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To all our loyal clients and their pets,

After twenty-four years in practice in Sonora, I have been forced by my medical condition to sell the clinic. I have tried to find another veterinarian who would provide quality-care for both large and small animals, I am very pleased that Dr. Gene Gibbens will be the new owner of Sonora Animal Hospital. Dr. Gibbens has been in practice for seventeen years, in both large and small-animal practices, and brings with him the love of animals and dedication to practice that I have tried to provide in our community.

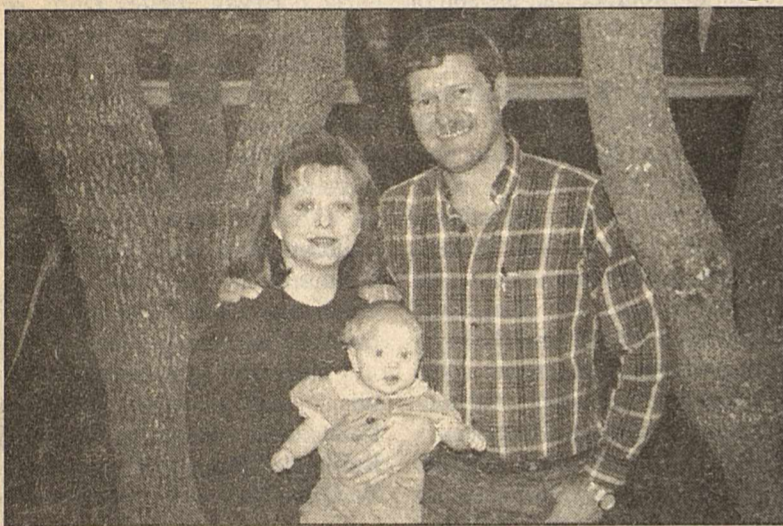
It is with great difficulty that I have to leave loyal clients and friends, both two legged and four. However, I am confident that Dr. Gibbens will continue quality animal care in Sonora and the surrounding area. Angela will still be there to answer the phone and schedule appointments.

I want to thank everyone who helped so much during my hospitalization and recovery: no one knows how much that helped me want to get well. A very special thank you goes to Dr. Herb Corum, who filled in for me during these past months; I am so grateful to him for keeping the doors to the clinic open. However, as Dr. Gibbens and his family move from San Angelo, please give them the same support you have given to us and make them feel at home here in Sonora.

Again, thanks go out to so many people for so many years of love and support.

Sincerely,
Dr. Johnny Fields

New Owners Prefer Small Town Living



Dr. Gene Gibbens, his wife Laurie, and daughter, Kaitlyn.

Marfa native, Dr. Gene Gibbens visited with Dr. Fields back in October about the purchase of the Sonora Animal Hospital. He heard from a friend that Dr. Fields was considering

retirement. Living on the outskirts of San Angelo, Gene and his wife, Laurie prefer the peace and quite of a rural area. "I grew up in a small town so I feel at

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Advanced Biology Visits Houston

On January 9-10, the Advanced Biology class of Sonora High School took a field trip to Houston. The class visited M.D. Anderson Hospital Research Labs, Herman Hospital Radiological Center, and the Life Flight helicopters.

The tour was completed at the NASA Space Center. Following are some comments from the students that made the trip.

"Thanks Sonora for providing these kinds of educational opportunities for our children," stated Don Sessom, Bio Inst.

"I was absolutely amazed by the cell fertilization! An Indian doctor had extracted egg cells from a sea urchin and placed them under a microscope. Everything that he could see; we could view on the television screen. We saw the eggs being fertilized, and it was incredible.

Another specimen of zygotes was seen in the first phase of mitosis. We could actually see the chromosomes lined up along with the spindle fibers. It was great to see everything up close. Biology is fascinating." *Michele Cramer*

"I liked NASA the best during the trip. It was very fascinating to see the different things there. We saw the space suits that were on display. We also got on a tram and saw some of the training facilities. The training facilities were life size and made to give the astronauts all the experiences that they could offer in their procedures and weightlessness." *Jason Jacoby*

"I enjoyed Herman Hospital the most. We were able to see x-rays of people's injuries from the past few years. I was amazed by the types of injuries a person could endure and still be able to survive. We also were able to see the Life Flight system. We were able to go out on the landing pad and see a helicopter take off.

After it took off, we were able to view a helicopter up close. When we were done with our tour, I was very appreciative of the efforts that people will take to save the life of someone they didn't even know." *Lesa Harris*

"On our Houston trip, I was most fascinated by the Life Flight helicopter systems at Hermann Medical Center. Hermann was the second hospital in the nation to utilize the helicopter as an ambulance. The particular helicopter Hermann uses today is a large German made aircraft. It has a crew of three: a pilot, nurse, and paramedic. The aircraft is capable of carrying two patients." *Will Allen*

"One of my favorite aspects of our recent trip to Houston was the visit to Hermann Medical Center. We saw a wide variety of professions within the hospital, and because I have been considering entering the medical field, I found it very interesting. There are a wide range of fields in

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Public Meeting Announced

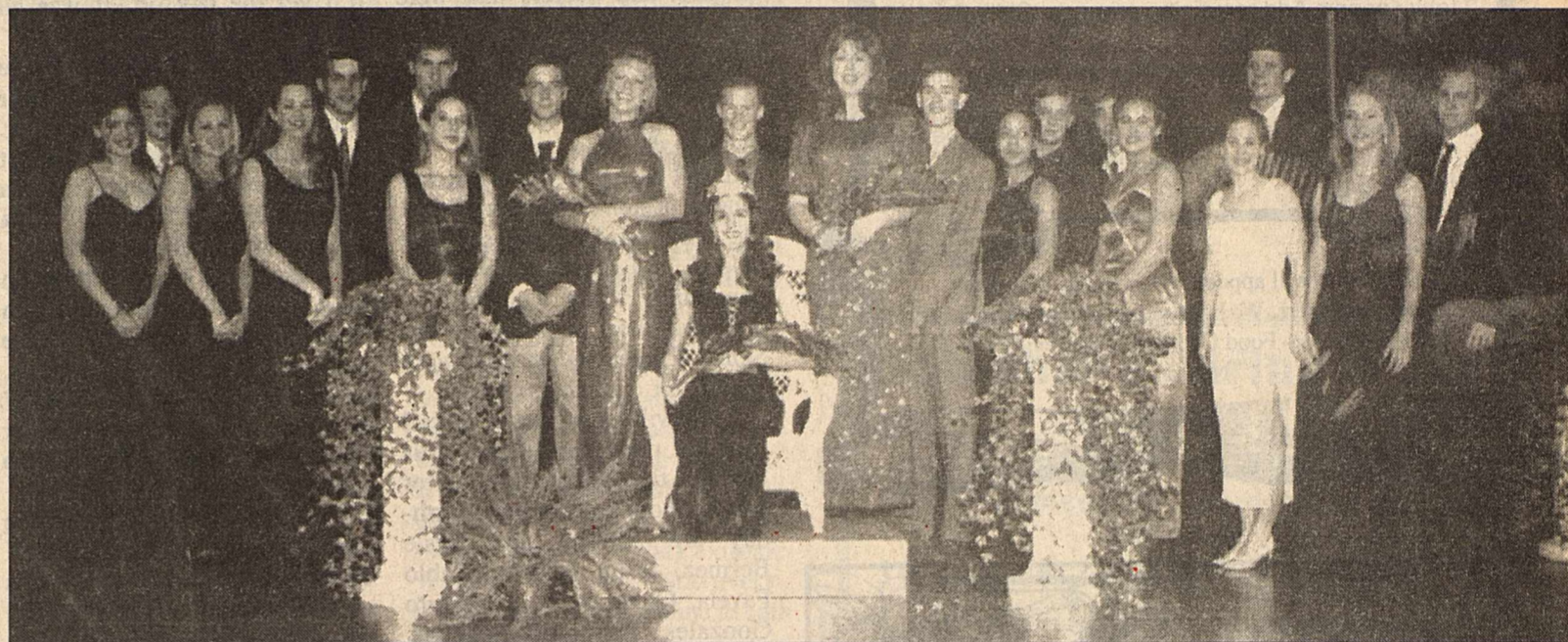
The community planning group organized by the Executive Board of the Sutton County Extension Program Council has announced plans to hold an open public meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to help inform the public of some of its recent findings and to ask for assistance in developing more facts and statistics as we plan for the future of our county and community. The meeting is set for Monday evening, February 3, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and scheduled to adjourn no later than 9:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the 4-H Center.

