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BRONCOS FALL TO WYLIE

Valiant Effort Comes Up Short in Area Contest

by Charles Carroll

The Sonora Broncos' Area Playoff contest against the Abilene Wylie Bulldogs at San Angelo's Bobcat Stadium on Friday night was everything it was built up to be and more. Picked as a toss-up by the Standard Times and billed as a contest between stout defenses and ball-control offenses, the game swayed back and forth between the two determined squads throughout the game. The Broncos, victimized by untimely injuries and an inability to move the ball late in the second half, however, fell to the Bulldogs in a very well-contested, hard-hitting ball game.



Justin House is pictured above as he returns a kick-off during Friday nights Area Playoff game against Abilene Wylie.

Sonora took the toss but elected to defer the choice until the second half, and Wylie took the ball as the game began. Trini Banda's kickoff was an excellent effort, driving the Wylie returner past his 5, and the Broncos' special teams coverage, very effective through most of the game, stopped the return man at the Wylie 19. Wylie showcased running back Marshall Pinkston on its first drive; he gained 60 yards of the 81 garnered by the Bulldogs, most coming on sweeps and off-tackle plays to the right side of the Bronco defense. Caleb Barker made a saving tackle on 1st & 10 from the 19, dragging down Pinkston at the Wylie 38, and on 1st & 10 from the 38 Levi Pool and Louis Massey combined for the stop after a 9 yard gain. The Bulldog offense chewed up yardage in large chunks as it made its way down the field, with Massey, Justin House, and Pool making most of the tackles. The defense stiffened momentarily at the Sonora 18. Shane Deel and Raymond Hubble combined to stop the Bulldog ball carrier for no gain on 1st & 10, but on 2nd down the Bulldogs went back to their bread and butter sweep left play, netting 8 yards, and on 3rd down also, gaining ten more yards and stopped at the goal line by Davis Hale. On 1st & goal from the half yard line, Pinkston took the ball over and the Bulldogs led 7-0 with 8:56 remaining in the 1st quarter.

The Wylie offense had been very impressive on its first drive, and the Bronco offense took the field needing to score to avoid falling too far behind an obviously potent Wylie offensive squad. Justin House brought the kickoff out to the 30 yard line and the Broncos benefited from a flagrant personal foul face mask penalty against Wylie which moved the ball out to the Sonora 45, great field position for a tying drive.

On 1st & 10 Burnham sprinted right and fired a strike to Davis Hale across the middle of the field, moving the ball 19 yards to the Wylie 44, and on 1st & 10 from the Wylie 44 Gilbert Vara followed excellent line play and blocking from Burnham and Morley around right end on a sweep play to the Wylie 17. From the 17 the Wylie defense held Sonora to only three yards of further progress, and on 4th & 7 from the 14, the Broncos tried and missed a field goal. The score remained 7-0 with 7:12 to go in the 1st quarter.

Wylie took over possession of the ball at their own 20, and the Bronco defense, playing much more aggressively than it did during Wylie's first drive, allowed the Bulldogs only one first down before forcing the Wylie offense into a punting situation. Justin House, Levi Pool, and Gabriel Perez all played well during this defensive series, but Cody Dupree was the main Bronco defender who impeded the Bulldog offense. On 1st & 5 after a Bronco penalty at the Wylie 32, Dupree forced an early hand off on a draw with deep penetration into the Bulldog backfield, and on 2nd & 5 he pressured the Wylie quarterback into throwing an incompletion before he wanted to throw the ball.

Sonora fielded the Bulldog punt at the Sonora 30, and led by tough running from Vara and an effective screen to Morley in the right flat, the Broncos moved to their own 47 before being forced to punt. Louis Massey's punt was fielded inside the Wylie 15, and Casey Fitzgerald, hustling downfield on coverage, made an excellent open-field tackle at the Wylie 15.

Josh Burnham asserted himself on defense during the next Wylie offensive series. He recorded tackles on 1st and 3rd downs, and on an ensuing 1st & 10 play from the Wylie 35, Morley and Pool sandwiched the Bulldog ball carrier on a draw play after a 5 yard gain. On 2nd & 5, the Bulldog back was again hit hard, and the ball popped loose to be pounced on alertly by Caleb Barker at the Wylie 28. With :10 left in the 1st quarter the Broncos were looking at their best opportunity of the night to score.

Vara swept right to the 20 on 1st & 10 as the quarter ended, and on 2nd & 3 gained 2 yards to the 18. The Wylie defense stiffened and held Vara short on his dive attempt on 3rd down, but on 4th & short yardage he crashed through the Bulldog line for a gain of 5 and a Bronco 1st down. Justin House ran a counter play to the 5, and on 1st & goal Vara again swept right behind blocking from T.J. Harris, Cody Dupree, John Jones, Jesse Capuchina, Justin House and Morley to stride into the end zone untouched. The PAT by Banda was good, and the game was tied at 7-7 with 9:39 remaining in the half.

Mike House and Josh Burnham stopped the Wylie kickoff return at the 20, and from there Wylie ran only two plays before fumbling. The ball, again alertly snatched up by a Bronco defender, was this time covered by Justin House, again giving the Broncos excellent starting field position at the Wylie 35. Jason Morley shouldered some of the offensive load this drive with carries of 9, 1, and 6 yards and receptions for 16 more yards as the Broncos drove the field over a disorganized Bulldog defense. The big play during the drive was a 4th & 6 pass completion to Morley in the left flat at the 20; he eluded a tackler, shook off another, and was finally stopped at

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BAD COMPANY RODEO NOMINATED FOR STOCK CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR

After wrapping up their most successful season yet, the Bad Company Rodeo crew has been nominated for the Stock Contractor of the Year award by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA).



Mack Altizer

Bad Company, under the direction of president Mack Altizer, was recently named one of the five finalists for 1994 Contractor of the Year - the winner to be announced at the PRCA convention in Las Vegas, December 1, 1994.

The honor is decided by a vote of the top 100 contestants in each PRCA event, and key PRCA personnel.

The 1994 season proved to be a huge success for Bad Company, featuring its "Get Western Tour" which boasted record crowds and prize money.

Altizer was recently presented the buckle for Texas Bucking Bull of the Year following the Texas



Kathy Altizer

Circuit Finals at Belton. The winning bull, "Strokin" went unriden in more than 50 attempts this season and has been selected for the National Finals Rodeo.

Bad Company was also honored for the Top Saddle Bronc of the Year for "Copenhagen Sensation", a 12 year old mare again selected for the National Finals Rodeo this year.

Bad Company also made its mark on the timed events this season, evidenced by its selection as Top Contractor by the Texas Circuit's steer wrestlers.

The honors garnered by Altizer's crew this year don't stop with men's rodeo. The Women's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) recently named Bad Company its Top Stock Contractor of the Year. Also, Altizer's wife, and vice-president of Bad Company Rodeo, Kathy Altizer, received the 1994 Allison Powers Memorial Award for outstanding WPRA member of the year.

Rodeo fans can look for many of Bad Company's bucking stock at this year's National Finals Rodeo. In addition to "Copenhagen Sensation" and "Strokin" - Bad Company will send bareback broncs "Celebration" and "No Satisfaction"; and bucking bull "Wild Thing", "Bad To The Bone", "Bud Light" and "Crocodile Rock" to the National Finals Rodeo.

"A SONORA CHRISTMAS" FULL OF ACTIVITIES

by Melett Rowland

The Sonora Merchants Association presents their traditional Christmas promotion and ticket drawing with a few new twist. While the merchants will still hold drawings each Saturday in December, the merchants will also be open late each Thursday night in December and each night has its own theme.

December 1, 1994 will be "The Lights of Sonora." A Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade will sequentially light the downtown buildings in procession to the courthouse lawn to light the community tree. There will be hot chocolate and cookies provided by the First National Bank. Everyone is encouraged to patronize at all merchants who will be open until 8:00 p.m.

December 3, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. on the courthouse lawn, will be the first Saturday drawing for gift certificates from all participating merchants. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive at 3:00 p.m. While the children wait in line to visit with Santa, Mrs. Claus will read them stories.

Over \$3,000.00 has already been donated and will be given out over the four Saturday drawings. You may register for the drawing with each dollar purchase at local merchants who are dispensing tickets. The tickets remain in the hopper for all four drawings, but you must be present to win. The first and third drawings will be held downtown on Main Street, and the second and fourth drawings will be held on Perry's parking lot (just south of Hwy. 277 and I-10). All drawings are at 2:00 p.m.

On Thursday, **December 8, 1994**, "The Hospitality of Sonora" will be in full bloom. Participating restaurants will give a 15% discount to those who have come to shop in Sonora. To sweeten the deal even further, participating retail merchants will give a discount on merchandise purchased this evening with proof of a meal eaten at one of the participating restaurants. All the shops will have snacks for their customers on this night as an added touch of hospitality. Biscuits O'Bryan and the Wild Bunch will be serving up a campfire meal in front of Ol' Sonora (Hwy. 277 South) and donations will go to Christmas in April.

Saturday, **December 10, 1994**, is the date for the 1st Annual Country Christmas at the Caverns of Sonora. From 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. you can browse through 35 Arts and Crafts booths, find a living Christmas Tree, food, entertainment, and, of course, the beauty of the Caverns itself. The second ticket drawing will be held in the Perry's parking lot at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, **December 10th**.

"The Sounds of Sonora," is the theme for Thursday, **December 15, 1994**. Once again, the Sonora merchants will be open for your shopping convenience until 8:00 p.m. To enhance the Christmas mood, there will be a living nativity scene at the First United Methodist Church (on Water and Oak), and carolers will be all around town at the stores and in neighborhoods. Get out and shop while the Christmas spirit is flowing. Or, if you have all your shopping done, join in a group of carolers!

The third ticket drawing will be held downtown on Saturday, **December 17th** at 2:00 p.m.

