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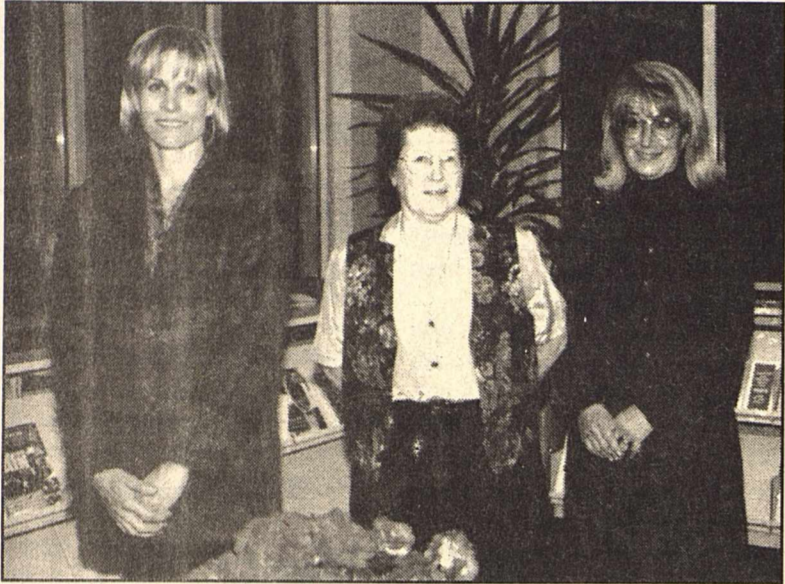
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Thursday, November 21, 1996

New Sutton County Public Library Opens



Sharon Holman, Patricia Johnson, and Virginia Epps worked hard to raise funds for the construction of the new library building. They helped raise over \$500,000 in grants and private contributions to fund the project absent of tax dollars.

Over 200 persons attended the dedication of the new Sutton County Public Library Tuesday, November 12. The Mighty Bronco Band, led by director, Fred Adkins, entertained the crowd gathered on Mulberry Street in front of the library. Chamber of Commerce Manager, Sharon Key, thanked

those present for coming. Rev. Lewis Allen introduced the Mayor, Margaret Cascadden; County Judge Carla Garner; Commissioners, John Wade, Belia Castenada, Mike Villanueva, and Bill Keel; Joe Lane, county on-site supervisor; and County Librarian, Florie Gonzales and Assistant Librarian, Maria Castillo. Florie Gonzales then introduced the out-of-town guests from surrounding libraries: Beatrice Takacs, Big Country Library System Coordinator, Lilia Jefferson, Big County Library System Assistant Coordinator, Louise Ledoux, Ozona Librarian, Lou Deaton, Library Board Lay Representative Advisory Council from Ozona, Jessi Zuniga, Ozona Library

Board, and Larry Justis, San Angelo Librarian.

The late, Joyce Shedrick, Green Thumb worker for many years at the library was memorialized as was W.R. (Dede) Matthews. Mr. Matthews, an architect from Bryan, assisted the committee in its infancy.

Members of the Sutton County Public Library Committee were introduced. They were Mabel VanderStucken, Virginia Epps, Sharon Holman, Patricia Johnson, Doris Rousselot, Lori Solis, Kristen Hicks, Al Elliott, Lemuel Lopez. Ex Officio members are A.W. Bishop, Carolyn Earwood, and John Wade.

William R. McClanahan, structural engineer from San Angelo was thanked for his design of the grounds and for his constant help and advice.

A special tribute was paid to Joseph and Mabel VanderStucken for their many years of generous and mostly anonymous support of the community.

Nancy Brockman's fifth grade class presented a quilt, handmade by the class, depicting Sutton County history. It will be displayed in the library and in other locations on a rotating basis.

Barbara Earwood, nationally known artist, was introduced and thanked for her mural, hanging in the lobby, which represents Sutton County's ranching heritage. Barbara also had a showing of some of her other paintings in the multi-purpose Program Room. Her exhibit is

the first to be mounted in this unique area which functions well as a small art gallery, for mini-meetings, children's story hour, or just for solitary quiet study.

Ashley Henson, Miss Sutton County, and Little Miss Sutton County, Stephani Morris, participated in the ribbon-cutting. Ashley and Stephani also presided over the guest table book table.

The many visitors toured the library's various departments. These included the children's section and the elegant periodical reading corner overlooking the courtyard and the amphitheater. On display was an architect's rendering by Loleta Barnhart of how the courtyard could look in the future. In the History Room demonstrations were given using microfilm readers to find ancestors on census rolls and to research old newspapers on microfilm. A number of floral arrangements sent by well-wishers provided a colorful backdrop for the occasion.

It was announced that additions to the commemorative wall in the lobby will be accepted until December 12, 1996. Those listed on this wall are the source of the funds used to build the new library. The contributions for the memorials shown here are also part of the building fund.

It should be a matter of pride to Sutton County citizens that the library was financed by over half a million dollars of grants and private contributions. No local tax money was used.

The county will continue to operate and maintain the library as it has done since 1982.

Sonora Merchants Gearing Up For Holiday Season

The Sonora Merchant Association members have been preparing gift certificates to be used in the annual ticket drawings held throughout the month of December. Over \$3,000 in gift certificates have been issued with more expected. Everyone is encouraged to shop with participating merchants and be sure and ask for your ticket stubs. The drawings will begin on December 7 in the downtown area.

Merchant Association Members and other Sonora residents interested in taking part in the 3rd Annual Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the downtown area on December 3rd, are encouraged to call the Chamber of Commerce and reserve space. The vendors that have already committed, coupled with the downtown merchants promise to make an enjoyable evening for everyone.

For two hours, residents and visitors will be able to taste, shop, and listen to great music provided by the Ol' Tyme Band and enjoy one of the spirits of Christmas...friendship.

At 7:00 p.m. the work-worn cowboys will once again ride down Main Street ending at the Courthouse steps and proceed to

light the courthouse lawn and building. The lighting will conclude the evening of fun.

The Merchants Association includes the following members: Image Apparel, Perry's, B&C Department Store, Westerman Drug, Tedford Jewelry, Sonora Wool & Mohair, Sutton County Steakhouse, Broncho Ford, PM Office Supply, West Texas Utilities, Chelle's, Dairy Queen, Lone Star Gas, Jimco, Ol' Sonora Trading Company, The Video Store, Food Center, Merle Norman, I-10 Auto Ranch, Sonora Sports & Supply, The Craft Cottage, Sutton County National Bank, Teaff Oil Co., Vallree's Bright Spot Fashions, The Country Closet, Doran's Furniture, Caverns of Sonora, Lisa's Flowers, Rodeo Wild, Dr. Rust, First National Bank, Grider Trucking, KHOS Radio, Doyle Morgan Insurance, Steve's Exxon, Devil's River Auto Parts, Main Street Realty, Carl J. Cahill, The Devil's River News, Thorp's Laun-Dry, and Sonora Golf Club.

The Merchants Association extends a warm welcome to the community to take part in the evening and extends a special invitation to our neighbors from Eldorado that will be traveling to Sonora for basketball games the same evening.

The DRN Briefs

FUMC Schedule

There will be no 8:30 service at FUMC Sunday, Nov. 24. Please join us for the regular 11:00 service.

Methodist Bake Sale

The Methodist Bake Sale will be in the church fellowship hall, Wednesday, Nov. 27 beginning at 8 a.m. Proceeds from this sale will be used for local projects.

Basketball Social

The Basketball Social will be held Thursday, Nov. 21st at the High School Commons Area at 6:00 p.m.

1997 Band Calendar

Have your name listed in the birthdays, anniversaries, or memorials. Call Pete Samaniego by Nov. 22nd. 387-2112 after 5 p.m.

