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## News Briefs



### Social Security

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his August visit to Sonora. He will be at the County Courthouse on Thursday, August 20, between 9:30 a. m. and 10:30 a. m.

Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time.

### Minor league party

The players on all 6 minor league ball teams are invited to a swim party on Monday, July 27th from 6:30 to 8:30 p. m. at the city pool. Families are welcome; bring your lawn chairs. Team moms will contact each family about bringing canned drinks and cookies.

Call Kathy Hardgrave for more information.

### Immunization clinic

The Texas Department of Health will hold an immunization clinic on Monday, July 27th from 9:30 a. m. until 12 noon and from 1-3 p. m.

Their office is located at 211 Hwy 277 North.

### Reunion

Some friends of Claudette Wipff are organizing a reunion for all "children" that she has kept in past years.

If you, your children or someone you know stayed with Claudette please contact Ronda or Sharon with addresses to help notify everyone. Call 915-387-2460 M-F or 915-387-2448 Sat.-Sun.

### Depot available

The newly renovated Cauthorn Memorial Building, formerly the Sonora Depot, is now available for leasing to small or large groups for meetings, reunions, receptions, and other gatherings.

Contact Kathy Davis at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce in order to rent the facility. The Chamber address is 706 Crockett and the phone number is 387-2880.

For further information contact the Chamber office.

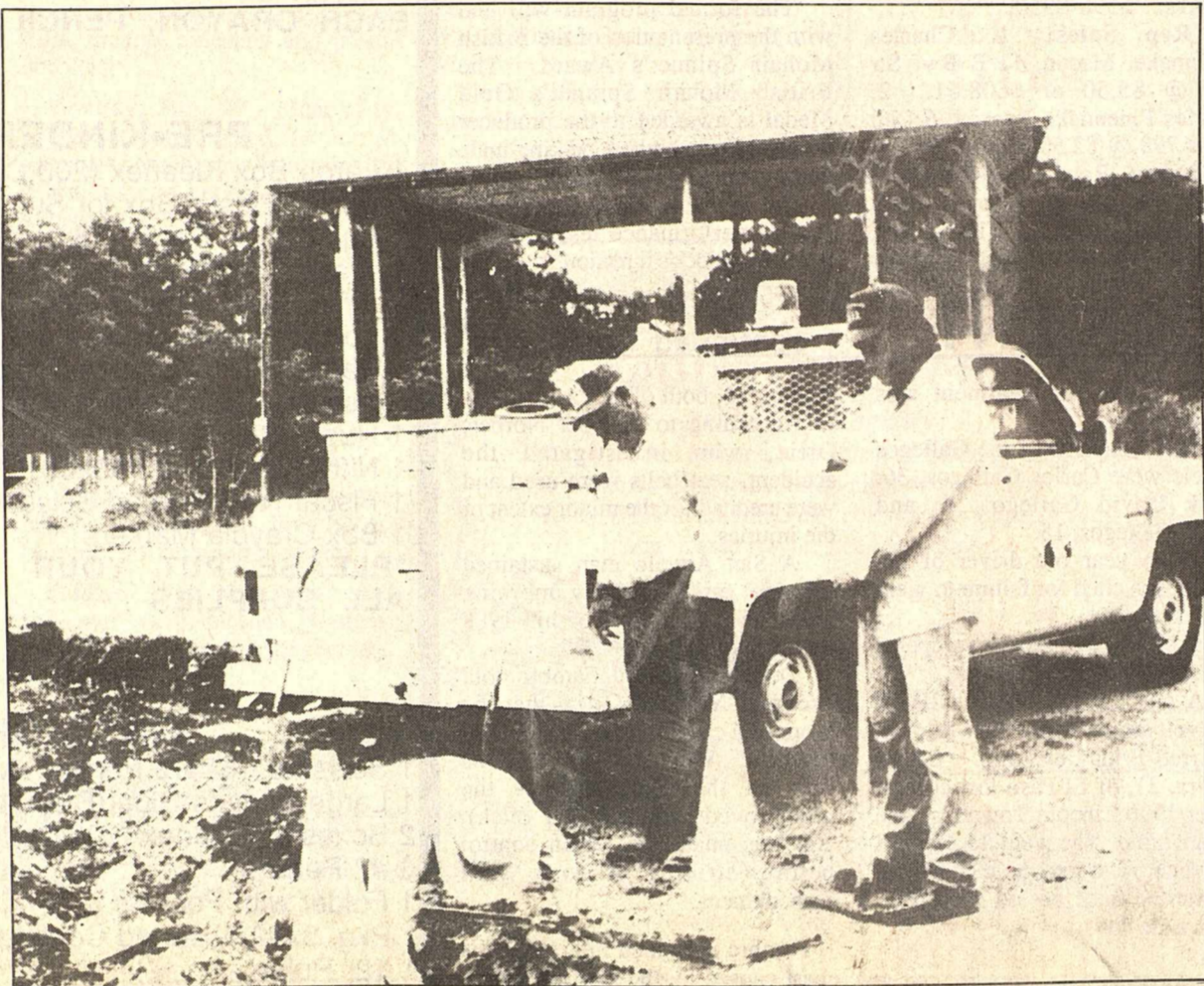
### Mammograms

Planned Parenthood is making available FREE mammograms for low income women 40 or over on Friday, July 31 at 2619 Sherwood Way, call (915) 944-1909 for appointment.

### Steer saddling

Anyone interested in entering a steer saddling contest during the Sutton County Days Rodeo should call 387-3193 or 387-5336.

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**HARD AT WORK** - City of Sonora employees work to improve the conditions at Liberty Park. Improvements were discussed at the City Council meeting held Tuesday, July 21. Look for results of that meeting in the July 30 edition of the Devil's River News.

## Oral arguments heard in appeal by Lone Star gas in civil case decision

by Marti McLain  
Contributing Writer

On Wednesday, July 15th, the Fourth Court of Appeals in San Antonio heard oral arguments concerning a civil case originating in Sutton County in Judge Brock Jones' 112th Judicial District. Hearing the arguments were Judge People, Judge Butts, and Judge Berry. The case between Martha Miers' and family and Lone Star Gas, joined by Enserch Corporation and Enserch Exploration, Inc. lasted some 8 weeks last summer in the Sutton County Courthouse. Judge Brock Jones' interpretation of the jury's verdict is being appealed by the corporations involved.

Representing the corporations are Dustin Fillmore of Dallas and E. R. Norwood of Liberty, Texas, and Robert Keith of Johnson City.

Representing Martha Miers and the members of the Sutton County ranching family are Jeffery Hart, Walter Cardwell, Bruce Bennett, and James D. Baskin, III of Austin.

The case resulted from the discovery of an underground pipeline in the Oakridge gas field in Edwards and Sutton Counties. The gathering system containing a secret gas line, which by-passed the pay meter, was built by Lone Star and had been in operation 13 years. The jury found corporate guilt in the taking of gas through negligence and through conversion, but did not find guilt of fraud. The jury listed \$1.3 million in damage through negligence and \$1.3 million in damages through conversion. The jury made no punitive award. Judge Brock Jones interpreted the verdict to mean the damages for gas taken totaled 2.6 million. The judgement was for \$2.3 million with \$504,328.76 in pre-judgement interest.

Lone Star Gas appealed the verdict on 5 points of error. Lone Star had a "running objection" to all witnesses and evidence presented in the case. Lone Star maintained that the Miers' family had failed to "timely and properly disclose their witnesses and evidence." The Miers family contends that all witnesses and evidence were disclosed. The argument centers around the fact that only one member of the Miers' family signed

the documents. The corporate attorneys had sent only one copy of the papers and only one copy was returned. The corporations maintain that all members of the family should have sent multiple copies (one signed by each family member).

The corporate position is that all

## Goat test & sale set for July 30th

The annual Angora Goat Performance Test and Sale conducted by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES) is set for July 30. The station is located 28 miles south of Sonora on Highway 55. The day will start with an informal inspection of the animals lasting until lunchtime.

Over 250 bucks from some of the world's top flocks completed the test. Between 50 and 60 of these are eligible for the sale. Test coordinators commented that the animals' overall performance was the best in several years.

"As a group, the billies gained very well this year averaging .55 lb/day of body weight gain," said Dr. Chris Lupton, San Angelo-based TAES researcher and test coordinator. "Final weights and grease fleece weights are both higher compared to previous years. Surprisingly, the mohair is a little finer than usual. Since the feed is the same, we attribute this to a combination of relatively cool weather during the test, experienced husbandry and the producers' ability to pick goats that do well under the test conditions."

The Edwards County 4-H Club will cater a dutch-treat barbecue lunch beginning at 11:45 a. m.

The lunch will be followed by a brief educational program from 1 p. m. - 2:30 p. m. Dr. Frank Craddock, Extension sheep and goat specialist from San Angelo will host the session which will include talks on timely treatments for lice control by Dr. Tom Fuchs, Extension entomologist at San Angelo, and a processor's perspective by David Lawford, managing director of Texas International Mohair at Brady.

Other scheduled speakers and their topics include: "Comparison of

evidence presented in the case should have been ruled inadmissible. Without any evidence, the jury would not have found a reason for damages. The evidence and theory of Claiborne, an engineer and an expert witness for the Miers' family was

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## Diets for Performance Testing Angora Billies

Terry Blair, territory manager, Acco Feeds, San Angelo and Dr. Millard Calhoun, Professor, TAES, San Angelo; "IMA Conference Report and Mohair Situation", Dr. Brian May, executive director, Mohair Council of America, San Angelo, and "Recognition of Undesirable Fiber Types in Angora Goats and

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## Accidents keep Troopers busy

Highway Patrol Officers were kept busy last week with a series of accidents.

Andre Bergeron, 40, of Pompano Beach, Florida was travelling down IH-10 last Wednesday morning when several deer ran onto the roadway in front of him. Bergeron, driving a 1992 Kenworth Truck Tractor, swerved to avoid the deer and lost control of his rig. The truck overturned and landed on its right side.

Bergeron was taken to Hudspeth Memorial Hospital where he was treated and released. No charges were filed according to Texas Highway Patrol Trooper Ruben Terrones.

Rodney Charles Eigenheer, 40, of Fontana, California was travelling east on IH-10 last Wednesday when he lost control of the tractor trailer rig he was driving.

According to a report filed by Trooper L.D. Whitton, Eigenheer fell asleep at the wheel and left the road on the left side, entering the median and travelled east in the west bound lane. The truck then struck a guard rail and skidded along the side of the rail. No injuries were reported.

## Teaching team awarded \$12 thousand in grants

The teaching team of Carol Love and Julie Martin of Sonora Junior High have been awarded \$12,000 in educational grants from GTE for the 1993-94 academic year.

The team will use the grants to pursue a math and science project at the junior high. A total of nine two-teacher teams from Texas were awarded grants, including a team from Abilene Lincoln Middle School and Amarillo Mann Middle School.

GTE awarded the grants through its "Growth Initiatives for Teacher" (GIFT) program, which encourages excellence in mathematics and science education by providing up to \$5,000 for the professional development of two-member teams of teachers. Those teachers instruct math and science in grades six through 12. The GIFT grant also included \$7,000 for an educational-enrichment project in teach teams' school.

The teams are among 61 teams of teachers from 30 states and the District of Columbia who are receiving the grants, which total \$732,000 for the 1993-94 school year. The GIFT awards are administered and funded by the GTE Foundation, GTE's philanthropic arm, on behalf of the corporation and its subsidiaries.

