the office of Adelita Alvarez, Justice of the Peace, 387-3322, or Rev. Lewis Allen, 387-2616.

Contributions to the Food Basket Program may be made out to The Ministerial Alliance and mailed

to Box 1015. Donations of canned goods or non-perishable items will be collected soon by Sonora's Cub Scouts; or may be taken to any of the churches in the Ministerial Alliance by December 14.

Food baskets will be packed by members of Sonora's church youth groups at the First Methodist Church at 6:00 pm, December 14.

The bulk of the food baskets will be delivered on Saturday morning, December 17, by high school aged volunteers from the churches. Some baskets, however, will be delivered by the Sonora High School Student Council, probably during the afternoon of December 15.

Main Street Program prepares for Christmas

by Ann Kay, FHSMS Manager

It is starting to look a lot like Christmas and everywhere you seem to look there is someone lending a helping hand.

The "Welcome to Sonora" planter box that won a past TDA award, is lit up with reindeer and white lights. We have had so much help making the town a beautiful place for all the visitors that will be visiting for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Bank Vault Park which is also another TDA winner was being lit up on Friday afternoon.

On December 7th we will be having the "Soul of Christmas" on the Courthouse Lawn. Everyone is welcome and if you would like to participate please call or come by the office, there is no charge for vendors. We will be having the Studio dancers to performing to Christmas music and a live nativity scene.

We would also like to let all parents know that we will be starting the letters to Santa. Your kids can write a letter and it will come back postmarked from the North Pole. The Air Force volunteers from the combat weather flight will once again help Santa send out thousands of signed, North Pole - postmarked letters to children worldwide. The Santa's Mailbag program started 50 years ago by 58th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron Airmen, and it has been carried on by those of the 354th Operations Support Squadron. Each year, the unit receives thousands of Dear Santa Claus letters and Christmas-wish lists. Volunteers in the weather flight sort and read the letters, select an appropriate reply from Santa Claus and mail the letters with an official North Pole postmark. Last year, the program received about 4,000 letters.

"This program is a very important local tradition which has been carried on by weather Airmen along the years," said 2nd Lt. Pedro Gonzalez, weather flight volunteer.

"We take a lot of pride in running it. The kids get a lot of joy in receiving a letter from Santa with a North Pole stamp, and the parents get a great memento." The volunteers start processing letters in late November and will continue through Christmas. The flight must receive letters to Santa by mid-December to ensure a reply before Christmas. Children whose letters arrive too late will get a special "after Christmas" letter from Santa. "We are hoping to start getting letters right after Thanksgiving," said Lieutenant Gonzalez. "Since the post office can get swamped during the holidays, people should try to send the letters as early as possible."

Children can write to Santa at: Santa's Mailbag, 354th OSS/OSW, 2827 Flightline Ave. Suite 100B, Eielson AFB AK 99702-1520

There is no cost for the letters, but self-addressed stamped envelopes or donations made out to "Santa's Mailbag" to help defray the cost of postage and supplies are accepted.



Sutton County "Elves" Johnny and Carlos assist with putting up the Christmas lights and decorations in the Pocket Park on Main Street.

F.Y.I.

Sonora City League Board is announcing a meeting to elect members to oversee Little Dribblers for our youth. Anyone interested in volunteering as a Coach or Assistant Coach is invited to attend December 5, 2005 @ 6:00 P.M. at The Mercantile Building, 222 Main St. Sonora, TX (Devon Energy, Inc.). Any inquiries can be made to President, Tommy VanWinkle 387-5267 or Vice-President, Marty Parks 387-5759.

Anyone interested in meeting the Ride to Provide Caravan contact Jodi Luttrell at 387-6230 after 5:00 p.m. or leave a message - especially motorcycle riders!

Annual St. Ann Catholic Church Guadalupe Festival, Sunday, December 11, 2005; Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served in the Church Hall, music, food, game booths, silent auction, arts & crafts and more. For more information contact Jo Ann Hernandez, Belia Solis, Emily Castro, Elia Longoria or Terrie Alvarado.

Kimble Co. 21st Annual Wild Game Dinner, Junction, TX, November 26, 6:30 p.m. Admission tickets may be purchased in advance from the Chamber of Commerce or at door of Coke Stevenson Center on Hwy 83 night of dinner. \$10 admission ticket buys dinner & a chance to win a Winchester 20 gun safe, \$1 chances at dinner for other prizes, with over 30 rifles and shotguns. Proceeds from the dinner go to the Senior Citizen's Foundation, Meals on Wheels, Chamber of Commerce and Volunteer Fire Department. FMI call 325-446-3190

BIG LAKE WINTER CLASSIC Men's Slow-pitch Softball Tournament, December 10th & 11th, 2005; RSVP by December 5, 2005 and entry fee must be received by December 7, 2005

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