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Be Here to Enjoy the New Year! Don't Drink & Drive

·Looking Back

by Storie Sharp

we looked back at old papers to see what was happening this week 100 years ago. What a world of difference! It was kind of ironic that our front page today asks for everyone to be careful and "Don't Drink & Drive" and the most advertised products in December of 1900 was alcohol. There are liquor ads on every page! One of the items that really made us laugh was the advertisement on the front page for "Warners Rust Proof Corsets" You could take them back if they rusted!!! A No. 33 High Bust or a No. 67 Medium Waist could be purchased for 90¢. Can you imagine Victoria's Secret offering something like that?!

It seems that crime was a problem way back then too - there are several notices from families, including W.J. Fields, the Thomson-Bros., and F. Mayer & Sons, that warned people that stealing wood from their ranch would lead to prosecution!

The paper has faded and worn on that issue, as have many of our memories from the past. Times have definitely changed, for the better?

Looking back over the last cen-As the century comes to a close tury we found a lot of things that made the 1900's what they were.

The U.S. population in 1900 was 76,300,000, today it is approximately 274,000,000.

The first flight took place in 1902, with Wilbur & Orville Wright's glider traveling about 600 ft. in the air, now we have space shuttles going into outer space.

1915 saw the first transcontinental telephone communication, now we all have cellular phones and email is the choice of keeping in touch.

1925 was the first year women were inaugurated as American governors, (Nellie Ross of Wyoming and Miriam "Ma" Ferguson of Texas), the '90s saw women running for the Presidency of the United Sates.

In 1933 prohibition of alcohol was repealed.

Minimum wage in 1945 was 40¢ per hour! That won't even buy a pack of gum today.

Mr. Potato Head was the first toy advertised on television in 1952. Today he stars in one of the biggest movies of the year, (Toy Story 2) in which he has been given a brain -Mrs. Potato Head.

Rock & Roll took

music charts in 1957 and has been there every since. Hit songs have changed a bit, we've gone from "The Twist" to "Shake Your Bon Bon" and from "The Monster Mash" to "Smashmouth"!

The Beverly Hillbillies debuted in 1962 and can still be seen in syndication on some channels.

Super Bowl I took place in 1967, do you remember who won?

Two men made history in 1969. Neil Armstrong took the first step on the moon and Mr. Whipple, who recently made his television return, appeared for the first time to remind people not to squeeze the Charman.

In 1971 it was decided that if you were old enough to fight and die in Vietnam, you were old enough to vote. The voting age was lowered to

We just thought tye-dye and bell-bottoms went away with the '70s, have you seen what our kids are wearing to school today?!?

April 12th, 1981, the nations first space shuttle was launched and just this week we saw the last shuttle landing of the century take place in Florida. The '80s also introduced the world to Madonna and sent the first woman into space.

The '90s finds everyone scran

bling to prepare for possible Y2K bugs and fearful of computer crashes. Living things have been cloned. Digital is the way to go - cameras, stereos, phones and more. Pokemon: The First Movie had the most lucrative Thanksgiving weekend film opening in the entire decade!

It is funny that with all this computer craze, Barbie was still voted the most popular toy of the 1900's!

Of course there are many more important things that happened in the 1900's that I didn't even touch, some good and some horrible. Times have most definitely changed and will continue to do so as we enter into the new millennium. Of course we are ignoring the fact that a new century & millennium would actually begin with the year 2001. Thanks to concert promoters, advertisers and the media - plus a majority of the public - everyone is considering New Year's Eve 1999 to be the moment of the transition. Let's hope for good things and try hard to make 2000 a great year!



Bobbie Smith Retires

The end of the year brings with it the end of a long career. For 20 years Bobbie Smith was the Chief Deputy at the County Clerk's office, and for the last 10 years she has been the Sutton County Clerk. Smith has decided its time to take it easy for a while, if retirement is easy?! Bobbie's last day in the office will be December 31, 1999 and she will be missed very much by her co-workers and the community of Sonora. Best of Luck in your future endeavors Bobbie - ENJOY!

ence room. The following directors

were present: Alvis Johnson, Jr.,

President, Ray Smith , Lewis

Allen, Sherrill Dannheim, and Paul

Chevalier. Also present were

Dianne Ashcraft, Administrator,

Carolyn Lara, Medical Records,

to order, followed by the approval

of minutes from the prior meeting

Thorp's Laundry had been charg-

ing an environmental charge on all

laundry charges. This charge is due

to the anticipated increase in the

water bills. Ms. Ashcraft advised

that her concern was the additional

charges started in October and to

date the water bills have not

increased. Discussion was held

regarding these charges and it will

be brought to the attention of the

for the portable x-ray unit: (1)

Alpha Consolidated Imaging for

\$15,500, (2) NCD Medical

Corporation, \$14,500 and (3)

Discussion was held on each of the

three bids. The service for the

equipment, for each bid, was dis-

cussed. A motion was made and

seconded to accept the bid from

NCD Medical Corporation for

Executive Session, under article

#6252.17 (VATS), as amended by

Citation #496. The purpose of the

session was personnel wages,

under the Texas Open Meetings

Act, Subchapter D, Section 551.04,

having to do with (1)

The Board then went into

Diversified Corp.,

\$14,500. Motion Carried.

Ashcraft presented three bids

\$20,000.

on November 8, 1999.

and

Secretary.

laundry.

Kathy Knight, Board

Dr. Johnson called the meeting

Ms. Ashcraft advised that

Hospital Board Vote Portable X-Ray Unit Bids Votes



Bridge Repair

If you have recently traveled out of Sonora on Hwy 277 N. you couldn't help but notice the repair work being done on the bridge over the Dry Devil's River. The Texas Dept. of Transportation is working with Cherokee Bridge and Road out of Junction on a \$1.8 million contract to replace the entire existing bridge because of salt damage that has occurred to the structure. The project, being done in 1/2 sections, is slated to be complete around October or November of 2000.

