

THE Devil's River NEWS

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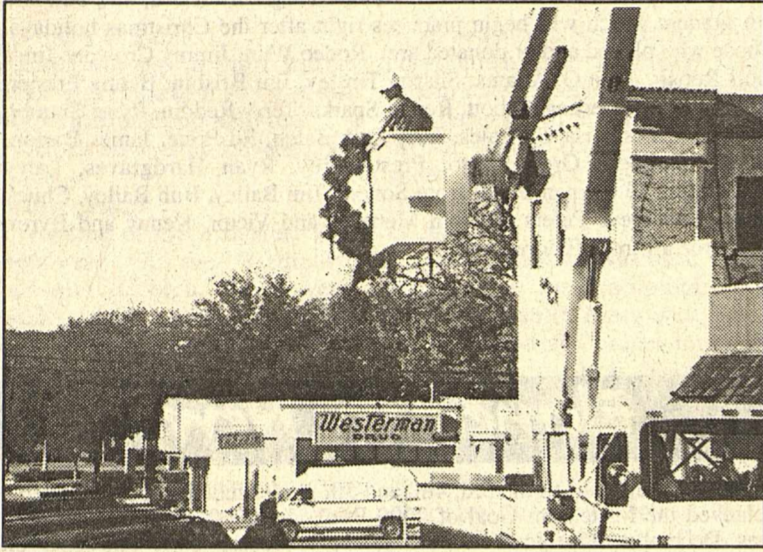
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SONORA, TEXAS

Thursday, December 2, 1999

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas!



The hanging of the wreaths on the streets of Sonora signifies the start of the Christmas season! Don't forget about the Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade on Monday, December 6th on Main Street.

6th Annual Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade

Submitted

In a small West Texas town called Sonora, there will be a celebration that will start at 5:00 PM on Monday December 6, 1999. There will be the sound of bells ringing, Christmas music, and the familiar laughter that we all know is Santa Claus. The jolly old fellow and his elated wife will arrive at the Sonora City Hall at 5:15 PM. He will be riding in his old mule drawn wagon along with his most cheerful driver. We would like to invite you to have your photo taken with Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus. All little cowboys and

cowgirls are invited to share their most desired Christmas wishes with Santa while Mrs. Claus tells her favorite Christmas stories for everyone to enjoy.

The sun will set on the old western town, marking the time to light up the streets with Christmas spirit. There will be food from the Sutton County Steakhouse and Rosie's Café, as well as homemade tamales from Maria Robles. All the stores will be open along with the Christmas bazaar for your Christmas shopping. The 1999 Mr. & Mrs. Christmas and Mr. & Mrs.

Christmas Eve will be announced on the steps of the courthouse lawn followed by the Sonora Elementary School Choirs. Mr. & Mrs. Claus will stop taking photos at 6:45 PM to join the royal couples on the courthouse lawn for the traditional lighting of the courthouse lawn at 7:00 PM. The Sutton County Courthouse Lawn will be set aglow with Christmas cheer when all the trees are lit along with the community Christmas tree. Immediately following the lighting, join the rest of the community at the depot amphitheater for the Sonora Ministerial Alliances production of The Christmas Story. We would like to invite everyone to come out for the best, and last, Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade of the century.

1999 "Dress up Your Home for Christmas" First Round Winners

The week 1 winners for the "Dress up your Home for Christmas" promotion are:

- Frosty's Playground Section:**
1204 Savell
- Santa's Workshop Section:**
701 Tom Green
- Home of the Reindeer Section:**
1501 SE 2nd
- Angel Land Section:**
122 Deerwood

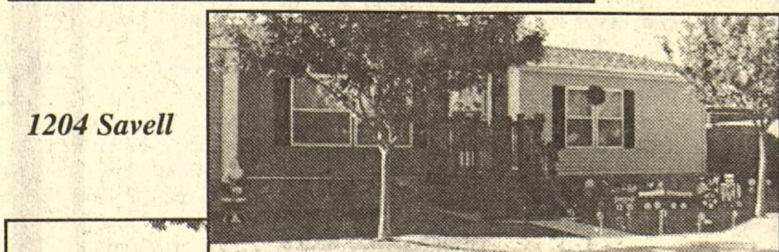
The visiting judges will be back in town next week to announce the winners again in each of the sections of town. Please visit the Sonora Merchants of your choice to cast your vote on the winner. The Sonora merchants will have the winners'

photos on display each week in their stores for you to judge and cast your vote for your favorite home. The winners will then be entered for the Grand Prize gift package.

The Sonora merchants have worked hard with Santa to provide a wide section of gifts that will fit any budget. We would like to invite you to shop Sonora for Christmas this year. If they do not have what you need or want, please ask and they will try to locate that perfect gift for you. We would like to express our appreciation to everyone who has decorated their homes for Christmas to help make this a great Christmas season for Sonora. How about them Bronco's!!



1501 SE 2nd



1204 Savell



122 Deerwood



701 Tom Green

Football In December! Broncos Advance to 2A- Division II Quarterfinals

by Tryon Fields

The Sonora Broncos advanced to the Quarterfinal Round of the State 2A - Division II playoffs by defeating the Spearman Lynx last Friday by a score of 37 to 14. This will be the second consecutive year that the Broncos have advanced to the Quarterfinals; however, the Broncos were participating in Division I last year. Another milestone is that the Broncos are playing football in December. The last time that the Broncos played football in December could have possibly been as long ago as 28 years, when the 1971 Broncos finished their season at 14 - 0 - 1 and shared a Co-State Championship with Barbers Hill.

This Regional Championship pitted the Spearman Lynx (8-4) against our own undefeated Sonora Broncos (12-0). When looking at both teams on paper, the two teams matched up very well. The key difference between the two would be what would eventually win the game for the Broncos - Speed and Depth! The speed came in the form



Jason Surber and William Renfro helped the "Big Red Machine" dominate at Lowrey Field.

of William (Bill) Renfro and James Elliott. The depth came in the form of the Broncos defense and offensive line, as well as the ability of the Broncos to rest many of its players without sacrificing ability. With the injuries that have occurred to the Broncos, this game showed that the Broncos are continuing to come together as a team. Many of the Broncos have stepped up and filled positions without any apparent loss of positional skills. How far can this 1999 Bronco football team go?? If they will take them one game at a time - As far as they want to go! Unselfishness and team spirit is the key and this Bronco football team has an abundance of both!

Spearman began the game by winning the toss and electing to receive. After a booming kick-off (which left the field of play) by Bronco place kicker, Andy Sanchez, the Lynx took possession of the football at their own 20.

Spearman immediately went to the air with success. Getting two first downs on four plays, the Red Hoss defense seemed to be having trouble in deciphering the Lynx offense. As Spearman neared midfield, the Broncos got some help from the men in stripes as a personal foul was called against the Lynx. This penalty, and a Bronco defense that was beginning to get its feet under itself, forced Spearman to punt the football after they had controlled it for three and a half minutes. After the ensuing punt, the Broncos began their first possession on their own 25. Behind excellent blocking, William Renfro carried the mail three straight times to move the football out to the Bronco 48. A diving catch by Bronco wide receiver Ernie Perez advanced the ball into Lynx territory. When it looked like the Broncos could not be stopped, the proverbial "Shot in the foot" happened to the Broncos. A chop block penalty stalled the Bronco

drive and forced the Red Hosses to punt the football. The Lynx would begin their third possession on their own 27. Spearman, not finding much success on the ground, went back to the air. Lynx quarterback, Aaron Winegarner, went deep to his speedy wide receiver, Clayton Wilkerson, who out-raced the Bronco defenders for a 60 yard touchdown pass reception and run. Teddie Whitefield added the PAT to give Spearman a 7 point lead at the four minute and thirty-two second mark of the first quarter. Sonora 0 - Spearman 7.

It did not take the lightning attack of the Big Red Machine very long to answer the Spearman tally. Matter of fact; after the ensuing kick-off, it only took two plays and thirty-four seconds for the Broncos to answer.

A 14 yard pass from Bryce Williams to Cameron Sims put the ball at the Bronco 40. Student body right was the next play called. Williams tossed the ball back to Renfro and with Jason Surber, Andy Sanchez, Javier Gaytan, Cameron Sims, and Jason West leading the way, purple jerseys were cut down like fresh mown hay. Renfro raced 60 yards untouched for the Broncos first score of the evening. Javier Gaytan added the PAT to knot the game at 7 points apiece. Sonora 7 - Spearman 7.

