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## Water Rates Set in Special Meeting

On the 11th day of January, 2000 the city council of Sonora, Texas met in Special Session with the following in attendance: JoAnn Hernandez, Mayor, James Blackman, Councilmember, Kyle Donaldson, Councilmember, Butch Campbell, Councilmember, Gloria Lopez, Councilmember, Brent Gesch, City Manager, Beth Wallace, City Attorney, Becky Covington, City Secretary.

Others attending all or part of the meeting were Don Sessom, Jim Garrett, James McLaughlin, Juanita Mesa, Sue Moore, and Chris Croy.

The council reviewed in length the proposals submitted by the Utility Advisory Rate Study Board. A motion was made by Councilmember Donaldson to approve the following water rate schedule. Councilmember Lopez made a second to the motion and following votes were cast: AYES: All members shown present. NOES: None.

A customer pays a rate based on the meter size, plus an additional charge on the amount of water used. Water consumption is figured per thousand gallons based on the ascending rate schedule.

| Meter Charge + Consumption  | Meter   | 0-5000 | 5001-10000 | 10001-25000 | 25001-50000 | 50001 + |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------|------------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| Per 1000gal                 |         |        |            |             |             |         |
| Standard Meter 2 inch       | \$10.00 | 0.71   | 0.81       | 0.91        | 1.01        | 1.11    |
| Non-Standard Meter 1-8 inch | \$13.50 | 0.71   | 0.81       | 0.91        | 1.01        | 1.11    |

Councilmember Donaldson made a motion to approve the following wastewater rate schedule. Councilmember Blackman made a second to the motion.

A customer is charged a base sewer rate of \$9.00 plus an additional charge based on averaging their November, December, and January water consumption or their current month's water consumption, whichever is lowest, based on the rate schedule below. Customers not having water consumption records for the months of November, December, and January shall have their sewer rate calculated on their current month's water consumption until records are available. By averaging water consumption for the winter months, calculation of sewer flow provides a fair representation of the amount of wastewater that is treated at the wastewater plant.

| Base Rate + Consumption per 1000gal | Base Rate | 0-10000 | 10001+ |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|---------|--------|
|                                     | \$9.00    | 0.75    | 0.85   |

A motion was made by Councilmember Blackman to cast all 232 votes in the Sutton County Appraisal District Director Election to Kyle Donaldson, City of Sonora representative. Councilmember Lopez made a second to the motion and the following votes were cast: AYES: All members shown present. NOES: None

There being no further business to discuss, Councilmember Blackman made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Donaldson made a second to the motion and Mayor Hernandez closed the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

## Have You Seen This Girl?



Lee Voight

Staff  
Chris Croy, with the Sonora Police Department is asking for help in locating 15 year old Lee Voight. Lee has blonde hair, brown eyes, is 5'3 and is approximately

100 lbs. She was last seen in San Angelo, TX on October 30, 1999. Lee has attended school here in Sonora. A local pledge has been offered of a \$1,000.00 reward for any information that leads to the

location of Lee Voight. Callers that wish to remain anonymous will be issued a code number to ensure anonymity. If you have any information regarding Lee Voight please contact the Sonora Police Department at 387-3888.

Lee is a key witness in a criminal case, that is still pending, against her step-father Howard Dean Voight. Voight, who currently is believed to reside in San Angelo, was indicted on April 1, 1999 for aggravated sexual assault of a child and indecency with a child. He has been out on a \$120,000 bond waiting trial since that time. Since the trial has been delayed several times, Lee and her seven year old sister were placed in Child Protective Services and moved several times prior to her disappearance.

A couple of tips reporting possible sightings of Lee are being investigated, but the tips have not turned up any new information as of yet. Chris Croy reported that nothing is being taken lightly, all leads are being followed up on. If you have any information, please call!

## Survivor of the Week



Olivia Hernandez - Survivor - 6 years

by Storie Sharp

Our Cancer Survivor of the week is Mrs. Olivia Hernandez. Mrs. Hernandez has lived in Sonora for about 40 years. She and her husband, Alvin, have 3 children, Lavina Medinas who resides in California, Daniel, who lives here in Sonora, and Adam who is in Menard. The Hernandez's have 9 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter. Olivia, a personal caregiver, cared for Mrs. Esther Valliant for many years and is currently assisting Mr. George Brockman.

Olivia was diagnosed with breast cancer in November of 1993. On December 21, 1993 she had a mastectomy at the Shannon Medical Clinic in San Angelo, TX and on December 23rd her doctor called to tell her she was clear of all cancer. She has had a clean bill of health since. Olivia considers herself very lucky and thanks the Lord every day for helping her through such a trying situation. Her advice for women is "GET THAT MAMMOGRAM!" Olivia participates in the Survivor Lap that kicks off Sonora's "Relay for Life" every year and says that she enjoys it. The Survivor Lap is the first lap of the all night relay dedicated to raising money to help find a cure for cancer. This year's "Relay for Life" will kick off in "Olympic" style at 6:00 p.m. on May 5th and will continue on until 9:00 a.m. on the 6th. If you are interested in having a team at the 2000 Relay for Life please call me, Storie Sharp, at 387-2507 or 387-3925.

Breast cancer is defined as malignant cells that are found in the tissues of the breast. Excluding cancer of the skin, breast cancer is the most common cancer among

women. One in nine women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime. The most common physical symptom of breast cancer is a painless mass in the breast or immediate area surrounding the breast. However, some patients will have breast pain and no mass. Other symptoms include a lump or mass in the armpit, persistent changes to the breast such as thickening, swelling, skin irritation or distortion. Nipple symptoms include spontaneous discharge, erosion, inversion or tenderness. A woman's risk for breast cancer increases after the age 30. The average age of women diagnosed with the cancer is 60. Although there has been an increase in women diagnosed with breast cancer since 1940, many are early stage cancer, which is the result in the increased amount of women who are undergoing mammograms. Early detection helps catch the cancer before it gets too far to be helped or cleared with treatment. The choice of initial treatment depends on the extent and aggressiveness of the disease. Local treatment, or treatment of the immediate area, may include lumpectomy (breast lump removal), mastectomy (surgical removal of the breast) and radiation therapy. Systemic treatments include chemotherapy and hormonal therapy that circulates drugs and hormones throughout the entire body. If you or someone you know have questions about breast cancer or any other type of cancer you can contact the American Cancer Society at 944-2509. For local services or questions regarding the ACS Relay for Life call Shanna at 387-3378 or Noemi at 387-3029 in the evenings.



Postcard to Miss Estelle McDonald of Sonora, Texas of a group of World War I veterans. L-R: Pvt. T. Burch; Pvt. John L. Stewart; Pvt. William J. Beal; Pvt. Earl C. Eastley; Pvt. George Murdoch McDonald; Pvt. Edgar Forrest.

## Millennium Veterans

Submitted

Please help us gather up photos of the Veterans of all wars. The Sonora Main Street Program is planning a Memorial Day Ceremony Year 2000. The Bank and Trust of Sutton County and First National Bank of Sonora will be displaying the photos with information and stories written by families during the month of May, 2000. The Sonora Main Street Program will cover the cost of the copy of your photo and your written information, which can be done at Business Basics. We would like to frame the photo and the story for our Millennium Veterans of All Wars Exhibit. The Devil's River News will be helping us with this project and they will print the stories and photos for the Community to read, so that everyone may share this moment of appreciation to these citizens who have given us the right to be Free!

## County Commissioners Vote on Game Dinner Association Building

In a short meeting held on January 24, 2000 the Game Dinner Association presented the County Commissioners with the following requests:

The Game Dinner Association wishes to donate the new building by the slab to the county. We would like to continue to put the finishing touches on the kitchen and storage areas.

The Game Dinner Assoc. will remain the owners of the walk-in coolers and control who uses it. The Assoc. would retain the right to exclusive use of the storage area for storing their equipment, with no liability to the county.

The Assoc. Shall not be charged for the use of the building for the Game Dinner and possible one other event in the spring or summer. However, they will pay for any

clean-up that is necessary.

The Assoc. feels there should be a charge for any other organization or person(s) using the building and for clean-up.

These request were put into the minutes. After some discussion on the storage issue. Kyle Donaldson, representing the Game Dinner Association, explained that they wanted to control the use of the storage area so as to prevent any accidents from occurring by misuse of their equipment. The county agreed to this as long as the county was not held liable.

A motion was made and approved to grant the Game Dinner Association's requests.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

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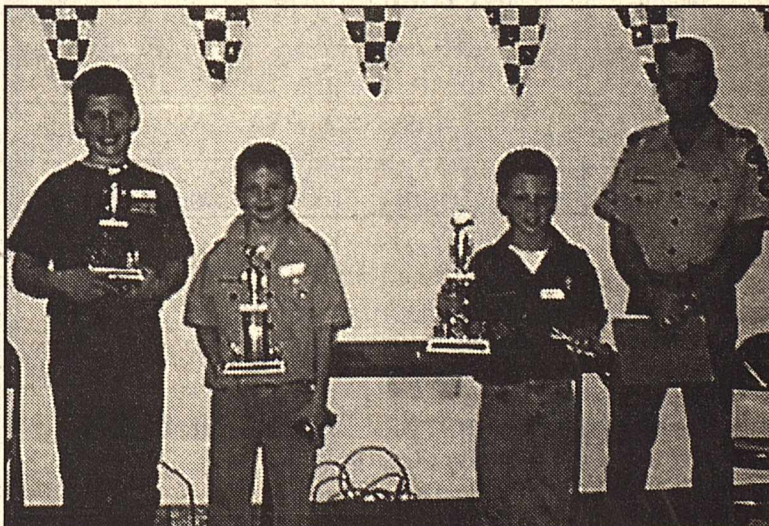
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## Redwine Foundation Awards Grant to Hospital

The Redwine Foundation of San Angelo has awarded a grant of \$9,800 to Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. This money, combined with the \$10,000 Burlington Resources Foundation grant received in November 1999, will be used by the hospital to purchase a new portable X-ray machine. The modern, lighter weight, battery operated unit will allow greater capability in the X-ray process. This much more powerful equipment will better meet the needs of the physicians and the community, as well as improve care for those highway accident victims treated at the hospital.

