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Thursday, January 6, 2000

Rehab's 30th Annual Telethon

Johnny & Beth Snyder, will be among friends of West Texas Rehabilitation Center manning telephones on January 8 during Rehab's 30th annual telethon.

To be set up at First National Bank, Sonora's phone bank will be open from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Donors may call 387-3861 to make a pledge or go by the bank and visit with volunteers an d make a donation in person. Also, advance donations may be made prior to January 8.

"We hope everyone will participate - either by mailing an advance gift if you're going to be unable to call the night of the telethon or by calling in your pledge during the show, "said Mrs. Snyder

Country singer Ricky Skaggs will be the featured entertainer for Rehab 2000, which will be aired on 10 television stations, including

Sonora volunteers, led by KLST-TV in San Angelo from 7 p.m. to midnight. Joining Skaggs will be Florence LaRue of the 5th Dimension and Rehab telethon regulars Peter Marshall, Bill and Susan Hayes, Brad Maule, Anacani and Arthur Duncan.

In addition to entertainment, the telethon includes an auction of about 200 items ranging from agriculture products to travel packages, a hot tub, go-kart, paintings, automotive accessories and many more. Items can be seen - and bids placed - on the internet beginning December 27 and continuing until midnight, January 8. The web site is www.wtrc.com.

As always, bidding can be accomplished by calling an 800 number the night of the show. Bidding instructions and details on all items will be included in a

tabloid insert in the San Angelo Standard time on January 8. Additionally, they'll be the focus of a one-hour television special immediately preceding the telethon.

'Rehab 2000 is a critical fundraising event for the Rehab Center, so I encourage all our friends to call in a pledge as well as join the bidding on our great auction items," said Jim Pethis, president of WTRC

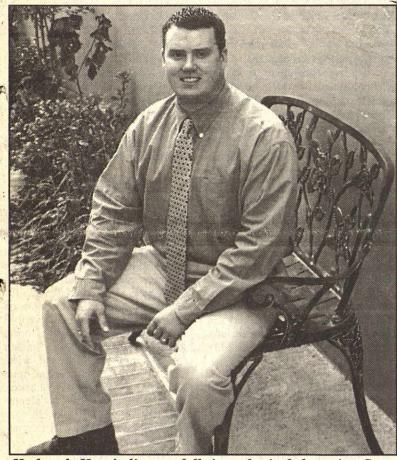
Pethis also announced that West Texas Utilities Co. and American Airlines have stepped forward with generous advance gifts to the telethon. "We're very grateful to these two corporate friends for helping us kick off this campaign and for challenging the rest of us to follow their lead in making Rehab 2000 a great success," Pethis con-

First Accident of the New Year Sends Sonora Resident to Hospital



Trooper Norbert Ortiz reported that at about 12:55 a.m. on January 1, 2000, Shilo S. Sykes was traveling North on Hwy 277, about 4.3 miles out of Sonora, at a high rate of speed as he came around a curve and lost control of his vehicle. The 1999 Dodge Ram pickup skidded sideways across both lanes of traffic into the west bound bar ditch, striking a dirt embankment with the right side of the truck. Sykes vehicle then went airborne approximately 30 ft. before slamming into the ground and flipping 4 times, fully ejecting Sykes on the third flip. Approximately 200 ft. of private pasture fence was destroyed. The vehicle came to rest facing east in an upright position about 20 ft. from where Sykes was thrown. Sykes sustained multiple injuries and was transported by the Sutton County EMS to Hudspeth, where he was met by AirMed 1 and taken to Shannon Hospital in San Angelo.

Local Hospital and WTRC Team Up to Provide Therapy Services



Hudspeth Hospital's new full time physical therapist, Casey Parr, is happy to be practicing in our community.

Soon

West Texas Rehabilitation Center will be providing Physical Therapy services for Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, affective December 27, 1999.

Casey Parr, PT, will provide full time physical therapy for the hospital. Parr, originally from Abilene, Texas, received his Master of Physical Therapy degree from Texas Tech University Health Science Center and previously worked at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Parr stated that he is "happy to be here to help the com-

Cleaner Cars

Jim Hadley, Vice President of Operations for West Texas Rehabilitation Center said "We are excited about this opportunity to provide services in Sutton County."

Parr's wife Stephanie is also a Physical Therapist and is the Director of West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Ozona. The Parrs will reside in Ozona.

"We have always had strong support from this area, and this new relationship deepens these ties," said Ellen brown, WTRC Donor Relations Director.