Local experts will be on hand to give insight into some of the following topics: 1) the decline of the local tax base and

its affect on services provided by the county, school, hospital, city and water district; 2) economic development and opportunities; 3) immediate and long term highway construction 4) health care services available; 5) agricultural enterprises and their profitability; and 6) other topics of interest to all citizens in our community.

Following these informational presentations, public comments and concerns will be taken to involve all of those who are interested in the welfare of Sonora and Sutton County. Plan to attend this important public meeting and bring a friend. We need to become involved now if we wish to have growth and prosperity in the future.

Cramer Crowned Lion's Club Queen



Seated is Michele Cramer, 1997 Lion's Club Queen, escorted by Andy Mirike (standing behind). Candidates and escorts (left to right) were Stefany Davenport, Shiloh Sykes, Megan McMeans, Mayer Anderson (not pictured), Raven Rainer, Kasey Woods, Kenley Black, Kris Woods, Kevin Gann, 1st Runner-up Ashley Henson, 2nd Runner-up Johnna Adams, David Fisher, Camille Marshall, Jason Jacoby, Kristi Burge, Caleb Barker, Katy Cook, Drew Dempsey, Kellie Downing, and Brandon Thompson.

The Sonora Downtown and West Side Lion's Club crowned Michele Cramer the 1997 queen.

Thanks were given to Lori Nunn of Lisa's Flowers & Gifts for providing the greenery, Dawn Traylor and Rita Hale for assisting the candidates. Nancy White, Pam Munn, Ben Solis, Cindy and Lewis Allen, Tim Talley, Jim Stephen, Brent Gesch, and Chris Croy assisted with the decorations. The Sutton County Steakhouse prepared the meal, Kimberly Bustamante and Stacy Becknell accompanied during the ceremony. And a special thanks was given to Virgel

Polocek for planning another successful banquet.

Sarah Marrs and Josh Akins performed three songs from an upcoming musical. They were

accompanied by Drama director, Ron Watson who was assisted by Erin Marrs.

Judges were Oscar Cook, Past District Governor, Dorothy

Cook, Cecil Templeton, Past District Governor, Gene Templeton, and Wilma Lichnevsky.

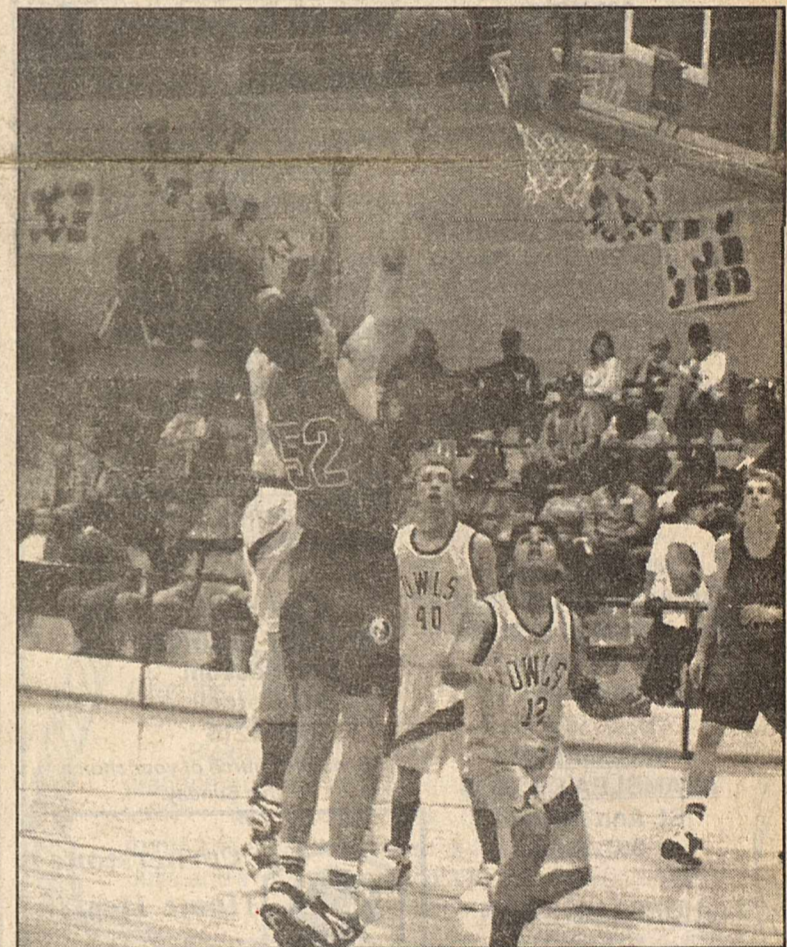
Broncos Continue District Wins

submitted

An energetic Yellowjacket team invaded the "Chute" on Friday night and gave all the Broncos they wanted. However the Broncos prevailed 77-74. Led in the first half by Mark Heredia's slashing and attacking style, the Jackets stayed within striking distance.

Throughout the third and fourth quarters the game was always in doubt as 3 pointers and second and third shot opportunities were made by Kermit. "Alvarado looked like Penny Hardaway in the fourth quarter," said Coach Harrelson. Alvarado finished with 25, scoring 14 in the fourth. Ty Harrelson led the Broncos with 21 and logged his first double double with 10 assists. J.P. Hudman had 16 points and 12 rebounds while Barker had 13 and House 10. The return of Fernie Emiliano added to the Broncos arsenal. "Fernie is just coming back from an auto accident, and his presence will aid our run for the district championship," said the Coach. "He is a very important cog in our offensive production."

Once again the Sonora Broncos put together a great team win. With every player logging at least a quarter of action, the Varsity boys blasted Reagan County 95-75. Ty Harrelson again led the way with 22 points and dished out 9 assists. J.P. Hudman continued his brilliance on the inside posting his 11th double double with 15 points and 13 rebounds and his 5th in a row. Justin House again came up big to start the



Drew Dempsey goes up for a rebound against the RC Owls.

game scoring 6 quick points on his way to a 16 point night. Caleb Barker chipped in his consistent 10 points and continued his quarterback-like leadership on the court.