Mr. Bruce Redwine, founder of the Redwine Foundation, now resides in Houston. For some years his home was in Roosevelt, TX. He has long been aware of Hudspeth Hospital's struggle to survive and Sutton County's commitment to taking care of its own citizens and those travelers who pass through the county. In 1996, the Redwine Foundation gave \$8,032 to the hospital for new EKG equipment. That same year it funded the acquisition by the Sutton County Emergency Management Service (EMS) of an Automatic External Defibrillator. Sonora and Sutton County are most grateful to the Redwine Foundation for its generous and continuing support of the medical needs of our area.

## Racers Compete at Pinewood Derby



The Boy Scouts annual Pinewood Derby took place in the Sonora High School Commons area on Saturday, January 22, 2000. The boys worked hard to build, paint and decorate their pinewood cars, hoping to be the racing champ! This year's winners were: Tyler Creek - 1st, Matt Mabry - 2nd, and Travis Valliant - 3rd.

## City Council Decides to Take More Bids on Trucks for Fire Dept.

On January 21, 2000 the city council of Sonora, Texas met in regular session with the following in attendance: JoAnn Hernandez, Mayor, James Blackman, Councilmember, Kyle Donaldson, Councilmember, Butch Campbell, Councilmember, Gloria Lopez, Councilmember, Brent Gesch, City Manager, Elizabeth Wallace, City Attorney, Becky Covington, City Secretary.

Others attending all or part of the meeting were Chris Croy, Tony Lane, Rick Taylor, James McLaughlin, Justin McGeath, Kelly Owens, Ann Kay, Juanita Mesa, Sue Moore, and Jim Garrett.

A motion was made by Councilmember Campbell to approve the minutes for the Regular

Meeting held on December 21, 1999 with one correction being made to; the second on the Fire Department Appointments was made by Councilmember Donaldson. Councilmember Blackman made a second to the motion and the following votes were cast: AYES: All members shown present NOES: None

The monthly tax collection report from Sutton County Appraisal District was presented for review. The report showed 53.8% of taxes collected through December.

The fourth quarter 1999 fire department activity report showed the following: Total Alarms 32, Structure Fires 3, Grass Fires 10,



## Sonora Church Directory

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504 Santa Clara  
387-2035

**THE CHURCH OF THE  
GOOD SHEPHERD  
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319 E. Mulberry  
387-2616

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Terry Bishop, Minister  
304 N. Water  
387-3190

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CHURCH**  
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and Glasscock

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387-2951

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UNITED**  
Randy Greenwood  
Pastor  
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387-5266

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
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387-2955

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Father William  
DuBuisson, O.M.I.  
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387-2278

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SONORA, TX 76950  
(915)387-2549

**Kerbow  
Funeral Home**  
387-2266

## Card of Thanks

To Amy, T.J. and all of Santa's helpers that helped make our Christmas a wonderful blessing.

We want to thank everyone for their time, prayers and gifts during our time of need.

God Bless You  
The Hilliards

We would like to extend our most sincere thanks and appreciation to all our friends who were with us during our sorrow. Thanks also to all our family and friends who attended the Mass and funeral of our beloved father, grandfather, brother, uncle and husband, Bob Pena. Thank you also for all the calls, flowers, cards, food and especially for all the prayers. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Beto Gutierrez and Mrs. Refugio Martinez for the beautiful songs during the Mass. God bless each and everyone of you!

The Galindo and Pena Families  
Fedencia (Daisy), Robert and Ciria

To family, friends, co-workers and all County employees:  
Warmest thanks to each of you for making my retirement such a special occasion. Thanks for all your work, gifts, food, flowers, cards, letters and words of encouragement. Most of all, my sincere thanks for the years of friendship and loyalty from each of you. My gratitude for taking time out to come by to extend your friendship and well wishes. Your generosity truly overwhelmed me.

Sincerely,  
Bobbie Smith

A very special thanks to all my wonderful friends for the retirement party last Thursday. The food was delicious, flowers beautiful, cards funny, sweet, and sad.

We have had eight fun, crazy years together on Main Street. It's been great and so are all of you.

Thanks again, I Love You,  
Vallree

A very BIG thank you goes out to all of the volunteers who worked in the concession stand and the sale barbecue during the Sutton County Junior Livestock Show. Once again you 4-H Moms went out a limb to make our fundraiser a very successful endeavor. A special acknowledgement goes to Kirk Joy and my husband Steve for their tireless efforts on preparing a wonderful meal for the livestock sale. You guys did a great job! It is because of volunteers like all of you that our 4-H club has such a strong heritage in Sutton County. I certainly appreciate your dedication to our local youth and youth programming.

Sincerely,  
Kelly L Thorp  
CEA-FCS  
Sutton County

The Sanchez family would like to thank everyone who sent flowers and food, and their prayers to our family in our time of sorrow. We will miss our mother, wife and grandmother very, very much. Elizabeth was a wonderful person who suffered for many years. We now shout for joy knowing she no longer suffers. Many, many thanks to all our friends and family.

Abelino, Eric and Abby

The family of John Lopez, Sr. would like to thank everyone for their prayers, visits and concerns during our Dad's stay in the hospital. We know that it was all the prayers that helped bring our dad back home.

A very special thanks that comes from our hearts to Dr. Calderon and his office staff for getting our Dad to San Angelo promptly. Also we are very grateful to Rosa Noriega, Cecilia Ramos and the Senior Center for looking after our Mom while we were in San Antonio with our Dad.

Once again thank you and God bless,  
Lopez Family

Pack 19 Tiger Cubs would like to thank Dr. Gibbens and Sonora Animal Hospital for the great tour of the vet clinic. We had a great time and learned a lot about the care they give our animals. We appreciate your help with the Boy Scouts.

Ethan & Erica Morriss  
Bailey Joe & Fran Pennington  
Dustin & Amanda Covey  
Timothy & Jessica Sanchez  
Cody & Kevin Schneider  
James & Deborah Bean

**Ronnie Cox**  
would like to be  
your pharmacist.

## Senior Center News

Jan. 31 - Bingo!  
Feb. 3 - AAA Reports due!  
Jan. 4 - Run errands and Pay bills!

## Senior Center Menu

Jan. 28 - Chicken enchiladas, pinto beans, broccoli salad, crackers, jello with fruit.  
Jan. 31 - Chicken breast with gravy, baked potato, okra, roll, peach half.  
Feb. 1 - Oven baked chicken, lima beans, broccoli, bread, chunky fruit mix.  
Feb. 2 - Liver with onions, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll, apple juice, pecan pie.  
Feb. 4 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, oven fried potatoes, roll, carrots, vanilla pudding with fruit.

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.  
\$1.75 donation is suggested for those 60+  
and \$4.00 for others.

## Obituaries

### Odessa Fields

Odessa Wilson Fields, 85, passed away Monday, January 24, 2000 in Sonora. Services will be at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 27, 2000 at First United Methodist Church in Sonora with the Rev. Suzanne Steves officiating. Burial will follow in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements are by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Mrs. Fields was born October 6, 1914 in Menard; her ancestors came to Texas prior to the Texas Revolution. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Sonora, was the owner of the former Park Inn Cafe, and assisted her late husband in ranching activities. She was preceded in death by her husband John David Fields Sr. in 1985.

She is survived by their two children Betty Smith and husband David of Rockport and John David

Fields and wife Sandy of Sonora; four grand-daughters Lesa and Charles King of Mountain Home, Beth and Robert Irwin of Cedar Park, Fara Lyne and Jason Smith of San Angelo, and Ricki Fields of Georgetown; one grandson John A. Smith of Jacksonville Florida, along with 4 great grandsons and one sister, Eola Ory of Oklahoma, and two special friends Gail Eppler and Tina Appo and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Joe Fincher, Bill Webster, Pascal Allison, John Wade, Smith Neal, and George Keese. Honorary pallbearers are Dick McCalmont, Johnny Fields, Alvis Johnson, Robert Wilson Jr., Jim Cusenbary, Jerry Kemp, Andy Moore, Pat Jungk, and Rocky Jones.

Memorial may be made to the Sutton County E.M.S. or your favorite charity.

### Bob Pena

Bob E. Pena, 74, of Eldorado died Wednesday, January 12, 2000, in a San Angelo hospital.

Services were held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with burial in Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements are by Kerbow Funeral Home.

He was born May 1, 1925, in Brackettville. An Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, he was a retired custodian of the Schleicher County Independent School District and was a Catholic.

Survivors include his wife; Fedencia Pena of Eldorado; a daughter, Ciria Tovar of Sweetwater; a son, Robert Pena of Lawrenceville, Ga.; three sisters, Josie Hernandez of San Antonio, Pauline Estrada of San Diego and Rita Galan of San Angelo; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Mario Galindo, Cleo Lozano, Arturo

Estrada, Jonathan Fisher, Pascual Martinez, and Honorio Tovar.

