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Big Turnout at Junior Livestock Show

The 2000 Sutton County Junior Livestock Show was held on January 14 & 15. The youth of Sonora proudly displayed the livestock projects they have worked so hard on through out the year. Results are as follows in the place they earned:

Meat Goats

Class No. 1

1. John Duke Hudson, 2. Brandy Neff, 3. Justin Steadman, 4. Wiley Wagoner, 5. Byron Williams, 6. Dustin Neff, 7. Brandy Neff, 8. Heath Prather, 9. Shane Matthews, 10. Dustin Neff, 11. Eric Welch, 12. Tanner James, 13. Tissie Wagoner, 14. Andy Galindo, 15. Brandy Welch, 16. Brady Lock, 17. Colton Moore, 18. Justin Sims, 19. Cameron Sims

Class No. 2

1. Amberlie Kinder, 2. John Duke Hudson, 3. Brandy Neff, 4. Andy Galindo, 5. Dustin Neff, 6. Brandy Neff, 7. Dustin Neff, 8. Steely Ingham, 9. Hilton Bloodworth, 10. Brandy Neff, 11. Brandy Neff, 12. Laura Martin, 13. Wiley Wagoner, 14. Joseph Percifull, 15. Jeremy Lipham, 16. Taylor Liverman, 17. Colton Moore, 18. Jared Parks

Class No. 3

1. Kendra Jones, 2. Steely Ingham, 3. Joseph Percifull, 4. Dustin Neff, 5. Jacob West, 6. Kendra Jones, 7. Kaija Valkonen, 8. Jena Teasley, 9. Brandon West, 10. John Duke Hudson, 11. Colton Moore, 12. Erin Newton, 13. David Cook, 14. Cameron Sims, 15. Seth

Prather, 16. Bryce Williams, 17. Wiley Wagoner, 18. Justin Sims, 19. Hilton Bloodworth, 20. Kooper Liverman

Class No. 4

1. John Duke Hudson, 2. Steely Ingham, 3. Mandy Brister, 4. Jalys Mabry, 5. Kendra Jones, 6. Riley Crain, 7. Colton Moore, 8. Thomas Bloodworth, 9. Sarah Ball, 10. Mandy Brister, 11. Mandy Brister, 12. Jalys Mabry, 13. Jena Teasley, 14. Laura Martin, 15. Riley Crain, 16. Emily Newton, 17. Colton Moore, 18. Graham Bloodworth, 19. Mandy Brister, 20. Colton Moore

Class No. 5

1. Kylie Johnson, 2. John Duke Hudson, 3. Sarah Ball, 4. Steely

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Vallree's Has Final Sale

by Storie Sharp

After eight years of business, Vallree Draper, owner and operator of Vallree's Fashions & Gifts, held her final sale last week.

Vallree and her husband Raymond moved to Sonora in 1964. They have four sons, Charles, Bobby, Carey, and Perry and two daughters Judy and Rae Ann, all of whom graduated from Sonora High School. They now have 12 grandchildren. She is a member of the Sonora Church of Christ where she teaches the Junior High Bible classes. She is a past president of the Sonora Merchant's Association, and the current Vice President, which she says is supposed to be sort of a 'laid back job,' but with Fran, Justin and Ronnie, she somehow always finds herself on some interesting committee.

Vallree spent 20 years in the medical field, working for Dr. Browne, Dr. Pollard, Dr. Lind and doing private duty nursing. She opened Vallree's Fashion & Gifts all those years ago in the front part of Sharon Kemp's Bright Spot Beauty Shop.

Vallree says she is looking forward to retirement and spending more time with family and friends and playing tennis with her grandson, Swade. She also hopes to do

some traveling in the future. At the present time, her mother is coming to stay a while as she is recuperating from hip surgery.

Vallree and her fashions and gifts will be greatly missed on Main Street, but everyone wishes her well in her future endeavors.



Main Street Rep. Fran Pennington (left) and Main Street Mgr. Ann Kay (rt.) present Vallree Draper with a certificate of appreciation.

The Sonora Main Street Program would like to salute Vallree Draper for her service to the Sonora Main Street Program and the Merchant's Association. She will be missed and remembered as one of the great supporters of the Sonora Main Street Program. Vallree has worked very hard to promote the historical downtown Main Street. When there was a job to be done she was one of the first to roll up her sleeves and get right to work on the project at hand. She was a lot of help in planning the Bank Vault Park, and we would like to express our appreciation to her of all her ideas and support.

Industrial Development Corporation Working for a Better Sonora

Submitted

Since September the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation has sent out over 20 proposals to different companies that would fit the criteria of Sonora, Texas. We have had 6 companies that have contacted the SIDC office for further information. 4 of these prospects have been manufacturing and 2 have been retail. This may not sound like a lot of contacts but in a state that has over 400 other communities competing for the same leads, it is really quite a sizable number.

Our database for Sonora is finished and is very professional in content and appearance. The prospects that have visited Sonora have been very impressed with the cleanliness of the town, the friendliness of the people, location in the state and scenic beauty.

We have answered prospects with all types of requests - jobs from \$6.50/hour and few benefits to companies offering \$17.50/hr. and a complete benefit package. The largest company has asked for a work force of about 250 employees, and a Canadian manufacturing plant requested 8 employees to start.

When I took the position of Manager for SIDC, I told the hiring committee that it would probably be 6 or 7 months before we would have any solid leads or prospects looking at Sonora. We have been lucky and moved rather quickly getting a proposal together and the work out in the Economic Development World that Sonora was in the game to work with companies wanting to relocate or expand their operations to West Texas.

At a state conference in Austin it was discussed that the number

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Relay for Life Honors Survivors

by Storie Sharp

The 2000 American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will be here before you know it. The "Relay for Life" is an all-night slumber party where teams walk continuously to raise money for the American Cancer Society. The dates have been set for May 5th and 6th, committees have been formed and volunteers are working hard to make this year bigger and better than before. In order to prepare for this year's Relay, we have decided to honor a Sutton County Cancer

Survivor each week.

Our first Honoree is Mrs. Dorothy Baker.

Mrs. Baker has lived in Sutton County since 1936, where she worked at the First National Bank for 34 years. She raised two children, Rex Ann Friess and Jack Baker and she has 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson. Her late husband, Rex Baker, died of cancer in 1947. For about 40 years she has been an active member of the Sonora Chapter of the American Cancer Society, where she currently holds a

place on the Board of Directors.

In 1982, Dorothy found out she had uterine cancer, also known as endometrial cancer. She traveled to San Antonio where she received radiation treatment at the Cancer Research Center. Dorothy said that although the radiation pulls you down, she began to feel better after about a year. Dorothy has been a survivor for 17 years now and is clear of all cancer. Her advise for anyone diagnosed with uterine cancer is "Go for treatment as soon as possible and take care of your health after you have received the treatment. Also, take advantage of everything that is offered to help."

Uterine cancer affects about 14 out of 10,000 women every year. Most women who develop this type of cancer are past menopause and in their fifties. Encouragingly, there has been a significant decrease in the number of women who develop cancer each year since 1975. The most common symptom of endometrial cancer is bleeding after menopause. In 90% of cases, there is abnormal uterine bleeding, ranging from insignificant staining to a hemorrhage. There may also be pain in the pelvis, back or legs, bladder or rectal symptoms, weight loss and general weakness. Five percent of women will have no symptoms.

If you, or someone you know, have questions on this type, or any other type, of cancer you can contact the American Cancer Society at 915-944-2509 or for any questions regarding services offered or the Relay for Life call 387-3378 or 387-3029 in the evenings.



Dorothy Baker - Survivor - 17 years

Faris to Replace McEwen as Hospital Director

Submitted

The regular meeting of the Sutton County Hospital District Board of Directors, was held on Monday, January 10, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at the hospital. The following directors were present: Alvis Johnson, Jr. - President, Ray Smith - Vice President, Lewis Allen, Virginia Epps, Paul Chevalier, Sherrill Dannheim.

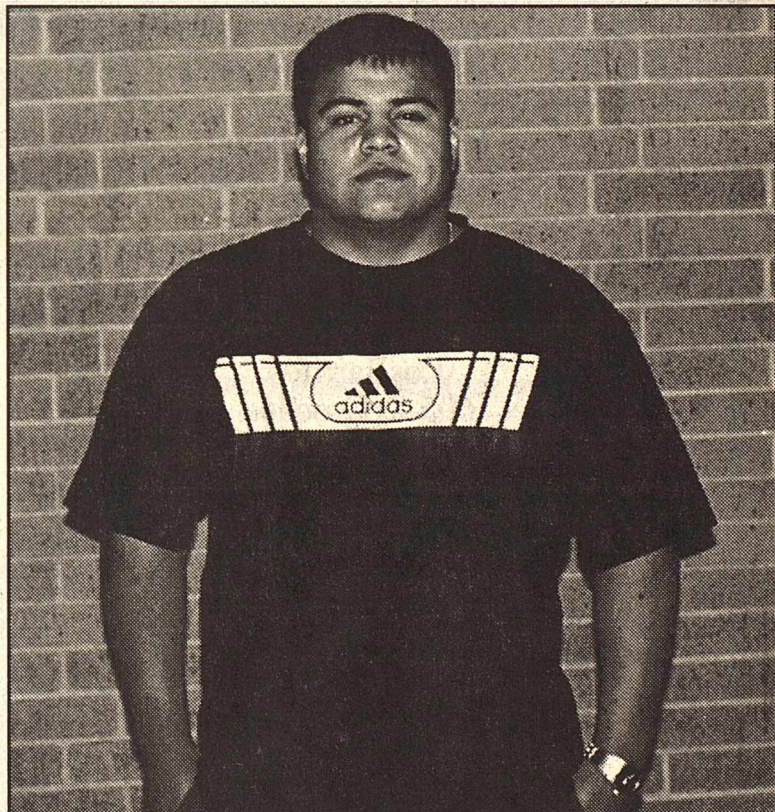
Also present were: Dianne Ashcraft, Administrator, Rex Ann Friess, Chief Appraiser, Sutton County Appraisal District, Harold McEwen, Ben Epps, Beverly Williams, RN, DON, Nursing Home, Doris Hartsfield, Carolyn Lara, and Kathy Knight, Board Secretary.

After the meeting was called to order by Dr. Johnson, Ms. Ashcraft announced to the board that she had gotten married on New Year's Day. She went on to announce that she would not be leaving, that everything would remain the same except that she was now Dianne Dower. The board congratulated Mrs. Dower on her engagement.

The minutes from the December 13, 1999 meeting were approved and Ms. Friess reported that 37.9% of the 1999 taxes had been collected. This is 2% more than last year at the same time.