Coming

Holiday Break Good for Bronco Basketball

The Boy's Varsity Basketball received a holiday gift of four 4-A teams to play against over the break. It all started with a Dec. 20th trip to Pecos. Having lost the match-up last year, the Broncos set out to make sure they were victorious this year. The boys exploded on the scene in the first quarter, outscoring Pecos 13-5. Much of the same continued as the Broncos won the game with a final score of 57-42. Scoring for the Broncos were: Ernie Perez, James Elliott and Anthony Luna - 9 pts. each, Russell Dempsey - 8 pts., Isaac Ramos and Edgar Gonzalez - 6 pts. each, Sloan Holley - 4 pts., Bryce Williams, Ryan Cramer, Riley Crain and Ed Mayfield- 1 pt. each. Other key stats include: Russell Dempsey with 9 rebounds and James Elliott with 5. Isaac Ramos had 3 assists and 2

The Broncos' Christmas story continued as the team traveled to Brownwood to participate in a holiday tournament. The Broncos' first opponent was Andrews. After giv ing Andrews a first quarter lead of 20-6, to build their confidence, the Broncos struck unyieldingly the next three quarters finally beating Andrews 68-62. Stats for the game were as follows: Anthony Luna - 30 pts., James Elliott and Isaac Ramos - 11 pts., each, Riley Crain - 9 pts. Bryce Williams - 4 pts., Russell Dempsey - 3 pts. Rebounds - James Elliott - 5, Riley Crain - 4. Anthony Luna - 6 steals and 2 assists. Bryce Williams - 3 steals and 2 assists. Isaac Ramos - 3 steals and 2 assists.

The next tournament opponent proved to be very worthy. Wichita Falls High School brought a very talented team to the tournament and had hopes of beating the 2-A Sonora by a wide margin. However, the Broncos took those hopes away and kept the game tight to the very end. The final score was Wichita Falls 71, Sonora 59. Scoring for Sonora: Anthony Luna - 18 pts., James Elliott - 16 pts., Isaac Ramos - 7 pts., Bryce Williams - 5 pts., Russell Dempsey and Riley Crain - 4 pts. each, Sloan Holley - 3 pts., Edgar Gonzales - 2 pts. Other key stats include: James Elliott - 11 rebounds and Isaac Ramos - 5 rebounds. Bryce Williams - 3 steals and 3 assists and Anthony Luna - 3 steals and 3 assists.

The Broncos ended the tournament facing the host team, Brownwood. Having been so exhausted from the battle with Wichita Falls, Sonora never could quite get over the hump against Brownwood. The Broncos lost a tough game with a final score of Brownwood 71, Sonora 61. Scoring for the Broncos were: Anthony Luna - 23 pts., Bryce Williams - 10 pts., Ernie Perez and James Elliott -7 pts. each, Russell Dempsey - 5 pts., Isaac Ramos - 4 pts., Sloan Holley - 3 pts., and Riley Crain - 2

Other Key stats: James Elliott 8 rebounds and 3 blocked shots, Russell Dempsey 7 rebounds, Isaac Ramos - 6 rebounds. Anthony Luna - 5 steals and 3 assists, Bryce Williams - 3 steals, Sloan Holley - 2

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EMT of the Year Announced

At the Sutton County EMS Christmas party, held on December 27th, Monica McGee was presented the Gene West Memorial EMT of the Year Award for 1999. This award is presented to an outstanding member, who is nominated and voted on by their peers.

Monica began her EMS training by taking an Emergency Care Attendant course in February 1995, and then in April of 1996 she took an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic course. Upon completion of the course in July 1996, she joined Sutton County EMS. In her desire to improve her skills and education, she completed the Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate course in August of 1997, then completing the Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic course in 1998. Monica has spent many hours in continuing education by attending training

meetings and seminars through the years.

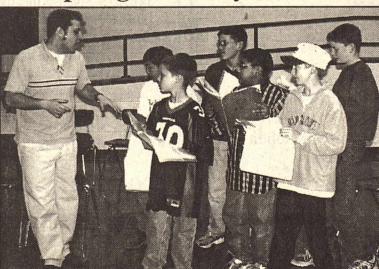
To her credit, Monica has held the office of Reporter in 1996, Secretary 1997 & 1998, and is holding the office of Vice-President for the 1999-2000 year. She is attending Howard College four days a week to obtain a nursing degree. In addition to her busy schedule she takes several twelve-hour shifts a week with the EMS and assists with First Aid and EMT classes.

Monica and her husband Frank have two daughters, *Kash and Dee. Monica is very active with their daughters' extra-curricular activities, some of which are Little Dribblers, Girl Scouts, and Sunday school. Monica is one of the more dedicated members of Sutton County EMS and continues to strive toward improvement.



Monica McGee - 1999 EMT of the Year

Local Talent Cast 1n Sleeping Beauty



Patrick H. Mannle with the MCT group practices with Clayton Hicks, Embre Smith, J.J. Galindo, Eric Welch, Marc Hernandez and Tyler Creek for the upcoming performance of Sleeping Beauty.

This Saturday, January 8, 1999 at the High School Auditorium at 3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m., watch as a young princess is put under the spell of a jealous old woman - a spell that puts her to sleep for five hundred years! Join Missoula Children's Theatre and over 50 local students in an original musical production of SLEEPING BEAUTY.

