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Sutton County Stock Show Schedule of Events

Thursday, Jan 10, 2002
7:00 p.m. - Arrival & Weigh in deadline for Meat Goats, Market Lambs, and Swine.

Friday, Jan. 11, 2002
2:00 p.m. - Arrival deadline for Angora Goats & Futurity Ewe Lambs

4:30 p.m. - Market Lamb Show

Approx. 6:00 p.m. - Meat Goat Show (immediately after Market Lambs)

Approx. 8:30 p.m. - Swine Show

Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002
9:00 a.m. - Ewe Lamb Futurity interviews

9:30 a.m. - Angora Goat Show and Ewe Lamb Futurity judging

Approx. 12:30 p.m. - Beef Cattle Show

6:00 p.m. - Buyers Appreciation Supper

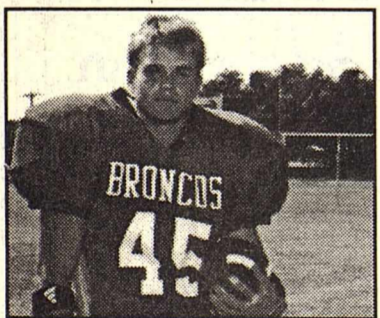
6:45 p.m. - Premium Sale

8:00 p.m. - Awards Presented

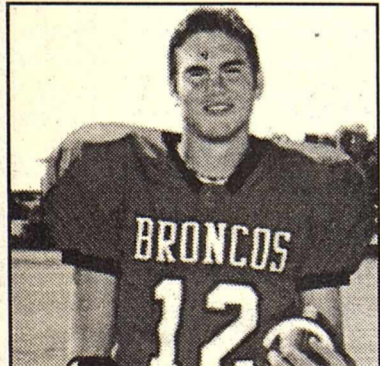
Workday Set At Langford Building

Brad Hughes, Chairman of the Sutton County Junior Livestock Show for 2002 in consultation with Preston Faris, CEA-AG and Michael Kissire, AST has set a special workday for volunteers to make ready the building for the annual livestock show. The day will be Thursday, December 27, 2001, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and going until the job is done. Parents and youth with livestock projects are especially encouraged to attend. There will be jobs for everyone as the building is cleaned, pens repaired and erected, trophy cabinets renovated, and any other jobs done which need to be finished to be ready for the 2002 edition of the Sutton County Junior Livestock Show which will be held January 10-12, 2002.

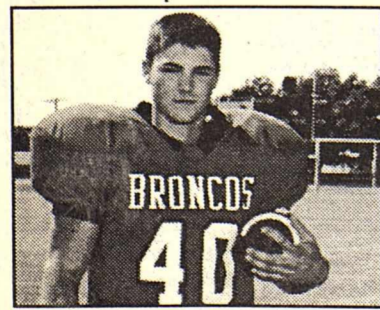
Broncos Chosen For 2A All-State Team



Thomas Bloodworth - Jr. - RB/LB
170 tackles & 4 fumble recoveries



James Elliot - Sr. - WR/DB
31 receptions, 650 yds. & 11 TDs



Bill Renfro - Sr. - RB/LB
2,435 yds & 31 TDs

Lady Broncos Thrash Lady Angoras

by Nancy Glasscock

The Lady Broncos proved too dominant for the Rocksprings' Lady Angoras and soundly defeated them 60 - 20 Thursday night in Sonora. The Lady Broncos were led by guard Monica Lira who had 18 points. The game was never in doubt with the score at half 29-11. Heather Lawson had a night of three point shots with nine points all from the top of the key. At the beginning of the third period, Sonora's squad stole the ball five consecutive times. The Rocksprings' team couldn't handle the full court press. The game was a good tune up for the Iran tournament on the 27th of December and for district play that starts on 4 January against Wall here in Sonora.

Scoring:

Tamika Marshall 5, Morgan Hobbs 6, Heather Lawson 9, Monica Lira 18, Desiree Gonzales 4, Ashley Parker 5, Shalayne Hobbs 2, Brea Hughes 2, Paola Garcia 2, Amy Gann 1, and Kasey Miller 6

Texas Electric Choice Coming Jan. 1

by Linda Anderson,
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COLLEGE STATION - The new year is the traditional time for change, and here's one consumers can look forward to. Beginning Jan. 1, 2002, Texas Electric Choice will give many residential and commercial consumers the option of choosing their own retail electric provider (REP), said Dr. Lynn White, Texas Cooperative Extension family economics specialist.

However, she added, not all consumers will be eligible for this new service - only those now served by investor-owned utilities and city utilities and electric cooperatives that have opted to offer this choice.

Still, for eligible consumers, this new program could be of financial benefit. "The goal of Texas Electric Choice is to eventually lower the price of electricity use," White said.

But what exactly does Electric Choice mean? "Consider the current electric company's lines as the delivery system for electric power," White said. "The company will continue to maintain these lines and provide electricity to consumers, but in addition ... it will also rent the lines to other power companies competing for business." The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) will continue to regulate the delivery of electricity to ensure its safety and reliability, and will have limited regulation over REPs.