Dr. Johnson opened the bids from First National Bank and The Bank & Trust, for the official depository for the period beginning February 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000. Harold McEwen went over the bid from First National Bank and Ray Smith went over the bid from The Bank & Trust. After discussion of both bids, A motion was made motion to accept the bid from The Bank & Trust for the official depository for the Sutton County Hospital District for the period of February 1, 2000 through December 31, 2001. Motion Carried, with Ray Smith abstaining.

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All- State Football Players Chosen

Andy Sanchez was selected by the Texas Sports Writers Association to be on the Class 2A All State Football Team for 1999. Andy was a 6-0, 257 Offensive Tackle for the 13-1 State Quarterfinalist Sonora Broncos. Andy was also 1st Team All-District as well as a preseason All West Texas Super Team selection and was selected to the Super Team at the end of this season. For other All-State choices, see page 5

City of Sonora Announces Quarterly Trash Pick Up

Several citizens have been contacting the Sonora City Hall inquiring about the quarterly trash pickup. The quarterly trash pick up will begin January 28th, 2000.

Bo Briley, area manager for Trashaway / Duncan Disposal will divide the city into four sections and work one section of the city each Friday of the week.

To ensure an efficient quarterly trash pick up customers should place trash, rubbish and tree limbs in alleys prior to the date scheduled for their area of the city. Placing these items after the Trashaway / Duncan Disposal personnel have completed the pick up route may result in violations of city ordinances.

Customers should understand that Trashaway / Duncan Disposal prefers that they place all garbage,

trash, rubbish, and tree limbs into the containers provided. This has changed from the requirements prior to the contract with Trashaway / Duncan Disposal. Long time customers may remember that the City did not allow grass clippings, brush limbs or dead animals to be placed in the containers. That changed when Trashaway / Duncan Disposal took over the operation and now the grass clippings, brush, tree limbs or dead animals, when packaged properly, are allowed in the containers.

Proper packaging applies to the trash, tree limbs, brush and etc., that is placed in the alleys for the quarterly pick ups as well as the container pickups. Yes, a customer can put tree limbs into a container, if the tree limbs do not exceed four feet in

See Trash Pick Up page 4

Sonora Church Directory

PRIMERA IGLESIA

BAUTISTA
Rick Sanchez
504 Santa Clara
387-2035

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Terry Bishop, Minister
304 N. Water
387-3190

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Taylor Norman,
Interim
404 E Oak
387-2951

ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. Ted W. Harris
404 E. Poplar
387-2955

FIRST UNITED

METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Suzanne Steves,
Pastor
201 N. Water
387-2466

JERUSALEM

ASAMBLEA DE DIOS
St. Ann's Street
387-3600

HOPE LUTHERAN

CHURCH
Rev. Charles Huffman
417 E. 2nd St.
387-5366

NEW LIFE MINISTRY

CENTER
Jerry & Joy Wood
204 E. Main
387-3241

THE CHURCH OF THE

GOOD SHEPHERD
PRESBYTERIAN
Lewis Allen, Pastor
319 E. Mulberry
387-2616

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST

CHURCH
Corner of Hwy. 277 S.
and Glasscock

PENTECOSTAL

CALVARY TEMPLE
UNITED
Randy Greenwood
Pastor
509 Amistad
387-5266

ST. ANN'S

CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father William
DuBuisson, O.M.I.
229 W. Plum
387-2278

JEHOVAH'S WITNESS

310 St. Ann's Street
387-5658 or 387-5518

NEW HOPE

BAPTIST CHURCH
Don Seigler
511 Cornell
387-3018

COWBOY CHURCH

Monty Price
Cauthorn Memorial Bldg.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

FORD

BRONCHO FORD INC.
115 N CONCHO
SONORA, TX 76950
(915)387-2549

Kerbow
Funeral Home
387-2266

Obituaries

Reams Cox

Reams Gerald Cox, 63, of Houston and formerly of Ballinger, died Tuesday, January 11, 2000, in a Houston Hospital.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday at Ninth Street Church of Christ with burial in Old Runnels Cemetery. Arrangements are by Rains-Seale Funeral Home. He was born September 9, 1936, in Ballinger. He was a rancher and a member of Ninth Street Church of

Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah Davis Tribe Cox of Houston; a brother, Ronnie Cox of Sonora; a sister, Juanice Isbell of Garland; his mother, Lillian Reams of Ballinger; his children, Carlton, Charles, Gaye, Gloria, Jerry and Shirley; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; and a niece, three nephews and two great-nephews.

School Lunch Menu Jan. 24 - 28

Breakfast

Mon. - Breakfast Pizza, fruit, juice, fruit
Tues. - Toast, peanut butter or jelly, juice or fruit.
Wed. - Muffins, juice, fruit.
Thurs. - Pancake pups, syrup, juice or fruit.
Fri. - Bean & cheese burrito, juice or fruit.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon. - Chili dogs, tator tots, cheese, fruit.
Tues. - Sausage in tortilla, baked beans, tossed salad, apple crisp.
Wed. - Cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice, beans, lettuce & tomato, cake.
Thurs. - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, fruit icy.
Fri. - Hamburger/Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, potato wedges, dessert.

Engagement



Myatt - Dowell

Betsy Myatt and Shane Dowell, both of Dallas, Texas will be married Saturday, January 29, 2000, at Rhae's Mills Baptist Church.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Myatt of Sherman, Texas. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Luckie of Midland, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dowell of Austin, Texas. Miss Myatt is a graduate of Sherman High School and Southeastern Oklahoma State. She is employed by Lawson Software, Dallas, Texas. Her fiancé is a graduate of Greenwood High School, Midland, Texas and is currently employed by American Sales and Service, Waco, Texas.

Ronnie Cox
would like to be
your pharmacist.

Senior Center News

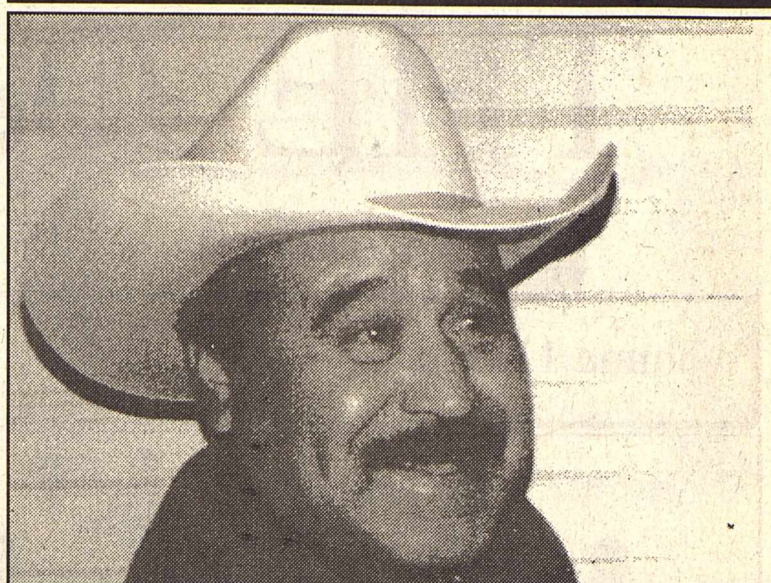
Jan. 21 - Osteoporosis Education Video Seminar Program! Noon.
By Senior Network.
Jan. 24 - Bingo!
Jan. 27 - Kooking with Kelly! Nutrition Program. Noon.

Senior Center Menu

Jan. 21 - Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, carrot cake.
Jan. 24 - BBQ pork chops, blackeyed peas, turnip greens, cornbread, fruit salad.
Jan. 25 - Spaghetti with meat sauce, zucchini garlic bread, juice, white cake with caramel icing.
Jan. 26 - Baked ham, candied yams, green beans, roll, carrot raisin salad, jello with fruit.
Jan. 27 - Smothered steak with onions, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, orange juice, apple crisp.

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

Card of Thanks



The family of Ernesto Castillo Ramirez would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all the calls and visits at home and at the funeral home, the food that was brought to our home and also donated by the community in order to make our meal after the burial, and the flowers that were sent to us. We would like to thank everyone who accompanied us during our time of sympathy.

We would like to give special thanks to Father Bill, the pallbearers who were Arturo Ramirez, Richard Marquez, Carlos Valadez, John Henry Rivas, Robert Noriega and Joey Guerra who were all special nephews, and the ladies who helped prepare a wonderful meal. Thanks to everyone in the community for all their help, support and prayers needed in this time of sorrow.

Sincerely,

Angie Ramirez and Elizabeth L. Ramirez, Robert Rodriguez and Family, Daniel and Pauline Valdez & Family, Dan and Florine Garcia & Family, Simon and Narcisa Marquez & Family, Mary Helen Bryant, Frank Ramirez & Family, Isidro Ramirez & Family, Johnny and Virginia Ramirez & Family.

The family of Freddie Chavarria would like to express their most sincere and appreciation to all our friends and family who gave their support and prayers during this time of sorrow.

Thank you for the delicious food, lovely flowers, and cards. We especially thank the ones that came in from various destinations. Your expression of love for Freddie has touched us dearly. May God bless you for your generosity and concern for our family.

Joe & Elvira Garcia
Freddie, Steven, David & Luke Chavarria
Isabel, Polo, Anthony, & Eric Cervantes
Leroy & Chris Chavarria
Yolanda, Phil & Sergio Furey

We would like to thank the friends and family of Cleto Coronado for the support and love we received during our time of great loss. We as a family were able to overcome the difficult task that awaited us every moment of the day as we grieved for our great loss. May God bless you, and we will never forget the comfort you all brought to us.

Thank you sincerely,
from his wife Leonor Coronado & Family
Cleto & wife Darlene Coronado
Priscilla & husband Anthony Velasquez
Diona & husband Isiquel Reza
Michelle, Carla & Moses
Rosa, Manuel Marrujo & grandchildren

Why I'm Special
If diamonds are priceless because they're rare,
then how much priceless I must be,
For in all this huge wide world
there is only one of me.
And if I marvel at computers
because they do such wondrous things,
How much more marvelous must I be,
for I can see, love, sing, dance and dream.
And if people think that an animal is special
just because it can be a friend,
How much more special I must be,
for I can love all those that care for me.
And if people get excited
over an oyster's pearl,
How much more excited they would be
If they could see the beauty that's inside me.
For just like that little oyster,
there is a treasure that's in me.
And all beauty of that treasure
awaits the one that looks inside to see.
And if you searched through all of the sands of time,
and throughout its eternity,
you'd find that I'm so special that once I'm gone
there will never be another me!
by Frank Garcia

We would like to thank everyone who made donations, either at the bank or by purchasing a Bar-B-Que plate or tamales, to help make Jason's trip to Australia a reality. He had a wonderful time and it was a great learning experience. This trip would not have been possible without the generosity of our community. Thanks again!