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BRIEFLY

1st Annual Country Christmas

Crafters, be a part of the 1st Annual Country Christmas sponsored by the Caverns of Sonora! This event will take place on Saturday, December 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Caverns of Sonora. For more information, call (915) 387-6507, or stop by The Craft Cottage at 209 W. 5th Street, Sonora, TX 76950 and pick up an entry form. Some of the items planned are: hand crafts, singing Christmas tree, living nativity scene, coffee, hot cider, homemade fudge, sleigh rides, southwest Santa, plus the beauty of the Caverns! Booth spaces are \$20.00 for inside and \$15.00 for covered outside spaces. All booth money will be used for advertising in area papers, etc. Call 387-3105 to have forms mailed to you. The entry deadline is Tuesday, Nov. 15th.

4-H Community Service Opportunity

The Caverns of Sonora has contracted the Sutton County 4-H Club in hopes of finding volunteers to take part in their living Nativity Scene on December 10th from 2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. If you are interested in taking part in the community service opportunity, please contact the Extension Office at 387-3604. Costumes will be provided.

Boosters Plan To Make Basketball Yard Signs

On Monday, November 29th, the Bronco Boosters encourage all members to meet at American Sales Office at 5:00 p.m. to work on the Basketball yard signs. A few of them still need to be painted, and they all need to be placed in the yards.

Methodist Bake Sale

The Methodist church will have a bake sale on Wednesday, November 23rd beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church.

Library Donations

Please mail tax deductible contributions for the Sutton County Library to: Sonora Woman's Club Library Association, P.O. Box 895, Sonora, TX 76950. Cash donations may be taken to the library, located at 210 S.E. Concho, where a receipt will be given. Brick pavers, to be used for sidewalks and landscaping around the new library, may also be purchased at the library.

Sonora City League

A Sonora City League membership annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m. at the Junior High Gym.

Choir Boosters Meeting

The Choir Boosters will be having their monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the High School Choir Room. All members are encouraged to attend.

Basketball Social Being Planned

The Bronco Boosters will meet on Monday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. to plan a Basketball Season Social. The meeting will be held in the High School Library Conference Room.

Welcome Hunter Banners

"Welcome Hunter" banners are available at the Chamber Office. Free of charge to interested chamber members while the supply lasts. Call or come by the Chamber Office for more information.

Al-Anon Family Groups

Al-Anon is a fellowship of men, women and children whose lives have been affected by the compulsive drinking of a family member or friend. Whether or not the alcoholic has found sobriety, the family and friends can do a great deal to help themselves as well as the alcoholic. If you have any questions or need help, call 387-3954 or 387-2490.

BERGER/RENO WED



Diana Jean Reno

submitted

Diana Jean Berger and Justin Wade Reno, both of Irving, Texas exchanged marriage vows November 5, 1994. The wedding took place at the Plymouth Park United Methodist Church. Rev. DeForest Wiksten, Pastor of Plymouth Park United Methodist officiated. Chris and Sherry Berger of Irving are the parents of the bride. Chris is the son of Nancy Berger Bloodworth and the late W.F. Berger of Sonora. Sherry Saunders Berger is the daughter of the late Maxine Henderson of Ozona. Rodney and Brenda Reno are the parents of the bridegroom, Justin.

Diana was given in marriage by Chris Berger, her father. Diana's sister, Amy Berger was maid of honor. The bridesmaid was Leah Chalfant, cousin of the groom. The best man was Adam Reno, brother of the bride. Brian Robinson, friend of the groom was the groomsman. Ring bearer was Andy Reno, brother of the groom. Vic Chavez was the usher. All are of Irving. Lacy Lagow of Southlake, Texas was the flower girl. She is the God sister of the bride.

Diana chose a bridal gown designed by Moir Lee of New York. Her soft candlelight satin gown had an exquisite cathedral train, elegantly accented in French applique cutwork lace. Tufted pearls, scrool pearls, seed pearls, and translucent sequins enhance the beauty of the train. The neckline of her gown was the seeding band style with an illusion deep v back and sweetheart front. French Schiffler lace trimmed in pearls and translucent sequins, cover the bodice, wedding band collar and cascade down the leg-o-mutton sleeves. Pearl broach accents were fused on the sleeves that taper to a narrow point. Diana's gown had a Basque V from waist and a full flowing skirt, again trimmed in the French cutwork lace, pearls, and sequins. There was a double tiered bow in back with French cutwork lace and pearls throughout. Her veil was a pouffe wreath style. The three layers of tulle veiling had rolled edges and graduate from her shoulders to her waist. The bank, covered in French Schiffler lace, pearls and translucent sequins complemented the bridal gown. Her ensemble was complete with a French Alencon lace garter. The garter was delicately accented with seed pearls, translucent sequins and a broach of crystal lilies and pearl leaf on a candlelight satin bow.

For her bridesmaids, Diana chose ball length gowns by Bill Levkoff. The iridescent emerald green taffeta bustier body is covered by an elegantly pleated button front jacket. The off the shoulder pleated portrait collar jackets have mid length pleated sleeves. The bridesmaids' dresses were a perfect compliment to the

wedding party.

Flower girl, Lacy Lagow, is precious in her Mon Chere' candlelight romance satin gown. Embroidered lace, pearls, and translucent sequins accent the jewel neckline. The cascading ruffled skirt has a tapered brush train. The short puffed sleeve gown has a tie sash.

Justin selected the Christian Dior Reme' tuxedo with tails. The groom's tuxedo jacket was black wool with a black satin shawl lapel. His double breasted vest was white on white genesis paisley brocade with a black shawl lapel. The tie was black satin.

The best man, groomsman and usher wore the Christian Dior Reme' tuxedo in black wool with iridescent emerald green taffeta tie and cummerbund.

The ring bearer, Andy Reno, age 7, was handsome in his matching Christian Dior Reme' tuxedo, with his iridescent emerald green cotton taffeta vest and tie.

Chris Berger, father of the bride, and Rodney Reno, father of the groom wore Christian Dior Reme' tuxedos with burgundy stained glass cummerbunds and ties.

The church was done in simple elegance. Heirloom pedestal urns were filled with tone on tone with glads, snaps, lilies, and tulips with a hint of color from the fire and ice roses. Gold arch and spiral candelabras' were laced with plumosa, and sprinkled with hints of baby's breath. The Unity Candle was embellished with the wedding invitation, scroll hearts, turtle doves, and pearls. Star Gazer lilies and fire and ice roses, and white tulips surrounded the base of the candle. Pew bows were composed of fire and ice roses enhanced by fuschia tea leaves. The ribbon on the bows was gold trimmed candlelight lace.

Mother earth contributed her beautiful splendor for the bride's cascading bouquet. Fragrant gardenias were framed with delicate fir and ice roses and graceful stephanotis for an exquisite touch. The attendants elegant bouquets were composed of star gazer lilies, fire and ice roses, and accented by fuschia tea leaves. They were a perfect accent to the emerald green gowns.

Diana and Justin's love of God showed in their music selection. God's love for us resounded through the custom pipe organ, harp, flute, and violin trio. Songs especially selected for the occasion included, "There is Love", "Seekers of Your Heart", "The Lord's Prayer", "To Have and To Hold", and "The Time Has Come". The last two songs were written by Patrick Smith, a family friend, with "The Time Has Come" specially written for Diana and Justin's lighting of the Unity Candle. Soloists included Lynn Christie, Patrick Smith, Karen Sheaner, and Monte Clearman.

Following the wedding, the reception was held at Byron's in The Sports Club of Las Colinas, in Irving. A crystal heirloom etched vase filled with the brides choice of flowers, decorated the table. The guest book was covered in ivory French Alencon lace, studded with seed pearls, and ribbon trim. The bride's portrait was on a gold easel next to the registration table.

The guests' were served from a buffet with a large shimmering ice sculpture of a swan. The soft sound of a harp, violin, and flute

trio was floating through the air.

The focal point of the bride's table was a stunning three tiered white on white bride's cake with a hint of burgundy, and emerald leaves. The lilies, roses, and orchids were hand molded and painted and looked like fine Italian porcelain. Garland entwined with fire and ice roses and star gazer lilies draped the lace covered table. A silver heirloom epegne holding arrangements of fire and ice roses, star gazer lilies, white roses and stock adorned the table. The same epegne was used on the bride's mother's bridal table.

A spectacular two-tiered velvet chocolate cake topped with chocolate dipped strawberries, and sugar glazed grapes stole the show on the groom's table. An heirloom silver champagne bucket with the bride's favorite flowers, carried out the wedding theme.

The bride's mother is Sherry Berger, formerly Sherry Saunders of Ozona. Her maternal grandmother was the late Maxine Henderson, a long time Ozona resident and owner of Maxine's Flowers. Her maternal grandfather is Alan Saunders, Sr., originally from Sonora. Diana's great-grandmother, Winnie Davis Saunders, was from one of the pioneer families of Sonora, and was the owner of Saunders Flowers in Sonora, for over forty years. The late Harold Saunders, Sr. was her maternal great-grandfather.

The bride's father, Chris Berger, is originally from Sonora. Her paternal grandmother is Nancy Bloodworth of Sonora. Her paternal grandfather was the late Wilfred Berger of Sonora. Her great-grandparents were Roy and Carol Christie and Joe and Velma Berger, all of Sonora.

Thank You, Sonora

The Choir Boosters would like to thank each of you who supported our choir program by buying tickets for the Mexican Dinner. We apologize for any inconvenience you may have experienced and thank you for your patience. We are working on ways to speed up and improve both eat-in and take-out services next year. We appreciate your many compliments and helpful suggestions and comments about how we can better serve you in the future.