After this touchdown, the Broncos began to take control of the contest. On Spearman's next possession the Lynx began to experience what other opponents of the Broncos had already found out. That the Broncos have a very aggressive and tenacious defense and once they establish themselves, it is hard to gain much yardage against them.

Defensive plays by Caleb Taylor, Chris Green, and Jared Perciful limited Spearman to only 4 positive yards on three plays. On the ensuing punt, Bronco deep man Sean Fields fielded the ball at the Bronco 49 and weaved his way down the sideline to the Spearman 34.

The Big Red Machine was back in business.

Using the lightning attack of Surber and Renfro, it took the Broncos less than a minute and only three plays to break the deadlock. Once again the formula for success were the decimating blocks by the Bronco offensive right side, and the speed of Renfro to put the Red Hosses second touchdown on the board. Gaytan drilled the PAT to give the Broncos a 7 point advantage. Sonora 14 - Spearman 7.

Spearman used the remaining fifty-seven seconds of the first quarter and two and a half minutes of the second quarter on their ensuing possession. This seven play drive moved the ball from their own 20 to the Bronco 46 yard line. The "Bend but don't Break" defensive policy of the Mighty Broncos came into play. Jacob West, Chris Green, and Jerrad Solis led the Broncos in forcing the Lynx into a punting situation at the 46. After a short punt by Spearman, the Broncos were back

on the offensive at their own 37. Using the running attack of Jason Surber and William Renfro; the Big Red Machine began chewing up the real estate. At the 50 yard line, Bryce Williams went to the air; finding his wide receiver, James Elliott, down the sideline for a pin point throw and excellent catch for a 32 yard gain. At the 18, Renfro once again worked his magic and scored his third touchdown of the game. Gaytan added the PAT to give the Broncos a 14 point lead at the eight minute and twenty-eight second mark of the second quarter: Sonora 21 - Spearman 7.

With a little over eight minutes left in the half and needing points, the Lynx went back to the air. Bronco cornerback, Jason Surber, turned into a one man wrecking crew. As he stopped a screen play for a 2 yard loss and on the ensuing play he intercepted the Winegarner pass at the Lynx 36 and ran by and over purple clad players to gain the end-zone and the Broncos fourth touchdown of the half. Gaytan gained his fourth point of the game and the Broncos twenty-eighth by completing the PAT. Sonora 28 - Spearman 7.

For the next six minutes the game turned into a defensive struggle with neither team able to gain an advantage. Three plays and punt became the order of the day. With a minute left in the half, Spearman moved into Bronco territory at the 44.

Using the passing game and aided by a defensive holding penalty, Spearman approached the Bronco 35. At the 35, and time running out, the Lynx quarterback began to go deep trying to find pay-dirt. What he found was excellent secondary coverage by James Elliott who broke up an apparent touchdown pass in the back of the end-zone. Faced with a second and ten at the 35, Winegarner once again went to the air. This time Bronco linebacker, Jared Perciful intercepted the errant throw to squelch any ideas of grandeur. With only nine seconds left on the halftime clock, the Broncos were content to run the clock out and take a commanding 28 to 7 lead to the locker room.

Halftime: Sonora 28 - Spearman 7

The Broncos began the second half by receiving the kick-off and the Broncos offense met with a very aggressive and enthused Lynx defense. After three plays, the Broncos were forced to punt. A short punt by the Broncos gave the Lynx excellent field position at the Bronco 49. Going strictly with the run, Spearman began to inch the ball down the field. At the Bronco 24, Spearman changed offensive modes. Going back to the pass, the Lynx suffered their second turnover of the game. This time Bronco safety, James Elliott intercepted the Winegarner pass at the Bronco 15. On the very next play, the Broncos suffered one of their few miscues of the game. Bronco fullback, Jason Surber lost the handle on the ball just as he hit the ground. A judge-

See Broncos page 6

EMT Course Coming Soon

An Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course will be offered in Sonora beginning January 11, 2000 through May 18, 2000. The course will be sponsored by Sutton County EMS.

Classes will be held at the Sutton County EMS Training Facility at 7PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

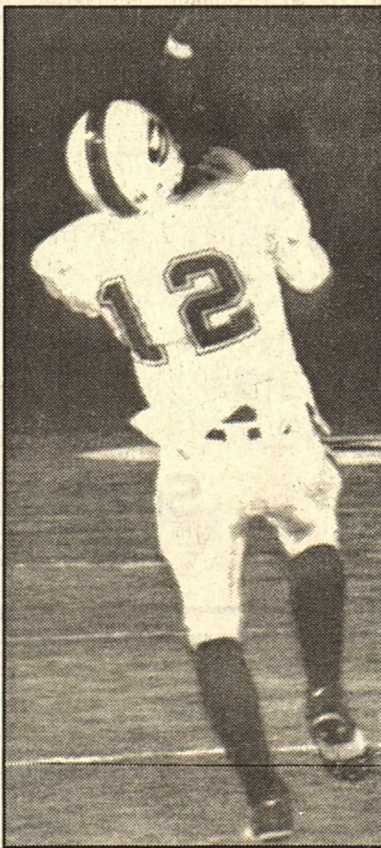
The course provides emergency medical training in such areas as resuscitation, emergency childbirth, pediatric care, and other emergency illnesses and trauma.

While attending the course, the student will be required to spend twenty four (24) hours in the Emergency Room at San Angelo Community Medical Center. It is also necessary to make five ambulance runs with a certified ambulance service.

Upon completion of the course, the student will be trained to work for public or private ambulance firms, and in some hospital emergency departments.

EMT courses normally cost approximately \$300.00 to \$500.00 per person, but Sutton County EMS will make this class available at \$75.00 plus cost of the text book. The cost of the course has been reduced, due to a grant from the Concho Valley Regional Advisory Council.

If you are interested, contact Patrick Campbell, EMS Coordinator, at the Sutton County EMS Office between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM on weekdays. The office is located at 211 East Third Street, and the phone number is



James Elliott catches one of many!

Sonora Church Directory

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA Rick Sanchez 504 Santa Clara 387-2035	THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN Lewis Allen, Pastor 319 E. Mulberry 387-2616
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ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Rev. Ted W. Harris 404 E. Poplar 387-2955	ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I. 229 W. Plum 387-2278
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor 201 N. Water 387-2466	JEHOVAH'S WITNESS 310 St. Ann's Street 387-5658 or 387-5518
JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS St. Ann's Street 387-3600	NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH Don Seigler 511 Cornell 387-3018
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Rev. Charles Huffman 417 E. 2nd St. 387-5366	COWBOY CHURCH Monty Price Auction Barn Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
NEW LIFE MINISTRY CENTER Jerry & Joy Wood 204 E. Main 387-3241	FORD BRONCHO FORD INC. 115 N CONCHO SONORA, TX 76950 (915)387-2549

Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

Fundraiser

Stay & Eat or Come & Go
Jason Surber is headed down under you know!
Gonna play baseball for two weeks,
Just a few Texans get to compete.
Bar-B-Q & fixings, for \$6 bucks a plate,
December the 8th will be the date.
Meet us at the park down by the pool,
Let's send him to Australia,
It will be cool!

Serving will be from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased from any of the following: Napa Auto Parts (Kirk Joy), Answering Service (Linda), Rye Supply (Juanita), Randy Surber, Kasey Kearney, Heather Felts, or the Devil's River News. For more information call Loraine Surber at 387-5752. Donations can also be made at the Bank & Trust.

Cards of Thanks

We would like to thank Dr. Pajestka, Martha Alvarez, Maggie Bernal, and the ambulance crew, Pat Campbell, Treva McReynolds, George Keese, Officer Dudley and other Hospital staff for the wonderful care extended to my husband/our father during his illness and transfer to Columbia Hospital. Thank you and bless you all.

Mrs. Rosaura Lozano
Mr. & Mrs. Adolfo Alvarez
Mr. & Mrs. Leo Lozano

A special thanks to all my patients of Sutton County. It is with remorse that I must close my office in Sonora and devote full time to my practice in San Angelo. My phone number in San Angelo is (915) 650-9888. Please come to see me in San Angelo, or if you'd like your records transferred, please call me.

Rick (D.E.) Holdridge, D.C.

