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Christmas Carols, Children and Art Open Downtown Celebration

Sonorans Invited to Sing, Feast, and Enjoy

by Becky McAngus

Sonorans will be singing Christmas carols, lighting up the courthouse lawn and enjoying supper in downtown Sonora on Wednesday, December 5th, and everybody is invited to attend. As a special treat, the children of Sonora will perform the Christian play, How the Grouch Found Christmas.

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program has teamed up with the Sonora Chamber of Commerce and the churches of Sonora to launch the Christmas season downtown with music from the Sonora Elementary Fourth Grade Choir and the combined community churches choir. Main Street will be closed beginning at 2:00 p.m., to get downtown ready for the festivities.

Along with all the singing, we'll also be celebrating with food - Tex-Mex food, that is - as La Mexicana Restaurant and the Sutton County Steakhouse cook up our favorite feast; enchiladas, beans, and rice. Supper will be served in the parking lot of the First National Bank. Paper goods for the event are being provided by The Bank and Trust and First National Bank of Sonora. The cost for plates is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, and all performers eat free. Our musical program will begin with the fourth grade salute to the Star Spangled Banner. The combined choirs of Sonora area churches will perform traditional Christmas carols and then the children will present their play, at approximately 7:00 p.m.

For those not familiar with the play, How the Grouch Found Christmas is a morality tale that reminds us all to slow down and remember that Christ- by Becky McAngus mas is about more than presents and decorations.

Other sponsors for this celebration of the Christ- have a one-woman show December 5th mas spirit are the City of Sonora, Sutton County, historic downtown. Mrs. Earwood, a sig-Sonora Youth, The Devil's River News, KHOS Ra-nature member of the Texas Watercolor dio, the Downtown Businesses, Sam Dillard State Society, the Southwest Watercolor Sofarm insurance, the Sonora Industrtial Development ciety, the American Plains Association, Corporation and our local churches.

Everyone is invited to participate in this event and West Texas for the delicate intensity of to join their voices in song to celebrate the Christmas her artwork. season.



Chinese Star Checkers II, a watercolor by Sonora Watercolorist Barbara Earwood, is just one of the many paintings that will be on display December 5th at the Historic Mercantile Building.

Earwood to Display Watercolors

Watercolorist Barbara Earwood will at the Mercantile Building in Sonora's and the San Antonio Watercolor Group, is well-known throughout Central and

Her paintings of ranch scenes high- told to paint real, but have fun," she said.

light the beauty of rural Texas. Angoras in full clip, the cool shade of oak groves, the brilliant reds and blues of our springtime countryside; all have been captured by this painter's brush, in that most difficult of mediums – watercolor. Recently, however, Earwood's paintings have become more whimsical, much like the Chinese Star Checkers watercolor that accompanies this article. "I recently participated in a seminar where we were ticipated in a seminar where we were

From that lesson was born "The Leprechauns," a painting that she is considering for limited edition prints. That painting will be on display, but not for sale, at the show.

What is the secret to her success? "I love to paint," the watercolorist says, with a smile, "I used to teach, but I discovered that I really just want to paint:" And what are her favorite subjects? "Whatever I'm painting at the time," she

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Laurie English Announces Re-election Bid for 112th DA

Submitted

Laurie English, 112th District Attorney, announces her intent to run for re-election. English took office January 1, 2005. The 112th Judicial District is comprised of Crockett, Pecos, Reagan, Sutton and Upton Counties.

Born in San Angelo, English lived in McCamey as a young child. She attended public schools in Fort Stockton, graduating from Fort Stockton High School in 1981. She is the daughter of Larry and Nancy Lay. English is a 1997 graduate of San Angelo State University and she graduated from Texas Tech School-of Law in December 1999. English has been a resident of the 112th Judicial District for 37 years and has lived in Ozona since 1989.

Laurie has been married twenty-five years to Lyndon, who owns Adios Wrecker Service in Ozona. They are blessed with two sons, Logan, who serves in the United States Air Force and is currently stationed in Iraq; and Layne, who at-

tends Texas Tech University.

"The District Attorney's statutory duty is to 'see that justice is done, not just to convict.' Justice can be accomplished in many ways. No two cases are alike and it is important that each defendant and offense be evaluated on its own merits. Wrongdoers need to be held accountable for their crimes and to the victims they create. I am committed to doing my best to see that justice is done in every case," English said.

English serves the District as a full-time prosecutor, with no private practice. Early in 2005, English requested the legislation passed into law that made the 112th District Attorney's Office part of the Professional Prosecutors' Act. District Attorneys under the Act are prohibited from having a private practice. "This District is geographically large (encompassing more than 200 miles of Interstate 10) and it is important to me

that prosecution is my primary professional focus. English has also implemented some important changes to provide law enforcement with more efficient assistance by the DA's office. She utilized forfeiture funds to purchase digital cameras for every officer in the District. Forfeiture funds Continued on Page 4



Let the birding begin. ture in search of feathered treasures. A number The sites visited included the Sonora Cemetery, Golf Course, Caverns of Sonora and Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary. Pete Bradley was especially

Former Sonora resident, and Sonora High School graduate Martha Renfroe, along with friend and fellow bird enthusiast Jean Martin, arrived in Sonora on Tuesday evening November

Over the next three days, Renfroe and Martin were enthusiastically ushered from point to pasof local residents joined the group to learn more about birding and facilitate our guests' efforts. helpful in providing personalized transportation at the golf course. Mary Humphrey of Texas

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Joe David Ross, David Lee Ross, Kay Shurley, Jacqui Thomas, Martha Renfroe and Jean Martin grabbed binoculars and hit the trails on Eaton Hill just before Thanksgiving to assess the birding opportunities available in and around Sonora. During their canvass of the bird population, Ms. Renfroe and Ms. Martin, both members of the Austin Audubon Society, sighted the Hermit Thrush and the Elf Owl. During the three-day field trip, the experienced birders visited several sites in Sutton County.

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Nov. 30 - Need Ideas and Vol. for Christmas Crafts

Mon. Dec. 3 - Let's Play Elephant Bingo. Happy B-Day Sam Perez.

Tue. Dec. 4 - Exercise w/video-need seniors to sign-up! Wed. Dec. 5 - TRAX Van to San Angelo! Call 387-2509.

Thurs. Dec. 6 - Decorate for Holidays...after lunch! Happy B-Day Fred Adkins.

Senior Center Menu

Fri. Nov. 30 - Catfish, Corn/Tomato Casserole, Seasoned Spinach, and Rolls, milk and apple cake.

Mon. Dec. 3 - Spaghetti w/meatballs & tomato sauce, Seasoned Spinach, Garlic Bread, Salad, and Banana Pudding.

- Pork Chop w/gravy, French Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, and Lemon Cake, roll and milk Wed. Dec. 5 - BBQ Chicken, Ranch Style Beans, Mustard Greens,

Cornbread, Sliced Tomato and Peaches. Thurs. Dec. 6 - Catfish, Spinach, Hominy, Coleslaw, and Pudding.

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



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Lupe and Juanita Mancias Celebrate 60-year Love Story

Submitted by their family

"I met Juanita in Sonora, TX – it was love at first sight." Lupe knew, from the moment he set eyes on Juanita, that she would someday be his bride. He pursued her throughout the

year, writing and calling her every chance he had.

Juanita tells her story: "Lupe kept calling me and writing me letters. Soon after meeting Lupe for the first time, I accompanied my father to Plainview, TX. I attended a dance one evening, and Lupe would not leave me alone. After that night he continued to call and write me letters from the various cities he traveled to for work. Next thing I know, my father comes to me and says he received a letter from Lupe asking for my hand in marriage. Dad asked me if I wanted to marry him, and I said...well, I guess. At this time, we were in La Mesa, TX; my father was a well known sheep shearer, and we were working on a farm there.'

On December 7, 1947, Lupe & Juanita were married in La

By 1948, Lupe began working for Carl Cahill. "The best employer anyone could ask for. The Cahills treated me and my family like their own...we have many fond memories of the 12 years we spent living and working with the Cahill Family. Their love and support will always be cherished," he said.

