

THE Devil's River NEWS

50¢

SINCE 1890

Volume 109 • Issue 49

SONORA, TEXAS

Thursday, December 10, 1998

Downtown Lights Up With Christmas Cheer



Miss Sutton County, Jamie Teasley, leads the lighting of the downtown area.

by Storie Sharp

The 1998 annual downtown lighting was a great success. The Community filled main street early, waiting for the much anticipated arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus. Rudolph's red nose was replaced with the flashing red and blue lights of Chief Croy's police car lights, as Santa was led into view. Santa's traditional sleigh was replaced with a Texas style wagon led by mules instead of reindeer with L.P. Bloodworth as the jolly elf at the helm. The street was

lined with booths from local organizations that had all kinds of goodies and fun to offer. People wandering around found themselves being entertained by the Elementary School students singing festive Christmas carols and the Bronco Band filling the air with Christmas tunes. Homemade sweets could be purchased to snack on later or there was hot chocolate, cookies, corn on the cob, sausage on a stick and other good food to munch on while browsing. The businesses on Main Street were open late for shopping

or for hinting to loved ones on what might be desired under the tree this Christmas morning. As darkness fell on the crowd, Miss Sutton County, Jamie Teasley, led a group of riders with lanterns and slowly lit up the downtown area. The lighting parade made its end at the Courthouse for a final spectacular lighting display as the Courthouse and its lawn came to life in twinkling color.

Holiday spirit was definitely in the air!

SEE MORE DOWNTOWN LIGHTING PICTURES! PAGE 9

Christmas Angels Up For Adoption

by Storie Sharp

If you haven't had a chance to go by either the First National Bank of Sonora or the Sutton County National Bank to adopt a Christmas Angel, there is still time. The Christmas Angels are a tradition that goes as far back as 12 years here in Sonora, when they were introduced to the community by Maxine Locklin.

Locklin was a Municipal Judge in Sonora who devoted her life to making the lives of less fortunate children better. Every year the Christmas Angels are sponsored by the Child Welfare Board, which strives to continue Locklin's generous spirit by making sure these children have something under their tree at Christmas time. The Angels have helped to provide gifts of clothing to hundreds of children of school age over the years. There is no specific age limit, as long as the children are in school, because all "kids" who are out there working on an education to better their future deserves to have Merry Christmas, be they 6 or 16.

This year the Elementary School is one of the groups participating in the Christmas Angel adoption, to help teach compassion to the students. Compassion is the attribute being studied for the month of December in the "Building Good Citizens" program that has been introduced at the Elementary level this year.

If you, your business, or your organization, are interested in adopting an angel, go by one of the banks and pick an angel for the trees, that will have a number on it. There is a list with co-ordinating numbers that will give you the sizes of the child you are to buy for. The Child Welfare Board recommends



clothing because that is something that is not only a gift, but a necessity. The gift needs to be wrapped and returned to one of the banks by December 14th so they can be distributed to the children before they

get out of school for the holidays.

This year you can make a child, and yourself, feel special by a simple act of giving - adopt a Christmas Angel!

Lady Broncos Hoop it Up!

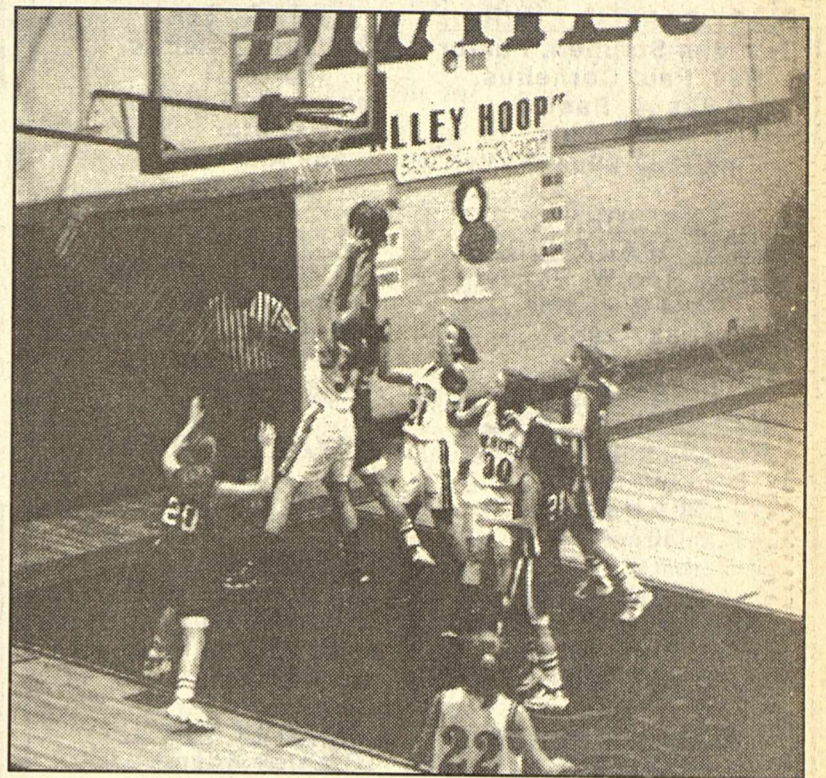
Submitted

The undefeated Lady Broncos traveled to Big Lake Tuesday, December 1. The Reagan County Owls came into the game with an impressive record (3-1) and one of the top scorers in the area. Not to mention past District rivalry.

The game began with both teams playing conservatively allowing the defenses to dominate. The Lady Bronco offense worked patiently for open shots that didn't fall. By the end of the first quarter Reagan County led 15 to 10. In the second quarter the Lady Bronco defense began to slow the Reagan County attack and the Lady Bronco shooters found their mark, outscoring the Lady Owls 15 to 6 for a four point lead at the half. The battle continued in the third quarter as the Lady Owls gained a slight scoring advantage to tie the score at 36. The fourth quarter was a classic battle between two very good teams. Neither team could put the game away as the lead changed back and forth throughout the quarter. With only one minute remaining the Lady Owls took a one point lead 45 to 44.

Against all - out pressure from the Lady Owls the Lady Broncos calmly ran an inbound play to break the press. Kim Marshall slipped behind the Reagan County defender, fielded the long pass and outraced the defender for a layup and the lead 46 to 45. With only 30 seconds on the clock Reagan County brought the ball down court trying to work the ball inside to their leading scorer, but the Lady Bronco defense was flawless. Reagan County was forced to call timeout with 13 seconds remaining. The Lady Broncos expecting a play inside, instead saw Reagan County kick the ball out to the perimeter for a three point shot and a two point lead. Time ran out as the Lady Broncos brought the ball up court! Coach Marshall was very pleased with the overall effort especially the strong team defense and a good rebounding game for Stacy Fox. Scorers of the game were Cindy Jones-15, Japha Word-8, Daisy Mireles-6, Stacy Fox-4, Marisha Henson-4, Dana Duhon-4, Kara Eaton-3, Kim Marshall-2. The final score Reagan County 48-Sonora 46.

Alley Hoop Iraan Invitational



Japha Word goes up for a rebound at the Alley Hoop Iraan Invitational

Thursday 12/3- Game 1 vs. Rankin Lady Red Devils

Rankin fielded a team with a lot of height which the Lady Bronco offense had trouble penetrating. However, the Lady Broncos showed their versatility by adjusting to more of a perimeter game. Team defense is always a part of the Lady Bronco game plan and Rankin felt its pressure. The scorers were Cindy Jones-15, Kim Marshall-12, Marisha Henson-6, Dana Duhon-5, Daisy Mireles-4, Sarah Ball-4, Stacy Fox-2, Japha Word-2. The final score was Sonora 49 and Rankin 27.

Friday 12/4- Game 2 vs. Buena Vista Lady Longhorns

The Buena Vista girls were led by a very good point guard who put a lot of pressure on the Lady Bronco defense. Kim Marshall and Sarah Ball led the defensive effort. Offensively this was another big game as the Lady Longhorns had a hard time keeping up. The scorers were Cindy Jones-13, Japha Word-10, Stacy Fox-8, Kim Marshall-8, Daisy Mireles-8, Kara Eaton-6, Marisha Henson-5 and Dana Duhon-2. The final score was Sonora 60 and Buena Vista 27.

Saturday 12/5- Game 3 vs. Alpine Lady Bucks

Alpine did their homework and had a good game plan which they executed. The Lady Broncos were not on top of their game, shots wouldn't fall and rebounds were hard to catch. Alpine was very much in this game down to the last two minutes, when forced to press, they committed several fouls which the Lady Broncos converted to bonus points and a hard earned victory. The scorers were Cindy Jones-14, Daisy Mireles-10, Kim Marshall-10, Kara Eaton-6, Japha Word-4, Sarah Ball-2, Stacy Fox-2, Liza Ramirez-2. The final score was Sonora 50 and Alpine 44.

Saturday 12/5- Game 4 vs. Iraan Bravettes

The Iraan Bravettes, cheered on by a capacity crowd of Iraan fans, couldn't upset the Lady Bronco. After the sluggish game earlier in the day the Lady Broncos were on a mission. The offense was solid as ten players scored. Team defense played a major role in this victory as the Lady Broncos adjusted each time Iraan mounted a threat. The scorers were Kim Marshall-9, Daisy

Please see Hoop it Up - Page 5

Bad Company Rodeo Honored in Las Vegas

Bad Company Rodeo, Inc., of Del Rio, TX, was named the 1998 Stock Contractor of the Year by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. The announcement was made during the PRCA Contract Personnel Awards Banquet at the Riviera Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, NV, Thursday, December 4. Bad Company Rodeo owned by Mack and Kathy Altizer and has been nominated for the Top Five Stock Contractors in the PRCA for five consecutive years (1994-98). This is their first Stock Contractor of the Year Award. Bad Company was also selected by the contestants in 1998 to provide the stock for the Calf Roping and Team Roping events at the 40th National Finals Rodeo.

Along with providing the timed event cattle; two horses and three bulls were selected to be used during the NFR. On Friday, December 4th during the first of ten performances, Rocky Stegall of Sanger, CA, will compete in the Bareback Riding on "Skoals After Midnight" and Mike White of Lake Charles, LA, has drawn "Copenhagen Wild Thing" in the Bull Riding. Both contestants are ranked second in the Crown Royal World Standings in their respective events.

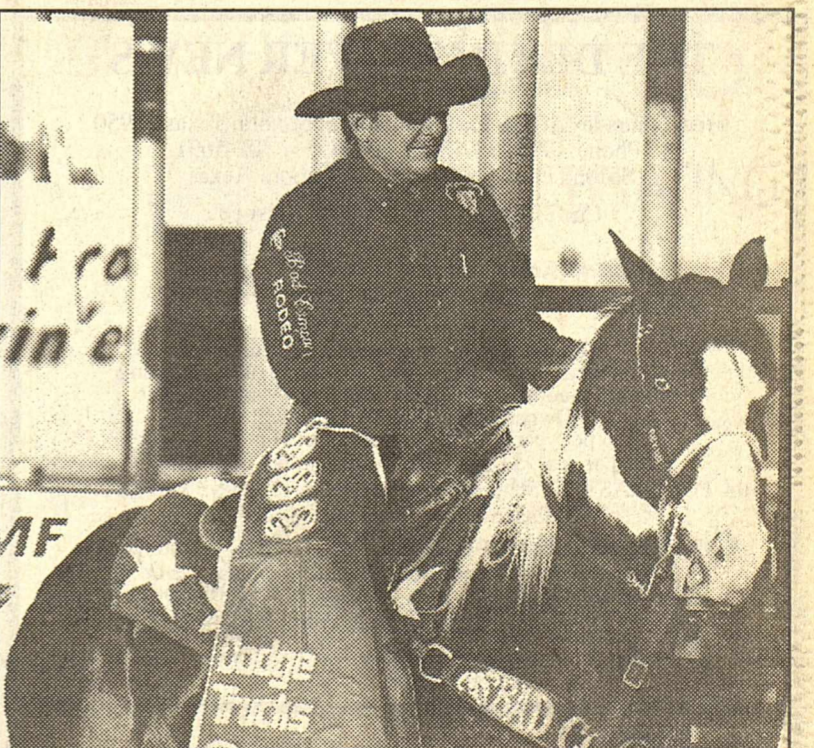
Other winners during the awards banquet include: Ken McRae of Ellensburg, WA, was named the Justin Committeeman of the Year; Randy Corley of North Platte, NE, was named the Announcer of the Year; Suni Deb Backstrum of Congress, AZ, was named Secretary of the Year; Cody

Wyoming was selected Large Outdoor Rodeo Committee of the Year; Deadwood, SD was named Small Outdoor Rodeo Committee of the Year; Houston, TX was named Large Indoor Rodeo Committee of the Year; Jerry Diaz of San Antonio, TX was selected Specialty Act of the Year; Flint Rasmussen of Stephenvilles, MT, was the Coors Man in the Can and Clown of the Year.

The National Finals Rodeo will

be aired live every night on ESPN and ESPN2. The first seven performances (Dec.4-10) can be seen on ESPN2. And the final three performances (Dec. 11-13) will be aired on ESPN. "Expect the Unexpected" with Bad Company Rodeo's "Reeling-n-Rockin" Tour 1999.

Sonora can now brag that we have the "Stock Contractor of the Year" at our own Outlaw Pro Rodeo every year. Only the best For the best!



Mack Altizer takes Stock Contractor of the Year at the National Finals in Vegas. Photo by David Jennings

Sonora Church Directory

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Rick Sanchez
504 Santa Clara
387-2035

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Jim Stephen, Pastor
Rev. Paul Cornelius, Assoc. Pastor
404 E Oak
387-2951

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. Ted W. Harris
404 E Poplar
387-2955

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

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

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

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

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

OUTREACH CHURCH OF CHRIST
Hwy. 277 S. Glasscock

PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED
Lonnie McGallion, Pastor
509 Amistad
387-5266

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

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

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
Don Sessom
511 Cornell
387-5215

COWBOY CHURCH
Stanley Adams
Monty Price
Auction Barn
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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

Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

Cards of Thanks

The Family of Mayer Anderson would like to extend to the entire Sonora community our thanks for the overwhelming love and support you have given us these last few weeks. It has been awe-inspiring to hear how much Mayer touched the lives of all those who new him. This has been told to us over and over, especially by his classmates, both here and at college. We will be eternally grateful for the outpouring of prayers, notes, phone calls, food, flowers and just your presence being here when needed. God holds us all in a love so encompassing that His warmth will be felt by each of you in the community. Thank you so very much. May God bless each of you, especially during this season that reminds us that Christ is ever "the Way, the Truth and the Life."