"GTE's pleased to be able to sponsor this program and assist our local educators," said Hardy White, Mid-West Texas Division Manager

for GTE. "We believe the continued support of our education programs help improve mathematics and science education in the nation's secondary schools. In fact, more than 50 percent of GTE Foundation's \$21 million budget will go to support education in 1993."

Teachers who applied for GIFT grants submitted detailed proposals of their professional development programs and of their education-enrichment projects. The winners were chosen by a panel of mathematics and science educators under the guidance of the

Educational Testing Service of Princeton, N. J., and the GTE Foundation.

## Math & Science Discovery Center

The project at Sonora Junior High, entitled the Math and Science Discovery Center, will assist students to make a correlation between math, science, English, social studies and computers. The focus of the project will be help at-risk students identify legitimate connections between curriculum areas through hands-on experiences and allow gifted and talented students to enhance classroom knowledge and experience.

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## Bloodworth to speak at Covered Wagon Theater

The Covered Wagon Dinner Theater continues its fifth season this Saturday, July 25, with the tall tales of Mr. L. P. Bloodworth. L. P. is an expert on the history of the American West and is particularly versed in the lore of our native Americans. Don't get the idea that this will be a boring lecture. Nothing could be further from the truth! Come and be entertained.

Bill and Moe will also entertain bringing their unique musical talent to Sonora. This will be a special show! One of Sonora's local clergy persons will be the host for the evening.

The Covered Wagon Dinner Theater is an open air theater on the grounds of the Caverns of Sonora. It is a celebration of the stories and flavor of this part of the country.

The mix of entertainment brings our stories to life in tall tales and music of many styles. The Caverns are located three miles south of Interstate 10, six miles east of Sonora.

The meal begins each Saturday night at 6:30. The show is at 7:00. Cost for the meal is \$7. The show costs \$5. You can buy show tickets without the meal. Children 11 and under have a reduced price meal and are admitted to the show for free.

The Theater's season continues each Saturday evening through August 15.

For more information please contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880 or the Caverns of Sonora at 387-3105.

Friday afternoon Trooper Ruben Terrones was called to the scene of an accident at the intersection of Santa Rosa and Ben Juarez Streets.

The 16 year old driver of a 1979 Ford pickup (name not released) failed to yield right-of-way as he

travelled north on Ben Juarez Street. The driver of the other vehicle, Antonia Gallegos, 32, was travelling west on Santa Rosa at the time of the accident.

Sutton County EMS was called

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**SLICK SITUATION** - Highway Patrol Trooper Norbert Ortiz investigates an accident Friday evening in which an El Paso family received minor injuries. Wet weather conditions was a factor of the accident.



## Ask the Historical Society

by Sutton Co. Historical Society

What is the earliest record of oil being found in Sutton County?

The following is the earliest record of oil being found in Sutton County that we could find in the back issues of the Devil's River News: Devil's River News, May 30, 1891-- Struck Oil

W. B. Rountree, the well driller called at the Devil's River News office Tuesday, with a sample of fine lubricating oil, which he

obtained from J. T. Cooper's well near Sonora. At a depth of 390 feet the oil vein was struck, and the flow increased until out of five barrels of water and oil pumped from the well, three barrels of oil were obtained. The oil is of a brown or bronze-green color about the consistency of treacle, with a strong body. It has been tried on machinery and proves equal to the best lubricating oil bought for that purpose. Mat Smith, blacksmith for F. M. Wyatt, used some for

drilling spring steel, which is the hardest used, and it gave perfect satisfaction. The only and original Devil's River News oiled up its double-back-action G. Washington hand press with the unctuous liquid and will use no other. Indications of oil were found some time ago in the King, which is a few miles east of the Cooper well, but was not considered to be insufficient quantity to justify operations. It is the general belief that oil may be  
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## New Arrival Thomas Ethan Morriss

Desirae and Stephani Morriss announce the arrival of their baby brother, Thomas Ethan at The Methodist Hospital, San Antonio, Texas on July 11, 1992 at 8:17 p. m. He weighed 7 pounds and was 20 inches long.

Proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Steve Morriss. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Morris of Uvalde, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hawkins of San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Paganucci Sr. of Canyon Lake, Texas.

## Thunderbird Public Transportation System Schedule

Monday thru Friday

8:45 - 9:00 a. m. Work run (Need a ride to work?)  
10:15 a. m. Senior Center pick-up  
1:00 p. m. Senior Center returns afternoon work run

Monday thru Friday ONLY

1:00 p. m. Bill paying, shopping errands  
The 3rd Wednesday of each Month--San Angelo-1st come-1st served for medical priorities  
Call by 10 a. m. the day before you need a ride and call as early as possible to sign up for the San Angelo trip.  
Public Trips are 50¢ one way locally and donations are gladly accepted from Senior Citizens. Out of town trips are \$3 round trip.  
To find out more or to make reservations call 387-5657 or 387-3941.

The great pleasure of a dog is that you may make a fool of yourself with him and not only will he not scold you, but he will make a fool of himself too.  
—Samuel Butler

## Cards of thanks

The family of Allene W. Williams want to extend their deepest appreciation for cards, calls and expressions of sympathy during their loss.

Thankfully  
Beverly Valliant and Family  
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Dear Friends,  
Decky, Don, April and Anita want to thank all of your for your expressions of love and concern.

The crisis Decky has been going through has been made easier because of the prayers, cards, and call of so many friends.

He is on the mend now and in another week we hope to be home and able to thank all of you in person.

Sonora is truly a caring community and we greatly appreciate our hometown.

Sincerely,  
Decky, Don, April and Anita  
Spiller  
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We would like to express our appreciation to the Sutton County Volunteer Fire Department, Schleicher County Fire Department, and to all those that helped out in some way with the grass fire on the B. E. Stallworth Ranch.

Sincerely,  
Tobin and Sherry Joy

## Cards of thanks

We do not have words to express our thanks for all the visits, cards, phone calls, and flowers while Curt was in the hospital. Our special thanks to Don Jones, Monte Jones, and Clyde Dukes for visits and prayers.

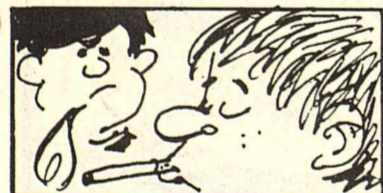
Curt and Wilna Schwiening  
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We, the family of Belle McKee, wish to thank all our friends and relatives for their kind expressions of sympathy in the loss of our mother.

Thank you all for your gifts of food, flowers, cards and memorials. Your prayers, visits and telephone calls were very much appreciated.

We would like to extend a special thanks to Dr. Pajestka, and the staff at the Hudspeth Nursing Home and Hospital; and to Don Jones for being here for all our family and for a beautiful service.

Bernice and Jack Hearn  
Myrt and Lee Armentrout  
Herb and Betty Sue McKee  
Alice and Quinton Rogers and families



Statistics suggest that young people who do not smoke before the age of 20 are unlikely to start, while those who do smoke as teenagers may become addicted for years.

## Senior Center menu

Thursday, July 23 - Chicken salad on lettuce leaves, french fried potatoes, peas & carrots, crackers and apple cheese crisp.

Friday, July 24 - Turkey w/giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, combread dressing, green beans, hot rolls, creamy coleslaw and peach cobbler.

Monday, July 27 - Meat patty w/cheese, potato salad, lettuce & tomatoes, hamburger bun, pickles & onions and chocolate pudding w/topping.

Tuesday, July 28 - Enchiladas w/cheese, pinto beans, zucchini squash, crackers, tomato slices and purple plums.

Wednesday, July 29 - Chicken creole, corn, green beans, hot rolls, pears w/cheese and rice crispie squares.

Thursday, July 30 - Salmon patties w/tartar sauce, lima beans, broccoli, hot rolls and brownies.

Friday, July 31 - Roast beef w/brown gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, hot rolls and gingerbread w/topping.

## Engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fincher and Mr. Mobin McAnally are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Kendra Michele to Christopher Carl Vvylecka.

Mr. Vvylecka is the son of Mr. Joe Vvylecka of Jourdanton and Mrs. Barbara Garcia of Poplar, Wisconsin.

The couple will be married on Saturday, August 15, 1992.

The ceremony will be at the Cauthorn Memorial Building at 6:00 in the evening.

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Kelly Whitehead, bride-elect of William Epperson  
Ninfa Garcia, bride-elect of Manuel-Martinez  
Mrs. David Reyna, nee Jane Nunez  
101 NW Concho 387-2541

Please join us at First Baptist Church of Sonora for a happy occasion at a reception honoring **Rena Elliott** on her 88th birthday and her retirement after 40 years of service as church pianist.  
Sunday, July 26, 1992  
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**To Our Friends & Relatives:**  
Please come by our house Sunday evening, July 26, from 8:00 'til 11:00 p.m. and have a piece of cake with us on my birthday.  
**Mabel VanderStucken**

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Find the **0** and win \$  
Mail or bring your entry (photocopies will not be accepted) to the Devil's River News office by 5 p.m. Monday. Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. we will draw to determine the order of the winning numbers. If the numbers you have submitted match the order of the winning numbers drawn then you win \$25 Cash. If no one wins the \$25 for that week the prize will double to \$50 and will continue to increase until we have a winner!  
Find the numbers in this weeks paper and place them in **ANY** order  
Winning order of numbers this week: **19 11 13**  
Four (4) numbers hidden in this week's paper!  
You must be 18 years of age or older to play  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total cash prize available next week is **\$25**  
Game ends September 1, 1992. At that time if there is money still yet to be won, a final drawing will be held from all the entries received. In the event that more than one entry matches the numbers drawn, the money will be divided equally among the winning entries.

## Death Notices

### Alice Belle McKee

Alice Belle McKee, 85, of Sonora, Texas died at 12:15 p. m. Tuesday, July 14, 1992 in Hudspeth Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. McKee was born March 5, 1907 to Marion and Hattie Adams Sutton County. She was married to Herbert A. McKee, Sr. on December 21, 1925. He preceded her in death, August 1, 1986. She was a resident of Sonora, Texas and a former resident of Ozona and Coleman, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a. m., Thursday, July 16, in Kerbow Funeral Chapel, Don Jones, Church of Christ Minister officiated. Burial was held in Sonora Cemetery directed by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Herbert A. McKee, Jr. and Betty Sue of Coleman; two daughters and son-in-laws, Bernice and Jack Hearn, Myrtle and Lee Armentrout, all of Sonora, and a daughter and son-in-law, Alice and Quinton Rogers of College Station; sister, Louise Hearn of Sonora; 3 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were her grandsons, Jack Hearn, Jr. Allen Hearn, Rick McKee, Randy McKee, Stacy McKee and David Rogers.

in Las Vegas, N. M., and a master's degree from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, N. M.

She was a retired teacher, having taught in the Jal, N. M., school district.

Mrs. Williams was a member of Pioneer Drive Baptist Church and had been a member of the Jal, N. M., Chapter of Eastern Star.

Survivors include her husband, Fenton Williams of Abilene; a daughter, Beverly Ann Valliant of Sonora; a son, Tom West of Seminole; a grandson, Tom Valliant of Sonora and three other grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren, Tavia, Tori, Trapper and Travis Valliant all of Sonora.

### Thomasa G. Niavez

Thomasa "Tomista" G. Niavez, 93, died Wednesday, July 15, 1992, in Concho County Nursing Home in Eden.