2000 Sutton County Junior Livestock Show Coming Soon

The Sutton County Junior Livestock Show is fast approaching and a large number of young people will be exhibiting their projects. The dates of the show will be January 14 & 15, 2000. There is expected to be about 38 meat goat exhibitors with 150 plus goats, 9 lamb exhibitors with 40 lambs, 15 swine exhibitors with 15 pigs, 18 Angora goat exhibitors with about 100 goats, 2 breeding sheep exhibitors and 3 beef cattle exhibitors at the show in January.

Not only will it be a new millennium; but, the Stockshow will have a much different look this year thanks to much of the community. The 4-H Club will be hosting their first show in the new facility with new pens. Not only is

there the new Sutton County 4-H Civic Center; there is also the two Swine new additions to the Langford Building, in which all of the live- Sheep stock can be housed. With these new additions all of the livestock Goats will be able to be housed at one time so the entire show can be held Cattle in one week-end instead of two.

The schedule for the show is Appreciation Supper as follow and everyone is encouraged to come out and enjoy the show in the comfortable surroundings and support the 4-H and FFA members:

Friday, January 14, 2000 4:30 p.m. - Judging Market Lambs

App. 6:00 p.m. - Judging Market Goats

Saturday, January 15, 2000

9:00 a.m. - Judging Market

10:00 a.m. - Judging Breeding

10:10 a.m. - Judging Angora

App. 1:00 p.m. - Judging Beef

6:00 p.m. Buyers

6:45 p.m. - Premium Sale 8:00 p.m. Awards Presentations

Everyone is very excited about being in the new building with all of the conveniences to be enjoyed and encourages everyone to show their support for these kids and their hard work by coming out to the 2000 Junior Livestock Show.

Administrative evaluations and (2)Salary Scale. When the Board reconvened

The regular meeting of the into open session a motion was Sutton County Hospital District, passed to approve the budgeted Board of Directors, was held on raises for the Administrator and the Monday, December 13, 1999 at Assistant Administrator as present-7:00 p.m., in the hospital confered.

Ms. Ashcraft advised that she had received more information regarding call time for the lab and x-ray personnel. She stated that Department Heads and Nursing personnel were not paid for call time, but all the surrounding facilities were paying lab and x-ray call time. Her recommendation was \$7.00 per week night and \$1.00 per hour on weekends. The recommendation was approved by the board.

A discussion was held regarding the bad debt write-off list in the amount if \$3,837.17 presented for approval. The list was approved as presented.

Ashcraft gave the following personnel updates: (1) One of the Certified Nurses Aides', in the nursing home, husband was tragically killed in an auto accident, (2) the Dietary Supervisor was in the hospital in Del Rio with pneumonia, (3) the DON in the nursing home had fallen at home and broke her foot and will probably have to have surgery (4) the office clerk that was out on leave has returned for a couple of hours a day, (5) the evening office clerk had her baby on Thursday and (6) the Activity Director in the nursing home had resigned and one of the nursing personnel had taken the position along with some of the continued nursing assignments.

Ashcraft also reported that with the BBA relief some of the changes should be beneficial to the small rural hospitals and the computers had been installed that had been received through a grant from Hospital Texas

Telecommunications Alliance. She went on to explain that a portion of the phone bill (the Internet Connectivity) goes toward these grants. A representative was here for four days for training on the

new computers.

Kathy McDaniel with Patient Service Exam, was here for 2 1/2 days working with the office staff and Department Heads on updating the chargemaster.

Ashcraft advised that monetary offerings have been left in the Chapel in the hospital recently and the money has disappeared as quickly. This money will now be given to the Ministerial Alliance. She told the board that the hospital and nursing home auxiliary purchased an entertainment center for the nursing home's big screen TV and it is now in place in the facility

Discussion was held regarding Y2 staffing. The board advised Ms. Ashcraft to have the normal staffing. Ashcraft advised that Danny Curtis would be in the facility to handle any problems that may arise with the equipment.

Ashcraft reported that accounts receivable was up by \$39,000. This is partially due to a high revenue month and a low amount collected to AR.

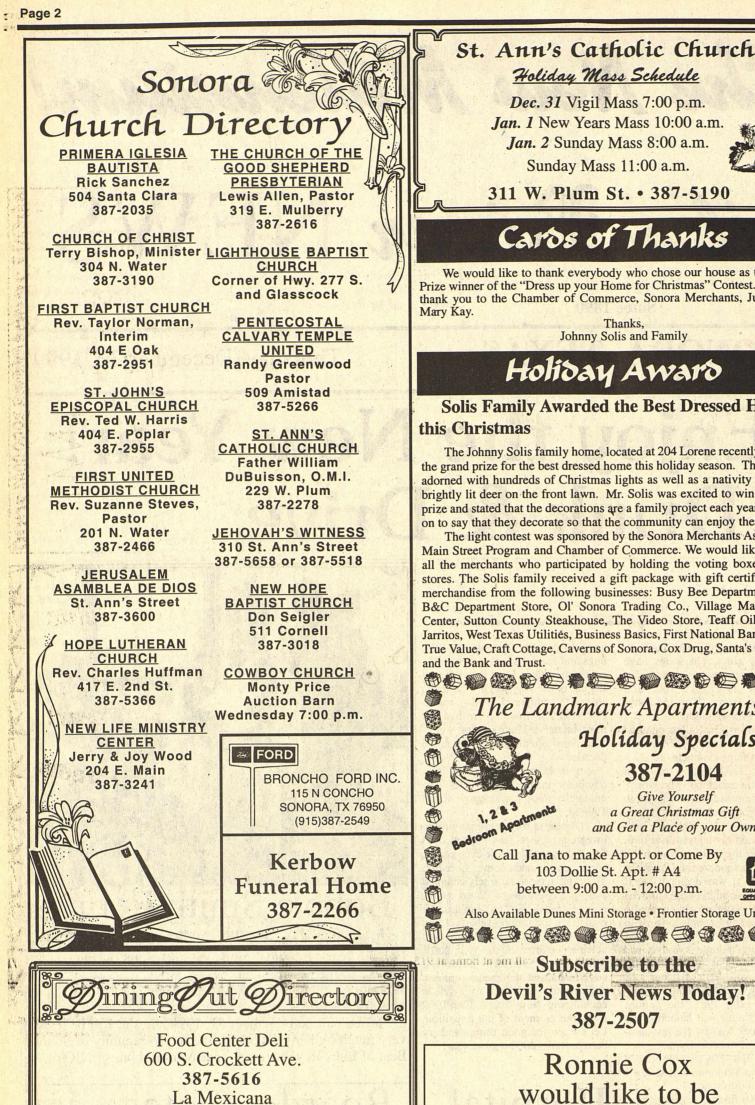
Mrs. Knight gave the financial report for October. Knight reported that the nursing home had a loss of \$50,720.36 and the hospital had a loss of \$57,405.09.