In November of 1948, Lupe and Juanita's first child, a daughter, Aida was born. She is now retired from Fireman's Fund Insurance Co. By September of 1950, Rogelio, who is now a dentist in Salinas, CA was born. Their third child, Ricardo, a businessman/contractor, arrived in November of 1952, followed by another son, Julian, a long-time teacher, now real estate broker, was born into the family in June 1955. A year later, in June of 1956, their second daughter, Azalia arrived. She is currently employed by AT&T. Next, in October 1957, their son, Lupe Jr., was born. Lupe has built the family by since and having a property and incompany the Their the family business as a businessman and iron worker. Their last child, son Isau, "Tab", who is now an engineer, joined the

family in November 1959.

In 1960, the Mancias family, along with Juanita's mother, left Texas for Selma, CA. About 16 months later they moved, along with other members of Juanita's family, to Alviso, CA. By 1964, the Mancias family settled in San Jose, CA, where

all seven children graduated from high school.

Lupe worked for Sylvestre Iron Works, and Azco Aluminum, while, at the same time, began his own side business; Mancias Welding. By 1967, he branched off on his own. Their son, Lupe Jr., joined the business in 1976, renaming it Mancias & Sons. Subsequently, son Rick joined the business

Cards of Thanks

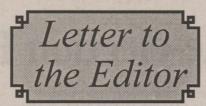
We wish to thank our family members from Sonora for being with us during our loss of Vivian "Vancho" Vasquez. God Bless all of you.

To Gil and Nena Favila and Family, Aurora Bernal and

Family, Carlos and Rosa Sanchez and Family, Mary Lou Solis and Erasmo Lumbreras, Demetrio Castro, Odilia Paredes, and Wilma Villanueva; thank you for your prayers, cards and phone calls.

Gloria, Chris and Donny Vasquez, Mike and Donna Vasquez, from Arlington, TX

The Knights of Columbus News, and the Senior Center. and the Friends of Historic Thank You, Sonora! Sonora Main Street Program would like to express our appreciation to Dowell Schlumberger and Multi-Chem Group LLC for all the turkeys donated for the Community Thanksgiving Lunch. The lunch was wonderful, with all the trimmings being prepared by the ladies of St. Ann's Catholic Church and the smoked turkeys by the Knights of Columbus. We would also like to express our appreciation to T & C Village Market, Sutton County, City of Sonora, KHOS Radio, Devil's River



Dear Editor:

As a subscriber to your paper for six months, I have greatly enjoyed reading about Sonora. I was horrified to see a photo of M.D. Shurley posing by a large male lion that he killed in South Africa. The dead cat was magnificent.
Mr. Shurley looked smug
and ridiculous. What a barbaric deed, and a great loss to
the dwindling wildlife in our world.

It's a pathetic ego that needs to slaughter animals as trophies. Men like Shurley make all the clichés about Texas hunter "wannabes" ring true. Go back to your cave, Shurley, and hang your head in shame.

Sincerely, Sharon S. French Kennewick, WA

Editor's Note - Mr. Shurley shot his trophy at a managed hunt in a game farm, built behind a fence to protect humans from these powerful carnivores. The animal was 17 years old and was used up genetically, as he had been the main herd sire. With the natmain herd sire. With the nat-ural progression of the pride, the young lions would have mauled him. The money Mr. Shurley paid for the guide's expenses and permits to the South African government was used to maintain the spe-cies and improve the habitat cies and improve the habitat for the other animals on the 45,000-acre game farm.



Lupe and Juanita Mancias

after attending SJSU. With the help of his sons, the business successfully grew into what it is today, Mancias Steel Company/ABS Manufacturers.

Lupe and Juanita have a great deal to be thankful for. They are rich in faith, and love, as their children and extended family remain very close. They have been blessed with 12 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, all of whom love their Abuelos very dearly.

Congratulations on 60 years of marriage, Juanita & Lupe

Mancias!

Happy Birthday

November 29 **Butch Taylor**

November 30 James Jaeger, Justin Cano, Johnny Dean Maresch

> December 1 Lelo Morales

December 2 Kenzie Herring, Shakira Villanueva, Cassie Krieg, Glen Richardson, April Flores, Tara Ubanski

December 3 Jacob Adams, Alisia Brown, Nancy Pribe

December 4 Red Crofoot, Joell McGuffin, Pola Velardez, Joe Fincher, Darla Lipham

December 5 Gary Leonard, Travis Bawcom, Roy Luna

Welcome Home To First Baptist Church

Share Worship with us in December

Dec. 2 Advent Begins

(Advent celebration each service through Christmas Eve.)

Special "Call" from Florence, Italy (Matt & Melanie Phillips, missionaries Campus Crusade for Christ)

"Hanging of the Greens" 6:00 p.m.

Missionaries Robert & Kellie Hooker

Dec. 16 Missions Offering Ingathering

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 p.m.

Regular Weekly Church Schedule

9:45 a.m. Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Workshop Sundays:

Wednesdays: 5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal

6:00 p.m. AWANA Club (3 yrs. - 5th grade)

6:30 p.m. Students Time (Student Center)

Adults - Prayer/Devotional Time

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T. Wayne Price - Pastor

Historical Society

ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

Q. Do you have any mention in the papers of the death of Clara Belle Taliaferro Guest in 1934?

A. "The Devil's River News," November 2, 1934-Funeral Rites for Mrs. Guest Monday-Young Woman Came Here with Parents in 1922-Scarlet fever early Sunday morning caused the death of Mrs. Homer Guest, 22, who was buried here Monday afternoon at services, conducted by the Rev. Frank Nixon.

Mrs. Guest is survived by days old, and two brothers and a sister, of Sonora. The latter are: Charlie and Clayton ecutive Vice-President; W. J. Roy Taliaferro and Mrs. Tom Fields, Jr., Manager. Directors Louise Adams and Lillie Ow- Sam" since the drought pro-Guest.

her parents in 1922 from Mc- Vander Stucken, Sam Karnes, een party Wednesday night at been directed by W. R. Nisbet Cullough County, where she Roy Aldwell, Sam Allison, the home of Mrs. Cartwright. was born in December 1912. Dan Cauthorn, E. D. Shurley, After games and refreshments in Crockett. Mr. Nisbet is an She was married to Mr. Guest Ben F. Meckel, R. A. Hal-October 1, 1928.

Clara Belle Taliaferro was T. Jones. born December 12, 1912 in Melvin, TX and died October ess at her home Monday af- were used to identify the 28, 1934 in Sonora. Her parternoon to the Just-Us Club, animals for the government, ents were William Norvel and with several guests enjoying which "bought" each con-

"Treasure Island" with Wal- these guests: Mesdames W. D. lace Beery and Jackie Cooper. Wallace, Will Wilkinson, F. J. At the Hotel McDonald you Wood, Sterling Baker, A.C. could get home cooked meals Elliott. Members: Mesdames milk, had no money to buy for 50 cents.

dent: Fred T. Earwood, Ex- Wilkinson for high cut.



her husband, her parents, Mr. A view from Eaton Hill, circa 1913, includes at least three of Sonora's "firsts". The first and Mrs. W. N. Taliaferro of Methodist church, the first Masonic Lodge and, further back, the first Baptist church in Sonora, three children, one town. In the distance, the Mercantile Building anchors Main Street. Of the three buildings of whom is a baby only a few in the foreground, the only one still standing is the Masonic Lodge.

are listed as Ed. C. Mayfield, ens entertained the pupils of gram started July 4th. She came to Sonora with W. A. Miers, J. N. Ross, E. F. bert, Fred Edward, Joe Vander Records on file show that Stucken, L. W. Elliott and C.

Ed C. Mayfield, President; W. and J. S. Glasscock. Awards vation as the cause of death.) A. Miers, Vice-President; J. were won by Mrs. Libb Wal-N. Ross, 2nd Vice-President; lace for high club score, Mrs. producers have received or R. A. Halbert, 3rd Vice-Presi- Baker for high guest and Mrs. will receive a total of \$297.946

Juanita Cartwright, Mary which they have sold "Uncle mittee loan clerk. the sixth grade with a Hallowthe party went "spooking."