Steve, Michelle and Jordan
Norm and Doris
Sonny and Taeko

Wedding Announcement



Adkins-Jones/Higgins exchange wedding vows

Cherie Renee Adkins Jones the daughter of Sue Stephen of Lakehills, Texas and Fred Adkins of Sonora, Texas was married to Danny Glynn Higgins son of the Late Orien and Elizabeth Higgins of Merkel, Texas on November 28, 1998 at the First Baptist Church of Merkel, Texas. Alissa Adkins was the maid of honor. Dale Ray Higgins was the best man. Jeremy Jones, son of the bride, of Iraan, Texas was the usher. The wedding decor was white Roman columns with English Ivy accented in mauve and burgundy. Mrs. Higgins is a graduate from Sonora High School. Danny Higgins is a 1972 graduate of Merkel High School. Danny is a Driller for Key Energy Industries of Abilene. The couple will reside in Merkel.

Obituaries

Josie Zapata Arterburn

Josie Zapata Arterburn, age 60, died December 1, 1998 in Granbury, Texas. She was born on March 16, 1938 in Sonora, Texas. Services were held at 10 a.m. on December 3, 1998 at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church. Interment was held at Poe Prairie Cemetery in Parker County, Texas. Officiating the service were Father Larry Gould and Father John Nagel.

Josie is survived by husband, Ray Arterburn; daughters, Vivvia Castro, Annette Castro, Debbie Gonzales and Sarah Avila; step-children, Shawn Arterburn and Leslie Arterburn; sisters, Imelda Castillo, Mary Sepeda, Gloria Esquivel and Amanda Zapata; brothers, Roberto Zapata and Thomas Zapata Jr.; twelve grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Happy Birthday

December 11
Lupe Aguayo
Stan Davis
Lety Brown
Manuel Flores
Amelia Gamez
Yolanda Martinez

December 12
Richard Bernal
Lupe Buitron
Lupe Chavez
Amanda Miller
Mark Van Hoozer
Mackenzie Perez

December 13
Valerie Lopez
Andres Chavez

December 14
Virginia Hernandez
Scottie Moore
T.J. Thorp

December 15
Jerry Almaguer
Randy Mabry
Mano Mireles
Sergio Mireles

December 16
Quincy Garmon
Dustin Neff

December 17
Allison Campbell
Bobby Taylor
Olinda Jimenez
Candise Martin

Dining Out Directory

Dairy Queen
134 N. Hwy 277
387-2118

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

La Mexicana
240 N. Hwy. 277
387-3401

Los Jarritos
605 S Crockett
387-2838

Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

Rosie's Cafe
207 Glasscock Av.
387-5552

Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd.
387-3833

Town & Country Subway
610 S. Crockett
387-6181

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

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus,
I would like to thank you for coming to Sonora on December 1, 1998. The children of Sonora were so happy to visit with you both. We would like to express our appreciation to your friend L.P. Bloodworth who brought you and Mrs. Claus to Earwood's Dance Studio. The children of Sonora are being very good so you will visit again on Dec. 19, 1998. Santa, we know you are busy, but don't forget the children of Sonora on Christmas Eve. Oh, and please Santa, don't forget Mrs. Earwood, who let us use her new Dance Studio to visit with you. We would like to express our appreciation to Sonic Drive-In for the Candy.
Thank you for coming, Ann Kay & Main Street Advisory Board

School Lunch Menu Dec. 14 - 18

Breakfast

Mon.-Donuts, applesauce, juice
Tues.-Grilled cheese, tator tots, juice
Wed.-Muffins, fruit, juice
Thurs.-Pancake Pups, juice, fruit
Fri.-Bean & cheese burritos, juice

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfast

Lunch

Mon.-Corn dog, shoe string fries, applesauce, mixed vegetables
Tues.-Fish nuggets, macaroni & cheese, green beans, cobbler
Wed.-Chalupas, lettuce, tomatoes, Spanish rice, fruit
Thurs.-Chicken Strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, rolls, jello
Fri.-Hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, french fries, cookies

Ronnie Cox
would like to be
your pharmacist.

Senior Center News

December 11 - B-Day Party for December - after lunch
December 14 - Holiday Make overs by Mary Ann of O' Sonora/Merle Norman.
December 15 - CEAP- Energy program! City Council Meeting 2 p.m.
December 16 - City Van to San Angelo. Call Lilia Now!
December 17 - Harold Yates, with THE GRAND COURT, out of San Angelo, will give a presentation on Independent or Assisted Living - Without the Lifetime Commitment. Noon!

Senior Center Menu

December 14 - Chicken Fried Steak w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, roll, orange, milk
December 15 - Hamburger w/ lettuce, tomatoes, onions, oven fries, carrot salad, fruit cocktail, milk
December 16 - Fried catfish filets, corn/tomato casserole, spinach, roll, jello w/ fruit
December 17 - Meatloaf w/ tomato sauce, mashed potatoes, broccoli, wheat roll, sugar cookies, milk
December 18 - Beef stew, vegetables, sweet peas, crackers, peaches, chocolate pudding, milk

Join us for lunch! Delicious, nutritious meals are served M-F, 12(noon). Suggested donation is \$1.75 for those 60+; anyone under 60, \$4.00

Foster Grandparent Program Offered

ATTENTION seniors 60 and older interested in receiving extra income. Join the Foster Grandparent Program to help a child learn to read. This program does not affect social security, disability, medicare, medicaid, VA or any other benefits a Foster Grandparent Volunteer may receive. Benefits for participating in such a program include: a yearly physical exam, a daily hot meal, accident and liability insurance, transportation reimbursement, \$2.55 hourly TAX FREE stipend. Individual will spend 20 hours a week in an Elementary school setting in the Sonora, San Angelo, Paint Rock, Eden, Eldorado, Robert Lee and Veribest areas. This program is sponsored by the Concho Valley Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging. For more information call 915-944-9666.

THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

USPS (155-920)
every Thursday at 228 East Main Street Sonora, Texas 76950
Phone: (915) 387-2507 FAX (915) 387-5691
Second class postage paid at Sonora, Texas

Cam Longley Campbell, Publisher
Storie Sharp, Editor
Erica Morriss, Advertising
Lula Casillas, Type Setting & Clerical
Tina Weaver, Accounting
Guest Columnist: Joann Palmer

Email: General Information: dm@sonorax.net, Accounting: billing@sonorax.net, Advertising: sales@sonorax.net
Owner: Cam Longley Campbell.

\$18 per year (\$15 for senior citizens) in county
\$22 per year (\$18 for senior citizens) out of county
Attn. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Devil's River News, 228 East Main St., Sonora, TX 76950

Copy and Ad deadline - Monday, 5:00 p.m.
Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm, or corporation which appears in the columns of this paper will be corrected upon due notice given to the Editor of this publication.
The views expressed in submitted articles are not necessarily the views of the staff.

Community

December 12
Live Nativity Re-inactment presented by the Ministerial Alliance at Ol' Sonora/Merle Norman

December 15
3rd Annual Christmas Choir & Band Concert

The Community Calendar
Sutton County National Bank
207 Hwy 277 N

Calendar

December 16
Church of the Good Shepherd Youth Group performance of Bethlehem P.D. at 6:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church.

December 19
Downtown Appreciation Afternoon with Santa, Music, and Refreshments presented by the Sonora Merchants Association

is made possible by:
First NATIONAL BANK
Member FDIC 102 N. Main 387-3861

Member 1998
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Letters To The Editor Policy

The Devil's River News encourages letters from its readers. Letters should be to the point, typed if at all possible and signed. Address and telephone numbers also should be included for verification purposes. No letters will be published without the author's name. Letters will be printed on a space available basis. Letters should stick with issues, and not simply be personal attacks. Letters endorsing a particular position on issues of local interest will be accepted, however letters endorsing a candidate for political office will not be accepted. We reserve the right to edit for length, content, and potentially libelous statements.

Letters to the Editors published in this newspaper do not necessarily reflect the position of this publication on any subject. Correspondence should be mailed to: The Devil's River News-Letters to the Editor, 228 East Main, Sonora TX. 76950

Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer

Q. Do you know how Christmas is celebrated in Italy, France, Germany and Sweden?

A. In Italy they have a female Santa Claus named Lady Befana. She gives gifts on the Epiphany while the children are out walking around the streets blowing paper trumpets. There is a legend that when Christ was born the shepherds told Befana about the birth and the guiding star. Befana delayed setting out and now every Christmas she wanders in search of the Holy Child. Like Santa Claus, Befana comes down the chimney and leaves gifts in every house but she does it with the hope that the Christ Child might be within.

There are several other Christmas customs one being the pifers, or pifferai, which are shepherds, in sheepskin trousers, flaming red vests and broad-brimmed hats with red tassels and white peacock feathers, who march into town during Advent from the outlying districts. They stop at each shrine to the Christ Child and play music on bagpipes, reeds and oboes.

They also stop at carpenter shops to in honor of Joseph. Many people invite the pifferai into their homes to sing old carols and folk songs. There is also a custom called the Urn of Fate. A large bowl is filled with many wrapped boxes. People take turns drawing boxes from the bowl and opening them. The trick is some of the boxes are empty and many have to draw several times and open several boxes before getting a present.

In Italy they have something called a Ceppo, their equivalent of our Christmas tree. The Ceppo is made out of cardboard and several lathes or canes and is shaped like a pyramid. The Ceppo is three or 4 feet high and has shelves in 3 or 4 levels. On the top of the pyramid they place a pine cone or a puppet and wax candles are lit and placed along the sides of the pyramid. An infant Jesus made out of wax or plaster, lying in a cradle and surrounded by shepherds, saints and angels is placed on the bottom level and fruit, candy and presents are placed on the upper levels.

A Christmas feast in Italy usually includes dishes like noodle torte, prosciutto and panettone.

In Europe, going back as far as people can remember, evergreen trees were brought into the home during the winter as symbols of unending life.

In the Black Forest they were first used as part of Christmas. It was here, when Alsace was German, that the fragrant firs and spruces were originally decorated with glass balls and garlands.

The Germans have wonderful foods for Christmas like Marzipan, lebkuchen, springerle and stollen. They have beautiful Advent Calendars that have little windows that are opened each day, usually by the children (I had one of these that had chocolate candies behind each little window.)

In many houses a wreath with four candles is hung in the home and each Sunday until Christmas Eve one candle is lighted.

There is an old custom called Knocking night that is held on the last Thursday before Christmas, where mummers in grotesque costumes would go from house to house knocking on doors, rattling cans and bells, and cracking whips, supposedly to drive away evil spirits. In some parts of Germany this is done on the first three Thursdays.

Father Christmas is the one who delivers the gifts and legend has it that at one time he had masked companions who carried switches and doled out punishment instead of presents to the children that had been bad.

In France you find small painted clay figures that are made in Provence and called santons, which means little saints. Some are figures to be placed in a creche, manger scene, others are figurines of butchers, bakers, policemen and priests which are given to the children to play with.

Almost every home has a creche and in rural areas it is decorated by the children with laurel, holly, stones and moss they gather from the woods. The grownups go into the woods also to get the Yule log which has wine poured over it before it is lighted on Christmas Eve. Many people have a large late supper after Midnight Mass. In cities, where many don't have fireplaces, the people eat cakes shaped like a log and covered with chocolate icing to look like tree bark. After this the children set out stockings or shoes for Father Christmas to fill. Adults don't get their gifts on Christmas but on New Year's Day. In some places the children dressed as shepherds and shepherdesses march through the streets beating on drums or playing wind instruments, led by men carrying lighted torches all the way to

Midnight Mass. On Epiphany they have gateaux des rois, which is kings cakes, that are baked to honor the Magi. These are round cakes, iced with almond paste and each one contains a coin or a bean as a small favor. The one who gets the coin in his cake is given a paper crown and named king or queen for the day. Games and dances follow this and the ruler commands what is to be played and his demands must be followed.

In Sweden on December 13th which is St. Lucia's Day, a young girl dressed in white with a crown of greens topped with candles and other young people in the family carrying candles, wake up the family at dawn and offers them wheat cakes and coffee. Many people think she represents Lucia of Ancient Syracuse. Lucia had her eyes put out for refusing to renounce her Christian faith. Children in villages throughout Sweden compete each year for the honor of portraying her. Another custom is Star Boys that portray the journey of the Three Kings to Bethlehem. They go about the town singing and are followed by strangely costumed figures, one portrays Judas carrying his purse.

There is a big dinner with a Christmas pig and they drink Christmas beer which is supposed to represent fecundity. It is believed that if the Christmas cake dough doesn't rise properly there will be a bad year. It is not uncommon in rural areas, to see sleighs filled with people and lit by torches gliding across the snow to Midnight Mass. On December 31st a prayer vigil is held in many churches at the stroke of midnight. Following the prayers parties are held in restaurants and halls and the young people go through the streets ringing bells to celebrate the New year.

Though my reader didn't ask for it I think next week we will see how Christmas is celebrated in Poland, England, Spain and Mexico. If you have any questions concerning Sutton Co. history send them to Ask the Historical Society, P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885, e-mail me at or call me at 915-387-2855 in the afternoon or evening only please.

I'd like to take a minute to remind our readers that there are a great many accidents around the holiday season and ask them to please buckle up every time they get into their vehicle. I don't want to see anyone in the hospital or funeral home for Christmas because they didn't buckle up.

Merchant's Association Christmas Drawing to be held Saturday

By Justin McGeath

The Sonora Merchant's Association's first Christmas ticket drawing for 1998 went quickly Tuesday evening during the Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade. Between the large crowd in attendance and the abundance of entries in the contest it didn't take long to find two finalists in the "Santa has lost his buttons" contest.

JoAnn Palmer and Adalita Alvarez were the lucky winners in the first drawing of the 1998 Christmas season. Palmer and Alvarez have won the opportunity to dig in the haystack for Santa's buttons on December 24. The digging will be done on the courthouse lawn at 10:30 a.m.

There will be a large haystack placed on the courthouse lawn on Christmas Eve with ten buttons hidden inside. The ten finalists from the drawings will get to dig in the haystack to find the buttons. Each button will match a prize package full of great prizes. All ten finalists will receive a share of the \$2500 worth of prizes that have been donated by area merchants and businesses.

The next drawing will be held on Saturday, December 12, at Ol' Sonora Trading Company, at 3:00 p.m. Entertainment for the afternoon will be a live nativity scene set at the rustic buildings of old Sonora town. To be eligible for the drawing you must be 18 years old, and you must go by any of the local participating merchants to receive the first entry free for visiting the stores. You may then receive one entry for every \$10 at the local merchants. Once you



Some of Main Street's merchants, Vallree Draper of Vallree's, Sue Hosford of Doyle Morgan Ins., Fran Pennington of image apparel, Shelly Hughes of Business Basics, John Tedford of Tedford Jewelry and Guy Cauthorn of Doyle Morgan Ins.

have entered the contest, you must be present at the drawings to win your chance to dig in the hay on December 24.