Prayer services were held Friday, July 17 in Johnson's Funeral Home chapel. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 18 in Iglesia Presbiteriana Nazareth, Rev. Tomas Chavez officiated. Burial followed in Calvary Cemetery.

Mrs. Niavez was born December 21, 1898, in Sonora, Texas. She married Juan Niavez, who preceded her in death in 1973. She was a homemaker and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by three sons, Ruben Niavez and wife, Maria, of Eden, Cruz Niavez and wife, Rachael, of Atlanta, Georgia, and Juan Niavez and wife, Elvira, of Sayre, Oklahoma; six daughters, Maria Lopez and husband, Leon, of San Angelo, Feliz Martinez of San Angelo, Corina Lopez and husband, Manuel, of Eden, Hilaria Aguirre of San Angelo, Rosa Garcia and husband, Carlos, of Borger, and Toni Holguin and husband, Joe, of San Angelo; 40 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and three brothers, Perfecto, Manuel and Antonio Gomez, all of San Angelo.

Grandsons will be pallbearers.

Only two classes of books are of universal appeal: the very best and the very worst.

—Ford Madox Ford

Nobility is defined by the demands it makes on us-by obligations, not by rights.

—José Ortega Y Gasset

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

found in greater quantity a few miles west or south-west of the present well. Chas. F. Adams and Geo. W. Morris, were at the well Tuesday and believe that an output of six barrels a day is not exaggerating the capacity of the vein. The Stockman's Paradise has oil, coal and silver awaiting development.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County History send them to Ask the Historical Society, P. O. Box 885, Sonora, Texas 76950-0885 or call us at 387-5144 or 387-2855.

We are still looking for pictures of everyone who is buried in the Sonora Cemetery to match up with copies of obituaries in our files. This is a very important project and we will not be able to complete it without your assistance. Please look through your pictures and see if you have one you could spare, or have copies made of them for our records. Thank you.

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### Allene W. Williams

Allene W. Williams, 75, of Abilene, Texas, died Saturday, July 1, 1992 in Abilene.

Services were held Monday, July 3 at the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Memories, with Dr. George Gaston officiating. Burial followed with a graveside service in Dunn Cemetery.

Mrs. Williams was born in Breckenridge and graduated from Snyder High School. She received degree from Highlands University

If your loved one is in need of more care than you can give, but you resist a nursing home, **Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital** has a "long term" program that might be just the right thing for you! For more information about taking advantage of 24-hour nursing care in the hospital call **387-2521**

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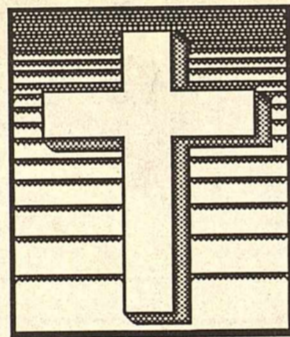
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## Focus on Education Site-based decision making

Our school district is required by law to implement a Site-Based Decision Making Process as described in an article published earlier in the *Devil's River News*. The first step in the process is the selection of a District Site-Based Decision Making Team who will have the responsibility of developing a District Plan. This plan must be developed prior to September 1, 1992. A public hearing is required prior to board consideration of the District Plan. After board approval, the plan is sent to the Commissioner of Education for his consideration. The Site-Based Decision Making council (Team) will meet on Tuesday, July 28 at 1:00 p. m. in

the Junior High Library. It will require several meetings to develop the plan and I would like to express my appreciation to the following individuals for giving of their time to serve on the committee:

Community Representatives: Ray Smith, Sutton County National Bank and Yolanda Avila, First National Bank.

Parent Representatives: Zeke Gamez, Sandra L. Gonzalez, Carol Mayer and Susan Mirike.

Teacher Representatives: Rita Hale, Reed Jennings, Susie Moore, and Linda Wallace.

Teacher/Supervisor: Lori Solis.

Principal Representative: Janet Patton.

## FFA students attend convention

Seven members of the Sonora FFA chapter attended the 64th Annual Texas FFA Convention held July 14-17, 1992 in Amarillo.

Members attending this year's convention were Elba Schwiening, Gabriel Davis, Stormi Mathews, Billy Lippman, David Tucker and Dawn Keese, sponsor Mrs. B. F. Mathews and Eric Geske (voting delegate).

FFA Advisor for Sonora FFA is Lee Bloodworth. This 64th convention featured the election of new state FFA officers, selections of the first Mr./Miss Texas FFA team and guest speakers, and business meetings in general sessions of the convention. More than 2,000 members were recognized for achievement and \$891,000 in scholarships were awarded.

FFA is a vocational organization made up of students enrolled in Agriculture Science and Technology classes.



**ACCIDENT** - Local law enforcement officers investigate an accident that occurred on Friday afternoon at Santa Rosa and Ben Juarez streets. Medical treatment was refused at the scene.

## Football students need physicals

Football season is just around the corner and there are some important dates that all High School football players need to be aware of.

Shoes will be issued to all High School players on Thursday, August 6. Two-a-day workouts will begin on Monday, August 10.

All players entering the 7th and 9th grades must get a physical. Sonora ISD will pay for all 9th grade physicals. All 9th grade athletes should make an appointment at Dr. Pajestka's office to get their physical.

All 7th graders may get their physical from Dr. Pajestka for \$15 or choose their own doctor. It is important that the proper physical form is used for the examination. Physical forms may be picked up at the fieldhouse, administration building, or Dr. Pajestka's office.

Each athlete entering the 7th or 9th grade needs to make arrangements for their physical as soon as possible to avoid a logjam

at the doctor's office as the season nears.

If there are any questions concerning the upcoming season call Coach Bellard at 7-2839 or 7-3632.

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The one-day orientation programs afford students and parents a look at all aspects of university life.

According to Nolen Mears, associate dean of student life at ASU and director of the orientation activities, one of the most important facets of Preview ASU is the preregistration procedure for the 1992 Fall Semester. Students meet with academic advisors in regard to selection of majors and course work and student counselors are available to assist with class scheduling. The preregistration process is completed, and participants will have copies of their fall semester schedules before they leave the campus.

Openings for the program are still available for several weekday sessions, including Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 29-31, and Saturday, August 1. Interested students should check with the Dean of Student Life Office, 942-2191, to confirm openings and register for the Preview activities.

Registration fee is \$12 per student and \$6 for each parent or guest. Both fees include lunch for the day.



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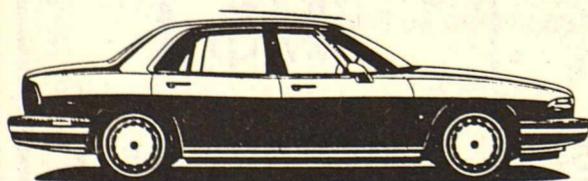


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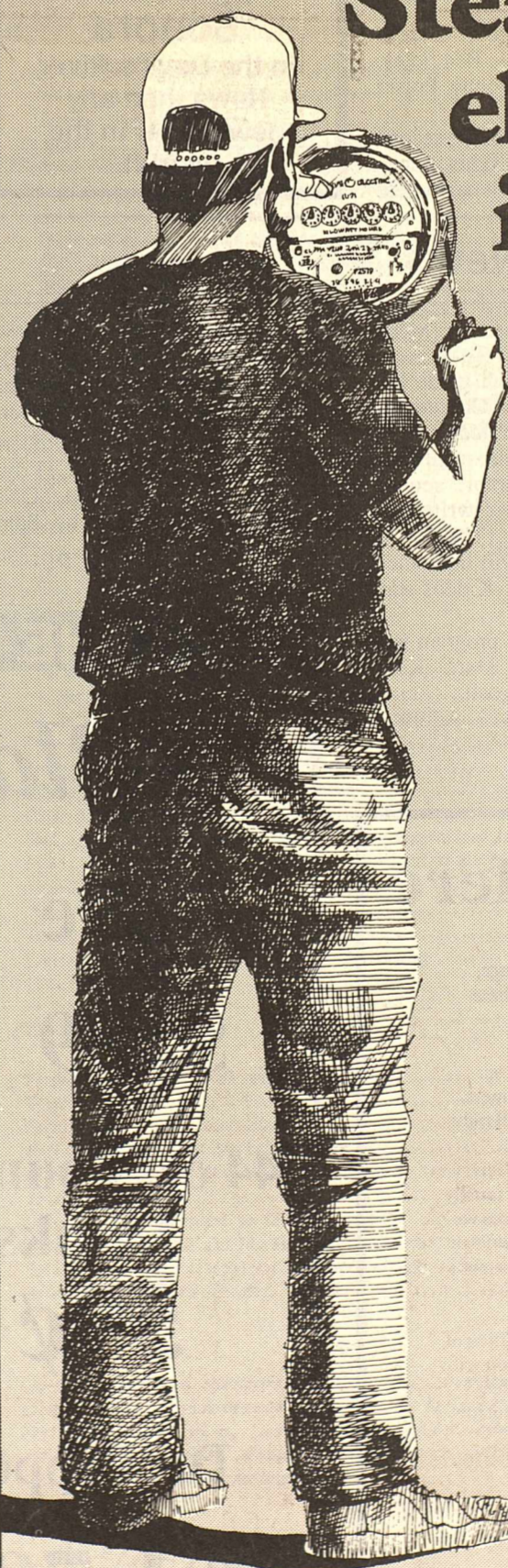
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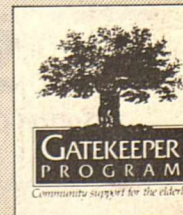
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## Golf auxiliary holds meeting

The Sonora Golf Auxiliary meet on Wednesday, July 15 at the Sutton County Steakhouse.

Carole Thorp and Michelle Anderson were hostesses.

The meeting was called to order and the minutes and financial report were read and approved. Details for the 4 Lady Tournament held July 18 were finalized. Stephanie Virgen was chosen as the auxiliary's Sutton County Days Queen candidate.

Members attending were Jane Archer, Pam Browning, Kathy Davis, Tressa Henson, Juanita McBride, Benita Martinez, Sue Moore, Fae Morgan, Ethel Olson,

Ebbie Sutton, Janelle Sparks, Lauri Smith, Patti Prather, Frances Tackel, Carole Thorp, and Becky York. Michelle Krieg was a guest.

Upcoming activities discussed were the Annual Couples Tournament date which was changed from September 12 and 13 to September 19 and 20. An 18 hole scramble will be held Saturday, September 12 to benefit the Senior Citizens Center. All golfers are welcome to play.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, August 19 at noon at the Sutton County Steakhouse.

The auxiliary meets the third Wednesday of every month.

## Golf board holds monthly meeting

The Sonora Golf Club Board held their monthly meeting on Monday, July 13th at the Golf Club.

The board discussed the purchase of six 1988 4-wheel golf carts. They were to be delivered on Monday, July 20th. Three of the old rent carts have been sold. Better lighting fixtures have also been installed at the putting green.

The loud speaker system has been purchased and installed. "Thank you" to everyone who helped with it.

John Parsons and Charlie Graves met with the board to ask for the Golf Club's co-operation with an American Cancer Society fund raiser, which was approved.

A committee was formed to look into buying new tee marker signs for each tee box. The old ones are in bad shape and beyond repair.

Members attending were Virgil Burge, Billy Bob Galbreath, Jane Archer, Savell Shannon, Randy Sparks, Mike Percifull and Frances Tackel. Not present were Bob Jackson, Michelle Anderson, Allan Prather and Steve Thorp.