Thanksgiving Dinner

The Knights of Columbus & Columbian Squires of St. Ann's Parish will host a Thanksgiving Dinner November 17th for all senior citizens of Sutton County.

Office Closed

The Sutton County Historical Society will be closed during the recuperation of secretary, Jo-Ann Palmer.

Social Security Bulletin

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his November visit to Sonora. He will be at the County Courthouse from 9:30-10:30 on Tuesday, November 26. Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at the time.

Ozona Woman's League

Ozona Woman's League Holiday Bazaar, featuring custom-baked pies, cakes, cookies, candies, breads, jellies, and meat casseroles will be Monday, Nov. 25th from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the Ozona Civic Center. *Diamonds In The Dessert* cookbooks will be available for \$14.95. Bazaar Raffle Tickets are \$1.00. Raffle tickets may be purchased from any League member or at the door during the Bazaar. For more information call Terri Faught at 915-392-5871.

Local FSA Committee Requests Producers To Get Involved

Sutton County Office Slated For December Closure

As a result of the 1996 Farm Bill, closure of the Sutton County FSA office is scheduled for mid-December. This office is proposed to consolidate with the Schleicher County office. Sutton County Chairman, Scott Jacoby stated this will cause the loss of our identity as a county. The wool and mohair counties are being unduly singled out.

"The workload in all counties has been affected by the Farm Bill. If there is a budget crunch, then each office in the state should have to make cuts. The Hill Country and West Texas areas being affected cover almost 1/5th of the state. In most cases these producers will have to travel over 100 miles or more just to find an FSA office. This is not service to producers."

The Crockett and Sutton County FSA Committees have prepared two proposals for the State FSA Committee's review which meets in College Station the first week of December.

Proposal I: The Crockett and Sutton County offices de-combine. Sutton County will become a shared management office with Schleicher County. Sutton County will keep a full time office in Sonora, the office will be co-located with the NRCS office to share office expense.

Proposal II: Sutton County shared management with Schleicher County with a part-time office in Sonora open three days a week, the other two days will be spent in Schleicher County. Records will remain in Sutton County, the committees will remain separate, and the office will be co-located with

NRCS. "Closure of the Sutton County Offices, or any of the other offices for that matter will not solve the problem; it will only create more. Agriculture is and always will be the life blood of this country. If food and fiber are not produced domestically all aspects of the economy will suffer, and all parts of the nation will suffer, not just rural West Texas. It will not matter what type of business you are in or where you live, if you or your employees cannot feed and clothe your families."

Crockett and Sutton County operate on less than \$90,000 a fiscal year. Counties like these are not causing the budget crunch.

All producers are encouraged to write or fax our representative: Governor George Bush State Capitol Room 2S.1 Austin, TX 78701 512-463-2000 FAX 512-463-1849

U.S. Congressman Henry Bonilla 11120 Wurzbach Rd., Suite 300 San Antonio, TX 78230 210-697-9055

U.S. Senator Phil Gramm Room 370 Russell Building Washington, D.C. 20510 202-224-2934

U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison Room 283 Russell Building Washington, D.C. 20510 202-224-5922 FAX 202-224-0776

DRN Deadline Fri., Nov. 22 For Thanksgiving Issue

The Devil's River News office will be closed Wednesday through Friday, November 27-29 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

The deadline for the November 28th issue is Friday, November 22 by 5:00 p.m.

Hospital Board Explores Home Health Field

Roger Long of Health Corp. of Tennessee, Inc. presented information to the Sutton County Hospital District at their regular monthly business meeting regarding the hospital implementing a home health program in the facility. Health Corp. entered the business approximately ten years ago. Mr. Long stated that home health programs have saved a number of rural hospitals.

Demographics from the Sonora Chamber of Commerce shows the population of Sutton County at about 4,100. Out of that, 10% of the population is 65 or older. Mr. Long felt an agency in Sonora could also serve Schleicher and Crockett Counties. The advantage this facility would have over a free standing agency is the ability to shift costs over to the home health agency.

Mr. Long explained that his company would perform a turn key operation. It would be the district's home health agency. Health Corp. would apply for the



At the November City Council meeting, Maxine Locklin was honored with a certificate and gift for 20 years of service to the city. Maxine is the Municipal Judge for Sonora. Pictured above presenting the certificate is Mayor Margaret Cascadden. In the background is City Manager, Brent Gesch.

license in the district's name. Health Corp. would do the strategic planning by talking to physicians, community, other counties, and San Angelo physicians. The complete start up will be at no cost to the hospital, however Health Corp would charge \$11.00 per visit. The facility can use any of the part time nurses that the facility has on staff. The board tabled any action, to gain more information to be presented at later date.

William Goodrich presented the current status of Medicare certification in the nursing facility as follows: the entire application has arrived, the regulatory requirements for Medicare certification has been received, different organizations and hospitals have been contacted to set up a therapy service in the area, Medicare surveyors will be contacted to set up pre-survey conferences. Mr. Goodrich stated that he feels it will be six to eight months before the complete implementation will be done.

Sarah Kennell, R.N.,

Director of Nurses in the Nursing Facility, addressed the board stating that at the present time there are 24 residents in the nursing facility. Ms. Kennell advised that staffing of nurses at the present is adequate. The turn over of CNA's is the biggest challenge. Several employees are attending CNA schooling, and the facility is looking good at this time. Ms. Kennell also stated she is working on in-servicing the nursing staff.

A new stove was purchased for the dietary department at a purchase price of \$2295 which was originally \$4995. Mr. Goodrich also informed the board the renovation in the hospital is approximately 85% complete, and an open house for the public is scheduled.

The financial report for September showed a net loss of \$27,600 which was \$12,000 under budget and the nursing home showed a net loss of \$10,000 which was \$2,000 over budget. The loss is attributed to a low census.

Our Sympathy

Carmon Ray Adams

Carmon Ray Adams, 77, of Roosevelt died Sunday, November 17, 1996, at her residence.

Service was at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 19 in Kerbow Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Sonora Cemetery.

She was born December 18, 1918, in Fort McKavett. She was a rancher and a member of the Cedar Hill Church of Christ.

Survivors include two cousins, Dolores Adams and Bernice Williamson; and several nieces and nephews.

Adriana Garcia

Adriana Garcia died Oct. 30, 1996, in San Jose California. Memorial Services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 25, at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

She was born in Sonora on Dec. 16, 1943, to Alfonso and Viviana Reyna.

Survivors include her husband, Joe Garcia; a daughter, Linda Narvez of Santa Clara, Ca.; two sons, Izac Garcia and Ruben Garcia of San Jose, Ca.; her mother, Viviana Reyna of Mineral Wells; two brothers, Alfonso Reyna of Waco, Armando Reyna of Lima Peru; four sisters, Amparo Gonzales, Anabel Flores of Mineral Wells, Andrea Chavez of Sonora, and Leticia Dorrell of Sanger, Texas; and numerous grandchildren.

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be. So He put His arms around you and whispered, "Come to Me." With tearful eyes we watched you and saw you pass away. And though we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hardworking hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us... He only takes the best.

Correction: The Devil's River News staff apologizes to Mike Villenuewa for the mistakes made in his card of thanks printed in last week's issue.

Card of Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the voters in Sutton County who went to the polls on Tuesday, November 5, 1996 to cast their ballot. A special thanks to the people in Precinct 1 who voted for me and gave me their support. It is a great privilege to represent all the people of Sutton County.

May God Bless You,
Miguel (Mike) Villenuewa

Gracias

Quiero tomar esta oportunidad para darles las gracias a todos los votantes que fueron a votar el martes cuando fue la Eleccion General y marcaron su voto y su voz en el voieto.

Gracias, especial mente a los votantes del precinto uno que votaron por mi.

Es un honor para mi a representar a toda la gente del condado de Sutton.