The November expenditures were approved.

Lewis Allen addressed the board stating he had been in a discussion regarding the Rural Community Health System on Community Disease Management. They had talked about two diseases that they feel could be more uniformly managed, but are not, one is Diabetes and the other is Asthma. The Coordinator will be visiting with the rural areas surrounding San Angelo in early January and discuss what they are doing and what we might like to do in Sonora.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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Cards of Thanks

We would like to thank everybody who chose our house as the Grand Prize winner of the "Dress up your Home for Christmas" Contest. A special thank you to the Chamber of Commerce, Sonora Merchants, Judges and

> Thanks, Johnny Solis and Family

Holiday Award

Solis Family Awarded the Best Dressed Home

The Johnny Solis family home, located at 204 Lorene recently received the grand prize for the best dressed home this holiday season. The house is adorned with hundreds of Christmas lights as well as a nativity scene and brightly lit deer on the front lawn. Mr. Solis was excited to win the grand prize and stated that the decorations are a family project each year. He went on to say that they decorate so that the community can enjoy them.

The light contest was sponsored by the Sonora Merchants Association, Main Street Program and Chamber of Commerce. We would like to thank all the merchants who participated by holding the voting boxes in their stores. The Solis family received a gift package with gift certificates and merchandise from the following businesses: Busy Bee Department Store, B&C Department Store, Ol' Sonora Trading Co., Village Market Food Center, Sutton County Steakhouse, The Video Store, Teaff Oil Co., Los Jarritos, West Texas Utilitiés, Business Basics, First National Bank, Sonora True Value, Craft Cottage, Caverns of Sonora, Cox Drug, Santa's Gift Shop,



Happy **New Year**! Editorial

Thursday, December 30, 1999 The Devil's River News

by Ashley Brockman

Once again, Christmas time has come and gone. Children are occupied for hours, playing with their new toys, as parents breathe a small sigh of relief and begin taking down Christmas decorations. I am reminded again of the true meaning of Christmas and what Christmas means to each of us. It is such a special time of year that holds a different meaning to each age. Every year our family spends Christmas in Coleman with my mother's side of the family. One of our Christmas traditions is attending midnight mass at St. Mark's Episcopal church. I have come to love that church and it's attendants, especially two extraordinary people. One who I love watching is an elderly lady in her later eighties, Mrs. Bowen. The other special person is a young boy about 12, King. These two special people, each year, help me to see the most joyous side of Christmas, as well as life itself.

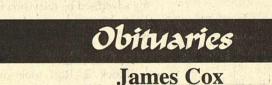
Mrs. June Bowen is a widow of Coleman, who has been there as long as anyone can remember. When we first began attending St. Mark's in Coleman, she was the first to always come and speak. No matter the time of year, she always had the largest smile and warmest hug. She is one of the kindest ladies I have ever met. She loves to talk to everyone and knows every person who has ever come through that church. At the Christmas Eve service each year, she gets dressed up and comes into the church with a glow about her that lights the entire place up. She's always dressed in her new Christmas outfit and best fur coat, and is usually the first one seated. Her favorite part of the service is the Christmas hymns. Everyone gets bells when they arrive at the church for the hymns. Mrs. Bowen has the best time with her bells. She gets a huge smile across her face that never fades while she is at the service. She sings those carols with her whole heart. Every Christmas she makes me realize just how wonderful life is. She has been enjoying every bit of

her beautiful life for almost ninety years, and does her best to share all of her happiness with everyone around her.

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The other special person who I have enjoyed watching throughout the years is a young boy around 12, who is mentally challenged. King is the youngest of four children, having an older sister, and older twin brothers. Christmas is his favorite time of year, and each year he races into the church for the Christmas Eve service. He sits as close to the front as possible, and becomes ecstatic each time he is allowed to ring his bells. He glows with happiness as he sits as close to his sister as he can get. King knows that he is celebrating th birth of "baby Jesus" and looks around to make sure everyone is as happy as he is. He knows that this is such a special time of year, even though he doesn't understand everything. As we sing the Christmas hymns, King is the loudest one, singing, smiling, and shaking his bells as loud as he can. His face is so innocent, singing and watching those around him. Every time I see King, he is so happy and is giving everyone around him a hug. Each time, he shows me that life is so precious, and we should make the best of it. King has certainly not had the easiest life, but he doesn't know it. He couldn't be any happier.

These two people are so special to me. They show me how wonderful life is. Too often, we rush through life and don't stop to appreciate the smaller things that we pass everyday. Mrs. Bowen and King have certainly taught me a thing or two about my life, and I love every moment that I spend with them. I hope that during this holiday season, everyone will stop to appreciate their friends and family, and all the small things. Life goes too fast, don't regret something that you left undone. I know that I am so thankful for my family and friends and hope that I live my life as happily and healthy as my friend, Mrs. Bowen.