Another big THANK YOU goes to the following individuals and businesses for their generous donations of money, time, services, merchandise, and/or food preparation: Beto's, La Mexicana, Pizza Hut, Sonic Drive-In, Sutton County Steak House, Benson's, Cahill Construction, Charles Howard Construction, Creek Swabbing, D&V Roustabout, Food Center, Foxworth-Galbraith, Grider Trucking, Location Builders Pool Company, Ruben Velez, Antonia Castro, Elida Castro, Rosa Noriega, and Connie Samaniego

Cards of Thanks

I would like to thank each and everyone for the flowers, cards, phone calls, and visits during my stay in the hospital. Thanks to House Calls Home Care and Dr. Pajestka for taking good care of Vernon while I had surgery.

Thanks

Ruby and Vernon Luckie

ATTENTION '85 SHS GRADUATES

Attention all 1985 Sonora High School graduates, a class reunion planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Steak House. Supper will be Dutch treat. Please make plans to attend and bring all your ideas.

R.S.V.P. by calling Rebecca Love at 387-5512 or Gina Holekamp at 387-2003. Both numbers are evening numbers.

Community Calendar

Nov. 24th-Dec. 1st.

Wednesday-Friday, Nov. 23rd-25th
No School - Thanksgiving Holiday

Wednesday, November 23rd
8:00 a.m. - Methodist Church Bake Sale - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 24th

Happy Thanksgiving

Thursday, December 1st

5:00-8:00 p.m. - Participating Merchants Remain Open
6:30 p.m. - Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade - Main Street

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MOM!

We Love You!



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Cute hair-do!

Love, your sisters & friends



Happy Birthday, "Bola"

It's A Boy!

Stephen and Michele Lennon of Mesa, Arizona, wish to announce the arrival of their son, Alec Dale Lennon. Alec was born on Monday, October 31st at 2:06 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 20 3/4 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Robert Pruitt of Sonora, Frances Pruitt of Sterling City, Joyce Twinam of Chandler, Arizona and Stephen Lennon Sr. of San Jose, California.

SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, November 24

Senior Center Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 25

Senior Center Closed for Thanksgiving

Monday, November 28

Ranch Style Beans & Ham, Tossed Salad, Turnip Greens, Cornbread, Apple Brown Betty

Tuesday, November 29

Meatloaf, Baked Potatoes, Carrots, Corn Muffins, Jell-O w/Fruit

Wednesday, November 30

Cheesy Chicken Spaghetti, Broccoli, Tossed Salad, Garlic Toast, Blushing Pear

Thursday, December 1

Fried Catfish, Corn O'Brien, Okra Gumbo, Cornbread, Cherry Cobbler

Friday, December 2

Cheese Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Zucchini w/Tomatoes, Saltine Crackers, Whole Plum

School Breakfast & Lunch Menu

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

Mon., Nov. 28

Waffle Stick w/Syrup, Fruit

Tues., Nov. 29

Steakfinger, Biscuit, Gravy, Juice

Wed., Nov. 30

Breakfast Burrito, Fruit

Thurs., Dec. 1

Menu Not Available

At Press Time

Fri., Dec. 2

Menu Not Available

At Press Time

LUNCH

Mon., Nov. 28

Burrito w/Chili, Corn, Green Salad, Spice Cake

Tues., Nov. 29

Chicken Patty on Bun, Scalloped Potatoes, Pickles, Tomato Wedges, Tropical Fruit Mix

Wed., Nov. 30

Beef Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Cole Slaw, Glazed Cinnamon Rolls

Thurs., Dec. 1

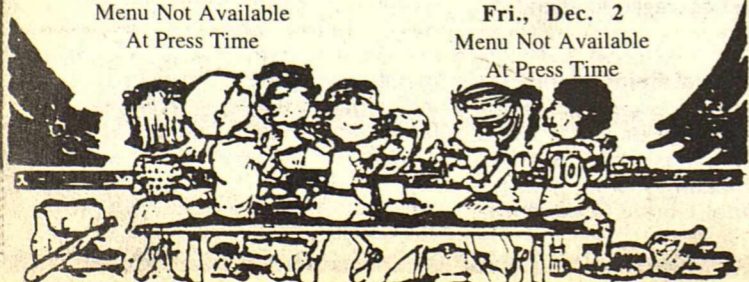
Menu Not Available

At Press Time

Fri., Dec. 2

Menu Not Available

At Press Time



Ask The Historical Society



This Noah Rose photo of Concho Avenue shows the Devil's River News Office, McDonald Hotel and Aldwell residence. This is the current site of Westerman Drug and the First National Bank.

by Jo-Ann Palmer, Secretary
Sutton County Historical Society

Q. My Dad told me years ago about a murdered man's bones being found in Felton's Cave. Do you have that story?

A. The bones when found were first thought to be those of a Mr. Wilson who had been missing for years but this follow up article of March 20, 1926 proved they weren't his:

Recent Discoveries in the Felton Cave

For years the Felton cave has been and is today one of the items of interest in the vicinity of Sonora. Most of the Sonora people have at some time visited this landmark.

For some time O.G. Babcock of the Federal Bureau Entomology has been doing research work in the caves of this section of the country, and while carrying on the work in the Felton Cave a wire ladder was constructed and temporarily left at a point in the cave for further work.

On January 31st, a party consisting of Clarence and Leslie Fambrough, J.A. Kring and O.C. Ogden, entered the cave, not knowing about the ladder, it was placed into a drop that had already been explored. This same party also explored an unexplored tunnel and near the end of same found a human skeleton at a distance of 1200 feet from the entrance.

On a later date Alfred Sessum and others did a little exploring at the entrance of the cave, finding a leg bone or two and a part of a human skull. These bones were exhibited at the drug store. Mr. Fambrough also on January 31 brought with him four human teeth

from the far recesses of the cave. This information led to considerable talk and much information of past years was brought to light.

Mr. Babcock deemed it wise to make a careful investigation of these finds and to place the bones and the records in the proper channels where the records would be permanently kept. Accordingly Mr. Babcock, Mr. Wilson of San Angelo, Mr. Fambrough, Will Wyatt, and Rob Holland visited the cave on March 3rd. Mr. Babcock and Mr. Wilson penetrated the cave to where the skeleton was found by Mr. Fambrough. The bones were very badly broken, however most of them were gathered up and packed carefully so they might be brought to the surface with as little breakage as possible.

On March 3rd another trip to the cave was made by Mr. Babcock, Alfred Sessum, and H.C. Wall. The greater part of the day was spent within ten feet of the surface at the entrance of the cave under the first shelf. This proved very profitable as it was found that two Indians had been buried there. It was found that these two Indians were doubled up when buried but unfortunately the rodents had previously, in years past, dug up parts of the skeletons so that very little remained. In spite of this, however, two skulls were recovered one of which was new, several leg bones, parts of arm bones and a small piece of crude pottery as well as one spear head, a broken arrow head, and many stone chips. The bone fragments that were in the dry dust were well

showed beyond doubt that these two skeletons were Indians of many years standing. The man found in the cave was very probably an Indian who became lost in the cave when his torch went out thus leaving him in complete darkness. He undoubtedly had in mind the proper course to get out of the cave but turned off too soon, entered the wrong tunnel, became confused, excited, lost and finally died of thirst and starvation.

The Otts Jewelry Store of Sonora kindly consented to exhibit these bones in their show window. As most of the bones are very fragile it is asked by Mr. Babcock that they are not handled.

Note: Felton Cave is not the Cavern's of Sonora but a separate cave system located on private property and is not open to the public.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County History send them to "Ask the Historical Society" P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or give us a call at 915-387-5144 or 387-2855 after noon please.

preserved while those fragments that were buried in semi moist were either gone or very easily crumbled upon handling, this making it very difficult to save the fragments. Careful examination

LIBRARY COMMITTEE MET

The Library Committee held a meeting on Thursday, November 17th at 3:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Sutton County National Bank.

Members present were: A.W. Bishop, John Wade, Sharon Holeman, Patricia Johnson, Charles Graves, Carla Garner, and Al Elliott.

It was stated that seven general contractors have requested blue-prints for the new library.

The County Commissioners will open contract bids at a special meeting on Wednesday, November 30th at 9:00 a.m. The bid will be awarded at a special meeting on Tuesday, December 6th at 9:00 a.m. The Commissioners will also open and accept or reject any bids for the current library building on November 30th.

The art club building, located where the new library will be built, will be removed on Monday, December 5th.

HOLIDAY FRUIT AVAILABLE

The Vocational Department of Sonora High School is again sponsoring fruit sales for delivery well in time for the coming Christmas Holidays.

Available this year are oranges, apples, grapefruit, and a variety of mixed fruit baskets garnished with nuts. If you have not yet been contacted by a vocational student, an order may be placed by calling the high school during the day, 387-6533 or Reggie Williams in the evening at 387-2108. Please call by November 30.

Tedford Jewelry

Bridal Gift Registry
Kristen Keel, bride-elect of Joel Nixon
Fara Lyne Fields, bride-elect of Jason Smith
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NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

submitted by Florie Mesa
New books at the library are the following.

Adult fiction and nonfiction: *Entered the Sun* by George Garrett; *The Best and the Brightest*, David Halberstam; *Thy Neighbor's Wife*, Gay Talese; *Bad Desire*, Gary Devon; *Shadow Man*, Dennis Etchison; *The New Our Bodies, Ourselves*, Boston Women's Health; *Talk to the Deaf*, Lottie Diekehof; *Edith: My Life*, So Far, Jane Wagner; *There Was a Little Girl*, Ed McBain; *Irish Gold*, Andrew Greeley; *Wings*, Danielle Steel; *Karma*, Mitchell Smith; *Only You*, Cynthia Victor; *Spencerville*, Nelson DeMille; *What Your Mother Couldn't Tell You and Your Father Didn't Know*, John Gray; *Crossing The Threshold of Hope*, John Paul II; *Oprah Winfrey: The Real Story*, George Mair; *The Mysterious West*, Tony Hillerman; *Shadow on the Sun*, Richard Matheson; *Everville*, Clive Barker; *The Lottery Winner*, Mary Higgins Clark.