Kris Wood scored 10 to round out the double figure scores. The game didn't produce the excitement of the last few games in Sonora. The game was foul riddled as the Owls hacked and slapped at the very aggressive Broncos. Hudman's dunk attempts were deterred by Owl

physical assaults. Sonora shot 42 free throws making 30. But the real treat was the way beautiful passes filled the air. Emiliano, House, Barker, Fisher, and Harrelson threw passes that were sweeter than nectar; each pass leading to easy points. The Broncos will play C-City, on Friday, Jan. 24th at home. With only 2 home games left, you might want to come out and watch the 19-3 (4-0) Broncos as they try to keep their number #19 ranking in the state.

FNB Personnel Change Announcement

submitted

John R. Childers, president and CEO of First National Bank of Sonora, has announced the promotion of Linda King to Bank Technology Officer at the bank's headquarters in Sonora, and the election of Suzie Dusek to Retail Loan Officer and Mellissa Blair as supervisor of Lobby and Teller Services at the San Angelo Banking Center.

King, a native of Dimmitt, Texas, joined FNB in August, 1980. She has worked in virtually every operational department in the bank. As Technology Officer, her responsibilities



Linda King

include managing all data entry systems for the Sonora and San Angelo offices, as well as coordinating the ATM and Xpress Banking programs, call reporting, and proof and bookkeeping departments.

She and her husband, Joe, reside in Eldorado. Their daughter Kristi is a sophomore at Angelo State University. In addition to her new lending responsibilities as Retail Loan Officer, Dusek will continue to supervise the loan funding and credit departments at the

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Briefly

Pinewood Derby
The Pinewood Derby will be held January 25th at the Jr. High Snack Bar. Weigh-ins begin at 8:00 a.m. Must be there by 8:30 a.m. to qualify for the race which begins at 9:00.

Peppermint Ball
Peppermint Ball pictures may be picked up at the Chamber office after February 10th.

ICA Meeting
The Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas will hold its mid-winter meeting Wednesday, February 19, at the Sutton County Steakhouse at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will follow a Dutch treat dinner. Charles Carter, Legislative Director, will be here to inform and update all members and guests attending of what can be expected from this legislative session.

All members and interested persons are urged and welcomed to attend this meeting. If you have any questions, call the home office at 512-836-1321 or chairman, Johnston Holekamp at 915-387-3621.

Advanced Biology

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medicine and seeing people in action within different professions gives me a lot to think about concerning my future." Sarah Marrs

"One of the most interesting facets of the experience was the

tour of the department of radiology at Hermann Hospital. The different shapes and uses of catheters is fascinating. The advancement of technology such that a circulatory problem may be completely rectified with relative ease is truly amazing." Carla Weaver

COOKING WITH FOOD CENTER



Heavenly Ambrosia

- 3 cups orange sections with juice
- 1 can (20 oz) pineapple chunks, drained
- 1 1/3 cups Bakers Angel Flake Coconut
- 2 tablespoons Bakers Angel Flake Coconut for Garnish

Arrange about half of the oranges in the bottom of a bowl; sprinkle with half of the coconut. Add the pineapple; sprinkle with remaining coconut except for 2 tablespoons. Add remaining oranges. Chill. Garnish with additional coconut.

Other suggested fruit combinations: Orange sections and sliced strawberries or halved seedless grapes. Sliced peaches and blueberries or sliced strawberries. Recipe courtesy of General Foods.

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

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

by Juanita Mesa

I would like to thank you for the food, phone calls, cards, flowers, and prayers that were sent during the time that I was at home recovering from my surgery. Thanks for helping out at the Senior Center especially during the bad weather. We couldn't have gotten meals to our seniors at home if it weren't for the wonderful volunteers that helped. It's great to live in a community that's wonderful in donating their services to our Senior Center and make it very special for our senior citizens.

We will be having a special birthday party for January this Friday, the 24th, right after lunch. Those celebrating a birthday are Alfredo and Susie Bermea, Edith Buckley, Pablo Favela, Gretta Smith, Telesforo Gonzales, Reynaldo Sanchez, Lionel Samaniego, John P. Cooper, Vincenta Lopez, Beatriz Barron, Pauline Ringgold, Lucy Ramos, Lupe Mendez, Arturo Trevino, Wilma Patrick, Horace Humphreys, Baldemar Reina, and Bill Roberts. Also celebrating her birthday was yours truly, Juanita Mesa, January 16th. I gave myself a special birthday party, made my own cake, punch, and decorations with balloons and streamers. I even sang my own birthday song. And it was great. Everyone had so much fun, especially me, and I got really neat gifts. Thanks to all for the presents, cards, and flowers. I think I kinda over did it because the staff said I would for

sure be off next year for my 50th birthday. I think they were just jealous of all the fun I had. Hey! If I get the day off, it was all worth it, (ha!).

Happy birthday to Judge Carla Garner from all your friends at the Senior Center. Also, Maggie Mesa, Ernest Barrera, Clara James, Diana Green, Diane Clarkson, Nilda Hernandez and Gloria Miers.

Come play bingo with us on Mondays and do crafts with us on Thursdays. Could sure use help and ideas for new crafts. Call us at 387-3941 or 387-5657 or come by the Senior Center Monday through Friday 8:30 to 4:30.

I would like to let everyone who rides our TRAX Thunderbird van know that it is very important that you call ahead if you need a ride to town, the doctor's office, grocery store, school, or if you need someone to pick you up. We would like to know at least 24 hours in advance. With the bad weather and when the van goes to San Angelo every third Thursday of the month, some are calling the Center wondering where the van is or why their children aren't being picked up at school. Please let the school know or call us at the Senior Center in advance so we can work together and make our transportation program work so everyone is happy. Also please pay in advance. Thank you.

This is all for now, until next month.

Our Sympathy

Minnie Cash

Minnie "Dee" Cash, 81, of Tolar died Sunday, January 19, 1997, in a local nursing home.

The service was 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 21, in Wiley Funeral Home Chapel with graveside service at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, in Westlawn Cemetery in Del Rio.

She was born May 26, 1915,

in Sonora, had lived in Tolar for 16 years and previously had lived in Dryden. She was co-owner and co-operator of a cafe, a homemaker, a member of Tolar Baptist Church.

Survivors include a sister, Lola Bess Kidwell of Abilene; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Lenora Brown

Lenora Helen Brown, 74, died Sunday, January 12, 1997. Arrangements were made by Nelson Funeral Home.

She was born Feb. 3, 1922, in Yoakum. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include her children, Billy Bert Brown Jr. and

Paulette Wall, both of Camp Wood, Jimmy Brown of Mason, Ralph Brown and Joan Rudasill, both of Rocksprings, Nancy Cantwell of Harper, and Pamela Armke of Sonora; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Berry Noel Duff

Berry Noel Duff, 88, of Fort Collins, died Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1996, in a local nursing home.

A memorial service was held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Warren Bohlander Funeral Chapel. Interment was at Grandview Cemetery.

Benny Duff was born Aug. 1, 1908, in Monroe, La., the son of Berry Napoleon Duff and Ida Moberly Duff.

Mr. Duff married Aileen Felty on June 5, 1937, in El Paso, Texas. He moved to Fort Collins in 1963.