*The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.*

*He maketh me to lie down in  
green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the  
still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul; He leadeth  
me in the paths of righteousness for  
His name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil;*

*for thou art with me;  
Thy rod and Thy staff they  
comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies;  
Thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life; and I  
will dwell in the house of  
the Lord forever.*

*The Twenty-Third Psalm*

### Ethel Watters Mitchell

Ethel Watters Mitchell passed away Sunday, January 23, 2000, in San Angelo.

Funeral services were held in

Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside services were held in Cedar Grove Cemetery in Sanderson, Texas.

## School Lunch Menu Jan. 31 - Feb. 4

### Breakfast

**Mon.** - French toast, syrup, juice or fruit.  
**Tues.** - Ham & eggs, toast, juice or fruit.  
**Wed.** - Sweet rolls, juice, fruit.  
**Thurs.** - Biscuits, gravy or jelly, juice or fruit.  
**Fri.** - Sausage & egg burrito, juice or fruit.

**Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.**

### Lunch

**Mon.** - Pizza, corn, tossed salad, rice krispies.  
**Tues.** - Macaroni & beef, mixed vegetables, cornbread, fruit.  
**Wed.** - Tacos, tossed salad, cheese, beans, rice, cake.  
**Thurs.** - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, rolls, baked apples.  
**Fri.** - Hamburger/Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, potato wedges, dessert.

Heaven sent from above  
a sweet baby girl for us to love!

Amanda and Matt Miller are proud to announce  
the arrival of their daughter

Abigail Lackenby Miller

She was born January 18, 2000

10:37 a.m. at St. David's Hospital

in Austin, Texas

Abigail weighed 7 lbs. 3 ozs.

and was 20" long

Maternal Grandparents are

Nancy and Jerry Johnson of Sonora, Texas.

Paternal Grandparents are

Pat and John Andrews of Boerne, Texas.

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## Community

### Feb. 1

S.I.S.D. Class pictures

### Feb. 2

Relay for Life Relay

6:30 p.m. at High School Commons Area

The Community Calendar

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## Calendar

### Feb. 11

Committee on Aging Enchilada Supper

6:00 p.m. Senior Center followed by

dance featuring by Old Tyme Band

### Feb 11 & 14

School Holidays

### Mar. 14

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## Ask the Historical Society



These buildings, located at the corner of Main and Water, burned in the 1902 fire.

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer

Q. Do you have any information on who Laura Merck married?

A. Laura Elizabeth Merck, the daughter of Samuel Leroy Lafitte Merck and Mattie Smith Merck, born December 2, 1887 and died November 30, 1981, married Griffin Banister Odom, son of J. M. and Isabilla Odom, born June 21, 1887 and died July 5, 1946, on May 19, 1920. The Devil's River News of July 17, 1920 had the following article: The News may be late in extending best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Ban Odom for a happy and prosperous married life. The wedding was a quiet one and the contracting parties very unostentatiously retired to the Ed Glasscock ranch after the ceremony, performed by Rev. Dunn on May 19th, which united Miss Laura Merck and Banister Odom in marriage.

In the same issue we found this little article about the late Ruby Davis we thought Ray Williams, his sister, over in South Carolina might like to see: J. Ruby Davis, who ranches 6 miles north of town had just recovered from an illness of blood poisoning and undertook to oil the windmill when the mill spun around and he caught the casting with the result that he came near losing his left hand. He is now taking the rest cure. During his illness O. J. Foster, the road engineer, took charge of the cotton farm where fourteen Mexicans were at work and Ruby says his field is in better shape than if he had worked it himself.

There is one other marriage in this issue which we will print: County Treasurer Earl W. Hardgrave and Miss Nellie Allen of Mertzon,

were married in San Angelo, Thursday, July 15th. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Allen who ranch between Christoval and Mertzon, formerly lived at Eldorado and had a ranch in North Edwards County and are favorable known here. Mr. Hardgrave is Treasurer of Sutton County and until recently was Manager of the Sonora Exchange and the San Angelo Telephone Co. and in that position became well known to the people as a progressive citizen and businessman and is now Secretary and the Superintendent of construction of Sonora's \$100,000 hotel. The happy couple will be at home Saturday. The News extends its best wishes. Devil's River News, July 24, 1920: Earl Hardgrave and bride arrived from San Angelo Saturday and are at home in the residence on Main Street recently occupied by Rev. Jewel Matthews. Mr. Hardgrave's two little boys came home with them.

In the same issue we found the following: The reflection of a fire, said to be burning at a forest in old Mexico, 40 miles from Del Rio, was seen by many people in Sonora Tuesday night. It does not seem reasonable that such reflection would be visible at a distance of 140 miles and is only accounted for by the height of the mountains in Mexico and the clouds against which the fire was reflected. (Note: I guess we were lucky in 1920 and didn't get all the smoke from the fire)

Sol Kelley, who ranches sixteen miles south of Sonora was in town Tuesday in his new Marmon auto. This is the latest in car production and cost \$5,800.

### Area Agency On Aging Honors Five Sonora Volunteers

The Area Agency on Aging (AAA) acknowledged the selfless service of five Sonora citizens at a Recognition Banquet held on January 26th at the Cactus Hotel in San Angelo. The local volunteers were Shelia Castro, Maria Leija, Robert "Beto" Duran, Maria Mendez, and Hershel Davenport. Through various programs administered by the agency, these volunteers have provided nearly 100,000 hours of service to our community. The hours include providing information to seniors, mentoring at risk youth, providing homemaker services to the homebound and ensuring that 178,500 meals were provided last year through senior centers. If these hours were paid at the minimum wage rate of \$5.15 an hour, it would represent in excess of \$500,000 of services provided to our area. Not to confuse the issue, their service is priceless; their impact is great.

The AAA manages numerous volunteer programs utilizing seniors. As the longevity revolution has yielded another 30 years of productive living, seniors are utilizing this time in productive proactive means. The AAA has recognized this trend and taps this accumulated knowledge through various programs such as Nursing Home Ombudsmen, Friend and Family Visitor, Foster Grand Parent and the Senior Companion Program. Other ventures of the agency include the Regional Advisory council and Title III vendors. The volunteers spend considerable personal time gaining skills necessary to be an effective advocate for people in the Concho Valley. Training programs vary in length from 20 hours of pre-service training to 6 months for Certified Benefits Counselors. The skills learned enable the volunteers to help find assistance for our aging population in the labyrinth of agencies of Social Health Services. Through their sacrifice of time and energy, these persons are moving forward and facing the challenge of our growing senior population.

Nursing Home Ombudsmen are specially trained individuals who advocate for resident rights in nursing facilities.

Quality of Life issues are the main focus, with the primary concern to be resolution of issues. In the case of abuse or neglect, cases are referred to the Texas Department of Health Services for follow up. These advocates provide a non-punitive means of resolving client's rights through informal channels, reducing bureaucracy, and ensuring that our seniors are well cared for. Ombudsmen travel throughout the Concho Valley, visiting with residents, families and nursing facility staff which improves care within the facility. A program that shares similar goals is the Friend and Family Visitor Program. This program targets the most isolated or lonely of residents offering the client an opportunity to connect with another person.

The Foster Grandparent Program emphasizes the cultivation of literacy skills through placement of a senior with an "at risk" youth. Forty-two seniors provided 36,540 hours of coaching and mentoring to children that need positive reinforcement. This intergenerational placement of a skilled and caring individual has resulted in positive feedback from Head Start Programs, recreation centers, and elementary schools throughout the region. Children make friends with the seniors and are better able to recognize their potential.

Senior Companions share a lifetime of wisdom, experience and skills with the homebound elderly. A longevity revolution has yielded another 30 years of productive living with the healthiest, most vigorous and best educated population group over the age of 55 the world has ever known. Senior Companions use this extended life scale to assist more than 200 persons, maintain dignity and remain in their homes and out of assisted living facilities. Companions handle the daily tasks of living for seniors that have difficulty accomplishing activities. From meal preparation to simply spending time with an individual, companions provide caring and compassionate help to the seniors of our community who have

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Deputy Sheriff S. L. Merck this week arrested four Mexicans with charges against them for bootlegging or selling or having in their possession intoxicating liquors or that have been smuggled into the United States.

The following birth announcements were found: Born in San Antonio to Mr. and Mrs. Harold West Evans on Monday June 28th, 1920, a son. Born in Del Rio, Friday July 17th, 1920, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Walk, a son. The young man has been named Joseph Decker Walk.

Q. Could you please run the story of the robbery on the Holcomb ranch in the late 1920's?

A. Devil's River News, May 15, 1926

Sheriff B. W. Hutcherson was notified Wednesday morning that two Mexicans had beaten Mrs. C. S. Holcomb pretty badly and were waiting for Mr. Holcomb to come to his ranch so that they might kill him. In as much as District Court was in session and he could not get off, Deputy Jess Cook was sent to the scene, which was the Holcomb ranch about 45 miles south of Sonora.

On arriving at the scene it was found that Mrs. Holcomb, who had been taken to Del Rio, was not seriously injured, and that in all likelihood, the Mexicans had cross the Rio Grande.

The two Mexicans had come up

to the Holcomb ranch presumably for the purpose of hunting work. On finding Mrs. Holcomb alone, with the exception of a Mexican woman, they beat her over the head and arms with a heavy stick, then tied her to a chair. They then ransacked the house throughout, stealing every thing of value, including all of Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb's clothes. They then took the Holcomb car from the garage and made their getaway.