Adult audio: *Angel Eyes*, Eric Lustbader; *The Cat Who Wasn't There*, Lilian Braun; *Snagged*, Carol Higgins Clark; *G Is For Gumshoe*, Sue Grafton; *K Is For Killer*, Sue Grafton; *Call of the Wild*, Jack London; *Dragonsdawn/Renegades of Pern*, Anne McCaffrey; *Practical Spanish Simplified*, Gary Evans.

Reference: *The National Dean's List 1993-1994*.

Youth and children: *Careers in Pro Sports, Exploring Careers Using Foreign Languages, Careers in Psychology, The Night After Christmas, Mrs. Santa Claus, Who is Coming to Our House?, The Spy On Third Base, Centerfield Ballhawk, The Luck Baseball Bat, The Hit Away Kid, Winnie the Pooh's Christmas. People and Great Deeds, Big Bird's Rhyming Book, Cookie Monster, Where Are You?, Teddy Ruxpin Lullabies, The Airship, Find Freddie, Lady and the Tramp, A Picnic In The Woods, Bambie Grows Up, Fairy Tales, See No Evil, Hear No Evil, Smell No Evil, Book of Favorite Bedtime Stories, Ben's New Baby, Sweet Dreams For Sally, Favorite Counting Rhymes To Read Aloud, The Story of Babar, How To Scare A Lion, The Trouble With Timothy, Would You Rather Be A Bullfrog, The Care Bears Battle The Freeze Machine, Safe and Sound, Big and Little Stories, Grover's Super Surprise Book, Favorite Bible Stories and Verses, The Great Waldo Search, De Colores and Other Latin-American Folk Songs For Children.*

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SAN ANGELO GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society will meet Tuesday, December 6 at 7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall of the Church of Christ, 901 North Main in San Angelo. Everyone is asked to bring a Christmas dessert, dip and chips, or hors d'oeuvres of your choice to share.

The program is entitled "Interesting Names and Anecdotes." The speaker is Billye Scattergood.

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Dear Editor,

Dear Editor:

As many of you know, there has been a cloud over the Nursing Home recently. The Home was inspected in September and again in October by the Texas Department of Health. The inspectors found some deficiencies and issued a notice that the Home would lose the approval to care for Medicaid patients in 90 days if the deficiencies were not corrected. In my opinion, the deficiencies were of a serious nature and the Health Department was justified in its actions.

The inspections were a result of complaints called in to the Health Department by local individuals. The complaints were reported without any prior discussions with the Hospital officials and without warning. While I do not approve of the methods used, I personally think that these individuals have done us a service.

As a result of these deficiencies being called to the attention of the administration, a more concentrated effort has been made to make the Nursing Home into a first class facility. A nursing consultant has been engaged and every aspect of the Nursing Home will be examined to see that it complies with the state standards. Periodic review by the consultant will assure that these standards are maintained.

A new Director of Nurses has been employed who shares our desire to run a Nursing Home of which we can be proud. We anticipate that a new day will dawn.

The Nursing Home was reinspected on November 15, 1994 and was found to now comply with the standards expected by the state. The immediate crisis is over. The Home, however, will remain on "probation" for 24 months. It will be subject to reinspection without warning for 24 months. If other serious deficiencies are found, the Home could still lose its approval. Loss of approval would mean that Medicaid would no longer reimburse the Nursing Home for the cares of those residents who are now receiving Medicaid assistance. The Nursing Home could be required to continue caring for these patients without compensation for up to one year while they are being relocated. This could result in the eventual closure of the Nursing Home.

To those individuals who have called in the complaints, I say "thanks" because I think we will ultimately have a better facility. However, I do not expect that we will be perfect every day and from time to time there may be breaks in techniques made by some of our personnel that could be interpreted as "non compliance" with state standards.

I would ask you to point out these breaks to the administration or any member of the Board of Directors rather than calling in a complaint to the Health Department. While you may get some personal satisfaction out of causing trouble for the Administration, Nursing Director, or the Board of Directors, I would hope you will consider the consequences of your action. Replacing the income from Medicaid would require a tax increase of at least 10¢ per \$100 valuation. This would be more than the law allows us to assess. Our present maximum tax is set by an act of the legislature at 20¢ per \$100 valuation. To raise that cap would require a local referendum approving an increase plus another act of the legislature. This would require so much time that we probably would not be able to keep the Nursing Home open even if the electorate were willing to raise the tax cap. It would not benefit the community to close the Nursing Home and it would not be fair to the tax payers to raise the tax rate unnecessarily.

Alvis Johnson

AND THE WINNER IS...



submitted

Brenda Valiant receives congratulations from Jerry Kemp of Cecil Atkission Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, Buick, and Pontiac for having won a 27" Magnavox television set during a recently concluded sweepstakes contest sponsored by Buick Motor Division.

"The Buick Value Days Sweepstakes" was a nationwide contest that awarded cash or 1995 Buick Riviera cars to grand prize winners. Brenda's prize was awarded from the "Second Chance" drawing on September 20, 1994.

"Buick has been conducting annual sweepstakes contests since about 1989, and Brenda is the first person to have won from anywhere in this area", said Kemp. "It's like winning the lottery, considering the thousands of people who were entered," he added.

Now, Brenda and Tommy can watch the Cowboys on a brand new TV. Although, Brenda said she would gladly trade it in on a Suburban. Do you suppose that's why Jerry is laughing? Happy Thanksgiving Brenda!



Pictured above is the new scoreboard for the Sonora High School baseball field. The scoreboard was donated by Sutton County National Bank.

COVINO SCHEDULES WORKSHOP

submitted

Frank Covino is scheduled to teach a seminar/workshop in his 'Controlled Painting' methods. The presentation, "Adapting Renaissance Methods to Realistic Painting Today" will be held at ASU in the Houston Harte Conference Center December 3, 1994 at 6:00 p.m.

His slide lecture will introduce the concepts of under painting in verdaccio (gray/green values), compositional approaches especially the 'golden mean', a controlled approach to color harmony, and other lessons Mr. Covino has adapted from the techniques of the masters. Since 1962, Frank Covino has personally guided his students through the completion of over 15,000 works of art!

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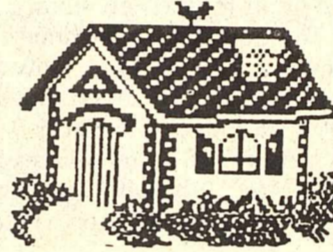
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Angelita Trevino and Aurora Cardenas are pictured above with some of the Christmas tree ornaments they have made at the Sutton County Senior Center. The Senior Center will have a booth at the Caverns Christmas Celebration on December 10th, where they will be selling the crafts they have made. They are in need of empty vegetable cans for crafts, and also volunteers to help with making the crafts. If you are interested, contact Juanita Mesa at the Sutton County Senior Center at 387-5657.

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The Club Report

TIGER CUBS VISIT STOCKPENS

submitted

Group II of the Tiger Cubs have been very busy during the last month. The Tigers met for their meeting and visited the Sonora Stockpens, October 10. The boys had a great time seeing all of the animals. This meeting was hosted by Cullen Parker, who planned the meeting and brought snacks.

The Boys also participated in a flag raising ceremony at the Bronco football game October 14. The Boys had a pack meeting and bicycle safety course that was presented by the Sonora Police officers October 29. It was lots of fun and provided the Boys with lots of good information on riding safely. All of the Boys received "Tiger Paws" in recognition of their participation in all of the Scout events during the month.

Those Boys who are members of Group II are Cameron Cox, Cody Day, Tyler Talley, Warren Wallace, Aaron Warren, Embre Smith, Cullen Parker, Younger Fawcett, Walsh Hearn, and Roland Solis. Leaders are Faye Cox and Jeannie Warren.

SHAHAN WINS BEST OF SHOW

submitted by Texas Agricultural Extension Service

The 1994 Sutton County 4-H Food Show was held Sunday, November 14, 1994 at the Depot. Receiving first place awards were Heather Lawson - carmel apples, Cortney Hill - rice broccoli casserole, Pamela Shahan - barbeque cups, Payton Holecamp - pumpkin bread, Johnna Wade - blueberry salad, Jessica Bruns - sausage balls, and Alishia Scheidemann - banana pudding cake.

Second place winners included Lacy Ragsdale - strawberry pretzel salad, and Lacey Moore - fruit omelet. A special beginners award was presented to Patrick Shahan. He was selected by his peers to receive this award because of his hard work and dedication to his food's project.

The Best of Show award is presented to an outstanding 4-Her who not only has a tasty dish, but who also shows knowledge in food science and nutrition information during the judging process. This year's recipient was Pamela Shahan.

All first place winners will advance to district competition in Fredericksburg on December 3rd.

BAND STUDENTS WIN HONORS



(Back Row, L-R) Salvador Trinidad, David Davenport, Sheryl Robertson, and Raymond Hubble; (Middle Row, L-R) Shawna Nitch, Camille Marshal, Thomas Hunt, Chris Neal, and Vicky Richardson; (Front Row, L-R) Stephanie Davenport, Crystal Martin, Amy Massey, and Erin Payton; (Kneeling) David Velez.

The Region VII West Zone All-District Band competition was held November 19, 1994 at Llano High School. Fourteen Sonora High School band students won all-district honors. Sonora had five first chairs and four second chairs. Making first chair were: Amy Massey, clarinet; Vicky Richardson, French horn; Raymond Hubble, baritone; and David Davenport, snare drum and xylophone.