A request to have a "Cowboy" Golf Tournament during Sutton County Days was approved. This tournament will be for rodeo contestants.

The next meeting will be Monday, August 10 at 6:30 p. m. at the Golf Club. The Golf Board meets the second Monday of every month.

## Forty-eight enjoy scramble

The Thursday scramble on July 16 had only forty-eight golfers participating. They were divided into nine teams. The teams and scores as follows:

1st-Mike Percifull, Joe Casillas, George Noriega, Michelle Krieg, and Irene Casillas with 7 under.

2nd-Albert Bosmans, Jane Archer, John Adams, Hoot Hearn, Curtis Weant, and Joe Bob Ragsdale with 6 under.

3rd-Oliver Wuest, Virgil Burge, Bill Savell, Darla Lipham, and Ebbie Sutton with 5 under. This team won a three way putt-off to take 3rd place when Oliver sank his putt.

Joe Moore, Shawn Price, Roy Roach, John Cartwright, and Shelly Shannon with 5 under.

Primo Gonzalez, John Casparis, Jack Adkins, Jimmy Crowder, and Susan Crowder with 5 under.

Bobby Taylor, Randy Sparks, James Edmondson, Frances Tackel, and Harvey DuRussell with 4 under.

Gene Thompson, Richard Gonzales, Buddy Brown, Glen Fisher, and Juanita McBride with 4 under.

Papo Sanchez, Mike Nikolauk, Clay Gibson, Clyde Dukes, Brent Gagneaux, and Tommie Sanchez with 3 under.

Willie Gutierrez, Harold Martinez, Boyd Badley, Red Foley, Jodie Finklea, and Bobby Potski with 1 under.

No team had a skin for the second week in a row, so the skins money will be carried over until next week.

## Library News

The Summer Reading Program is well over half way over at the Sutton County Library. The children of all ages have been enjoying themselves from sidewalk writing to Best Dressed Christopher Columbus to decorating the front desk to look like under the sea.

Winners of the Best Dressed Christopher Columbus contest were: Pre-K - 5th grade: 1st place, Thia McKissack; \$25 gift certificate from Sonora Caverns, 2nd and 3rd place were Andrew and Steven Barthelemy. Sixth-eighth grade: 1st place, Karla Gonzales; small

portable radio donated by Merle Norman.

Sixth through eighth grade had their Best Drawing of Christopher Columbus Ship on Friday. First place was Rito Renteria; meal from Commercial Restaurant; second place, Amy Ramirez, write and wipe memo board. The Pre-K through fifth grade will have their contest on July 31st. Kiddos start drawing!

The last day for the program will be on Friday, July 31st. Keep reading to reach your goal!

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## Ladies tourney deemed success

The Sonora Ladies Golf Auxiliary held their first ever four-lady tournament on July 18, and it was deemed quite a success. Hopefully this will become an annual event.

The auxiliary members would like to thank everyone who helped, including Jim Covington, Quade Sutton, Allan Prather, Matt Davis, Mike McBride, Phil Browning, and Beth Covington.

Given as door prizes were a gift certificate from Kyle Nunn at Bronco Sports & Supply and an insulated beverage container from Juanita McBride. Doyle Morgan Insurance donated the cash prizes for the longest drive and closest to the pin. A special thank you to Linda Love at the Sutton County Steak House for preparing and serving a delicious luncheon.

There were twelve teams competing and several local teams were among the winners. The results were as follows:

Championship Flight: 1st-Jane Archer, Velta Bosmans, Juanita McBride, and Frances Tackel with a 65. 2nd-Absher, Hakes, Drake and Hartman with a 66.

First Flight: 1st-Kyle, Davenport, Lawson, and Giles with a 72. 2nd-Ebbie Sutton, Shelly Shannon, Paige Ragsdale, and Karrie Self with 76. The team of Lauri Smith, Tressa Henson, Pam Browning, and Marla Percifull also shot a 76, but they lost on the score card play-off.

Second Flight: 1st-Michelle Anderson, Trudy Niblett, Michelle Krieg, and Becky York with a 79. 2nd-Darla Lipham, Benita Martinez, Sue Moore, and Sue Scott with an 80.

Ann Drake of Iraan won the longest drive on #8 and Frances Tackel won nearest to the pin on #2.

## Three Sonorans to participate in Texas Folklife Festival Aug. 6-8

Three Sonora citizens will be on hand for the 21st Annual Texas Folklife Festival to be held August 6-9, in San Antonio.

Jim Stephen, gunsmith, Rev. Monte Jones, storyteller, and Jimmy Cahill with a mohair products demonstration are among the many participants who join in the fun at the Folklife Festival.

Produced and presented annually by the Institute of Texan Cultures, the Festival brings the foods, dances, crafts, and stories of more than 30 ethnic and cultural groups that settled our state to the 15-acre grounds of the Institute.

Begun in 1972 as an extension of the Institute's educational mission, the Texas Folklife Festival continues to serve as an unequalled extravaganza where fun and education meet. This 21st edition will feature many returning

favorites as well as a generous portion of new participants, all of which are sure to make this Texas tradition a winner with the more than 100,000 anticipated visitors.

For information about the Festival or to order advance tickets, write The Texas Folklife, P. O. Box 1226, San Antonio, Texas 78294, or call 512/226-7651.

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## Texas campaign to begin

A statewide public education campaign to encourage Texans to compost, "Don't Bag It" and recycle everything they can has been launched across Texas to address the problem of bulging Texas landfills and growing environmental issues.

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## Narciso Lira to participate in LDZ legislative session

Georgetown - Each July for the past decade, while most kids in Texas are soaking up rays at the local pool, hundreds of promising Hispanic teens converge on Southwestern University to soak up leadership skills.

The LDZ program is sponsored by the National Hispanic Institute to improve student's decision-making skills and problem-solving abilities, to instill pride in their Hispanic heritage and to encourage them to attend the best colleges and universities in the country.

recruited by more than 60 nationally-recognized universities ranging from Harvard and Stanford to Southwestern University, Vassar and Wellesley.

Narciso Lira III, son of Narciso Jr. and Evangelina Lira, is among some 235 top Hispanic high school sophomores who will attend the Lorenzo de Zavala Youth Legislative Session (LDZ) at Southwestern University July 26 through August 2. The national recognized program is named for the governor of the state of Mexico in 1827, who became the first vice-president of the Republic of Texas in 1836. The state archives and library building in Austin are named in Zavala's honor, as is Zavala County. Zavala was one of 59 men who originally drafted and signed the Constitution of the Republic of Texas in 1836.

Southwestern alumnus Ernesto Nieto and his wife, Gloria de Leon, founded LDZ to help stem the "brain-drain" from Hispanic communities. Nieto said he named the program after Lorenzo de Zavala because "he was the Hispanic George Washington. He was a passionate lover of education and personal freedoms," said Nieto, a 1964 graduate of Southwestern.

The students work together with other delegates expressing individual views on various social issues through youth-directed political parties, resolutions, and elected officials. The legislative session is organized around a House, Senate, Supreme Court and Governor's Cabinet.

To build leadership skills, the LDZ participants learn to debate, elect officers and hold a mock legislative session at the state capitol in Austin. At the end of the week, the students attend a college fair at Southwestern, where they are

"The LDZ is a test of courage, vision and stamina. It's really a psychological experience. Participants must create their own structure without any interference or guidance from adults or NHI staff. Here, they learn to be rule makers, not just rule followers," explained Nieto.

To be eligible for participation, students must be a sophomore or junior in high school, have a cumulative grade point average of 88 and/or a 3.3 or above, be enrolled in an honors plan for high school graduation and be active in school, community or church-affiliated organizations and activities.

The program is an important tool for students who have high academic goals. Remarkably, 98 percent of the 5,000 students who have participated in LDZ since its inception have enrolled in college, with 85 percent graduating. By comparison, only about 10 percent of all Hispanic teenagers in the United States will attend college.

The Lorenzo de Zavala program has been so successful in Texas that Hispanic students in 16 other states and Puerto Rico now attend similar programs in New Mexico, Colorado and Illinois. Organizers plan to expand the program further.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Texas Department of Transportation will conduct public meetings for the purpose of soliciting public input concerning project selection for the Departmental Transportation Improvement Plan and for the purpose of disseminating information about the 10-Year Project Development Plan and the Transportation Improvement Plan. Projects within the 17 county area of the San Angelo District (District 7) will be considered. This area includes the following counties: Coke, Concho, Crockett, Edwards, Glasscock, Irion, Kimble, Kinney, Menard, Reagan, Real, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green and Val Verde. Meetings will be held at the following locations and times:

San Angelo, Texas - City Council Chambers - San Angelo City Hall, 2:00 p. m. July 27, 1992

Sonora, Texas - Jr. High School Cafeteria located at 408 East First Street, 9:00 a. m. July 28, 1992

Del Rio, Texas - City Council Chambers - Del Rio City Hall, 2:00 p. m. July 28, 1992

The San Angelo meeting will be held in conjunction with the San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization (City of San Angelo). The Metropolitan Planning Organization will solicit public input for projects located inside the San Angelo Metropolitan Area Boundaries. The Texas Department of Transportation will solicit public input for projects located outside of the Metropolitan Area Boundaries.

All interested citizens are invited to attend and participate in any of these meetings.

Written comments will be accepted through August 7, 1992. Comments concerning projects outside of the San Angelo Metropolitan Area Boundaries should be addressed to:

Walter G. McCullough  
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Texas Department of Transportation  
P. O. Box 61550  
San Angelo, Texas 76906.

Comments concerning projects inside the San Angelo Metropolitan Boundaries should be addressed to:

David Thurbon  
Director of Planning  
City of San Angelo  
P. O. Box 1751  
San Angelo, Texas 76902  
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## Nicholas attends ATPE leadership workshop

AUSTIN - Ron Nicholas was among the hundreds of educators from around the state who "Accepted the Challenge" and prepared for the upcoming school year during a recent Leadership Training Workshop sponsored by the Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE).

Local ATPE leaders met at the Hyatt Regency on Town Lake in Austin, July 12-14, and received training in many areas, including site-based decision-making, outcome-based education, technology in the classroom, and

how to become politically active. Among those addressing the group was Commissioner of Education Lionel Meno. "The workshop provided a great opportunity for ATPE members to get ideas from their fellow educators on how to improve their local ATPE chapter," said Cathy Fletcher, ATPE state president. "The knowledge and support gained here will help us in accepting the challenge of another year."

"Public education again will be at the forefront this year, especially when the Legislature convenes to

tackle the public school funding issue," Fletcher said. "Educators need to be involved in the solution-finding process, and I think we took a step toward that end at this workshop."

With 54,600 members, ATPE is the largest nonunion educators' association in the United States. ATPE membership consists primarily of classroom teachers but also includes administrators, paraprofessionals, retired educators, students and public members.

Nicholas is the president of the local unit of the ATPE.