Mr. Holcomb was in Del Rio for medical attention and was not notified of the affair until the next morning. A search led by him, recovered his car, which was deserted about four miles out of Del Rio, but failed to find any clues as to the whereabouts of the Mexicans.

About twenty-five men went from Sonora to the scene of the tragedy to be present in case their help was needed.

Q. When did O. T. Word die?

A. Devil's River News, August 9, 1919

Orvil T. Word, aged 66 years, died in San Antonio Friday, August 1st, and the remains were shipped to Sonora, via Del Rio, for interment in the local cemetery by the grave of his first wife. The funeral services were conducted at the residence of Mrs. J. W. Wilson, a daughter, Sunday evening at 5 o'clock, by Rev. Jewel Matthews and Rev. O. L. Cole, a Baptist Missionary of Mertzon. The interment at the Sonora Cemetery was witnessed by a large number of friends and neighbors.

O. T. Word was a native of Arkansas and came to the Sonora Country from Hunt County in 1890 and was a successful and progressive stockman. He is survived by his widow and five children by a former marriage, namely Ira W. Word of San Antonio, Mrs. Alex McGonagall of Clint, Mrs. J. Will Wilson of Sonora, Mrs. Leo Brown of Del Rio and Mrs. Sol Kelley of Sonora. A brother T. D. Word of Sonora and two sisters, Mrs. Sallie Cook of Floyd and Mrs. Nettie Crick of Ashdown, Ark., also survive.

The Pall bears were George B. Hamilton, D. J. Wyatt, Geo. S. Allison, E. E. Sawyer, E. F. VanderStucken and W. L. Aldwell.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society" P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885, e-mail me at or give me a call at 915-387-2855.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,  
Rehab 2000, our annual telethon held on January 8, was a great success - thanks to many dear friends like those we have in Sonora. Phone bank coordinators Johnny and Beth Snyder, First National Bank of Sonora which provided the phone bank location, and all volunteers who worked that night certainly deserve - and get - a special salute from us. We're sure, however, that each of those people would join Rehab in reserving a very special "Thank You" for everyone who made a telethon donation through the local phone bank. Sonora's Support throughout the year is deeply appreciated and is something we work hard every day to continue to deserve.

Sincerely,  
Ellen Brown, Donor Relations

## 96 Years Young



Mary Buchholz and Lena Belle Ross

Lena Belle Ross was treated to a surprise birthday party on Friday, January 21, 2000 in the new Texas Room at the Sutton County Steakhouse. Her granddaughter, Mary Buchholz (pictured above with Mrs. Ross) and her daughter-in-law Francis Ross were key coordinators of the party.

Lena Belle moved to Sonora from Lampasas in 1928, when she married Joe Brown Ross. She and Joe Brown, ranchers here in Sutton County, raised 3 children Betsy, Joe David and Kathryn. There are now 8 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Mrs. Ross is still very active, and until just recently she walked about a mile 3 or 4 days a week. She said she loves working in her yard, which is always full of bluebonnets in the spring and she enjoys her weekly bridge game with the Tuesday Luncheon Club. She is a member of the Methodist Church. Lena Belle said she has so many fond memories in her life that she can't name just one. She did say that this party held in her honor would definitely be a fond one. On hand to share in this special day were many of Lena Belle's friends including, Alma Love, Fay McClelland, Anna Eustace, Ruth Shurley, Dorothy Baker, Nell Wallace, Martha Wallace, Jerry Wallace, Leona Bishop, Lura Sawyer, Allie Askew, Charlotte Wilson, Celeste Prugal, Sharon Kemp, Beavely Wilson, Barbara Jennings, Cynthia and Albert Ward. The group was served a delicious meal of scalloped chicken, Linda's Favorite fruit salad and cheese biscuits.

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## Snuggle Up & Read

Sonora Intermediate held a "Snuggle Up and Read" evening on January 20 from 6:00-7:30. Each student was encouraged to invite a special adult to join them and get cozy and comfortable for an evening of reading. Some families even took AR tests together! Everyone seemed to enjoy relaxing with a good book and a cup of hot chocolate.



Hunter Lawson and mother, Jane Rushing share a good book at the Sonora Intermediate School's Snuggle up and Read program.

## Local Resident Named to Provost's List at Texas Lutheran University

Jeff McCann, a junior Business major at Texas Lutheran University, was named to the Provost's List, students must have a 3.5 cumulative grade point average with a minimum of 12 graded hours in the past semester.

The Provost's List was announced by Dr. John T.

## Band Notes

The High School band students will perform a mini concert followed by a short meeting on Thurs., Feb. 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Band Hall. The Sonora Band Boosters would like to welcome parents or guardians of all high school and middle school band students to attend the mini concert and first meeting of 2000. The following meetings in March and April will host the 6th grade band or the 7th grade band with their mini concert. Please come and offer your support and help to encourage our band to grow and achieve success. Your support and enthusiasm is needed and appreciated by the students and your Band Booster Officers.

Masterson, executive vice president and provost of the University. To be named to the Provost's List, students must have a 3.5 cumulative grade point average with a minimum of 12 graded hours in the past semester.

## F.Y.I.

3rd grade Bears will have their next Den meeting Monday, Jan. 31st at 5:30 p.m. at the Boy Scout Hut.

Relay for Life Rally - Everyone is invited to join in food and fun on Wednesday, February 2, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. at the High School Commons Area. The rally will include team registration, sponsorship information, luminaria and survivor lap info., and volunteer opportunities will be available! Door Prizes will be given.

ANYONE interested in having a team in the 2000 American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" please contact Storie Sharp at 387-2507 or 387-3925. Don't miss out on a fun way to work for a cure!!

Carolyn McMeans is offering Appalachian Clog Dance Lessons for adults at Carolyn Earwood's Dance Studio on Main St. Registration will be Feb. 3 at 6:00 p.m. No partner required. Call 387-9315.

SOCCER SIGN UP-Boys and Girls, ages 4 - 11, there will be a sign up day on Monday, January 31, 2000 in front of the Elementary Primary Building at 3:00 p.m. We will be playing with SASA once again this year. If you have already pre-registered with your team from last year, we need signatures and fees. For more information please contact Paul at 387-5402 or Bonnie Lou at 387-3174.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest will be held February 6, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sonora Middle School Gym. All children ages 10-14 are invited to participate. 10 winners will be chosen, 5 boys and 5 girls, to compete in the District competition. This year's District competition will also be held in the Sonora Middle School Gym on February 13th at 3:00 p.m. Applications are available at the Intermediate School and the Middle School. District winners continue on to State competition in August.

It's never too early to plan for a good time. And that is exactly what the Committee on Aging is planning for the community on Feb. 11th - a good time! An enchilada supper will be served, beginning at 6 p.m. followed by a dance. Great music will be furnished by "Old Time Band". A good time for a great price: Adults will pay only \$5.00 and the children's plates are only \$2.50. Put this evening on your calendar and plan to be at the Senior Center. Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Davenport, Bridget Rogers, and Mrs. Gilly and the rest of the committee have tickets.

The San Angelo Girls Fastpitch Association (SAGFA) will be holding two Players' Clinics on February 5th and March 4th, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. each date at the 29th Street Complex. All girls from ages 4 to 18 who are beginners to experienced players are welcome to attend either or both of the "FREE" clinics. The clinics will focus on instruction in batting, fielding, catching, and pitching. Bring your glove, water, and a friend. Any questions, please call Gary Causin at 915-653-9888.

If you missed it the first time, it's not too late to order! The Junior Class at S.H.S. is selling Sonora Bronco Football State Quarterfinalist t-shirts and sweat-shirts. Call Kristina Keel at the High School at 387-6533, ext 315 for more details. Deadline for ordering is Friday, February 4 at 4:00 p.m.

The SHS Tennis Team will be babysitting again this year on the night of Fling Ding (Jan 29), from 6:30 p.m. till 1:00 a.m. The cost will be \$15.00 for the first child and \$10.00 for each additional child. You may drop your child off at the First United Methodist Church basement. Food and entertainment will be provided. Call Cassi Cole at 387-3409, Katy Cariens at 387-5955 & Claire Healy at 387-5825 or any other SHS Tennis player.

Census Testing will be held on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the EMS building.

The 2000 American Cancer Society Golf Passes are now available. 450 rounds of golf at 273 courses throughout Texas. The cost of a pass is \$35.00. Please call Lou Faulks at 387-3269.



## Master White Tests for 5th Degree Black Belt

Submitted

Every so often a person comes along who possesses the necessary discipline, courage, strength and abilities needed to reach a certain level of skill in something in order to be considered a Master. Richard H. White is one of those few. After over 20 years of continuous dedication to the martial arts - studying and teaching both here and abroad - Mr. White, on December 11, 1999 in Corpus Christi, tested his skills in front of a panel of four 9th degree Korean Tae Kwon Do Grand Masters and his instructor Grand Master Sin Il Choi. After more than an hour of extreme physical and mental exertion, concentration and focus, Mr. White successfully displayed his expertise in the areas of forms, self-defense, breaking techniques and overall knowledge of the art of Tae Kwon Do. Within a week the panel of judges returned the results of the testing and announced Richard White to be a 5th degree Tae Kwon Do Black Belt, a rank bestowed with the appropriate title of Master. It is really an honor for the residents of Kerrville, Comfort, Sonora and surrounding areas to have the opportunity to train with a truly gifted Master. His students, friends and family would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Master White and thank him for all of his years of hard work and dedication in helping to make the Hill Country a better place to live.