240 N. Hwy 277 your pharmacist. James Melvin Cox, our wonwife, Margaret, of Baytown; seven grandchildren, Su-z Kleinhans and 387-3401 derful Husband, Daddy and Pampa, went to be with Jesus from his home husband, David, and Kay Graves Los Jarritos and Husband, Perry, both of Odem, 💧 **Senior Center News** on Monday morning December 27, 605 S. Crockett 1999. He was 88 years of age. He Buddy Smith of New York City, Dec. 31 - Center Closed! Happy New Year!! Caren Reilly and husband, Jeff, of Baytown, Drew Cox and wife, Faye, of Sonora, Scott Cox and wife, Linda, of Direct and Jeff was born the oldest of six boys on 387-2838 Jan. 1 - Happy New Year! 2000. December 3, 1911, in Clovis, N.M., Pizza Hut to Cora and Monroe Cox. Mel mar-Jan. 3 - Bingo! ried his sweetheart Johnie Allene 401 Hwy. 277 N. Jan. 4 - Volunteer to deliver meals! Call 387-3941. Smith and wife, Kelly, of San Berry on October 31, 1931, and cel-387-3540 Jan. 6 - Crafts...Anyone? Angelo; 11 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Charlie Cox and ebrated 68 years of love and devotion this year. Mel and Johnie lived for 50 years in the Rio Grande Valley, Rosie's Cafe Jessie Cox, both of New Mexico. 207 Glasscock Ave Services were held December Ju Yar **Senior Center Menu** residing in San Juan. They were 29, 1999, in Johnson's Funeral 387-5552 Home Chapel with burial in Fairmount Cemetery. The Rev. Dec. 31 - Center Closed! Happy New Year! active members of Peoples Chapel Sutton County Steakhouse in Pharr. Mel was a leader in the Jan. 3 - Beef tips with rice, carrots, fruit cup, cornbread, church and was loved by all. He was Scott Cox, grandson, and pastor of Direct Baptist Church, conducted 1306 N. Service Rd banana with strawberries, lemon pie. a Sunday school teacher with a spe-387-3833 Jan. 4 - Oven baked Chicken, lima beans, broccoli, bread, cial ministry to unchurched youth. the memorial celebration. Pallbearers were grandsons, He was past president and a longchunky fruit mix. Town & Country Subway time active member of San Juan David Kleinhans, Perry Graves, Jan. 5 - Liver with onions, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll, 610 S. Crockett Lions Club. Buddy Smith, Drew Cox, Jeff Smith apple juice, pecan pie. In 1991, Mel and Johnie moved and oldest great-grandson, Chad 387-6181 Jan. 6 - Meatloaf with tomatoes, blackeyed peas, okra, cornbread, to Baptist Memorial Village in San Graves. Town & Country - Country Kitchen Angelo. They are members of Paul Special appreciation from the banana pudding. family goes to Beatriz Garcia, car-Ann Baptist Church. 903 N. Crockett Ave. Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon. Survivors include his wife, Johnie, his daughter, Betty Lou men Rocha and Hillard Hicks for 387-2169 \$1.75 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others. their living care the past several Smith and husband, Carlton, of San years. Angelo; his son, Leon Cox and THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS Community Calendar USPS (155-920) every Thursday at 228 East Main Street Sonora, Texas 76950 Phone: (915) 387-2507 FAX (915) 387-5691 January 5 Wednesdays Second class postage paid at Sonora, Texas Return to School Census Testing to be held Cam Campbell, Publisher January 14 & 15 at E.M.S. Bldg. Storie Sharp, Editor Sutton County Junior Livestock Show 2:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. Erica Morriss, Advertising January 1 Guest Columnist: Jo-Ann Palmer Email: General Information: drn@sonoratx.net, Accounting: Happy New Year billing@sonoratx.net, Advertising: sales@sonoratx.net, editor @sonoratx.net Owner: Cam Longley Campbell. \$20 per year in county • Seniors \$18.00 per year (in & out of county) is made possible by : The Community Calendar \$25 per year out of county Attn. 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Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer

In a couple more days it will be the year 2000. Several of you have asked me what I thought were some of the significant things that happened in Sonora in the 1900's and who I thought some of the most important people in Sonora were for that time frame. This is a difficult question to answer because someone is going to say I am wrong no matter what I say.

In my opinion some of the most important things that happened were the coming of the railroad and the same shutting down. The building of the main north, south, east and west highways that come through Sonora. The numbers and names have changed over the years but the highway systems have gotten better over time. The bridges that came with them allowed people to travel safely and not have to sit for days waiting for a stream to go down so they could cross it. These same highways, and the establishment of right of ways for them, eliminated the need to stop and open and close gates at each boundary as you crossed a rancher's property. Just imagine what it was like for people when they had to stop their vehicle, get out, open a gate, go through, close the gate every few miles. Stop and think of all the things we wouldn't have here if not for the ability to regularly ship them into town.

The discovery of oil and gas in Sutton County bringing jobs and prosperity to our area. The building of the dam system around

Sonora that has held back flood waters and allowed the town to expand. Electricity for homes, businesses and to light our streets, a modern sewer system that did away with outhouses and sanitation rules that have eliminated the causes of many diseases that killed people at a young age go on this list. To go along with this a hospital being built in Sonora. Before all these things many people died from drowning, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, pneumonia, polio, smallpox, tuberculosis, severe injuries and lack of proper

medical care. The building of the Rock School and other schools over the years has given us the tools to give our children a modern education and allow them to compete in soci-

The creation of a City Government and rules and regulations regarding activities within the city of Sonora limits just about ended the wild days in town and made it much safer for the citizens. This in turn encouraged more people to move into town and allowed the town to grow and prosper.

Ranchers forming groups and starting range, water and wildlife conservation have made it possible for us to have good range again and plenty of wildlife to support recreational hunting which brings a great deal of revenue to our town. They have also made great strides in improvement of breeds and elimination of the screw worm and other things that caused disease in stock. We had a fire department, police, sheriff and water system before 1900 so I have not given them top billing but will say that the continuous improvements made to them and the addition of an ambulance service have greatly helped the people of our area.