On behalf of the Sonora City League, we would like to thank everyone who participated in or donated to our Benefit Scramble held Sunday, November 28, 1999. We had a beautiful afternoon for golf and everyone had a great time. Special thanks to Sonora Golf Club for waiving the green fees and letting us use the course. The proceeds from this scramble will go to help with the Little Dribblers Basketball Program for 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders which will begin practices right after the Christmas holidays. Those who played and/or donated are: Rodeo Wild, Jimmy Crowder-Jim's Golf Repair, John Q. Adams, Sharon Tinsley, Jim Brisbin, Benny Frasier, Mike Wenzel, Sterling Abbott, Randy Sparks, Terry Reddin, Ryan Cramer, Rich Gonzales, Lisa Gonzales, Jerry Don Balch, Ed Price, James Barton, Savell Shannon, Greg Fierro, Preston Joy, Ryan Hardgraves, Larry Hernandez, AJ Hernandez all from Sonora, Jim Bailey, Bub Bailey, Chuck Bailey and Steve Peters all from Mertzson, and Victor, Kenny and Byron Gutierrez all from Eldorado.

Thanks Again,
Sam and Shelly Hughes

Birth Announcements

Heaven Sent from Up Above
A Sweet Baby Girl for Us to Love!

Bill and Linda Savell of Decatur are happy to announce the birth of their baby daughter, Madison Claire, born November 19, 1999, at Louisville Medical Center. She weighed 7 lbs. 7 ozs. and was 20 1/2" long. Welcoming her home are Savannah and Colby. Happy Grandparents are Terry and Frank McGehee of Austin, Barbara and Bill Savell of Sonora.

We can "bearly" contain our happiness!

Mackenzie Elizabeth Harris arrived October 13, 1999
7:55 a.m. at Shannon Hospital
She weighed 7lbs. 9 ozs.
17 7/8" long
Proud parents are Michael & Robbi Harris.
Maternal Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Dickenson of Sonora and Paternal Grandfather is Bob Harris of Dallas.



Elementary News

Congratulations to the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students! These students achieved the Millennium Goal of 2000 Books by 2000. The goal deadline was December 15. However, the students accomplished this goal on November 12. To achieve the goal the students had to read and test on 2000 books with a score of at least 80. The students did a terrific job! The students will have a Millennium Party on Friday, December 3. WAY TO READ!

Obituary

Pedro Gamez

Pedro M. Gamez, 54, of Sonora died Tuesday, November 23, 1999, in a San Angelo hospital. Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements are by Kerbow Funeral Home.

He was born May 20, 1945, in Sonora. He was a heavy equipment operator and a Catholic. Survivors include his wife, Cynthia Gamez of Fort Worth; two daughters, Laura Gamez and Sajil Gamez, both of Fort Worth; and his mother, Eloisa Monreal Gamez of Sonora.

Shop Smart

Rockville, MD - Sixty-four percent of Americans will spend as much or more than they spent last year on holiday gifts, according to a survey by Debt Counselors of America. The telephone survey of 1,000 people found that holiday shoppers will spend an average of \$841 on gifts this year.

"If you charge the \$841 on a credit card and pay only the minimum payment, it will take as long as 13 years to pay off this year's holiday gifts," said Steve Rhode, president and co-founder of Debt Counselors. The calculation uses a conservative 14 percent interest rate with a 2 percent minimum payment.

"Instead of trying to find ways to pay down their debts, this is the time of year that people are adding to their debt load," Rhode said. "The holidays bring out our eagerness to buy gifts for family and friends, but that holiday spirit tends to knock many people out of the good spending habits."

The survey found that 34 percent of shoppers spend more when they are using a credit card. "Credit cards offer great convenience, but they also provide a false sense of available cash. Don't charge more than you can afford to pay off in a couple of months," Rhode advises.

Debt Counselors of America offers the following tips for a happy holiday season:

- * Avoid "buy now and pay later" offers, which encourage you to spend money you don't have;
- * Use a low-rate major credit card instead of high-rate department store cards;
- * Carry only two cards when shopping. Used one with a zero balance for purchases you will pay off in full. Use the other, low-interest-rate card, for purchases you will pay off over time;
- * Record all of your credit card purchases in your checkbook register. Subtract the amount of the purchase from your available balance. That way, when the bill arrives, the money will be set aside in your checking account so you can pay the bill in full; and
- * Avoid "skip payment" offers that will ultimately cause you to pay more interest and face larger bills.

"When you're thinking about holiday gifts, remember that the personal involvement - not the cost - is what people remember," Rhode added. Debt Counselors is holding its annual Savviest Scrooge Contest during November to gather thrifty gift ideas. More details available at GetOutOfDebt.org. People should submit their unique thrifty gift ideas, along with their address and daytime phone number, to: scrooge@dca.org or by mail to: Savviest Scrooge, Debt Counselors of America, P.O. Box 8587, Gaithersburg, MD 20898-8587. The winners get cash and prizes, and will be announced in early December.

Dining Out Directory

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 Ave
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

Ronnie Cox
would like to be
your pharmacist.

Senior Center News

Dec. 3 - AAA Reports due!
Dec. 6 - Cowboy Christmas Promenade. Bingo!
Dec. 7 - Let's get together and decorate Center for Christmas!
Dec. 8 - Blood & Sugar checks with TDHS 11 - 1 p.m.
Dec. 9 - Video Anyone?

Senior Center Menu

Dec. 3 - Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, wheat roll, carrot sticks, applesauce.
Dec. 6 - Meatballs with spaghetti & tomato sauce, seasoned spinach, French bread, tossed salad, banana pudding.
Dec. 7 - Pork roast, French cut green beans, sweet potatoes, rolls, prunes.
Dec. 8 - Chicken supreme, herb new potatoes, rolls, broccoli, green salad with dressing, cherry cobbler.
Dec. 9 - Pork chop with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, coleslaw, fruit cocktail.

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.
\$1.75 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.

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<h3>Community</h3> <p>Dec. 2 The Sonora Woman's Club "A Trip to Remember" 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H Civic Center</p> <p>Dec. 2 EPPBA Annual Meeting 9:30 a.m. Texas A & M Experiment Station</p> <p><i>The Community Calendar</i></p> <p>SUTTON COUNTY THE BANK & TRUST S.S.B. MEMBER FDIC 207 N Hwy 277 N • 387-2593</p>	<h3>Calendar</h3> <p>Dec. 6 6th Annual Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade</p> <p>Dec. 10 Senior Center Christmas Party 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.</p> <p>Dec. 18 & 19 Merchants Association Stage Coach Rides</p> <p><i>is made possible by:</i></p> <p>First NATIONAL BANK P.O. BOX 778 - SONORA, TEXAS 76950 (915) 387-3861 Member FDIC</p>
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Ask the Historical Society



Henry Sandherr (about 1860)



Martha Elizabeth Rowland Sandherr

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer

Q. I am looking for information on the marriage of a Fay Keeton about 1920 can you help me?

A. Devil's River News, December 13, 1919
Keeton - Stuart

A wedding of much interest was solemnized at the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Jewett, Thanksgiving afternoon when Miss Fay Keeton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Keeton, became the bride of Louis J. Stuart of Sonora, Texas. A floral setting of unusual beauty formed the background for the grouping of the bridal party. A trellis of Southern smilax extended across the altar, smilax being entwined in and out the chancel rail in which burned numbers of white tapers. The tapers were used on the piano, against the background of beautiful ferns and huge white chrysanthemums. A. McDaniel sang "Because" accompanied by Miss Irene Evans who played the wedding music. The bridal party entered to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March. Rev. J. C. Carr, who officiated, took his place preceding Dr. James I. Dunn, who was followed by Henry Stuart, brother of the groom. Next came Miss Mattie Dashiell of Jacksonville, bridesmaid, who was charmingly gowned in Copenhagen blue satin with lace trimming and black picture hat of maline and jet, carrying an arm bouquet of white chrysanthemums. Mrs. Ella Modine Rogers of Leona, maid of honor, was handsome in a navy blue costume trimmed in squirrel and a hat

of jet and silver. She carried white chrysanthemums. The bride and groom entered together. The bride was beautiful in a tailored suit of brown suede velour, with hat, shoes and gloves and carrying a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums.