Master White lives in Kerrville with his wife Diane. Together they operate three Tae Kwon Do schools and a professional therapeutic massage practice. Their commitment to assisting people in being the best they can be is quite admirable - hats off to them and keep up the good work! For more information on Tae Kwon Do classes or any of the therapies they offer, please contact them at Highest Intentions - 895-5577 or toll free at 1-888-895-5577.

Local Tae Kwon Do testing took place in Sonora on December 18, 1999 where the following students of Master White graduated to an 8th Yellow Ranking. Tyler Creek, Will Crittendon, Colyer Dermody, Nicholas Favela, Marcos Gamez, Jesus Guerrero, Jordan Hilliard, Mark Holman, Steely Ingham, Cash Jennings, Colton Moore, Ethan Morris, Stevie Pacheco, Manuel Paredes, Mikael Samaniego, Michael Stephens, Samantha Tidwell, Brady Welch, John Duke Hudson, and Michael Luttrell.

Joseph Luttrell and Paul Stephens skipped to a 7th Yellow Rank, and Alex Lang advanced to her 6th Green Rank. Congratulations to all these Tae Kwon Do students.

## Happy Birthday

January 27

Michelle Cramer, Bob Mooney, Freddy Mireles, Jr., Sierra Samaniego, Adrienne San Miguel, Shannon Vick, Timothy Young

January 28

Adrian Herrera, Amy Gutierrez, Jessica Martin

January 29

Armando Sanchez, Anthony Brown, Brittany Hernandez, Nilda Hernandez, Nick Lozano, Maria R. Sanchez, Jody Luttrell

January 30

Veronica Velez, Mandy Fierro, DeVoe Smith, Lewis Allen, Jeremy Surber, Noah Moore

January 31

Oscar Jimenez, Gloria Miears

February 1

Mario Lira, Brandy Neff, Marci Parks, Katie Ramos, Graham Bloodworth

February 2

Laurie Garza, Tamy Martinez, Wayford Tyler, Jr., Antonia Castro, Shanna Patton



Local Boy Scouts proudly displayed all their Pinewood Derby cars at the Annual Pinewood Derby!

## Police Reports

Jan. 11 - Theft - Two local merchants reported a theft by check. After further investigation Billy Joe Wilson was arrested for Theft by Check and transported to the Sutton County Jail.

Jan. 14 - Accident - Officer was dispatched to the 200 block of Hudspeth and 100 block of E. College in reference to a minor accident. No injuries were reported.

Jan. 14 - Warrant Arrest - While on a routine traffic stop with a blue Honda four door, officer revealed that the driver, Antonio Escalon was wanted out of Taylor County Sheriff's Department for Theft by Check. Escalon was arrested and transported to the Sutton County Jail.

Jan. 16 - Accident - Officer was dispatched to the 500 block of Wardlaw St. in reference to a hit and

run. Complainant advised that an unknown person had struck her car and failed to report the accident.

Jan. 16 - Terroristic Threat - Officer received a call from a complainant wishing to report a terroristic threat. She advised that her daughter had received a threat over the internet from a person known to her. Officer contacted suspect and spoke with the individual.

Jan. 17 - Terroristic Threat - Officer received a call to contact a complainant and suspect about the threat and things were resolved.

Jan. 17 - Missing/Runaway - Officer was contacted by principal of the Sonora Middle School in reference to a missing/runaway juvenile wishing to enroll in school. Upon arrival juvenile advised offi-

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## Lady Colts Defeat The Lady Owls

The 7th Grade "A" Lady Colts hosted the Big Lake Lady Owls on Monday, January 17, 2000. Offensively the girls played a great game and they showed a lot of teamwork and hustle. Defensively, the girls played hard, resulting in a victory over the Lady Owls. Overall the girls showed a lot of improvement. Final score was Sonora 27, Big Lake 24. Scoring for the Lady Colts were: Debra Martinez - 10 pts., Alyssa Ibarra - 6 pts., Chelsea Seaton - 4 pts., Tara Green - 3 pts., Kenia Gutierrez and Deidra Warden - 2 pts. each. Other team members are Amanda Samaniego, Courtney Caruthers, Amanda Word and Danielle Fox.

The 7th grade "B" Lady Colts also hosted the Lady Owls on January 17th. Overall the girls played a great game and defeated

the Lady Owls 13-4. Scoring for Sonora were Erica McClintock - 6 pts., Adrianna Castillo - 4 pts., Angela Gonzalez - 2 pts., and Jennifer Hernandez - 1 pt.

On Monday, January 24th the 7th Grade "A" Lady Colts lost a close game to the Wall Lady Hawks in overtime Monday night. Offensively the girls played very hard and showed a lot of composure in the overtime period. Scoring for the Lady Colts were Deidra Warden - 6 pts., Chelsea Seaton and Debra Martinez - 5 pts. each, Danielle Fox - 4 pts., Amanda Word - 3 pts., and Alyssa Ibarra - 1 pt. Other team members are Tara Green, Kenia Gutierrez, Amanda Samaniego, and Erica McClintock.

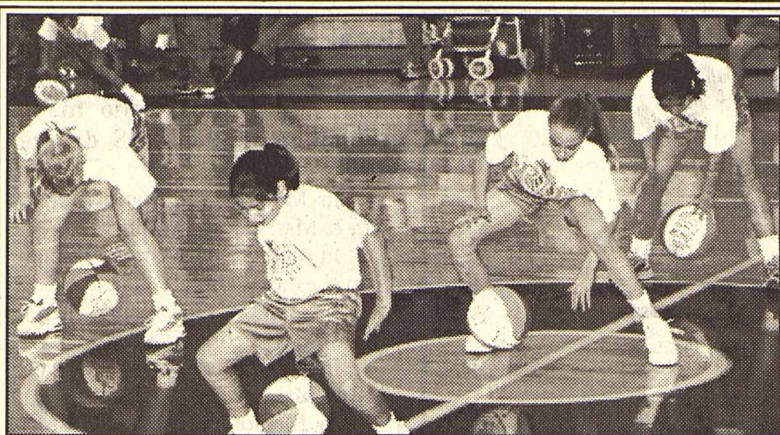
The 7th Grade "B" Lady Colts defeated Wall 4 to 2, with Jennifer Hernandez scoring all 4 pts.

## Broncos Outscore the Hawks

On Tuesday, January 18, 2000, The Broncos traveled to Wall to take on the Wall Hawks. With the help of Bryce Williams being 100% on 2 point shots and Isaac Ramos being 100% from the free throw line, the Broncos defeated the Hawks 60 to 41. Anthony Luna, who was 50% on 2 point shots, with 5 assists and 5 steals was high scorer for the game with 16 pts. Russell Dempsey had 12 rebounds and James Elliott had 6. Elliott was 75% on 2 point shots. Scoring for Sonora was as follows: Anthony Luna - 16 pts., Riley Crain - 10 pts., Bryce Williams - 9 pts., Isaac Ramos - 8 pts., James Elliott - 6 pts., Russell Dempsey - 4 pts., Sloan Holley - 3 pts., Ernie Perez and Ryan Cramer - 2 pts. each.

On Friday, January 21, 2000 Bronco fans filled "The Shoot" to watch the Broncos take on the Eldorado Eagles. It was a hard game, but even with James Elliott being 71% on 2 point shots and Anthony Luna being 56%, the Broncos fell to the Eagles with the final score being Eldorado 57, Sonora 47. Coach Lowe reported

that the Players of the Week are Anthony Luna and James Elliott and the Gatorade "Will to Win" Athlete, chosen from last week, is Sloan Holley. The Gatorade "Will to Win" was designed to honor athletes who consistently push themselves to excel at practice and on game day. These athletes display a combination of both determination and drive. At the end of the season, the Gatorade "Will to Win" Athletes selected will have a chance to receive a \$1,000 scholarship in a program administered by the Texas UIL. A school plaque is also awarded, to which winners names will be added. Scoring against the Eagles were: James Elliott - 17 pts., Anthony Luna - 16 pts., Riley Crain and Isaac Ramos - 4 pts. each, Ernie Perez, Bryce Williams and Russell Dempsey - 2 pts. Other key stats from the game were: James Elliott 78% free throws, 8 rebounds and 5 blocks. Anthony Luna - 3 assists and 4 steals. Bryce Williams - 7 rebounds and 4 steals. Ernie Perez with 6 rebounds.



PIPS performed at half time during the Bronco and Lady Bronco games on Friday, January 21, 2000.