Que Dios los Bendiga,
Miguel (Mike) Villanueva

BIRTHDAY

21st
Leo Luna
Jessica Esquivel
Brian Payton
Paul Chevalier
Tonni Balas
Steve Bolt
22nd
O.L. Richardson
Bill Cascadden
Roland Solis
Bryce Smith
Lili Contreras
23rd
Irene Friess
Rachel Myers
Alicia Virgen
Rosa Montez
24th
Maray Cearley
Chris Crowder
Paige Sykes
Deidra Warden
Ty Love
25th
Jerry Goodall
Lester Rainer
Ray Barlemann

Lisa Yanez
26th
Louise Faulks
Patti Rainer
Carmen Castillo
Tim Thorp
Rito Renteria Jr.
Shane Adams
27th
Erin Scott
Judson Chevalier
Diana Smith
J.R. Solis
Sabrina Jolly
Tristen Guerra
Derek Van Winkle
Raymond Draper

Happy Anniversary

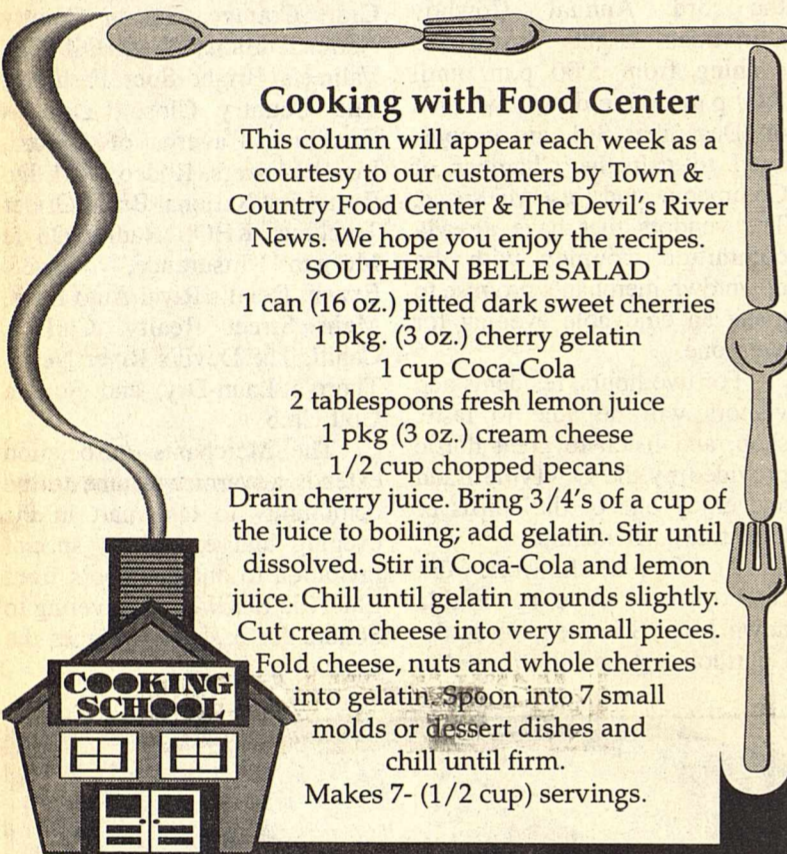
21st
Pete & Yvette Samaniego
23rd
Dell & Virginia Gallion
26th
Juan & Laura Bonilla

Card of Thanks

The Cub Scouts of Pack 119 wish to thank the community for their suport in the annual food drive. It was a very successful drive.

Card of Thanks

The West Side Lions Club held our annual "Your Someone Special" Rose Sale. The fund raiser was a huge success due to the participation of the community. We express great appreciation to those that bought and gave donations for the roses.



Cooking with Food Center

This column will appear each week as a courtesy to our customers by Town & Country Food Center & The Devil's River News. We hope you enjoy the recipes.

SOUTHERN BELLE SALAD

1 can (16 oz.) pitted dark sweet cherries
1 pkg. (3 oz.) cherry gelatin
1 cup Coca-Cola
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 pkg (3 oz.) cream cheese
1/2 cup chopped pecans

Drain cherry juice. Bring 3/4's of a cup of the juice to boiling; add gelatin. Stir until dissolved. Stir in Coca-Cola and lemon juice. Chill until gelatin mounds slightly. Cut cream cheese into very small pieces. Fold cheese, nuts and whole cherries into gelatin. Spoon into 7 small molds or dessert dishes and chill until firm.
Makes 7- (1/2 cup) servings.

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**

November 21-27 Community Calendar

Thursday Nov. 21
GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT, 6:00 p.m.
Basketball Social
Friday Nov. 22
Broncos vs. Ozona H; 9th 6:00, JV 6:00, VAR 7:30, HS/JH Choir-Region Clinic/Concert in Stephenville

Saturday Nov. 23rd
Lady Broncos vs. Boerne T JVB 1:00 p.m., JV 2:30, VAR 4:00, High School Band-District Audition in Ballinger

Monday Nov. 25th
Lady Broncos vs. Grape Creek T, JVB 7:30
Broncos vs. Grape Creek H, 9th 7:30

Tuesday Nov. 26th
Lady Broncos vs. McCamey H, JVB 4:30, JV 7:30, VAR 6:00
Broncos vs. Wall H, 9th 4:30, JV 6:00, VAR 7:30

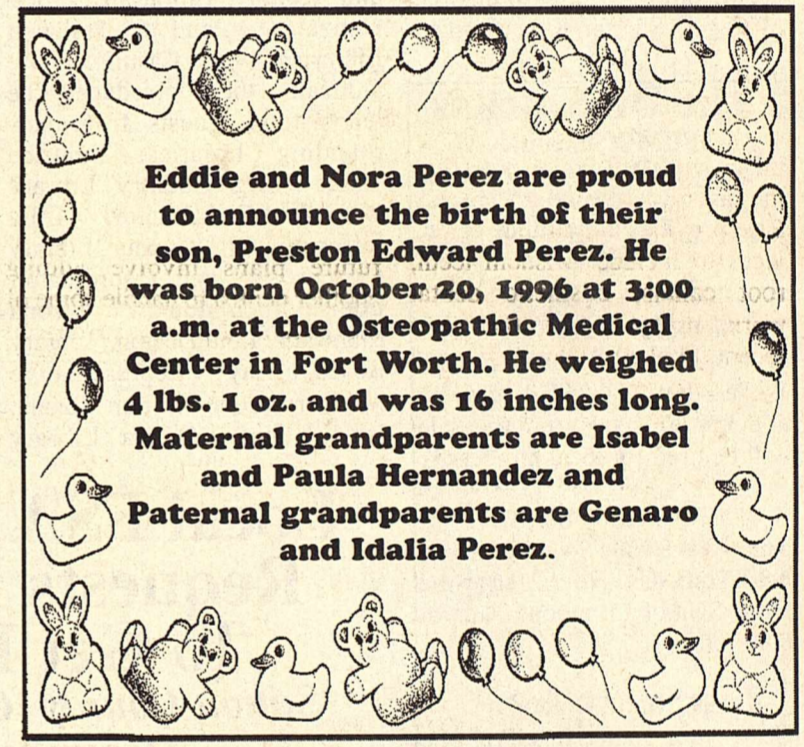
Wednesday Nov. 27th
Lady Broncos vs. McCamey H, JVB 4:30, JV 7:30, VAR 6:00
Broncos vs. Wall H, 9th 4:30, JV 6:00, VAR 7:30

Thursday Nov. 27th, 28th, 29th
Thanksgiving Holiday

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Eddie and Nora Perez are proud to announce the birth of their son, Preston Edward Perez. He was born October 20, 1996 at 3:00 a.m. at the Osteopathic Medical Center in Fort Worth. He weighed 4 lbs. 1 oz. and was 16 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Isabel and Paula Hernandez and Paternal grandparents are Genaro and Idalia Perez.