(This was another one of the state extension service, asthose periods when it didn't sistant in ranch management, rain, only this time animals Mrs. Hix Hall was host- were condemned. Their hides Ella May Laymen Taliaferro. her hospitality. An attractive demned animal. This was a Other items of interest plate of creamed chicken, terrible time for people in our include the following: La salad, potato chips, olives, area. Many hands had to be Vista Theater was showing cake and coffee was served to laid off, as there just wasn't any money to pay them. Families suffered from starvation W. C. Warren, Russell Long, any, and their babies died. Sonora Wool & Mohair R. A. Halbert, G. H. Davis, It wasn't uncommon to find Co. had the following officers: W. S. Evans, Libb Wallace death certificates listing star-

Sutton County livestock for the sheep, cattle and goats

necessary before vouchers jackets for \$1.98. could be issued to producers.

Pelts of condemned anicounty relief administer. His car and stated "believing that staff is composed of Jack Pfi- California will be a paradise ester, disbursing clerk, Miss for them if Upton Sinclair is Cottrell, case workers; and hobos are making their way to

herds he had raised for years, erished families. falling to starvation and being destroyed in a few days. In the concerning Sutton County 1950's we suffered another history send them to "Ask the severe period of no rain and Historical Society," P.O. Box animal starvation. A man who 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 ranches in this hard country or e-mail them to schs@soearns every penny he makes, it noratx.net You may call our Lem Johnson, better just doesn't come easy! Enjoy offices at 325-387-5084 on known as "Bully" Johnson, the good times but remember Tuesdays, Thursdays and Satworks as foreman on Aldwell to save for the bad ones.

miles southwest of Sonora. the Hotel McDonald Beauty reach me at the office on Deand many mothers lost their He has been employed by the Shop and she could shampoo cember 4th. We hope everyone Aldwells about fifteen years. and wave-set your hair for 50 had a happy and safe holiday Corrals and fences at the cents, a wave-set alone was and don't have to eat leftover

Aldwell place were literally 35 cents. At Piggly Wiggly lined with sheep pelts. Eleven you could buy 2 cans of salmhundred had been hung to dry, on for 25 cents, a 4 lb. can of preparatory to turning them Schilling's Coffee for \$1.19, over to the government as evi- Campbell's Soups, all kinds dence of condemned animals for 9 cents, 1 lb bacon sliced killed. In the barn were 500 for 29 cents, lettuce 5 cents a more, nearly dried and bun- head and, under a special soap dled, ready for delivery at the deal, you could get 5 bars of end of the thirty-day period Crystal White Soap, 1 box of specified by the government. Super Suds, 2 boxes of Bo-The detailed office work in rax, 2 bars of Palmolive Soap the stock buying program has and 1 service tray all for the been done under the direction low price of 99 cents. At the of Fred Simmons, office man- City Variety Store you could ager, by Miss Annella Stites get men's handkerchiefs for and Miss Nan Karnes. After 7 1/2 cents each, a broom for purchases had been made by 29 cents, ladies shoes for 33 Tom Bond and Louie Stuart, cents, children's sweaters for "sorters" or appraisers, a great 79 cents, men's felt hats for deal of clerical work has been \$1.69 and men's suede-cloth

On the front page of this issue of the paper there was mals have been received in a photo we couldn't copy. It Sonora by R. E. Taylor, Sutton showed hobos riding in a box Sarah Ory, and Mrs. Pearl elected governor, thousands of Mrs. Thelma Briscoe, com- that state as fast as they can." A lot of them were riding the Now, imagine what it rails and many were killed would be like to have to kill trying to get on and off the and bury so many animals, trains or by extreme temperaafter you first skinned them tures of heat or cold. Most of to have the hides to identify these men had lost their jobs them. A grown man could and were looking for a way to be reduced to tears watching make money for their impov-

If you have any questions urdays in the morning. I am Miss Grace Draper ran still on vacation, but you can turkey too much longer.



The work in the county has

who has also been in charge

agent in animal husbandry for

Texas Experiment Station, and

an agent in animal husbandry,

Bureau of Animal Industry,

United States Department of

Agriculture. He graduated

from A&M College in 1916.

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Celebration is set for Wednes- taurant. The fee for the meal the year. historical downtown area of child. The evening would not Christmas Celebration are Main Street. We are pleased to be complete without the play the Sonora Chamber of Comsongs that will bring to mind youth of this community. The Bank of Sonora, The Bank & the wonderful Christmases of evening will start at 5:00 p.m. Trust, City of Sonora, Sonora the past. We will have a spe- and end with the lighting of Independent School District, cial "Sonora Christmas" meal the Sutton County Courthouse all the community churches,

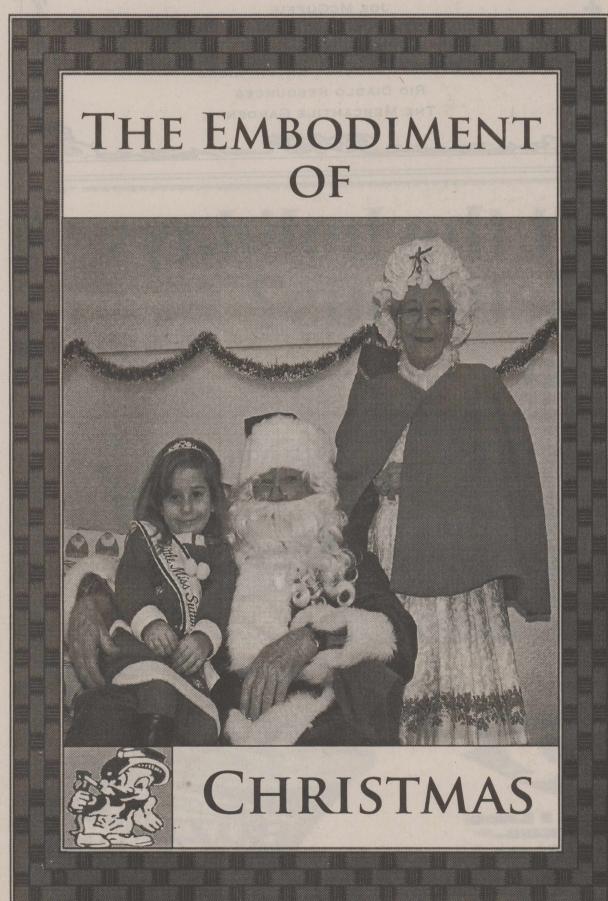
The sponsors of the merce, KHOS Radio, Devil's River News, First National from the Sutton County Steak- lawn. Come on out and expe- Sutton County, Johnny Solis, Carlos Galllegos, Linda Love, Jane Rushing, Church Youth groups, Sutton County Steakhouse, La Mexicana, and Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program.

For more information about the festivities, please call the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street (325-387-2248) or the Chamber of Commerce (32-387-2880).

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, KHOS Radio, and the Devil's River News will celebrate Christmas with the "Best Decorated Homes for Christmas" Contest. Judges for this year's contest will begin driving around town in search of the best Christmas decorations during the week of December 2nd. Winners will receive a Christmas ornament, a photograph of their decorated home in the Devil's River News, and a sign in the yard for the week.

"The earth has grown old with its burden of care but at Christmas it always is young, The heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair and its soul full of music breaks the air, when the song of angels

is sung." **Phillip Brooks**



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Care Urged When Buying Toys For Child



Submitted By: Kelly L Thorp, MS County Extension Agent-FCS Texas Cooperative Extension-Sutton County

checking them twice ... revising and updating and marking out and adding on. This time of children's minds is: What toys do I want for Christmas? Sea- ards are a very real concern when tion hazard? Does it have sharp sonal wish lists are one of the joys of childhood. But one of Earwood Watercolors the responsibilities of adulthood is keeping children's safety in mind, even when shopping for

"Each year, more than

F.Y.I.

County Sutton Commissioners Court has enacted a Burn Ban, prohibiting all outdoor burning until further notice.

The Old Depot will not be available for rental until further notice.

4-H Members! Our Christmas Meeting will be held Monday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H Center. Members are reminded to bring canned food for the Ministerial Alliance Food Drive. Don't forget your coats for the coat drive!

The Sonora Ministerial Alliance, assisted by the Sonora High School Student Council, will be delivering Christmas food baskets to residents of Sonora on December 15th.

Through Dec. 12th, churches and individuals in our communmity will be collecting non-perishable food items for distribution. The primary collection site will be at First United Methodist Church. Food items may be dropped off there during any weekday. Anyone who would like to request a food basket may do so by calling Lewis Allen at 387-2616.