## Bronco J.V. On the Road

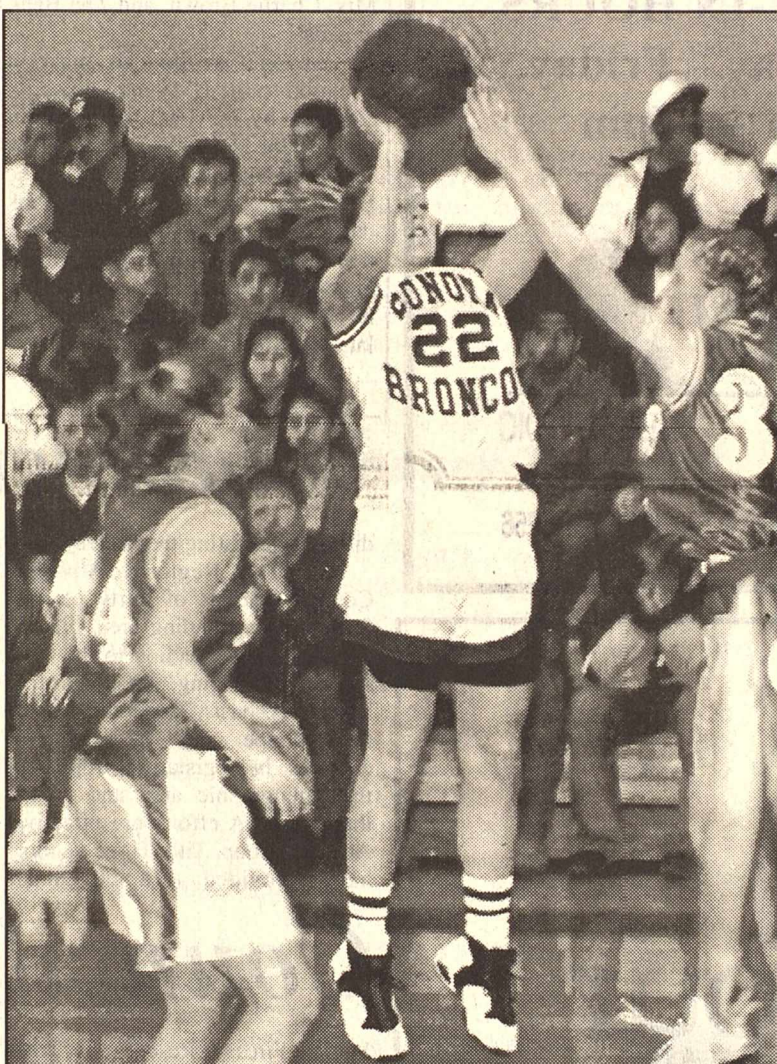
The Sonora Bronco J.V. "A" team defeated the Forsan J.V., 71 - 35 on Friday, January 14, 2000. Scoring for the Broncos were: Matt Torres - 20 pts., Cameron Sims - 16 pts., Pokey Samaniego - 13 pts., Justin Routh - 10 pts., Chance Dillard and Ryan Hardgrave - 6 pts. each.

The J.V. "B" Broncos played Lee on January 15, 2000. The Lee team defeated the Broncos 40 to 35. Taking it to the basket for the Broncos were: Douglas Yocham - 11 pts., Emmanuel Lopez - 10 pts., Dustin Martin - 8 pts., Caleb Gulley, Justin Sims and Wylie Wagoner - 2 pts. each.

The J.V. "B" team traveled to San Angelo Central on January 17, 2000 to play Edison. The final score was Edison 51, Sonora 35. Scoring for Sonora was Louis Segura and Douglas Yocham - 9 pts. each, Caleb Gulley - 8 pts., Dustin Martin - 7 pts., and Brandon West - 2 pts.

On January 18, 2000, the J.V. "A" team played the Wall J.V. in their gym. The final score was Sonora 60, Wall 33. Points for the Broncos were made by: Cameron Sims - 17 pts., Justin Routh - 14 pts., Matt Torres - 10 pts., Ryan Hardgrave - 9 pts., Chance Dillard - 6 pts. and Pokey Samaniego - 4 pts.

## Lady Broncos Win a Close One Against Eldorado



Kara Eaton shoots for 2!

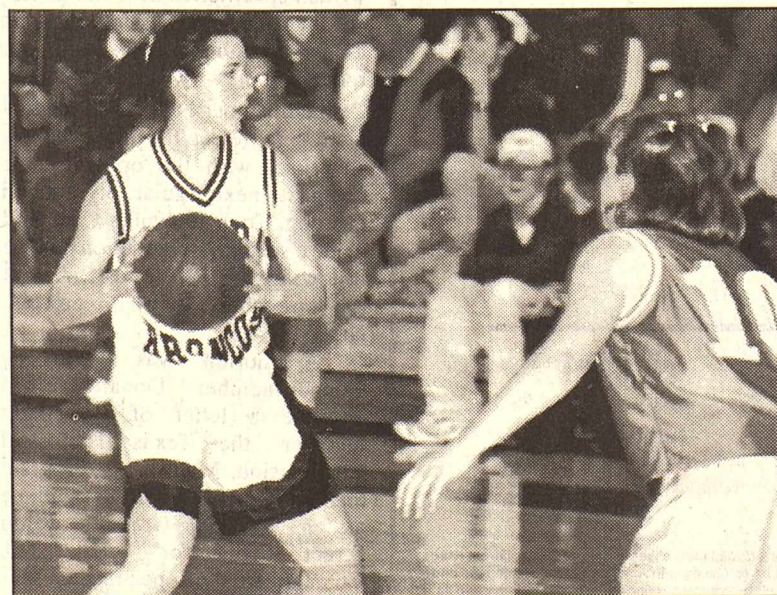
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The Lady Broncos traveled to Wall on Tuesday, Jan. 18 for their fourth district game of the season. The Sonora Ladies came out strong the first half with a half time score of Sonora 19-Wall 17. But, the second half was a different story. The Lady Broncos got in foul trouble and shots wouldn't fall, which left a final score of Sonora 28-Wall 48.

Scoring for the Ladies were: Kim Marshall 2, Veronica Velez 1, Koda Armke 2, Stephanie Hard 1, Cindy Jones 6, Heather Felts 11, Japha Word 5.

On Friday, Jan. 21, "The Shoot" in Sonora was the site for the Sonora Lady Broncos versus the Eldorado Lady Eagles. From the tip off to the final buzzer, the fans were on the edge of their seats. The score remained close during the entire game, but, the Lady Broncos were successful in winning the basketball game with a final score of Sonora 47 - Eldorado 46. Congratulations

Ladies for a job well done! As picked by the KHOS Radio broadcasting team of Virgil Burge and Jason West, Offensive Player of the game was Japha Word and Defensive Player of the game was Kim Marshall. Our prayers are with Cindy Jones as she received a concussion during the game. Scoring for the Ladies were: Kim Marshall 9, Sarah Ball 2, Kara Eaton 4, Koda Armke 4, Stephanie Hard 2, Lindsey Bowers 1, Cindy Jones 3, Heather Felts 11, Japha Word 11. They are now 3rd place in District play behind Ozona and Wall. The Lady Broncos District Record is 3-2. On Tuesday, Jan 24, there will be Bronco Basketball at the "The Shoot" in Sonora. They will be hosting the Junction Lady Eagles. The Junior Varsity game will begin at 5:00 and the Varsity will tip off at 6:30. GOOD LUCK to all of the Bronco and Lady Bronco basketball teams!



Koda Armke looks for a chance to work the ball in.

## Speech Meet Still In Need of Judges

On February 11th and 12th the Sonora High School Speech and Drama Department will host the 54th Annual Speech and Academic Practice Meet. This tournament requires a lot of assistance from the Community to be the successful competition that it is currently known for.

The main thing needed for the tournament will be judges in the speaking events. Anyone can qualify to judge these events and a workshop is being planned prior to the tournament to answer any questions and clarify

the rules in each contest. A judge's packet will be available as a source of reference in all speaking events.

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



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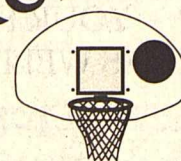
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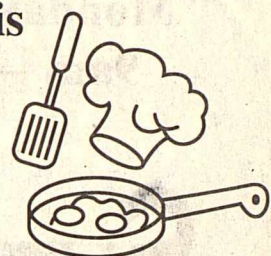
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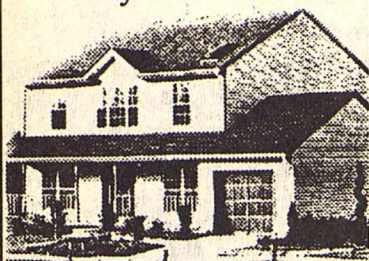
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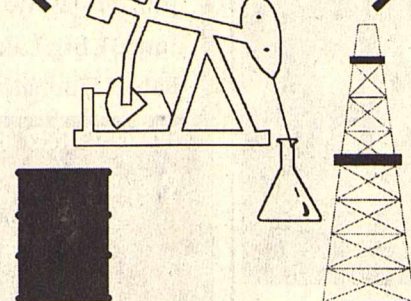
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**Sutton County Emergency Medical Service would like to thank the following individuals and organizations who made donations to the EMS during 1999:**

In Memory of: Frank Moore;  
Mr. & Mrs. George Wallace  
In Memory of: Mary K. Friend;  
Tim, Leslie & Guggles Thorp  
In Memory of: Lillian Gillette;  
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In Memory of: Gwen Wardlaw;  
Mr. & Mrs. George Wallace  
In Memory of: Gus Redman;  
Mr. & Mrs. Durwood Neville, Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Brown, and The Bank & Trust.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the EMS may do so by stopping by the EMS building, or mailing the donation to P. O. Box 1067, Sonora, Texas 76950. The EMS members would like to thank the citizens of Sutton County for their continued support and encouragement. We appreciate the privilege of being able to provide ambulance service to the county.

## Police Reports from page 4

cer that he was a missing/runaway juvenile from California. The juvenile is in the custody of relatives until further arrangements are made.

**Jan. 17 - Accident** - Officer was dispatched to Hwy 277 S and Glasscock in reference to a minor accident. Upon arrival officer located subjects and no injuries were reported.

**Jan. 20 - Harassment (phone)** - Officer was dispatched to the 400 block of W. 2nd in reference to a 911 hang up call. Upon arrival officer located complainant who reported that she had been receiving harassing phone calls from an unknown person.

**Jan 20 - Assault** - Officer was dispatched to the 600 block of Orient in reference to an assault. Upon arrival officer contacted complainant who

advised that her husband had assaulted her. Officer located Fernando G. Trevino who was arrested for assault and transported to the Sutton Co Jail.