The local cast features Jamie Duran and Margie Becknell sharing the part of Sleeping Beauty. Also featured are Nash Traylor as the King, Tori Valliant as the Queen and Audrey Hicks as Spot. To complete the ensemble Thia McKissack, Tissie Wagoner, Kayla Fields, Jillian Gulley, Stacy Sanchez, Kaleena Samaniego, Madeline Higdon, Marisol Friday, Lauren Smith, Jena Teasley, and Erin Newton will appear as Fairies and Clayton Hicks, Embre Smith, J.J.

Galindo, Eric Welch, Marc Hernandez and Tyler Creek as Trolls. Stephanie Morriss, Steely Ingham, Kari Nicholas, Jordan Miller, Chelsea Martinez, Corie Williams, Monica Traylor, Emily Newton, Laura Martin, Mackenzie Hirt, Brady Welch, Avaldo Ramos and Cash Jennings will be Villagers and Abby Creek, Ellie Newton, Stephen Dominguez, Brice Smith, Hunter Jennings, Rose Karnes, Alyssa Favila, Kaylee Seahorn, Colyer Dermody, and Bailey Pennington as Caterpillars. Hilary Lawson and Danielle Matthews will serve as Assistant Directors throughout the week. Leona Bishop will accompany on the piano. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 & under and are available at Tedfords, Westerman Drug and at the door.

Candidacy Filing Closes

The filing deadline closed on Monday for the March 14 primaries. Following is a list of candidates, by party, for national, state and local races.

> Republicans President Gary Bauer George W. Bush Steve Forbes Orrin G. Hatch Alan Keyes John McCain

U.S. Senate Kay Bailey Hutchison U.S. House of Representatives Darrell Clements, Dist. 17 Shane Hunt, Dist. 17 Larry Combest, Dist. 19 Lamar Smith, Dist. 21 Henry Bonilla, Dist. 23 **Texas Railroad Commissioner**

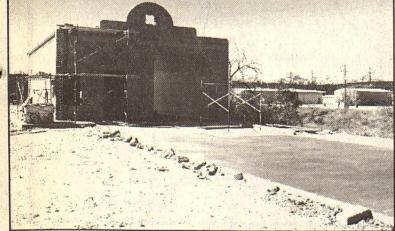
Charles R. Matthews **Texas Senate** Troy Fraser, Dist. 24 Jeff Wentworth, Dist. 25 Texas House of Representatives Betsy Johnson, Dist. 72

Steve Fryar, Dist. 73 **Sutton County Tax Assessor** Collector Deedie McIntyre **Sutton County Attorney** David W. Wallace **Sutton County Commissioner**

Precinct 1

Lee Bloodworth

See Candidacy page 3



What some may call the car wash of the future will soon be opening in Sonora. Bob Caruthers is opening a drive through, "touchless" laser wash that measures each vehicle for ultimate cleaning. The carwash, that is estimated to open in about a month, comes complete with an undercarriage wash (excellent for bitterweed cleaning), wheel cleaners, bug pass and can accomodate all large vehicles, including 4 door long bed pickups and suburbans. All this, and a brush never touches your car!

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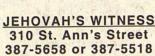
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387-3833 Town & Country Subway 610 S. Crockett

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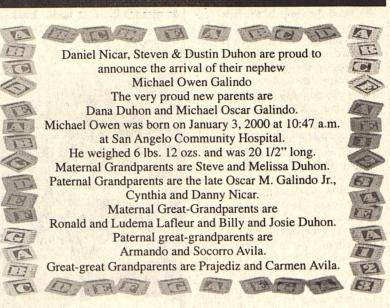
Engagements

Bible - O'Brien

Mr. & Mrs. Frisby Bible are happy to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Brandi, to Jimmie O'Brien Jr. of San Angelo. Brandi is a 1997 graduate of Sonora High School and is employed by

Angelo Community Medical Center. Jimmie is a 1992 graduate of Miles High School and is employed by Marine Offshore Drilling. The wedding will take place on February 5th at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Draper of San Angelo.

Birth Announcements



Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist.



School Lunch Menu Jan. 3 - 7

Breakfast

Mon.-School Holiday Tues.-School Holiday

Wed.- French toast, syrup, juice, fruit. Thurs.-Biscuits, gravy or jelly, juice or fruit. Fri.-Egg & ham burrito, juice or fruit.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon. - School Holiday Tues. - School Holiday

Wed. - Beef & bean burrito, chili, rice, tossed salad, fruit. Thurs.-Chicken Nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, rolls,

Fri.-Hamburger/Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, potato wedges, dessert.

Senior Center News

Jan. 7 - Run errands and pay bills!

Jan. 10 - Bingo!

Jan. 12 - Sugar & Blood pressure checks with TDHS. Thanks Maria & Noemi 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Senior Center Menu

Jan. 7 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, oven fried potatoes, roll, carrots, vanilla pudding with fruit.

Jan. 10 - Oven baked pork chops, noodles, carrots, tossed salad, bread, jello with fruit.

Jan. 11 - Spanish meatballs, rice, green beans, sliced tomatoes, rolls, pineapple rings.