Sonora Church Directory

NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
James Lee, Pastor
306 N. 4th Street
387-2898

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
504 Santa Clara
387-2035

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Tim Dobbs, Minister
304 W. Water
387-3190

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Jim Stephen, Pastor
404 NE Oak
387-2951

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. J. Monte Jones, Rector
404 NE Poplar
387-2955

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Ron Myers, Pastor
201 NW Water
387-2466

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

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

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN
Lewis Allen, Pastor
319 NE Mulberry
387-2616

OUTREACH CHURCH OF CHRIST
Hwy. 277 S. Glasscock

PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE
Willie West, Pastor
509 Amistad
387-3236

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I.
229 SW Plum
387-2278

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

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
Don Sessom
511 Cornell
387-5215
Attend the church of your choice, this Sunday.

Cornerstone Home Health Agency
116 N Concho
(915)387-2505 (800)593-8222

Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

School Lunch Menu

All meals served with milk

BREAKFAST and LUNCH

Monday, Nov. 25
Waffle Sticks, Juice

Tuesday, Nov. 26
Oatmeal, Donut, Fruit

Wednesday, Nov. 27
Thanksgiving Holidays

Spaghetti w/Meatballs, California Vegetables, Diced Pears, Cheese Roll

Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Orange Wedges

Thursday, Nov. 28
Thanksgiving Holidays

Friday, Nov. 29
Thanksgiving Holidays

SENIOR CENTER

Calendar of Events

November 25 Bingo!
November 26- Nutrition Program with Kelly Thorp, noon
November 27 - Thanksgiving Meal and Program
November 28 & 29- Center Closed for Thanksgiving

Lunch Menu

Friday, November 22
Cheese Enchiladas, w/Meat Sauce, Pinto Beans, Zucchini Squash, Crackers, Tomatoes, Plums

Monday, November 25
Beef Stew, Stewed Vegetables, Sweet Peas, Crackers, Chocolate Pudding

Tuesday, November 26
Hamburgers, Ovenfried Potatoes, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Hamburger Buns, Fruit Cup

Wednesday, November 27
Turkey Day! Turkey w/Giblet Gravy Dressing, Broccoli, Sweet Potatoes, Wheat Rolls, Cranberry Sauce, Pumpkin Pie w/Topping

Thursday, November 28
Center Closed

Friday, November 29
Center Closed

Guest Meals are \$4.00.

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Dr. Bernard Rust Enjoys His Work



Dr. Rust pictured with a patient in his Sonora office.

Fortune discovered Sonora eight years ago when Bernard Rust, a 1968 graduate of the St. Louis University Dental School, began his practice in the small community of Sonora Texas. Having previously taught endodontics at Baylor Dental School and operating a practice in Dallas, the sight of a smaller community appealed to him and his wife, Mary. After seeing an ad in Dental Computer, he found a practice for sale in Ozona by Dr. Joe Logan. Rust talked to Dr. Lonnie Pollard DDS, who told him to come by Sonora after their visit in Ozona. He and Mary stopped for a coke, and Rust said that that was all it took. The rest is good fortune!

Dr. Rust keeps current in the changing world of dentistry. He has always participated in continuing education, especially in the last seven-eight years. Because dentistry changes a lot, he and his office staff provide the latest techniques with the most modern equipment and provide a larger variety of dentistry than the average dentist office. Dr. Rust provides a multitude of services to include: wisdom teeth, root canals, cosmetic dental work, bridge work, the most recent implant technology, and gum disease diagnosis prevention and care.

While providing Sonora with a modern, current hometown dentist, Dr. Rust really enjoys his work. Rust stated that if a dentist only practiced what he learned in

1968, he would not be in business today.

Part of his continuing education includes his implant residency at the Dental School in San Antonio. Implants are beneficial to individuals who are missing teeth and don't want the hassle of dentures. They are just like real teeth, and cause very little discomfort. The procedure is not any more uncomfortable than a common tooth extraction for most patients.

The investment for continuing education is immense in the dental field, and the chance of recovering that cost is not realistic for a community this size. However, Dr. Rust truly enjoys his practice while concurrently providing people with the availability of a needed procedure. An uncommon dedication and commitment demonstrating his true affection for his profession and the people he serves.

Rust and his wife have four children, who live in Austin, Blanket, the University of North Texas, and Texas A&M. They really enjoy all the people here and living in Sonora. Dr. Rust's future plans involve adding another dentist to handle some of the general dentistry so he can focus on implants and cosmetic dentistry, which involves crowns, bonded resin, improving appearance without orthodontics, and giving the illusion of perfect teeth.

We are proud he stopped for that coke.

OPEN LETTER

Dear Editor:

I want to express my deep thanks to the voters of Texas who invested their trust and their confidence in me by reelecting me to represent the greatest state in the Union in the United States Senate.

Other than my wife, Wendy, and my two sons, the thing that I am most proud of in my life is that I have the opportunity to serve you.

I want every Texas family to know that when I said I was going to Washington committed to bringing back power where it belongs, to our families, I meant it. I will work hard to be sure that Congress does what it was elected to do so that family, faith and freedom can come first in America.

I will always make you proud that you elected me as your senator.

Phil Gramm
United States Senator

Five Times To Contact Social Security

submitted

While many people are aware that Social Security pays retirement benefits, some may not realize that Social Security also is the backbone for families when a parent becomes disabled or dies. For this reason, they may not realize that they need to be in touch with Social Security at critical points in their lives to insure that they get the most out of the program.

"Just remember there are at least five times you should contact Social Security during your life," Frank Upp said.

1. To get an application for a Social Security number
2. To apply for a replacement Social Security card if yours is lost or stolen, or if you change your name.
3. To request a Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement and to correct any

errors found in your earnings record

4. To file a claim for benefits, or if you already receive benefits, to report certain events like death, marriage or divorce which might affect them

5. To sign up for Medicare at age 65, even if you are not retiring.

When you call, have your Social Security number handy. Simply dial the toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, to speak to a representative between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. each business day.

All of the services Social Security provide are free--from issuing Social Security number cards to processing disability, survivors, and retirement claims. Social Security also produces a variety of publications that explain the various Social Security programs, including benefits available to children.

Celebrating Postal Employees November 18-22

submitted

It's been called the "backbone of America," an organization that helped "build America" and even "the lifeline of America." George C. Scott reminds us of this great organization in weekly radio spots. It's an organization we've come to rely on, it's been around over 100 years, and your United States Postal Service is still working for you.

Beginning November 18 and throughout the whole week, the Sonora Post Office will celebrate its employees. Customers are invited to participate in celebrating the local postal employees that touch them daily. A kind word of recognition to your letter carrier and window clerks who are there to serve you is one way to be involved.

"We see the need to set aside

some special time for the five employees at the Sonora Post Office," says Judy Phillips, Officer in Charge. "Our employees work hard to deliver all year those things that are most important to you. Our managers have avenues for recognizing exemplary employees, but those who make it a point to come to work, day after day, week after week, through wind and rain and snow and...well you get the picture," says Phillips jokingly. "These are the employees we count on every day to get the job done. And this is a time we want to put aside to celebrate our employees."

Customers are encouraged to come by the Sonora Post Office on Friday, November 22, to enjoy punch and cookies with their postal employees. Let them know how you appreciate the excellent job they do for you.