Individuals who would like to contribute to this manner of making Christmas a bit brighter in Sonora may send checks payable to Sonora Ministerial Alliance, P.O. Box 1015, Sonora, TX 76950.

Sutton County 4-H & First National Bank of Sonora are hosting a coat drive. Please bring new/used coats to the bank for kids and adults. For more information please contact Shanna Petty, at 387-3861, or Kelly Thorp at 387-3604.





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ries," reported the National Safe or her mouth and try to swallow. bies or toddlers. Kids Campaign.

Texas Cooperative Extension the air. Not only are these toys items or materials that could health specialist, offers these tips a choking hazard, they can also cause poisoning, including items edges are smooth and finishes toys are safe. For more informafor prospective toy shoppers:

- Check the box or label for the age recommendation. Most and your own - by avoiding toys they could be a choking hazard. toys are designed for children of that make loud or shrill noises. specific ages; don't give young quired when playing with the toy. Washable? Does it have ties or Be sure the child is old enough bows that could be a strangu-

Barbara has studied watercolors with re-

gional and nationally-known artists, includ-

ing John Pike, Millard Sheets, Robert E.

Wood, Bud Biggs and Leo Smith. Her paintings have earned awards at juried shows and are cherished by public and private collec-

gency rooms for toy-related inju- too large for a child to put in his

s Campaign.

- Don't buy projectile toys
- Look for art supplies that
That's why Dr. Carol Rice, that shoot small objects into are labeled non-toxic; avoid any cause serious eye injury.

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- Look for art supplies that tion hazards. that contain small batteries. Not

younger children.

- Only buy electric toys that lid-less. and developmentally advanced lation hazard? Is it made with have been approved by Underyear the No. 1 thought on many enough to play properly with it. bean- or pellet-like stuffing that writers Laboratories (UL) for

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Approximately 30 of her watercolors will be on display – with many for sale – in The Mercantile Garden, Debra Hobbs' soon-toopen antiques and uniques downtown shop. The show will begin at around 10:00 a.m. and will continue through 3:00 p.m. Along tors. Her watercolors have been included in with original artwork, Mrs. Earwood will ofshows at the Austin Museum of Fine Arts La- fer limited edition prints of her painting of St. guna Gloria Museum and at the San Angelo John's Episcopal Church in Sonora.

English Announces --

Museum of Fine Arts.

also used to send law enforcement officers to special schools across the country and to provide training within the District for law enforcement in drug interdiction and DWI investigation. "I intend to continue working closely with our great law enforcement officers to improve their investigative skills and provide them with equipment that benefits both law enforcement and prosecution.'

Since taking office, English has increased the number of jury trials within the District. Jury trials have been con-

Laurie K. English 112th District Attorney

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* CHRISTMAS

Continued from Page 1 ducted in all five counties and English and her staff strive to resolve old cases and move new cases toward completion. Cases tried since January 2005 include a capital murder, drug possessions and sexual

118,000 children ages 14 and under are treated in hospital emersure the toy and/or its pieces are some easily-breakable material?

- Be extra careful when shopsure the toy and/or its pieces are some easily-breakable material?

- Be extra careful when shopsure the toy and/or its pieces are some easily-breakable material? - Don't buy metal toys for ba- that hang from strings, straps or its own list, Rice said. This list, wires can be serious strangula- the Holiday Toy Recall Check-

only are these batteries toxic, but hinges that will keep the lid open at http://www.cpsc.gov/ diatrics, the best toy chests are derson & Dr. Carol Rice

list, is issued so adults can check - If a toy chest is on the list, once - or twice or more - to see before purchasing, make sure the if their children's wished-for are non-toxic. Check for safety tion, visit the agency's Web site

your own – by avoiding toys make loud or shrill noises.

- Chemistry or hobby kits check the toy's construction only be given to children should only be given to children sure it has ventilation holes, in tension's Family and Consumer children toys that are designed tion: Is it sturdy? Do plush toys who are old enough to appreciate case a child crawls inside and Web site at http://fcs.tamu.edu/for older children. Also, check have eyes or noses that can be them – about age 12 and older. shuts the lid. In fact, according and click on the link to health They're making lists ... to see if adult supervision is re- pulled off and swallowed? Is it These kits can be harmful to to the American Academy of Pe- and safety. Source: Linda An-

Happy 18th Birthday Chelsea K. Martinez







Blood Drive Set for Nov. 30th

United Blood Services will host a Community blood drive at The Bank & Trust located at 229 Hwy 277N in Sonora this Friday, November 30th, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00

All blood donors will receive a free t-shirt and donors making a double donation will

receive a winter cap.

United Blood Services, based in San Angelo, is the community blood provider for 11 (eleven) surrounding counting counting to the country blood provider for 11 (eleven) surrounding counting counting to the country blood provider for 11 (eleven) surrounding counting to the country blood provider for 11 (eleven) surrounding counting to the country blood provider for 11 (eleven) surrounding c ties, serving 10 (ten) hospitals. Those suffering chronic illnesses, a variety of cancers, trauma, burns, surgery and accident victims, all benefit directly from the generality of donors.

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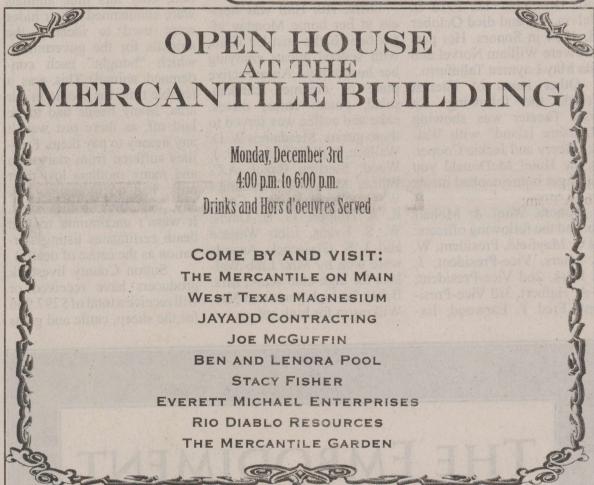
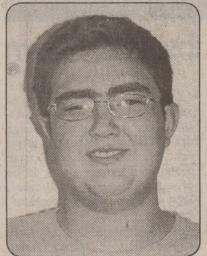




EXHIBIT (2)



Adrian Mier



Gonzalez, and Mier SHS Students of the Week

This week's Students of ter of Irasema and Guadalthe Week are Adrian Mier and

Valerie Gonzalez. Adrian Mier, son of Blanca and Adrian Mier, is a freshman at Sonora High. Adrian enjoys helping his parents, watching TV, listening to music, and surfing the web. Adrian hasn't lived in Sonora his whole life. He has lived in Acuna, Mexico and Colorado. His favorite things about Sonora High are the teachers. Although Adrian is only a freshman, he already plans on going to college.

Valerie Gonzalez, daugh-

upe Gonzalez, is a junior at Sonora High. Valarie enjoys chilling with friends, eating and talking on the phone. She hates being bored and occupies herself by being in athletics. She is also involved in CCE. Valerie was born in Norwalk, Ohio and moved to Sonora from there. Her favorite things about Sonora going to Angelo and studying in cosmetology.

Carrillo and Solis Top Scorers for 8th Grade Teams

by Coach Jennifer Lilly Last week the girls played an aggressive game against Junction. Ana-Lesa Samaniego dislocated her elbow and Sarah Carrillo dislocated her shoulder, but both girls were tough and should be back to playing in a week or two.

last 3 seconds of the game Alba Gloria – 2 points Ana-Lesa Samaniego – 2

The A Team Won 39-6 and led the whole game

Delilah Aguero – 2 pts; Sarah Carrillo – 12 pts; Liz Chavarria – 4 pts; Sandra Hernandez – 2 pts; Hunter Jennings 5 pts; Evelyn Solis – 14 pts. Following a long weekend

4-H Plans Christmas

Christmas Meeting will be held Monday, December 3rd High are her friends and the at 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H Cenlearning environment. After ter. Members are reminded to graduation, Valerie plans on bring canned food for the Ministerial Alliance Food Drive. Don't forget your coats for the coat drive!

for Thanksgiving, the girls were back on the court against Mason Monday evening.