We now have gas and electric stoves, water heaters, washing machines and dryers, vacuum cleaners and power tools, automobiles and trucks and gas stations. So many things have been invented and imported to Sonora since 1900.

Since 1900 we have sent our young men off to WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Panama, and other places around the world.

Some of these men never came home and are buried in distant lands. Those who did return and had seen the wonders of the world came back brimming with knowledge and a desire to make improvements to their community that they had seen in their travels.

One young lady said I had to add television and computers to this list.

My age is showing, I almost forgot them but they seem to be number one and two among the younger set.

Important people! In my opinion we imported two very precious commodities to Sonora, healers and teachers. I would have to make the doctors, nurses, pharmacists, ambulance attendants that have served Sonora over the years

and all the teachers that have educated our children number one on my list.

Right after them I would list our firemen and peace officers that daily protect and save lives.

Next would come the philanthropists. The people who have given so generously of their time and money to our community over the years to see that we have a library, swimming pool, parks and recreational equipment, little league, historical sites, scholarships and grants, churches, boy and girl scouts and 4-H, and who have invested in our community and the people here.

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Then I would list the businessmen who have invested their money and time in our community that we might have the goods we need. Without these needed services and the jobs that go with them our town would cease to exist.

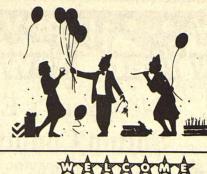
After this I would list all the people of Sutton County that live here, work hard every day and try to make this a better place to live. The builders, the craftsmen, the plumbers, electricians, laborers, city and county and other government workers, those who supply much needed services to our community, the preachers who care for our souls, the mothers who care for their children. All the people of Sutton County that work hard every day and try to make a difference in this world.

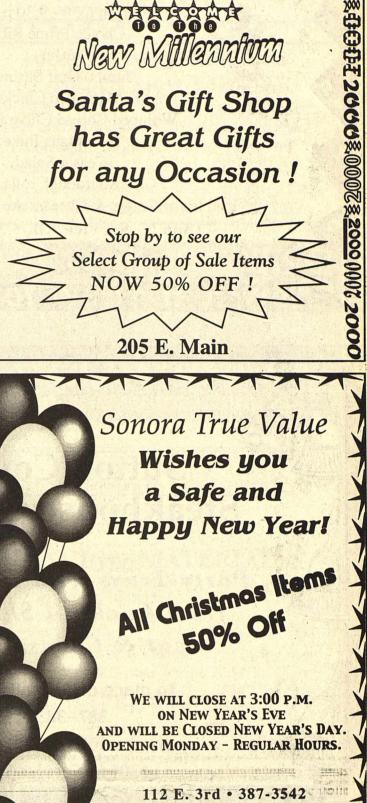
I haven't named names because I feel that what has made Sonora and Sutton County so special this last 100 years is it's people. Not any one person, but all the people working together to form a special and unique community.

I wish you all a very happy, healthy, prosperous and wet new year!

I will end this column with: Thank you God for that little rain storm we had, if You have some more please send it our way.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to Ask the Historical Society, P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885, e-mail them schs@sonoratx.net or call me at home at 915-387-2855.





Police Reports

Dec. 20 - Counterfeit - Officer was contacted by manager of the Town & Country in reference to counterfeit bills that were passed at their location. Investigation pending. Dec. 20 - Theft of Service - Officer received a call to go to Shots #5 in reference to a theft of service. The clerk advised that a female with flaming red hair had pumped \$10.00 worth of unleaded fuel and driven away in a silver Ford Crown Victoria with unknown Arizona plates, heading East on Crockett Ave. Attempts to locate vehicle were negative. Dec. 20 - Criminal Mischief - Officer was dispatched to the 500 bock of Tom Green Ave. in reference to kids with BB guns. Upon arrival officer located damages caused by the suspects. After further investigation the parents were both written citations for allowing the BB guns in the city lim-Dec. 20 - Burglary - Officer received a call to contact complainant at the 300 block of E. Mulberry in reference to a stolen purse. Complainant advised * that someone had stolen her purse from her vehicle. Investigation pending Dec. 20 - Officer was dispatched to the 400 block of Santa Clara St. in reference to a burglary. Upon arrival of the scene no one was found inside the building. The owner of the building entered the premises and found there to be several items missing. Investigation pending. Dec. 23 - Officer was dispatched to the corner of W. Main St. and S. Crockett Ave. in reference to a subject swinging off the traffic light pole. Upon arrival officer made contact with the subject who appeared to be disoriented. Subject was transported to Hudspeth Hospital for medical treatment Dec. 25 - Theft of Service - Officer received a call that a white Dodge pickup truck had pumped \$16.52 worth of diesel and driven away. Attempts to locate the vehicle were negative. Dec. 26 - Theft of Service - Officer received a call that a small blue vehicle had pumped \$8.36 worth of unleaded fuel and drove away. Clerk advised that the vehicle was traveling south on Hwy 277. Attempts to locate vehicle were negative. Dec. 26 - Officer was dispatched to Skinny's in reference to a subject panhandling. A driver's license check on the subject revealed he was wanted. Randolph Cozzocrea (AKA Robert Michael Clay) was wanted for Probation Violation for Possession of Diazepam out of Orange County, Florida. Subject was arrested.

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Circa 1908. Massive flooding inundated the town before the dams were built. Streets became seas of mud.