**Jan. 21 - Disorderly Conduct (Fighting)** - Officers were dispatched to Sonic Drive In in reference to a fight in progress. Upon arrival, officer located subjects involved. Adam Mendez and Edgar Gonzales were both arrested for Disorderly Conduct and transported to the Sutton Co. Jail.

**Jan. 21 - Burglary** - A complainant wishing to report a theft contacted officer and advised that an unknown person had stolen an item from her vehicle. Investigation continues.



Mrs. William's 3rd Grade Class visited the DRN office on Friday, January 21, 2000 as part of their studies on making a newspaper.

## Looking for Mrs. Sonora

The Mrs. Texas America Pageant has issued a call for Sonora to find a candidate to compete for the first Mrs. Texas Pageant of the 21st Century.

The Mrs. Texas America Pageant will take place May 26, 27, & 28, 2000, at the beautiful Sheraton Brookhollow Hotel in Houston. The contestants will compete in Evening Gown, Swimsuit and Personal Interview. Mrs. Texas America 2000 will go on to take part in the nationally televised Mrs. America Pageant in September.

Bonnie Productions, producers of Mrs. Texas, Mrs. Arizona and Mrs. Utah America Pageants, has experienced significant success in the pageant industry. Mrs. Utah

1999, Starla Stanley, was crowned Mrs. America 1999 and went on to win the Mrs. World crown in December.

The Mrs. America program has only one purpose: to celebrate the beauty of America's married women. Mrs. Texas contestants do not necessarily fit any particular mold. They represent an incredible variety of backgrounds, lifestyles and personal interests. Contestants range in age from 23 to 72 years.

Women interested in competing for the title of Mrs. Texas 2000 are encouraged to contact Bonnie Productions at (480) 563-4216, or visit their web site at [www.mrstexasamerica.net](http://www.mrstexasamerica.net).

## Volunteers from page 3

difficulty assisting themselves.

The Regional Advisory Council consists of thirty persons from the surrounding area, providing input and direction to the Area Agency on Aging. Meeting on a bimonthly basis, these individuals help shape and advocate for changes in legislation, represent their geographic area and ensure that the AAA efforts are effective. Another group, Title Three vendors have provided 178,500 meals

through 19 nutrition sites, and of those 67,700 were home delivered to persons unable to make it to a site. Every one of these meals is prepared at a nutrition site in the local or neighboring community and provides a critical link to the homebound of our area.

Regardless of which program the person serves with, through their assistance and friendship, each volunteer helps our Concho Valley become a more self

sufficient community of neighbors helping one another. The simple act of providing a reassuring "I understand" keeps our community strong and provides us with the West Texas spirit of "we can do this".

To become a volunteer or for more information on any of the above programs or services of the Area Agency on Aging, you are encouraged to call 915-944-9666 or 1-800-728-2592.

## Council from page 1

Vehicle Fires 4, Rescues 11, Trash Fires 1, False Alarms 2, Total Man Hours 324.5, County Man Hours 242, County Fires 26, City Man Hours 47.5, City Fires 5, Mutual Aid Man Hours 35, and Mutual Aid Calls 1.

The fourth quarter investment report showed four certificates of deposit renewed at a higher interest rate than before.

The fourth quarter hotel/motel tax use report was presented to the council for review with no comments being made.

The Chamber of Commerce presented their annual hotel motel tax budget for review and the Mayor called for a public hearing on February 15, 2000 to hear comments on the uses of the tax.

The council opened a bid from Pollard Chevrolet for a new 2000 cab and chassis for the fire department. After review and discussion regarding the specifications it was noted that the bid did not meet the written specifications. It was decided that the transmission was no longer available and the alternator requirement was incorrect. Councilmember Donaldson made a motion to reject the bids and re-advertise, with the opening date being the next regular city council meeting. Councilmember Campbell made a second to the motion and the following votes were cast: AYES: All members shown present. NOES: None

A motion was made by Councilmember Donaldson to approve a letter of agreement between the Texas Historical Commission, Main Street Program and the City of Sonora to continue as an "Official Graduate Main Street City" for year 2000. Councilmember Lopez made a second to the motion and the following

votes were cast: AYES: All members shown present. NOES: None

A motion was made by Councilmember Campbell to approve an ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V. UNSAFE BUILDINGS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF SONORA, TEXAS, DEFINING UNSAFE BUILDINGS; SETTING STANDARDS FOR REPAIR, VACATION OR DEMOLITION; DECLARING A NUISANCE, SETTING FORTH DUTIES OF BUILDING OFFICIAL AND CITY COUNCIL, PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO OWNERS, PUBLICATION, CONFLICT, VALIDITY. Councilmember Donaldson made a second to the motion and the following votes were cast: AYES: All members shown present. NOES: None.

Beth Wallace, City Attorney, advised being busy with municipal court and announced that a jury trial has been scheduled for February 2, 2000.

Rick Taylor, Sonora Industrial Development Corporation Manager, reported that he has been busy making contacts and reviewed the council on several prospects that look promising for Sonora. Also, Rick explained the "Enterprise Zone" and how it would benefit Sonora.

Ann Kay, Main Street Manager, advised the council on projects that have been completed during the month and upcoming plans for the program.

Jim Garrett, Public Works Director, reported being busy working on patching streets, installing curbs and gutters, and announced that the new motel is expected to be open in March or April.

Tony Lane, Airport Manager, advised activity has slowed down since hunting season.

Chris Croy, Chief of Police, reported working on felony cases involving sexual assaults and a burglary.

Juanita Mesa, Senior Center Director, advised serving 2018 meals and making 562 van trips for December. She spoke highly of the twelve boy scouts that donated their time to serve the elderly at the Senior Center.

Becky Covington, City Secretary, advised that the Public Utilities Commission required filings concerning related compensation received from certificated telecommunications providers for use of the public right-of-way has been completed and filed. Also, she advised that the TNRCC annual report concerning inactivity at the landfill was completed and the permit revoked. Also, she announced receipt of one-third of the cost of the utility line extension on Crockett Street from the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation. She announced that the city has completed one quarter of the budget and no comments were made concerning the financial report.

Brent thanked the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation for their participation in the looping and extension of the water and sewer line on Crockett Street and reiterated how that would benefit potential growth for that part of town and fire protection. He reported that Y2K had been uneventful and once again explained the benefit and placement of the alternate power sources (generators) for the sewer plant and water plant.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn, and Mayor Hernandez closed the meeting.



## Playing by the Rules



by U. S. Congressman Henry Bonilla - Since the first man walked out of the forest and agreed to share a cave with a fellow human, rules have been needed to make sure we all live together in the safest, fairest way possible.

Millions of years later, in the town of Philadelphia, a group of men took the concept one step further. They decided to form a society in which the rules would not be used to bend the people to the government's will, but to bend the government to the will of the people. We do elect one man - and perhaps in the not-to-distant future, one woman - to run the whole show. But we also hire five hundred thirty five men and women to make sure he can't do anything that we, the American people, don't want him to do.

In the past few months, the administration has decided that there are exceptions. Fifty million acres in federal land have been put completely off-limits to development, three new monuments have been designated in California and Arizona, and the rules for how to use tens of millions more acres in federal land have been made much stricter. There's nothing un-American about putting land aside. What's wrong is the way the president and the administration went about it. They didn't think Congress would go for the idea of sealing off such a colossal amount of land without letting communities have a say

in the matter. So, they decided they wouldn't take the path the Constitution lays out, and let your elected representatives vote on it. Instead, the president just did it, over-stretching the power he has to issue an "executive order."

The administration is trying to put a padlock on so much land that its own bureaucracy is running a dizzying race trying to hold hearings and collect public comments. Lyle Lavery, a forester in the Rocky Mountains, said that the speed at which the Administration has pushed through these initiatives has confused the public.

It's not the first time that the White House has taken a shortcut around Capitol Hill to get something done. The recent American Heritage Rivers Initiative (AHRI) was a move to extend government control to rivers across the country, though on the surface it was disguised as a plan to simply coordinate federal programs. It increased federal control over the Rio Grande, and gave bureaucrats a way to have a big say so in how millions of acres surrounding the river are used. Even politicians who once supported AHRI are now realizing it was a mistake.

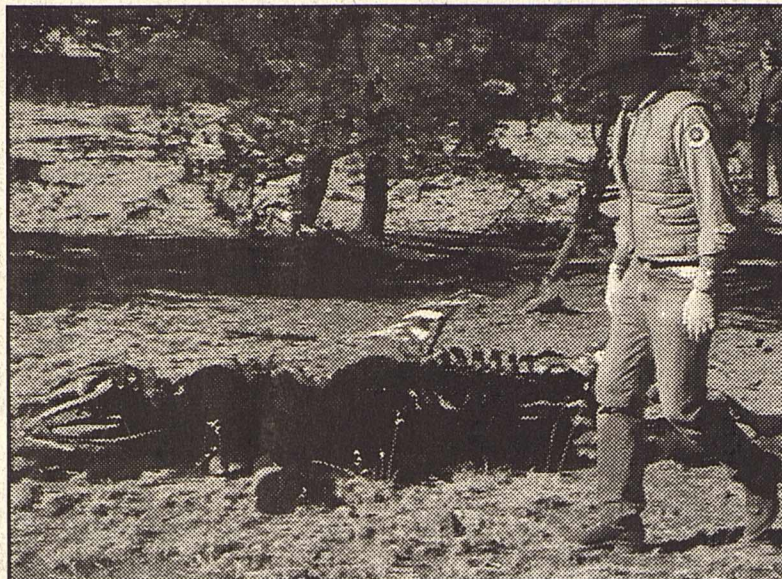
It is because of our system of checks and balances, of making sure that neither Congress nor the president can act alone, that our country has grown from the world's red-headed stepchild to the world's strongest, richest, most powerful nation. No government program is worth bending the Constitution to achieve.