On Monday night, the 8th grade Lady Colts played an exciting game against Mason. They were tied 10-10 at the half, but came up short in the The B Team Lost 4-6 in the end. With our starting point guard still out with her shoulder, and all the girls competing in one game together, I congratulate them for working well as a team.

The A Team Lost 31-27
Liz Chavarria - 8 pts;
Hunter Jennings - 8 pts; Sandra Hernandez - 4 pts; Delilah Aguero - 3 pts; Evelyn Solis -2 pts; Alba Gloria - 2 points.

On Saturday the girls and boys will compete in a tournament in Brady. Next Thursday, Dec. 6th, the girls play at home against Brady at 5:00

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Meeting

The Sutton County 4-H

Mata and Sanchez, Lead7th Grade Teams

by Coach Kathy Marshall
Last Tuesday the 7th grade girls played their second game of the season against Junction. The girls show great improvement on court awareness. The key to our season will be to be pa-tient and under control. The B' Team lost 3 to 8 and the A' Team won 42 to 10. The game ball goes to Magli on the B'Team and Jacinda on the A'Team

Scoring for the two teams:

For the B Team: Magli Mata – 3 pts. For A Team:

Jacinda Sanchez - 16 pts; Emilce Hernandez - 6 pts; Paige Sykes - 4 pts; Micaela Moore - 8 pts; Rebekah Infante - 6 pts; Stella Ingram - 2 pts.

Last night the girls played there third game of the season. The girls lost to Mason

Lady Broncos

Basketball

Schedule

NOV 29 - DEC 1

BALLINGER TOURNAMENT

T.B.A

citing game. The A team will lows: Bethany Trevino - 2 pts; be playing in Brady's Tourna- Emilce Hernandez - 10 pts; ment on Saturday with their Paige Sykes - 10 pts; Micaela first game at 9:00am against Moore - 2 pnts. San Saba. The game ball goes to Paige Skyes and Emilce games is Thursday, Dec. 6th,

Hernandez.

by 10 points. It was a very ex- and players contributed as fol-

The Lady Colts' next nandez. when the girls play at home The A Team Lost 34 24 against Brady at 5:00 p.m..



Sonora Elementary School children made their own costumes and played handbells in a recent program honoring Sonora's Veter-

linseltown

DEC 4 IRION CO. HOME AUGUST RUSH 5:00 6:30 BEE MOVIE DEC 6-8 OZONA TOURNAMENT DAN IN REAL LIFE T.B.A.

DEC-11 INGRAM AWAY 5:00 6:30 8:00

> DEC14-15 ELDORADO JV TOURNAMENT T.B.A.

DEC-17 REAGAN CO. HOME 6:00

DEC-18 OZONA HOME 5:00 6:30

DEC-21 LLANO AWAY 4:00 5:30

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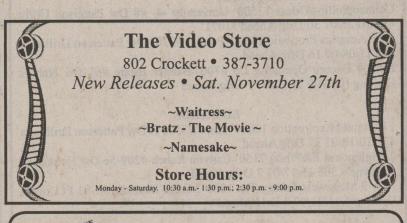
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2007 Major Special Codes Resease Fund Funds REVENUES: Total Local and Intermediate Sources \$ 20,839,404 1,367,756 \$ 22,227,160 State Program Revenues 2.068,417 2,245,441 Federal Program Revenues 14.255 237,591 603,617 855,463 Total Revenues 22,942,076 237,591 2,148,397 25,328,064 **EXPENDITURES:** Current 0011 Instruction 5,242,039 459,314 5,914,009 Instructional Resources and Media Services 108,931 14,524 22,065 145,520 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development 76,425 4.881 60.870 142,176 Instructional Leadership 61,715 67.155 School Leadership 316,762 316,762 (8)11 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services 348,756 18,500 367,256 0013 Health Services 53,619 53.619 Student (Pupil) Transportation 188,607 188,607 0003 Food Services 9,844 372,624 382,468 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities 477,226 45,071 522.297 General Administration 542,907 542,907 0081 Facilities Maintenance and Operations 1,330,200 1,330,200 Security and Monitoring Services 99,950 Data Processing Services 375,328 26,546 401,874 Debt Service - Principal on Long-Term Debt 650,000 891,501 Debt Service - Interest on Long-Term Debt 17,977 162,081 180,058 10/3 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees Capital Outlay: 0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction 766.018 766.018 Intergovernmental: Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools 9,470,567 9,470,567 Total Expenditures 19,728,372 237,591 1,817,592 21,783,555 1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) 3,213,704 330,805 3.544.509 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): Sale of Real and Personal Property 8,870 Capital Leases 205,747 205,747 Transfers In 64,514 64,514 Transfers Out (Use) (64,514) (64,514) 7000 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) 150,100 64,514 214,617 Net Change in Fund Balances 3,363,807 395,319 3,759,126 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning) 10,362,348 127,187 10,419,535 1300 Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance (78,615) (78,615) Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending) 13.647,540 522,506 \$ 14,170,046

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The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement

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Rig Report As of November 23, 2007

9650' Jack Brown -WA- #7 Patterson Drilling/

New 2 Highmount E&P/hdq 9550' Jack W Brown -wa- #5 DW Patterson Drilling/a 39 11/26/07 Assigned

3 Highmount E&P/hdq 9500' Sawyer-Jones -190- #11 DW Patterson Drilling/a 120 11/26/07 Assigned 4 Highmount E&P/hdq 9350' Duke Wilson -187- #18 DW Patterson

Drilling/a 120, 11/13/07 11 Drlg Ahead 5 Highmount E&P/hdq 9050' Shurley Rr -1a- #16 DW Patterson Drill-

ing/a 40 11/26/07 Assigned 6 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8800' Mayer Ranch -35-#8 DW Helmerich &

Payne/s 302 11/21/07 3 Drlg Ahead New 7 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8700' Mayer Ranch -36- #3 DW Helm-

erich & Payne/s 302 11/26/07 Assigned 8 Highmount E&P/hdq 8375' Mayer Ranch -fff- #98-3 DW Helmerich & Payne/s 301 11/16/07 8 Drlg Ahead

9 Highmount E&P/hdq 8350' Shannon -51- #15 DW Helmerich & Payne/s 303 11/26/07 Assigned

New10 Highmount E&P/hdq 8300' Edwin S Hill-Mayer Jr -o- #6 DW Helmerich & Payne/s 301 11/26/07 Assigned

11 Highmount E&P/hdq 8300' Shannon -52- #19 DW Helmerich & Payne/s 303 11/14/07 10 Drlg Ahead

12 Highmount E&P/hdq 7250' Shurley -36- #16 DW Patterson Drilling/a 40 11/15/07 9 Drlg Ahead

New13 Highmount E&P/hdq 6950' Canyon Ranch -207- #14s DW Helmerich & Payne/s 305 11/26/07 Assigned

New14 Highmount E&P/hda 6500' Morriss -63- #7 DW Helmerich & Payne/s 304 11/26/07 Assigned

15 Highmount E&P/hdq 6325' Espy -57-#10 Dw Helmerich & Payne/

s 304 11/17/07 7 Drlg Ahead 16 O'Ryan Oil & Gas 5000' Wilson #5 DW Patterson Drilling/a 42

CROCKETT

11/07/07 17 Drlg Ahead

New 1 Approach Operating 9000' Cinco Terry -a- #805x Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 353 11/16/07 8 Drlg Ahead

2 Approach Operating 9000' P L Childress -g- #1021 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 710 11/13/07 11 Drlg Ahead

3 Highmount E&p/hdq 8975' University 56-22 #6 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 742 11/15/07 9 Drlg Ahead

New 4 Anadarko E & P Co Lp 7400' Moody Minerals -21a- #9 Dw

Patterson Drilling/a 38 11/18/07 6 Drlg Ahead

New 5 Fiml Natural Res 5500' Maggie Moore #8c Dw Patterson Drilling/a 721 11/20/07 4 Drlg Ahead

SCHLEICHER

New 1 WTG Exploration 10000' University 54-6 #1 Ft Heart Land Drilling 8 11/16/07 8 As Directd

2 WTG Exploration 10000' University 53-19 #1 Sand Dollar Drilling 22 11/05/07 19 Drlg Ahead 7450'

3 Highmount E&P/hdq 8750' Jeffers -28b- #3 Dw Patterson Drilling/a

742 11/26/07 Assigned New 4 Highmount E&P/hdq 7950' Meador -178- #5 Dw Patterson

Drilling/a 105 11/26/07 Assigned 5 Highmount E&P/hdq 7950' Nixon -177- #9 Dw Patterson Drilling/a