Jan. 12 - BBQ chicken, blackeyed peas, beets, roll, pears with pineapple, chocolate chip cookie.

Jan. 13 - Fish sticks, herb potatoes, 3-bean salad, peaches, rolls, lemon pudding.

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

Obituaries

Joe Gatlin

Joe Allen Gatlin, 60, of Marble Falls died December 26, 1999. He was born March 7, 1939 in Lampasas, the son of J.T. and Louise Gatlin (Odom).

Joe was a member of the Masonic Lodge # 175 in Burnet and a member of Central Texas Red Brangus Association and of the Red Brangus Association of America.

He is survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Sam and Shirley Odom of Sonora, step niece Kelly Blakeway, three nephews Sam

Odom of Stephenville, Shawn Ryan Odom, and Justin Matthew Odom both of Sonora; one step-great nephew Jimmie Don Fleming of Ballinger; and a host of many great

Services were held on December 29, 1999, 10:00 a.m. in Clements-Wilcox Chapel in Marble Falls with Mary Powell officiating. Burial was in the Burnet Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Masonic Valley Lodge # 175 in Burnet.

William Dempster Jones

William Dempster Jones, Pioneer Crockett County Ranchman and well known Registered Rambouillet Sheep Breeder went to be with his Lord and Savior December 29, 1999 at 11:15 p.m. in Community Hospital in San Angelo, Texas.

He was born in Ozona, January 6, 1909 to William and Malvina Jones. A native of Crockett County, his father came to Texas from England and settled in the ranching business.

He was educated in San Angelo, going on to Tulane and Oklahoma University, but always remaining an avid Texas Longhorn. After attending college, he and his brother came back to the ranch where he continued ranching the rest of his life.

He enjoyed playing golf with family and friends for many years. He was involved in raising registered Rambouillet Sheep, winning many honors.

Demp was allergic to wool, but that never hindered his love for sheep. He was known as the "masked bandit" to all stock show kids because of his bandana.

He was president of Ozona School Board in which he helped start girls' basketball and followed them for years until his health would not allow. He was a member of the Ozona United Methodist Church serving on many commit- *Acton, grandson of Wm. Jones.

tees. He was also a director of O.B. Trap, chairman of Ranchers Protective Association, a charter member of the Ozona Country Club and Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Esther Kate Pierce; two daughters, Pam Acton and husband Earl, and Shelley Conner, and husband T.C.; four grandchildren, Marty Acton, Bobbie Renfroe and husband Billy Dell, Tommy Conner and Robin Conner; two great-grandchildren, Aaron and Kelbie Renfroe; two nieces, Jan Van Shoubrouek and husband Fred, Clara Dobson and husband Fred.

Demp was preceded in death by his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Will Jones; three daughters, Alex, Tammie, and Robin; a brother Ralph Jones; a sister Mallie Ransom and nephew, Jack Ransom, Jr.

He will always be affectionately remembered as Daddy, Nemp and

Memorials may be sent to your favorite charity.

Services were held December 31, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. in the Ozona United Methodist Church with Glenn Smith, founder of Rodeo Cowboy Ministries officiating.

Burial was at Cedar Hill Cemetery under the direction of Preddy Funeral Home of Ozona. Special music was performed by Clara James of Sonora and Marty

Survivors include his wife,

sibeloved Shada of the home; two

daughters, Stacie Carrasco and hus-

band, Robert, of Crane and Janet

Magness and husband, Billy, of

Blackwell; his son, James Ed

McDaniel and wife, Zandra, of

Crane; three stepchildren, Jerrilyn

Ward and husband, Gus of Sonora,

Mikel Hill and wife, Kristi, of San

Antonio and Jeff Hill and wife,

Lori, of Midland; his mother, Ione

McDaniel Craig of Early; a sister,

Jeanette Glenn of Early; his stepfa-

ther, Lee Craig of Blackwell; four

Jack Edwyn McDaniel

Jack Edwyn McDaniel passed away Priday, December 31, 1999, at boanet Hills McDaniel and his his home in Ozona in semi semis

Funeral service were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 4, at Ozona First Baptist Church with the Rev. Bill Fuller officiating. Graveside service were at 3:00 p.m. in Fort Chadbourne Cemetery on Hwy. 277, north of Bronte. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Jack was born December 3, 1945, in San Angelo to James Edsel and Ione Laswell McDaniel. He graduated from Bronte High School and attended Texas Tech University. He was a veternan of the U.S. Navy and was retired from Texas-New Mexico Pipeline after 29 years. Jack married Janet Hill on May 29, 1993, in Ozona.

grandchildren; and five stepgrandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Edsel McDaniel.

Memorials may be made to Ozona Meals on Wheels or Hospice of San Angelo.

Ruth Montgomery

Ruth W. Montgomery, 74, of San Angelo died Monday, January 3, 2000, in a local nursing home.