Diabetic Patients!!(Type1 & Type 2)

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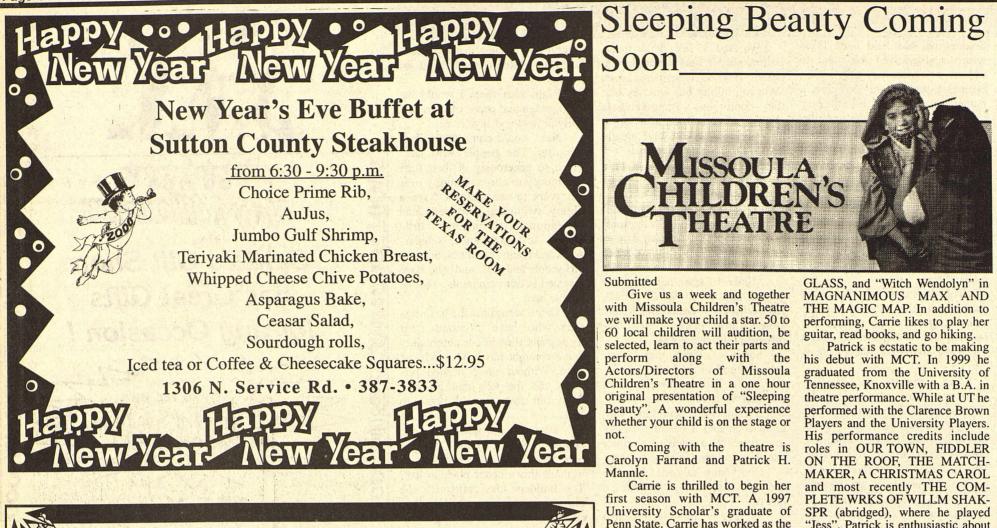
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not. Coming with the theatre is Carolyn Farrand and Patrick H. Mannle.

Carrie is thrilled to begin her first season with MCT. A 1997 University Scholar's graduate of Penn State. Carrie has worked as the company manager for Pennsylvania Centre Stage, assistant company for the Utah Shakespearean Festival, and has just finished a year playing with Mickey Mouse in Orlando, Florida as a Program Facilitator for Disney's Youth Education Series. Her favorite roles have included the "Snow Queen" in THE SNOW QUEEN, "Tweedle Dee" in THROUGH THE LOOKING

SHS Graduate to March in Tournament of Roses Cynthia Kempler, SHS '89, a 1994 graduate of Stanford University and currently a divinity student at Duke University is one of fifteen alumni to be invited to march with the Stanford Band in the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day in Pasadena, California.

Kempler played in the percussion section at SHS but she played the Tenor Sax at Stanford University and will again in the parade. Congratulations Cynthia, we'll be watching.



Girls There - 5:00

Boys Here - 6:30

performing, Carrie likes to play her guitar, read books, and go hiking.

his debut with MCT. In 1999 he graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville with a B.A. in theatre performance. While at UT he performed with the Clarence Brown Players and the University Players. His performance credits include roles in OUR TOWN, FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, THE MATCH-MAKER, A CHRISTMAS CAROL and most recently THE COM-PLETE WRKS OF WILLM SHAK-

SPR (abridged), where he played "Jess". Patrick is enthusiastic about returning to children's theatre. In his spare time Patrick enjoys playing the guitar and writing for the stage.

will be Monday, January 3, 2000 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Sonora Junior High Gym. Performances will be Saturday, January 8, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Sonora High School Auditorium.

GLASS, and "Witch Wendolyn" in MAGNANIMOUS MAX AND THE MAGIC MAP. In addition to

Patrick is ecstatic to be making

Auditions for Sleeping Beauty

January 3 Camille Marshall, Lance Haynes, Avery Bruns, Oscar Gutierrez, Jessica Luera **January 4** James Alexander, Cyndye Batchelor, Linda Neff, Little Bit **January 5**

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Demetrio Castro, Jr., Co Hooper, Reynaldo Y. Sanchez Jr., Coloton

Happy Birthday

December 30 William Hearn, Mario Lira Jr., Austin

John Rodriquez, Jeannette Thompson, Katelynn Trevino, Alex Steves, Jeb Hunt, Mary Jean Sims December 31

Patsy Samaniego, Ron Morris, Jerri Martin, Catrina Burris, Tina Covey,

Maria Murillo, Lupe Ramon, Anita

Samaniego January 1 Shirley Hall, Ana-Lesa Samaniego, Becky Collins, Amy Harris, Matt Miller, Enrique Sanchez, Virgil

Betty E. Lopez, Keith Hudson, Gretta Smith, Jaime De Luna, Nicolas Pena

January 2

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.

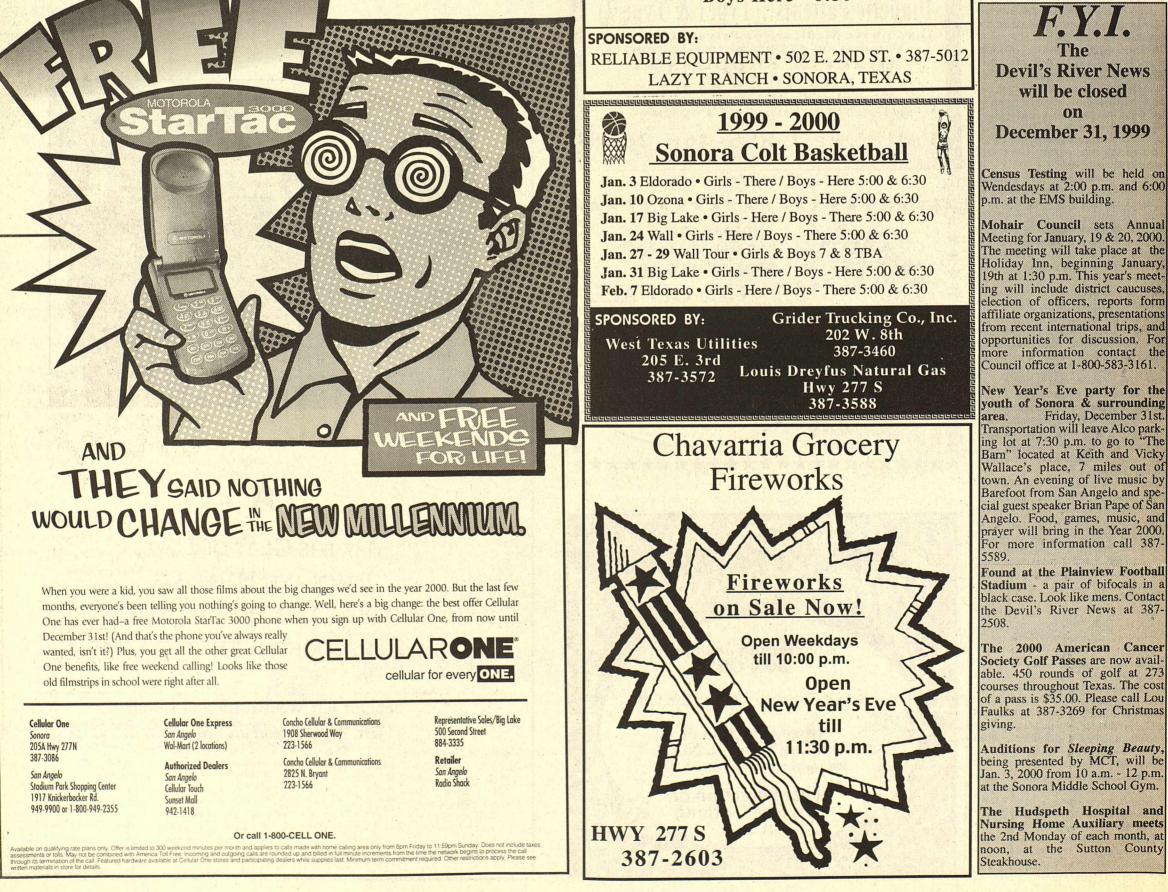
While attending the course, the student will be required to spend twenty four (24) hours in the Emergency Room at San Angelo Community Medical Center. It is also necessary to make five ambulance runs with a certified ambulance service.