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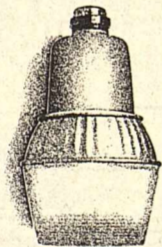
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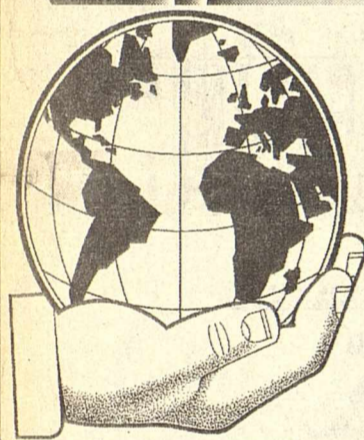
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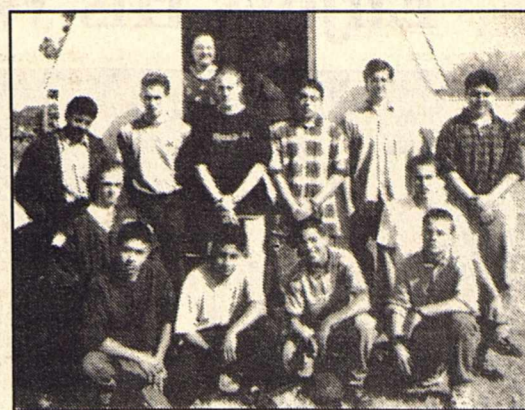


Pictured left to right are Jesse Aguilar, Jose Reyes, Carlos Sanchez, Juan Alvarez, Jason Barthelemy.

The Vocational classes of Sonora High School proudly announce the completion of the 8x20 storeroom including a separate office located in the front of the building. The new structure will be used for the recycled paper drop off at the Recycling Center on Water Avenue across from the EMS Building.

The following students were involved in the construction of this project: Charlie Alewine, Chris Braly, John Brown, Juan Buitron, Demetrio Castro, Brad Childress, Chris Clifton, Felix Galvan, Marty Gonzales, Sergio Hernandez, Jennifer Gonzales, Roy Luna, Roy Masey, Brenda Murillo, Anthony Sanchez, Amy Torres, Farrah Virgen, Jesse Aguilar, Jason Barthelemy, Jose Reyes, Carlos Sanchez, and Juan Alvarez.

The construction of the building exposed these students to the following building trades; Framing, Floor Decking, Roofing, Sheetrocking, Paneling, Ceiling Tile, Electric Wiring, Painting, Trimming, Window Framing, Hanging of the Doors, and Floor Covering.



Front row, l-r: Brad Childress, John Brown, Marty Gonzales, Roy Luna, Demetrio Castro, and Charlie Alewine. Back row, l-r: Juan Buitron, Chris Braly, Farrah Virgen, Chris Clifton, Amy Torres, Felix Galvan, Roy Masey, and Anthony Sanchez. Not pictured are Jennifer Lozano, Brenda Murillo, and Sergio Hernandez.

Galvan Receives Certificate

Marine Sgt. Javier Galvan, son of Carmen Galvan of 308 Ben Juarez, Sonora, Texas, recently received a Certificate of Recruiting Excellence.

He was cited for services at Marine Corps Recruiting Station, Dallas. The award was in recognition of his outstanding performance of duties, professionalism, and initiative.

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SISD School Board Minutes

The SISD held their regular meeting the 14th day of November, 1996. Michelle Anderson, Board President, called the meeting to order. Minutes were approved for the meetings held on Oct. 8, 10, 22, 28, 30 31; Nov. 2, 3, 1996. Rex Ann Friess, Chief Appraiser, stated that October was the first collection month for the 1996 levy and that 3% had been collected. Of the 1995 taxes, 99% had been collected and delinquent taxes were aggressively being pursued by her office.

The board approved the payment of current bills in the amount of \$627,502.39.

Mark Wilkinson gave a policy report on hazing with special comments by high school principal Donna Hill on the severe

penalties of hazing.

After a presentation by Elementary Principal Terry Marrs, the board approved the Parent Involvement Policy with the provision that they be able to review and approve the school-parent compact before it is sent to parents.

Bob Brockman made the motion to accept the Ag Center rules and regulations after the board's review. The job description for the High School Dean of Students was unanimously approved after a motion by Bob Brockman and second by Jesse Bustamante.

Smith Neal discussed needed repairs on the roofs of several SISD buildings (small and long term projects), with one bid exceeding \$21,240 for repair of a

gym roof. The board voted to obtain more bids.

The board opened discussion of school housing rates/policy, with a motion made to form a committee to bring SISD in line with school policy, Big Lake ISD, and Eldorado ISD. Board member Clifton recommended following school policy concerning school rental housing. Member Gloria Lopez motioned to table discussion until the December meeting. Smith Neal was directed to lead a committee on appraising school housing.

The board discussed designating a district truant officer. The board was advised that city police would serve as truant officers upon request when local juvenile authorities were not timely available.

The Board entered discussion of meals for day trips, refunds, and income tax write-offs. Board member Clifton again recommended the school should follow policy on day trip meals.

The Board voted to accept the school bus bid of \$38,542, the lowest of three bids. The budgeted amount was \$30,000, however due to annual increase in cost, the same bus would exceed 39,000 next year accord-

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SONORA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - All Governmental Fund Types and Similar Trust Funds Year Ended August 31, 1996

Data Control Codes		Governmental Fund Types		Similar Trust Funds 810-879 Cooperative Expendable	Totals (Memorandum Only)	
		100-199 General	200-499 Special Revenue		98 August 31, 1996	97 August 31, 1995
5700	Local, Intermediate, and Out-of-State	\$ 5,521,373	\$ 158,726	\$ 0	\$ 5,680,099	\$ 5,836,512
5800	State Program Revenues	259,124	66,030	0	325,154	896,763
5900	Federal Program Revenues	0	301,732	0	301,732	284,815
	Total Revenues Excluding Function 14	\$ 5,780,497	\$ 526,488	\$ 0	\$ 6,306,985	\$ 7,018,090
5014	Revenues Collected for Function 14	252,137	0	0	252,137	0
5030	Total Revenues	\$ 6,032,634	\$ 526,488	\$ 0	\$ 6,559,122	\$ 7,018,090
0011	Instruction	\$ 3,920,826	\$ 190,298	\$ 0	\$ 4,111,124	\$ 3,798,050
0021	Instructional Administration	45,205	0	0	45,205	31,107
0022	Instructional Resources and Media Services	102,581	4,002	0	106,583	94,546
0023	School Administration	282,925	0	0	282,925	301,027
0025	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	15,256	35,083	0	50,339	65,138
0031	Guidance and Counseling Services	105,373	6,410	0	111,783	77,196
0033	Health Services	33,677	0	0	33,677	30,118
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	138,207	0	0	138,207	204,124
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	290,675	0	0	290,675	295,424
0037	Food Services	0	362,115	0	362,115	359,665
0041	General Administration	371,905	0	0	371,905	332,668
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	727,488	0	0	727,488	793,997
0052	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	12,245	0	0	12,245	7,423
0075	Data Processing Services	36,573	0	0	36,573	9,458
	Total Expenditures Excluding Function 14	\$ 6,082,936	\$ 597,908	\$ 0	\$ 6,680,844	\$ 6,399,941
0014	Instructional Services Between Public Schools	252,137	0	0	252,137	0
6050	Total Expenditures	\$ 6,335,073	\$ 597,908	\$ 0	\$ 6,932,981	\$ 6,399,941
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ (302,439)	\$ (71,420)	\$ 0	\$ (373,859)	\$ 618,149
7990	Other Resources	0	63,043	30,459	93,502	154,192
8990	Other Uses	(63,043)	0	(30,459)	(93,502)	(198,403)
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ (365,482)	\$ (8,377)	\$ 0	\$ (373,859)	\$ 573,938
0100	Fund Balance - Beginning	2,380,624	60,048	0	2,440,672	1,866,734
3000	Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 2,015,142	\$ 51,671	\$ 0	\$ 2,066,813	\$ 2,440,672

The
Scout Report

by Kathy Hardgrave

The Boy Scouts of Sonora's Troop 19 held a Court of Honor on Tuesday, November 12. One of the requirements for earning a Communications merit badge is to plan the evening's program, including a speech, announcements, games, skits, and the presentation of awards and ranks. Ryan Hardgrave, Senior Patrol Leader, served as master of ceremonies this time.