Loraine and Jason Surber

We want to thank everyone for their concern and support during Danny's recent heart surgery. Thank everyone so very much for the prayers, love, cards, gifts & visits. Thank you Dr. Pajestka, Hudspeth Memorial Hospital staff and the E.M.S. crew for the safe trip to San Angelo, also to everyone that helped out in one way or another. A great Big Thank You to Tibba and James Edmondson for being the other Mom & Dad while we were away. Now that we are at home and recovering we are still flooded with lots of love and friendship.

Thank you all so very much. God Bless!
Danny and Tammie Tidwell & Family

Dining Out Directory

Food Center Deli
600 S. Crockett Ave.
387-5616

La Mexicana
240 N. Hwy 277
387-3401

Los Jarritos
605 S. Crockett
387-2838

Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

Rosie's Cafe
207 Glasscock Ave
387-5552

Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833

Town & Country Subway
610 S. Crockett
387-6181

Town & Country - Country Kitchen
903 N. Crockett Ave.
387-2169

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January 20

Sonora Intermediate Snuggle Up and Read
Night 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

January 22

Little Dribblers Practices

January 24

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The Community Calendar

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Calendar

January 22

B.S.A. Pinewood Derby
9:00 a.m. High School Commons Area

Feb. 1

S.I.S.D. Class pictures

Feb. 2

Relay for Life Relay
6:30 p.m. at High School Commons Area

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Ask the Historical Society



Does anyone know the names of the girls in this 1928-29 basketball team photo?

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer

Q. Do you have anything on the picnics that the settlement of Mayer used to put on back at the turn of the century?

A. Devil's River News, June 16, 1920

The Mayer or Middle Valley barbecue and picnic held at the intersection of the Sonora-Eldorado-McKavett roads, eighteen miles northeast of Sonora, Wednesday, June 16th, was a most satisfactory success. The arrangement of the grounds was splendid and was a great help to the pleasure of the day. A band from San Angelo furnished excellent music for the dances and the committee in charge gave good service. The crowd was large and while the community was there in full force there was a large representation from Sonora and Eldorado and smaller numbers from McKavett, Menard, Junction, the North Llano, Christoval, San Angelo and Del Rio. The barbecue was of the very best with plenty for all. The goat roping, broncho busting and baseball game furnished ample amusement for the crowd and the committee should feel well paid for their effort with the universal praise accorded the days entertainment. The executive committee was C. E. Stites, H. E. Sharp, Lamar Wilkinson, Arch Crosby, Alfred Schweining and O. B. Page, assisted by the entire community.

There were 22 entries in the goat roping contest, thirteen of whom made no time. The winner was Henry Wyatt 13 3.5; Case Meadows 17 1.5; Tom A. Bond 18 2.5.

The baseball game was an easy victory for Eldorado as their teams had plenty of pep and the players on their toes all the time. Menard was poorly organized and gave no support to their pitcher Joe Glasscock. They played a scoreless game up to the last half of the ninth when they made four runs. The score was 8 to 4 in favor of Eldorado.

Q. What happened to Clara Hagerlund after the death of her daughter and husband?

A. Devil's River News, May 8, 1920

Mrs. Clara Lee Hagerlund and Michael J. Murphy, both of Sonora, were quietly married Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock by Rev. Father H. M. J. Wirtz. The ceremony was performed at the priest's house in the presence of a few chosen friends and relatives including Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Murphy, Miss May Murphy and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nabors.

Mr. Murphy is well known in San Angelo and is a brother of J. G. Murphy of The Standard. He is the editor of the Devil's River News published at Sonora. Following the ceremony the bride and groom returned to their Sutton County

home. - San Angelo Standard, May 3, 1920

Mike Murphy, Clara Murphy and Steve Murphy are all buried in the Hagerlund plot along with Clara's first husband in the Fairmont Cemetery in San Angelo.

Q. Who did Estelle McDonald marry?

A. Miss Josephine Estelle McDonald married William Pinckney McConnell, Jr. at the McDonald Hotel on November 16, 1930. Bishop Wm. Theodohe Capers, Episcopalian Bishop of West Texas, presided over the wedding and the record of marriage is on file with Sutton County. William died in 1970 and Estelle died in 1972. They are both buried in the Sonora Cemetery.

Q. Seeking information on one Augustin Silvas that died in 1943?

A. Devil's River News, March 12, 1943

Funeral services were to be held Thursday in Del Rio for Augustin Silvas, formerly of Sonora, who was one of fourteen non-commissioned officers drowned in an accident during night maneuvers in the stormy waters of the Gulf of Mexico off Florida last Friday.

A landing barge Silvas was aboard ran aground on a sandbar near Carrabella, Fla., Friday night after a storm hit the Northwest Fla. coast, according to an announcement made March 7 by the Army's Fourth Service Command. The men were members of the garrison of Camp Gordon Johnston at Carrabella. Five of the nineteen in the party were rescued. Silvas was the son of Faustino Silvas of Sonora and the nephew of Febro Chavez.

The book, Val Verde County Cemeteries does not list a Augustin Silvas and he is not listed in the Sonora Cemetery book. I was unable to locate his place of burial. If anyone knows where this veteran is buried please give me a call.

Q. Did Oscar Ruffini design any other courthouses or jails?

A. Oscar Ruffini designed the Tom Green County Jail, Menard County Jail, Mills County Courthouse in Goldthwaite, Sutton County Courthouse, Sterling County Courthouse, the Tom Green County Jail & Sheriff's Residence addition, Crockett County Courthouse along with many other homes and business buildings.

I would suggest you check out the book "F. E. and Oscar Ruffini,

Texas Architects, 1877 - 1917" by Susan Jean Dickey for Texas Tech University.

Need your help readers: John Potter, the blacksmith, son and his wife raised two young girls. For a time they lived in Sutton County. I am searching for information on these two girls' early life in Sonora and Carta Valley. If anyone knows anything about them I would appreciate your help. They were named Bush and lived with the Potter family here and in Carta Valley until they were married.

Q. I was told that Birtong was spelled another way before the current spelling. Do you know what the other spelling was?

A. Bertrouge is what I have listed in the files on some family group sheets that were sent to me.

For my readers that are always asking for stories about hunters, here is one for you: Sol Kelly, Sutton County ranch man, who has a reputation as a hunter in the country to the south is preparing for a drive on big game in Idaho this summer. Mr. Kelly is in San Angelo the first of the week, accompanied by Mrs. Kelly. He came in Thursday in order to receive two registered Redbone fox hounds which were purchased at Covington, Tenn, for \$175. The animals are four years old. Mr. Kelly already has seven dogs of this breed on his ranch, 13 miles below Sonora. With them, he not only hunts bob cats and bears for sport, but easily keeps his pastures free of wolves and other beast of prey.

Several years ago, Mr. Kelly killed four mountain lions in the Glass Mountains of Brewster county. In June 1917, he and his wife went to Idaho on a trip to purchase bucks and while there Mr. Kelly slew eight big bears.

Mrs. Kelly was with her husband when he brought down one of the big brown animals. "We are going back to Idaho in May to spend the summer and this time, I hope to get a grizzly or two," said Mr. Kelly Saturday. "I will take six of my hounds along. Incidentally, I will probably buy a carload of about 200 bucks." Mr. and Mrs. Kelly will return in September.

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

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Hospital from page 1

The board accepted Harold McEwen's resignation, with regret. Mr. McEwen is moving to San Angelo and will no longer be able to serve as a director for the district.

Dr. Johnson advised that he had talked with Preston Faris regarding serving as a director to replace Mr. McEwen and he had agreed to serve. A motion was made to appoint Preston Faris for Pct. 1. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dower advised the board that she is obtaining bids for back up power for the new x-ray machine. The present generator will not handle this equipment. She advised that she has obtained one bid and is currently working on getting several others. The approximate estimate for the back up power is \$3,500 to \$4,000. Additional information and bids will be brought back at a later meeting. A motion was made to table any action at this time. Motion carried.

The board approved the Medical Staff's recommendation to approve Dr. Guido Calderon as Chief of Staff for the year 2000.

A motion was made to approve the Medical Staff's recommendation to reappoint the active and consultant staff. Motion carried.

Carolyn Lara gave the Quarterly Quality Assurance report for the hospital. Lara advised that the regular meeting of the Quality Assurance and th Medical Staff will be changed to the last Tuesday of the month per the request of Dr. Calderon.

Dr. Johnson advised that he had attended the Medical Staff meeting on December 28, 1999 and that discussion had been held regarding inservicing of new employees. Dr. Johnson advised that Dr. Calderon had been appointed as Chief of Staff and Dr. Pajestka as Medical Director for the Nursing Home for the year 2000.

Beverly Williams gave a report for the Nursing Home. Williams advised that for the month of December there had been one admission, one death and no discharges. The current census is 27 residents. Williams reported that she had one RN resign and will be advertising to fill this position.

They have hired on LVN and is advertising for Certified Nursing Assistants.

Mrs. Dower reported that the portable x-ray machine has not been ordered as yet, due to wanting to buy the fixed x-ray machine and the portable from the same company. The main concern on both pieces of equipment is the service. Dower stated that she and Dr. Johnson have visited with a couple of representatives regarding the service and are still talking with these representatives. Dower also reported that the facility had no Y2K problems. She, as well as the maintenance supervisor, stayed until after the New Year and everything went fine.

Dower informed the board that she had visited with Tim Thorp, regarding the environmental charges for the laundry and that he is going to refund the charges that have been charged.

After the board reconvened from Executive Session, Dr. Johnson advised that a 6 month performance evaluation had been done at the meeting in December for Mrs. Dower and her annual evaluation will be done in six months. No action was needed at this time.

Mrs. Dower gave the hospital accounts receivable report for December. It is down \$24,000 from last month. \$97,060.09 had been collected this month.

Dower advised that a representative fro PSE was here to work with the office staff on the charge-master review. He is also working on the computer that does the electronic transmission of the Medicaid claims.

Mrs. Knight gave the financial report for November, 1999. The hospital had a loss of \$36,749.19 and the nursing home had a loss of \$43,638.81.