Graveside service were held at 2:00 p.m. · Wednesday in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens with Rev. Jim Carter officiating. Arrangements are by Johnson's Funeral Home.

She was born August 11, 1925, in Winchell and had been a resident of San Angelo since 1937. She was a retired quality controller with Ethicon and a Methodist.

Survivors include her husband, Walter Montgomery of San Angelo; a daughter, Marilyn Hartman of Round Rock; three sons, Gary Montgomery of Round Rock; Glen Montgomery and Wayne Montgomery, both of San Angelo; a brother, Jim Curbo of Christoval; three sisters, Billie Gulden of Sonora, Francis Wilkinson of Jonesville, La., and Patsy Cope of Miles; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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January 8 Little Dribblers Practices January 14 & 15

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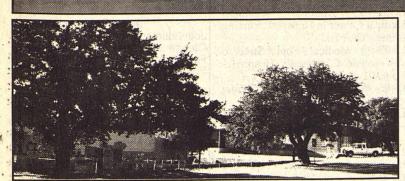
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Ask the Historical Society



A \$100,000. hotel should have been here.

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

THE HOTEL THAT NEVER WAS

When I first moved to Sonora there was an ugly, empty lot at the top of Main Street. I was told that it had been that way for many years, ever since a hotel deal fell through. When I asked which hotel and who was going to build it no one could remember back that far. Some even told me "there never was such a hotel, they made the story up to get Josie McDonald's goat." I love a mystery and decided I was going to find out all about this hotel. Now folks this was ten years ago so you can see that on and off I have been working to put together bits and pieces of this story and finally have everything I could get that was put down in writing on the elusive hotel that never was.

The following are facts substantiated by articles in The Devil's River News and a small black book be with the heading "Record of Proceedings of Officers and Committees, of the Sonora Hotel Co. prior to Incorporation".

Devil's River News, August 2,

A number of prominent ranchmen are organizing a company for the purpose of erecting a modern hotel on the old Decker corner. The proposed building will be of concrete and brick, three stories and basement and as nearly fireproof as possible. It will have 50 rooms, large lobby and office rooms and cost about \$60,000. A. R. Swartz of Dallas/San Angelo was consulting with the promoters Wednesday. Note: This is the first written mention of the hotel we have ever found.

On September 15, 1919 in the Record of Proceedings we find their first written entry is a Contract and Subscription for Stock in the Proposed "Sonora Hotel Company." "Whereas, it is proposed by T. B. Adams, W. A. Miers, E. F. VanderStucken, W. C. Bryson, L. W.

Elliott, Theo Savell, and B. M. Halbert to form and promote the Sonora Hotel Company for the purpose of constructing and operating a first class hotel in the town of Sonora, Texas." Shares of stock were to be issued in the amount of 1 share per \$100 invested which is followed by a list 4 pages long of investors and the amount they have paid or subscribed. This meeting was followed by months of campaigning for fund raising in the

Devil's River News. The Devil's River News of January 24, 1920 reported that the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, G. W. Stephenson; Vice President, E. F. Vander Stucken; Secretary, E. W. Hardgrave; Treasurer, J. D. Lowrey. The Board of Directors elected is composed of the President, Vice President and W. C. Bryson, W. A. Miers, T. B. Adams, F. F. Cocke, R. E. Aldwell. The Decker Hotel property was bought from T. B. Adams and Geo Lee Aldwell for \$4,500 and had a frontage of 45 feet on Main St. by 100 feet on Water Ave., with an additional 50 by 45 feet frontage on Water Ave. separated by a 20 foot alley from the other property. The purchase of the Davis property adjoining the original hotel corner was ordered. This property had a frontage of 66 feet on Main Street and was bought for \$5,500 from Ruby Davis representing the J. L. Davis Estate.

February 28, 1920 Devil's River News states that "Roy Rees, who bought the old hotel building has disposed of the lumber at about one-third less than the market price for new lumber.

The Records of Proceedings for the January 29th meeting showed that he had signed a note for 90 days without interest for \$1800, with a clause that 10% interest was to be paid if the note was not paid off in that time frame. This was the bid he had made for the old Decker Hotel building, which was to be removed from the lot in 30 days. Mr. Rees tore down the hotel, paid the note off and made good money on the lumber he sold.

On March 30, 1920 at a directors meeting the sketches submitted by A. R. Swartz were accepted with the addition that the columns be made sufficiently strong to hold a future fourth floor. E. W. Hardgrave was employed as superintendent of construction and authorized to purchase materials and machinery necessary for the completion of the building. All purchases to be approved by any 3 of the directors. When the plans are complete and delivered A. R. Swartz will be paid \$2000 for them.