The ring ceremony was used. Mrs. Stuart is a very accomplished young woman in every way, having graduated at Coronal Institute and Southwest Texas Normal of San Marcos. Her friends are numbered by her acquaintances. Mr. Stuart is a prosperous young ranchman of Sonora having been a student also of Coronal and of West Texas Military Academy. There is an unusual display of handsome wedding gifts at the Keeton home, which were sent with messages of love and affection to the happy couple. The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stuart and son, Henry, of Sonora; Miss Mattie Dashiell of Jacksonville, Miss Etta Modine Rogers, Mrs. Ella Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Rogers and T. W. Nash of Leona; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rogers, Jr. of Palestine, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Adkinson of Centerville, Mrs. Mollie Barkley of Marquez, Mrs. Trent Newton and little daughter, Velma, of Rockdale. - reprinted from the San Antonio Express. The wedding took place on November 27, 1919 and the couple were to make their home on the ranch 25 miles southeast of Sonora, which the new Mrs. Stuart had visited in June.

Q. Do you have anything on the shooting of John Kelly?
A. Devil's River News, April 12,

1919.

John Kelly, for many years, a well-known prominent sheepman whose large ranch headquarters were within a mile of Comstock, in Val Verde county, was waylaid and murdered by a Mexican employee near the ranch house Tuesday evening. Mr. Kelly was at work near his barn when a Mexican employed at the house came to him and said the other Mexican was in hiding armed and threatening to kill him (Kelly). Kelly is reported to have paid no attention to the threat against his life but said he would go down to the house and take the gun away from the man as he might scare the women folk. He got in his car and when near the house the Mexican opened fire from behind a big post. Probably the first shot killed Kelly but the Mexican continued firing and literally shot the ranchman to pieces, both through the body and head. The house Mexicans notified Comstock and a posse soon found the murderer in the barn where he remained in hiding for about an hour. He did not attempt to shoot any of the posse but when he attempted to escape he was killed by a shot from an officer. John Kelly had ranched near Comstock for many years and usually employed Mexicans. He visited Sonora frequently in the years prior to 1910 and had many friends in west Texas. His family lived at Corpus Christi and seldom visited the ranch so that the casual acquaintance considered him a bachelor. He was about 55 years of age.

I would like to correct an error in last weeks column. Cleveland Nance I know your name, I am so sorry I called you Clarence. No more waiting till late at night to type a column. Again, sorry!

Q. Do you have any information on H. J. Sandherr who died in 1890 or 91?

A. Devil's River News, Saturday, January 31, 1891

A telegram was received here last Thursday night stating that Mr. H. J. Sandherr, of North Llano, was very sick at Little Rock, Ark. His son went to Kerrville on Friday's stage, but another telegram was received Friday night announcing his death. He had been to Chicago with cattle and was on his way home, stopping for a time with his sister in Little Rock. - Junction City Clipper

The above Mr. Sandherr was a brother-in-law to Mrs. M. L. Martin of Sonora. Mrs. Martin and her daughter, Miss Susie, accompanied by Roland Sandherr, left Monday morning for the home of the deceased, on the North Llano.

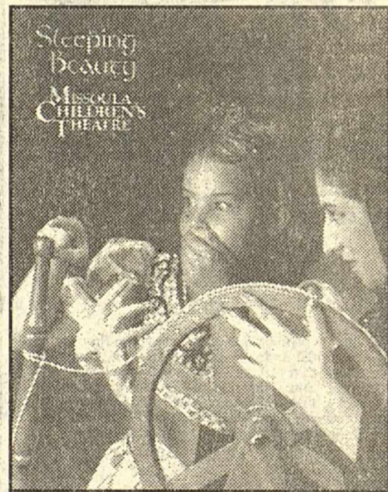
We found a note that Henry J. Sandherr was born in Russelsheim, Germany, on March 20, 1829. He came to America with his parents in 1833 and they settled near Little Rock, Arkansas. He married Martha Elizabeth Rowland, of Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1855. He served with the South in the Civil War and in 1866 sold out in Arkansas and moved to Texas. In the 1870's he bought a ranch eight miles west of Junction on the North Llano River. In 1882 he moved his family to the ranch in Kimble County. He died in Little Rock at his sister's, Mrs. Caroline Lewis, from pneumonia and was buried in the Martin Cemetery in Little Rock. He was 61 years old. His wife, Martha Elizabeth, died at the age of eighty-nine and is buried in Goliad. If you need more information we would suggest you check with the Kimble County Historical Society.

If you have any information concerning Sutton County history send it to Ask the Historical Society, P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonorax.net. You may call me at 915-387-2855. We are always happy to answer questions for students but they must realize that sometimes it takes several weeks to find the answers. Teachers, you might have your students write down their questions once or twice a year and get them to me. I will try to answer them all. This will give them practice in letter writing and a history

Grant Awarded to SCAT

Sonora Community Arts and Theatre (SCAT) would like to proudly announce that they have been awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Texas Commission on the Arts. The artistic subsidy fee is for the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) presentation of "Sleeping Beauty" in the Sonora High School auditorium on January 8, 2000. Although MCT's programs tour to major metropolitan centers, MCT remains dedicated to providing financially accessible arts experiences to all communities, regardless of size or economic status. Many of the communities served by MCT are isolated, culturally deprived. Constructive opportunities in the performing arts are rare, and the chance to spark a new interest often goes unkindled. MCT's programs can and do provide the kindling to ignite the flame of interest.

This production of "Sleeping Beauty" will hold auditions



Monday, January 3, 2000. This production is sponsored also in part by The Bank & Trust, Dairy Queen, First National Bank, Phil Miller DDS, Sonora Main Street, Walmart, and Westerman Drug. For more information on this upcoming event call Kristen Hicks at 387-3286.

Health Care Cut-off Date Approaches for Vietnam Era Vets

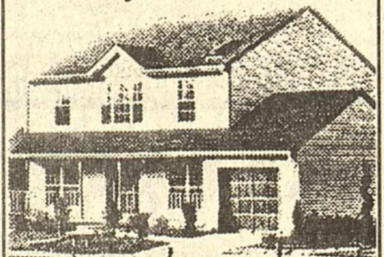
American Legion Fort Mason Post #285 wants to notify all Vietnam Era veterans that January 1, 2000 is the cut-off date for veterans who did not serve in the war zone to make a first-time application for VA health services. This cutoff only applies to the Vietnam Era veterans who did not serve in the war zone and who have never

sought help at a Vet Center. If you meet these two conditions and want to receive the health care benefits to which you are entitled, contact the Veterans Administration office in your area or call the VA Hospital in Kerrville at 830-896-2020 for registration information.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sirs:
A reunion of Scouts from the Concho Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America, who attended the 1950 National Boy Scout Jamboree in Valley Forge, Penn., is planned for February 12, 2000, at San Angelo, TX. It will be at the annual Recognition Concho Valley Council meeting. Besides being the 50th anniversary of the 1950 Jamboree, it will also be the 90th birthday of Scouting in America. We need addresses for all Scouts who attended the Jamboree from San Angelo plus others from this council. Scouts who attended from Sonora are: Joe David Ross, Turney Friess, Richard Mayer, Edward Valliant and Eddy Smith. Please call the Scout Office at 655-7107 or contact Ted Hogan at 123 Lena Drive, Crane, Texas 79731 or 915-558-2118. All help will be appreciated.

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Thursday, December 9, 1999

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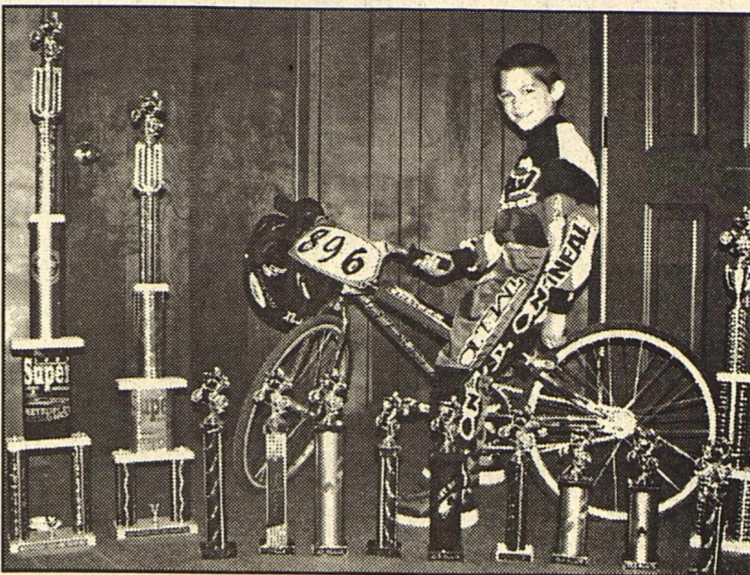
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Ethan Morris, a 1st grader at Sonora Elementary, proudly displays the trophies he has won in his recent BMX racing competitions. Ethan began racing earlier this year in the 7-Novice category and is only 2 wins away from advancing to the 7 - intermediate category. Morris races at many different track locations sponsored by the American Bike Association (ABA).