## AGRIBUSINESS

### Fear of Wolves

J. Zane Walley, The Paragon Foundation

Eighty-one year old, Great-grandmother Georgia Klumker lives in the tiny community of Alma, New Mexico, a remote village near the Gila wilderness. She was washing dishes on the afternoon of January 18th when she heard the agitated barking of her daughter's dog. She peered out the kitchen window to see a Mexican Grey wolf loping away with Fuzzy, one her favorite cats, in his jaws. Georgia quickly called her husband Kelly. He was upset enough to shoot the wolf, but knew he couldn't because of the animal's federally protected status, and if he did, he would be charged as a felon.



Wolf Release Program official examines the latest documented wolf kill on Soothing Iron Mesa two miles from Glenwood, New Mexico.

"I'm sure it was a wolf," Georgia said firmly. "I grew up ranching in this country and I can sure identify coyotes, and know a dog when I see one. This varmint was huge, and very hairy. I've never seen one like it before. I thought this is just too close to home. That wolf killed Fuzzy in my yard in broad daylight! My five year old, great-granddaughter, Arissa, is usually is playing in my yard. I thank the Good Lord she wasn't there when the wolf killed Fuzzy. We are afraid to let her play outside now. We have to keep her inside."

Mrs. Klumker immediately called the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service after Fuzzy was killed. Agents eventually showed up the next day to conduct an investigation. They left without comment and Georgia says, "We haven't heard from them since."

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Wolf Introduction Program employee Wendy Brown at the agency's regional office in Albuquerque, New Mexico wasn't very concerned about Fuzzy's untimely demise. "There are a lot of coyotes in that area and one of them could have killed the cat. We investigated Mrs. Klumker's alleged wolf problem, and could find no wolf sign so we are taking no action at this time until the presence of the wolf is confirmed." When asked about the concern of area residents on the danger of wolves attacking children, Ms. Brown stated "The Fish and Wildlife Service does not believe that wolves will attack children. There has never been a

documented attack on a human by a wolf in North American History." Based on this "harmless wolf" concept, the Fish and Wildlife Service has not notified the citizens of Catron County that there is a potential for wolf attacks.

A few miles down the road in Glenwood New Mexico, the teachers at the Elementary School are afraid to let children play in the schoolyard because the Galvan pack recently killed a 1600 pound bull on Soothing Iron Mesa about two miles from the school. Darrell Allred, a Glenwood real estate agent and retired police officer emphatically says, "If they can bring down a full-grown bull, a child would be easy prey. We are afraid to let our children play outside. We are being held hostage in our own homes by these reintroduced wolves."

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## Junction Sheep and Goat Auction

Monday - 01/24/00

Sheep and Goats: 2,672 Week Ago: 4,003 Year Ago: 5,261

Compared to last week: Slaughter lambs steady to 2.00 higher. Slaughter ewes and feeder lambs steady. Slaughter goats 2.00-3.00 higher. Slaughter nannies and billies 2.00-4.00 higher. Angora kids 1.00-4.00 higher. Spanish billies 1.00-3.00 lower. Stock nannies 1.00-3.00 higher. Tradé active. Demand good. Supply included 7 percent sheep including near 200 lambs.

Stock and Feeder Sheep:

Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1:40-60 lbs 82.50-90.00, few 90.00-95.00; 60-90 lbs 80.00-87.00.

Ewes and Lambs: Pairs 45.50 per head.

Slaughter Sheep:

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3: 90-120 lbs 68.50-78.00.

Slaughter Ewes: Good 2-3:

40.00-51.00; Utility to Good 2-3: 44.00-47.50;

Bucks 42.00-54.00.

Barbados: Ewes: Utility to Good: 49.50-53.00.

Slaughter Goats:

Spanish Goats: Kids and Yearlings: Choice and Prime: 15-35 lbs 87.00-93.50, few to 98.00; 35-75 lbs 82.50-91.00, few 96.50.

Nannies: 65-120 lbs 52.00-60.00, thin 45.00-54.00.

Muttons: 80-150 lbs 67.50-78.00.

Billies: 80-150 lbs 70.00-79.00, few 97.50-150.00 per head.

Angora Goats:

Kids: Choice and Prime: 15-35 lbs 85.00-90.00; 35-65 lbs 97.00-100.00; Muttons 61.50-64.00; Nannies 49.00-57.00; Billies 48.00-57.00.

Source: Texas Dept of Ag Market News

## Producers Livestock Auction

Fri Jan 21, 2000

Compared with last week feeder steers and heifers steady, instances 1.00-2.00 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls steady. Stock cows and pairs steady. Trading and demand moderate. Quality average. Supply included 70 percent calves, 15 percent slaughter cows and bulls, 10 percent yearlings, 5 percent stock cows and pairs; of the feeders 50 percent were steers and 50 percent heifers.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 300-400 lb 108.00-118.00, set 123.00; 400-500 lb 98.00-109.00; 500-600 lb 88.00-98.50, set 103.00; 600-700 lb 80.00-87.00, set 89.50; 700-800 lb 78.00-85.00. Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 110.00-120.00; 300-400 lb 97.00-108.00; 400-500 lb 88.00-98.00; 500-600 lb 80.00-88.00; 600-700 lb

70.00-80.00; 700-800 lb 70.00-78.00.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 300-400 lb 95.00-105.00; 400-500 lb 87.00-97.00; 500-600 lb 80.00-90.00; 600-700 lb 79.00-86.50; 700-800 lb 75.00-79.00.

Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 92.00-103.00; 300-400 lb 83.00-95.00; 400-500 lb 74.00-87.00; 500-600 lb 71.00-80.00; 600-700 lb 71.00-79.00; 700-800 lb 65.00-75.00.

Pregnancy Tested Stock Cows and Heifers: All sold by the head.

Medium and Large 1-2 550.00-665.00. Medium 1-2 400.00-550.00.

Cow/Calf Pairs: All sold Per Pair: Medium and Large 1-2 cows with 100-300 lb calves 680.00-750.00. Medium 1-2 cows with 100-300 lb calves 525.00-675.00.

## Public Notice

### Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax Public Notice

#### Proposed Use Hearing

The city council will hold a public hearing on the proposed hotel/motel occupancy tax budget on February 15, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas.

The primary and foremost qualification for the use of the hotel occupancy tax revenue is that the expenditure is spent in a manner which directly enhances and promotes tourism and the convention and hotel industry. The collected tax is allocated to five statutory expenditure categories as outlined in the Texas Local Hotel Occupancy Tax Law, and is limited to the following (1) the acquisition of sites for and the construction, improvement, enlarging, equipping, repairing, operation maintenance of convention center facilities or visitor information centers, or both; (2) the furnishing of facilities, personnel, and materials for the registration of convention delegates or registrants; (3) advertising and conducting solicitations and promotional program and convention delegates or registrants to the municipality or its vicinity; (4) the encouragement, promotion, improvement, and application of the arts, including instrumental and vocal music, dance, drama, folk art, creative writing, architecture, design and allied fields, painting, sculpture, photography, graphic and craft arts, motion pictures, radio, television, tape and sound recording, and other arts related to the presentation, performance, execution, and exhibition of these major art forms; and (5) historical restoration and preservation projects or activities or advertising and conducting solicitations and promotional programs to encourage tourists and convention delegates to visit preserved historic sites or museums.

All citizens, organizations or businesses are invited to attend and provide the council with written or oral comments on possible uses of approximately \$104,000.00 of hotel occupancy revenue expected by the city during 2000. 2127b

### Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that the City of Sonora is now accepting applications for a full time laborer to work in the Water Department. Applicant should have a valid Texas Driver's License and be able to perform manual labor, be able to read and write and be able to work outdoors. Applications can be accepted until the position is filled. The City of Sonora is an equal opportunity employer. 2120b

### Public Notice

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### Public Notice

**Public Notice**  
In accordance with P.L. 106-40 (Chemical Safety Information, Site Security and Fuels Regulatory Relief Act), a public meeting will be held on Monday, January 24, 2000, at 5:00 p.m., at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center, Sonora, TX. The facilities and/or agencies listed below will convene in a public meeting to describe and discuss the local implications of their Risk Management Plan(s), including a summary of the Off-Site Consequence Analysis portion of their plan(s). The facilities and/or

### Public Notice

#### Invitation For Bids

Notice is hereby given that the City of Sonora is now calling for bids for a 2000 Cab and Chassis for the Fire Department. Specifications may be obtained from the City Secretary's Office, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950. All bids must be sealed and addressed to the City Secretary. The bid envelope must be clearly marked "BID - Fire Department Truck" and returned to the City Secretary's office prior to February 15, 2000 at 2:00 p.m., at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read by the City Council. The City of Sonora reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 2127b



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**For Sale:** 1986 Supreme 14'x76', 3 BR, 2 BA, Central Heat & Air. Includes all appliances, New Carpet. \$8500.00. Call 915-387-5617. 2120p

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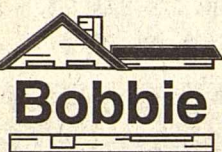
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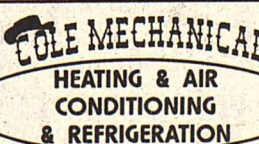
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