Dr. Johnson advised that the District will be having an election this May. The positions that will be up are Pct. 1, Pct. 3 and two at large.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Happy Birthday

January 20

Ricky Gandar, Erin Payton, Candi Taylor, Rusty Garner

January 21

Elma Trevenio, Savannah Savell

January 22

Lance Castro, Arnold Hosford, Michael Krieg, Bianca Sepeda, Collier Shurley, Carrie Herd, Callie Herd, Doris Hull, Carla Garner

January 23

Gildardo Faviia, Leslie Samaniego, Amy Murray

January 24

Edward Mata, Claudia Dempsey, Stevie Hernandez, Jonathan Martin

January 25

Stevie Dominguez, Diana Green, Mike Routh, Amanda Sanchez, Guadalupe Mendez

January 26

Yvonne M. Lopez, Cody Gann, Fortunato Hinojosa, Homer Lozano

Development from page 1

one problem with our state's economic development program was concentration of its workforce. On the I-35 corridor, in the metroplex area and larger cities the work force is getting stretched too thin. These areas have a 1 to 3 percent unemployment rate compared to an 8 to 12 percent in West Texas. Many companies that want to come to Texas are starting to look further West than the I-35 corridor.

With the telecommunications, transportation and information connections available today, there is no reason for manufacturing, construction, distribution and even the high tech industries not to look toward West Texas for their relocation or expansion.

With tourism being the 3rd largest industry in Texas (behind real-estate and energy) there is not a reason Sonora shouldn't work to improve it market share of this multi-billion-dollar enterprise along with manufacturing and retail.

I wish to apologize for not getting a report to the citizens of Sonora sooner, but it has been a hurried beginning. I will do my best to get a report to the Devil's River News once a month.

Rural Economic Development is not something that can be done overnight but I believe that Sonora has a bright future in its efforts to

grow and prosper. Like the old hunter said, "you ain't going to get no birds unless you get out there and put some lead in the air".

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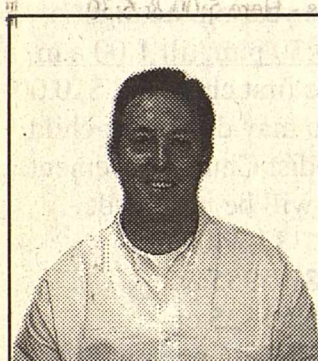
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Just wanted to let you know where I am and what I am doing now. My wife Kristy and I are in San Angelo raising our new daughter Haylie. As of November 1st I started working for Lynn Alexander's Autoplex on Sherwood Way. If you're interested in purchasing a New or Used vehicle come by and I will take care of all your automotive needs.

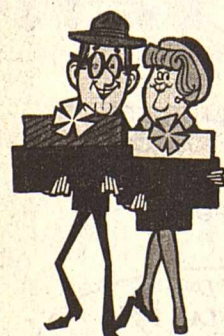
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Flores participates in All-Region Band

Joe Flores, a junior member of the Mighty Bronco Band at Sonora High School, participated in the Region 7 ATSSB All-Region Band on Saturday, January 15 at Abilene Christian University.

The All-Region Band is made up of the top musicians in this part of Texas, including students as far north as Stephenville. Joe qualified for membership in this elite group of musicians by scoring high at the tryouts held in December.

On January 8, Joe also completed in the Area Band tryouts in Waco. These tryouts lead to membership in the Texas All-State Band. Of the six students auditioning on his instrument, the contra-alto clarinet, Joe came in second; unfortunately, only the first place student makes the All-State Band.

Joe is the son of Eleno and Chris Flores. This past fall he has served as one of the Drum Majors of the Mighty Bronco Band during marching season. He is also a member of the Math Club, the Science Club and the National Honor Society.

According to Interim Band Director James Hejl, "Joe Flores is an outstanding band member. Although he and I were both disappointed that he did not qualify for All-State Band, his accomplishments are nevertheless very significant. At Region Band tryouts he was the 2nd of 12 students trying out and at Area Band tryouts he was #2 of 6 very fine musicians. He is thus ranked in the top 10 of band students in the state on his instrument. We are very proud of the recognition that his hard work and dedication have brought to our band."



F.Y.I.

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!!

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 sweatshirts. Call Kristin 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.

Now is the time to order trees and native grass seed from the Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation District. Orders for trees need to be placed by January 20, 2000 for delivery in February. These trees come from the Texas Forest Service, are limited in number and usually sell out quickly. Native grass seed may be ordered at any time with delivery within a week. Grass seed should be put out in this area before June for best results. For information on species availability and prices, please contact Tom Payton or Iris Garza at the Edwards Plateau SWCD office, 301 Crockett, Sonora or by calling 387-2730 (extension #3).

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Pinewood Derby

Cub Scout Pack 19 will hold the Pinewood Derby on Saturday, Jan. 22nd at the High School Commons area at 9:00 a.m. If any scout has not received their car kit, you may call Tim Talley at 387-5611 or contact your den leader.

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.

Trash Pick Up from page 1

length and no single bundle exceeds 60 pounds.

The Sonora, Texas City Code Section 82-39 Collection of trash not in containers. States: "If trash is of such a nature that it cannot be put in the containers furnished by the city, it shall be placed in disposable containers or tightly tied and bundled and placed in neat, orderly piles, and placed adjacent to the alley or street on the edge of the alley or street, in order that it may be removed conveniently. Tree limbs and hedge clippings shall not exceed four feet in length; and no single bundle, tree limb, stump, or cutting shall exceed 60 pounds in weight. Trash collected under this section shall not exceed two cubic yards in volume or a single truckload; whichever is the greater, on any one collection day. It shall be unlawful for any person to place trash in any alley or street so as to obstruct or hamper vehicular or pedestrian traffic. Trash to be collected under this section will be removed by the city quarterly upon notification to the customer, by publishing the quarterly collection date in the newspaper. (Code 1981, 12-5)

On January 28 Trashaway / Duncan Disposal will pick up inside a perimeter area created by Crockett Avenue on the Northeast, U.S. 277 on the Southeast, and the city limits on the Northwest and Southwest.

On February 4, 2000 Trashaway / Duncan Disposal will pick up inside a perimeter area created by E.2nd Street, the Southeast fence of the Sutton County Yard, Hilltop Street, Marigold Street, and Loop 467 on the South and Southwest.

On February 11, 2000

Trashaway / Duncan Disposal will pick up inside a perimeter area created by U.S. Hwy 277 (Del Rio Highway) on the North and West, Loop 467 On the North and Northeast, the city limits on the South.

On February 18, 2000 Trashaway / Duncan Disposal will pick up inside two separate perimeter areas. One created by the Loma Alta and Sinaloa area. The second perimeter is created by Crockett Avenue on the South, East 2nd and the Southeast fence of the Sutton County Yard on the south-southeast.

Once again, please, make certain that your trash, rubbish, tree limbs, grass clippings, hedge clippings, and etc. are packaged or bundled as per the requirements of the code. Also, please place these items in orderly piles and keep the 60 pound weight requirement in mind when the items are put in the container, alley, or at the street as required by code.

Unwanted white goods such as old stoves, washers, dryers, water heaters, freezers, and refrigerators will also be taken if they are placed according to the code requirements. Any white good using freon must have a certified sticker stating that all freon has been properly removed by a permitted refrigeration technician.

Tires Batteries and Hazardous Materials are not accepted and will be considered illegal dumping. Customers with old Tires, Batteries and Hazardous Materials must dispose of those items with appropriate vendors.

The trash, rubbish, tree limbs, grass clippings, hedge clippings, and etc should be placed in the alley or

From the Superintendents Desk

A cadre of volunteers make up our local school board in Sonora, Texas. These board members form the front line of our state's assault on ignorance and literacy. Their decisions literally shape the brightness of our society's future and in many instances the likelihood of success for many of our young people.

Our local board members are: Mr. Clay Cade, President; Mr. John Barker, Vice-President; Mr. Tom Payton, Secretary; and Mr. Dayton Armke, Mr. Jesse Bustamante, Mr. Tryon Fields, and Mr. Sam David Hernandez, members.

This month, Texans are asked to recognize and appreciate the contributions made by the members of the boards of trustees who work daily to improve education in the more than 1,000 school districts in this

state. January has been proclaimed School Board Recognition Month by Gov. George W. Bush, and school districts across Texas are using this opportunity to bolster understanding of the crucial role elected boards of education play in not only their local communities but also the future of our society as a whole.

In his proclamation, Gov. Bush notes that the men and women who serve on school boards in Texas represent the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. Their tasks are complex and often thankless, yet if qualified individuals failed to offer their services, the challenges that face education and young people today would be insurmountable hurdles. Within some-

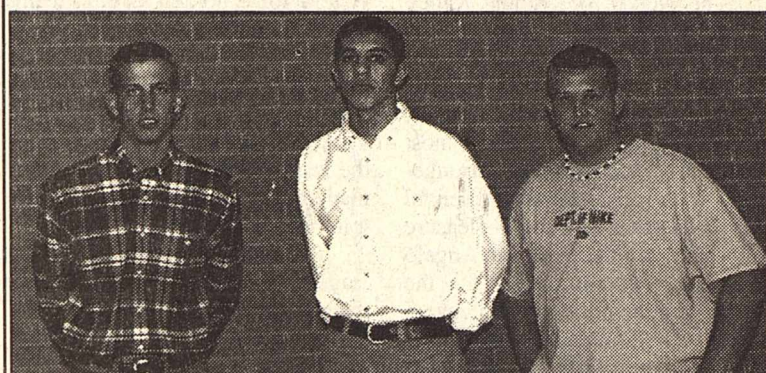
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Cash Prizes for Conservation Posters & Essays

The Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District is sponsoring a Conservation Poster and Essay Contest. The poster contest is open to boys and girls, 12 years of age and younger. The essay contest is open to boys and girls, 18 years of age and younger. These contests do not jeopardize Texas University Interscholastic League eligibility.