The prizes that will be given in the "Santa Has Lost His Buttons!" promotion are: Tedford's Jewelry - Diamond Pendant; Carl J. Cahill - Mohair Throw; Caverns of Sonora - Family Passes and Fudge; Outlaws from San Angelo, Texas - Four passes to the Hockey game; Sutton County National Bank - Four \$50.00 savings bonds; First National Bank - Four \$50.00 savings bonds; Busy Bees Day Care - One day free child care; Bronco Ford - Oil Change; Devil's River News - One year subscription; Sutton County Steakhouse - KC for two - \$25.00, two large chickens -

\$16.00, two Sunday buffets - \$14.00, two lunch specials - \$14.00 (no take out food); The Video Store - Ten rentals; KHOS Radio - Ten CD's; Texas Cancer Association Golf Passes; Two Passes from the Merchant's Association.

The Sonora Merchants and Businesses that made donations to the Gift Certificates are: B & C Dept. Store, Business Basics, Craft Cottage, Doyle Morgan Ins., Food Center, I-10 Auto Ranch, image apparel, Lone Star Gas, Ol' Sonora Trading Post, Dr. Phillip Miller, Teaff Oil Company, Thorps Cleaners, Vallrees, Westernman Drug, W.T.U., Rafter W. Feed, Busy Bee Dept. Store, Lisa's Flower & Gifts, Sonora Wool & Mohair, Alco. Remember to shop Sonora

Sonora Graduate returns from Operation Southern Watch

Army Pfc. Rachele Caldwell has returned from being deployed to Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia, on a temporary assignment in support of Operation Southern Watch.

The operation is a multinational effort that conducts flying missions to ensure and enforce compliance with the United Nations Security Council resolutions enacted after the end of the Persian Gulf War in 1991. The

coalition forces assist in monitoring the no-fly and no-drive zones to prohibit Iraqi military flights and ground troop movements in the southern half of Iraq.

Caldwell is an attack helicopter armament/electrical system repairer normally assigned

to the 101st Aviation Regiment at Fort Campbell, Ky.

She is the daughter of Lynne Davis of Round Rock, Texas and Samuel D. Caldwell of Sonora, Texas.

The private is a 1995 graduate of Round Rock High School.

Friends of the Crockett County Public Library
CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1998
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm * Tickets \$5.00 *
Advance Tickets available at Library or purchase at Christmas homes.
Tour five of Ozona's Most Beautiful Homes & the Crockett County Museum decorated for Christmas. End your Tour with Refreshments & Door Prizes at Crockett County Public Library. All proceeds benefit the Library Expansion Fund raising Campaign. Call for More Information 392-3565

Westerman Drug
Bridal Registry
 Wheless Baker bride elect of Dan Dockery
 Mrs. Paul Martinez nee Cenisa Cauthorn
 101 NW Concho 387-2541

Tedford Jewelry
Bridal Gift Registry
 Wheless Baker bride elect of Dan Dockery
 Mrs. Paul Martinez nee Cenisa Cauthorn

Vallree's
 Fashion & Gifts
 220 Main St.
 387-5918
 Make your special someone happy with a beautiful Belle Point Sweater or Vest from Vallree's. Choose from several Christmas patterns such as Santa, Nutcracker, Snowmen and more.

image apparel
 Bridal Registry
 Wheless Baker bride elect of Dan Dockery
 210 E. Main
 387-5189

CHRISTOVAL MAIN STREET MARKET DAYS
PETITIT BUILDING
 FRIDAY, DEC. 11 - 10AM - 6PM
 SATURDAY, DEC. 12 - 9AM - 6PM
 SUNDAY, DEC. 13 - 12NOON - 5PM
NEW VENDORS ADDED
CHRISTMAS IN HISTORIC CHRISTOVAL
BUCKBOARD RIDES WITH SANTA
DOOR PRIZES
FOOD AVAILABLE
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
OPEN HOUSES & BUSINESSES
SNEAK PREVIEW OF LIBRARY & MUSEUM
CHRISTOVAL COMMUNITY CHAMBER

NEW releases for this week are:
Parent Trap
Six Days & Seven Nights

If you're looking for the latest movie releases, look no further than the VIDEO STORE!!

THE VIDEO STORE

809 N. Crockett Ave. Sonora, TX. 76950 387-3710

Mon.-Fri. 10:30-1:30 p.m. & 2:30-9:00 p.m.
Sat. 10:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
Sun. 1:00-6:00 p.m.

LET Brighton LIGHT UP YOUR HOLIDAYS!

Ol' Sonora Trading Co.
 Store Hours
 Mon. - Fri. 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 277 North Hwy. • 387-5507

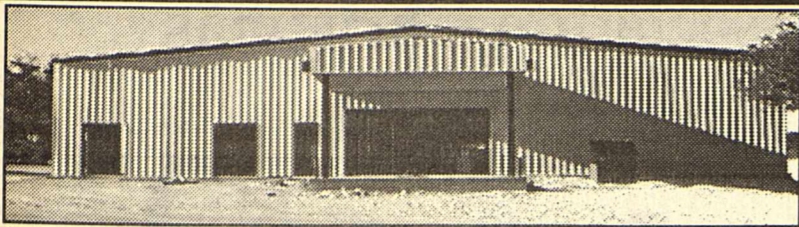
GREAT HOLIDAY GIFTS WORTH CELEBRATING

All gloriously priced under \$35

Celebrated beauty essentials for skin care, color and makeup artistry from Merle Norman Cosmetics. Like the Skin Care Essentials gift shown here, you'll find them all affordably priced... all wrapped and ready for giving.

Ol' Sonora Trading Co
 Mon. - Fri. 10:00 am - 5:30 pm
 Sat. 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
 277 North Hwy • 387-5507

MERLE NORMAN
 COSMETIC STUDIOS



Progress Steady on new 4-H Civic Center

Steady progress is the term most descriptive of the construction effort for the new Sutton Co. 4-H Civic Center. The outer metal construction of the building is nearing completion with trim work and doors remaining. The bulk of the effort now is indoors. All of the air conditioning units have been hung and the duct work is nearing completion. The studs for the interior walls should be completed by this week and the electrician is scheduled to begin with a bang late this week. Since most of the effort is interior, the weather has little influence on the progress of the new building. There remains a tremendous amount of work to do on the center because there is a huge amount of electrical wiring, computer wiring and audio system wiring planned in the facility. Estimates for completion by the

contractor are for mid-January but no concrete plans have been made to begin booking the facility or to host an open house.

The extension to the existing Clint Langford Memorial Building has begun and it is anticipated that this phase of the project will be completed soon after January 1. This project includes erection of the metal framework on the building for an extension of 40 feet. There is no concrete floor in the addition but it will be insulated and finished inside just like the existing building. Heating will be with ceiling hung gas heaters and air conditioning will be installed by local sources using units from the old 4-H Center. This should be completed in time to host the annual junior livestock show which is scheduled for January 9 and 16, 1999.

One Person One Vote

An initiative to amend the U.S. Constitution to reform campaign financing has just been launched by One Person, One Vote. All polls demonstrate that the vast majority of Americans favor campaign finance reform. Yet, meaningful reform is frustrated by the recalcitrance of the politicians and by the U.S. Supreme Court which has found most limits to be unconstitutional.

One Person, One Vote will collect the names of those voters who support the constitutional amendment. Candidates for political office will then be made aware of the extensive number of votes that they stand to gain or lose by their position on this issue. The politicians will be forced into passing this constitutional amendment, without alteration.

The amendment will:

1. Limit the amount an individual can contribute to a campaign to \$200;
2. Only allow contributions

from individual persons, not PAC's, political parties, corporations or labor unions; and

3. Prohibit contributions from individuals residing outside of the candidate's district.

Names will initially be collected via the Internet. Supporters can log onto the web site of One Person, One Vote. The web site is found at <http://www.one-person-one-vote.com>. They can then enter their name and address to register their support. This American Travesty will be ended!

Kevin McLean, the president of One Person, One Vote, said: "We are all tired of the politicians being bought and paid for. Let's clean up this mess so that our elected officials will be answerable to us, not the special interests."

For more information, contact Kevin McLean at (813)837-7000.

First Annual Cowboy Camp Meeting and Roping Clinic Coming to Sonora

Have you ever heard of a Cowboy Camp Meeting? If not, here is the information about the happenings going on December 16-19 at the Sonora Livestock Auction Barn... Look for the big blue tent. Cowboy Camp Meeting is four fun-filled nights of laid-back style church services with ministry and great music, conducted by awesome ministries of the Gospel. We are also having a roping clinic on Friday and a team roping on Saturday.

The First Annual Sonora Cowboy Camp Meeting is under the direction of Monty Price, founder and president of Cowboy Church of the American West.

Ty Bean will be kicking off the Camp Meeting Wednesday night, December 16, 7 p.m. Ty is the 26 year old Director of Rodeo for Athletes International Ministries (AIM). He travels across the United States preaching the Word of God in churches, camp meetings, rodeo, and youth services through conventional preaching and drama. Ty was a special guest at Cowboy Church of Sonora this year, and he was thoroughly enjoyed by all young and old.

On Thursday night, December 17, at 7 p.m., Monty Price and his family will be ministering. Monty has been conducting services in Sonora for 2 years, and has an incredible testimony of God's mighty power delivering him from alcoholism. He was raised as a second generation rodeo cowboy, and he has a vision to reach the western world for Jesus. As he ministers, he relates his often hilarious life experiences to lessons in the Bible. His wife, Susan, and 18 year old daughter, Leann, have produced two music albums consisting of Christian contemporary style music. This family offers a fresh approach to ministry with an awesome message of the love of Christ.

Friday morning, December 18, we will be having a one day advanced team roping clinic beginning at 10 a.m. at the Sutton County Arena. The cost is \$100 per person, as it is for seasoned ropers that are serious about improving. The instructors for the clinic are Jack Stephenson and his

son Jackie, both NFR qualifiers. In 1993, Jackie won the average at the NFR. They are quality teachers with a lot of experience instructing roping schools. They also work very well together, and above all, they are cowboys that love the Lord. Jake Barnes, Clay Cooper, Allen Bach and Tee Woolman have been invited to be a part of the school, as well.

Friday night beginning at 7 p.m., Christian Country singer Ken Holloway will be giving a concert. Ken has been singing for 20 years now, and has won numerous awards, including one Dove Award, several GMA (Gospel Music Association) awards, has been featured on Prime Time Country with Gary Chapman, been on the TNN dance club as a featured guest, and has had a video on CMT. His music focuses on family, love and faith in God. You do not want to miss this awesome night.

Saturday, December 19, starting at 10 a.m., we are having an open draw-pot team roping. The cost is \$100 per person, draw three partners. Bring the whole family to the Sutton County Arena and enjoy a fun day of team roping.

Saturday night, our final night of the Cowboy Camp Meeting, we will be hosting Roy & Joy Cragg, from Marfa, Texas. Roy and Joy have traveled all across the U.S. Mexico, and Central America preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ. They have also had a ministers' training school in Mexico for several years.

We are expecting great things for this Camp Meeting, you will enjoy every one of men and women that are coming to speak and sing. People from all over will be coming to be a part of the roping clinic, and team roping, and to hear a fresh Word from God brought by these Cowboy Preachers. This Camp Meeting is not just for cowboys, and we encourage you to come as you are. Everyone is invited and welcome. Invite your friends!

For more information, contact Cowboy Church of the American West at 915-392-2477.

F.Y.I

Sutton County Committee on Aging will sponsor the Christmas Party at the Senior Center Dec. 18th from 6 - 9 p.m.

Soccer Drive ages 4-11: Sign up to play with SASA - Spring season (mid Feb. - Apr.) Pre-register on Dec. 15 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in front of the Elementary School. For more information contact: Bonnie Lou at 387-3174 or Paul at 387-5402.

The Nursing Home Christmas party is scheduled for December 16th at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Vocational Trades Program is having their annual fruit sale. If you would like to order apples, oranges, or grapefruit and have not been approached by a student please contact Mari Sanchez at 387-6533 or Reggie Williams at 387-2108.

The Youth Group of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Presbyterian Church of Sonora, invite you to a performance of Bethlehem P.D. on December 16 at 6:30 p.m. Following the performance will be scripture reading and a candlelight service. 401 Mulberry St. 387-2616.

3rd Annual Christmas Choir and Band Concert will be Tuesday Dec. 15th at the High School.

An Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course will be offered in Sonora beginning January 12, 1999. Meeting on

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. The course will end May 13, 1999. If you are interested in this course contact the Sutton County EMS office at 211 E. 3rd, or call 387-5132. Advance registration is required. The last day for registration is January 7, 1999.

The Sonora Merchant's Association is holding a benefit drawing for Extended Learning for Kids (ELKS) program. Raffle tickets are on sale now from any Sonora Merchants. A package including cash, prizes, and gift certificates totaling over \$1,500.00 will be given away December 24, 1998. \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Get your tickets today.


PTA Raffle tickets for 3 V-Tech computers are now available. Chances are \$1.00 a piece or 6 for \$5.00. Tickets are available at school offices, through any PTA member or from any 4th or 5th grader.

Thunderbird is back in service. For more information call 387-2509.

Sonora High School Class of 1981 Benefit Raffle for Mason Surber Educational Fund. Win a 270 Bolt Action Winchester to be given away December 19, 1998. Please contact Fran Pennington at 387-5189 for more information. Donations will be accepted.

Lillian Hudspeth Nursing Home & Hospital Auxiliary meets 2nd Monday of every month at 12:00 p.m. at the Sutton Co. Steakhouse. New members welcome.

Phone Disconnected? No Problem! LOCAL PHONE SERVICE CALL 1-800-997-8757 SE HABLA ESPANOL Membership Benefits Local Pay Locations SWB, GTE & SPRINT AREAS ONLY TNT SA, TX

Mary Did You Know?

 Christmas Cantata to be presented at The First Baptist Church Sunday, Dec. 13th 7:00 p.m. FREE ADMISSION

Deadline for Print is Monday at 5:00 p.m.

Everyone is getting ready for Christmas with Fashions From

Vallree's
 220 Main St. 387-5918
 Brigette, Timothy & Bo Amber Gantry
 Photo by Photo Ranch

Awesome Gourmet Cheeseburgers, Even Better Price

Jalapeño

 Chili
 Bacon

ON SALE FOR A LIMITED TIME!

That's Right! Now on sale at your local Dairy Queen® stores -- New gourmet cheeseburgers! If you want a mouth-watering burger, try the zesty new Bacon Cheeseburger, Jalapeño Cheeseburger, or the Chili Cheeseburger. Got a burger craving that just any old hamburger won't fix? Head to your nearest Dairy Queen® store for our new gourmet style cheeseburgers! On sale for a limited time at participating Dairy Queen® stores.

Get These Dinosaurs Before They're Extinct!
 Get a The Land Before Time™ wristable with the purchase of a DQ® Kid's Pick-nic Meal. Collect all 4 while supplies last.
 THE LAND BEFORE TIME VI THE SECRET OF SAGHUS ROCK Wherever videos are sold.