Devil's River News, April 3,

After meeting with the architect, and approval of his plans work will commence on the new hotel. In addition to the 50 room hotel of reinforced concrete there will be a large assembly hall and three stores or sales rooms. This will all cost \$100,000. The structure will occupy 100 feet on Main St. and 100 on Water Ave. having a south and east exposure. It will be 3 stories high on Water Ave and 4 stories high on Main St. The Main St. frontage will be where the stores will be rented. The building will be made of concrete block faced with White Medusa Cement which will be much less costly than brick or rock. The company will buy a rock crusher and concrete mixing machines and a concrete block making machine and proceed with accumulation of materials. The excavating for the new hotel is progressing and the rock crusher is at work grinding the sand for the concrete. Mr. Hardgrave can give employment to several men on this job. They further state that an assessment of 25% of the amount subscribed to must be paid by May 1st so that the building may be pushed to completion as soon as possible. Work has started on excavation of the foundation.

Records of Proceedings, July 26, 1920

A meeting of the directors was held in the office of the secretary. The financial conditions were discussed. The secretary was instructed to call a stockholders meeting for Saturday, July 31, 1920. This called meeting was also announced in The Devil's River News. This is the last entry in the ledger of the company and there are no further articles regarding it in the Devil's River

I have no written proof of what

happened at the meeting but have been told that many of those who subscribed for stock never paid for it. Without financial backing it was impossible to build the hotel. The land was disposed of and the company dissolved. I was unable to find any letters of incorporation or sale of property directly to the Sonora Hotel Company. It was made to individual members of the board. Thus we end the mystery of the hotel that never was. We owe a vote of thanks to James Hunt for donating the minute book back in

October of 1968 and to Mike Murphy for his excellent reporting on the progress of the hotel in The Devil's River News.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to Ask the Historical Society, P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail me at schs@sonoratx.net. You may also call me at 915-387-2855. Please call before you come by so I may lock the dogs in their room before you get here.

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Our New Year

by Ashley Brockman

Another year has past. We have traveled through the twentieth century, into the twenty-first. The year two thousand has arrived. Much to the surprise of many people, it came quietly, just like any other year. There were no terrorists acts, no explosions, and no major electronic problems. Y2K disasters were only rumors. Now that the new year has come with no problems, it is time to get on with life as it always has been. It is customary to make a New Year's resolution. Lose weight, start exercising, quit that habit, any of these sound familiar? I have found that 99.9% of the time, none of them stick. How do your resolutions work out?

I think that in this new year, new century, and beginning of a new millennium, we should all take time to step back and observe our way of life. Sometimes we go through life so fast that we are never aware of our surroundings. Some things are so precious that they shouldn't go unnoticed. We should all try our hardest to live life to the fullest and experience all that there is to experience. Just as the Clay Walker song says, we should "live, laugh, and love." Take each day as it comes to us, and make the best out of it. Everything happens for a reason, and we learn by what happens to us. If there is ever a new opportunity that comes knocking at the door, it should be taken advantage of immediately.

Too often we put too much into a situation, making things more difficult than necessary. As we get older, everything seems to get more complicated. For the past several days, I have watched my year old baby cousin waddle around our house, just as happy as can be. There are only a few things that concern her, sleeping, eating, and entertainment. The first thing that makes her happy has her attention for quiet a while

As we progress through the stages

of life, we sometimes forget about what makes us happy, and focus on other things. It is a shame that we can't go through life seeing everything as a one-year old sees

them, simple and carefree. As this year comes and goes, look for the special things in life, the small things that made you happy as a child. Do the things that you enjoy, just because you want to. Give up something of your own, so that someone else can enjoy it. Take your life and live it the way you want to live it, and love it. Take this new year and start a new beginning. Life is too short to not live, and have a wonderful time doing it. According to many, the world was supposed to come to an end on January 1, 2000, it didn't. Everyone is still here, the world is still in existence, take it and run with it. This new year could be the beginning of complete happiness for everyone who wishes, let's join together and make everyone happy!

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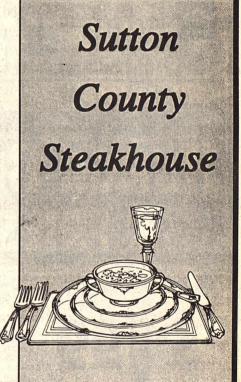
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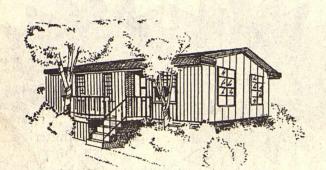
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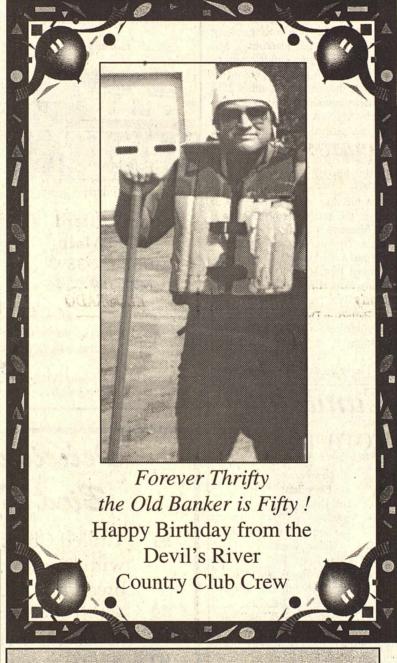