Locally, cash prizes will be awarded and the top three entries in each contest will be entered in a statewide contest. Entries must be in the Edwards Plateau SWCD office, 301 Crockett, Sonora, by 5:00 p.m., Wed. Feb. 9, 2000. For entry forms, guidelines and other information please come by the Edwards Plateau SWCD office, or call 387-2730 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

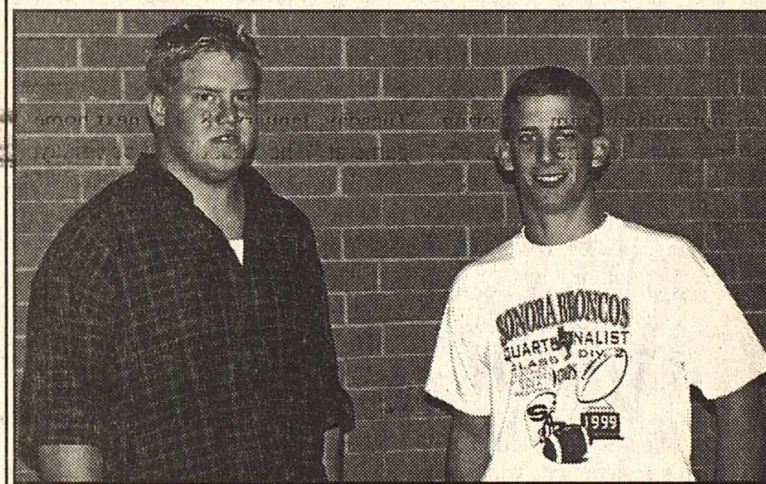
All-State Academic



Jason West, Ernie Perez and Brady Lock

These Sonora Bronco Football players were selected to be on the Class 2A Academic All-State Football Team for 1999. These young men met all of the requirements which included, not only a high GPA, but also citizenship and leadership skills.

Caleb Taylor and Jacob West (not pictured: Jared Percifull)



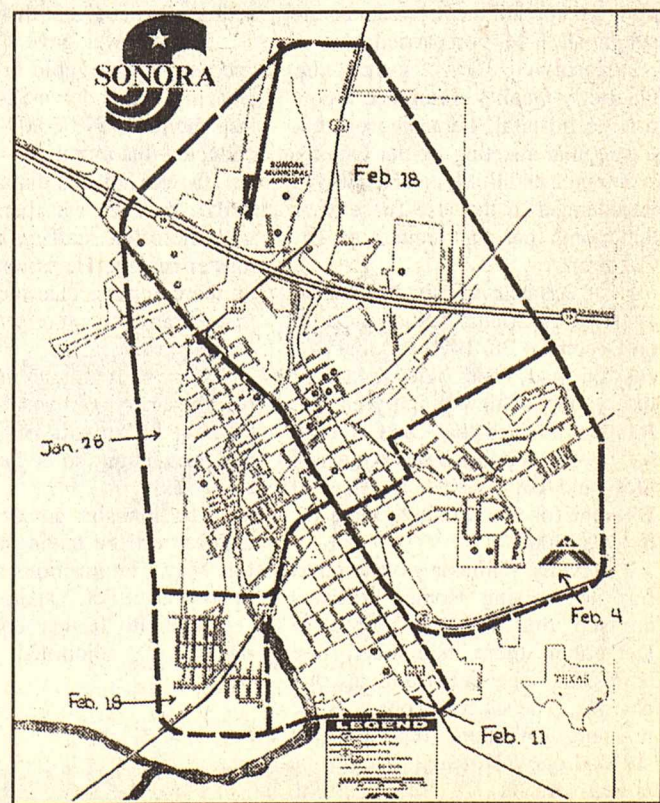
Journalism Competes in U.I.L. Contest

On Saturday, January 15th, the S.H.S. Journalism U.I.L. students traveled to Ozona for the first contest of the year. The results were as follows:
News Writing - Andi Allen, 2nd place
Feature Writing - Walker Thompson, 2nd place
Headline Writing - Andi Allen, 2nd place and Alan Nicholas, 5th place.
The students are coached by Kristin Keel.

Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission

(TNRCC) to enforce additions to the Texas State Penal Code sections which address illegal dumping. Placing trash, rubbish, tree limbs, grass clippings, hedge clippings, and etc in violation of city ordinance and state law may result in law enforcement action.

Avoid a dumping violation by following the requirements of the laws and codes correctly. Be part of the solution to a cleaner and better environment.



Bronco Basketball

The Sonora Broncos played Clyde on January 11, 2000. Sonora defeated Clyde 51 to 41. Scoring for the Broncos were: Bryce Williams - 14 pts., Russell Dempsey - 12 pts., Anthony Luna - 11 pts., Riley Crain - 6 pts., Ernie Perez - 4 pts., Edgar

Gonzalez and James Elliott - 2 pts. each. Other key stats: Bryce Williams - 5 assists, 4 of 8 from the 3 pt. line. Anthony Luna - 4 assists and 1 steal. Ernie Perez - 5 assists, 2 steals and 6 defensive rebounds. Riley Crain - 10 rebounds (4 offen-

sive and 6 defensive). Russell Dempsey - 5 of 9 from the floor, 2 of 2 from the line, and 7 total rebounds.

The Broncos hosted the Forsan Buffaloes on Friday, January 14, 2000. Final score was Sonora 61, Forsan 49. Scoring for the Broncos were Russell Dempsey - 14 pts., James Elliott - 11 pts., Edgar Gonzalez - 8 pts., Riley Crain - 7 pts., Bryce Williams and Anthony Luna - 6 pts., Ernie Perez - 4 pts.,

Isaac Ramos - 3 pts., and Sloan Holley - 2 pts.

Other Key Stats: Riley Crain - 12 rebounds, 100% from the free throw line, James Elliott - 10 rebounds, 75% from the free throw line, Russell Dempsey - 6 rebounds, 70% shooting from the field, Edgar Gonzalez - 6 for 6 from the free throw line for 100%, Anthony Luna - 6 assists and Bryce Williams - 4 assists.



2 points in "The Shoot"



Broncos take to the air against Clyde

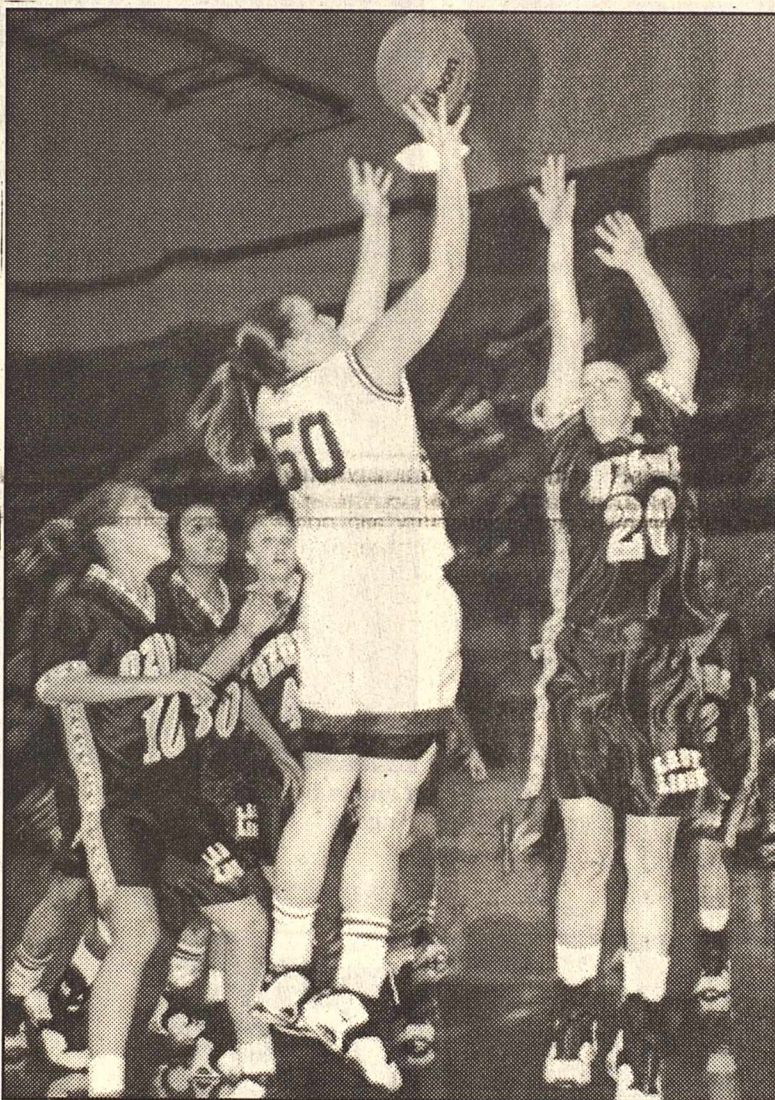
Varsity Lady Broncos in District

Submitted

On Tuesday, January 11, 2000, the Lady Broncos met the Ozona Lady Lions at "The Shoot" at Sonora High School. Veronica Velez and Sarah Ball were out with injuries, hopefully only temporarily. The Lady Broncos almost did it! The score stayed close until the end. The Lady Lions pulled away and the final score was Lady Broncos 44 - Lady Lions 54. The Offensive Player of the game, as well as high point player of the game was Heather Felts. The Defensive Player of the game was Japha Word. Japha had an outstanding game. Scoring for Sonora was Heather Felts 15, Cindy Jones 8, Kim Marshall 8, Japha Word 7, Kara Eaton 6.

"The Shoot" in Sonora was also the sight for the Friday, January 14, 2000 game against the Forsan Lady Buffaloes. The Lady Broncos started out slow, but picked up the pace the second half of the basketball game. The Sonora team dominated Forsan to win the game. The

score at the final buzzer was Sonora 57 - Forsan 44. Cindy Jones had a great game and was picked as the Offensive Player of the game by KHOS radio announcers Virgil Burge and Jason West. The Defensive Player of the game was Kara Eaton. Those scoring for the Lady Broncos were: Heather Felts 14, Cindy Jones 12, Japha Word 10, Kim Marshall 9, Kara Eaton 8, Kasey Miller 3, and Koda Armke 1. GOOD JOB GIRLS! The District Record is 2-1 and the Overall Record is 14-8. Good Luck to the Lady Broncos as they travel to Wall on Tuesday, January 18. The next home game at "The Shoot" will be Friday, January 21 against the Eldorado Lady Eagles. Game time for the J.V. Lady Broncos will be at 5:00 p.m. and the tip off for Varsity will be at 6:00 p.m. Come show your support for all the Bronco basketball teams.



Japha Word takes the shot

Colts

The 7th Grade Boys played Grape Creek in Sonora on December 6, 1999. The Colts defeated Grape Creek 28 - 27. Top scorers for the Colts were: Dustin Creek - 11 pts., Brian Payton - 5 pts., Jesse Garza and Austin Wagoner - 3 pts. each.

On the 3rd of January, 2000 the boys again played in Sonora, this time against Eldorado. Eldorado defeated Sonora 25 - 22. Top scoring for the Colts were Clint Cearley - 9 pts., Dustin Creek - 5 pts., and Clay Hicks - 4 pts.

The 7th grade Ozona boys came to play on January 10, 2000, defeating the colts 25 - 21. Top scoring for the Colts were Diego Cardona and Clint Cearley - 6 pts. each and Clay Hicks - 4 pts.