Cody Ainsworth received the Camping, Communications, and Environmental Science merit badges. Shane Benson received the Citizenship in the Community and he has achieved his Second Class rank. Adam Hadsall received Citizenship in the Community. Ryan Hardgrave received the Camping and Nature merit badges. Baldemar Hernandez received his Boy Scout ranking. Alan Nicholas received Camping and Citizenship in the Community. Justin Odom received his Boy Scout and Tenderfoot ranks. Shawn Odom received Citizenship in the Community. Jared Parks received his Second Class rank. Eddie Wallace received his Boy Scout rank. Tim Warden received Citizenship in the Community. Chris Weingart received Auto Mechanics, Communications, Emergency Preparedness, Family Life, and Safety merit badges. Congratulations to all these Scouts for their hard work.

Troop 19 joined with the Cub Scouts on Saturday morning, November 9, for the annual "Scouting for Food" drive. Participating were Shawn Odom, Justin Odom, James Elliott, Adam Hadsall, Brandon Adkins, Jared Parks, and Ryan Hardgrave. Adult leaders were Kurt Hadsall and Tammi Adkins. Projects such as this one allow the scouts to serve their community and repay, in a small way, the support given to them all year long by our local businesses and citizens.

Eleven scouts and three leaders spent Friday afternoon and Saturday, November 15 and 16, on an overnight campout on the grounds of the Caverns of Sonora. Considering it was mid-November, the weather was unusually mild, with night temperatures in the mid-60's and daytime temperatures in the low 70's. The wind blew strongly the whole time, but the rains held. On Saturday morning, Bill Sawyer presented an interesting rope demonstration on ascending. Later, the scouts set up a permanent 11-point compass course for the boys to navigate. Meals were planned and prepared by the Scouts, including a supper of chili and beans, a breakfast of scrambled eggs and chorizo, and a lunch of hamburgers. Scouts on this campout were Stetson Hall, James Elliott, Ryan Hardgrave, Shawn Odom, Justin Odom, Ricky Thompson, Shane Benson, Baldy Hernandez, Adam Hadsall, Brandon Adkins and Eddie Wallace. The boys were accompanied by Scout Master Lewis Hall and Camping Co-ordinator Gary Hardgrave. Troop 19 would like to express its thanks to the Caverns of Sonora for allowing them to use their facilities.

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ing to Smith Neal. The Board discussed policy concerning specific charges for providing copies of public information. Superintendent George Wright suggested setting a specific price, due to the complicated existing policy. The discussion was tabled.

The Superintendent's report informed the board that Mr. Caddell had received an anonymous donation of 5,000 toward the Ag Center. Mr. Clifton

requested that Mr. Wright define a job description for Mrs. Fields and present this description at the December meeting.

The board approved the proposed handbooks for students and teachers.

The board approved participation of school groups only in raising money during the Fall Festival with the stipulation that the date be left open.

Brigitte Rogers expressed her concerns regarding school

utilities' waste, i.e. lights left on and unnecessary water leaks in the field house. Smith Neal concurred with lighting abuse, yet explained the school's watering procedures adding that puddling is essential to obtain good saturation of school grounds. Board member Clifton reported there are several entities in Austin which check lighting efficiency of schools with a high probability for a substantial decrease in power consumption without sacrificing security. Clifton stated that this could mean a real savings in SISD utilities' cost, if this efficiency program could be applied. Member Clifton will

continue his investigation.

Several visitors had comments and a complete record of these comments may be obtained by requesting a taped recording of the meeting.

After no comments from Members, the Board went into executive session. The Board reconvened in open session, and Clifton made a motion that the Board approve and send the response to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission concerning the suit filed by employee Martha Smith. The motion was seconded by Bob Brockman and carried unanimously.

**Chamber Highlights
 Business Of The Month**



The gang at Sutton County National Bank are Joy Galbreath, Pam Payton, Rosa Hernandez, Juanita Robles, Joann Hernandez, Lauri Smith, Tonya Brown.

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, in an effort to recognize and thank volunteer members of the Chamber, voted to "choose" a business of the month beginning October 1996. In order to be eligible, all that is necessary is to be a member in good standing with all dues current and to be lucky enough to have your name drawn from all the other members at the regular monthly meeting.

President Anita Hudson reports, "In the Chamber membership polls, it would be impossible to pick one business over another. We feel we are very fortunate to have the volunteer base that we do, and by the random selection process, we can highlight a business each month to show appreciation to at least twelve members throughout the year."

The business of the month for October was The Devil's River News and for November the Sutton County National Bank. Good luck and thanks to the Chamber membership for your continued support.

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1985	Merc	4D	1MEBP8933FA649695	SJD20N	Tx
1977	Olds	4D	3X69K7E161149	LXC60S	Tx
1986	Niss	3D	1N4PB12S4GC762680	QVS12R	Fl
1979	Ford	4D	9K92T220799	SYR65X	Tx
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**11-14-96
7th Grade Boys A Team
Sonora 30, Wall 18**

Leading scorers: James Elliot, 14; Bill Renfro, 5; Chance Armke, 4; Stetson Hall, 3; and Justin Routh, 1. Free throws: Lionel Cervantez, 2; and Sean Fields, 1. Attempted 10, made 4, 40%.

This was a very good first game for this group having only three days of practice before their game on Thursday. Seven of the ten A team players scored in the game and all hustled well and had a good showing. Other team members are Brandon Scott, Tim Warden, and Chance Dillard.

**7th Grade Girls A Team
Sonora 27, Wall 6**

Leading scorers: Maribel Hernandez, 12; Monica Lira, 6; Emily Luna, 5; Amy Gann, 2; and Desiree Gonzalez, 2.

The girls played a great first game. They showed a lot of hustle and desire. They worked as a team and are looking forward to the next game. Other team members are Heather Lawson, Ashley Bible, Kasey Miller, Pam Shahan, and Jessica Bruns. Managers are Genny Cramer and Micah Adams.

**7th Grade Boys B Team
Sonora 23, Wall 6**

Leading scorers: Beau Hughes, 8; Baldemar Hernandez, 8; Byron Williams, 4; and Jerry Lopez, 3. Attempted 2 free throws, made 1, 50%.

This was a runaway game for this group. They scored early and often with several members of the team having multiple steals and assists. Other team members are Jeremy Brown, Ruben Brown, Ricky Lumberras, and Chris Strubhart.

7th Grade Girls B

**Team
Sonora 10, Wall 0**

Leading scorers: Kasey Kearney, 4; Leigh Voight, 2; Krista Simpler, 2; and Carrie Smith, 2.

Offensively the girls played a great game. Defensively they really hustled after the ball and kept Wall "B" from scoring. Other team members are Leslie Gamez, Marjorie Becknell, Paula Gonzalez, Jalys Mabry, Terra Kier and Tori Valliant.

**11-18-96
7th Grade Girls A Team
Sonora 39, Iraan 26**

Leading Scorer: Maribel Hernandez, 17; Kasey Miller, 10; Desiree Gonzalez, 4; Monica Lira, 4; and Emily Luna, 2.

Offensively the girls played well. Defensively they made a few mistakes, and they are working hard to correct them. They rebounded well and had several steals that resulted in points. Overall they played great. Other team members are Ashley Bible, Jessica Bruns, Pam Shahan, Amy Gann, and Heather Lawson. Managers are Genny Cramer, Marjorie Becknell, and Micah Adams.

**Moderate Economic
Growth Seen in Texas**

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"Double-digit increases in Texas oil prices, consumer confidence, and new home construction, along with a double-digit decline in unemployment claims are the strongest signals that Texas will continue to see moderate economic growth during the next four to six months," State Comptroller John Sharp said, as he released the latest Index of leading Texas Economic Indicators. The Index is currently 127.6, an increase of 2.3 percent compared to one year ago.