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EMT Reports

- Medical - Shannon Medical Center to Hudspeth Nursing Home - Unit 102 12-03-99 - Medical - Poplar Street to

San Angelo Community Hospital -12-03-99 - Medical - Crockett Street

to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100 12-04-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 100

12-05-99 - Accident - IH-10 388 MM to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100 12-05-99 - Accident - IH-10 429 MM - Cancelled Enroute - Unit 100 12-06-99 - Medical - Sutton Ave. to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100 12-06-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community

Hospital - Unit 101 12-08-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 101

12-08-99 - Medical - IH-10 Service Road to Hudspeth - Unit 100

12-10-99 - Medical - Hudspeth
Hospital to Shannon Medical Center

12-10-99 - Accident - Hwy 1691 to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100 12-11-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Rivercrest - Unit 102 12-13-99 - Accident - Sutton County Road #406 to Kerbow Funeral Home - Unit 100

12-15-99 - Medical - College Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100 12-16-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 101 12-18-99 - Accident - IH-10 399

MM to Hudspeth Hospital - 2 patients - Unit 100 12-18-99 - Accident - Hwy 1989, 35 miles to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit

12-19-99 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 100 12-19-99 - Stand-by - St. Anns Street Structure Fire - Unit 100 12-20-99 - Accident - IH-10, 39 MM to Hudspeth, 4 patients - Unit 100 12-21-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Nursing Home to Shannon Medical

Center - Unit 102 12-21-99 - Accident - IH-10, 424 MM, patient refused service - Unit

12-22-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Assist AirMed 1 - Unit

12-23-99 - Medical - Crockett Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100 12-24-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 101

12-24-99 - Medical - West 4th Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100 12-24-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 101-12-25-99 - Medical - St. Ann's Street, patient refused service - Unit

12-25-99 - Medical - Crockett Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100 12-27-99 - Medical - Poplar Street to

West Texas Medical Associates -Unit 102 12-27-99 - Medical - Wilson Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100 12-27-99 - Medical - Nuevo DeLeon Street to Hudspeth - Unit 100

12-28-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 101 12-28-99 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 101

12-28-99 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to assist AirMed 1 - Unit 12-29-99 - Accident - IH-10, 432

MM, patient refused service, Unit 12-31-99 - Accident - Calle Real to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100

Happy Birthday

January 6 Joe Buitron Jr., Melissa Freeman, Glenda Gutierrez, Ramiro Luna, Rachel Moore, Martha Perez, Bil

January 7 Bethany Deel, Rosa Tamez, Bosa Gutierrez

January 8
Kathy Marshall, Will Allen

Davenport, Jacob Lopez

January 9 Elena Gandar, Crispin Lira, Sue Smith, Anissa Reyes, Danny Ellison January 10 Delma Chavez, Cerissa White, Amy

January 11 Jalesa Coronado, Krystal Gibbens, Laura West, Ty Fincher, Michelle Lopez

January 12 Alfredo Ozuna, Sr., Socorro Hernandez, Chad Holmes, Maria Zaragoza, Marty Lipham

The 7th grade Lady Colts traveled to Eldorado Mon., Jan. 3, 2000 to play the Lady Eagles. The girls played a good game after a two week vacation. Overall the 7th grade team showed a lot of improvement offensively and they are looking forward to the Iraan Tournament the weekend of Jan. 6, 7, & 8th. The Iraan tournament was added to the schedule after the SMS had to cancel the Ozona Tournament because of the football playoffs. The final score against Eldorado was Eldorado 26, Sonora 14. Scoring for the Lady Colts were: Deidra Warden - 8 pts., Danielle Fox, Alyssa Ibarra, & Chelsea Hudson - 2 pts. each.

Last Chance to Sign up for EMT Course

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.

may While attending the course, students 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, students 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 has been reduced, due to a grant from the Concho Valley Regional Advisory Council. If you are interested, contact

Patrick Campbell, Coordinator, at the Sutton County EMS Office between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM on weekdays at 211 East Third Street, phone number is (915) 387-5132. Pre-registration required.

Broncos from page 1

steals. Player of the Week was James Elliott for solid play over the four games. Even though the holidays

brought about tough competition for the Broncos, the team played really well and went 2--2 versus 4-A opponents. The team seems to be beginning to "gel", which is a good sign as the 10-7 Broncos face three

3-A teams in a row before beginning District play on January 14. The entire basketball program would like to thank everyone for their support thus far and look forward to seeing many Bronco fans in the crowd for the remainder of the sea-

Little Dribblers first practice will be Saturday, Jan. 8th at: 9:00 a.m./ 3-4 Grade Girls, 10:30 a.m./ 3-4 Grade Boys 12:30 p.m./ 5-6 Grade Girls, 2:00 p.m./5-6 Grade Boys *You can sign up that day at the gym or at Business Basics 387-6127 or call Shelly Hughes 387-5008.