The 8th Grade Colts also played Grape Creek on December 6, 1999. The 8th grade team defeated Grape Creek 40 - 23. Top scoring for Sonora were: Scottie Moore - 15 pts., Chris Martin - 9 pts., and Stevie Hernandez - 8 pts.

On December 13th the boys traveled to Iraan, where they defeat-

ed the 8th grade Iraan team, 43-32. Top scorers for the Colts were Scottie Moore - 16 pts., Trapper Valliant - 12 pts. and Chris Martin - 10 pts.

The boys started the New Year with a win against Eldorado, 32 - 18. Top scorers for Sonora were: Chris Martin - 8 pts., Scottie Moore, Shaun Ramos and Trapper Valliant - 6 pts. each and Wilson Wallace - 4 pts.

On January 7, 2000 the Colts competed in the Iraan Tournament against McCamey. McCamey defeated the Colts 41 - 29. Top scorers for Sonora were Scottie Moore - 12 pts., Trapper Valliant - 8 pts., and Joseph Ainsworth - 4 pts. On the second day of the tournament the boys found themselves up against Iraan once again, and took a hard loss of 31 - 20. Top scorers for the Colts were: Trapper Valliant - 8 pts., Scottie Moore and Chris Martin - 3 pts. each.

On January 11, 2000 the Colts played Ozona in Sonora, with a final score of Ozona 31, Sonora 23. Top scorer for Sonora was Scottie Moore with 16 pts.

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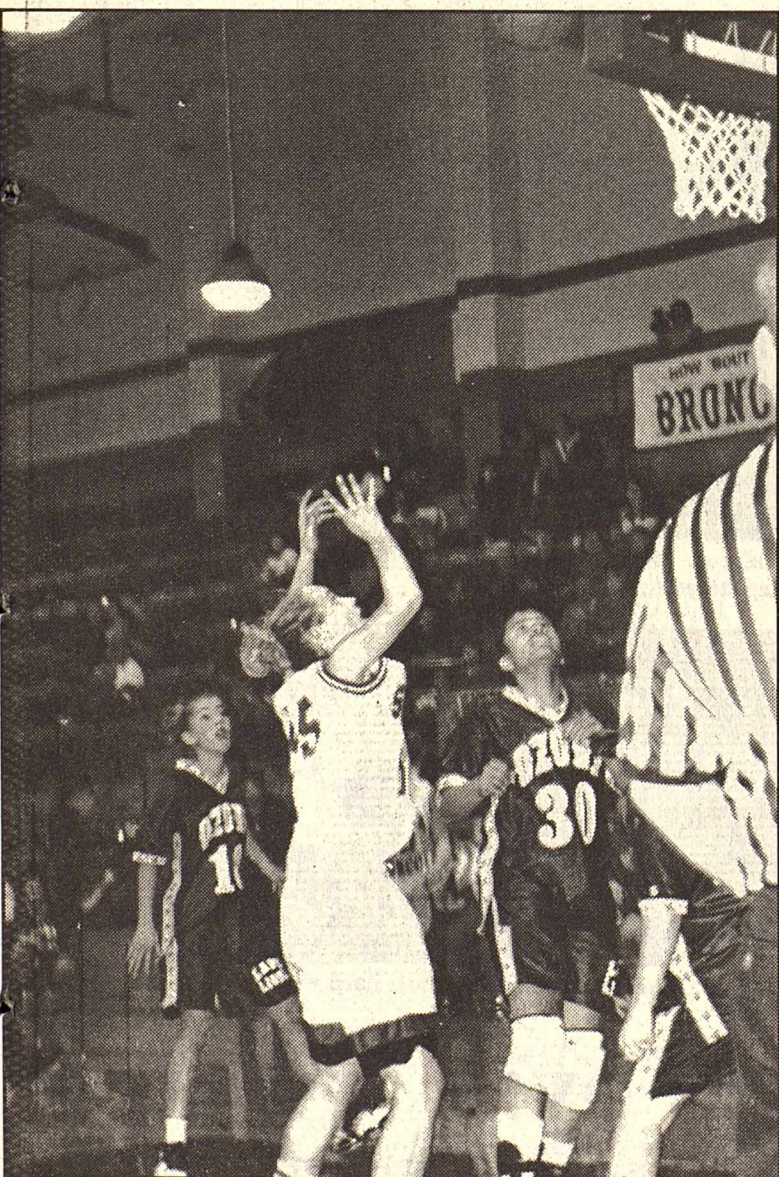
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Heather Felts earns her "Offensive Player of the Game" title

School Board from page 4

times limiting state and federal guidelines, school boards exercise local control over education at the basic level - in the classroom where the teacher and the student interact. School trustees review and define policy, prepare budgets and assign precious resources, mediate differences among educators and families and labor for long hours in pursuit of conditions which will foster academic excellence and accountability for all students, faculty, and administrators.

The challenges they face today along with their professional staff members were unheard of a generation ago, and so are the pressures. In many circumstances, problems involving personal safety, individual motivation, family problems, and abuse must be addressed before the educational process can begin. And the only compensation they receive is the satisfaction of knowing that they have contributed directly to the betterment of their community and to the improvement of lives of thou-

Stock Show from page 1

Ingham, 5. Steely Ingham, 6. Mandy Brister, 7. Brady Lock, 8. Graham Bloodworth, 9. Jeremy Lipham, 10. Sarah Ball, 11. John Duke Hudson, 12. Taylor Liverman, 13. Kaija Valkonen, 14. Tyler Seaton, 15. Riley Crain, 16. Chelsea Seaton, 17. Tyler Seaton, 18. Cameron Cox

Class No. 6

1. Brady Lock, 2. Jalys Mabry, 3. Brady Lock, 4. David Cook, 5. Brady Lock, 6. Jena Teasley, 7. Sarah Ball, 8. Thomas Bloodworth, 9. Mandy Brister, 10. Riley Crain, 11. Sarah Ball, 12. Hilton Bloodworth, 13. Jalys Mabry, 14. Sarah Ball, 15. Elizabeth Newton, 16. Jeremy Lipham, 17. Riley Crain

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Brady Lock - #6

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Sponsored by: Cathy Ball

1. Kendra Jones, 2. Jacob West, 3. Jeremy Lipham, 4. Amberlie Kinder, 5. Jalys Mabry

Junior Showmanship

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1. Brandy Neff, 2. Dustin Neff, 3. John Duke Hudson, 4. Steely Ingham, 5. Colton Moore

Market Swine

Class No. 1

1. Judson Chevalier, 2. BoAmber Gentry, 3. Katie Higdon, 4. Harrison Chevalier

Class No. 2

1. Kaija Valkonen, 2. Madelon Higdon, 3. Beau Hughes, 4. Brea Hughes, 5. Mandy Brister

Class No. 3

1. Cady Taylor, 2. Brandy Neff, 3. Skeeter Gentry, 4. Dustin Neff, 5. Stephani Morriss

Champion Market Swine

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1. William Renfro, 2. William Renfro, 3. Tom Jacoby, 4. William Renfro, 5. Tom Jacoby

Class No. 2

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1. Brady Lock, 2. Jacob West,

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1. Tom Jacoby, 2. Tom Jacoby, 3. William Renfro, 4. Brea Hughes, 5. William Renfro

Class No. 5

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Commercial Angora Doe Kids

Class No. 20

1. Landon Brockman, 2. Landon Brockman, 3. Emily Earwood, 4. Warren Wallace, 5. Heather Lawson, 6. Meredith Earwood, 7. Brian Payton, 8.

Chance Armke, 9. Hillary Lawson, 10. Allison Benson, 11. Wilson Wallace, 12. Hunter Lawson, 13. Koda Armke, 14. Jacob Percifull, 15. Jared Percifull, 16. Shane Benson, 17. Joseph Percifull, 18. Brian Payton, 19. Ryan Hardgrave

Commercial Yearling Does

Class No. 21

1. Tyler Seaton, 2. Chelsea Seaton,

Class No. 22

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Champion Commercial Angora

Allison Benson

Reserve Champion

Commercial Angora

Landon Brockman

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Registered Yearling Bucks

1. Meredith Earwood, 2. Emily Earwood, 3. Chance Armke, 4. Meredith Earwood, 5. Landon Brockman, 6. Emily Earwood

Registered Aged Bucks

1. Landon Brockman, 2. Landon Brockman, 3. Allison Benson

Registered Doe Kids

1. Meredith Earwood, 2. Emily Earwood, 3. Graham Bloodworth, 4. Landon Brockman, 5. Hilton Bloodworth, 6. Emily Earwood, 7. Meredith Earwood, 8. Wilson Wallace, 9. Graham Bloodworth, 10. Thomas Bloodworth, 11. Hillary Lawson, 12. Cash Jennings, 13. Cash Jennings, 14. Laura Martin, 15. Laura Martin, 16. Shane Benson, 17. Warren Wallace, 18. Heather Lawson, 19. Allison Benson, 20. Hunter Lawson

Registered Yearling Does

1. Emily Earwood, 2. Meredith Earwood, 3. Meredith Earwood, 4. Cash Jennings, 5. Emily Earwood, 6. Chance Armke, 7. Koda Armke, 8. Landon Brockman, 9. Hunter Lawson, 10. Allison Benson, 11. Landon Brockman, 12. Hillary Lawson, 13. Chelsea Seaton, 14. Tyler Seaton

Registered Aged Does

1. Landon Brockman, 2. Emily Earwood, 3. Emily Earwood, 4. Meredith Earwood, 5. Landon Brockman, 6. Allison Benson, 7. Meredith Earwood

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Senior Showmanship

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Registered Rambouillet Ewe Lambs