Topping the Index for the second month in a row, the price of Texas crude oil is up 28.7 percent compared to one year ago. Texas oil sold for \$20.07 in August, up 41 cents from the previous month. Low fuel reserves in Europe and the U.S. have contributed to rising domestic and international oil prices. With winter just around the corner, the demand for fuel will soon be at its highest; oil prices are expected to remain at about the current level.

Texas consumer confidence

rose in August for the seventh consecutive month and is now 17.4 percent above the levels one year ago. As a result, retail sales rose by 2.4 percent compared to one year ago, and the number of new home construction permits rose 15.8 percent. Construction permits for more than 10,000 new homes were issued in August.

The Texas Stock Index rose 5.3 percent in August, to 213.8. Investors' optimism about the Texas economy, low inflation, and anticipation of the Federal Reserve Board's recent decision not to raise interest rates helped Texas rebound from a nationwide stock market downturn.

Unemployment claims are down 14.6 percent compared to one year ago. The Texas unemployment rate is down by 0.6 percent. The average number of manufacturing hours per work week jumped 1.7 percent. New business incorporations are up 1 percent since August 1995.

The only negative component of this month's Index of leading Texas Economic Indicators is the Texas Help Wanted Index, a measurement of job listings in newspapers across the state. That index is down 3.5 percent compared to one year ago.

Since the performance of the national economy affects the Texas economy, the U.S. Index of Leading Economic Indicators is a component of the Texas Index. The U.S. Index is currently 103.3, up 2.1 percent compared to one year ago.

The Comptroller's office produces the monthly Index of leading Texas Economic Indicators to help compare Texas' economic activity with the nation as a whole and to help predict changes in the Texas economy up to six months in advance.



In the last week two persons were picked up on DWI's. Theft of services was reported in the amount of \$54.89. The spare tire that was reported stolen last week from J&V trailer park was recovered. The truck stolen from the golf course was recovered in Sweetwater.

A girls bicycle was found in the 300 block of Mata Street in the draw. If this is your bike please come by the police station and identify.

Burglary of a habitat occurred at Kasey's Korner's, a person or persons broke in and stole a black phone.

Sonora Bus Station, was broken into between last Saturday and Monday. Entrance was gained through the front window. \$15 in change and a Boom Box valued at \$40 dollars was taken.

On Tayloe a driver's side window of a pick-up truck was smashed and vandalized.

A suspect was arrested in connection with a vehicle stolen in Tucson Arizona.

Turkey Tips From Kelly

submitted by Kelly Thorp

Thawing a Turkey Safely

The best way to thaw a turkey is in the refrigerator. However, if short on time, submerge the turkey in cold water. Thawing turkey at room temperature allows bacterial growth and is not recommended.

Refrigerator Thawing: Thaw breast side up in its unopened wrapper on a tray in the refrigerator. Allow at least one day of thawing for every four pounds of turkey.

Cold Water Thawing: Place breast down in its unopened wrapper in cold water to cover. Change the water every 30 minutes to keep surface cold. Estimate minimum thawing time to be 30 minutes per pound for whole turkey.

How to Roast a Turkey

Place thawed or fresh turkey, breast up, on a flat rack in a shallow pan, 2 to 2 1/2 inches deep. Insert oven-safe meat thermometer into the thickest part of the thigh. Brush or rub skin with oil to prevent drying of the skin and to enhance the golden color. Place in a pre-heated 325 degree oven. When the skin is a golden color and the turkey is about two-thirds done, shield the breast loosely with a tent of lightweight foil to prevent overcooking of the breast.

Use this roasting schedule as a guideline; start checking for doneness 1/2 hour before recommended end times:

Net Weight (pounds)	Unstuffed (hours)	Stuffed (hours)
10 to 18	3 to 3 1/2	3 3/4 to 4 1/2
18 to 22	3 1/2 to 4	4 1/2 to 5
22 to 24	4 to 4 1/2	5 to 5 1/2
24 to 30	4 1/2 to 5	5 1/2 to 6 1/4

Turkey is done when the meat thermometer reaches the following temperatures:

180 degree to 185 degree deep into the thigh; also, juices should be clear, not pink when thigh muscle is pierced deeply, 170 degree to 175 degree in the thickest part of the breast, just above the rib bones, 160 degree to 165 degree into the center of the stuffing, if turkey is stuffed.

Let turkey rest for 15-20 minutes before carving to allow juices to distribute evenly.



Sam Odom, Jr. is pictured with a military truck that was loaned to the city by Texas Forrest Service. The truck will be used to haul 2500 gallon containers of water on remote fire fighting.

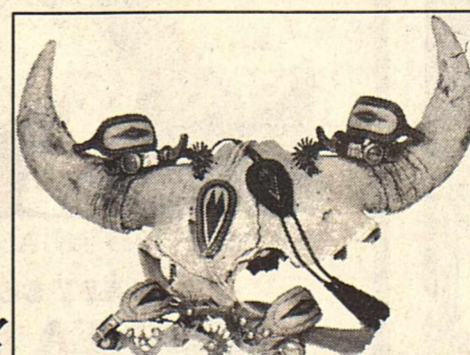
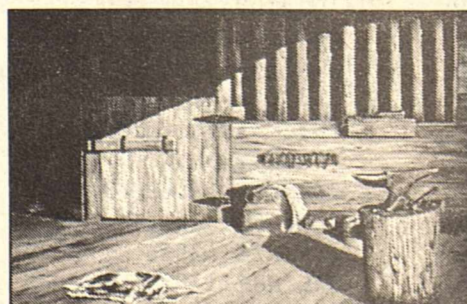
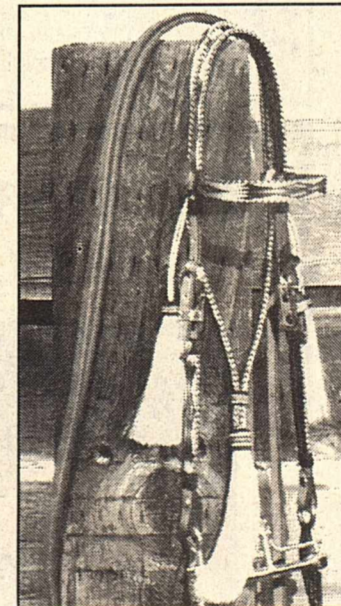
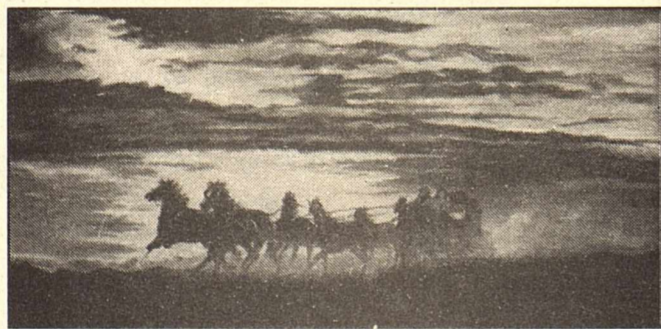
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1996

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OCTOBER PERMITS TO DRILL

The Commission issued a total of 1,216 original drilling permits in October compared to 988 in October 1995. The October total included 919 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 43 to re-enter existing well bores, and 254 for re-completions.

So far in 1996, there have been 10,554 drilling permits issued compared to 9,436 recorded during the same period in 1995. Permits issued in October included 548 oil, 261 gas, 372 oil and gas, 24 injection, and 11 other permits.

OCTOBER OIL AND GAS COMPLETIONS

In October operators reported 363 oil, 382 gas, 27 injection and three other completions, compared to 511 oil, 361 gas, and 44 injection and other completions during the same month of last year.