Mr. Duff was Agriculture Extension Agent for Sutton County in the late 1940's. He was active in the Boy Scouts and Lions Club. He donated the mystery package to the Lions Club Auction; the package is still auctioned each fall and has been a means of raising over \$25,000 for their projects, yet no one, not even Mr. Duff, can remember

exactly its contents.

Mr. Duff was the manager for Elco water district, retiring in 1976. He was a member of the Methodist church, and he enjoyed traveling.

Survivors include his wife, Aileen Duff of Fort Collins; two sons, Berry N. Duff Jr. of Tempe, Ariz., Bryan Felte Duff of Durango; one daughter, Geraldine Glenn of Tatum, N.M.; one brother, Howard Duff of Edmonds, Wash.; two sisters, Rose Mary Williamson of Riverton, Wyo.; and Ann Miller of Lubbock, Texas; five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three sisters, three brothers, and one grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation in care of Warren Bohlander Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank all our family, friends, and Father Bill for their loving concern shown during the loss of our mother. The family of Luz H. Ramos

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SENIOR CENTER

Calendar of Events

January 27- BINGO!
January 30- CRAFTS!

Lunch Menu

Thursday, January 23
Salisbury Steak, Baked Beans, Mustard Greens, Bread, Peaches

Friday, January 24
Roast Beef w/Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Coleslaw, Carrot Cake

Monday, January 27
Chicken Fried Steak, Oven Fried Potatoes, Carrots, Hot Rolls, Vanilla Pudding, w/Fruit

Tuesday, January 28
King Ranch Chicken, Pinto Beans, Broccoli, Crackers, Tossed Salad, Fruit Cup

Wednesday, January 29
Meat w/ Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti, Zucchini Squash, Garlic Bread, White Cake w/ Caramel Icing

Thursday, January 30
Sweet & Sour Pork, Rice, Sweet Peas, Bread, Fresh Orange

Friday, January 31
Baked Ham, Buttered Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Wheat Rolls, Peach Cobbler

Guest Meals are \$4.00.

Suggested donation for Senior Citizens is \$1.75.

School Lunch Menu

BREAKFAST and LUNCH

Monday, Jan. 27
Scrambled Egg, Tater Tots, Pop Tarts, Juice

Tuesday, Jan. 28
Biscuit, Sausage w/Gravy, Fruit

Wednesday, Jan. 29
Chorizo & Egg Burrito, Juice

Corn Dogs, Cheese Nachos, Veggie Sticks, Applesauce

Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Mixed Vegetables, Orange Wedges, Cheese Rolls

Chicken Enchilada Casserole, Pinto Beans, Fruit Salad, Crackers

Thursday, Jan. 30
Pancake, Ham, Fruit

Friday, Jan. 31
Breakfast Pizza, Juice

Meat & Macaroni, Mexicali Corn, Jello w/Fruit, Cornbread

Hoagie Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Seasoned/Fraisin Oatmeal/Raisin Cookie

All meals served with milk

Community Calendar

23 January

Saturday January 25th
Pine Wood Derby 9:00 a.m. Jr. High
Snack Bar
Fling Ding

Monday January 27th
County Commissioners, 9:00 a.m. Annex Building
Varsity and Junior Varsity Baseball practice starts.

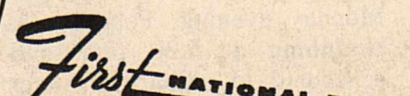


Sutton County National Bank
207 Hwy 277 N

January 30

Tuesday January 28th
Relay for Life, 6:00 First National Bank

Thursday January 30th
Public Meeting, City Hall 5:00 p.m.



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Ask The Historical Society



Mrs. James Cornell

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer

Q. A group of young people asked me how the people stayed warm in the old days? According to them, they were dressed in the latest fashion and even with central heat, they were freezing with this cold spell. They were wearing hip hugging jeans, belly-but-ton flaunting high cut shirts with short sleeves and low cut necklines. On their feet were shoes with no socks, and they wore fashionable chic, short cut jackets.

A. My answer to them was great-grandma was wise enough to know that no matter what the fashion she was going to be warm. First she had high collared, long sleeved blouses and full length skirts that usually had several flannel flaps slips underneath. She wore light cotton camisole and pantaloons in the summer and flannel in the winter. Her shoes were high button and sturdy and worn over heavy cotton or woolen stockings. Her coat was a large full cut affair to go over all this and was usually made of wool. Some looked more like horse blankets than coats, but they sure were warm. Great-grandma wore mittens on her hands or fur lined gloves and wound scarves around her face and neck to keep warm.

My suggestion to the young people of today is to bring pres-

sure on their designers for warm, sensible clothing. Don't buy just anything they throw at you! Insist that clothing be warm and comfortable as well as fashionable. I am sure the designers could come up with something if they tried.

In the old days we wore wool, flannel, and heavy cottons to keep warm on the coldest days. I have hunted through the mall trying to find warm clothing and have been very disappointed. Yes, we live in the sunny south, but we do have a few very cold days here. How about stocking up on some clothes to keep us warm. For now, if you are sitting reading this column and shivering, I would suggest you go dig out a pair of those "fashionable" flower print long john pajamas and put them on with a long sleeved shirt or sweater and warm pants. Also put on a pair of socks. If you are going outside, wear socks and warm outer wear. You could always put on a pair of pantyhose and socks both. Better still, go see Jimmy Cahill and get some mohair socks. It is better to have several layers of clothing to help insulate your body.

Those in the fashion "know" say you can wear white all year long now. That is fine, except that in cold weather that white

will reflect the heat instead of absorbing it. On a cold day it is better to wear warmth absorbing darker colors.

Grandma didn't have central heat to turn the thermostat up on. She had to increase layers or decrease layers of clothing according to the temperature. The closer you were to the wood stove or the fireplace the warmer you were. Some women sat in front of the fireplace with shawls around their shoulders, wearing mitts with the fingers cut out of them and knitted, crocheted, or caught up on the mending on cold nights. Kerosene lamps or candles were used for reading or fine work. When it got real cold, everyone just took off a couple of layers and crawled into bed. Under the bed was a thunder jug for those who had a need during the night.

Come morning, the mother was usually the first person up in the house. She would start all the fires she had carefully banked the night before and get breakfast going for the family. The children would appear at the table with their faces and hands scrubbed. Now they might have had to chip a little ice off the pitcher to pour water into the wash bowl, but they were clean or no breakfast. While the wife started the fires and cooked, the husband usually was in the barn taking care of the stock.

The children would load up on more layers of clothes after breakfast while their mother made them sandwiches to take to school. If they were close enough, they walked to school, some came by wagon, and some rode their own horses. When they got there, they found that the school teacher had already started the fires and was busy preparing for the day's lesson.

So the next time you think it

might be "cool" to have lived back in the old days; remember your central heat, air, heated vehicles and heated classrooms. Not many of you could survive those trips to the outhouses that the first students had to make at the old school before indoor plumbing was installed.

No matter what time frame you live in, common sense is always in. Try to use this God given sense and dress a little warmer. Look at it this way; if your parents didn't have to spend so much money on heating and cooling the schools, they might have a little more money to spend on you! Now there is an incentive you can appreciate.