105 11/17/07 7 Drlg Ahead

6 Fortune Production 7600' University -14- #2 Ft Heart Land Drilling 4 11/07/07 17 Drlg Ahead 7680'

7 Petrodata Resources 6400' Williams Ranch -c- #4 Sand Dollar Drilling 21 11/23/07 1 Drlg Ahead

TERRELL

1 Encore Operating Lp 15000' Goode Estate #6 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 641 11/02/07 22 Drlg Ahead Conocophillips/Odess 12500' University -4- #8 Dw Patterson Uti/lv

481 10/25/07 30 Drlg Ahead 11071' 3 BP America Prod/mid 11600' Poulter #2703 Dw Patterson Drilling/a

118 11/08/07 16 Drlg Ahead

New 4 Encore Operating Lp 6700' Banner Estate #61 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 709 11/17/07 7 Drlg Ahead

EDWARDS

1 Newfield Exploration 10000' Shaw #7503 H Dw Patterson Drilling/a 471 10/18/07 37 Drlg Ahead

2 Highmount E&P/hdq 7.150' Canyon Ranch #209-5e Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 305 11/17/07 7 Drlg Ahead

New 3 Megawest Energy Tex 1200' Madge Shanklin #1-91 Ft Unison Drilling 4 11/21/07 3 Drlg Ahead

VAL VERDE

1 Dan A Hughes Co Lp 15000' Altizer -56-#1 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 79 10/14/07 41 Drlg Ahead

2 Winn Exploration Co 14500' Bencomo -75- #1 Dw Nabors Drilling

(O) 294 09/23/07 62 Drlg Ahead

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By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Agricultural **Extension Agent**

We had a little moisture this needs moisture to continue growth. weekend. However, dry air, low prevent winter damage is watering summer when temperatures rise, sures.

damaged if they do not receive sup-

The result of long, dry periods

thoroughly during the winter. Trees, Weakened plants also may be subshrubs, perennials and lawns can be ject to insect and disease problems. Woody plants with shallow root

plemental water. Although the top systems require supplemental waof plants may go dormant during the tering during extended dry fall and winter, the root system does not and winter periods. Herbaceous perennials in exposed sites are more subject to winter freezing and thawing. precipitation, little soil moisture, during fall and winter is injury or This opens cracks in soil that expose and fluctuating temperatures are death to parts of plant root systems. roots to cold and drying. Lawns also characteristics of fall and winter. Affected plants may appear per- are prone to winter damage. Newly There often can be little moisture, fectly normal and resume growth in established lawns, whether seed or particularly from October through the spring using stored food energy. sod, are especially susceptible to February. One important chore in Plants may be weakened and all or damage. Susceptibility increases the lawn and entire landscape to parts may die in late spring or early for lawns with south or west expo-

Additionally, here are some wa tering tips for winter: Water trees shrubs and lawns during prolonger dry fall and winter periods to pre vent root damage that affects the health of the entire plant. In lie of rainfall, water the landscape a least once a month to a depth of

Water only when air tempera tures are above 40 degrees F. Apply water at mid-day so it will have time to soak in before possible freezing a night. Established large trees have a root spread equal to or greater than the height of the tree. Apply water to the most critical part of the root zone within the dripline. Windy site result in faster drying of sod and plants and require additional water Remember, well watered plants are less likely to suffer freeze damage

than a drought stressed plant. For additional information, vis it the Sutton County Extension web site at http://sutton-co.tamu.edu.

Bitless Bridles - A Return to Natural Communication?

ing to communicate like a horse. compromise their control. Natural Horsemanship is based on helped protect them from natural predators.

to actually feel the horse beneath No-Bit Bridle. them, creating greater communicacause of their softness and flexibil- steel into a horse's mouth, it sounds

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communicate so effectively and in- the practice of stuffing a metal bit tuitively with a creature that doesn't into a horse's mouth dates back cenis pretty straightforward- by learn- discovering that bitless bridles don't

Zoe Brooks, a quality manageunderstanding the natural herd hier- ment consultant and horse farm ownarchy or pecking order, how horses er, admits her first foray into owning use body language to communicate a horse didn't start with the mutual and the understanding of horses' caring relationship she expected. 'explosive flight' instincts that have Instead, her horse Hazel pushed her around. That's when Zoe did some research and began using Natural The movement has evolved Horsemanship methods. Hazel was from training techniques to tack content to take trail rides outfitted in and equipment that further instill a rope halter with no bit. But as soon the principles of Natural Horseman- as Zoe tried riding her with a bit and ship. For example, treeless saddles bridle Hazel's personality changed are constructed differently than tra- and she became combative. That's ditional saddles. They allow a rider what led Zoe to design the Nurtural

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Millions of Americans read the ity, they're also more comfortable rather barbaric," says Brooks, cobook or saw the movie, "The Horse for the horse. Bitless bridles are founder of Nurtural Horse products. Whisperer," and were amazed at becoming increasingly popular as a "Attila the Hun succeeded by teachthe connection between trainer and gentler, yet highly effective tool for ing his army to control their horshorse. How can a human being riders to control their horses. While es with metal bits. While today's bits aren't as primitive, the fact is that much of our modern equesspeak our language? The answer turies, today's sayvy equestrians are trian practice evolved from military training. The idea behind the bitless bridle is that if you remove the distraction and pain of a bit, the horse and owner are happier.'

Bitless bridles are gaining credibility among all sectors of the horse set; from the casual pleasure rider to the precision of Grand Prix Dressage riders, horse owners are discovering the difference 'going Natural' can make. They feel like their horses are calmer and happier to be with them.

While Natural Horsemanship is often viewed as a 'softer' way to train, it focuses on teaching the horse that the relationship is a partnership, with the human as the dominant 'horse' who must be respected. By catering to the horse's innate knowltion between horse and rider. Be- chanics of shoving a harsh hunk of edge and instincts, the animal feels secure and willingly turns to its human teammate for leadership.

While many horse lovers see the value in the Natural Horsemanship movement, they may balk at bitless bridles, believing they all look like a standard hackamore. The often bulky or rudimentary appearance of hackamores doesn't seem to mesh too well with the grace and poise required when showing. But bitless bridles have become so refined and elegant in appearance, that at first glance, many riders don't even realize a horse isn't using a standard bitted bridle. "Once they see the responsiveness and control that a bitless bridle can offer, most riders become interested," says Brooks. "After all, what horse owner wouldn't want to find a more nurturing and gentle way to work with the horse they love?"

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Junction Stockyards

Market Report 11/26/2007 Sheep & Goats Market Report

The run was too light to quote the market due to a cold, wet weekend. Pre-Thanksgiving market prices are as follows:

#1 Spring Lambs 50-70 lbs

#1 Spring Lambs 70-90 lbs. .87-1.00 #1 Old Crop Lambs 50-70 lbs. NA

#1 Old Crop Lambs 70-90 lbs. Fat Ewes - .34-.40

Thin Ewes - .12-.24 Bucks - .28-.35 Baby Tooth Ewes - .60-.72 Solid Mouth Ewes -

.37-.48 Ewe & Lamb Pairs- no test

Baby Tooth Angora Stocker Nannies- .45-.52 Solid Mouth Angora Stocker Nannies -Stocker Muttons -

Angora Kids - NA Angora Kids Shorn NA

Weighing Angoras-Shorn (Thin) - .17-.27 Weighing Angoras-Shorn (Fat) Nannies - .28-.34

Stocker Spanish Nannies .60-.75 **Fat Spanish Nannies**

.38-.47 Fat Spanish Muttons & Billies 75-1.00 mutt. .90-1.10 Fat Yearlings - 1.00-1.15

Fat Spanish Kids -1.07-1.16

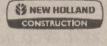
Small Kids- 1.05-1.19 Thin Kids - .92-1.05 Spanish Nanny & Kid pairs

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Sonora P.D. Log

Incidents:

November 19, 2007 • 8:47 AM: Caller re-

quested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

• 8:53 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
• 9:32 AM: Caller re-

quested welfare assistance.