Total well completions for 1996 year-to-date is 7,297, up from 7,124 recorded during the same period in 1995.

Operators reported 943 holes plugged and 181 dry holes in October, compared to 871 holes plugged and 131 dry holes reported the same period last year.

AUGUST CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION

Texas preliminary August, 1996 crude oil production averaged 1,306,174 barrels daily, down from the 1,350,420 barrels daily average of August 1995. The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for August, 1996 is 40,491,403 barrels, a decrease from the 41,863,025 barrels reported during August 1995.

AUGUST NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION

Texas oil and gas wells produced 472,009,479 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for August 1996 up from the August 1995 preliminary gas production total of 462,066,523 Mcf.

Texas gas production in August came from 164,552 oil, and 49,640 gas wells.

Junction Stockyards Market Report

Junction Stockyards sold 166 head of cattle on Friday, Nov. 8, 1996. Market was active on all classes. Light steers mostly \$2-4 higher. Light heifers \$1-3 higher. Medium and heavy weight \$1 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls steady \$1 lower. Stocker cows steady.

Junction Stockyards sold 6625 head of goats and sheep on Monday, Nov. 11, 1996. Feeder lambs \$7-8.00 higher. Slaughter ewes \$2-3 higher. Spanish nannies steady. Stocker Angora nannies \$3.00-4.00 higher. Stock Angora muttoms fully steady. Stock Angora kids and yearlings fully steady. Slaughter Spanish muttoms and billies fully steady. Slaughter Spanish kids and yearlings 4-5 higher. Slaughter Angora nannies mostly steady. Slaughter Angora muttoms and billies fully steady. Slaughter Angora kids and yearlings \$5-6 higher. Thin nannies and muttoms \$4-5 higher.

Edwards Plateau S&WCD Holds Meeting Concerning 1996 Farm Bill

Approximately 20 citizens of the Edwards Plateau attended a meeting addressing resource concerns. Judy McDonald, chairman of the Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District welcomed everyone and introduced the five directors Norm Rousselot, Susan Bloodworth, Bob Brockman, Judy McDonald, and Edward Earwood.

Charles Anderson from Menard, Mr. Anderson conducted a workshop type meeting where those in attendance listed the top five of more than twenty resource concerns of this area. Undesirable brush, water quality, conflicting objectives of government programs/private property rights, grazing management, water quantity and rangeland improvement.

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Ag Calendar

November

28 Sutton County FSA office closed in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

December

2 Final date to return voted ballots to Sutton County FSA office.

Texas Farm Bureau News

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The president of Texas' largest farm organization is satisfied with the now completed work of Governor Bush's "Citizens' Committee on Property Tax Relief." The committee completed its work Friday, voting 19-0 to present the completed report to the Governor. Several ex-officio members of the committee voted under the rules. The committee has 17 members.

Bob Stallman, president of the Texas Farm Bureau, and a member of the Governor's committee, said, "I think it's a very fair representation of what the Committee heard across the state and it reiterates Texas Farm Bureau's own position that it's time for property tax relief."

The committee, chaired by Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer, voted to deliver a 23-page document to the Governor that said, in part, "...the Citizens' Committee on Property Tax Relief can unequivocally state that substantial public sentiment exists for school property tax relief."

This essentially answered Bush's charge to the committee. The document also stated, "Based on the information we have received and evaluated, the Citizens' Committee on Property Tax Relief finds that the current high level of school property taxes both hampers capital investment in Texas and hampers the ability of Texans to buy and keep their own homes."

The Texas Farm Bureau

favors the business activity tax, one of three options proposed by Bush and his staff as replacements for the school property tax. Stallman said, however, that the final solution would probably blend several options. "I doubt that the solution will include one single option," Stallman said. "There will probably be a hybrid approach utilizing several revenue-raising options." The Columbus rice farmer said a solution that involves some changes in the sales tax, some business tax and leaving some property tax at the local level might get favorable attention from legislators. Such an approach, he said, would be preferable to the current system. "We must get property tax relief to those who are footing the bill for education, spread the education burden more broadly across the population, and tie the funding mechanism to economic growth," Stallman said. State Representative Rob Junell, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, attended the meeting as an ex-officio member. He reported that the appropriations bill to be considered by the 75th Legislature will have to account for \$1.2 billion in statewide school enrollment growth alone.

This, Stallman said, demonstrates the fact that the need for school education funding continues to grow. "We must find a way to tie education funding to the state economy," Stallman said. "The property tax can no longer keep pace with our education needs."

PUBLIC NOTICE

SW&KM Limited Partnership, a limited partnership to-be-formed under the laws of the State of Texas, Del Rio, Texas, has applied to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to form a bank holding company. SW&KM Holdings, LLC, a limited liability company to-be-formed under the laws of the State of Texas, Del Rio, Texas, has also applied to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to form a bank holding company. SW&KM Limited Partnership which intends to acquire control of Westex Bancorp, Inc., Del Rio, Texas, which owns 100% of the stock of Westex Bancorp of Delaware, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware, which owns 100% of the stock of each of Del Rio Bank and Trust Company, Del Rio, Texas, The First State Bank, Brackettville, Texas, and Sutton County National Bank, Sonora, Texas. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the application including the record of performance of banks we own in helping to meet local credit needs.

Robert Sidney Cauthorn and James Guy Cauthorn have each applied to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to each acquire 29.25% of all Units of SW&KM Limited Partnership pursuant to the Change in Bank Control Act of 1978 (12 USC 1817 (j)).

This Act requires that persons proposing to acquire significant ownership interests in a state member bank or bank holding company give 60 days prior notice to the Federal Reserve. For purposes of the statute, an acquisition of control includes the acquisition by a person or

group of persons acting in concert of 25 percent or more of any class of voting securities of the bank or bank holding company. Prior notice may also be required of a person or group of persons acting in concert if the transaction results in that person(s) being the largest shareholder with between 10 and 25 percent of the shares of the bank or bank holding company.

You are invited to submit comments in writing on this application to the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Banking Supervision, P.O. Box 655906, Dallas Texas 75265-5906. For the application, the comment period will not end before December 15, 1996, and may be somewhat longer. For the notice under the Act, the comment period will not end before December 5, 1996, and may be somewhat longer. The Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262 (as revised, 49 Federal Register 5603 (February 14, 1984)). Procedures for processing protested applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. 262.25 (1984). To obtain a copy of the Board's procedures or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the notice, contact Mr. Rob Jolley, Director-Applications, at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, at (214) 922-6071, or on the application, contact the Community Affairs Officer at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Ms. Gloria Vasquez Brown, at (214) 922-5266. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the application if they are received by the Reserve Bank on or before the last date of the comment period.

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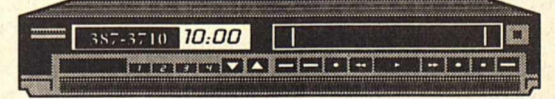
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Applicant proposes a Monthly City Gate Rate Calculation (MCGRC) to replace the rate approved in GUD 3543. The MCGRC recovers the costs of purchasing, storing, and transporting gas to the city gates, including an adjustment provision to recover the carrying cost of working gas in storage. Applicant also proposes transportation and storage rates for city gate deliveries with tracking clauses to recover fuel and lost and unaccounted for gas.

The proposed effective date of the change is November 29, 1996. The change is a major change, and will result in an increase in annual revenues of approximately \$24.2 million or 4.8 percent (4.8%). The customers affected are the 1.3 million residential and commercial customers in Texas served by Lone Star Gas Company under the rates established by the local regulatory authorities in the municipalities and the Railroad Commission in the environs areas.

A statement of Intent to make such change has been filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas in GUD 8664 and is available for inspection at the Commission's office in Austin, Texas and at the offices of the Applicant in Dallas, Texas.