When you travel in this cold weather, even just a 20 mile drive to school, dress warmly. You never know when you might break down, skid off the road, or be stranded. We always carry insulated blankets, matches, and snacks in our vehicle just in case. It makes sense to always have flares, a first aid kit, and if possible, a fire extinguisher with you. It is a long way to help in some corners of our county, and we must be prepared during extreme weather conditions. Not everyone has a CB or cell phone to call for help.

Remember you are of the same hearty stock as those ancestors of yours that settled here. Use a little common sense and years from now they can tell stories of how you survived the harsh winters when you were young!

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," PO Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885, fax them to 915-387-5691 or give me a call after noon at 915-387-2855.

BIRTHDAY

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| January | 27th |
| 23rd | Michele Cramer |
| Gildardo Favila | Bob Mooney |
| Leslie Samaniego | Freddy Mireles Jr. |
| 24th | Sierra Samaniego |
| Stevie Hernandez | Adrienne San Miguel |
| Jonathan Alec Martin | Shannon Vick |
| 25th | 28th |
| Stevie Dominguez | Adrian Herrera |
| Diana Green | Amy Gutierrez |
| Mike Routh | Jessica Martin |
| Amanda Marie Sanchez | 29th |
| 26th | Anthony Brown |
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Savannah Laine Savell

Chip and Linda Savell are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Savannah Laine. Savannah is welcomed home by her brother, Colby. She was born January 21st at 12:00 p.m. Savannah weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and was 21" long. Grandparents are Bill and Barbara Savell of Sonora and Frank and Terri McGehee from Leander, Tx.

Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist.

Happy 21st Birthday Monday Jan. 27

Adrienne



Love, Mom, Ralph, Ryan, Edward and George

Morgan Fayth Jungk

With all grandparents present, little Morgan Fayth Jungk arrived at Midland Memorial Hospital on Thursday, January 16, 1997. Morgan weighed 6 lb. 12 oz. and is 19 inches long. Her parents are Drissy and Greg Jungk of Odessa, Texas. Big sisters are Tori and Hailey Jungk. Grandparents are Fred K. (Pat) and Dorothy Jungk of Sonora, Judy and James Hicks and Loretta Bickerstaff all of Odessa, Texas. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Lucille Mosley and Maurine and Douglas Hicks of Odessa. Aunts and uncle are Karla Fant of San Angelo and Julie and Wade Loudamy of Odessa. Morgan has one cousin, Vicki Fant of San Angelo.

Early Spring Arrivals

- Casey Coleman Shirts
- Ambition Shorts
- F.L. Malik Separates

Bridal Registry
Charlotte Mobley bride elect of Travis Hill

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Fill The Chute Night Slated



Kelly Harrelson brings the ball down the court.

submitted

Sonora High School is excited to have two first place teams in the District 4-3A race. They are requesting everyone in Sonora to come out Friday night, January 24th, and cheer on the

teams.

The Varsity girls are 4-1 in District and play at 6:30, followed by the 4-0 Varsity boys who play at 8:00. The games will be played against Colorado City who is the only district team to beat the girls in the first round.

Last year, they knocked the football team and basketball boys' team out of the playoffs. Therefore, the school is sponsoring "Fill the Chute Night" to get all the Sonora faithful to fill the gym over capacity and raise the roof.

Everyone is required to bring at least one friend. Don't miss the action. There are only two home games left. Don't miss a chance to be part of history as we go over the brim. Fire Marshals need not attend!!!

Soil & Water Conservation Essay Contest

submitted

The Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District is sponsoring a conservation essay contest open to boys and girls 18 years and under and does not jeopardize Texas University Interscholastic League eligibility. The subject of this essay is "Soil and Water Conservation" and up to 300 words is permitted. The essays will be judged in the district and outstanding essays sent to Temple for selecting the Regional Champions. Essays must be received by the Edwards Plateau SWCD no later than 5 p.m., February 12, 1997.

The soil and water resources of this nation are vital for providing us with the necessities of

food and shelter. Soil and Water Conservation Districts are engaged in the effort to carry out a local conservation program that meets the needs of the nation's soil and water resources for continued productivity.

The Edwards Plateau SWCD will award cash prizes for first, second, and third place, and should one of our local essays win a regional award, the students and their parents and/or guardians will be honored at the Region II banquet in San Angelo later this spring. If you are interested and want more information, please contact the Edwards Plateau SWCD, 301 Crockett in Sonora or call 387-2730.

8th Grade Lady Colts Defeat Eldorado Eagles 36-35

submitted

On January 9th and 11th, the Lady Colts played in the Iraan Basketball Tournament. In the first game, Ozona came up with the win against Sonora. In the game for consolation, Sonora played Reagan County. The Lady Colts came home with the trophy outscoring RC 33 to 18! Congratulations!

Scoring for the Colts were Lindsey Bowers, Heather Felts, Japha Word, and Crystal Montgomery with six points each. Daisha Henson scored four, Cassi Cole, three points,

and Garland Williams had two.

On January 20th, the Lady Colts traveled to Eldorado. And what an exciting game this was! At halftime, the Eagles lead 16-14. Going into the fourth quarter, the score was tied 29-29. The final score was the Lady Colts 36 - Eldorado, 35. Great game ladies!

Heather Felts scored 20 points, Garland Williams six, Japha Word four, Lindsey Bowers, Daisha Henson, and Crystal Montgomery all had two.

8th Grade Boys vs. Eldorado

submitted

Monday night Sonora 8th grade boys took the court against the Eldorado Eagles. The Colts second unit played hard but came up short on a 6 to 5 loss. Cody Ainsworth scored 2 free throws, Chang Hernandez 1 free throw, and Larry Aguero scored 2 points. The first unit was more successful and won 41 to 34. Scoring for the Colts were Riley Crain 12, Bryce Williams and Jake Trainer 5 pts, Matt Torres and Danny Solis 4 each, Ed Mayfield 3 pts, Tom Jacoby, Shane Mathews, and Crispin Lira each 2 points, and Cole Cearley and Javier Gaytan each with 1 point. Crain had 7 rebounds, Trainer 6, Lira 4, Mathews, Jacoby, Williams, Torres, and Ryan Hardgrave each with 3.

7th Grade Lady Colts
submitted by Coach Carol Sessom

January 16th-18th
McCamey Tournament
Sonora 22, Ozona 18
Maribel Hernandez 10, Heather Lawson 6, Kasey Miller 4, Monica Lira 2.

Sonora 20, Iraan 25
Maribel Hernandez 12, Monica

Lira 5, Desiree Gonzalez 2, Heather Lawson 1.