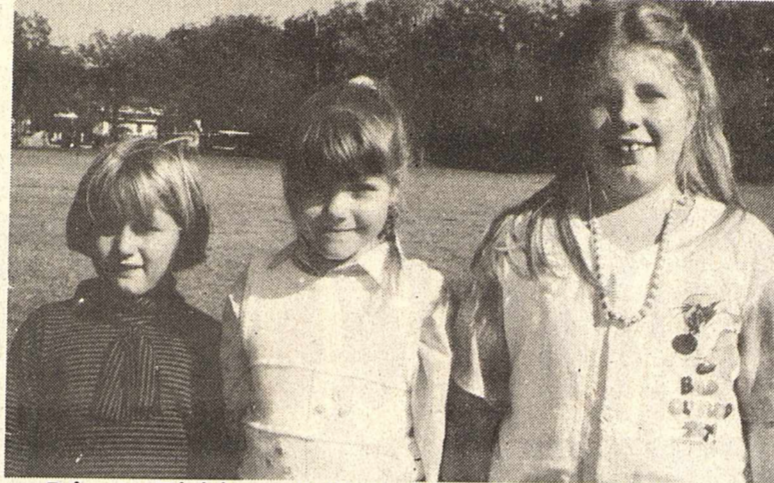
Making second chair were; David Davenport, clarinet; Shauna Nitsch, bass clarinet; Chris Neal, trumpet; and David Velez, trombone. Also placing in the district band were: Camille Marshall, 8th chair clarinet; Stefany Davenport, 16th chair clarinet; Thomas Hunt, 4th chair bass clarinet; Crystal Martin, 4th chair alto saxophone; Salvador Trinidad, 9th chair trumpet; Sheryl Robertson, 10th chair trumpet; and Erin Payton, 6th chair trombone.

Conductor was Ray Lashaway. Music performed was United Nations March, Seagate Overture, The Saints' Hallelujah, and Duty, Honor, Country. Wayne Warren narrated Duty, Honor, Country.

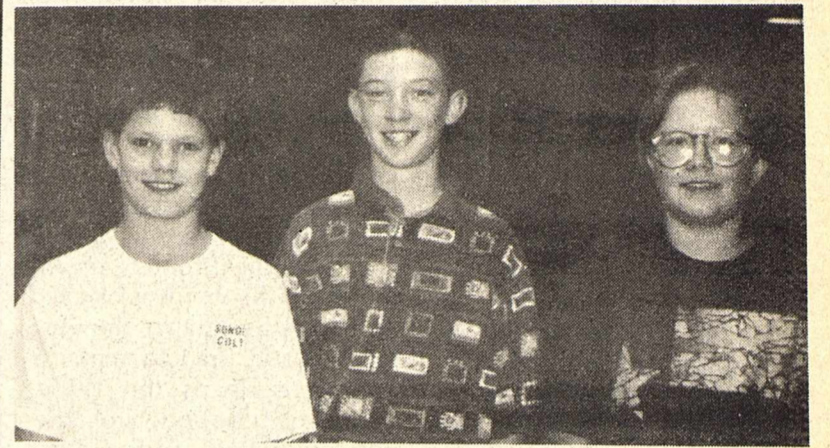
Participating schools were Ballinger, Brady, Coleman, Llano, Menard, Miles, Reagan County, San Saba, Sonora, and Wall.

The All Region competition will be in Ballinger, December 10.

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Intermediate Division - (L-R) Megan Fitzgerald (3rd Grade)-1st Place, Heath Prather (4th Grade)-2nd Place, and Steven Moss (5th Grade)-3rd Place. Megan Fitzgerald was the Grand Prize winner for all divisions.



High School Division - (L-R) Sesar Lomas (9th Grade)-1st Place, Ruben "Chuckie" Yorba (12th Grade)-2nd Place, and Valerie Garza (10th Grade)-3rd Place.

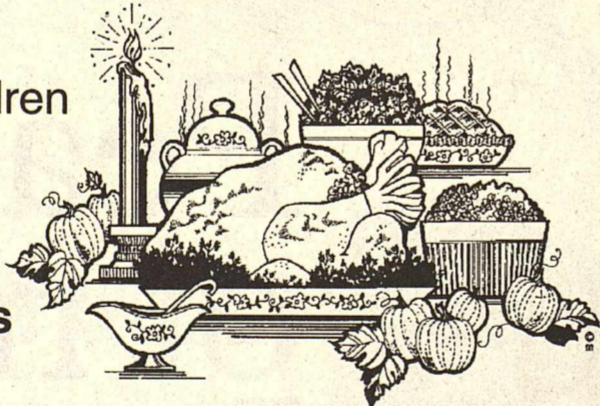
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BRONCOS FALL TO WYLIE

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the 11, giving the Broncos a 1st down. From the 11, Vara crashed into the line for 4 yards on 1st down, and on 2nd & 6 from the 7 Josh Burnham ran the option left to perfection, keeping the ball into the end zone on a very well-executed play and giving the Broncos their first lead of the night, 14-7, with 5:21 remaining until halftime.

Wylie, however, was not ready to fold their tents and go home. The Bulldogs demonstrated why they are in the playoffs on their next drive. After a crushing tackle by Trini Banda on the Wylie kickoff return, the Bulldogs started their next possession at the Wylie 35. Incomplete passes on 1st & 2nd downs had raised hopes that this would be a three & out series for the Wylie offense, but those hopes were dashed when the Wylie quarterback scrambled 19 yards to the Sonora 46 on 3rd & 10. From here the Bulldogs went back to what they do best, running the ball; Pool, Burnham, Perez and Hale all recorded tackles as the Bulldogs moved down the field, but with 1:13 remaining before halftime the Wylie quarterback caught the Bronco secondary in a blown coverage and connected for a 14 yard touchdown pass. Wylie's PAT was good, and at Halftime the score remained 14-14 in an evenly played and very entertaining half of football.

The third quarter was a story of two drives. The Broncos took the ball to begin the third quarter at their own 30, and Gilbert Vara, the workhorse of the Bronco offense, ran the ball 5 consecutive times for gains of

5, 4, 2, 7, and 1 yards before Morley got a carry and gained the Broncos' second 1st down of the half at the Wylie 47. Much of Vara's yardage was gained running behind strong blocking from Trini Banda, Jeff Floyd, and Davis Hale, all of whom have had great years and had good games against Wylie. Vara swept left on 1st & 10 from the Bulldog 47, but was dropped for a rare loss of 5. Morley's counter attempt gained 4 on 2nd & 15, but still left the Broncos with a long 3rd & 11. Burnham dropped back and hit Louis Massey along the Bronco sideline for a gain down to the Wylie 32 to keep the drive alive. From the 32, Vara and Morley kept up their 1-2 punch against the Bulldog defense, moving the ball to the 17, and from there Vara ran a twisting, driving sweep to the 4 yard line. From the 4 Vara dove right up the middle to score the touchdown and help the Broncos regain the lead. The PAT was blocked and Josh Burnham, showing great hustle, had to make a saving tackle as the Wylie defense scooped up the deflected ball and almost scored. With 5:17 remaining in the 3rd quarter, the Broncos held a 20-14 advantage.

Wylie's only 3rd quarter possession began at the Bulldog 25. After an incomplete pass on 1st & 10, Wylie went back to off-tackle left and gained 22 yards on 2nd & 10, a touchdown prevented only by Louis Massey's saving tackle at the 47. Wylie ran option right on 1st down, and after the play was foiled by penetration by Levi Pool, the Wylie quarterback kept his head, reversed his field, and

improvised to the Sonora 42. Pool, the heart of a steady and rock-solid Bronco defense, was injured on the play and saw no more action, an unfortunate loss to a defensive unit which had kept the Broncos close with tenacity and hard-hitting intensity throughout the game. Casey Fitzgerald and Jason Morley recorded several stops each on the Wylie drive as the Bulldogs drove to the Bronco end zone. The Bulldogs found themselves at the Sonora 11 with a 1st & 10, and a dive was stopped by Morley and Fitzgerald; Andy Mirike made a great attempt at an interception on 2nd & 9, but on 3rd & 9 the Bulldogs were able to complete a rollout pass into the end zone, the PAT was good, and the Bulldogs reclaimed their first quarter lead; 21-20, with 1:24 remaining in the third quarter.

The Broncos were allowed only two possessions offensively during the fourth quarter by a stingy Bulldog offense which, although it scored only three more points, consumed the clock with long drives during both its fourth period possessions. The Bronco defenders, including Barker, Morley, Burnham, Jesse Capuchina, Cody Gann, and Shane Deel played hard and fought to stymie the Bulldog offense, but the drive that started with 11:00 left in the 4th quarter and drove to the Sonora 9 ended in a field goal with 6:33 left in the game, putting the Bulldogs up 24-20 and forcing the Broncos into a situation where a touchdown, not a field goal, would have to win the game.

The Broncos took the ball at their own 20, but after Vara gained 14 yards to the 34 on

1st & 10, the Bronco offense could not earn another 1st down against the Wylie Bulldogs, and after taking over on downs the Bulldogs ran out the clock to end the game and claim the Area Championship trophy, 24-20.

The Sonora Broncos end their season, then, at 8-4. The District 6-3A champion Greenwood Rangers were also defeated Friday night by Ballinger 48-13, and therefore All-District selections should be announced soon. Many Broncos should be honored with individual accolades because of their excellent play during the year, and all Broncos so honored are more than deserving of their recognition. I would like to offer my personal congratulations to the 1994 Sonora Broncos, who have played a tough schedule,

matured a great deal, won a playoff game, and took a much larger and depth-laden team to the limit in a loss that ended the Sonora season. The Bronco coaching staff took a group of young players coming off a losing season and changed their way of thinking, turning them into players who expected to win and consistently overachieved each week. Bronco seniors provided leadership and reestablished a fighting, never-say-die tradition of Bronco football that seemed to have evaporated last season. The many juniors and sophomores who played, and played awfully well all season, should give Bronco fans tremendous optimism as they look toward Bronco Football 95'. It's been a great ride, Broncos - thank you, and congratulations for a great season.