Local Students Included in Who's Who

A total of 32 students from this area are included in the 33rd Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1998-99*.

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of *Who's Who* students have a grade point average of 'B' or better and 97% are college bound.

The 33rd Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1998-99*, published in 18 regional volumes, features 750,000 students or just 5% of the nation's 14,000,000 high school students. They represent approximately 20,000 of the 24,000 public, private

and parochial high schools in the country.

Who's Who students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards. The book is distributed to as many as 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country. To learn more about *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, visit www.honoring.com.

Local students selected include: Andi Allen, Milton Armke, Robert Baumgardner, Wes Baumgardner, Marjorie Becknell, Stacey Becknell, Brock Bolt, Clint Bowers, Gustavo M. Campos, Cassi Cole, Dustin Dillard, James Elliott, Tanner Fields, Leslie Gamez, Christopher Green, William Gutierrez, Kristen Hardgrave, Baldemar Hernandez, Kasey Miller, Daisy Mireles, Alan Nicholas, Ernest Perez, Kari Purvis, Jon Ramos, Cameron Sims, Jamie Teasley, Walker Thompson, Tim Warden, Jacob West, Jason West, Byron Williams, and Raymond Williams.

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The Popcorn sold by Pack 19 will arrive in Sonora on Thursday, Dec. 2nd. All Cub Scouts need to pick up their popcorn at the Boy Scout Hut between 6-8 p.m. on Dec. 2nd. If you are unable to pick yours up, please contact your den leader. All money is due to your den leader by Dec. 10th.

Volunteers Needed:
Let's help an elderly couple with home improvements. Materials will be supplied, but need your labor. (Carpenters, Electricians, Painters, etc.) Call JoAnn Hernandez for more details, 387-2593 or 387-5676.

The Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burn Association will hold a meeting at the Experiment Station on Thursday, Dec. 2nd at 9:30 a.m. New members welcome!

The First Baptist Church announces the "Hanging of the Green" candlelighting service featuring KING'S KIDS, Sunday, December 5, 1999 at 6:00 p.m.

St. Ann's Catholic Church will have Mass at 4 p.m. on Dec. 5th at the nursing home. ALL CCD STUDENTS will be Christmas caroling at this time. Everyone is invited to come and listen.

Auditions for *Sleeping Beauty*, being presented by MCT, will be Jan. 3, 2000 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Sonora Middle School Gym.

The San Angelo Civic Ballet is presenting the Nutcracker from Dec. 3rd - Dec. 5th. Tickets are available at Tedford Jewelry - 387-3839 or call Kristen Hicks at 387-3826.

Piano Lessons on Thursdays have been put on hold until further notice. Friday lessons will continue as usual. Anyone interested please call 387-5788.

The FFA is holding its Annual Ranch House Meat Sale. Christmas orders are due by Dec. 6 and will be delivered on Dec. 13. For more information contact your Sonora FFA members or call Michael Kissire in the Sonora Ag. Dept. at 387-6533.

The Hudspeth Hospital and Nursing Home Auxiliary meets the 2nd Monday of each month, at noon, at the Sutton County Steakhouse.

Happy Birthday

- December 2**
Tanya Coronado, Elizabeth Elliott, Angela Herrera, Cassie Krieg, Hanna Swanson, April Giores, Kenzie Herring, Bobby Lou Mayer
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- December 7**
Shelby Burris, Jerry Jones, Micha Adams, Maria Favila
- December 8**
Louie Castro, Joshua Flores, Willie Gutierrez, Whitney Hooper, Bobby Jo Mogford, Cameron Sims

Police Reports

- 11-22-99** Theft of Service - Officer was dispatched to Shot's 6 reference to a theft of service. Complainant reported that a light blue Blazer with possible Arizona license plates had pumped \$10.50 worth of fuel and then drove off without paying. Attempts to locate vehicle were negative.
- 11-23-99** Burglary - Officer was dispatched to the 100 Block of Tres St. to speak to complainant about a theft. Complainant advised that someone unknown to her had, without her consent, entered her residence, committing a theft. Investigation continues.
- 11-26-99** Assault - Officer was dispatched to the 100 Block of Tres St. reference to a fight. After further investigation 2 subjects were arrested for assault and transported to Sutton County Jail.
- 11-26-99** Accident - Officer was dispatched to the 100 Block of N. Concho reference to a minor accident. No injuries were reported.
- 11-27-99** Public Intoxication - Officer was dispatched to Highway 277 S. in reference to an intoxicated female. After further investigation subject was arrested for Public Intoxication and transported to Sutton County Jail.
- 11-27-99** Accident - Officer was dispatched to 900 Block of NW Crockett Ave in reference to an accident. One subject was injured and was transported to Hudspeth Hospital by Sutton County EMS.

Happy Holidays!

Now is the time to give thanks for the many blessings in our lives, particularly for the people who fill us with joy year-round.

As a community, our children are perhaps our most precious blessing. As we anticipate the arrival of the Year 2000, we can look with confidence at how, together, we are striving to make changes in the world that will mean a better future for our children.

While the promise of change cannot always be realized immediately, our efforts today will surely mean a brighter future for them tomorrow. And that may be the greatest gift we can give.

May you and your family enjoy a safe and joyous holiday season.