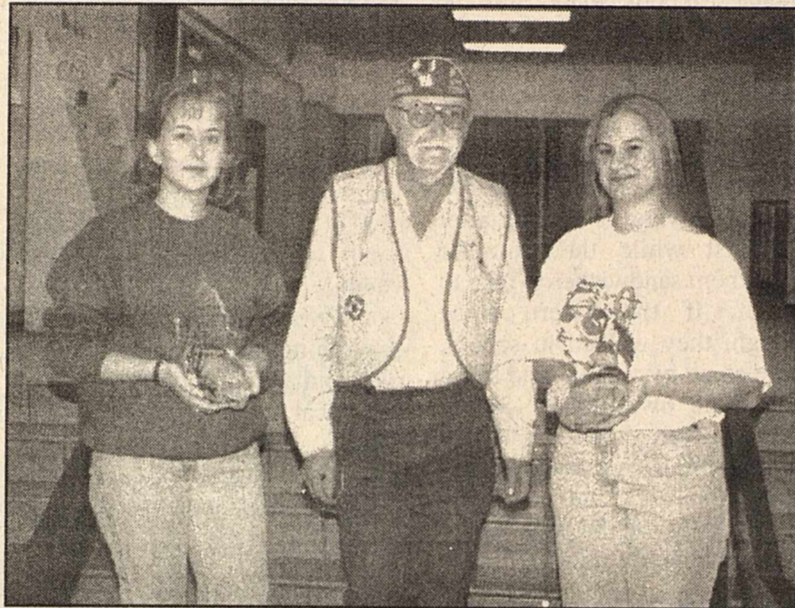
Sonora 36, McCamey 28
Maribel Hernandez 16, Heather Lawson 5, Desiree Gonzalez 4, Emily Luna 2, Ashley Bible 2, Kasey Miller 2, Jessica Bruns 2, Monica Lira 2.

"The girls had a great tournament at McCamey. Their team goal was to win the championship, but Iraan outlasted the Lady Colts in the second game. Although disappointed, the girls kept their head up and defeated McCamey to take home the third place trophy," said Coach Carol Sessom.

January 20th
Sonora "A" 16, Eldorado 20
Maribel Hernandez 8, Jessica Bruns 3, Pam Shahan 2, Heather Lawson 2, Monica Lira 1.

"The girls played hard but lost a close game to Eldorado in overtime. At the end of regulation the score was tied at 15. The Lady Colts playing shorthanded ran out of gas in overtime. Overall, they played great defense but came up short offensively. Other team members are Amy Gann, Emily Luna, Kasey Miller, Ashley Bible, and Desiree Gonzalez. Managers are Genny Cramer and Micah Adams," said Coach Sessom.

Sonora "B" 0, Eldorado 8
"The girls played hard but came up short. Team members are Kasey Kearney, Leslie Gamez, Marjorie Becknell, Carrie Smith, Paula Gonzalez, Jalys Mabry, and Tori Valliant," stated Coach Sessom.



Carla Weaver and Sarah Marrs were presented plaques by Sam Odom Jr. of VFW Post 8907 for participating in the VFW essay contest. Herb Jones of Sonora created the awards.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF SONORA TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Sonora has recently completed Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Program activities under its 1995 TCDP contract #715769. One public hearing will be held to allow citizens an opportunity to comment on the completed project activities, amount of funds spent and the amount of funds spent on activities that benefited low/moderate income persons. Specific information on the TCDP program will be available.

The public hearing will be held at the City Hall, 201 E. Main, at 5:00 p.m., January 30, 1997 to review the City's program performance including the actual use of the TCDP funds. The City encourages individual citizens and citizen's groups to make their views known at this public hearing and welcomes the full participation of its citizens in the close-out and completion of this TCDP contract. Written complaints and grievances regarding this TCDP Contract and project activities will be received until February 14, 1997 and will be responded to in writing within fifteen (15) working days. Citizen comments may be delivered to the City Hall at any time. Groups representative of persons of low and moderate income may request technical assistance in developing comments by contacting the person listed below.

A copy of the City's Project Completion Report and Certificate of Completion will be available for inspection at the City Hall after the hearing. Handicapped individuals who may have difficulty in attending this meeting should contact Becky Covington at the City Hall to arrange for assistance. Para residentes necesitados de interpretes, favor de comunicarse con la municipalidad antes de las audiencia publica.

For further information, contact Becky Covington at 387-2558.

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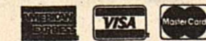
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Where are they now?

Veronica Samaniego, a resident of Sonora, is among the 460 Eastern New Mexico University students named to the 1996 fall semester Dean's Honor Roll.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll, students must complete a minimum of 15 hours for the semester and maintain a 3.25 GPA. Samaniego is a freshman elementary education major.

Abel I. Gamez of Sonora is a fall quarter graduate of Texas State Technical College (TSTC) in Waco.

Gamez is a graduate of the Drafting & Design Technology program. He is the son of Stella & Margarito Gamez and is a 1990 graduate of Sonora High School.

Marine Lance Cpl. Thad M. Scroggins, son of Robert L. Scroggins of Sonora, Texas, recently received a Certificate of Commendation while assigned with 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif. Scroggins was recognized for his superior performance of duty. Scroggins consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner.

The 1989 graduate of Central High School of San Angelo, Texas, joined the Marine Corps in August 1994. Scroggins is a 1993 graduate of Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas, with a BA degree.

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The Sonora 4-H and FFA programs wish to thank the following supporters of the Sutton County Junior Livestock Show.

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Diehl/Tisdel Wed



Mr. and Mrs. Grant Tisdel

Linda K. Diehl and Grant Tisdel of Portland, Oregon, were married at St. John's Episcopal Church in Sonora on December 28, 1996.

The groom is the son of Marla Tisdel and the grandson of Wilna and the late Curt Schweining of Roosevelt, Texas. Those attending the wed-

ding from Portland were Grant's brothers, Keith and Curt; Curt's wife, Michelle and their children, Taylor and Tanner; and friends, Nick and Michelle Barbisan.

"I would like to thank all of the people in Sonora that made everything go so smoothly. There is nothing like Texas hospitality," stated Mr. Tisdel.

Render and Franklin Announce Engagement



Pauline Render

Richard and Marjorie Render of Livermore, California announce the engagement of their daughter, Pauline LeeAnn Thomas Robert Render to Patrick Earl Franklin of Alexandria, Virginia. Patrick is

the son of Ted and Janie Franklin of Sonora.

Miss Render is a graduate of Mt. Saint Scholastica in Atchinson, Kansas. She lived two years at Los Positas in Livermore, California. She has served two years in the United States Marine Corps and is presently serving in Iwakuni, Japan. Pauline is a corporal in the USMC serving as a combat correspondent.

Mr. Franklin graduated from Montazuma Cortez High School in Cortez, Colorado. He is a corporal in the USMC serving as an announcer for the Silent Drill Team and he is also a combat journalist by profession.

The wedding will take place April 1998 in Washington D.C.



Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Crites Jr.

Barker/Crites Wed

Michelle Amber Barker, daughter of John and Vickie Barker exchanged vows to Weldon Tracy Crites Jr., son of Tracy and Jeanne Crites all of Sonora, New Year's Eve 1996, at the Cauthorn Memorial Building. Judge Carla Garner officiated the ceremony.

Following the private family ceremony, a reception was held with many family and friends attending. The newlyweds honeymooned in San Antonio.

The couple will reside in San Angelo. Both will be graduating from ASU in August of this year.

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Back Talk Chiropractic Care Questions & Answers

My chiropractor has recommended that I visit him three times weekly for adjustments. Once I am realigned, what should I expect for maintenance treatment?

Each patient's case and complaint

is unique and affected by factors such as the number of times injured, body build, severity of injury, cause of injury and other considerations. Your doctor can best advise you on long term care. Personally, I get regular chiropractor care to head off recurrence of low back pain that originated in an auto accident several years ago.