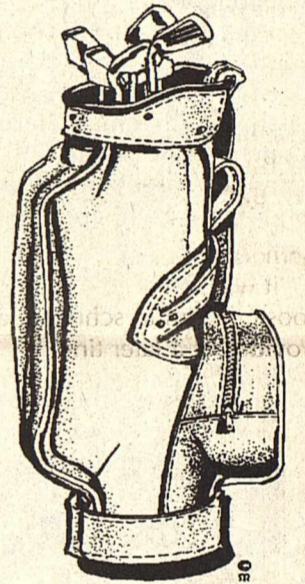
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BRONCOS DEFEAT WILDCATS

by Jay Hufstедler

The Sonora Broncos Varsity boys basketball team overcame a 7 point halftime deficit Saturday, November 19, 1994 to defeat the Water Valley Wildcats, 64-59. The Broncos took the lead in the latter part of the 3rd quarter behind the aggressive offensive play of Hadley Smith. The Broncos built the lead to 9 points in the 4th quarter as J.P. Hudman, Carl Teaff, and Shiloh Sykes "stepped up" the defense with excellent hustle in blocking shots and denying Water Valley a good look at the basket. Robert Sherrod Jr., continued to dominate inside the "paint" throughout the game. Sherrod converted several baskets early in the game on fast break and press break opportunities.

Scoring leaders for the Broncos were Robert Sherrod, Jr. - 24 points; Hadley Smith - 14 points; J.P. Hudman - 12 points; and Shiloh Sykes - 7 points. Hadley Smith led the team in assists with five. Sherrod and Teaff led the team in rebounds with eight and seven, respectively. "I was very proud of our ability to come back and take control of the game."

VARSITY BOYS LOSE CLOSE ONE AGAINST COLEMAN

by Coach Jay Hufstедler

The varsity boys Bronco basketball team played well for four quarters against the Coleman Bluecats on Tuesday, November 15th. "I was very proud of the six young men who are currently playing varsity. They came into the game with winning in mind and they played like winners throughout an exciting and close game. Due to fouls, the Broncos finished the game with three players. Due to some quality basketball players super football at this time, some young players stepped in and played very well. If I have ever been prouder of a group of six young men, I cannot remember when."

The final score was Coleman-50, Sonora-48. Scoring for the Broncos were Robert Sherrod Jr. - 24 points; Hadley Smith - 13 points; J.P. Hudman - 9 points; and Shiloh Sykes - 2 points. Hadley Smith led the team with 9 assists and Robert Sherrod Jr. and Robert Teaff led the team in rebounds with 9 and 7 respectively. J.P. Hudman led the team in steals with 3. Sesar Lomas also came off the bench and played well.

ASCS TO BECOME NRCS

The Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service will soon take on a new identity as the Natural Resources Conservation Service as it streamlines its operations and takes on new program responsibilities. The new agency was authorized under the reorganization ordered October 20 by Agriculture Secretary, Mike Espy.

The new Natural Resources Conservation Service will continue to have responsibility for all the programs of the former Soil Conservation Service. In addition, several other programs have been transferred to it including the Wetland Reserve Program, the Waterbank Program, the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program, Farms for the Future Program, Forestry Incentive Program, and Great Plains Conservation Program.

"We are working to make this a smooth transition for our customers," said Paul Johnson, chief of the agency. "And we will continue to build on 60 years of a unique relationship between federal government and this nation's private landowners as well as our conservation district and state agency partners. It's a relationship built on voluntary programs, technical assistance, and conservation cost-share programs."

Johnson said farmers, ranchers, and other customers of the agency can continue to receive the same assistance they have from the Soil Conservation Service during the transition period.

"Throughout this process, we will keep our customers and our employees well informed," said Johnson. "And we will stay connected to their ideas and concerns."

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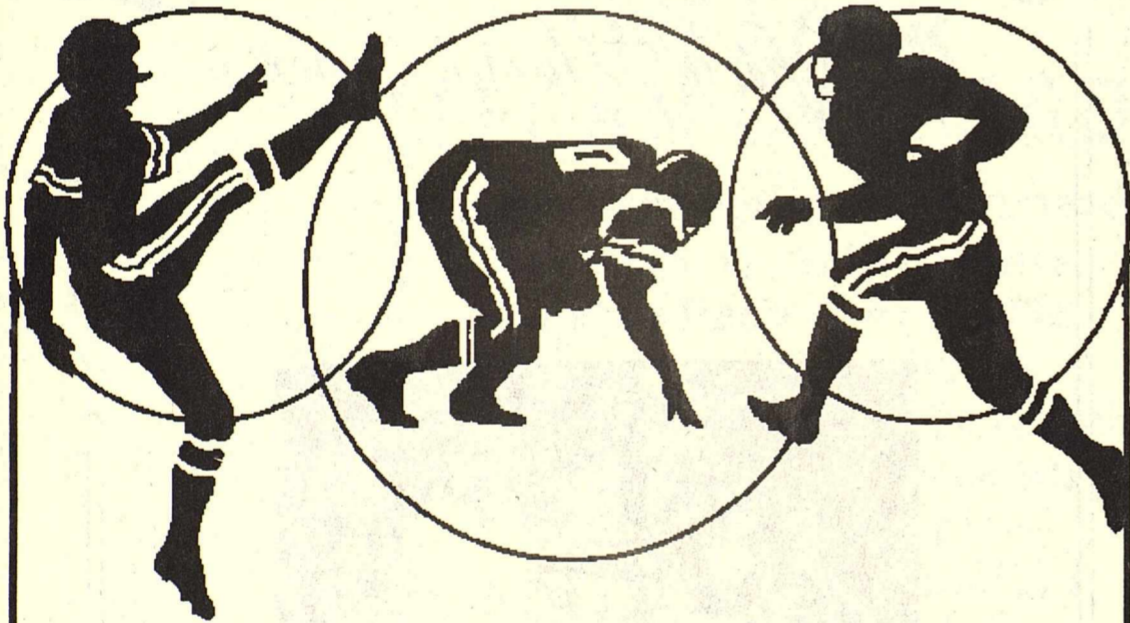
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Boosters had such good support from our members. The decorating team did an outstanding job. Balloon lift off added a spectacular sight and victory lines were filled with great enthusiasm. The Colt Club added youthful exhilaration. Boosters thank all members for helping make this a very memorable season.

It was reported that a baseball scoreboard was installed and the baselines will be cut this week. Boosters plan to schedule a work day during Christmas holidays. More information on this will be provided at a later time.

Boosters encourage members to meet at American Sales Office at 5:00 p.m. Monday, November 29, to work on basketball yard signs. A few need to be painted and then placed in the yards.

A meeting will be held Monday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. to plan a basketball season social. Meet at the High School Library Conference Room.



CONGRATULATIONS

Broncos and Bronco Coaching Staff

BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS!

The Bronco Booster Club salutes your outstanding achievements.

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Thanks for the journey!

BONILLA REFLECTS ON MANY BLESSINGS

Congressman Henry Bonilla, Weekly Report

Each year on the fourth Thursday of November, families and friends across America gather together to celebrate Thanksgiving. This holiday gives us the chance to reflect on the many blessings we have as citizens of this strong and wealthy nation.

First, we should give thanks that we live in a free society. As Americans, we are guaranteed a number of rights, including the basic right to elect or reject our government leaders. Unfortunately, at the same time that nearly half of the eligible voters in America do not exercise their right to vote, millions of citizens around the world are struggling to emulate the democratic model by which we live. Many are willing to stand in line for days or even risk their lives for the privilege to elect their leaders. We Americans are blessed with precious freedom and we must never take that freedom for granted.

In addition, America is a prosperous nation. The spirit of individualism and independence threads its way throughout our history and has driven our citizens to build a better life for themselves. From the very first families who struggled to farm this country's rich soil to today's entrepreneurs who work to create jobs, the pioneer spirit has propelled our nation to the forefront of discovery and exploration.

We should also give thanks that we live in peace. We have rarely had to fight wars on our own soil and for most of this century, our military has been recognized as the most powerful defender of freedom. On this Thanksgiving Day, our hearts go out to the thousands of servicemen and women, across the sea who will not be home to give thanks with their families and friends.

We in America are blessed with freedom, prosperity and peace. Let's be thankful that we live in a society of individuals who work together to steer our nation down the path to success. We should count living in America, the greatest country on Earth, foremost among our many blessings on this Thanksgiving Day.

TWDB AWARDS GRANTS

submitted

The Texas Water Development Board awarded nine individual matching grants (75% from the Board and 25% from the local district) from the Agricultural Conservation Grants to Districts Program. The Board's Agricultural Conservation Grants Program allows local conservation districts to purchase equipment used in district programs to promote agricultural water conservation or water quality testing.

Grants totaling \$51,223.13 were awarded to the following eight districts; \$5,055 to Gaines County Soil & Water Conservation District for an electronic flow meter; \$1,863.38 to Mustang S&WCD for electronic surveying equipment; \$5,250 to Hale S&WCD for an electronic flow meter; \$5,006.25 to Tom Green County Water Control & Improvement District No. 1 for flow meters; \$5,250 for flow meters and \$4,500 for water quality testing equipment to Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District; \$4,468.50 to Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District No. 3 for irrigation scheduling weather network; \$7,830 to Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District for water quality testing equipment; and \$12,000 to the Edwards Underground Water District for water quality testing equipment.

NAVY LEAGUE FORMS LOCAL COUNCIL

A Navy organizational dinner has been set for 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 29 at Zenter's Daughter.

Retired Navy Captain Carter Conlin, and Texas State President for the Navy League of the United States will speak at the dinner. The subject will be the sinking of the U.S.S. Houston, according to San Angelo resident Gene Pierson, who is also Navy retired, and the local organizer for the Navy League.