SHANNON CLINIC will be offering
Mammogram Screenings
 Monday, December 14, 1998
 Dr. Guido Calderon's Office
 301 Hudspeth Avenue, Suite B
 To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-530-4143, extension 3235 or 3229

It's important
 Although women should get an initial mammogram by age 40, it's especially crucial for older women to have regular screenings because the risk of developing breast cancer increases with age. Women ages 40 or above should have annual screenings, because early detection is a key factor in successful treatment. Medicare will pay for an annual mammogram for eligible women.

SHANNON HEALTH SYSTEM
 120 East Harris Avenue, San Angelo, Texas 76903
 657-6222 • 800-640-6222 (outside of San Angelo)
 You may now visit us at www.shannonhealth.com

ELDORADO WOOLEN MILL
 Invites you to Tour our Woolen Mill and see our Great Christmas Gifts.

Mohair Pillows	Table Place mats & Runners.
Candles	Texas Flag Pillows
Stocking Holders	Wool Lap Throws
Gun Scabbards	Bed Blankets
Cedar Furniture	Complete Bed Ensembles
Angel Ornaments	Santa Platters

407 S. Main
 Eldorado, TX • 853-2541
 Store Hours
 M-F 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
 Sat. 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Catchin' Up With the Lady Colts

7th Grade "A" Team Girls 11/30:

The Lady Colts hosted the Iraan Braves Monday night. Offensively the Lady Colts had a great first quarter. Defensively the Lady Colts found themselves in foul trouble. Leading scorers were Tamika Marshall-5, Isabel Ibarra-4, Danielle Galindo-2, Brea Hughes-2, Nikki Samaniego-2, Cady Taylor-2 and Elizabeth Elliott-2. Other team members are Kelly Kearney, Paola Garcia, Laura Word and Dainah Hernandez. The score was Sonora 19 and Iraan 36.

12/3:
The Lady Colts had a great tournament. Overall the Lady Colts placed third. Lack of execution at the free throw line really hurt the Lady Colts. The Colts were 10-34 at the free throw line during the tournament. Leading scorers were Tamika Marshall-12, Elizabeth Elliott-4, Kelly Kearney-4, Jessica Martin-4, Paola Garcia-3, Laura Word-3, Danielle Galindo-2, Dainah Hernandez-2. The score was Sonora 36 and Comstock 23.

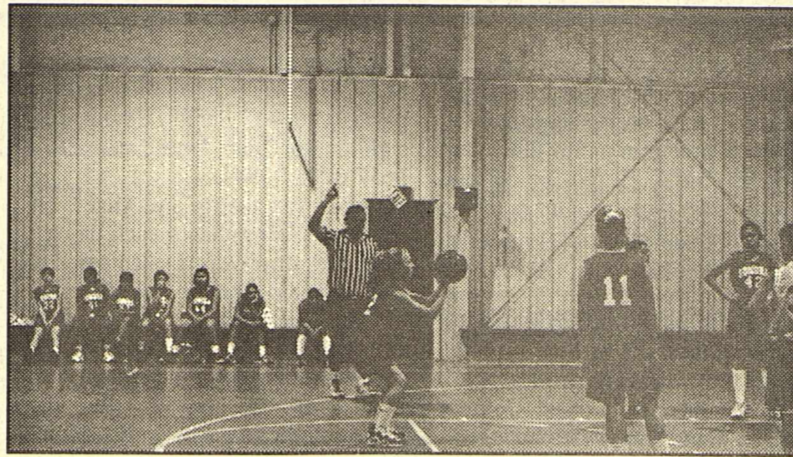
12/4:
The Lady Colts played Big Lake in the Ozona tournament. Leading scorers were Elizabeth Elliott-9, Tamika Marshall-9, Brea Hughes-4, Kelly Kearney-3,

Dainah Hernandez-2 and Laura Word-6. The score was Sonora 33 and Big Lake 32.

12/5:
The Lady Colts played Ozona in the Ozona tournament. The leading scorers were Tamika Marshall-10, Brea Hughes-6, Elizabeth Elliott-3, Laura Word-2, Dainah Hernandez-2 and Cady Taylor-1. The score was Sonora 24 and Ozona 28.

7th Grade "B" Team Girls
The Lady Colts showed a lot of hustle and desire. Defensively April Flores and Susanna Street had several steals. Kate Higdon had five rebounds. The scorers were Jessica Martin-4 and Kate Higdon-4. The score was Sonora 8 and Iraan 2.

8th Grade Girls
12/1:
The Lady Colts came out in a half court press which kept Iraan off balance. Our girls defense set up our offense. Kara pressured the ball well while Koda, Leandra, Morgan and Ashley trapped and picked off passes. The second group of Myra, Katrina, Amanda, Shannon and Mariana came in and kept the pressure on Iraan. Leading scorers were Morgan Hobbs-12, Koda Armke-10, Ashley Parker-7, Kara Hard-6 and Katrina Hernandez-2. The score was Sonora 37 and Iraan 27.



12/3:
The 8th grade Lady Colts went to Ozona to play. The girls worked hard on their press which was very effective. All the girls that went to the game played well. The bunch threw in six points and played a good aggressive defense. That group was led by Mayra Martinez, Ronda Moore, Shannon Vick, Amanda Sanchez and Katrina Hernandez. Koda Armke and Kara Hard led in steals while Ashley Parker, Morgan Hobbs and Leandra Perez were clearing the boards.
Sonora 61 and Crane 12
12/4:
This was the second game in the Ozona Tournament. Junction

had a 5'10" girl in the middle and a pretty good guard. The Lady Colts played tough defense to defeat Junction. The leading scorers were Ashley Parker-13, Kara Hard-6, Morgan Hobbs-4, Katrina Hernandez-2 and Koda Armke-2. The score was Sonora 27 and Junction 14.
12/5:
The 8th grade Lady Colts had a tough game against Menard. Our girls played tough defense. The third quarter we held Menard to zero points while we scored seven. The Sonora 8th grade Lady Colts won the Ozona Tournament. The score was Sonora 31 and Menard 27. Congratulations Ladies!

Elementary News



The students at Sonora Elementary have decorated the school Christmas trees. The students made beautiful ornaments and did a great job decorating the trees. Come by the elementary buildings and see our Christmas trees!

Christmas Holidays--
December 21- January 4. School will dismiss at the regular time on December 18.

Thanks to everyone who made donations for the E.L.K.S Program. Because of your support and generosity, the E.L.K.S Program will begin operation on January 5. The E.L.K.S Program will operate from 3:30-5:30 Monday-Friday. The program is designed for students of working parents or parents attending adult education classes. The family tuition is \$15 a week for one child and \$5 for each additional

child; \$7.50 a week for one child for families qualifying for free or reduced lunches and \$2.50 for each additional child; and drop-ins will be \$5 per day. **Tuition must be paid the first school day of the week.** Due to budget restraints, students who have not paid the tuition by Tuesday of each week will not be allowed to attend the program. Please remember that the program is funded by donations and tuition payments. The registration deadline is December 15. Registration forms have already been distributed with the weekly Schedule of Events. If you have questions or need additional registration forms, please contact Kelley Hirt at 387-5669.

Hoop it Up continued from page 1

Mireles-8, Kara Eaton-8, Stacy Fox-6, Kari Purvis-6, Japha Word-6, Cindy Jones-5, Sarah Ball-5, Marisha Henson-4, Dana Duhon-2. The final score Sonora 60 and Iraan 35.

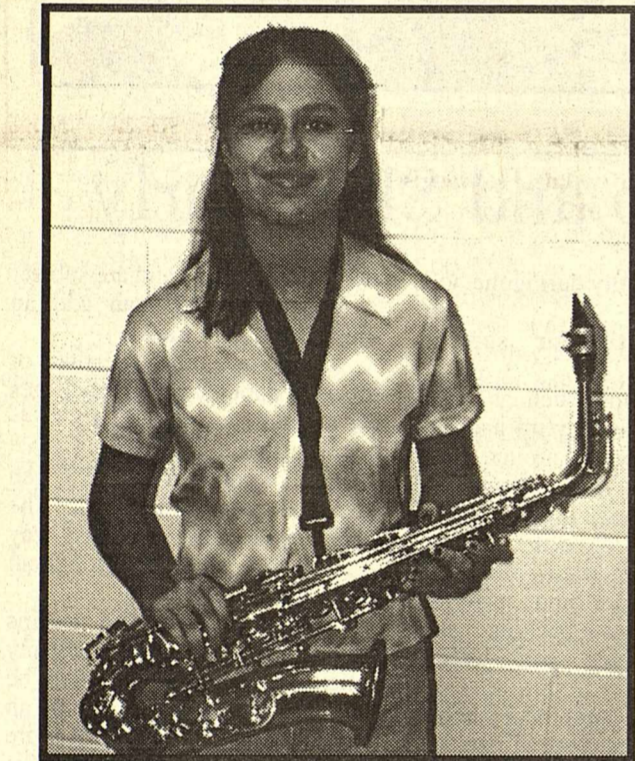
Congratulations to all:
TEAM CHAMPION- Lady Broncos
ALL TOURNAMENT- Kim Marshall and Daisy Mireles
MVP PLAYER- Cindy Jones
MVP COACH- Coach

Marshall
Injury Report: Heather Felts-Back Injury-- Rehab, start limited action and Cindy Jones- Hip Flexor- Rehab, available
Games: Tuesday 12/8 at Grape Creek at 6:30 and Thursday 12/10 at New Braunfels Canyon Classic Tournament at 6:30.
Record: 7-1

GO  **Broncos**



The Lady Broncos bring home first place.



Congratulations to Mirabel Capuchina for placing 4th chair in All District Band

S.H.S Speech and Drama to host 53rd Annual Speech/Academic Practice Meet

On February 12th and 13th the Sonora High School Speech and Drama Department will host the 53rd Annual Speech and Academic Practice Meet. This tournament requires a lot of assistance from the community to be the successful competition that it is currently known for.

This year's contest will be under the direction of Mr. Cody S. Eoff, Theatre Arts teacher at the high school. Preparation has been

underway since before Thanksgiving but due to the fact that there are many things to be done, help from the community is being requested. The main thing needed for the tournament will be judges in the speaking events. Anyone can qualify to judge these events and a workshop is being planned prior to the tournament to answer any questions and clarify the rules to each contest. A judge's packet will also be made available

to be a source or reference in all speaking events.

However, we also need other helpers in the roles of: contest managers, timekeepers, hospitality workers, information workers and registration workers. We are strongly encouraging anyone who feels that they will be able to help in any way during the tournament to contact the office of Speech and Drama at 387-6533 ext. 313.

SERVICE DIRECTORY	
Sonora Electric Company Electric Repair Construction Farm & Ranch Commercial/Residential Arnold Hosford 915-387-3677	Carl J. Cahill, Inc.  OILFIELD CONTRACTOR (915)387-2524 Sonora, TX CARPET & UPHOLSTERY CLEANING BY JOHN CHAMBERS 1-915-473-4017 All Work Guaranteed 15 Years Experience Knox Floor Covering Carpet-Vinyl-Tile 392-2180 201 Ave I Ozona, TX Red Hoss Feeds your Local Purina Dealer 387-3621 301 Glasscock TEAM GRAPHICS CUSTOM SCREEN PRINTING T-Shirts • Caps Marla Percifull 915/387-5017 Sonora, TX Sonora Animal Hospital Open M-F 8:00 - 12:00 1:00 - 5:00 1st & 3rd Sat. 9:00 - 12:00 HWY. 290 W. • 387-2481
JIMCO ENTERPRISES INC. SONORA, TEXAS Complete Bruce & Cheryl Lively Oilfield Service (915)387-3843	The Bright Spot Beauty Shop Total Hair Care for the whole family Mon-Fri 8-5 387-2460 214 1/2 Main Sonora, TX Windmills Pumps Service George Thorp Waterwell Service GEO. "JENKY" THORP 915-387-5104 MOBILE: 915-650-4752 510 W. Mulberry • Sonora, TX
BUSINESS BASICS Full Service Bookkeeping Office Supplies Open M-F 8:30-5:30 112 North Concho 387-6127	

12A 14K Diamond Pendant 1/4 Ct.Tw \$489 Reg. \$875	12B 14K Diamond Pendant Jacket Solitaire Sold Separately \$189 Reg. \$365	12C Diamond Pendants .05 Ct. \$69.99 Reg. \$135 .10 Ct. \$126.99 Reg. \$225 .15 Ct. \$160.99 Reg. \$295 .15 Ct. \$249.99 Reg. \$375 .14 Ct. \$449.99 Reg. \$695 .13 Ct. \$649.99 Reg. \$995 .12 Ct. \$799.99 Reg. \$1575	12D Diamond Earrings .05 Ct.T.W. \$48.99 Reg. \$105 .10 Ct.T.W. \$79.99 Reg. \$125 .15 Ct.T.W. \$110.99 Reg. \$185 .15 Ct.T.W. \$194.99 Reg. \$335 .14 Ct.T.W. \$259.99 Reg. \$395 .13 Ct.T.W. \$289.99 Reg. \$435 .12 Ct.T.W. \$799.99 Reg. \$1395
12E Opal & Diamond Ring	12F Opal & Diamond Earrings	YOUR CHOICE \$99 All Birthstones Available	
12G Opal & Diamond Pendant			

Tedford Jewelry
107 NW Concho 387-3839 Downtown Sonora

Duckwall-ALCO Stores report third quarter results

Duckwall-ALCO Stores, Inc. today announced record results for the 1998 fiscal third quarter nine month period ended November 1, 1998. In addition, the Company reported its adoption during the third quarter of Accounting Standard SOP 98-5, Reporting on the Costs of Start-up Activities.

Third quarter highlights:

- * Diluted earnings per share of \$0.22 (after adoption of new accounting standard) represents 23rd consecutive quarter of earnings growth.
- * Net sales increase 12%
- * Operating income up 16%
- * Four ALCO stores opened in non-competitive markets.

Net sales for the 1998 fiscal third quarter ended November 1, 1998 were \$85.3 million, a 12% increase from \$76.2 million recorded during the third quarter of fiscal 1997. Net earnings, after the effect of adopting the new SOP, grew 2% to \$1,119,000 or \$0.22 diluted earnings per share, from \$1,098,000 or \$0.21 per share, a year earlier, reported on a comparable basis as if the new accounting method had been utilized in the prior year.

Net sales for the nine months ended November 1, 1998 increased 14% to \$256.7 million from \$225.9 million last year. After the effect of adopting SOP 98-5, net earnings for the period rose 22% to \$3.9 million, or \$0.76 diluted earnings per share,

from \$3.2 million, or \$0.62 per share, in the prior year.

Glen L. Shank, President and Chief Executive Officer, said "We are looking forward to beginning our seasonally strong fourth quarter, having completed our store opening schedule for the fiscal year. After opening four ALCO stores in new non-competitive markets in the third quarter, we started the fourth quarter with the opening of three ALCO stores and three Duckwall stores, which bring total openings to 36 in the current fiscal year (16 ALCO and 20 Duckwall stores) and a total of seventy-six in the two year period."