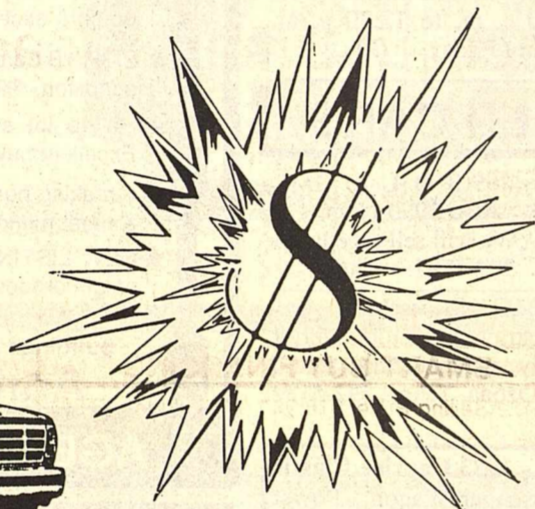
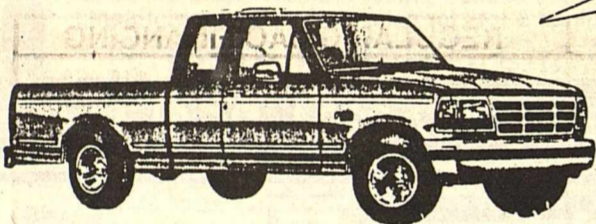
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Other assets	735
Total assets	44,293
Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	N/A
Total assets and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	44,293

### LIABILITIES

Deposits:	
In domestic offices	38,814
Noninterest-bearing	5,286
Interest-bearing	33,528
Federal funds purchased	0
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	0
Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	0
Other borrowed money	0
Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases	0
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	0
Subordinated notes and debentures	0
Other liabilities	269
Total liabilities	39,883
Limited-life preferred stock and related surplus	0

### EQUITY CAPITAL

Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus	0
Common stock	289
Surplus	573
Undivided profits and capital reserves	4,557
LESS: Net unrealized loss on marketable equity securities	129
Total equity capital	5,210
Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	N/A
Total equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	5,210
Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	44,293

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

I, HAROLD G. MOENEN

Name

VICE PRESIDENT & CASHIER

Title

of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

John R. Childers  
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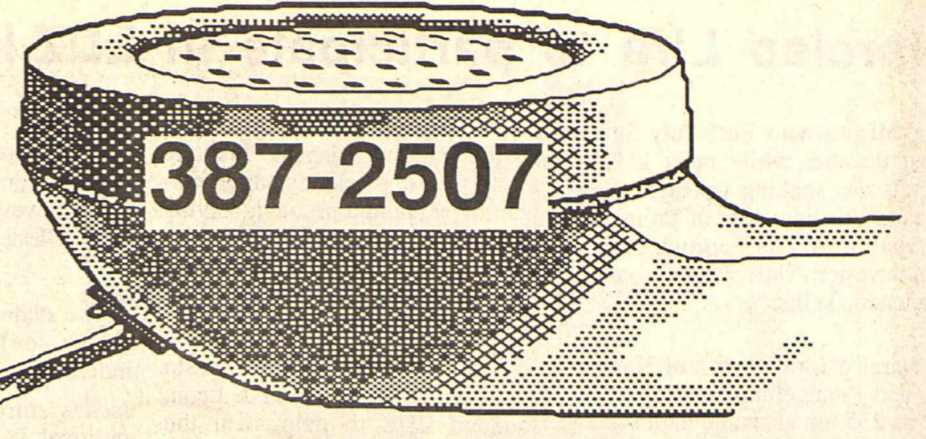
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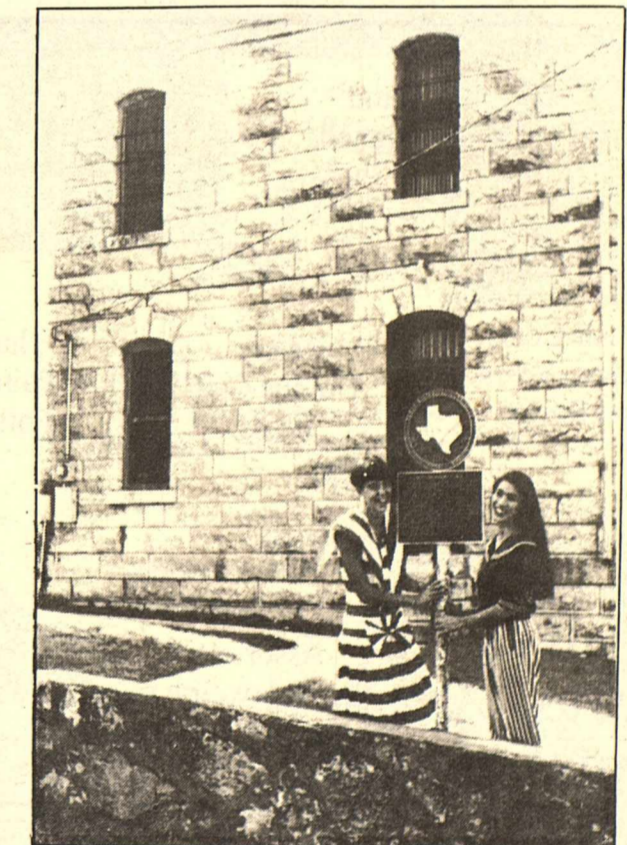
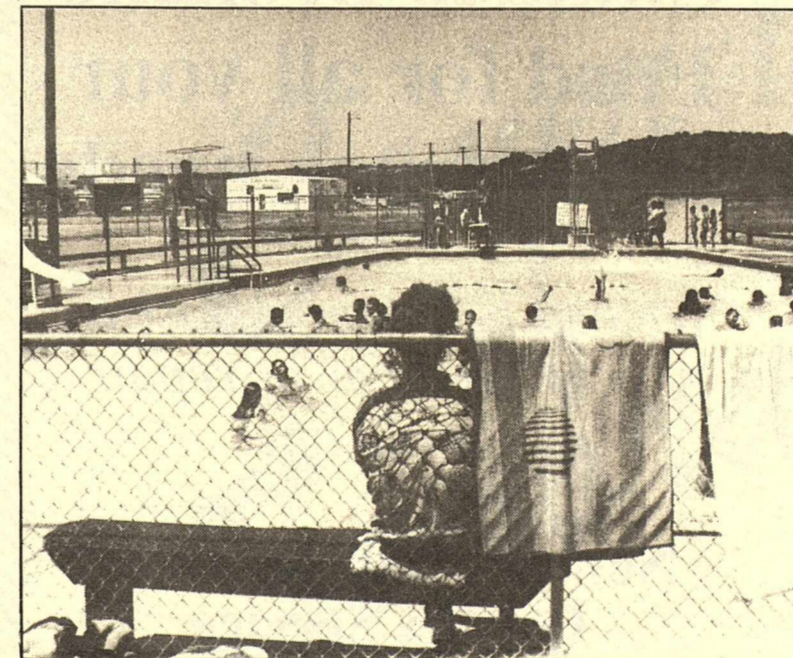
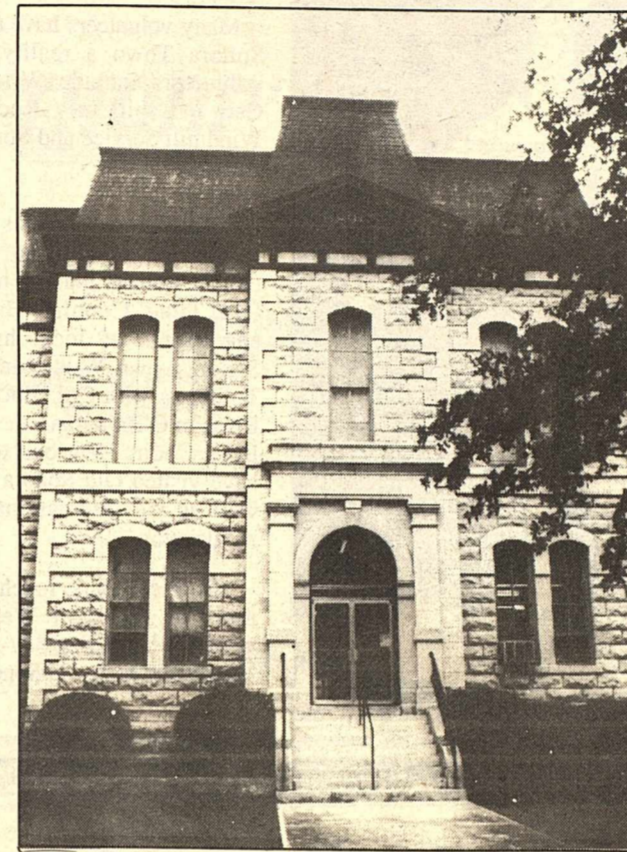
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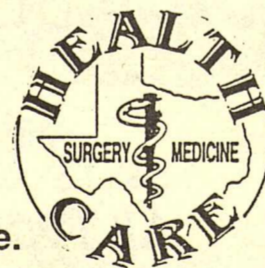
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Many volunteers have made Old Sonora Town a reality. These volunteers include Wild Bunch, Carl J. Cahill Inc., Rocky Jones Windmill Service and Son Tex Rat Hole Service.

Old Sonora Town is used for various entertainments. Some of the entertainers thus far have been, Old Time Country Band, live enactments of local history by Sonora's own Wild Bunch, Toast To Texas with Col. Jim Stephen., Biscuits O'Bryan and the traveling Boys Choir. Various tour buses have visited Old Sonora Town, as well as the International Mohair Association.

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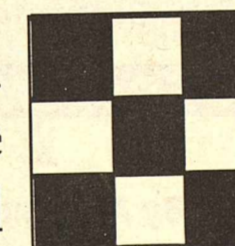
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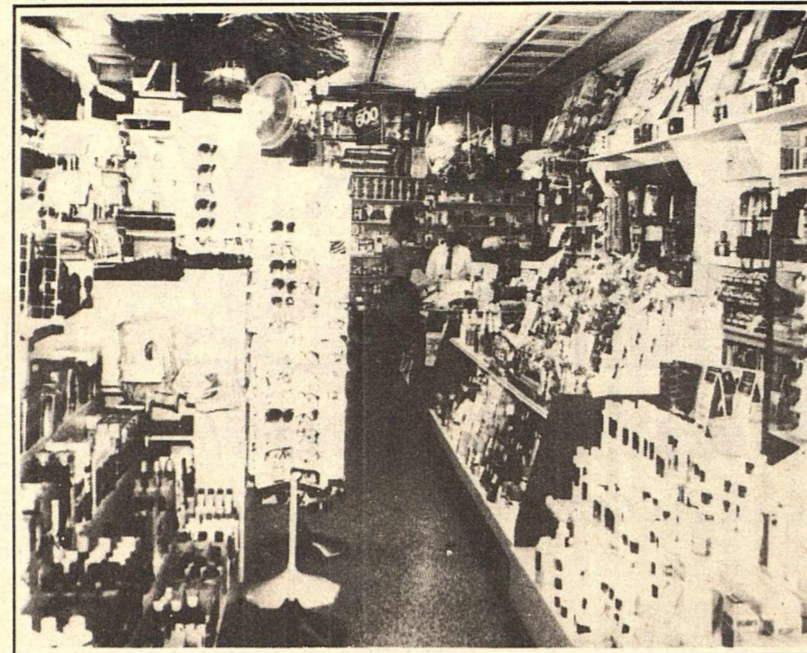
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#### Schedule of Events

June 13 - August 15

Covered Wagon Dinner Theater (Saturdays only)