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The Scout Report

The Bear Scouts of Den 2 have been busy in November and December. These are third grade Cub Scouts, of which the following boys are members: Cameron Cox, Frank Gallegos, Walsh Hearn, Will Crittenton, Steven Duhon, Justyn Grey, Embre Smith, Roland Solis, Tyler Talley, C.J. Turney and Warren Wallace. Leader is Beth Wallace, with Assistant Leaders Faye Cox and Christie Talley.

Den meetings during these months were busy with many activities. The boys learned about first aid and made pocket-size first aid kits. They worked on learning about the past and were very interested in hearing about Scouting in Sonora many years ago. A big thank you to George Wallace for meeting with the boys and telling about Scouting in the days of camp-outs on the courthouse lawn and meetings in the old Scout hut.

The boys have also worked on the whittling achievement, and thank Boy Scout Adam Hadsall for meeting with them to explain the safe way to use a

pocket knife and for showing them how to whittle. Most of the boys made carvings of cars and did a very good job!

The boys were busy in December making Christmas gifts for their family. They made bath salts for moms and grandmoms and decorated picture frames for dads and granddads.

At the pack meetings during these months, the boys were honored for their hard work and earned the following: Cameron Cox-progress toward ranks bead, whittling chip; Frank Gallegos-progress bead, whittling chip; Steven Duhon-progress bead, whittling chip; Justyn Grey-progress bead, whittling chip; Will Crittenton - progress bead, whittling chip; C.J. Turney-progress bead, whittling chip; Warren Wallace-progress bead, whittling chip; Embre Smith-progress bead, whittling chip; Walsh Hearn progress bead, whittling chip; Tyler Talley - progress bead, whittling chip; and Roland Solis-progress bead, whittling chip.

K of C FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP



Free Throw Championship Participants

Smoke on the Mountain

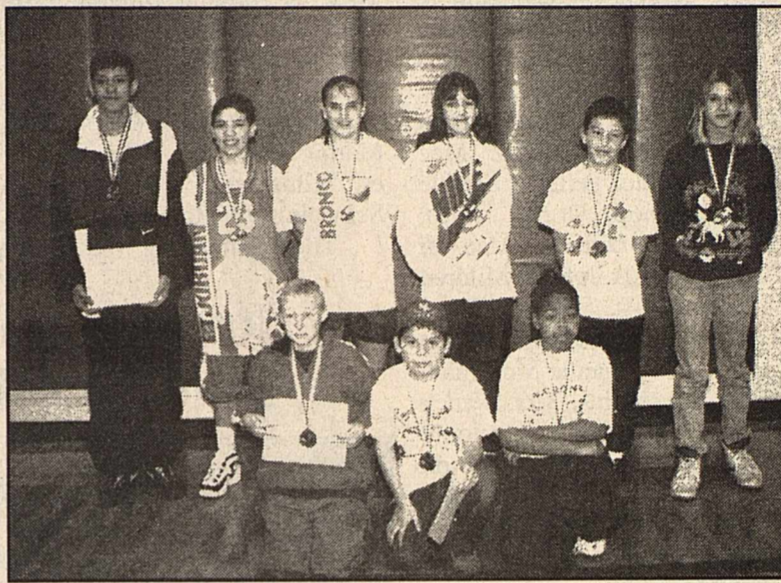
submitted

There is excitement in the air at the Tom Ratliff Theater in Eldorado, Texas. The Way Off Broadway Players are polishing their rendition of "Smoke on the Mountain," a wonderful musical, written by Connie Ray and conceived by Alan Bailey with musical arrangement by Mike Craver and Mark Hardwick.

This will be the first musical performed in The Tom Ratliff Theater. Make plans now to join the talented cast of the Way Off Broadway Players and the fantastic dinner sponsored by the Schleicher County Chamber Pride Committee on February 8, for the Dinner Theater.

Performances are at 5:30 and 8:00 in the Tom Ratliff Theater with dinner at 6:00 and 8:00 at the Baptist Fellowship Hall. Additional performances of the play will be Friday, February 15 at 8:00 and Saturday, February 16th at 3:00 in the Tom Ratliff Theater.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. For tickets call 853-3343 weekdays and 853-3411 weekends. Hurry and make your reservations for this evening of joy.



First place medal winners in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest were Josh Hopkins, Joe Olden, and Tamika Marshall. Back row: Isaac Ramos, Pokey Samaniego, Japha Word, Mary Jo Galvan, Payton Holekamp, and Keshia Frazier.

First National Bank

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Banking Center. She also serves as the Compliance Officer.



Suzie Dusek

Originally from St. Lawrence, Ms. Dusek holds a BBA in Finance and an MBA in Management from Angelo State University. She joined the Banking Center in March 1995.

Currently she serves as the 2nd Vice President of the Business and Professional Women's Club of San Angelo and has been active in Volunteers in Public Schools, United Way of the Concho Valley, Christmas at Old Fort Concho, and the March of Dimes.

Suzie and her husband Edward attend Wall Brethren Church.

Blair has joined San Angelo Banking Center as the supervisor of Lobby and Teller Services.

Her banking career began in 1984 at First National Bank of Sonora. She subsequently served

Villanueva Attended KofC Texas State Council

On January 11-12, 1997, the Texas State Council Knights of Columbus held their annual Mid-Year Conference for the current 1996-1997 fraternal year. Attending the two day conference were the State Council Officers, directors, committeemen, Diocesan Deputies, and District Deputies, along with their spouses. Attendees numbered over 200.

Mr. and Mrs. Miguel Villanueva of Sonora attended the conference. The purpose of the state-wide gathering was training, communication and fraternalism following the state theme of "Our Spirit in Texas."

The meeting opened on Saturday with a breakfast followed by a Diocesan Deputy membership development meeting. Next was a District Deputy session on enhancing council activities. Small group training sessions were conducted immediately following the joint men's and women's luncheon. Saturday evening activities consisted of a mass, social hour, and awards banquet. The conference resumed on Sunday morning with a small group training, a ladies' program, and a joint closing session adjourning at 1:00 p.m.

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Mellissa Blair

on the staff of Sanderson State Bank and Tom Green National Bank before rejoining the Sonora bank.

Volunteers in Public Schools, Christmas at Old Fort Concho, Fiesta Del Concho, and the West Texas Boys Ranch Fall Extravaganza are included in her civic activities.

A native of San Angelo and graduate of Lake View High School, Ms. Blair and her family are members of Paul Ann Baptist Church.

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week the Sonora office will be closed, and producers may go to the Schleicher County FSA Office at 504 South Divide Street in Eldorado.

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XS Ranch Takes Grand Champion

Kayla Kohls, of Eldorado, won Grand Champion Market Weathers at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Ft. Worth held the weekend of the January, 17th 1997. The breeder is Shurley XS Ranch, Sonora.

M.D. Shurley, of Sonora,

won Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat-Boer Doe-Senior Pure Blood, and Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat-Boer Doe-Junior Three-Quarter Blood Doe. M. D. totaled his winnings with three 1st place ribbons, two 2nd place ribbons, and two 3rd place ribbons.

AGRIBUSINESS



Landon Brockman won Champion Angora Billy in the Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show in Kerrville. The Angora division is open to the whole state and is the largest in Texas.



Shawna Faris won the Champion Ramboulett Ram Trophy, the Champion Ramboulett Ewe Trophy, and Reserve Grand Champion Ramboulett Ram at the Kerrville Stockshow.