3rd grade Bears will have their next meeting Jan. 10th at 5:30 p.m. at the Boy Scout Hut.

Pinewood Derby
Cub Scout Pack 19 will hold the Pinewood Derby on Saturday, Jan. 22nd at the High School Commons area at 9:00 a.m. If any scout has not received their car kit, you may call Tim Talley at 387-5611 or contact your den

Census Testing will be held on Wendesdays at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at

Mohair Council sets Annual Meeting for January, 19 & 20, 2000 at the Holiday Inn, beginning January, 19th at 1:30 p.m. This year's meeting will include district caucuses, election of officers, reports form affiliate organi zations, presentations from recent international trips, and opportunities for discussion. For more information contact the Council office at 1-800-583-

The 2000 American Cancer Society Golf Passes are now available, 450 rounds of golf at 273 courses throughout Texas. The cost of a pass is \$35.00. Please call Lou Faulks at 387-3269.

Extension Service Launches Water 2000

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Sutton county is launching an educational campaign to help residents understand and make informed decisions on issues relating to water announced Preston Faris and Kelly Thorp, County Extension Agents in Sutton County. The educational campaign, known as Water 2000 Plus, has been tailored to address this county's water needs, whether related to water quality, supply, conservation or planning said Preston Faris.

In Sutton County, the program will focus on a collaborative effort with the Sutton County Underground Water conservation District to increase rural water test-

Resolutions

to Keep

of this annual tradition, I propose

five resolutions that our President,

and my friends in Congress, should

marriage penalty tax. There are

many wonderful reasons to say "I

do" to someone, but paying more

ishes married couples who both

work. The federal government

requires married couples to file joint

income tax returns. It then turns

around and taxes that couple at a

higher rate than if they were not

married but just living together. It's

time some politicians live up to their

talk of family values, and get rid of

coming, he'll get you going. When

you die, your family could get hit

with the death tax. The death tax

hits farmers, ranchers and small

business owners particularly hard. It

makes inheriting farms or ranches

that may have been passed down through the family for generations

more of a burden than a legacy.

Often families have to sell off part

or all of their land just to pay the

taxes. A family must not only come

up with the thousands of dollars that

can be needed for a burial but must

also scrape together additional

money to turn over to Washington, all while grieving the loss of some-

been eliminated by the tax relief bill

passed by Congress last year.

However, the bill was not signed

make is to continue to stand guard

over Social Security. Congress

worked together with the White House last year to make sure that

money for Social Security was not

spent on new government programs.

We must take the same stand this

strengthen our nation's military and defenses. Last year, a bill was signed

into law that gave the United States

Armed Forces their biggest pay raise in 18 years. The law also gives the military more resources to use for training, equipment and recruiting. We must continue this commitment

Fifth, we must remember that

free enterprise works best when it is just that - free. Congress must con-

tinue to work to clear red tape from the paths of hard working men and

women trying to earn a living for themselves and the workers they

It has become as much a tradi-

tion to make resolutions as to break them. But these are five resolutions

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to peace through strength.

employ.

Fourth, we must continue to

Both of these taxes would have

The third resolution we should

one they love.

into law.

If Uncle Sam doesn't get you

taxes is not one of them.

this anti-family tax.

First, we must eliminate the

The marriage penalty tax pun-

make.

Congressman Henry

Bonilla - Now that

we have all made it

safely past midnight,

it's time to make

some resolutions for

2000. In the spirit

ing and to properly close any abandoned wells. The Extension staff has also planned a Turfgrass/Landscape Horticulture Clinic to stress wise water usage and the use of more properly suited plants and plant varieties to conserve water usage. The local extension staff is also planning programs to cooperate with the City of Sonora in planning water conservation practices and hopes to involve a class of school students in an educational effort aimed at more awareness in wise water management practices in the home.

'Water continues to be a critical issue in all areas of Texas, particularly in areas of low rainfall such as Southwest Texas," said Dr. Chester Fehlis, deputy director of the they plan future water use in munic-Extension Service. "The Texas Community Futures Forum showed that water was identified as a key issue in almost every county in the state. Water 2000 Plus is responding to that by heightening an awareness of water issues in our communities."

The population growth underway in most areas of Texas is compounding the water challenges being faced across the state. The Texas population is expected to increase from 19 million in 1998 to more that 30 million by 2050; however, while demand for water will increase, water supply will remain the same. This potential shortage creates challenges for community leaders as

ipal and agricultural areas.

"I think water conservation is a must. Clearly there will be shortages in the future. We must take steps now to protect our water supply and educate people about our water resources," said Dr. Bill Harris, associate director of the Extension Service. Water in the future will be even more limited as our population increases. It behooves all of us to learn about and protect our water quality and supply.

For more information about the Water 2000 Plus educational campaign, contact the Sutton County Extension Office at (915) 387-3101.

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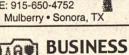
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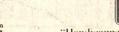


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