Shank added, "Sales have been our biggest challenge all year. We have had some merchandise categories that have performed well, and while we are not satisfied with sales results, our challenge is to improve same store sales, which has been difficult due to the weak farm economy. Continued unseasonable warm weather during the fall season has also, at least temporarily, postponed consumer purchases of cold weather merchandise."

Duckwall-ALCO Stores, Inc. is a leading regional retailer which operates 258 full-line discount and hometown variety stores in the mid-western United States under the names "ALCO" and "Duckwall," respectively.

Rediscovering The Joys of Christmas

From the beginning, Christmas has been a holiday that features the family. For many people, it still is. Here are some hints that can help make your family's holidays celebration lovelier than ever.

On Christmas Eve, have each member of the family tell a story about a favorite Christmas and what it was that made it special.

Go out one night to view all the holiday decorations in the neighborhood.

Pop a tape of holiday songs in the car and sing along.

Invite a friend or neighbor with no place to go to share your family traditions.

Decorate your home with handmade things. For example, you can create a great table topper or mantel decoration out of cardboard and cotton balls. Create a cone out of the cardboard. Then dip the cotton ball in glue and silver glitter, just on one side. Glue the cotton balls to the cone until you've built up an icy-looking snowball tree.

You can make beautiful cross-stitch Christmas ornaments with

metallic floss and a free instruction sheet from the DMC Corporation, maker of Embroidery Floss and other fine needlework threads.

You and your youngsters can turn this year's greeting cards into delightful decorations and place cards. Just cut out your favorite pictures from the cards and attach them to one side of index cards folded in half to form the place cards. The cut-out pictures can also be used to trim gifts, backed with cardboard and hung on the tree, or taped to the window pane.

Another project to pin your hopes on: spray a tiny twig from an evergreen with gold or silver paint. Glue on tiny Christmas tree balls and glue a pin backing onto the flattest part of the branch.

For an easy-to-follow instruction sheet for cross-stitch Christmas ornaments, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to The DMC Corporation, Dept. N-C98, South Hackensack Avenue, Port Kearny Building 10A, South Kearny, NJ 07032-4688.

Senior Center News

We at the Sonora Senior Center would like to invite everyone to our Senior Center during this holiday season. Come join us for lunch and stay for crafts, Bingo, or Special programs for that day. Our nutrition program with Kelly Thorp is always very interesting. This will be held on December 29. Our Christmas Party will be on December 18.

Poncho Claus will be here from the South Pole and hopefully we'll have the guys with "Old Country Thyme Band" to welcome everyone. Poncho Claus always has goodies to give away, so don't miss our party this year!

Don't forget to call or come by the Senior Center on the second Wednesday of each month to have your hearing test by Belton Hearing Center. Pete Lopez is the Director.

We will offer a holiday makeover with Mary Ann of Ol' Sonora Trading Company on Monday, December 14.

Janet Appleton with Energy Assistance Program will be at our Senior Center on Tuesday,

December 15. If you or anyone you know who is in need of a heater, please call our Senior Center and sign up for this. Please call 387-5657 or 387-3941.

City Van goes to San Angelo on the third Wednesday of each month. The next trip will December 16. Call and sign up now! Ask for Lilia.

Our Christmas Meal and Program will be on December 23. The Senior Center will be closed on December 24 and 25 for the Christmas holidays. Also December 31 and January 1 for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day holidays.

I would like to thank all of our volunteers who work so hard at our Senior Center all year round. It is people like you that make a difference in our community. I would like to welcome our newest volunteers for Meals on Wheels Program: Maria Mesa and Monica McGee.

Thanks to all our businesses in our community who have donated and supported us all year long.

Thank you for caring so that our seniors can enjoy all that we have to offer at our Senior Center! Thanks

to Barry for the poinsettia plants.

Thanks to our community for caring and we mustn't forget our Seniors- the pride and joy of Sutton County. They are the reason we are here.

Thanks to the staff for all the extras they do and for putting up with me! ha! Let's make 1999 another great year!

Let's not forget those that have moved, who are ill, or passed away. As we think of the past, let's not forget the future ahead and the many changes and exciting things planned.

Almost forgot our December Birthday Party on December 11 at noon. Our December babies are: Olivia Longoria, Sam Perez, Bernice Hearn, Lupe Chavez, Maydell Moore and Linda Cumpian! If we missed your name on our list or it is not correct, please call me or come by the Senior Center so we can add or make changes.

As we come to the end of the 1998, I want to wish each and everyone of you a holiday season

filled with love and friendship. May the warm memories of the past fill your heart and the hopes and dreams for tomorrow excite you and lift your spirits into the new year-1999!

As we mark the beginning of a new year, let's leave each of you with the following message of Mother Theresa:

Give! Give the love you have received

To those around you.
You must love with your time,
Your hands and your hearts.
You need to share all that you have.

Peace be with you and yours during this holiday season. Let's all remember the true meaning of the season and spread love and friendship to those less fortunate than ourselves. Bye til next year!

Sincerely,
Juanita Mesa

Who's Baggin' the Big Bucks?



Myra Grant of North Carolina killed this 9 pt. in N.W. Sutton Co. The buck scored 135 on the Boone & Crockett and field dressed at 127 lbs.

Lynn Everett of North Carolina scored a 152 3/8 on the Boone & Crockett with this 135 lb., 13 pt. buck killed in N. W. Sutton County



Reduce Holiday Stress - Shop and Ship Early

With the holidays quickly approaching, comes the annual ritual of decorating, entertaining, eating, and of course, shopping for gifts. For those shipping gifts, UPS has some tips to help reduce stress and ensure packages will arrive safe and sound.

"During the holiday season, UPS will ship more than 295 million packages around the world by ground and air," said UPS Packaging Lab Manager Dennis Amato. "Consequently, we've spent an enormous amount of time and study developing proper packaging techniques. UPS is passing along its tips to help ensure the safe and timely delivery of customer shipments."

*** Choose a good box**
The outer box should be large enough to fit the package and any needed cushioning material. If the box is not new, it must be strong enough to support the contents and able to be stacked with other boxes. Make sure there are no old labels, creases, tears or punctures. The flaps should be intact.

*** Protect it inside**

Surround each item with bubble pack, Styrofoam "peanuts," foam-in-place or corrugated dividers to protect against shock that occurs when packages come in contact with each other or hard surfaces. Wadded newspaper should only be used for lighter packages.

*** Seal it securely**
Use heavy-duty, pressure-sensitive plastic or nylon-reinforced tape. **Don't** use masking tape or cellophane tape. Never wrap a cartons in paper or tie them with string.

*** Label properly**
The mailing label must include the the complete name and address, including the Zip code. If necessary, make sure to put the business name, apartment or floor number. While you're packing the box, it's important to place a duplicate mailing label inside the carton in case the outer label becomes unreadable. Pay extra attention to make sure all the information is correct.

*** Ship as early as possible**
Catalog orders may take a day or two to process before being

shipped, especially during the holiday season.

*** Special tips for specific items**

Fragile items, such as glass and ceramics, need extra packaging. Use bubble wrap around these items and place in a separate box inside the packing box. When shipping your favorite holiday cookies, place them inside a smaller container and surround them with adequate packing material. This will help avoid shifting during transit.

Electronic equipment should be shipped in its original packaging, surrounded by additional cushioning materials and placed inside a larger box. If you open the box containing the gift before shipping, be sure to repack it exactly the way it was packed.

Clothing and soft toys may be gift-wrapped and placed in a strong outer carton with protective wrap. Shipping a gift-wrapped package in brown paper will not provide adequate protection.

Plants, fresh fruits or vegetables shipped to California, Hawaii or Arizona require a special blue

identification label and are subject to inspection. This can add an additional day in transit.

If you have other questions or concerns about shipping packages this holiday season, call UPS's 24-hour toll-free number (1-800-PICK-UPS) or visit the UPS web site at <http://www.ups.com>. The UPS web site also is an easy way to track your packages throughout the shipping process.

UPS's peak season begins November 27 and the company anticipates its peak day will be Tuesday, December 22, with an expected delivery volume of more than 17 million packages. UPS is the world's largest express carrier and packaging delivery company, serving more than 200 countries and territories around the world. Headquarters in Atlanta, GA, UPS has been rated the world's most admired mail, package and freight delivery company by Fortune Magazine, just six months after winning its fifteenth consecutive annual award as America's most admired transportation company.

Bake Sale
Benefiting SHS Girls Basketball to Cover Meal Expenses on Road Trips
Friday, December 18th
8:00 a.m. to ?
Food Center
Support our Lady Broncos!!!

1998 - 99 SONORA BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Sonora Colts
Dec. 14 - Iraan
Girls - There 5:00 pm & 6:15pm
Boys -Here 5:00 pm & 6:15pm

9th Grade
Dec. 10-11-12 Sonora JV/FR Tourney - Here - TBA
Dec. 14- Iraan - Here - 5:00 pm
Bronco Junior Varsity
Dec. 10-11-12 Sonora JV/FR Tourney -Here - TBA
Dec. 14 Comstock - Here - 6:30 pm
Dec. 18 Marble Falls - Here - 6:00 pm

Varsity
Dec. 10-11-12 I 27 Tourney - Abernathy - TBA
Dec. 14 Comstock - Here - 8:00 pm
Dec. 18 Marble Falls - Here - 7:30 pm

Lady Broncos
Dec. 10-11-12 Sonora 9th & JV Tournament
9-JV - Here - TBA
Dec. 10-11-12 Canyon Classic
Varsity - There - TBA
Dec. 14 Comstock • Varsity - There 5:00 pm
Dec. 18 Reagan County •
9-JV-V • Here 4:30 -4:30-6:00pm

SPONSORED BY CREEK SWABBING & ROUSTABOUT
912 S. Hwy 277 • 387-5938

MEDICARE NOW PAYS

for
Glucose Meters & Supplies
for Insulin & Non-Insulin
Dependent Diabetic Patients

For over two years, we have had a Diabetic Program that has helped hundreds of West Texans obtain equipment and supplies needed for Blood Glucose testing. Medicare, as well as some private insurance companies, will pay for Glucose monitors, test strips, and lancets.

FREE DELIVERY TO YOUR HOME!

The Leading Provider
of Home Health Equipment
in West Texas

For More Information
About Our Diabetic Program
Please Call or Come By

Professional Medical

737 Knickerbocker Road San Angelo, Texas 76903 653-1077 1-800-880-9748

The Landmark Apartments
Holiday Specials

Give Yourself a
Great Christmas Gift
and Get a Place of Your Own!

Also Available...
Dunes Mini Storage
Frontier Storage Units
387-2104 • 103 Dollie St.

1,2 & 3 bedroom apartments

106th Congress: New Congress Hits the Ground Running



by U. S. Congressman, Henry Bonilla

The campaigns are over, and the American people have made their choices. In the next few weeks, representatives from across the country will arrive in Washington to start the business of forming a new Congress. It is a process established by our Constitution and one that takes place every two years.

The 106th Congress will be sworn in on January 6th of next year. Joining that Congress will be 40 newly elected members of the House of Representatives. To help these new members get acquainted with their new responsibilities, as well as their new surroundings, the House of Representatives conducts an orientation program, usually held in November or December before the January swearing-in.

Newly elected representatives, however, can't coast until January. They must immediately begin putting together a competent staff from the thousands of resumes that await them in Washington.

These will be the people who make sure that constituent casework is handled responsibly, the office will operate within its budget, the issues important to the district are fully researched, and the mail and phone calls get a timely response.

A new member also has to find space for offices in the congressional district as well as in Washington. Many of my constituents often ask me how this process take place. It is done by seniority of the class. For example, those elected in 1996 choose offices before those elected this year. Individual office selection within the class is based on a lottery system. It is fairly typical for freshman members to end up with smaller offices on the top floors of the House office buildings.

Freshman, as well as more senior members, work hard to get on important committees. Each political party establishes a committee, which makes committee assignments. Members are usually placed on committees based upon their particular knowledge of a subject or the committee's importance to their constituents.

Freshman also spend a lot of time studying the complicated but necessary rules of the House that govern debate on the House floor. They spend an equal amount of time finding their way around the maze of corridors, hallways and tunnels that make up the Capitol complex. Like a rookie arriving at the Cowboy's training camp, a freshman member cannot help but be in awe, following in the footsteps of legislative giants in a place where so much of our history was made.

Whether a freshman member or the Speaker of the House, the responsibilities of a member of Congress don't change. We must answer to our constituents and work for the good of the entire nation. The 435 members of the 106th Congress will try to reach agreement on issues ranging from highway spending to Social Security, national defense to the minimum wage, wool tariffs to foreign trade. They will be expected to be familiar with hundreds of issues and then vote responsibly. They will find out that their country and their fellow citizens are as diverse as they are similar. They will be guided by the greatest document providing representative government: our Constitution.

Hopefully, they will not forget its words or the intent of its authors and ratifiers: Government serves the people.

AGRIBUSINESS

Producers Livestock Auction Co.

12/3/98

Cattle and Calf Auction: Estimated Receipts: 3900; Two weeks ago: 5505; Last Year: 4404;

Compared with two weeks ago, feeder steers and heifers under 500 lb 1.00-3.00 higher, instances 5.00 higher; heavier weights firm to 2.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls firm. Stock cows and pairs slightly higher. Trading active, demand good. Quality average to attractive. Supply included 65 percent calves, 20 percent slaughter cows and bulls, 10 percent yearlings, 5 percent stock cows and pairs.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 300-400 lb 89.00-99.00; 400-500 lb 78.00-88.00, few 90.00-95.00; 500-600 lb 69.00-79.00; few 80.00-82.50; 600-700 lb 62.00-70.50, few 74.00-76.00; 700-800 lb 60.00-65.00.

Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 90.00-100.00; 300-400 lb 78.00-89.00; 400-500 lb 68.00-78.00; 500-600 lb 61.00-69.00; 600-700 lb 56.00-62.00; 700-800 lb 55.00-60.00.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 80.00-88.00; 300-400 lb 75.00-84.00; 400-500 lb 67.00-77.00, few 78.00-81.50; 500-700 lb 61.00-69.00, few 70.00-74.50; 700-800 lb 58.50-62.00.

Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 74.00-80.00; 300-400 lb 65.00-75.00; 400-500 lb 57.00-67.00; 500-700 lb 55.00-61.00; 700-800 lb 53.00-58.50.

Producers Sheep & Goat Auction

12/8/98

Estimated Receipts: 10000 Last Week: 8780 Last Year: 10523

Compared to last week slaughter lambs firm; slaughter ewes 2.00-3.00 higher; feeder lambs firm. Trading fairly active, demand good. Quality average to attractive. Supply included 35 percent slaughter ewes, 25 percent feeder lambs, 5 percent slaughter lambs, balance goats.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice 2-3 shorn and woolled 90-125 lbs 70.00-77.00, 125-140 lbs 65.00-70.50.