1. Nash Traylor, 2. Monica Traylor

Beef Cattle Show - Steer Division

1. Brea Hughes - bred by Vestal Askew, 2. Brea Hughes - bred by Buddy Huckle

Heifer Division

1. John Healy - bred by Glen Fisher, 2. Audrey Hicks - bred by Ira Lee

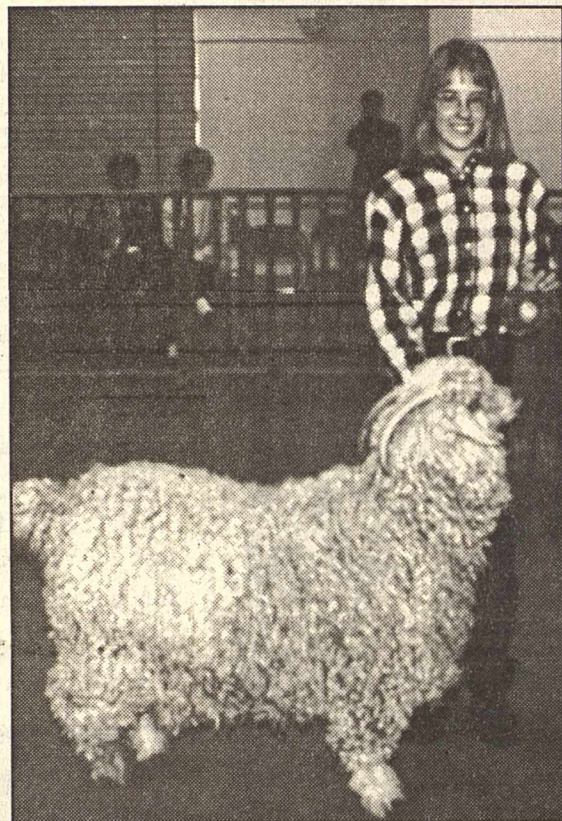
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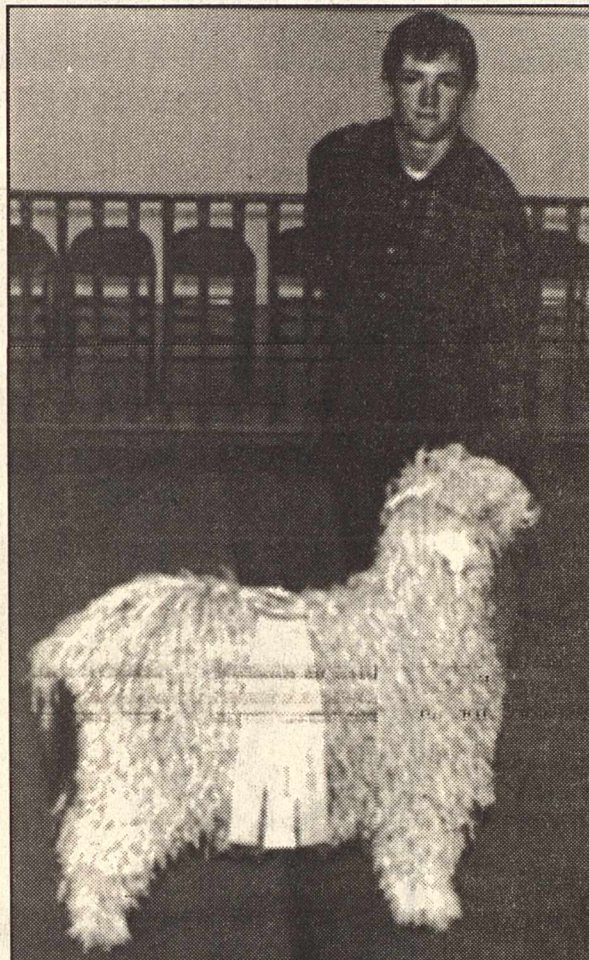
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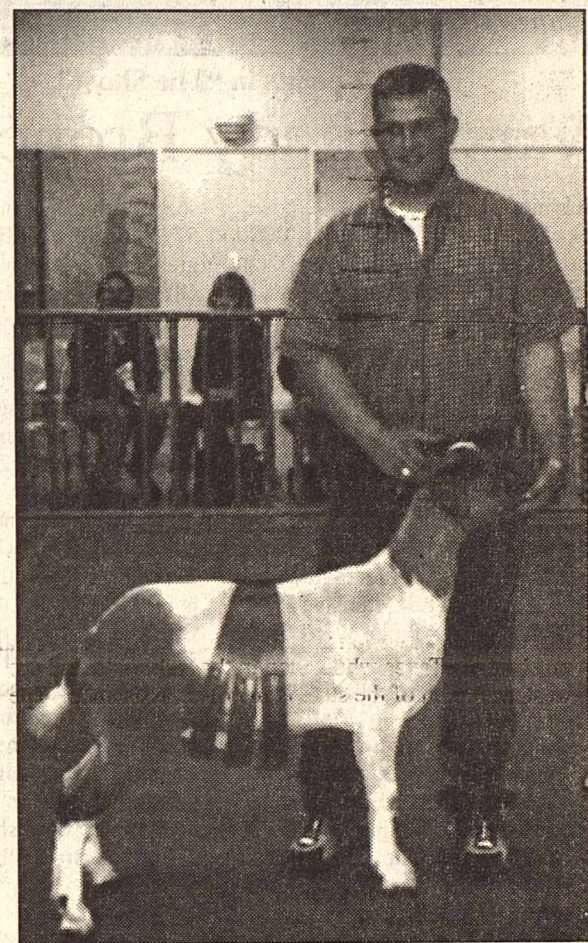
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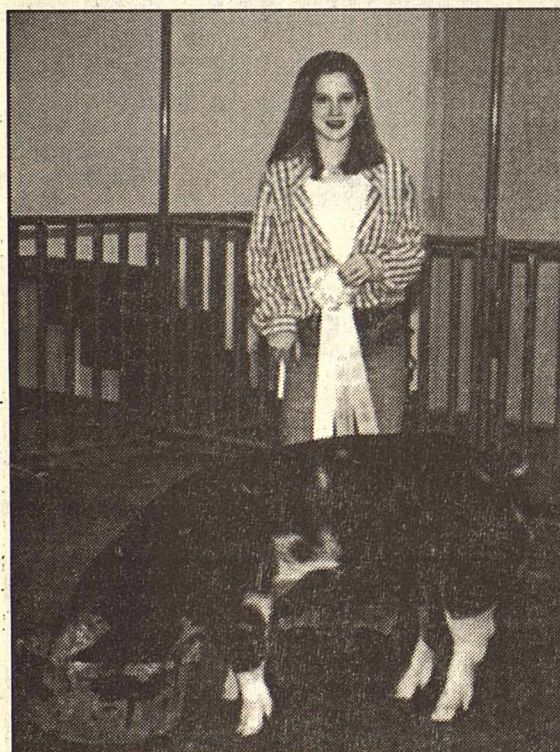
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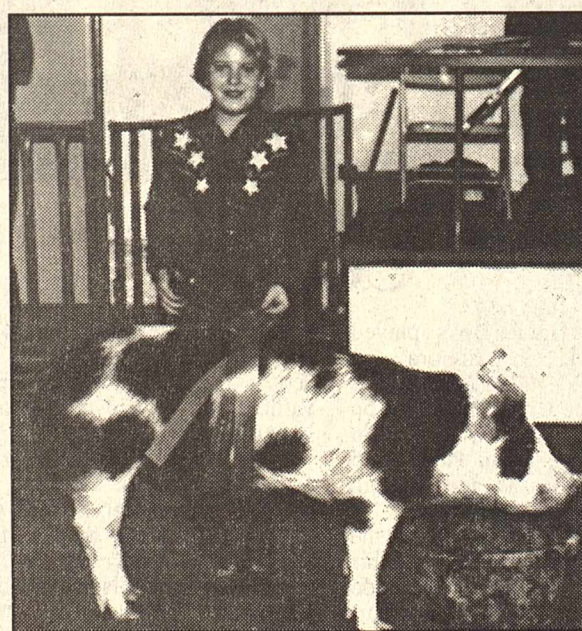
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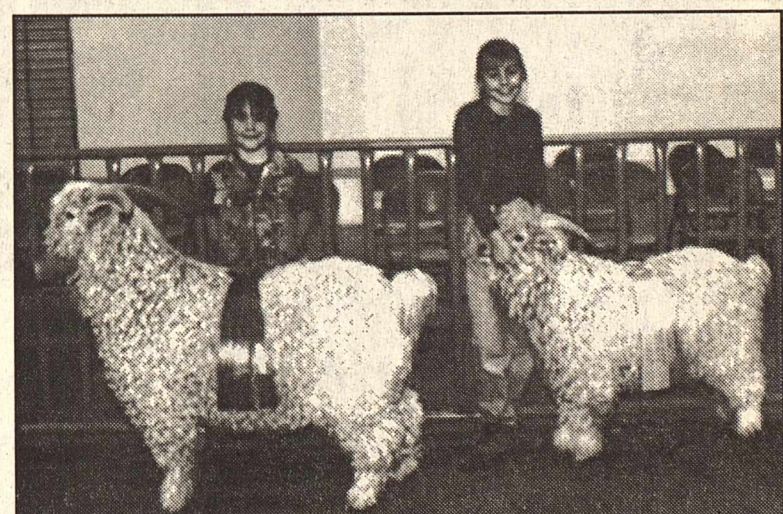
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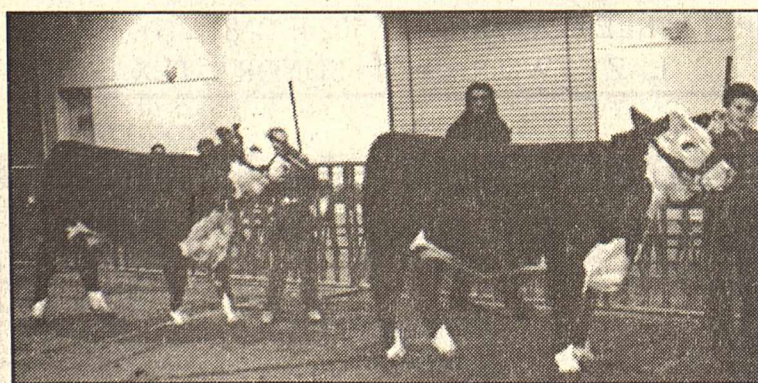
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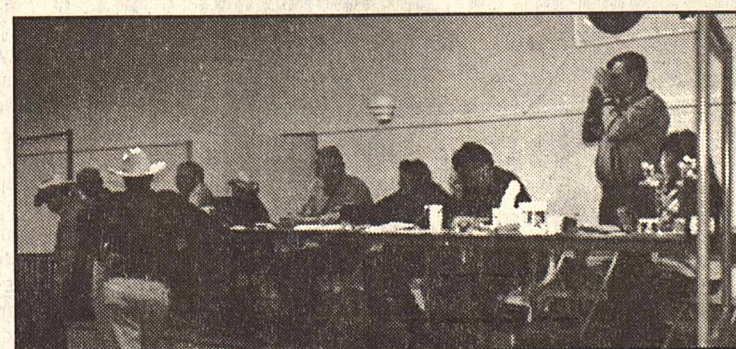
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Every person counts



by U.S. Congressman Henry Bonilla - Every ten years, the government is supposed to count every one of us. Once the government knows how many people live in the nation, it can figure out the fairest way for them to share in about \$185 billion in federal grant money. The numbers are also used to decide everything from how many people should represent states in Congress, to how many state representatives a county has, to where schools, hospitals, and businesses should be built.