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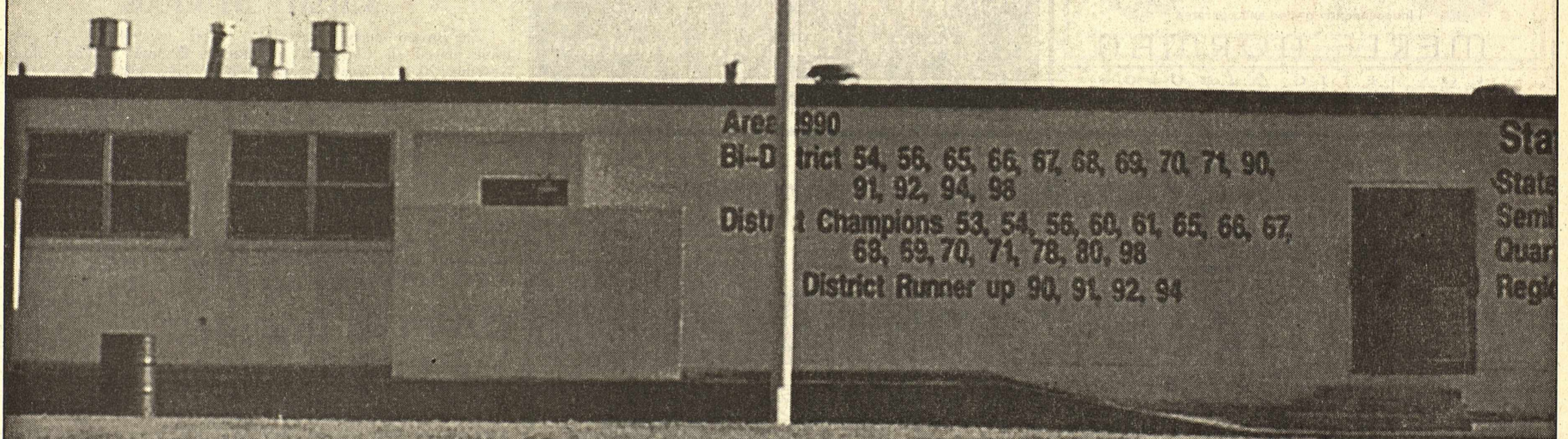
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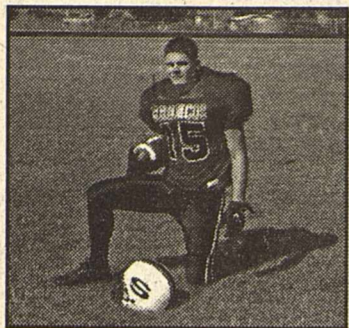
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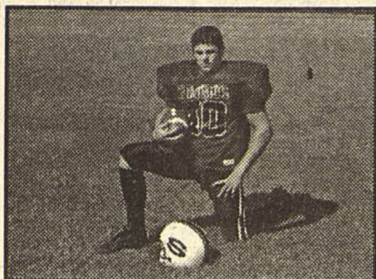
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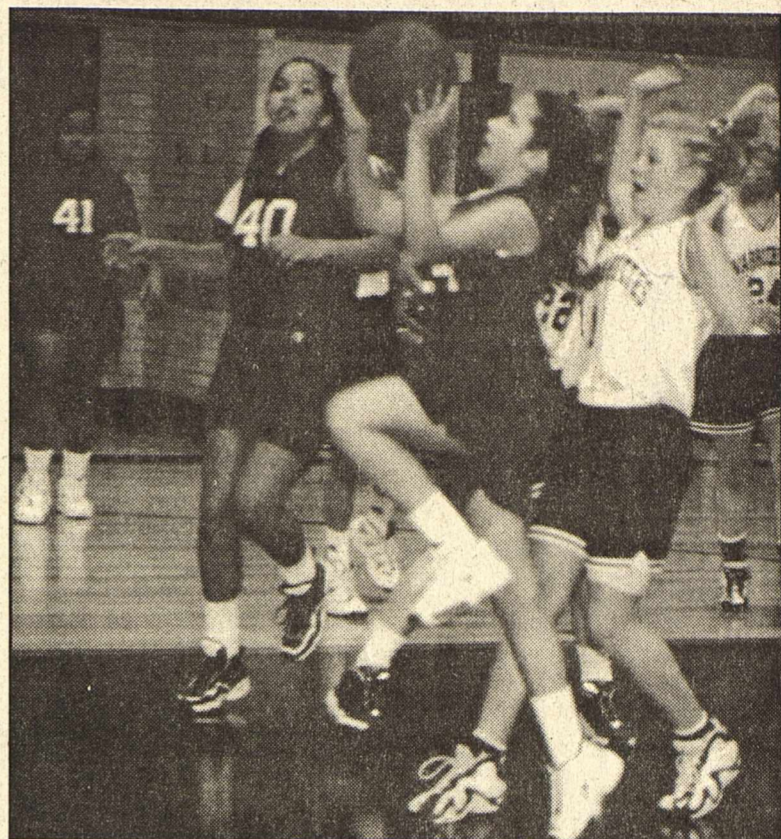
The Lady Colts 7th grade "A" team hosted the Ozona 7th grade on Monday, November 22, 1999. The Lady Colts played hard but couldn't stay with the Ozona girls offensively. Defensively the girls showed a lot of desire and hustle. Scoring for the Lady Colts were Debra Martinez - 5 pts., Alyssa Ibarra - 4 pts., Danielle Fox - 3 pts., and Kenia Gutierrez - 2 pts.. Other team members are Tara Green, Chelsea Seaton, Amanda Samaniego, Amanda Word and Deidra Warden. The final score was Sonora 14, Ozona 36.

The Lady Colt "B" team was defeated by Ozona's 7th grade "B" team by a score of 4-2. The Colts lone goal was scored by Adriana Castillo. The girls played hard defensively but had trouble scoring.

The Sonora 7th grade Lady Colts "A" team traveled to Iraan on Nov. 29th and played a very good basketball game, but they are still

having trouble offensively. Defensively the girls showed a lot of improvements. The final score was Sonora 10, Iraan 20. Scoring for the Lady Colts were: Debra Martinez - 7 pts., Deidra Warden - 2 pts., and Danielle Fox - 1 pt. Other team members are Tara Green, Kenia Gutierrez, Chelsea Seaton, Amanda Samaniego, Courtney Caruthers, Alyssa Ibarra, and Amanda Word.

The 7th grade "B" team also traveled to Iraan Monday night to play the Iraan Bravettes. The girls played hard but still couldn't stay with the Bravettes offensively. The final score was Iraan 14 - Sonora 6. Scoring for Sonora was Adrianna Castillo. Other team members are Tabitha Ovalle, Monica Samaniego, Erica McClintock, Angie Ibarra, Jennifer Hernandez and Allison Higdon.



Suzanna Street goes for a shot against Iraan.

Lady Bronco J.V.

The Lady Broncos J.V. "A" team played Coleman in Sonora on November 16th. The Lady Broncos defeated Coleman 58 - 15. Scoring for Sonora were: Kara Hard and Desirea Gonzales each with 10pts., Ashley Parker - 8 pts., Koda Armke - 7 pts., Shalayne Hobbs and Amy Gann - 6 pts., Monica Lira - 5 pts., and Heather Lawson - 4 pts.

The J.V. "B" team played Ozona on November 22nd. The Lady Lions defeated Sonora 50 - 8. Scoring for the Lady Broncos were: Shannon Vick - 4 pts., Amanda Sanchez and Jalys Mabry - 2 pts. each, and Stephanie Redden - 1 pt.

The J.V. "A" team traveled to

Brady and won 40 - 36 on November 24th. Scoring for Sonora were Desirea Gonzales - 8 pts., Koda Armke - 7 pts., Morgan Hobbs and Amy Gann - 6 pts. each, Ashley Parker - 4 pts., Kara Hard - 3 pts., and Heather Lawson, Shalayne Hobbs and Kacci Lewellen - 2 pts. each.

The J.V. "B" team also played in Brady on the 24th. Brady defeated the Lady Broncos 48 - 11. Scoring for Sonora were: Mayra Martinez, Katrina Hernandez, Shannon Vick, Jalys Mabry, and Leandra Perez, all with 2 pts., and Carolyn Mendez - 1 pt.

Lady Broncos

The Varsity Lady Broncos played Coleman in Sonora on November 16, 1999. Coleman defeated Sonora 65 - 55. Scoring for Sonora were: Cindy Jones - 14 pts., Heather Felts - 8 pts., Japha Word - 8 pts., Kara Eaton - 7 pts., Sara Ball - 6 pts., and Kim Marshall - 5 pts.

On November 20th the Ladies played Christoval in their gym. Sonora beat Christoval 57 - 49. Scoring for the Broncos were: Cindy Jones - 21 pts., Kim Marshall - 10 pts., Sarah Ball - 8 pts., and Lindsey Bowers - 6 pts. Sarah Ball had an outstanding performance from the free throw line, she was 6 of 6. Great job!

On November 24th the Ladies traveled to Brady and brought back a victory of 66 - 58. Scoring for the Lady Broncos were: Cindy Jones - 21 pts., Japha Word - 12 pts., Kara Eaton - 10 pts., Sarah Ball - 9 pts., and Kasey Miller - 5 pts. Kim Marshall had 6 rebounds, and Kara Eaton had 5. The team shot 5 out of 6 from behind the line, Cindy Jones with 3 and Japha Word had 2. As a team the Lady Broncos are shooting 63% from the free throw line and 42% from the floor for the season. After three games Cindy Jones is averaging 17.7 points a game while shooting 55% from the floor, 70% from the free throw line and 60% from the 3 point line. Kasey Miller is 75% from the floor and free throw line.

Varsity Broncos

The Bronco Varsity Basketball team played in Christoval on November 20, 1999. Final score was Christoval 70, Sonora 63. Scoring for the Broncos were Anthony Luna - 26 pts., Isaac Ramos - 14 pts., Russell Dempsey - 9 pts., Edgar Gonzalez - 6 pts., Sloan Holley, Alan Nicholas, Chance Dillard and Justin Routh - 2 pts. each.

On November 22, 1999 the Broncos played San Angelo Central's Sophomores. Final score was Sonora 72, Central 45. Scoring for the Broncos were Anthony Luna

- 19 pts., Isaac Ramos - 13 pts., Russell Dempsey - 9 pts., Sloan Holley - 8 pts., Justin Routh - 7 pts., Curtis Sanders and Pokey Samaniego - 3 pts., Edgar Gonzalez, Ryan Cramer, Alan Nicholas, John Samaniego and Chance Dillard - 2 pts. It was a great team effort, leaving a 2-1 on the season.

Tri-players of the week were Isaac Ramos, Russell Dempsey, and Anthony Luna. They scored a combined total of 90 pts and grabbed a total of 35 rebounds in the past 2 games!