Officer responded.
• 9:50 AM: Caller reported goats on highway. Deputy

• 1:46 PM: Caller reported suspicious persons. Officer responded.

November 20, 2007

• 10:20 AM: Caller re-

ficer responded.

• 12:56 PM: Caller re- responded. ported a theft. Officer responded.

• 3:30 PM: Caller reported disturbance. Officer responded.

November 21, 2007 • 11:31 AM: Caller re-

ported a gas drive off. Officer responded.

ficer responded. • 1:49 PM: Caller reported a minor traffic accident at ed a suspicious person. Of-Town & Country. Officer re-

sponded • 2:50 PM: Caller reported loud music. Officer re- Officer responded. sponded.

• 2:58 PM: Caller reported a tree on highway. Of- quested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer

• 6:45 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking

a vehicle. Officer responded.
• 7:30 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

November 22, 2007 • 4:55 PM: Caller report-• 11:43 AM: Caller re- ed a minor traffic accident ported reckless drivers. Of- on Savell Street. Officer responded.

• 9:25 PM: Caller reportficer responded. • 10:15 PM: Caller reported vandalism to vehicle.

> **November 23, 2007** • 5:15 PM: Caller reported

those under age 18.

two vehicles blocking road-

way. Officer responded.
• 5:20 PM: Caller reported a dog on roadway. Officer responded.

November 24, 2007 • 5:30 PM: Caller reported a theft. Officer responded.
• 9:25 PM: Caller re-

quested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

November 25, 2007
• 8:32 AM: Caller reported a hit and run. Officer

responded. • 9:30 PM: Caller reported a vehicle blocking roadway. Officer responded.

Counselor Urges Parents to Set Example, Provide Positive Influences for Children

Submitted by Amy Davenport

There are, unfortunately, many parents who think nothing about allowing their underage children to have wine or beer at meals, or at other family gatherings. They say that their children should learn how to drink responsibly. They say that this is setting a good example. The problem with this is that it has been scientifically proven that early consumption of alcohol is a lasting health risk to young people. Alcohol is extremely hard on still developing organs including the brain, liver, kid-

The National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information stresses that it is extremely important to set a good example for your child. Think about what you say and how you act in front of them. Children learn social skills and how to deal with stress by listening to and watching their parents. Don't take part in illegal, unhealthy, or dangerous practices related to alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs or your child may believe, no matter what you say, that these practices are ok.

The pressures on young people to be cool and attractive force them to make some pretty tough choices. Combine a dysfunctional family situation, loneliness, academic pressures, etc. and you have the right mix of pressures to ignite the substance abuse flame. Alcohol is easy to obtain, so it is often the "pain killer" of choice.

The Century Council, a distilling industry trade association, commissioned a recent study with some shocking results. Mothers significantly underestimate their daughter's experience with alcohol. Sixteen percent of 13-15 year old girls said they drank with friends. Only 5% of their mothers think their daughters are drinking. Thirty percent of 16-18 year old girls said they drank with friends. Only 9% of their mothers think their daughters are drinking. Fifty-one percent of 19-21 year old girls said they drank with friends. Only 32% of their mothers thought they were drinking.

Alarmingly, many mothers say that underage drinking is acceptable. Nearly half (49%) of mothers of teenage girls said it is ok for their daughters to drink. Thirty-eight percent of mothers said it is okay for their teenage daughters to drink on special occasions. Twenty-one percent of mothers said it is okay for their underage daughters to drink under parental supervision at home. Twenty percent of mothers said underage drinking of alcohol is a natural part of growing up.

What is binge drinking? Excessive drinking. Teenagers will binge drink at a party because they assume that a couple of drinks won't hurt and they won't feel it. Partying creates the illusion that they are having fun and the alcohol enhances that fun. This binging creates devastating results depending on the person's physiology, how tired he/she is, what he/she has eaten, and how quickly they consumed the alcohol and in what amount. The liver can only metabolize less than 1 ounce of alcohol per hour (less for girls). Any more than that creates intoxication and can lead to alcohol poisoning, or even death. Mixing alcohol with other drugs, or even energy drinks, can quickly lead to severe consequences for the young in particu-

"If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you will have succeeded."

- Maya Angelou

Finally, if you think your child may be drinking, he/ she probably is. Address the problem before the problem grows. Love as a parent, not as a friend. **SEPTIC SYSTEMS**

Many states, including Texas, have enacted social host laws which make a person liable if they serve underage per-

sons alcohol and they cause injury to others while under

the influence. This would include your own home, or in a

public gathering such as a reception. There is no difference.

t is illegal as well to make tobacco products available to

Parents must set the example in which to let children grow up to make choices sensibly. Alcohol ruins lives, de-

stroys relationships, controls lives, saps strength, and bank-

rupts finances. As a parent you must be vigilant. As we

approach a long holiday season it is important that parents

do all they can to prevent underage use of alcohol.

You cannot legally give alcohol to your teen's friends under the age of 21 under any circumstances, even in your

own home. You cannot legally allow a person under 21,

other than your own child, to remain in your home or on

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one else's property unless you are present and you provide

them their alcohol. Others can sue you if you give alcohol

to anyone under 21, and they, in turn, hurt someone, hurt

themselves or damage property. Remember that drinking is not a "right of passage" for teens. It is a violation of law.

The punishment for making alcohol available to minors

is a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by a fine up to \$4,000,

confinement in jail for up to a year, or both. Additionally,

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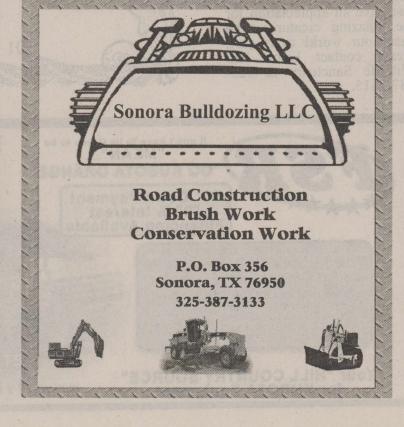
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Commissioners Table Reverse 911 System

by Becky McAngus

The Sutton County Commissioners Court on Monday voted to table discussion of a "Reverse 911 System" that would allow law Garner, who remarked that she was aware that enforcement agencies to notify residents by telephone of weather or national security emergencies. County Judge Carla Garner told the commissioners that the Concho Valley Council of Governments has asked for input or a commitment by member counties for participation in the program, recommended by the

Homeland Security Administration (HSA).

Garner told the commissioners that grant money from HSA would likely pay for the initial cost of the program, but that member counties will be responsible for any upgrades or maintenance for the system. The hub of operations would be at COG offices in San Angelo, she told the commissioners, noting that most member counties have local callthat most member counties have local calling to San Angelo, a luxury residents in Sutton County do not have. "These long distance calls would likely be charged to the county," she advised. Projected annual cost for the system per member county is between \$2,500 and \$3,500 per year. Garner requested that Sheriff Joe Fincher add his input to the discussion. Fincher told the commissioners that a reverse town seminars or training sessions. 911 system might have been used in two or

the Sonora City Council has annexed Thompson Hill. The county has provided the city with an estimate to fill the deep holes in the pavement on the hill, but no response has been received from the city.

In other business, Randy Verner with the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Program, and Chandra Eggemeyer with the Texas Department of Agriculture Rural Economic Development Program, informed the commissioners about the different funding entires being efforced the different funding options being offered to rural communities. Although most of the funding options are loans, the State does offer grants to assist rural areas with housing and community facilities, business and cooperative programs, and rural infrastructure.

The commissioners approved a request by Oscar Jimenez to advertise for bids on two pickups for the Road and Bridge department that were budgeted for the 2008 fiscal year. They also agreed to set a meal amount for county employees while attending out of



Chris Nataudus of Crockett, TX bagged this axis buck west of Juno.

Photo by Cam Campbell

Sonora's Volunteer Firefighters Elect Officers for 2008

held its annual elections on the 14th of November. SVFD's officers for 2008 are: Chief: Rick Cearley and 1st Assistant Chief: Charlie Alewine. These are unchanged from last year. Mike Sanchez has moved from First Lieutenant to 2nd Assistant Chief. Lieutenants are: Carl Johnson 1st, and Chris Berry 2nd,

Sonora's Volunteer Fire Department and Vice President is Don Reese. Alta Donny Yocham, Jr. will continue on the dits annual elections on the 14th of Alewine continues as Secretary. Also Board through 2008. Alewine continues as Secretary. Also unchanged: Treasurer: Kyle Donaldson; Fire Marshall: Carl Teaff; Reporter: Jacqui Thomas. Don Longoria will continue as the Department's Chaplain.