August 20, 21 & 22, 1992  
Sutton County Days

#### Other Activities

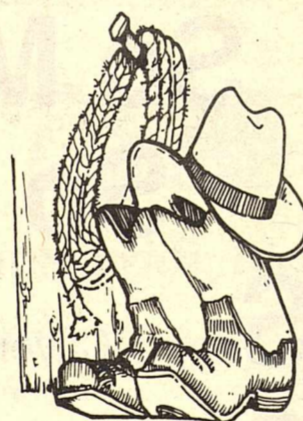
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## Sutton County Days



#### Rodeo

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Saturday • August 22 • 9:00 p.m.  
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### Covered Wagon Dinner Theater 1992 Schedule

#### Saturday • July 25

Clay Hall (host), L.P. Bloodworth (Tallest Tales in Town), Bill & Moe (Musical entertainment), Fort Concho (Historical Re-enactment of Frontier Men & Women of the Army)

#### Saturday • August 1

Dana Floyd (host), Pete Davis (Cowboy Poet), Trey Rushing (Country Music), Elmer Kelton (Stories of the Old West)

#### Saturday • August 8

Daniel Timmerman (host), Jim Bowie Days with Chet Halley (Storyteller), The Wild Bunch (Outlaw Gang), Sutton County's Finest Jewel: Mohair (Spinning, Shearing, & Style Show)

#### Saturday • August 15

Don Jones (host), Style Show featuring the Miss Sutton County Queen Contestants modeling clothing from local merchants, Sonora High School Band, Biscuits O'Bryan (Chuck Wagon Storyteller)

## Sonora Public Schools

The one distinctive characteristic of the Sonora ISD that makes it a unique education institution is the quality of its teaching staff in grades PreK-12. The districts professional staff in 1990-91 consisted of 82 teachers, 4 campus administrators, and 2 central office administrators. The district had 1 full time counselor for grades PreK through 12 and also added a school nurse for the 1990-91 school year. The district employed 9 educational aides and 38 support employees in the areas of maintenance, transportation, and food services.

The SISD made a strong effort to serve the needs of students through innovative programs. Listed below are examples of special programs for students in the 1990-91 school year.

Sonora High School added an additional computer lab and a software program was purchased that provided career information to students. Classes were rescheduled in order to implement Channel 1 and make it available to all high school students.

At the Junior High School for the current school year, all students in grades 6 through 8 received instruction in keyboarding. A skills class was implemented into the schedule and was utilized to

reinforce basic skills, teach keyboarding skills, and work on UIL Literary skills. With the implementation of an 8 period day, classes were reduced to 45 minutes and the school day was lengthened to 3:35 p. m. Teachers have worked together to develop thematic units that tie material from one subject to another.

A summer school program was offered in 1991 at the Intermediate School. Incoming fifth grade students who received low test scores were given, at no cost, the opportunity for remediation for a period of two weeks in June and two weeks in August. The sessions were taught on a volunteer basis (with no compensation) by Intermediate teachers. Staff development was completed on computer lab usage and technological instructional responsibilities. Research was done into the possibilities of utilizing a video disc player for science programs. The Intermediate School schedule was revised to allow tutorials from 3:00 until 3:30 p. m. four days a week.

Computers were placed in teacher workrooms at each building and a teacher's aide was employed and trained to supervise computer labs and to assist teachers. The

Accelerated Reader Program, a computerized reading program which was introduced at the Junior High School, was very successful in encouraging students to read. The program is currently in use at the Intermediate and Primary Schools as well.

### Test Philosophy

The Sonora ISD philosophy toward testing is that it be used as a tool to provide insight into strengths and weaknesses within our district. Using this information, the district can hopefully address specific individual needs of our students, both with short and long term planning, that will improve student performance. Under no circumstance do we feel that one set of test scores, good or bad, is indicative of the quality of our school. Nor do we believe that outstanding test scores represent the one and only indicator of a quality school. Testing is a tool to use to improve instruction and performance and, if used properly, can have a very positive effect on a school district. However, we will guard against placing such emphasis on test scores so as to manipulate the entire curriculum and instruction for the sole purpose

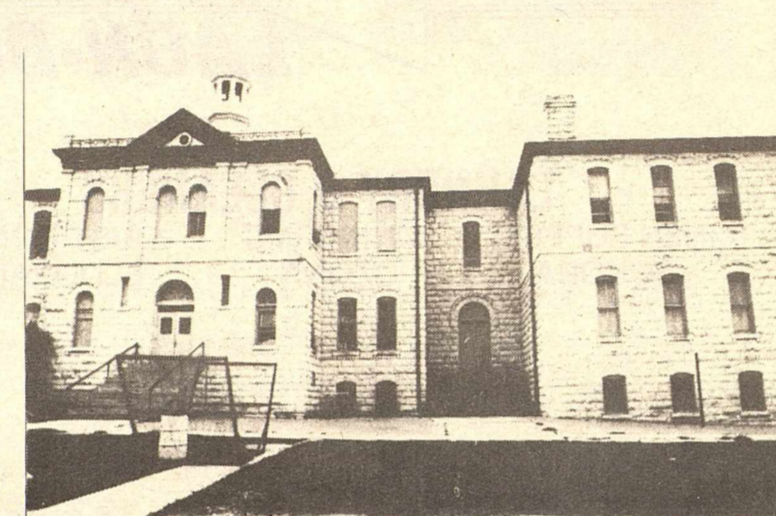
of attaining high scores.  
**Test Performance**

The academic performance of SISD students is measured primarily by the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills Test (TAAS) which is administered to grades 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 in October of each year and the California

Achievement Test (CAT) is administered in April to grades K-6 and grades 8 and 10. The TAAS

Test is composed of three major sections: mathematics, reading, and writing. SISD students performed at or above the state average in all areas except 3rd grade reading, 9th grade math, 9th grade writing, and 11th grade reading. Sonora ISD students scored above the national average in every grade level that the CAT was administered.

Sonora ISD students scored below the group average in the following areas: 3rd grade reading, 5th grade reading, all sections of the



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## County Library offers many services

The public library was originated in the minds of the Federated Woman's Club of Sonora. With the permission and a hearty endorsement of the County commissioners, the club built a house where the Annex Building now stands across from the Post Office. The first year, 1920-21 there were 275 books checked out. In the early 1970's the Federated Woman's Club kept the library open 4 hours (2 hours per day, 2 days a week) and circulated more than one book per capita that year. The book budget at that time was approximately \$100 and in 1971, 130 books were purchased to bring the total collection to 8,768 books. In the late 1970's, the Woman's Club increased the number of hours to ten hours a week and raised the books budget to \$200.

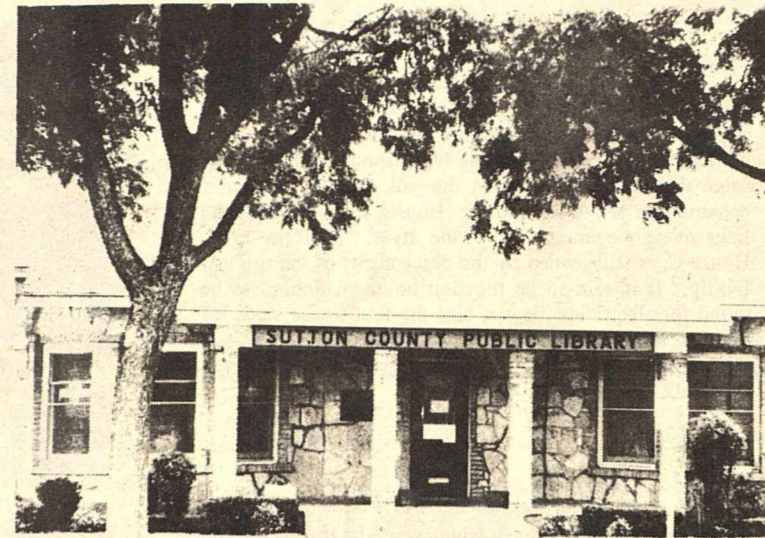
In 1980 the County accepted legal responsibility for the library and thanked the Federated Woman's Club for maintaining the library for nearly 60 years on their own. Although the county has financial responsibility over the library it is still the main project of the Woman's Club. In that same year Sutton County applied for system membership, and in September of

1981, a grand opening was held in its present building on 212 Southeast Concho Street. The building was donated by Lea Roy Aldwell's family in memory of Alla M. and Roy E. Aldwell. The grand opening was a great success with more than the expected number of people attending. Four years later the children's room was extended, and the librarian's office was moved to the back meeting room. Children's Storyhour, Summer Reading Program, workshops and computer and literacy classes are now held upstairs. The library is currently open 40 hours a week, and had a total operating expenditure of around \$35,000. The library now circulates more than 11,318 books to 9,252 people each year. The total collection of books the library houses is 10,206.

Some of the librarians who have served and promoted the growth of the library are Lura Odom, Lois Duncan, Sandra Cooper and the current librarian Florie Mesa. The ladies that have assisted the librarians are Judy Edmondson, Florie Mesa, Sandy Aue and the current assistant librarian Maria Castillo. The library also participates as an agency that

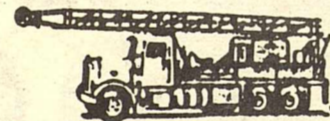
utilizes the abilities of senior citizens known as the Green Thumb Program. Ladies participating in the program were Pauline Thormalen and the current library aide Joyce Shedrick.

Services available to the public by the Sutton County Library are: Literacy Classes, Summer Reading Programs, Storyhour, Records, Film Loan, Interlibrary Loan, Use of Projector, Spanish Books, Large Type Edition Books, Bestsellers, Apple IIe Computer, Microfilm Reader, Cassette/Book for Children, Audio Books for Children and Adults, Paperbacks, Coupon Swap, Pattern Swap, 11 Magazine Subscriptions, Newspaper Subscription, Research Materials and Library Tours.



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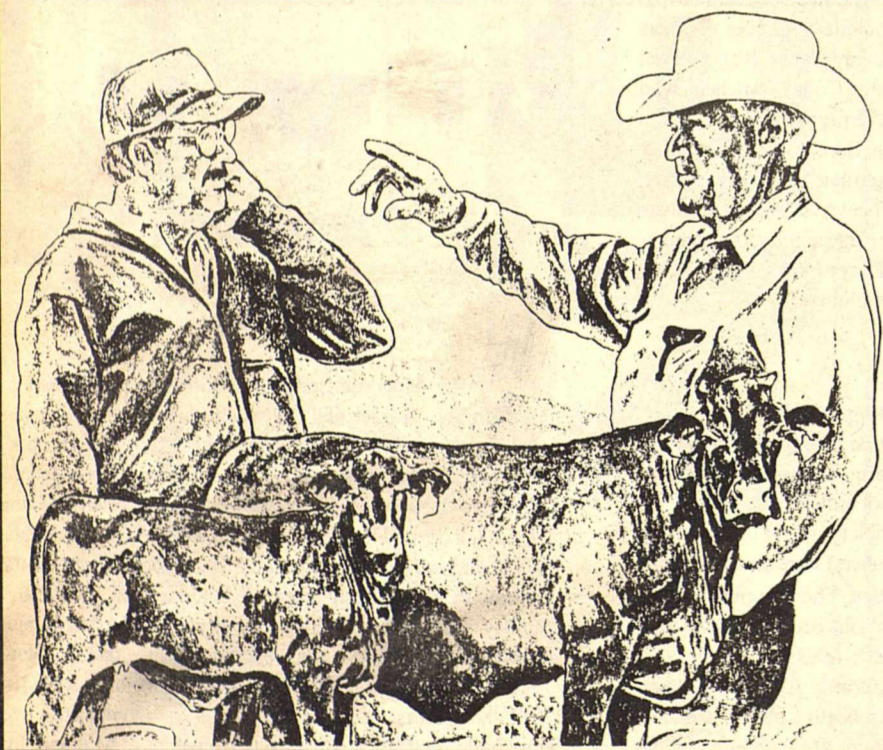
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The greatest area of concern on the 1990 TAAS Test is the large discrepancy between the Sonora ISD Hispanic students and the Anglo students with the Hispanic students achieving at an approximate 25% lower level.