Broncos from page 1

ment call by the official gave the ball back to Spearman. It did not take long for the Lynx to take advantage of the turn-over. Two plays and forty-two seconds later, the Lynx had their second score of the game. Fullback Dusty Barber got the honors on an 18 yard power run. Whitefield added the PAT to cut the Bronco lead by 7: Sonora 28 - Spearman 14.

The Bronco offense, not to be out done, took the ensuing kick-off and drove it 64 yards to the Spearman 10 yard line. Starting it off with a 35 yard pass from Williams to Elliott and runs by Surber, Renfro and Williams himself, the Broncos marched the ball down the field. At the 10, the Spearman defense began to stiffen and the Broncos faced a fourth and seven. Not hesitating, the Bronco coaching staff called upon Javier Gaytan to attempt the 27 yard field goal. With room to spare, Gaytan booted the ball through the uprights to increase the Bronco lead by 3. Sonora 31 - Spearman 14.

For the remainder of the third quarter (one minute and twenty-one seconds) and six and half minutes of the fourth quarter, this Regional contest reverted back to a defensive struggle. At the five minute and thirty-two second mark of the fourth quarter, the Lynx suffered their third turn-over of the game. A fumbled snap by reserve quarterback, Kevin Beedy, was recovered by a hustling Bronco defensive lineman Anthony

Sanchez. This fumble recovery gave the Broncos the ball at their own 36. A time consuming four minute drive by the Broncos sealed the victory. Runs by Renfro, Surber, and Graham Bloodworth, as well as another pass completion from Williams to Elliott, moved the ball to the Spearman 6 yard line. At the 6, Senior running back Graham Bloodworth put the icing on the Regional cake as he scampered into the end-zone to give the Broncos a twenty three point lead. A bad snap thwarted the PAT. The Broncos now led by a score of 37 to 14.

For the remaining minute and fourteen seconds, Spearman would not be able to advance the ball and the game clock would run out on their chances for a Regional trophy. Final Score:

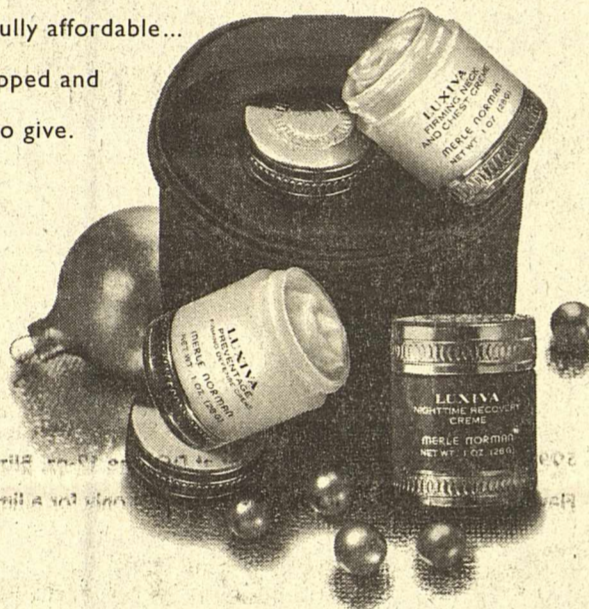
Sonora 37 - Spearman 7.

This Saturday, the Mighty Broncos travel to Plainview to play for the Quarterfinal Championship. The Broncos will face the upset minded Stratford Elks at 7:30 P.M.. The Elks may prove to be a very worthy opponent as they upset the Fourth ranked Iraan Braves last Saturday. The Broncos need your support. So if you can, try and find a way to be at the game on Saturday. If not, the game will be broadcast over 92.1 KHOS beginning at 7:00 p.m..

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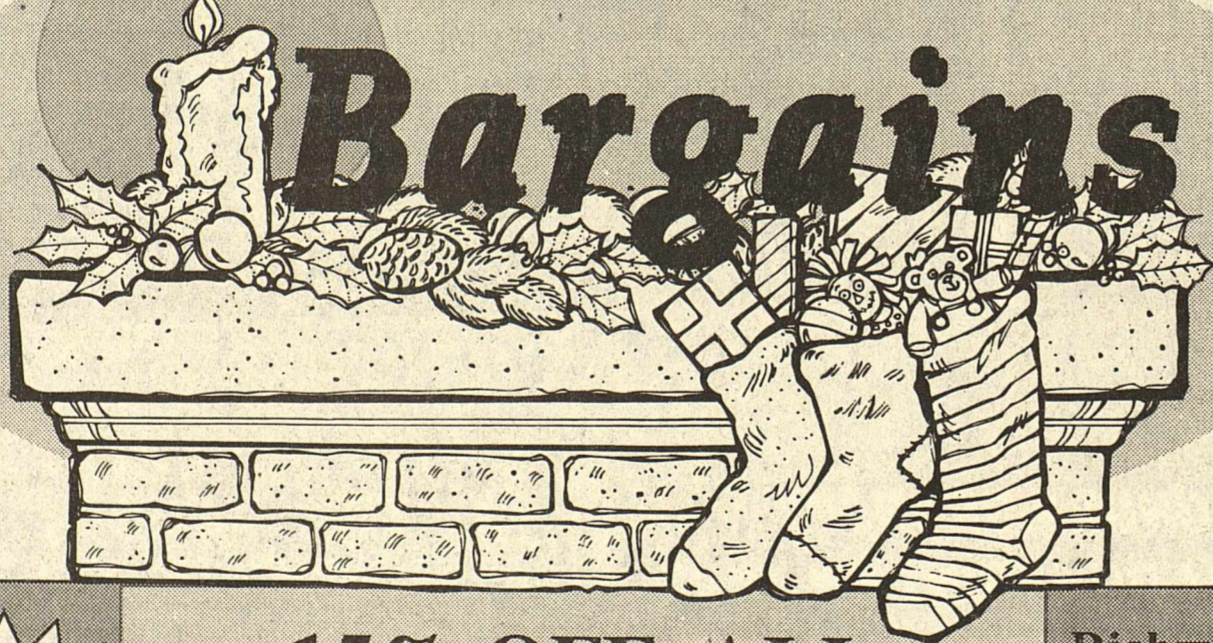
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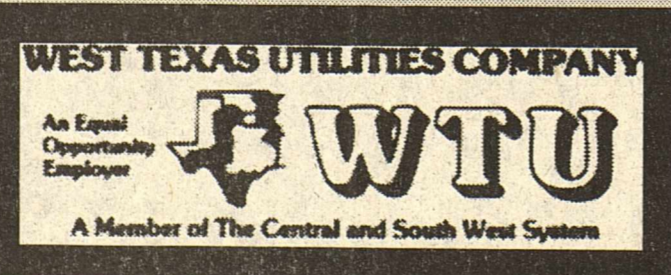
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Joe Freeman, Area II Representative with the State Soil & Water Conservation Board, presents Bob Brockman with a plaque honoring him for 20 years service with the Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District. Looking on are Tom Payton, NRCS; Iris Garza, District Manager; and Directors Judy McDonald, Norm Rousselot and Edward Earwood.

Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District

ANNUAL REPORT

The Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation District encompasses 1,156,000 acres in Sutton and Edwards Counties. It is governed by a board of 5 local landowners elected for 4 year terms. Members of the current board of directors are Edward Earwood, Norm Rousselot, Susan Bloodworth, Bob Brockman and Judy McDonald.

District Highlights

1. Completed Program and Plan of Work
2. Held Director Election in conjunction with Field Tour to Eldorado. First stop at fiberglass manufacturing facility for water storage and troughs. Second stop at airport where educational program on cloud seeding was provided by meteorologist and pilot. State Representative, Bob Turner, gave a brief update on legislative issues.
3. Sponsored Conservation Essay Contest for local schools.
4. Reviewed and accepted the new Cooperative working agreement between NRCS, USDA, Texas State SWCD and Edwards Plateau SWCD.
5. Sponsored District Seed Sales.
6. Provided information and equipment for prescribed burns.
7. Presented Conservation Rancher of the Year at Sonora Chamber of Commerce Banquet.
8. Sponsored Annual Sixth Grade Ecological Field Tour.
9. Distributed Soil Stewardship material to Churches in Sutton County.
10. Sponsored two teachers from Sonora ISD to Teacher Workshop at Bamberger Ranch in Johnson City.
11. Assisted with Range Contest at Sonora Wool Show. Sponsored E.B. Keng Memorial Trophy for High Point Senior Range Team.
12. Attended Hill Country Assn. of SWCD's annual business meeting at the HEB Camp near Leakey.
13. Worked with City of Sonora and the Concho Valley RC&D on Erosion Issues.
14. Worked with Sutton County Commissioners Court on Watershed Structures.
15. NRCS, FSA and SWCD consolidated officer and became an Agricultural Service Center.
16. Worked with NRCS to develop proposals for 3 watershed priority areas. These proposals will be used to try to secure cost-share funding.