Slaughter Ewes: Good and Choice 2-4 40.00-47.00; Utility and Good 1-3 41.00-50.50; Cull and Utility 1-2 35.00-41.50.

Slaughter Bucks: 37.00-47.00.

Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2 40-60 lbs 81.00-87.00; 60-80 lbs 77.00-82.50, set 85.00; 80-90 lbs 73.00-77.00; 90-100 lbs 69.00-74.50.

Medium and Large 2 40-60 lbs 71.00-81.00, 60-80 lbs 66.00-77.00, 80-90 lbs 65.00-73.00.

Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2: Yearlings 80.00 per head.

Slaughter - Meat Goats: Billies and Wethers: 100-150 lbs 65.00-110.00 per head, 150-225 lbs 105.00-190.00 per head.

Nannies: 70-110 lbs 45.00-57.00 cwt, thin 60-90 lbs 35.00-45.00 cwt.

Kids and Yearlings: Choice and Prime few 35-40 lbs 80.00-85.00 cwt, 40-60 lbs 70.00-78.00 cwt, 60-100 lbs 71.00-74.00; Choice 40-90 lbs 62.00-72.00 cwt; Good 40-80 lbs 55.00-62.00 cwt.

Angoras: Choice 60-100 lbs 37.00-45.00 cwt.

Replacement Nannies: 45-50 lbs 107.50-170.00 cwt, 60-95 lbs 40.00-65.00 per head.

Source: USDA-Texas Dept of Ag Market News

Slaughter Cows:

Percent Lean	Price
Breakers 75-80%	1000-1475 lb 29.00-34.00.
Boners 80-85%	850-1250 lb 27.00-32.00.
Boners hi-yld 80-85%	1100-1450 lb 33.00-36.00.
Lean 85-90%	800-1000 lb 22.00-26.00.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1400-2000 lb 39.00-43.00, hi-dressing 46.50; low-dressing 1100-1600 lb 33.00-39.00.

Pregnancy Tested Stock Cows and Heifers: All sold by the head. Medium and Large 1-2 450.00-530.00; medium 1-2 380.00-450.00, lightbred 350.00-380.00.

Cow/Calf Pairs: All sold by per pair. Medium and Large 1-2 cows with 100-350 lb calves 560.00-635.00; medium 1-2 cows with 100-300 lb calves 450.00-560.00.

Stocker and Feeder Cows: Medium and Large (young) 800-1000 lb 45.00-50.00 cwt; (young and middle age) 750-1100 lb 36.00-45.00 cwt; (middle age) 750-1200 lb 29.50-34.00 cwt.

Source: USDA-Texas Dept of Ag Market News

Junction Livestock Auction

12/7/98

Sheep and Goats: 7,000 Week Ago: 5,887 Year Ago: 4,718

Compared to last week: Feeder lambs mostly steady. Slaughter lambs 1.00 higher. Slaughter ewes and bucks 4.00-5.00 higher. Stocker Spanish nannies steady. Slaughter Spanish nannies steady. Slaughter Spanish billies 7.00 higher. All classes slaughter Spanish 4.00-6.00 lower. Stocker Angora kids fully steady. Slaughter Angora kids and nannies 3.00 lower. All classes slaughter Angora fully steady. Supply included around 7 percent sheep including near 300 lambs.

Stocker and Feeder Sheep: Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1: 50-80 lbs 75.00-80.00 CWT.

Slaughter Sheep: Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3: 90-130 lbs 62.00-67.00 CWT.

Slaughter Ewes: Utility 2-3 37.00-42.00; Good 2-3 40.00-47.00; Bucks 37.00-44.00 CWT.

Barbados: 30-55 lb lambs 60.00-75.00; 60-85 lb ewes 43.00-44.00 CWT.

Stocker and Feeder Goats: Spanish Goats: Nannies 34.00-44.00, nannies and kids 22.00-39.00 per head.

Angora Goats: 50-80 lb nannies 40.00-50.00; 30-40 lb kids in full hair 77.00-91.00 CWT.

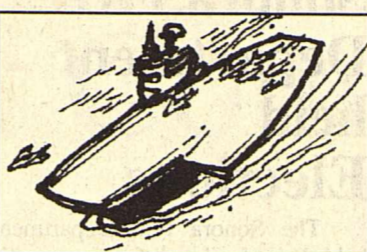
Slaughter Goats: Spanish Goats: Choice and Prime: 15-35 lb kids 72.00-77.50; 35-65 lbs 73.00-78.00, Good 66.00-71.00.

Nannies: 75-105 lb fat nannies 47.00-51.00, thin nannies 39.00-45.00.

Billies and Muttons: 75-155 lb muttons 56.00-76.00; 85-155 lb billies 69.00-87.00 CWT.

Angora Goats: 80-110 lb fat muttons and billies 40.00-46.00; 70-100 lb fat nannies 38.50-40.50; 30-65 lb kids 65.00-74.00; thin nannies and muttons 32.00-40.00 CWT.

Source: Texas Dept of Ag Market News-USA Market News



An American aircraft carrier can reach over a fifth of a mile long and carry close to one hundred planes.

The Devil's River Internet

<http://www.sonoratx.net>

Offers you the following services:

- 56K Dial Up Access
- Additional Email Accounts
- Dedicated Lines
- Web Page Hosting
- Web Page Design

For more information please contact:

Cam Campbell
387-2507

278-3230 digital pager
Email clc@sonoratx.net

Donnie Weaver
277-9850 mobile
Email dweaver@sonoratx.net
or come by

The Devil's River News
228 E. Main
Sonora, TX

SMITTY'S
YOUR LOCALLY OWNED
FRIENDLY ONE STOP
WHERE YOUR BUSINESS IS APPRECIATED

606 N. Crockett
Sonora, Texas 76950
DeVoe Smith - Owner
(915)387-5840 Bus.
(915)387-2900 Hm.
(915)277-2009 Cell.

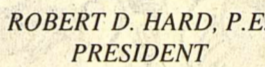
CHARLES HOWARD CONSTRUCTION, INC.

"LOCALLY OWNED & OPERATED"

SERVING SONORA & THE SURROUNDING AREA FOR 27 YEARS!

GENERAL OILFIELD CONSTRUCTION
BRUSH WORK • FENCING
CONCRETE DEMOLITION • MOWING

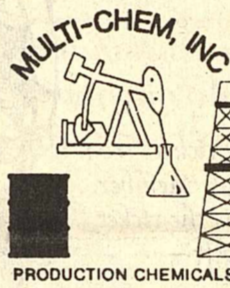
ASPHALT PAVING • DRIVEWAYS •
ROADS PARKING LOTS • PATCHING
STRIPING • SEAL COATS



ROBERT D. HARD, P.E.
PRESIDENT

P.O. BOX 1426
915-387-3093

SONORA, TX 76950
FAX 915-387-6020



PRODUCTION CHEMICALS

Office
387-2585

JAMES ARCHER
1-800-805-9178

"THE WINNING COMBINATION"
Let us service your chemical needs and bareground vegetation control.

DOUG SKOLAUT
226-3667



BAREGROUND VEGETATION CONTROL
Office
387-6057

Christmas is just around the corner...

Luckily, so is Plateau Wireless.

Holiday Specials from Your Hometown Company.

What's the perfect gift idea for your family, friends, and of course, yourself this holiday season? Wireless products and services from Plateau Wireless! At Plateau Wireless you'll find great new rate plans and a variety of holiday specials!

Give the Gift of Security and Convenience.

- Free Activation (\$25.00 value)
- Also, when you activate a phone in December, Plateau Wireless will pay your monthly service fee for January.* (up to a \$29.95 value)

With Plateau's NEW rate plans, you pay for what you use!

With Plateau's dynamic new rate plans you no longer have to worry about having enough airtime. And, with these new rate plans, you pay for what you use after the initial included airtime.

Come Say Hello!

Date: Thursday, December 17th
Time: 11am - 6pm
Location: Jarritos Restaurant
605 S. Crockett
Sonora

Already a Customer?
Plateau has something for you,
so COME IN TODAY!

PLATEAU
Wireless

PEOPLE YOU KNOW, COMMUNICATIONS YOU TRUST.

Offer available at these participating locations:

- Plateau**
Telecommunications
101 S. Betty
Monahans
1-800-658-9577
Authorized Agent:
Rushing Enterprises
303 S. E. Crockett
Sonora
(915) 387-3592

CALL TOLL-FREE
1-877-PLATEAU
(752-8328)

*New activations require a one-year contract. Service fees does not include any long distance, roaming charges, or excess airtime charges over in-plan minutes. Offer good through December 31, 1998. ©1998, Plateau Wireless

Extended Forecast

Wednesday
12/9

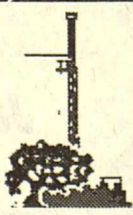
Increasing cloudiness. High in the lower to mid 50s. Southeast wind 5-10 mph

Friday
12/11

Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain or sleet. High in the 40s.

Saturday and Sunday
12/12-12/13

Partly cloudy. Lows around 30. Highs in the mid 50s to around 60.



Rig Locations as of December 4, 1998

Crockett County

New Rosewood Resources; 1,300, Midway Lane -1100-Unit#135, Service Drilling.

Schleicher County

Dallas Prod/Dallas; 6,800', Blaylock #1, Cleere Drilling.
Petro-West Corp; 5,700, Tisdale #1, Cleere Drilling.

Terrell County

Enron O&G/Midland; 13,200', Pakenham Fina 51-#1, Patterson Drilling.

Val Verde County

New Enron O&G; 5,500', M K Daniel #28, Patterson Drilling.
Phillips Pet/Odessa; 10,200', Cauthorn D-#5, Patterson Drilling.

For complete report contact: Scott Huggins,
Rig Location & Permit Report Service
(800) 627-9785



Police Reports

12/2- Warrant- Officer was on a routine traffic stop with a 94 S-10 Blazer. Officer submitted a driver's license check. Check revealed that suspect was wanted out of Crockett County for theft by check. He was arrested and transported to the Sutton County Jail.

12/2- Major Accident- Hwy. 277 South and Glasscock. One injury. Sutton County E.M.S transported subject to Hudspeth Hospital.

12/4- Warrant- After a routine traffic stop. Driver's license check revealed subject was wanted out of Lamb County Sheriff's office for aggravated assault. Subject was arrested and taken to Sutton County Jail.

12/4- Warrant- Officer went to a local residence to serve a warrant on a subject. At the residence officers met with subject which they arrested on a warrant for revocation sexual assault/failure to appear out of Crockett County.

12/4- Found wallet- Officers were dispatched to Amigo's Texaco in reference to a lost wallet. Clerk advised that a man had purchased some items and left his wallet on the counter.

Officers picked up wallet and it will be sent to the owner.

12/5- Harassment- Officer was dispatched to the 700 block of Prospect in reference to a harassment. Complainant advised someone known to her had been harassing her. Officer located suspect and advised him of charges that can be filed against him.

12/5- Warrant Arrest- Officer was on routine patrol on North Frontage Road by Days Inn where they came in contact with a hitchhiker. Officers ran a driver's license check on the subject and a wanted check revealed that the subject was wanted on a parole violation out of Harris County. Subject was arrested and transported to Sutton County Jail.

On December 8, Officers responded to a 911 call at Beto's Restaurant. Upon arrival they found a subject with what appears to be a self inflicted, fatal gunshot wound to the head. At press time local authorities are interviewing witnesses. Subject has been sent to the medical examiners office in San Antonio by order of County Judge.

Sonora Fire Department held Elections

The Sonora Fire Department held their elections of the new officers for the up coming year. The new officers are: Chief- Allan Prather, 1st Assistant- Russell Green, 2nd Assistant- Charlie Alewine, Captain- George Keese, 1st Lieutenant- Wayford Tyler Jr., 2nd Lieutenant- Johnny Snyder, President- Bradley Black, Vice President- Jesse Paredes, Secretary- Alta Alewine, Treasurer- Jody Luttrell, Reporter- Shirley Odum, Pension Board- Harold Martinez, Ruben Samaniego and Johnny Snyder.

The Firefighter's Mothers are Molly Hite, Jean Humphreys and Trevlin Strong. Hope everyone will have a good up coming year. Congratulations to all the new officers.

Thank you for reading The Devil's River News!

To Order your subscription:

Phone: 387-2507
Fax: 387-5691

Cook of the Week

Jodie Finklea



CHICKEN CACCIATORE

(This recipe has been in Jodie's family for 40 years and she has graciously agreed to share it with Sonora.)

1/4 cup olive oil
1 chicken, cut up--fry til brown.
As the last of the chicken browns, add:

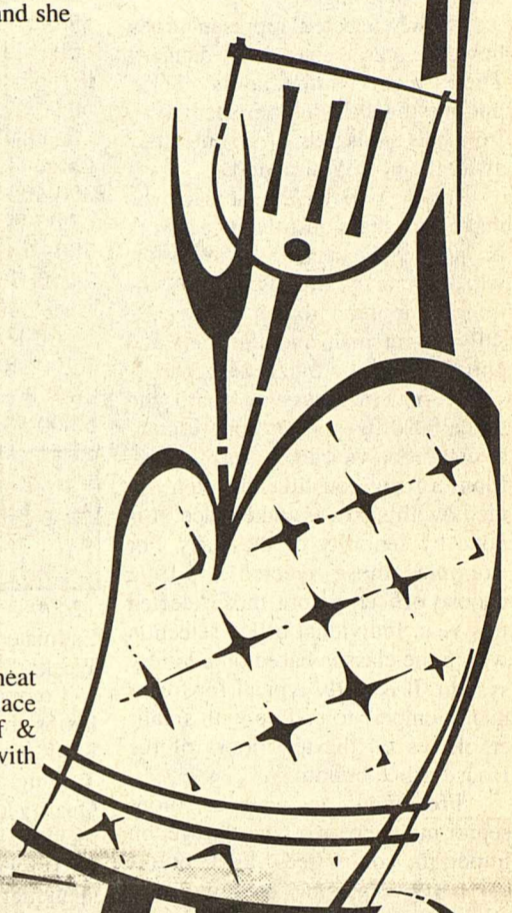
2 to 4 minced cloves garlic
1 tsp salt
1/4 tsp pepper
1/2 tsp oregano
1/2 tsp basil

Return all chicken to Dutch oven and add:
1- No. 2 can tomatoes (21/2C)
1- 3oz. can whole mushrooms (drained)

Cover and cook slowly for 25 minutes. Then add:
1/4 Cup cooking sherry
Cook uncovered 10 minutes.

SWEET POTATO DELIGHT

1 large can sweet potatoes
1 1/2 sticks butter
1/4 C + 2 T half and half
1/2 C brown sugar
Drain and heat one large can of sweet potatoes, then heat with one whole stick of butter and 1/4 Cup half & half. Place mashed potatoes in casserole. Boil brown sugar, 2T half & half, 1/2 stick butter for 2 min. Pour over potatoes. Top with nuts and marshmallows. ENJOY!