The purpose of this non-profit educational organization is to bring into the community updates regarding global events and the Department of Defense with special eye on the sea services. This is not the time for "down-sizing" the Naval-military establishment. If we continue on the current program, we will be no stronger than the third-world nations. At present we may be the only super power nation, but that status will not continue with base closures and reduction in forces, according to Pierson.

The Navy League's primary function is to bring defense updates to the local members and the citizens of the community through the monthly Up-date dinner meetings. Reservations for the November 29th dinner meeting can be made by calling 944-8962 and ask for Navy League or leave a message.

The First Thanksgiving Day

*A Pilgrim band on a rockbound coast
Gave fervent thanks to God
For their newfound home, in this "Promised Land,"
The land their feet now trod.*

*For freedom to worship God
They braved the ocean vast,
And in this new found land so great
They found a home at last.*

*Across the wild and stormy waves
Their little barque was driven,
But safe within the shelter here
They found a peaceful haven.*

*"For all the blessings of God's hand
We will give thanks and pray,
And make in this, our newfound home,
A true Thanksgiving Day."*

*Through trials sore the winter passed,
Then springtime came again;
They sowed their seed at autumn time,
There heaped the golden grain.*



*O God, may we, too, not forget
The blessings Thou hast given,
But like the Pilgrim band of old
Lift up our eyes to heaven.*

*And savory meat was found by them
Where the forest round them stood;
How thankful was this little band...
This noble brotherhood.*

*'Mid all the chaos of the world
Our hope is fixed on Thee,
Thou art our refuge, our defense
Through time...eternity!*

Georgia Tillman Sneed

May we remember our many blessings.

*Have a safe and happy
Thanksgiving!*

The staff of

THE *Devil's Ribber* NEWS

Catherine Smith

Gene Avila

Stephanie Campbell

Valiant Effort

by Marti McLain

Amelia Sanchez and Jesse Burnham are very lucky to be alive. They car pool to San Angelo three days a week, where they attend college. Last Wednesday, they hit a big buck deer, dead center. The car rolled 5 times that Amelia remembers, and probably 7 or 8 times, according to the investigating officer. The accident occurred 13 miles north of Eldorado, and their buckled seat belts probably saved their lives. The first thing to break on the late model Maxima was the sun roof. It is hard to believe that anyone came out of the car alive. Gravel, asphalt, sand, and glass filled Amelia's hair, and she was bruised baldly within the seat belt. She couldn't move after the accident, and those who stopped to help wanted her to wait for the EMS before she tried to get out of the car. Dennis Phariss was on his way to Sonora where he directs the music at First Baptist Church. He stopped to help, and Amelia felt that he really gave her the strength to remain calm and to relax while they waited for the ambulance. Jesse was out flagging down cars. It is amazing that they both were able to walk away from the accident. Amelia, husband Lee Roy, and son Roy Lee are going to have a very special Thanksgiving. They are very thankful to be alive and well. There was one ironic twist to the story: while the big buck deer was causing the accident, Lee Roy Sanchez was home cooking a special dinner for Amelia. His menu featured venison steak.

Yes, that young man that I have been seen with lately is Dean McLain. The new hair color is for a play that he is doing in San Antonio. He is playing a role in the Robert Anderson play, "The Last Act Is a Solo". There are three characters in the play, and they all three had the same gray hair. Dean was chosen for the color change, but I think that it is a bit brighter than he intended. I really am tired of folks asking me if I am with my son. The show is playing Tuesday through Thursday at the Alamo City Theater in San Antonio.

Saturday night the Bishops and Parkers attended the San Angelo Symphony's Young Artist Competition where the Sorantine prize winner is selected. It is always one of the most interesting concerts of the year.

The town is full of hunters. On Sunday afternoon all of the baskets at the grocery store were in use. We do love to see the visitors in town.

What a wonderful football season! Any loss is heartbreaking, but this team was splendid. They did a wonderful job. We are all very proud of them.

Joe Lane is doing better every day. His mother Hazel and his sister Wanda have been visiting. He is very aware of how miraculous it is that he is alive.

Brigitte Rogers is in Community Hospital, but she plans to return home in a few days.

Joanne Palmer has her surgery on hold while she gets well enough to withstand serious surgical procedures.

Everyone is cooking for Thanksgiving. The Wards will be at Cynthia and Albert's for Thanksgiving. Cynthia's sister Carolyn ("Junie") will be with them for the holiday.

The Bishops are having a "mob" at their house for Thanksgiving. I think that must mean that all the children are coming home.

Saturday was a very special birthday for a lady who manages to look younger each year. Do you think that Wanda Neville has found the Fountain of Youth? Happy Birthday. Keep doing whatever you're doing; it works.

Sunday was Dr. Drew Wallace's 29th birthday. I'm sure that he celebrated, but he and Lisa are staying near home waiting for their first baby, due any time. We can't wait to hear. Happy Birthday Drew.

The Texas Army members are getting gear together to do Christmas at Old Ft. Concho. Their last encampment in Ft. Stockton was marked by blowing dirt. The Colonels are still trying to clean things up enough to appear in San Angelo. In Ft. Stockton, all of the other groups marched and drilled to very military orders. The Texans don't march. They sort of amble down the field. Their leader says, "Ya'll go down yonder and then come back." They definitely lacked the snap of the other groups, but they do have the independence of the early Texans.

Sandy, Al, John, and Elizabeth Elliott will be spending Thanksgiving with Sandy's family in Houston. They plan to see the Thanksgiving Day parade with all of the cousins this year.

Laticia Parker and children are planning to go to Golthwaite for the holidays. They will visit with Laticia's family and with a nephew who has been a part of the winning football team. Ashley

will be looking terrific for the holidays in a new curly, curly perm.

Anita and Keith Hudson and sons, John Duke and Word had an early Thanksgiving with Keith's family in Paradise.

It was good to see Rick Powers in town this week. Melinda will be home before Thanksgiving. Molly Cook left town for a school conference and returned home to a new house. Friends and relatives helped her make the move. Moving across the street can be as big a move as moving across the country.

Pat Merrill had the Tuesday night bridge club at the Sutton County Steak House. Guests were Martha and Jeri Wallace and Guggle Thorp. Food was wonderful, I hear, especially the bread pudding and rum sauce.

Our sympathies are with Jim and Betty Stephen and others who were friends of the Ft. Davis boys killed in the car/train accident near Austin. It is so tragic to lose two young men in such a senseless accident.

San Antonio health authorities are warning everyone that rabies has increased in wild animals. It is most important for all pets to be vaccinated. If your pets are not vaccinated, you should protect them and your family. The problem seems to be serious and very close to us.

Some Sonora citizens were shopping in Dunlaps this week when the store was robbed. They saw the guns, the robbery, the escape...the whole thing. The witnesses from Sonora were in on all of the excitement. There were shoppers in the store that never new that anything was happening. We are glad that the gunman did not start shooting.

Are you through with your Christmas shopping? If you are, please don't tell me. I haven't even begun.

My jaunt to East Texas took me to Athens, Canton, Tyler, Henderson, and Hillsboro. I spent my time in the archives of the county courthouses looking at old records. I had great success and met many interesting people in the area who also enjoy poking around searching archives for historic data. My first interest in genealogy came when some political forces in San Antonio started trying to gain control of the Alamo. There are some who want to build a "Disneyland-style theme park" down town around the Alamo. I think that this would really be a tragedy. The Alamo appeals to people because it is so real and has genuine dignity. The story of the Alamo appeals to freedom loving people all over the world. You can discuss the long history of the mission, the motives of the individuals who died there, or the many faults and flaws in the Texans, but the sacrifice of the individuals who died there touches the heart of all. The men who died there were not perfect, but they sacrificed their lives for their beliefs. I think that people will always find the story of the Alamo inspiring. Men with principles will always be admired.

Thanksgiving brings so much to mind. We are thankful for our health, our friends, our families, but we should remember that this is a national holiday. It is a day for us to be thankful for our nation and our freedoms. Perhaps it should be a day of resolution, a day when we resolve that we will preserve our nation and protect it from those who would change and destroy it.

Happy Thanksgiving!

"A SONORA CHRISTMAS"

Continued from Page 1

The Sonora Community Christmas Cantata, "The Rose of Bethlehem," will be held on Sunday, **December 18th** at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

The Sonora Ministerial Alliance will deliver its gift baskets on Thursday, **December 22nd**, which explains why this day has been named "The Gifts of Sonora." The Ministerial Alliance and the good people of Sonora do so much for their community throughout the year. It is only fitting that as Christmas gets even closer, that the giving and the true meaning of Christmas are what carry us through the season.

Of course, for the last minute shoppers, Sonora will be open for business Saturday, **December 24th**, with the last ticket drawing being held at Perry's at 2:00 p.m.

If you have any questions about attending any of the events, participating, or shop locations, please call the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880 or the Sonora Main Street Project at 387-2558.

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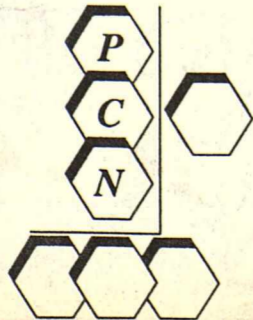
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Henry Bonilla

Public Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids addressed to the Sutton County Commissioners Court will be received at the office of the Sutton County Judge until 9:00 a.m. on November 30, 1994, and then publicly opened and read at that time for furnishing all labor, material and equipment, and performing all work required for the construction of:

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A Certificate of Insurance for the coverages and amounts required for light construction by the County shall be submitted with the signed contracts.

The right is reserved, as the interest of Sutton County may require, to reject all bids, and to waive any informality in bids received.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Charles R. Graves
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THERE WILL NOT BE A PREBID MEETING FOR THIS PROJECT.