Priorities of the Sutton County SWCD

1. Water Quality and Quantity
2. Proper Grazing and Land Management
3. Prescribed Burns to Control Brush and Improve Wildlife Habitat
4. Maintenance of Conservation Practices
5. Encourage Range Seeding following Brush Work
6. Continuing Conservation Education for All Ages
7. Continued Application of EQIP and all long term programs
8. Improving Wildlife Habitat through Proper Management
9. Oil and Gas activities and their effects on Rangeland

1999 Fiscal Year Progress Summary

- 6 Conservation Resource Plans developed on 30,000 acres
- 2 Acres of Critical Erosion were addressed for City of Sonora
- 5000+ Acres of Controlled Burns were carried out on area rangeland
- 1100 Acres of Range Seeding were completed
- 5200 Acres of Brush Control were completed

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a new program which combines the functions of the Agricultural Conservation Program, Water Quality Incentives Program and Great Plains Conservation Program. The Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) is a voluntary program for producers who want to place special emphasis on improving wildlife habitat. Both the EQIP and WHIP programs provide cost share for the high-priority conservation practices needed to solve local conservation problems.

Currently, there are 3 active Long Term Cost Shared Contracts serving over 10,650 acres. During 1999, the District developed 4 EQIP Contracts on 16,504 acres and 1 WHIP contract on 790 acres. Over 300 individuals and groups received technical assistance, and 103 individuals carried out at least one conservation practice on their land.

This District continues to have a strong working relationship with and appreciates the cooperative spirit of the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Producers Livestock Auction

Sheep Auction: 11/30/99
 Estimated Receipts: 9500: Same day two weeks ago: 12466:
 Same day last year: 8780:

Compared with two weeks ago, slaughter lambs 3.00-5.00 higher. Slaughter ewes steady to 3.00 higher. Feeder lambs 1.00-3.00 higher in light test. Trading active, demand good. Quality average. Supply included 50 percent slaughter ewes, 10 percent feeder lambs, 10 percent slaughter lambs, balance goats.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice 2-3 shorn and woolled 90-125 lb 80.00-90.00; 125-135 lb 77.00-80.00. Good and Choice 2-3 shorn and woolled 90-125 lb 77.00-84.00. Good and Choice 1-2 65-90 lb 83.50-87.00.

Slaughter Ewes: Good and Choice 2-4 36.00-47.00, few 47.00-49.00; Utility and Good 1-3 40.00-48.50; Utility 1-2 34.50-40.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 26.00-35.00.

Slaughter Bucks: 39.00-46.00.
 Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2 40-60 lb 85.00-93.00; 60-70 lb 85.00-90.00, set 95.00; 70-90 lb 83.50-88.00, set 92.00; 90-105 lb 80.50-84.50. Medium and Large 2 40-70 lb 80.00-85.00; 70-90 lb 78.00-84.00.

AGRIBUSINESS

The World Trade Organization



by U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla
 It's being called "The Battle in Seattle" by some and "The Carnival Against Capitalism" by others. The World Trade Organization's summit this week marks the first time trade talks have gotten a second thought from most Americans, much less the massive protests the summit's attracting this week. Whatever your feelings on international trade, it's important that you know what's taking place.

The World Trade Organization was officially born in 1995, though a similar organization existed before that for more than forty years under a different name. The last world trade talks ended in 1993, after eight years of negotiations. At this moment, trade ministers from 135 nations, including the United States, are meeting at the Washington State Trade and Convention Center to decide what trade regulations they'll debate at a later meeting. In other words, they're negotiating about what to negotiate.

As debate rages inside the convention center, it's reaching a fever pitch on the other side of the walls as well. An estimated 50,000 demonstrators have come to town to have their voices heard. Some protesters are against the idea of a world trade organization altogether, while others are demonstrating for or against specific policies.

WTO's member countries are supposed to ensure free market competition in the world market. Our economic future depends on the opening of foreign markets to American goods. This is critical to American farmers and ranchers, who need to sell agricultural products in other countries to survive. More than one-third of U.S. agricultural production was exported in 1998, with a value of \$52 billion. The WTO can prevent a country from claiming American agricultural products are unhealthy when they're really not. This happened last year when it ruled that Europe should accept American beef. European governments had claimed that growth-promoting hormones used to produce the meat were dangerous, despite scientific evidence to the contrary. The organization's rules can also limit the ability of foreign governments to restrict agricultural trade through tariffs, quotas, subsidies, and a variety of other policies and regulations. The WTO is able to prevent countries from selling huge amounts of their products at prices that are lower than what they're really worth. This practice, known as "dumping," can quickly drive an American company into debt.

When the WTO was founded, many people were concerned that it would be another international organization that could trample American authority. We must always ensure that any international organization works for freedom and for fairness and not against American principles. No group or organization should ever threaten our nation's sovereignty. So as long as the WTO works for free and fair trade, while respecting nation's boundaries, it will help our country grow stronger. Where free market competition can prosper, Americans come out ahead.

Rig Locations as of November 26, 1999

- Crockett County**
 Rising Star Energy; 9636', Baggett 23-#10A, Cleere Drilling.
 EOG Resources/Mid; 8500', Powell 72-#1, Patterson Drilling.
 New Rising Star Energy; 9660', Signal-Baggett 29-#3, Patterson Drilling.
- Edwards County**
 Range Res Corp; 13000', Smart 7-#1, Patterson Drilling.
 Tesoro Petroleum; 10000', Earwood Ranch B-#3, Cleere Drilling
- Val Verde County**
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO INCREASE RATES

Pursuant to Tex. Utilities Code § 104.103 (1999), TXU Lone Star Pipeline, a Division of TXU Gas Company ("Applicant") hereby gives notice of intent to change the city gate rate of TXU Lone Star Pipeline (formerly known as "Lone Star Pipeline Company") established by Order of the Railroad Commission of Texas in Gas Utilities Docket No. 8664 ("GUD 8664").

Applicant proposes a two-part transportation rate that consists of a demand charge per MMBtu based upon the contractual demand for city gate service and a volumetric charge per MMBtu based on actual delivered volumes. This transportation rate would result in a revenue increase to Applicant. Applicant also proposes to increase the storage rate applicable to city gate deliveries established in GUD 8664. The storage rate would consist of a monthly demand charge for capacity and a monthly demand charge for deliverability. The deliverability demand charge would only be charged during the months of November through March.

The proposed effective date of the change is December 20, 1999. The change is a major change, and will result in an increase in annual revenues of approximately \$20.3 million or sixteen percent (16%). The change will affect 1.3 million residential and commercial customers. The rate change will affect transportation and storage rates at the city gate for TXU Lone Star Gas-Transmission, who in turn sells the gas to TXU Lone Star Gas which serves 1.3 million residential and commercial customers in Texas under the rates established by the local regulatory authorities in municipalities and the Railroad Commission in environs areas.

A Statement of Intent to make such a change has been filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas in GUD 8976 and is available for inspection at the Commission's office at 1701 North Congress in Austin, Texas, and at the offices of Applicant at 301 South Harwood in Dallas, Texas. Copies of the Statement of Intent have also been sent to the appropriate city official of each incorporated city served by TXU Lone Star Gas. Any affected person may file in writing comments or a protest concerning the proposed change in the rates with the Docket Services Section of the Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time on or before 4:00 p.m., Thursday, December 30, 1999. Any person or agency who has a justifiable or administratively cognizable interest who desires to be designated as a party may petition for leave to intervene and request to become a party to this proceeding. The final date for intervention in this case shall be 4:00 p.m., Thursday, December 30, 1999.

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Public Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Sonora will receive bids for fuel from a Dispensing contractor for the Municipal Fleet that has a fuel security system operating within close vicinity of the city. Sealed and marked on the outside "FUEL BIDS" shall be received in the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950 no later than 2:00 p.m. on December 14, 1999, at which time bids shall be opened publicly and read aloud. Bid specifications are available by calling the City Secretary's Office at (915) 387-2558. The City Council has the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. 21125b

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