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 the 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 (915) 387-5132. Pre-registration is required.

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Time to remember an **American Patriot**



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U.S. Congressman Henry Bonilla -- This month, December, marks the 200th anniversary of the death of George Washington. If you

didn't know that, you're not alone. This farmer, fighter, and father of our country has vanished from history's spotlight during the past twenty years or so. You see, some people who make their living studying and writing about history think that the only way anyone will notice what they write is by writing something different from what everyone else believes. Sometimes, that means trashing the reputation of men and women that school children always learned were great Americans.

In the book United States History, Washington is described as "a man of ordinary talents... not completely successful as a military

Campaign to Curb Underage Drinking

by State Senator Jeff Wentworth New Year's Eve celebrations

are always special, but this year's will be extraordinary as Texans bid farewell to a year and a century. Drinking a toast to the occasion

may be a part of many of the cele-Porations. Unfortunately, many of those drinking will be underage.

No community is immune to the problems associated with minors and the illegal consumption of alco-hol. According to the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, alcohol continues to be the most widely used drug amount Texas students, ranging from 23 percent for seventh graders to 52 percent for seniors.

To combat underage drinking and alcohol-related violations, the Alcoholic Beverage Texas Commission launched a statewide campaign featuring billboards, posters and a toll-free hotline:888-843-8223 or 888-THE-TABC.

Texans are asked to call the hotline if they are concerned about adults selling or providing alcohol to anyone under age 21, underage drinking at parties or drinking and driving. Callers may remain anonymous.

Although the number of intoxicated young drivers involved in fatal crashes in decreasing, Texas still leads the nation in the number of youth fatalities in alcohol related crashes. Last year, alcohol-related automobile accidents claimed the lives of 224 young Texans.

Teenagers and their parents should be aware of the dangers of driving while intoxicated and the penalties for minors convicted of DWI. In 1997, the 75th Legislature passed "zero tolerance" legislation for drivers under the age of 21.

man nor as a President." Evidently, defeating one of the world's most powerful armies and holding a young country together no longer wins the points it used to.

Consider this story. 223 years ago, George Washington was camped out with his men in Pennsylvania, enduring a brutal winter. Since the Declaration of Independence was signed and his army formed, Gen. Washington had watched its numbers fall from about 16,000 to just under 3,000 men, most of whom came and went at will. And worse, enlistments for nearly the whole army were to expire in just a few days. They were badly clothed and equipped, seldom paid and poorly fed. Needless to say, many of them wanted to quit and go home, especially at Christmas time.

On Christmas day, his troops said their prayers, celebrated the birth of Christ and marched through a blinding snowstorm in the dead of night to the Delaware River. It was bitterly cold, snow mixed with sleet, but they crossed the river and pressed onward to Trenton, where they surprised and swiftly defeated a garrison of English-backed mercenaries.

Gen. Washington's bold attack paid off. The victory on that snowy morning started a snowball effect throughout the colonies that brought a renewed sense of patriotism and hope for our young republic.

We know the rest of the story. The colonies won, and went on to write a Constitution and elect George Washington president. Without Washington, it's likely that today our country would be gov-erned by kings and queens, and our fifty states would be split into several different nations.

This holiday season, and every season, let's make a point of telling our children why they are lucky to live in a country where they can celebrate religious holidays and traditions freely, where the Constitution guarantees our right to free speech, as well as our right to peaceably assemble. And then let's tell them about the man who, more than 200 years ago, made it possible.

Osteoporosis Seminar Program

There will be an educational seminar presented on January, 21, 2000 at the Sutton County Senior Center. This event is co-sponsored by Senior Center, The Senior Network, Inc., and Eli Lilly and Company.

At 12:00 noon, Juanita Mesa will present a video seminar on the risks of osteoporosis for women



by Edith Chenault

Beef producers are getting an early Christmas bonus, in spite of a drought that has plagued Texas for most of the last five years.

"There is a bright spot in the livestock business because feed prices are a little lower," said Dr. Travis Miller, agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and a member of Gov. Drought Preparedness Bush's Council

Dr. Ernie Davis, an Extension beef economist, said feedlots are looking at dwindling herd sizes across the state, and they are hoping to buy as many cattle as they can.

There are more lighter weight cattle out there for two reasons: No. 1 is we don't have the winter pasture because of the dry weather. And, No. - 2, feedlots are looking at smaller herd numbers. They understand that they've got fewer feeder cattle, and they are scrambling to get them before they run out.'