Specifications and proposals for the above mentioned contract are available at the office of Mr. Dennis W. Wilde, P.E., Director of Operations, 915/944-1501, Loop 306 & Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas. Mailing address is 4502 Knickerbocker, Rd., San Angelo, Texas 76904. Minority owned businesses

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JOB NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Sonora is now accepting applications/resumes for the position of City Manager. Prefer candidate with a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration or related field and related experience in municipal government. Applicant should have a strong background in finance,

economic and community development, budget, personnel and community relations. Responsibilities include management and operation of the City of Sonora under direction of the City Council. Salary depending on experience, excellent benefits with housing provided. Applications/resumes should be submitted to the City Secretary, 201 N.E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950, prior to December 16, 1994. The City of Sonora is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
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NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE

COUNTY OF SUTTON

DATED November 7, 1994, and issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Sutton County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter numbered and styled causes, and to men directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on November 7, 1994, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in December, 1994, the same being the 6th day of said month at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Sonora, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Sutton and the State of Texas, to-wit:

SUIT NO.	STYLE OF SUIT, DEFENDANTS AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
3623	Sutton County Appraisal District et al v. Samuel Martinez, Ramon Torres Lot 2 in Tract 30 of the West Mexico Addition to the City of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 183, Page 42 of the Deed Records, Sutton County, Texas
3626	Sutton County Appraisal District et al v. Chris Chavarria, The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Petra Sanchez, deceased, The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Luis Castro, deceased, The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Luisa Esquivel, deceased, The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Victoria Villarreal, deceased, The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Juan Yanez, deceased and The Unknown heirs to the Estate of Gilberto Yanez, deceased Lot 15 and North half of Lot 16, Block E of the Sinaloa Addition to the City of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 164, Page 21 of the Deed Records, Sutton County, Texas
3829	Sutton County Appraisal District et al v. Jesus Meza Lot 6, Block D, Hermosa Addition to the City of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 132, page 344 of the Deed Records, Sutton County, Texas
3832	Sutton County Appraisal District et al v. Vivian Vasquez, Jr. Lot 3, Block 5, Mexico aka West Mexico Addition to the City of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 70, Page 360 of the Deed Records, Sutton County, Texas
3996	Sutton County Appraisal District et al v. The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Margarito Gamez, deceased et al Maximiliano Gamez, the Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Pascual Gamez, deceased, The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Jose Monreal Gamez, deceased, Jerry Gamez, The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Apolinar Gamez, deceased, Gracie Gamez, Eddie Gamez, Daniel Gamez, The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Guadalupe Gamez, deceased, Guadalupe Gamez, Jr., Connie Gamez Martinez, Sylvia Gamez Ramon, Leticia Gamez Brown, The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Francisco Gamez, deceased, The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Dionicio Gamez, deceased, The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Emilia Gamez Perez, Rosa Perez Suarez, Raymond Perez, Thomas Perez and Emma Perez Luna Lot 5 thru 8, Block C, Sinaloa Addition, Sutton County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 122, Page 333 of the Deed Records, Sutton County, Texas
4010	Sutton County Appraisal District et al v. Kirk Joy Lot 6, Block 33A, South Heights Addition to the City of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 262, Page 22 and Vol. 262, Page 26 of the Deed Records, Sutton County, Texas
4011	Sutton County Appraisal District et al v. Dorothy Greenhill Southwest part of Lot 11 and All of Lot 12, Block 8E, City of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 188, Page 364 of the Deed Records, Sutton County, Texas
4013	Sutton County Appraisal District et al v. The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Lorenzo Sosa, deceased, The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of W.A. Glasscock, deceased, The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of S.G. Tayloe, deceased and The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Mary Tayloe, deceased Lot 3, Block 4, Mexico Addition aka West Mexico Addition to the Town of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 13, Page 493 and 494 of the Deed Records, Sutton County, Texas
4015	Sutton County Appraisal District et al v. Ervenia Perez, Rudolpho Perez and Mid-State Homes, Inc., Leinholder (In Rem Only) Northeast one-half of Lots 4 & 5, and All of Lot 6, Block 46B, Santa Rosa Addition to the Town of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 123, Page 719 and Vol. 123, Page 721 of the Deed Records, Sutton County, Texas
4016	Sutton County Appraisal District et al v. The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Henry Ozuna, deceased, The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Gregoria Ozuna and The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Roy Hudspeth, deceased Lots 6 through 8, Block 7, Loma Alta Addition to the City of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 27, Pages 455 through 458 of the Deed Records, Sutton County, Texas

or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and costs of suit and sale; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest thereon and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

DATED November 7, 1994, at Sonora, Texas.

By Bill Webster
SHERIFF, Sutton County, Texas

Joe Fincher
DEPUTY

To All Voters In Senate District 25:



Senator Jeff
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Republican Texas Senate

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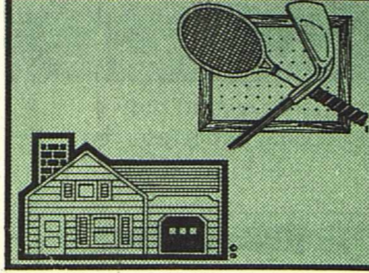
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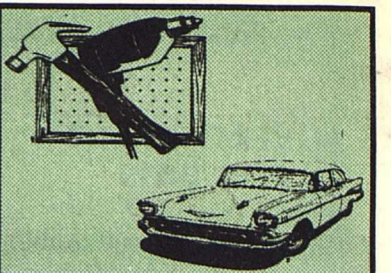
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by Melett Rowland

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The concept of keeping our tax dollars here at home is not a new one. The people who ultimately benefit from money spent here are the taxpayers. For every dollar spent in Sonora, 7.25% is collected in sales tax (6.25% goes to the state, and 1% comes back to Sonora). For October 1994, Sonora received \$25,700.46 in sales tax revenues. This money goes to develop better roads, parks, sidewalks, and many other things that we take simply for granted.

The wonderful thing about shopping Sonora is that it is so easy to do. It doesn't require any extra effort to spend money on gas, groceries, and other necessities here at home than it does to purchase these items out of town. What's even better is that if we spend the money, it comes back to us to better our community, not some other community.

Don't forget that shopping locally is a two-way street. If they aren't carrying the items needed, ask if they can get them. A simple request may be all it takes to get those items ordered as part of the regular stock. Also, if you think their prices are too high, ask them to lower the price. They may not be able to beat big city prices, but they can usually make it cost effective for you to save the trip.

There's no harm in asking your merchants questions. That is one of the distinct advantages of living in a smaller community. The more the merchants know about you, the better they can respond to your needs. There is a very good reason that small businesses account for 80% of all businesses in the nation. The small business person is willing to go that extra mile for their customer. All the customer has to do is let them know which direction to travel.

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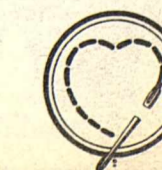
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Saturday, **December 10, 1994**, is the date for the 1st Annual Country Christmas at the Caverns of Sonora. From 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. you can browse through 35 Arts and Crafts booths, find a living Christmas Tree, food, entertainment, and, of course, the beauty of the Caverns itself.

The second ticket drawing will be held in the Perry's parking lot at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, **December 10th**.

"The Sounds of Sonora," is the theme for Thursday, **December 15, 1994**. Once again, the Sonora merchants will be open for your shopping convenience until 8:00 p.m. To enhance the Christmas mood, there will be a living nativity scene at the First United Methodist Church (on Water and Oak), and carolers will be all around town at the stores and in neighborhoods. Get out and shop while the Christmas spirit is flowing. Or, if you have all your shopping done, join in a group of carolers!

The third ticket drawing will be held downtown on Saturday, **December 17th** at 2:00 p.m.

The Sonora Community Christmas Cantata, "The Rose of Bethlehem," will be held on Sunday, **December 18th** at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

The Sonora Ministerial Alliance will deliver its gift baskets on Thursday, **December 22nd**, which explains why this day has been named "The Gifts of Sonora." The Ministerial Alliance and the good people of Sonora do so much for their community throughout the year. It is only fitting that as Christmas gets even closer, that the giving and the true meaning of Christmas are what carry us through the season.

Of course, for the last minute shoppers, Sonora will be open for business Saturday, **December 24th**, with the last ticket drawing being held at Perry's at 2:00 p.m.

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by Melett Rowland

The Sonora Merchants Association presents their traditional Christmas promotion and ticket drawing with a few new twist. While the merchants will still hold drawings each Saturday in December, the merchants will also be open late each Thursday night in December and each night has its own theme.

December 1, 1994 will be "The Lights of Sonora." A Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade will sequentially light the downtown buildings in procession to the courthouse lawn to light the community tree. There will be hot chocolate and cookies provided by the First National Bank. Everyone is encouraged to patronize at all merchants who will be open until 8:00 p.m.

December 3, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. on the courthouse lawn, will be the first Saturday drawing for gift certificates from all participating merchants. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive at 3:00 p.m. While the children wait in line to visit with Santa, Mrs. Claus will read them stories.

Over \$3,000.00 has already been donated and will be given out over the four Saturday drawings. You may register for the drawing with each dollar purchase at local merchants who are dispensing tickets. The tickets remain in the hopper for all four drawings, but you must be present to win. The first and third drawings will be held downtown on Main Street, and the second and fourth drawings will be held on Perry's parking lot (just south of Hwy. 277 and I-10). All drawings are at 2:00 p.m.

On Thursday, **December 8, 1994**, "The Hospitality of Sonora" will be in full bloom. Participating restaurants will give a 15% discount to those who have come to shop in Sonora. To sweeten the deal even further, participating retail merchants will give a discount on merchandise purchased this evening with proof of a meal eaten at one of the participating restaurants. All the shops will have snacks for their customers on this night as an added touch of hospitality. Biscuits O'Bryan and the Wild Bunch will be serving up a campfire meal in front of Ol' Sonora (Hwy. 277 South) and donations will go to Christmas in April.

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