### Condition of Facilities

The district provides excellent facilities for its students. The district has a mixture of older and newer schools, all of which have been very well maintained. A new surface for the all weather track at the athletic complex was completed in March, 1991 at a cost to the district of \$117,867. A priority for the future will be to address the heating and cooling system at the Intermediate School.

### Bond Indebtedness

A bond issue was approved by the community in 1983 for \$6,000,000 for the construction of a new high school. The last payment on the high school that retired the bonded indebtedness of the district was made on February 1, 1991. The district was extremely fortunate to have had a school board with the foresight to provide the district with such a facility. The primary reason for Sonora's having a quality school

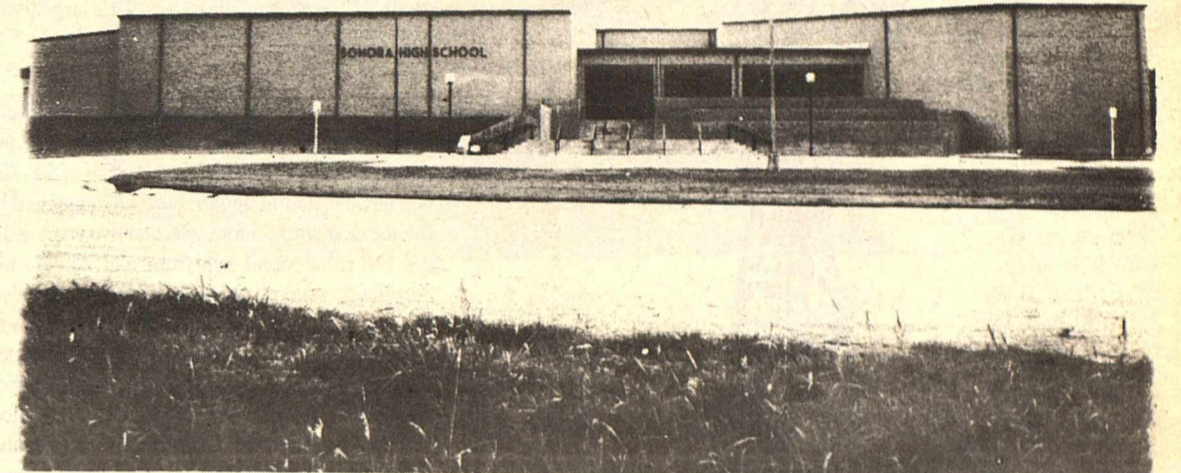
system is the fact that the community has always been extremely supportive of our young people and nowhere is that evidenced more than the passage of the bond that allowed us to complete this project.

### Parent Involvement

Parents are involved in school decisions at each campus by means of serving on Campus Improvement Committees. A district wide community survey is mailed to members of the community and to a designated number of parents from each campus and the results of the survey are used to formulate organizational goals for the coming year.

Parent volunteers are utilized at the Intermediate and Junior High Schools in the following areas: office, workroom, cafeteria, and library.

\*Information for this article was taken from the 1990-91 Annual Performance Report published by the Sonora Independent School District.



For information about tours of the Miers Home Museum & Old Sutton County Jail call the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880

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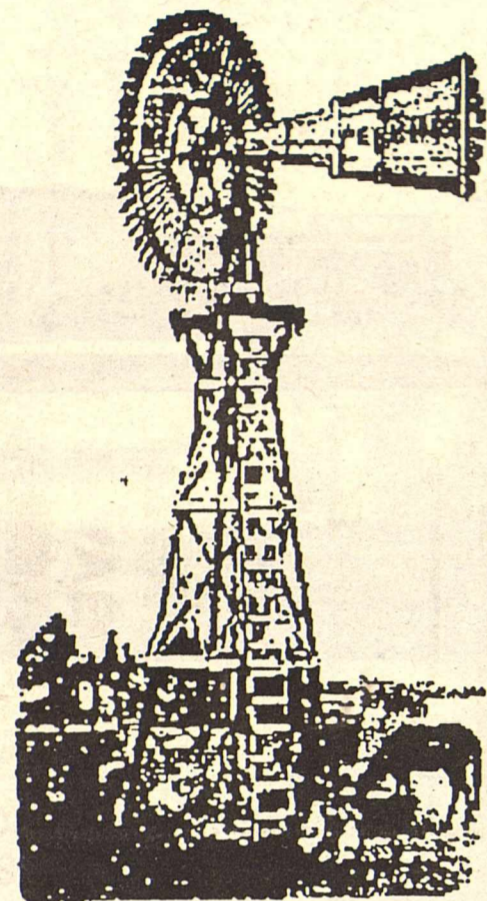
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# Sonora Walking Tour



## Right where it all Began

In the 1880's, the area that was to become Sutton County, was a pleasant, grass covered land, well populated with game and perfect for grazing livestock. With no primary source of water, however, it could not sustain permanent settlers.

On this hillside, where you stand, an enterprising group of men brought in a water well in February, 1889. People appeared over night, pitched their tents, watered their stock and prepared to stay.

The terrain surrounding the well was platted into lots and a town began taking shape. When Sonora was elected the county seat of the newly organized county in Nov. 1890, the land immediately adjacent to the well was donated for a Courthouse Square.

In the ensuing century very little has changed in the physical layout of the original town site. The well, which was the reason for the town, was eventually plugged and others drilled higher up the hill.

This tour is offered in the hope that perhaps you will catch the spirit, hear the echo of those busy hammers, see the dust from the milling stock and feel some of the excitement that filled the air. *Right here where it all began.*

### 1. Pioneer Family Markers

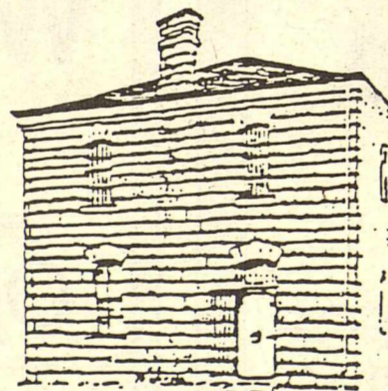
Begin your tour as Sonora began, with the people. The pioneering spirit of the town's early settlers is commemorated in these monuments to individuals and families, who turned a grassy hillside into a flourishing community. Erected by families and friends of the pioneers, each marker hints at untold stories of hardship, strife, and sacrifice of the many people who settled this area. They hailed from a multitude of other states and countries, but they joined together in Sonora to build a community. It is with reverence that we honor them.

### 2. Historical Marker For Site Of Town Well

The pioneers seeking grazing land in dry Sutton County needed a reliable source of water. In Nov. 1888, using a horse powered rig, Charlie Adams started drilling on this hillside, uninhabited then, but now the courthouse lawn. Three months later the word went out "Water in Sutton County!" A Perkins windmill pumped water from a depth of 190 feet to a storage tank. Long watering troughs serviced the continuous stream of livestock as herders rotated their flocks on an appointment system. The well also satisfied the needs of Sonora's homes and businesses for several years. This large live oak tree stood at the south west corner of the *Water Lot*.

### 3. Sutton County Courthouse

The Sutton County Courthouse was designed by renowned Texas architect Oscar Ruffini of San Angelo. In 1891, when construction began, Sutton County had been organized for one year, and Sonora was just two years old. Ruffini made the 140 mile round trip from San Angelo by buggy or on horseback several times a month for nearly two years to oversee the work. As the largest structure in the county, the courthouse served as a gathering place for town meetings, political rallies, weddings, dances, parties, school commencement exercises and Fourth of July celebrations. Year after year, the county commissioners passed resolutions limiting the use of the building to official county affairs, only to be overridden by local influence. Finally, realizing the resolutions were unenforceable, the court agreed that the courthouse could be used for public amusement, thus making legal an already firmly rooted custom. A century later, the stately, red roofed limestone building still presides over Sonora from the hillside at the head of Main Street and remains the busy hub of county business. Towering trees, that once watched only Indians pass by, shade the courthouse, and serve as a roost for wild turkeys. Its well kept, welcoming grounds continue to be the scene of celebrations, fairs, contests, Christmas tree lightings, and *dinners on the lawn*.

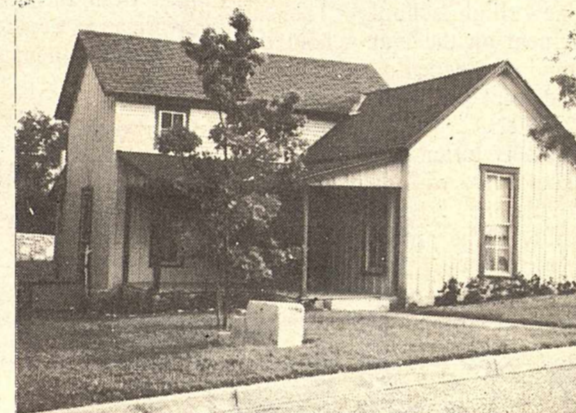


### 4. Sutton County Jail

The Sutton County Jail was the first rock building in Sonora. Its early construction in March 1891 was hastened by the fact that prisoners to be tried were frequently chained to a tree or post near the shop of the local blacksmith who was also the Justice of the Peace. The fact that the jail was the building most needed by the community, attests to the lawlessness of Sonora; a town true to the legends of the wild, wild west. The jail, with the sheriff's office and the jailer's residence on the first floor, had on the second floor an iron cell block containing 4 cells equipped with the latest plumbing facilities. It is ironic that the Sonora water pressure was not sufficient to raise water to the second floor until 1895, when the water works was moved from the courthouse square to the top of an adjacent hill. The building was also used as an infirmary for county residents who came to Sonora to see the doctor. Wounded outlaws and victims of brawls or accidents were treated and allowed to recover in the jail. The doctor was conveniently near and the jailer was always on duty. Used continuously to house prisoners until April 1980, the jail is now vacant and open for tours on occasion.