The Fire Department has three representatives on the Firefighter Pension Review Board. Jerry Lopez and Chris Berry Patrick Campbell remains President, were newly appointed to the Board, and

Fire Department members also elected their Firefighter of the Year. The recipient of this honor is known only to the past three Firefighters of the Year, and his or her identity will be revealed at the Department's Annual Christmas Party, to be held on the 8th of December.

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Anyone interested in showing needs to call 806 559-2293 or 392-3655, for more information. With Christmas coming soon and shopping been done by so many people - we know that everyone will want to participate in the "Holiday Hands". Anyone needing more information for buying tickets for the many raffle items all valued over \$200.00 should call Sara Stewart at 392-2562 for more information. We want to remind you also that this celebration also includes a meal served by the members of the Helping Hands Board. All wreathes, clothing for you dogs (all sizes), wood money received for the raffles and the meal will framed pictures, deer antler decor, hand drawn go to providing meals for the elderly of Ozona. and painted pictures, wood decorative pieces cut All vendors showing in the show have also confrom a scroll saw, wind spinners, and comforters tributed to one of the raffle baskets and also paid a fee that will go to the meals also. With the price impossible to list everything, but everything will of so many things going up - it is good to be able

The Future of Birding ----- Continued from page 1

participants include Marvin and Wanda Shurley, Melinda Crain, David Lee Ross, Kay Shurley and Jacqui Thomas. In addition to the sites, Ms. Renfroe and Ms. Martin toured a few county roads and participants include Marvin David Lee Ross, Marvin Shurley, Kay Shurley, Jimmy Cahill, Paul Ramsdell, Rex-Ann Friess, Jacqui Thomas and Delyse Jaeger. Both Renfroe and Martin are avid birdtoured a few county roads and visited a couple of ranches to get an idea of the bird activity in outlying areas.

In conclusion, Ms. Ren-Overall, the birders found froe and Ms. Martin offered a Sonora to be a pleasant sur-

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Parks & Wildlife and Bill Saw-yer assisted as well, and other participants include Marvin David Lee Ross, Marvin ers, members of the Audubon Society and live in Austin. Ms. Martin teaches courses in birding.

Eaton Hill and already aware of its vegetative uniqueness, Ms. Renfroe was impressed with the variety of birds found on the hill. In fact, Renfroe identified a new species on Eaton Hill - the Hermit Thrush. The birders were also excited over the possibilities offered at the Caverns of Sonora, most especially the coveted Elf Owl. Renfroe and Martin answered a number of varied questions dealing with accommodating birders as well as Sonora spe-

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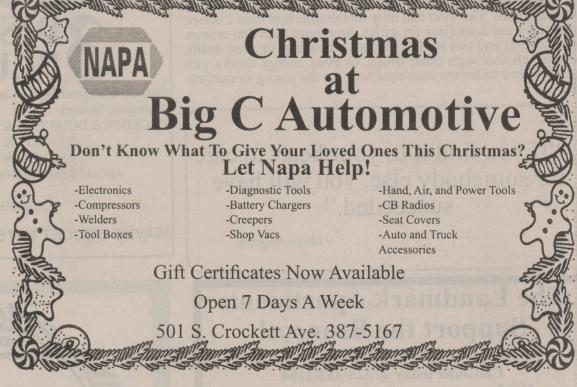
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by Delyse Jeager

While Joe David Ross' birding friend Martha Renfroe was quick to respond to his invitation to visit Sonora, the same can not be said of the most recent guests to Eaton Hill. We extended our invite perhaps a year ago, and have just now seen a response. Granted, we're dealing with a wholly different type of "bird-brain" and our invitation was in the form of a corn offering - still the guests took their sweet turkey-time getting

However, we are no less delighted to have the first official sighting of wild turkeys on Eaton Hill. The local chapter of turkeys has it pretty easy in the relative safety of their neighborhood down Second if the wild turkeys spotted by neighborhood down Second if the wild turkeys spotted by publication, Eaton Hill hosted and Martha graciously agreed



Artwork by Delyse Jeager

Another new species recently identified by Jacqui Thomas is the Black-Tailed Gnatcatcher.

Street and we knew it might Jacqui Thomas are the same two very special guests - Mar- to help assess the birding opbe difficult to lure them away gaggle we all know and love tha Renfroe and Jean Martin, portunities in and around from their established home from town - the town turkeys both of Austin, Texas. Martha Sonora, and to advise on how site, but alas, the turkey tum- one might say; we're just hap- is originally from Sonora, and we might improve existing my prevailed. If you feed py to host them for visitors to is the late Cotton Renfroe's operations like Eaton Hill, as

On the tour of Eaton Hill,
Renfroe and Martin identified a number of birds, one of our natural ability to discern. which – the Hermit Thrush, is a new addition to our bird list. If tigers were only five inches Members of the group also long and flitted about at a disenjoyed a couple of sparrows tance, in and out of shadows! that break the drab sparrow So it is with most birds. stereotype. The field sparrow, Another new sighti may catch your eye with his to discover. white against black noggin, Hit the t he too comes to vivid life

well as identify new opportunities for development. when viewed up close. This is part of the thrill of birding

Another new sighting relike many birds, is best appre-ciated through a pair of field and later by Jacqui Bills, is glasses. His light and dark the small raptor known as streaks, variations of buff the Zone-Tailed Hawk. Even coloring and overall smooth though the fall and winter plumage is hardly discernable months may seem to offer with the naked eye. While less, in reality nature never the white-crowned sparrow disappoints those with an eye

Hit the trails!

Chamber Chatter

by Becky Covington, **Executive Director** Sonora Chamber of Commerce

Every year as fall arrives; the Tourist Information Center sees a dramatic shift in our visitors. We begin to see fewer families on vacation and more business and hunt ter sees a dramatic shift in and more business and hunting travelers, and those ever popular empty-nesters out for a weekend getaway.

With lights gleaming at you from retail stores and neighbors' front steps, it's hard to ignore the fact that it's al-most Christmas. But all those decorations and lights should remind you of something else, too. It's time to fire up your shopping efforts for the holiday season and remember to think local; these businesses are full of great merchandise, charm and character and best the restored Historic Mercantile Building on Main Street restored courthouse, candle with sing christmas. 277 North and Highway 277 The evening will end with the lighting of the beautifully restored courthouse, candle more festive for Christmas.

the crowds or the traffic.

success with approximately 300 attending, thanks to all of our wonderful vendors and supporters. There are so many people that we want to say fashioned family fun at the cember 5, 2007 at the Mercannez and his crew, Miss Sutton County, Laura Martin, Little Miss Sutton County, Kodi Davis, and Little Mr. Sutton County, Levi Garrett and of course the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce. The Methodist Church Youth Bell Ringers were such a treat; it always moves my heart to hear these wonderful children perform Christmas songs in such a traditional manner.

Come join Mike and Deb-

of all you do not have to fight on Monday, December 3rd from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. lighting, and everyone singing The More the Merrier There will be refreshments, Let Their Be Peace on Earth. Christmas Bazaar was a great success with approximately 300 attending, thanks to all viviality and improvements to cost of \$5.00.

Christmas celebration in tile Building on Main Street.

Downtown Historic Sonora! Please join her at the show
The holiday fun begins on
Wednesday, December 5, 2007

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at 5:00 p.m. on Main Street in for this year's event is "Fiesta Christmas in Ol' Sonora" and plans for this evening include

Thanks to the Chamber

the building.

Barbara Earwood will be
Make time to enjoy old- hosting an art show on De-

at 5:00 p.m. on Main Street in way to spend a day. We befront of City Hall. The theme lieve you'll have a great time

a play titled How the Grouch of Commerce new Christmas Stole Christmas performed by Banners have been added local children and directed by to Historic downtown and a Linda Love and Jane Rushing and a salute to the Star Hopefully, we will be hang-spangled Banner. The 4th Grade Choir and local adults will sing Christmas Carols. 277 North and Highway 277

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