Taxes and the "Golden Years"

As a retired federal employee (civilian or military), you worked hard over the years to earn your federal annuity. But, before you begin enjoying your golden years, you might want to make sure your financial house is in order. This includes keeping abreast of tax concerns and responsibilities. For a brief overview of taxes on federal retirement pay, call the IRS at 1-800-829-3676 and ask for Publication 1798, *Retiring Qs & As*. For more detailed information, get Publications 721, *Tax Guide to U.S. Civil Service Retirement Benefits*, and 525, *Taxable and Nontaxable Income*.



Sonora Livestock Auction Report

by Robert Bryson

We continue to see big increases in the number of livestock offered at Sonora Livestock Auction. Each week we see or hear from more and more new buyers because of this increase.

THANKS PRODUCERS FOR YOUR CONTINUED CONFIDENCE IN US! We had a very active Spanish Goat Market with the continued strong demand for fat spanish kids. Market on Spanish kids was \$5.00 - \$10.00 per hundred higher than previous reported markets, \$92.00 - \$105 per hundred. Spanish Nannies increased \$2.00 - \$3.00 per hundred @ \$57.00 to \$72.00 per hundred. Some half boer nannies brought \$100.00 per hundred. We did have a few finished show goats offered and sold at \$97.00 per hundred. Spanish billies \$65.00 to \$135.00 per head. We lacked the numbers in the Sheep division to establish any trend, but a few 5-7 year old ewes sold \$61.00 per head, 3 - 5 year old ewes sold at \$64.00 per hundred. Slaughter ewes sold at \$48.00 to \$52.00 per hundred. bs still remain in high demand for winter wheat pastures, selling from \$95.00 to \$113.00 per hundred, poorer quality lambs sold from \$55.00 to \$71.00 per hundred. Due to the quality and numbers these figures do not reflect the true market.

We had a strong stocker and feeder calf market, with #1 calves weighing 400 - 500 lbs in high demand. Market for these calves continue to increase this week with selling at \$71.00 - \$78.00 per hundred, reflecting a \$2.00 - \$4.00 increase. #2 light-weight steer calves \$50.00 - \$68.00 per hundred. Heifers, #1, 400 - 500 lbs showed a \$2.00 gain this week ranging from \$58.00 to \$68.00 per hundred. #2 heifers sold a \$50.00 - \$60.00 per hundred. We had some poorer quality Angus Jersey cross weighing 200 - 350 lbs sell from \$40.00 - \$60.00 per hundred. We still have a large number of cattle buyers calling each week expecting the continued increase in numbers at Sonora Livestock Auction. Packer Cows and bulls really took off this week with another increase of \$4.00 - \$6.00 per hundred. Cows sold from \$29.00 - \$38.00 per hundred, bulls from \$41.00 to \$45.00 per hundred.

Texas "Wealthy" School Districts Not Always Rich

Lt. Governor Bob Bullock Friday said an analysis of nearly 100 school districts that are required by the "Robin Hood" law to share property tax money with Texas' poorer school districts shows more than half have per capita personal income below the state average.

"This pokes a hole in the idea that many so-called rich districts are filled with rich people," Bullock said. He said 54 of the 91 school districts subject to the state's Robin Hood funding law have per capita income of less than \$19,716 based on the county census figures where the districts are located.

"Property wealth that can come from a major industry, a plant or oil wells does not

always mean the people are rich. That is as good a reason as any to reexamine the state's Robin Hood school funding law. It's good evidence that the system is not the fairest way to fund education," he said.

Bullock again has urged lawmakers to take a look at the state's Robin Hood provisions that require 91 Texas school districts to send tax money to other schools.

"I have never been a fan of Robin Hood. School property tax relief is high on the Legislature's agenda and that should go hand in hand with a close review of school funding formulas," he said.

"Our goal should be a formula that is fair, equitable, and effective."

Get Ready! April 15 Is Just Around The Corner

by United States Congressman, Henry Bonilla, 23rd District, Texas

Beware. Your brand new 1996 Federal Income Tax forms will be hitting your mailbox any day now. Just the thought of starting the process of filing and paying your taxes can give you an instant headache.

When it requires a volume's worth of instructions just to fill out the forms, it's clear that our tax system is just too big and too complicated. It's time to change it for the better for everyone. Congress needs to overhaul the current tax code so that hard-working American families do not have to waste their valuable time and money each year filling out forms.

Most Americans agree that they pay too much in taxes and that our tax system needs a fix. But some folks in Washington seem perfectly happy with the status quo and are fighting any change in the current system. It's the same old song and dance -- they don't want things to change because that would strip them of their power and our money.

Several plans are out there and we need to take a careful look at all of them. One plan

talked about a lot these days calls for a consumption tax. Proponents of this plan like it because it's simple. A consumption tax basically taxes all of us on what we buy, not how much we make. The idea is that a consumption tax, such as a national sales tax, would eliminate the current system, and free Americans from having the government whittle away at their monthly paycheck and then handing over a large chunk of their salaries to Uncle Sam each April.

Another plan calls for a flat tax. The flat tax would tax each family's income at the same rate, after a substantial family deduction is taken. There are still a lot of questions about each plan, but we should at least take a look.

There are other options on how to overhaul the whole tax system. One way to begin the process of tax reform would be to start smaller. For instance, a \$500 per child tax credit and capital gains tax cut would be a big help to many hard-working families and small businesses in Texas. A new system could also bring much needed relief to family farms, ranches, and small businesses by doing away with

the federal inheritance tax.

A complete turn-around of the tax code isn't going to happen overnight. The last Congress made important progress on the tax front. This Congress will continue this by taking a long, hard look at each plan to determine what's best for America.

Whether it's a flat tax or outright elimination of the IRS, this Congress is jumping head-first into the problem of developing a solution to the tax crisis. It's going to take a while, but, in the end, a simpler, more common-sense tax system will be worth the wait.

Keeping an eye on Texas

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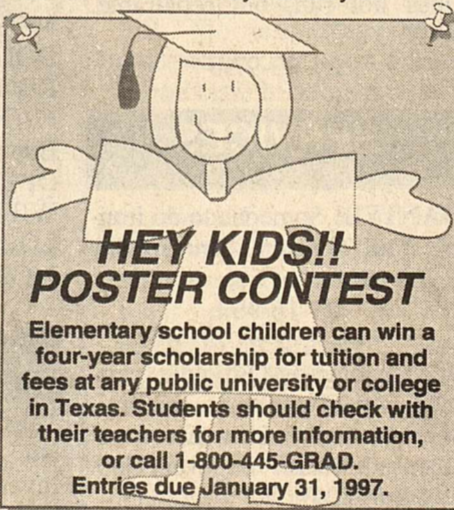
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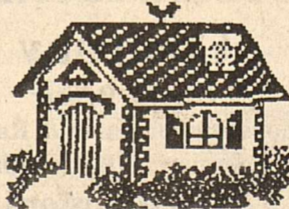
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home in this size community," said Gibbens. Gene and Laurie have a new member in their family, 6 month old Kaitlyn, who thoroughly enjoys watching the squirrels in their new yard.

Laurie likes the idea of raising their daughter in a small community. She felt San Angelo was getting too big.

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