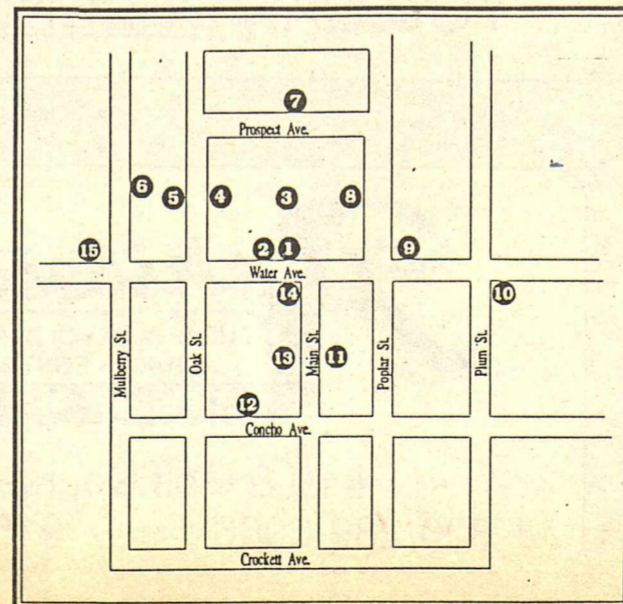
### 5. The Miers Home Museum

The Miers home, occupied in Oct. 1889, was one of the first dozen houses to be constructed after the well was drilled. At the time, the entire hillside was empty except for the well across the way with its storage tank and watering troughs, a number of tent dwellings, scattered houses, and a few wooden buildings on Main Street. Isaac and Victoria Miers, whose family had been living in a tent in a sheep camp, built this home so their younger children could live in town and attend school. It is the single wall, board and batten type construction associated with many pioneer homes in this area. The original structure consisted of just the two story portion (two rooms downstairs with a sleeping loft above). The porches and the front parlor were added later. In July of 1891, Ike Miers was shot on the courthouse square in a dispute over water. He managed to stagger home and died several hours later. The story of his tragic death has continued to live on in legend in Sonora. Donated by the family in 1969 to the Sutton County Historical Society for a museum, the house was soon filled with artifacts and memorabilia of early Sutton County residents. At present, it is being restored as a typical frontier home of the 1890's.



### 6. The Santa Fe Depot

The Santa Fe Depot, built in 1930, watched over the busy stock shipping activities that tied the economy of Sutton County to the rest of the nation. When, in 1977, the last Sonora train whistled itself into history, the Depot still sat in its original location at the intersection of Water Ave. and 3rd Street. Abandoned and vandalized, it was finally bought and donated to the Sutton County Historical Society in 1986. Through donations by the VanderStucken family, the John and Mildred Cauthorn Trust, and hundreds of lesser contributions it was moved to this site and renovated as a community meeting place.



### 7. Prospect Street

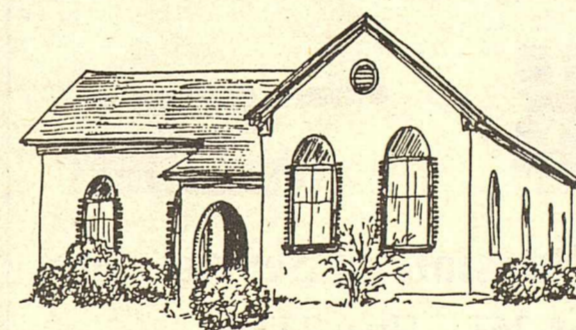
These four houses are the original homes on this block. Houses denoted A & B, of board & batten style, were built in the summer of 1891. The rock piers underneath the houses and the high front porches are the same dressed stone used in the jail, which was under construction at the same time. Houses C & D are of the later more elegant Queen Anne style. Built in 1915, House C, is still owned by the descendants of the original family. It is said to be the first house in Sonora to be wired for electricity. It was also the first to use studs for double wall construction. The owner was heartily ridiculed by the townfolk for wasting all that money on two walls!

### 8. Historical Marker For Frisco Trailway

The Frisco Trailway, which started a mile south of the courthouse square was a fenced lane for driving livestock, about 250 feet wide, with water and holdover traps at intervals of about 10 miles. It extended from Sonora through Ft. McKavett and Menard, and on to the railroad at Brady (about 100 miles). With no railhead in Sonora, the trailway was essential for the marketing of area livestock. It was abandoned after 1930 when the railroad came to Sonora.

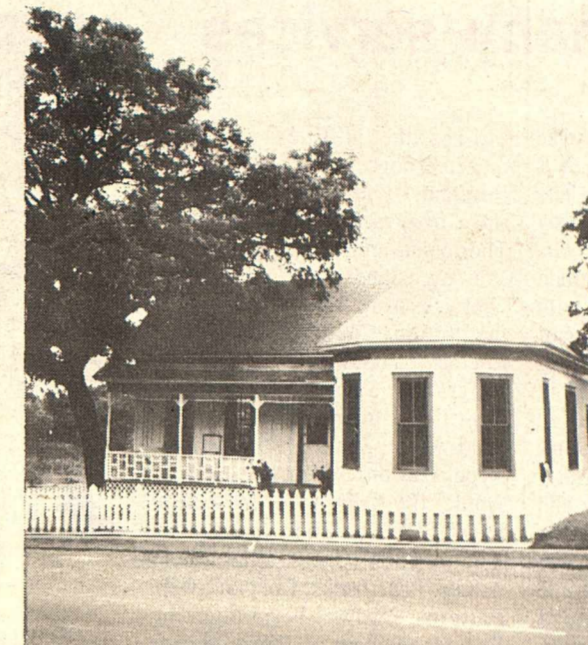
### 9. House On Poplar St. And Water Ave.

This home is also original to its lot. Built circa 1895, it was a very ornate wooden Victorian structure with wrap around porches and intricate gingerbread trim. In the 1940's, it was remodeled, and a brick veneer was applied.



### 10. House On Water Ave. And Plum St.

The Victorian cottage built in 1902 was originally the home of a family of 4. It has one bedroom, with a fireplace for heat, a front parlor, a large dining room, a wide, front to back hall, and a small kitchen. Special features of the house include elegant pocket doors to the dining room and the transoms above all doorways. It had open porches on front and back. In 1916, a bathroom was added to the back porch. The indoor plumbing fixtures replaced a rose-covered outhouse that stood at the back of the property. The outhouse drained into *Lowery Draw*. The high foundation served as sleeping space for the family sons and friends. The lady of the house would not let her sons in the house if they were drinking; therefore when the boys were in town from the ranch and had to spend the night, they slept on cots under the foundation. In good weather they opted for the grape arbor that was between the house and the draw. Remodeled as a duplex, the house was rent property for many years. In 1989, the present owners began restoration. Almost all of the materials in the home are original. The house is the present home of McLain Real Estate.



### 11. Main Street/East Side

In Sept., 1902, a disastrous fire destroyed this side of Main Street. Only the original bank building was left standing. The Mercantile Building on the corner at the top of the street was erected soon after the fire, as were the adjoining buildings, between it and the old bank, the fourth building down, (date 1900). They all feature ornate cast iron columns from St. Louis. The Mercantile, restored in 1981, is currently an office building, and bears a historical marker on the Water Ave. side. Other buildings that complete this block have continued through the years to house various saloons, drug-stores, law offices, restaurants, dress shops, and even a filling station with glass topped pumps (on the NE corner of Concho and Main). Directly across Concho Street, stood the McDonald Hotel, a most important institution. The steady stream of visitors to Sonora who stayed there include a number of Texas governors and dignitaries from far away places. It also served as a town house for many of the Sutton County ranchers, who came in for supplies and required overnight lodging. The site is now occupied by the First National Bank. On the SW corner of Main and Concho, where Westernman Drug now stands, was the office of the Devils River News. This structure was distinguished by a large sign on the ridge of the roof announcing *The Devils Retreat*. The Devils River News, still the local newspaper was first published on October 18, 1890.

### 12. Site Of The Shooting Of Will Carver

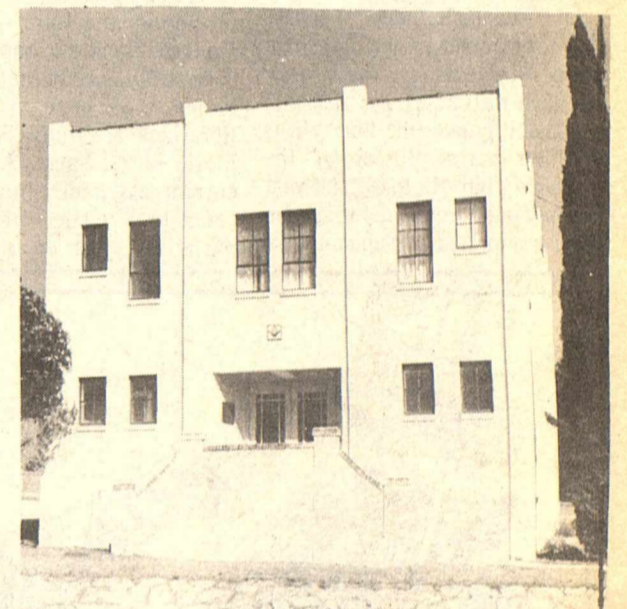
On April 2, 1901, Will Carver (well known outlaw, member of the Hole in the Wall Gang, comrade of Sam and Black Jack Ketchum, and buddy of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid) and George Kilpatrick (younger brother of the famous criminals, the Kilpatrick brothers) were shot by Sheriff Lige Briant and three of his deputies. The two men were in Owen's Feed Store when the shoot-out occurred. Kilpatrick was seriously wounded and was later released from custody because he was not wanted for any crime. Carver was taken to the courthouse where he bled to death from his wounds. Lige Briant received a reward from Wells Fargo for the shooting. Legends have grown about Will Carver. He was buried in an unmarked grave, and soon after, a marker mysteriously appeared, bearing only the date of his death. Many believe that his outlaw friends rode into town one night and placed the stone on his grave. Others thought that his friends had lied when they identified the body. They believe that an unnamed cowboy filled the grave, and Carver fled to Mexico to start a new life. Many swore that they often drank with Will in the bars in Acuna, Mexico. The grave and stone are in the Sonora Burial Park. This building now houses Circle S Automotive.

### 13. Main Street/West Side

City Hall now occupies the First National Bank building built in 1928 to replace the facility marked 1900 across the street. The original wooden structure on this corner was the first drug store and doctors' offices. For many years this side of the street was dominated by the VanderStucken store. With 105 feet of frontage, it included four store fronts for its departments of dry goods, groceries, ranch supplies, and furniture. While much of the facade has been modernized, some of the interiors closely resemble their original 1900 appearance.

### 14. Oak Tree At Head Of Main Street

When surveyors started to plot the town, they used this tree and another one across the street as reference points for the angles of Main Street and Water Ave. The wooden Texas Star Hotel, forerunner of the Mercantile Building, burned in 1893, taking the second tree with it. The sunken area by the remaining tree is the basement of the Decker Hotel, an important part of Sonora's history. In 1921, investors were sought to finance a fine new hotel for Sonora. The Decker was torn down to make way for this modern wonder. Although the investors never materialized, the crater has remained. Generations of Sonorans have referred to it simply as the "hole at the top of Main Street."



### 15. Masonic Lodge And Site Of First School

In the summer of 1889 when Sonora, a city of tents, could boast of only a few wooden buildings, the first school house was built on this site, now the empty space between the Church of Christ and the Masonic Lodge. A wooden structure 24' x 30', it opened for classes Oct. 28, 1889 with 45 students. By December there were 60 pupils. The school also served the community as a meeting place, all denomination church, and Sunday School. It was the scene of parties, weddings and dances. When Sonora was elected county seat in Nov. 1890, Wentworth, 3 miles south, became a ghost town. In 1891 the Masons of Dee Ora Lodge #715 moved their two story building from Wentworth to the corner of Mulberry St. and Water Ave., next to the school. The Masonic Lodge met upstairs and the lower floor was rented to the school for badly needed additional classrooms. In 1905 all school activities were moved to the new rock school house straight east on Water Ave. across Lowery Draw.

The Baptist Church purchased the old school, added a belfry and used it as their sanctuary on this site for several years. It was then moved to the present Baptist Church property and used until 1933 when it was torn down. The Masons continued to meet in the old wooden hall until 1938 when it was replaced by this stucco structure.