The Sonora Woman's Club cordially invites you to attend a Christmas Tea "Giving the Gift of Christmas" on

Sunday, December 13, 1998 from three o'clock until four-thirty in the afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lura Sawyer 109 East Castlehill Road Sonora, Texas

Bring Your Favorite Teacup

Gold Sponsors

- Carolyn Earwood's School of Dance
- Creek Swabbing & Roustabout
- Day's Inn - Devil's River
- Elliott Law Office
- First National Bank
- I-10 Auto Ranch
- Main Street Realty
- Sam Dillard Insurance
- Sonora Wool & Mohair
- Sutton Co. National Bank
- Sutton County Steakhouse
- Tedford Jewelry
- The Registry
- Westerman Drug

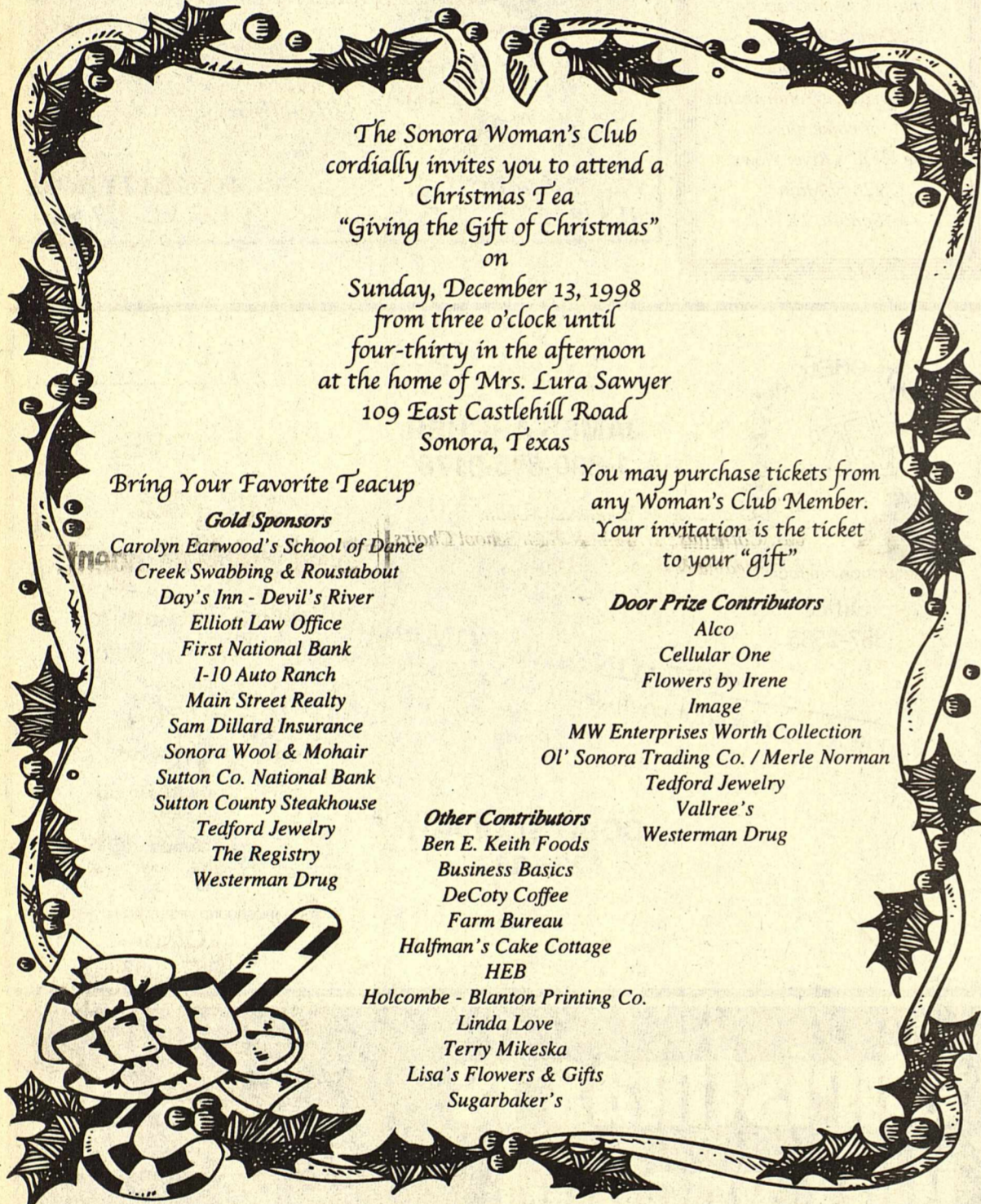
You may purchase tickets from any Woman's Club Member. Your invitation is the ticket to your "gift"

Door Prize Contributors

- Alco
- Cellular One
- Flowers by Irene
- Image
- MW Enterprises Worth Collection
- Ol' Sonora Trading Co. / Merle Norman
- Tedford Jewelry
- Vallree's
- Westerman Drug

Other Contributors

- Ben E. Keith Foods
- Business Basics
- DeCoty Coffee
- Farm Bureau
- Halfman's Cake Cottage
- HEB
- Holcombe - Blanton Printing Co.
- Linda Love
- Terry Mikeska
- Lisa's Flowers & Gifts
- Sugarbaker's



SONORA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1998

EXHIBIT A-2

Data Control Codes	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		TOTALS (Memorandum Only)		
	100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Revenue Funds	98 August 31, 1998	97 August 31, 1997	
REVENUES:					
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 5,859,847	\$ 109,574	\$ 5,969,421	\$ 5,338,894
5800	State Program Revenues	830,187	88,182	918,369	672,743
5900	Federal Program Revenues	-	345,466	345,466	342,064
5020	Total Revenues	6,690,034	543,222	7,233,256	6,353,701
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0010	Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	3,903,549	268,828	4,172,377	4,290,274
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	316,109	500	316,609	313,586
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	655,752	344,098	999,850	1,045,238
0040	Administrative Support Services	348,441	-	348,441	416,016
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	1,071,880	-	1,071,880	819,100
0080	Capital Outlay	7,940	-	7,940	66,458
0090	Intergovernmental Charges	-	20,678	20,678	14,802
6030	Total Expenditures	6,303,671	634,104	6,937,775	6,965,474
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	386,363	(90,882)	295,481	(611,773)
7020	Other Resources	8,082	71,490	79,572	400,000
8030	Other (Uses)	(71,490)	-	(71,490)	(106,327)
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	322,955	(19,392)	303,563	(318,100)
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,728,832	19,881	1,748,713	2,066,813
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	-	-	-	-
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 2,051,787	\$ 489	\$ 2,052,276	\$ 1,748,713



CHRISTMAS SPECIALS!

DSS digital TV system
includes single unit receiver, 18" dish & remote

\$8900

Equipment Price Only

Programming subscription to SELECT CHOICE® or TOTAL CHOICE® required

\$24900

only Equipment Price Only



Offer Ends January 1, 1999

They're going fast so call now!

Jerry's TV Service
853-2314

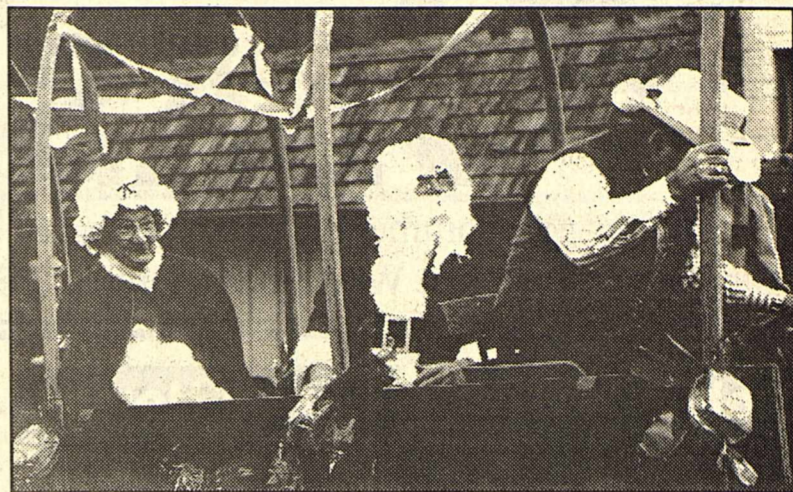
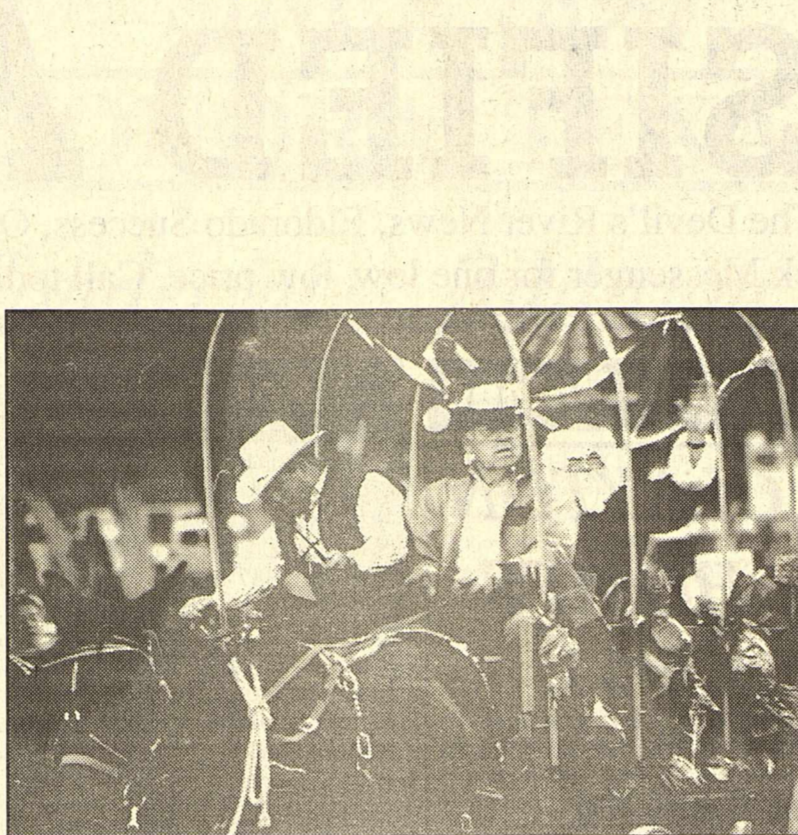
Rushing Enterprises
387-3592




The Christmas Spirit Comes to Sonora



Chris "Rudolph" Croy leads Santa on to Main Street



Mr. & Mrs. Claus Greet the Crowds

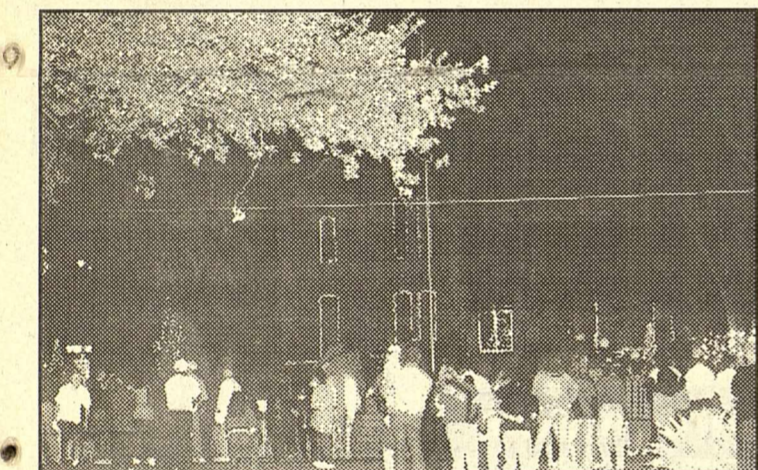


Victoria Dobbs Tells Santa Her Christmas Wishes

Santa's Most Honored Elf, LP Bloodworth, Pulls the Texas Style Sleigh!



Rose Karnes smiles sweetly with Mrs. Claus



The Crowd on Main Street Watches as the Lights are Turned On!

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the following individuals for their help with a successful Christmas Promenade

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Tonya Brown | Kevin Snyder |
| Louise Ingham Moore | Carlos Gallegos |
| Colton Moore | Johnny Solis |
| Sherry A. Ingham | Brad Hughes |
| Kendra Jones | Ann Kay |
| Cindie Teasley | LP & Lee Bloodworth |
| Jamie Teasley | Stella & Steely Ingham |
| Janalyn Jones | Ronnie Cox |
| Gerry Ingham | Bronco Ford |
| Joe & Karen Fincher | Business Basics |
| Lesa & Leslie Gamez | LeeVan Tucker |
| Angela Gaven | Shelly Hughes |
| Rosa Hernandez | Juanita Estrada |
| Roy Jean Johnson | WTU |
| Terry Duekworth | Jim Garrett |
| Michelee McGeath | City of Sonora |
| Charlie Brown | Ed Newton |
| Steve & Cindy McCarn | Pat Martin |
| LaDonna Snyder | Louis Dreyfus |
| Carolyn Earwood | Linda Love |
| Randy Gillit | Joyce Chalk |
| Cindy Allen | Gary Hardgrave |
| Creek Swabbing | Judge Sessoms |
| Mattie Nix | Virgil Poloczek |



Mrs. Everett & the Elementary Choir
Mr. Cornetts, Jr. High & High School Choirs
Mr. Medina & High School Band
Chris Croy & The Sonora P.D.
Suzan Steves and the Ministerial Alliance,
along with all the cast & participants
in the Christmas program

1998 Adopt a Tree Participants

- Eddie & Lara Sawyer
- Keith & Vicky Wallace
- Albert & Cynthia Ward
- Sonora Chamber of Commerce
- John Ward III
- W.B. & Lucille McMillan
- Elliott Law Office
- Earwood Ranch/Carolyn Earwood's School of Dance
- Genini, Zook Family, Brenda & Tommy Beck
- Brandy & Tim Bauldree
- Nelda & Stanley Mayfield

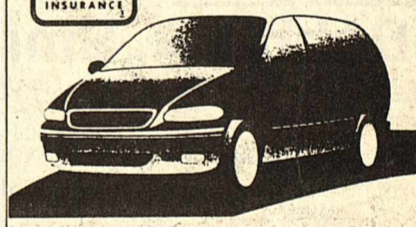
We apologize for anyone we may have missed, please know your participation was appreciated.

**Good service.
Good price.
Good neighbor agent.**

Three good reasons to insure your car with State Farm.

See State Farm Agent:

Sam Dillard
200 E. Main
(915) 387-3893
1-800-749-7146



State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company
Home Office: Bloomington, Illinois

PHOTO RANCH
is now located at
303 S.E. Crockett
387-5388 or 387-6211
**WE ARE CARRYING
ASCOT FORMAL WEAR
STARTING AT \$39.95**
For your Special Occasions
Peppermint * Christmas * New Years
* Fling Ding * Weddings

The Devil's River News
For All Your
Job Printing Needs!
Envelopes • Business Cards •
Customized Sales Tickets and More!!
Come by and see us at
228 E. Main • Sonora, Tx
or give us a call at
(915)387-2507

Don't worry about calls from the kids or a wrong number.