Davis also pointed to an increase in demand for beef and new innovative ways to market cheaper beef cuts. That leads to increasing the overall value of the carcass, he said.

"For the first time since 1976, we've seen a significant increase in demand for beef," he said. "Hog numbers are down, and there has been a lot of money spent on the beef checkoff program. Retailers finally woke up and saw that these fast food restaurants were beginning to take away their beef sales. They decided to get some of those beef sales back by going with shelf-ready, or partially prepared products that are ready to eat in 10 minutes. You've got that going on all across the nation right now.

Davis predicts beef prices will continue an upward climb, with some of the highest prices to come during the fourth quarter of 2000.

"Actually, the peak could be extended to 2001," he said. "If people don't start expanding herds, this thing is going to dwindle down even smaller. So that means prices are going to go up."

Lower grain prices are enabling producers to hang on to cattle, even though pastures are dried up, and there is little available forage.

Curtis Burlin, owner of the Navasota Livestock Auction Co. in Navasota, said, "The cattle market has just run off in the last six weeks. It's got to be because of the cheap feed. The corn crop was massive in the Midwest's Corn Belt.

The market is fantastic. Producers are having some money to buy feed," Burlin said. Therefore, producers can keep cattle instead of

Also, a new 7-minute microwaveable pot roast is becoming very popular "We're trying to get to a con-

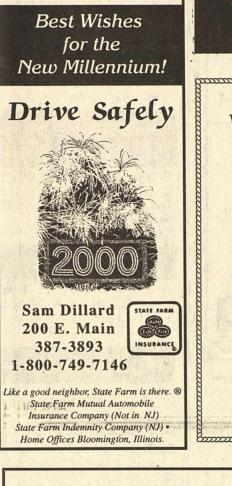
sumer who wants a meal like mom used to make," Williams said, "But the consumer doesn't want to put the time and effort into it."

Light rains across most of the. state in November and December have had little effect on pasture growth, Miller said. Winter wheat upon which many

producers depend for grazing is in dire need of moisture to produce pastures and/or grain that can be harvested with a combine.

'Many ranchers are in the fourth or fifth month of feeding in an effort to maintain herds," Miller said. Livestock culling has increased slightly, with some producers completely liquidating their herds.

Some of the state's producers especially those with only surface ponds are hauling water or moving livestock to other pastures, said Dr. Stephen Hammack of Stephenville, Extension livestock specialist.



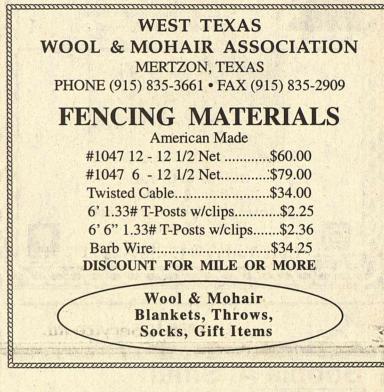
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The law lowered the permissible blood alcohol content to .00 percent. It also increased penalties for juveniles guilty of driving while intoxicated and for minors who attempt to purchase, possess or consume alcohol as well as for adults who sell and/or provide alcohol to minors.

Drilling

Drilling,

after menopause. This program is designed to educate these women about osteoporosis and the effects it could have on their mobility and independence. It will help women better understand their risks of developing osteoporosis and provide each attendee with free informative literature.

Rig Locations

as of December 17, 1999

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New Larron Energy Corp; 4800', University 2E-#4, Rod Ric Drilling.

Tesoro Petroleum; 10100', Earwood A-#5, Patterson Drilling.

New Louis Dreyfus; 8700', Mayer #19-#5, Patterson Drilling.

New Louis Dreyfus; 6800', Fields 58-#4, Patterson Drilling.

Athanor Texas; 9000', Mitchell 1-#17, Cleere Drilling.

Tom Brown Inc.; 13000', ACU-48-#2, Nabors Drilling.

New Louis Dreyfus; 6800', Jenkins D-#1302, Patterson Drilling.

TXP, Inc.; 7000', Luedecke #4, Cleere Drilling.

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Tom Brown Inc.; 13000', Culbertson 17-#3, TMBR/Sharp Drilling.

Bass Enter/Midland; 15000', Mitchell 533-#1, Key Energy Drilling.

For complete report contact: Scott Huggins,

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having to sell them off. Several factors are fueling the

increased beef demand by consumers.

Lisa Williams, spokesperson with the Texas Beef Council, said, 'We're seeing beef demand stabilize and then turn upward for the first time in 20 years.

Two things are positively impacting demand: a strong U.S. economy and export market.

"Consumers are understanding what a great nutrition value beef is, and the demand for new convenient beef products is increasing,' Williams added.

Microwaveable hamburgers that come in re-sealable bags saw more than \$1 million in sales in the first 50 days after their debut in July.

Winter Olympics **Dog Trials**

January 11,12,13, 2000, the Texas Sheep Dog Association and the Ozona Chamber of Commerce will hold the second leg of the Winter Olympics Dog Trials in Ozona, Texas.

The Sheep Dog Trials will be held at the Double 'T'Ranch on Airport Road, next to the Ozona Municipal Airport. Trials will begin at daylight, and run until dark. Peter Hetherington of Scotland, will be judging approximately 115 dogs in five competing classes.

Approved by the Texas Sheep Dog Association and the United States Border Collie Handlers Association.

For more info, contact Shelley Childress, Executive Director, Ozona Chamber of Commerce, 915-392-3737, or visit our website: www.ozona.com/crockettcounty

Public Notice

Employment Notice NOTICE is hereby given that the Sutton County Clerks' Office is now accepting applications for one (1) full time clerk.

Applications may be obtained at the Sutton County Clerk's Office at the Sutton County Annex from 8:30 a.m. thru 4:30 p.m. Applications <u>must</u> be turned in by Friday, January 7, 2000. For further information, please contact Betty Hernandez in the Clerks' Office, 915/387-3815. Sutton County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 21223

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