The Constitution calls for the national census. The first census was taken in 1790. That year, the census counted 3.9 million men, women, and children. Today, there are about 275 million Americans. If any one of those people doesn't return his or her form, the Census Bureau has to pay someone to go to his home. This is one time when estimating doesn't cut it.

Many people - about one third of our country last time around - don't return the census form that is mailed to them. A lot of people just don't understand why they should bother with it, or don't trust the government to keep the information a secret, especially if they're in the country illegally.

Because some people may have not been counted in previous counts, the census has become a political football. Some think that the best way to ensure an accurate count is to estimate populations in many cities. Experts don't agree on the need for an estimate, or even how an estimate would be conducted. Estimates can be manipulated for partisan political purposes. The best way to ensure an accurate count is to do our best to make sure every American is counted.

Return your family's Census form, and remind your friends to do the same. The government's spending about \$170 million on an ad campaign to try to do just that. However, there is something else you can do. You can take a part-time job with the Census Bureau, and get paid to try to make sure that everyone in your town's counted.

The Census Bureau's having a hard time finding the more than half million workers it will need to complete the census. Many of them are hired to visit the homes of people who don't return their forms. The hours can be very flexible, and much of the work's done in April.

If you are interested, you can call the Census Bureau at (888) 325-7733. The pay starts at around eight dollars an hour.

Texas Agriculture Suffering Third Drought in Four Years

by Blair Fannin, b-fannin@tamu.edu
Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said Friday the Texas agricultural industry is facing a crisis situation as most farmers and ranchers across the state are currently enduring their third drought in four years.

"Many people are unaware that the state is in a drought," Combs said in a press conference held at the state capitol. "1999 was one of the driest years on record. Texas farmers and ranchers are facing a serious situation."

Travis Miller, a soil and crop science specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, said much of the Texas wheat crop in the western region of the state is in critical condition.

Texas producers have planted 5.8 million acres of wheat, which is down 6 percent from last year. Ninety-one percent of the state's winter wheat crop is in fair to very poor condition.

"West of Interstate 35, we've got a crop that is in terrible shape," Miller said. "A lot of it is dying, much of it didn't come up at all. In the Edwards Plateau, Rolling Plains, a lot of it has been declared a disaster."

"Very little grazing has occurred in our dryland wheat crop. It either came up late or not at all. Moisture was inadequate to produce forage for grazing. We lost most of our winter grazing from our stocker cattle industry and small grain pastures in the state."

Livestock producers have been the hardest hit by the drought as stock tanks are drying up in many counties. Seventy-one percent of the state's ranges and pastures are in poor to very poor condition. Combs said the livestock industry accounts for 62 percent of the state's agricultural economy.

"At its continued pace, it could be devastating," Combs said. Cattle prices are higher than a year ago, but ranchers will lose money by being forced to sell off herds because of a lack of water and forage.

"Water is not to be had," Miller said. "It takes 25 gallons a head a day to maintain a cow and it's virtually impossible to haul daily water supplies for cattle." Not only have crops and livestock suffered from dry conditions, but wildlife populations are also threatened by the drought.

"The wildlife specialists that I've talked to have indicated there's probably a need for supplemental feed and supplemental water programs to maintain a healthy wildlife situation," Miller said. "We are coming into a critical time as far as that's concerned. If we don't have significant rain in the spring, then it will probably hurt wildlife populations."

Miller said the latest drought will be adding even more negative impact to the agricultural economy.

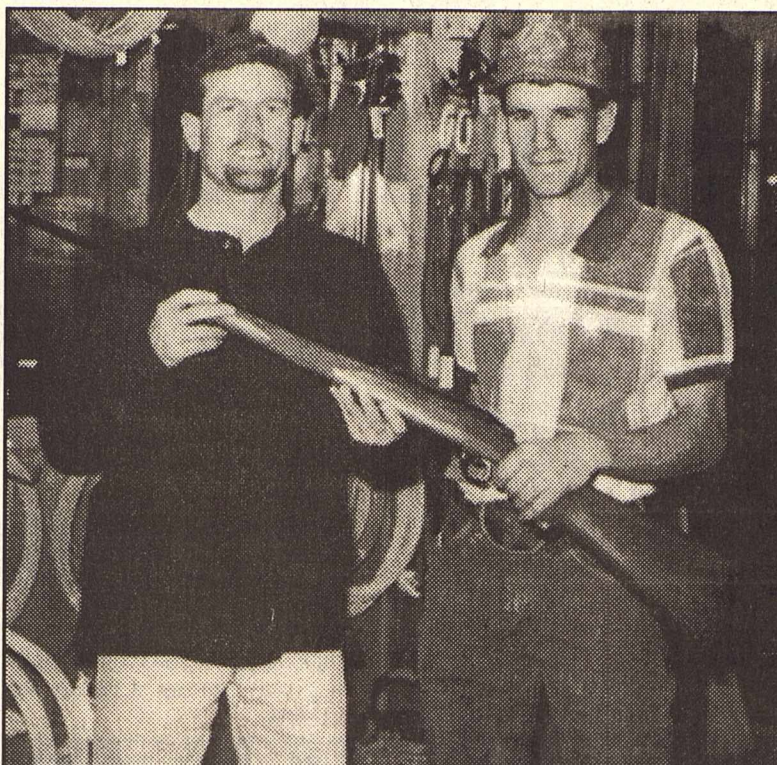
"When we're talking about economic impact, you've got to keep in mind the injury that has happened over the past four years from drought," he said. "We've had a combination of three droughts in four years and extremely low commodity prices. Grain, cotton, soybean ... all of the prices of commodities have been at extremely low levels."

"Even if we made a good crop in 1999, farmers might not have had enough money to pay the debts incurred in 1998 and 1996. Then we're faced with another drought here. Extreme economic conditions exist on our farms and ranches throughout a lot of Texas."

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Rafter W Big Buck Contest



Chase Wardlaw of Rafter W presents a Ruger Model 77 Mark II - 30-06 to Larry Finklea of Sonora.

by Janette Halliday

The 1999 deer season is officially over and the results have been tabulated for the Big Buck contest sponsored by Rafter W Feed Store. A total of 150 entries competed in the three divisions: the highest scoring buck, the buck with the most points and the longest spike.

Hunters preregistered the Rafter W contest by Nov. 15, 1999 and entries were accepted throughout the duration of deer season. The contest was open to any hunter who harvested a deer within the Sonora area including Sutton and adjoining counties. Each entry was judged using the Boone and Crockett scoring system.



Larry Finklea holding his Boone & Crockett 152

The winner of the highest scoring buck division was Larry Finklea of Sonora. The buck scored a grand total of 152 4/8 with total of 13 points. The deer was killed on the Black ranch in Edwards county. As the winner of the most points division, Finklea was presented a 30-06 Ruger Model 77, Mark II by Chase Wardlaw, manager of Rafter W.

The division for the buck with the most points was won by Scott Page of Ft. Myers, FL, who entered a buck with a grand total of 15 points. The deer was harvested on the 88 Ranch in Edwards County. Page will receive a pair of Vivitar binoculars for his winning entry.

The third division in the Rafter W Big Buck contest was for the longest spike entry. Tommy Snook of Livingston, Tx, will receive a Buck Hunting knife for his entry of a spike totaling 17 3/8 that was killed on the Elbow lake ranch in Sutton county.

Rafter W would like to thank all hunters who entered the Big Buck contest and brought in the good bucks to be judged.

Producers Livestock Auction

Tue Jan 18, 2000

Sheep Auction: Estimated receipts for today: 8000. Last Tuesday: 10945. Same day last year: 9847.

Compared with last week, slaughter lambs firm. Slaughter ewes firm to 2.00 higher. Feeder lambs steady. Trading fairly active, demand good. Quality average. Supply included 40 percent slaughter ewes, 15 percent slaughter lambs, 10 percent feeder lambs, balance goats.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice 2-3 shorn and woolled 90-125 lb 67.00-76.00, few 78.00-81.00; 125-150 lb 65.00-68.00. Good and Choice woolled 60-90 lb 82.00-89.00; new crop 45-70 lb 106.00-110.00.

Slaughter Ewes: Good and Choice 2-4 38.00-47.00, set 35.00; Utility and Good 1-3 42.00-49.50, few 50.00-55.00;

Utility 1-2 38.00-42.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 30.00-38.00.

Slaughter Bucks: 35.00-42.00, set 49.00.

Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2 40-60 lb 85.00-90.00; 70-90 lb 80.00-86.00. Medium and Large 2 40-60 lb 78.00-85.00; 60-90 lb 75.00-80.00.

Goats: Slaughter - Meat Goats: Billies: 100-150 lb 70.00-120.00 per head; 150-225 lb 105.00-155.00 per head.

Nannies: 70-115 lb 54.00-61.00 cwt; thin 60-90 lb 44.00-54.00 cwt.

Kids and Yearlings: Choice and Prime 40-85 lb 85.00-95.00 cwt set 98.00 cwt; 85-125 lb 66.00-76.00 cwt, few 79.00-84.00 cwt. Choice 40-95 lb 75.00-85.00 cwt. Good 40-95 lb 65.00-75.00 cwt. Source: USDA

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to 2.00 higher. Spanish kids steady

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Slaughter Ewes: Good 2-3:

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Barbados: Ewes: Utility to Good:

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Slaughter Goats:

Spanish Goats: Kids and

Yearlings: Choice and Prime: 15-35

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88.00.

Nannies: 60-90 lbs 55.00-64.00.

Muttons and Billies: 80-150 lbs

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Angora Goats:

Kids: Choice and Prime: 15-35

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lbs 80.00-82.50; 35-65 lbs 79.00-

84.00; Muttons 55.00-60.50; Billies

40.00-51.00. Source: USDA

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New Louis Dreyfus; 5650', Leo H McMillan 108-#16, Patterson Drilling.

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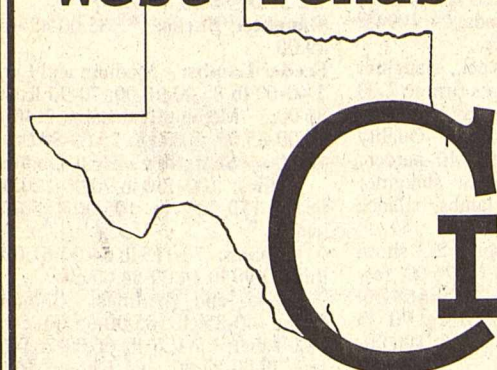
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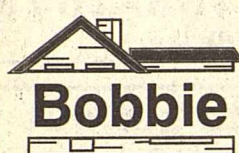
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