Only at Cellular One: Free First Incoming Minute of every call.

FREE NOKIA 918

ANNOUNCING GREAT NEW RATE PLANS ■ MORE MINUTES & FEATURES INCLUDED ■ FREE CONFERENCE CALLING, CALL WAITING, CALL FORWARDING
FREE VOICE MAIL ■ AMARILLO, WICHITA FALLS, LAWTON AND OKLAHOMA CITY INCLUDED IN EXPANDED HOME AREA

The truth is we invented FFIM (Free First Incoming Minute). Statistically, more than 70 percent of cellular calls are less than 60 seconds. So why not make them free? This way all those quick calls from home to find out when you will home are free. And if someone mistakenly calls your number, you won't pay for that either. But, there's more to Cellular One than FFIM, our new rate plans not only give you lots of great free features, but more minutes for less money.

Free Weekends Until the Year 2000!*
*FOR A LIMITED TIME.

CELLULARONE
THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE.™

Cellular One <small>NEW</small> Sonora 205A Hwy 277N 387-2860 or 387-3086	San Angelo Stadium Park Shopping Center 1917 Knickerbocker Rd. 949-9900 or 1-800-949-2355	Cellular One Express San Angelo Wal-Mart (2 locations)	Authorized Dealers San Angelo Cellular Solutions Sunset Mall 942-1418	Representative Sales/Big Lake 500 Second Street 884-3335	Retailer San Angelo Radio Shack
---	---	---	--	---	--

Re-rated home areas (Amarillo, Wichita Falls, Lawton and Oklahoma City) apply only with new PCS rate plans. Promo valid for new activations on qualifying service plans. Available only to subscribers who have not been Western Wireless, d.b.a. Cellular One, subscribers within 30 days prior to activation. Not available with America's Talk-Free or Call America packages. Free weekends calling available for local calls from 12:00 a.m. Saturday through 11:59 p.m. Sunday. Free weekend airtime is limited to 7,000 minutes, available through December 31, 1999. We bill in full minute increments; partial minutes are rounded up to the nearest full minute. Airtime charges apply from time you press "SEND" (send) until the time you press "END" (on connected calls. Some restrictions apply. See store for details.

To activate service and have a phone delivered to you, call us at: 1-877-CELL101.

West Texas Classified Ad Network

CLASSIFIED ADS

- Sonora
- Eldorado
- Ozona
- Big Lake
- Grape Creek

Place your non-commercial classified ad in The Devil's River News, Eldorado Success, Ozona Stockman, Big Lake Wildcat and Grape Creek Messenger for one low, low price. Call today for details!

387-2507

Mobile Homes

For Rent: 2 Bdr. Mobile Home. Out in country. Sonora Industrial Park. 387-3619.
tfn(12-3-98)b

\$500.00 DOWN. REPO. 1 YEAR OLD 16X80 FLEETWOOD 3 BEDROOM 2 BATH. GREAT CONDITION. HOME USA, BOERNE. 10% APR. \$255.00 MO. TERM. 1-800-801-5451

Mobile Home For Sale. 1995 Silvercreek - 16x56, 2BR, 2BA, CA, Located in Stadium Park. 650-2089 or 387-3441.
tfn(9-24-98)b

Three left! 98 FLEETWOOD DOUBLE 3 BEDROOM 2 BATH \$214.00 MO. CALL DON BUSBEE HOME USA, BOERNE. 10% DOWN, 9% APR, 360 MO. TERM. 1-800-801-5451
Tfn(11-12-98)b

Mobile Home for Rent: 2 Bedroom furnished & bills paid. 387-2190

Mobile Homes

Santa Specials!
A Free Fireplace in each new home sold from now until Christmas. Republic Homes South Ltd.
2800A Junction Hwy. Kerrville, TX.
1-800-618-9629
tfn(11-19-98)rhb

HOME USA CLEARANCE. PORCH MODEL TRIPLEWIDE LOADED. WITH OPTIONS \$375.00 MO. CALL DON BUSBEE NOW! 10% DOWN, 9% APR, 360 MO. TER. 1-800-801-5451

Toys 'R' Us gift certificate with every new home purchase! Immediate delivery available. 3 BR, 2 Bath - \$999. down, \$230 per month. Hurry - Limited time offer. 915-638-5280. 5(11-26-98)b

NEED A SEPTIC?
We finance with the purchase of a new manufactured home.
1-800-618-9629

Mobile Homes

CLAYTON HOMES FALL CLEARANCE ON 98 MODELS 915-658-4663

\$1000.00 SHOPPING SPREE at the store of your choice when you buy a new home from now until Christmas at Republic Homes South Ltd. 2800A Junction Hwy. Kerrville, TX 1-800-618-9629 (Not Valid with Free Fireplace Offer) tfn(11-19-98)rhb

EXPECTING HOLIDAY COMPANY?
Use your old home as a trade & have a new home for Christmas and no payments until 1999! Republic Homes South Ltd. 2800A Junction Hwy. Kerrville, TX 1-800-618-9629

USED HOMES CLUNKERS TO SUPER NICE.
\$1000.00 & UP
1-800-618-9629
tfn(11-19-98)rhb

Real Estate

For sale by owner- 121 Deerwood Dr., 3BR, 2B, brick, CH/AC, fireplace, 2 car garage, automatic sprinkler system, sidewalks and lights in back yard, storage building. Sits on a large lot. Good neighborhood. Call 387-2813 for appointment to see. If no answer please leave a message.
tfn(9-10-98)p

Stephen's Ranch Real Estate 109 E. Main, Brady TX 76825 800-880-0749
We have buyers looking for property in Sutton, Schleicher, Crockett, and Kimble Counties. If you have property for sale in this area please give us a call.
332 acres 13 miles SW of Eldorado/Cattlepens, large hay barn, stalls, scales, strong well, hydraulic cattle chute, old house. \$166,000.
Must sell by December the 12th, 2 1/2 acres pasture land, 3/4 mile south of Eldorado on 277. 190 foot of Hwy frontage. Owner says make an offer. Possibly finance with down payment. Excellent place for home or business.
Have more ranch properties for sale, large and small. Call and let us know what you want and we'll find it. Alfred Sykes, Agent. Phone 915/853-2386
Mobile 226-0006 or leave message.
2(12-10-98)b

House for rent in Sonora: 3 BR / 2 Bath. \$350.00 plus deposit. Call 853-2043.
1(12-10-98)b

Land Wanted

Will purchase for cash 400-600 acre tract of land in Sonora/Rocksprings area for \$200 per acre. Immediate closing. Must have good wildlife. Will pay more if minerals included. 713-624-9339
2(12-10-98)b

Get your items sold!
Contact
The Devil's River News Classifieds!
Phone: 387-2507
Fax: 387-5691

For Sale

For Sale: Kenwood AM-FM cassette with 10 pack CD player - 200 watt Kenwood amps - 2 tweeters & 1 woofer. \$350.00 - 3yrs. old. 387-6230
2(12-3-98)p

For Sale: Cardio Glider and Ab-Machine. Both like new. \$75.00 a piece. Call 387-2507 for more information.

For Sale: Cardio-glider - exercise machine. Like New. \$50.00. Call 387-2956 after 5:00 p.m. for more information or to see.

Ruidoso Nightly Rentals. HOUSE with hot tub. CONDO on Links Golf. Both sleep up to 8. Request WB201 Condo or Beckham House. Contact 1-800-822-7654 18(9-3-98)p

Newton Electric
Sonora Licensed Master AC-Heating TACLB016548E 502 S. Concho Days, Nights, Weekends 387-5816

Bid Notice

Notice to Contractors of the following work for: Sutton County, Texas. This project is a Construction Management Project with Sutton County taking bids from individuals as Prime Contractors for each of the trades listed below.
Sealed bids will be received by the Sutton County at the Office of County Judge Carla Garner in Sonora, Texas, until 9:00 a.m., January 11, 1999, for a new 728 sq./ft Restroom Facility consisting of C.M.U. block walls and wood framed roof structure, at which time bids will be opened and acted upon by the Sutton County Commissioners Court.
Prime Contractors or Trade Contractors shall include but not be limited to the following:
1. Concrete Foundation
2. Unit Masonry - C.M.U. Block
3. Wood Framed Roof Structure
4. Siding Panels & Wood Trim
5. Asphalt Shingle Roofing
6. Metal Doors with Frames
7. Painting
8. Plumbing
9. Electrical
Bid Documents may be obtained for a refundable deposit of \$25.00 per set, prepaid plus postage and shipping from:
Carla Garner, Sutton County Judge Courthouse Annex 300 E. Oak Street Sonora, Texas 76950 (915) 387-2711
Sutton County reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids, and/or any combination of bids deemed to be the most advantageous or in the best interest of the County as determined by the County.
2(12-10-98)b

Public Notice

Sutton County Road & Bridge Department is requesting sealed bids for one (1) new Wheel Loader.
Formal bid opening will be at the Sutton County Commissioners regular meeting at the Sutton County Annex, on January 11, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. Bids can be mailed to Judge Carla Garner, Box 1212, Sonora, TX 76950. For information and specifications, please contact Oscar Jimenez, Road & Bridge Administrator, 915/387-3010, or Charles Graves, Auditor, 915/387-5380. Bids should be marked **Sealed Bids**.
2(12-3-98)b

Notice of Consolidation

Notice of Proposed Bank Consolidation
Notice is hereby given that the Bank & Trust, s.s.b., Del Rio, Texas (recently converted from the Del Rio Bank & Trust Company) has made application to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Washington, D.C. 20429, for its written consent to consolidate with the Bank & Trust, s.s.b., Sutton County, Sonora, Texas (recently converted from Sutton County National Bank). It is anticipated that all of the offices of the above-named banks will continue to be operated under the name "The Bank & Trust", s.s.b.
This notice is published pursuant to Section 18c of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.
Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the regional director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its regional office 1910 Pacific Avenue, Suite 1900, Dallas, Texas 75201 before processing of the application has been completed. Processing will be completed no earlier than the 30th day following the first required publication. The period may be extended by the regional director for good cause. The nonconfidential portion of the application file is available for inspection within one day following the request for such file. It may be inspected in the Corporation's regional office during regular business hours. Photocopies of information the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.
A schedule of charges for such copies can be obtained from the regional office.
Date: 12-10-98

Garage Sale

Saturday, December 12, 1998 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 1206 Glasscock Furniture, T.V., Christmas decorations, clothing, misc.

0 DOWN ON QUALIFIED TRADES OR LAND PURCHASES 915-658-4663

Bid Notice

Request for Bids on Texas Highway Construction
Sealed proposals for landscape development on VA in Sonora on US 277 covered by CLM 907-27-4 in Sutton County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 p.m., January 5, 1999, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.
Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Paul R. Chevalier, Area Engineer, Sonora, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested for the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.
The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award.
Usual rights reserved.
7-D-12081 7-76-0907-27-004

Help Wanted

Drivers Needed/Class B
All bobtail trucks, w/ large lift gates. Full time, nights, out of town route, home every day. Off Weekends.
1-800-375-7326
An Equal Opportunity Employer. All final applicants will be drug tested.
tfn(12-10-98)b

The Sonora ISD is accepting applications for the position of Special Education Secretary. Experience with special education is preferred. Application will be accepted until the position is filled and may be obtained by contacting the Superintendent's Office at (915)387-2545. It is the policy of the Sonora ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap.

Sonora Elementary School is accepting applications for the position of Teachers Aide for the after school E.L.K.S. Program. Applications may be picked up at the Administration office or you can contact Kelley Hirt at 387-5669. It is the policy of the Sonora ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap.
1(12-10-98)b

Wayne and Anna Munn Real Estate
Office hours: By appointment to your convenience
207 E. 3rd • P.O. Box 702 • Sonora, Texas 76950
915-387-2171 • Fax: 915-387-2191
E-Mail: hmunn@sonorax.net
"Helping you to satisfaction with buying or selling. Real Estate is our Goal!"
Broker & Agent



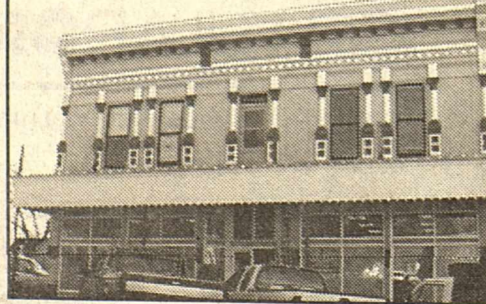
Great opportunity to have a Bed & Breakfast in Sonora or that large home you have been wanting - 6 BR, 3 full baths, 2 car garage - Apartment - 3 lots included in price. Call today for showing.
\$162,500.
Reduced - \$154,900.

"We work to help you!"
Call today 915-387-2171

Real Estate
Bobbie A. Smith Estate
387-2728
Business Location- Exxon Service Station on Crockett Ave. Call for details.
Call For Appointment.
Don Sessom- Salesman 387-5797

Bob Caruthers Real Estate
First Time On Market
3 bd/2 bath on small acreage, Hwy. frontage, water well.
BROKER Small Hunting Acreage: Remote 118 acres. Val Verde County
(915) 387-LAND (915) 387-2260

Main Street Realty
"Serving Your Real Estate Needs"
Ranch • Residential • Commercial
Anita Balch Hudson, Broker / Owner
Scott J. Jacoby, Broker
Laurie D. Smith, Agent
215 East Main P.O. Box 1054 Sonora, Texas 76950
915-387-6115 Fax 915-387-2402



Historic Mercantile Building
Downtown Sonora
\$250,000

For Your Fall Cleanup Call
LAWN EXPRESS
Mowing • Edging • Leaves • Trimming
Fertilizing
* FREE ESTIMATES *
Adrian Mata 915-387-2857
Sonora, TX 76950 Cell: 277-7832

THE TOWN & COUNTRY DIFFERENCE
COME EXPERIENCE THE TOWN & COUNTRY DIFFERENCE
We are accepting applications for entry level sales associates. We are looking for persons who are energetic, dependable, ambitious, have outgoing personalities and have personal integrity. Must have an ability to work in a fast paced work environment and know what it means to give outstanding customer service.
Flexible shifts available that would work with military personnel and/or their spouses schedules.
We offer an excellent variety of benefits including health-life-dental insurance, prescription drug card, paid sick-leave, paid vacations, retirement plan, employee stock option, local credit union and college tuition reimbursement.
Career opportunities available for highly motivated/qualified persons.
Drug Testing Required
Applications are available at all
Town & Country Food Stores
or 2126 Sherwood Way, San Angelo
An Equal Opportunity Employer
THE TOWN & COUNTRY DIFFERENCE