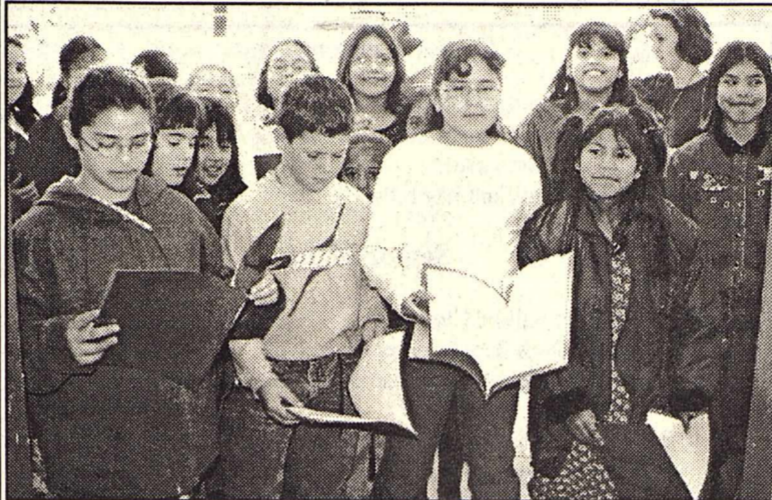
In order to make the most informed choice about choosing an REP, White advised visiting the PUC Web site, <http://powertochoose.com/>. There, consumers will find links to useful sites, including an Electricity Facts Label for comparing information for each REP's prices, contract terms, generation sources and emissions.

"Every participating REP must provide this information," she said. "If a monthly service or customer care fee is added, it must be included in the average per-kilowatt-hour rate listed, as are all promotions, discounts or incentives offered by the REP. For example, a REP offering customers one month of free electricity must include this incentive in its price per kilowatt-hour to reflect the free month."

To start, she said, "Go to the PUC Web site and locate your current provider's data sheet for its 'price to beat' - the rate it will be charging starting Jan. 1." Rates for all affiliated REPs - except Entergy - "will be 6 percent below current rates for small business and residential customers," White said. "For competing REPs using existing lines, rates most likely will be even lower."

"Due to a recent lowering of

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON IN THE AIR



Mrs. Duncan's 4th grade music class graced Main Street with sounds of the season as they sang Christmas Carols for everyone on Thursday, December 20th.

Varsity Broncos Defeat Angoras

by Ray Glasscock

With only one week of practice, the varsity boys came to play. Coach Hanson used all of his players substituting entire teams at a time. Justin Routh and Caleb Gulley led the scoring with 13 points each. The Broncos played good defense throughout the game. The final score was 56 - 38 in favor of the Broncos.

Scoring:

Sean Fields 1, Chris Martin 4, Justin Routh 13, Caleb Gulley 13, Emmanuel Lopez 6, Doug Yocham 6, Dustin Martin 2, Scottie Moore 3, Chance Dillard 8.

rates in the Entergy service area, those customers will not get the 6 percent decrease."

During a contract period, the contracted rate can be adjusted for gas price changes, but not more than twice a year, she said. "Compare current price with other features, such as emission levels or contract terms."

To determine possible savings, consumers should look at their last year's bills. How much was average use? How much was used during peak months? The PUC Web site www.puc.state.tx.us/ocp/electric/rates/ has information to use when comparing individual average usage with the average residential and/or commercial rates throughout the state.

Some contracts will include fixed prices for service, which means consumers will pay the same price each month. "Fixed prices can be to the consumer's benefit if market costs go up; however, if market costs lower, the set fee will continue," White said. "If the electric company chooses to exercise its right to adjust consumers' rate twice a year to adjust for fuel costs, individual rates may go up and/or down, depending on the fuel market the company's generation plants use."

Some consumers may be interested in joining a "club" to increase their buying power, White said. "For the first time, consumers will be able to join these clubs to buy power in 'bulk,' getting lower prices or other benefits for members of the group. Electricity-buying groups can be newly-formed groups or existing groups, such as a school district or church. As these clubs form, they will be listed on the PUC Web site."

All of these clubs must be registered with the PUC, White said. "If clubs want money up front, they must meet certain financial standards to ensure customer funds are protected."

Most of these clubs form with the idea of saving money, she added. Consumers more interested in other aspects of energy use, such as emissions, should look for clubs with that focus.

And, White advised, consumers need to check out these clubs before joining too. "An aggregator reduces costs to the REP by spreading the cost of soliciting proposals, and negotiating and administering the contract for multiple consumers. Check out the club's experience in energy contract negotiating and management."

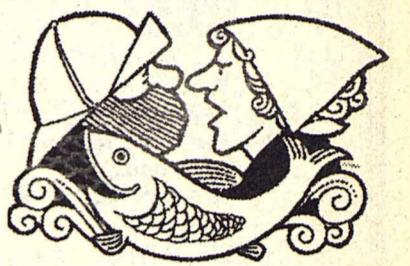
"Aggregators must be independent of the REP, with consumers as their main client. They may charge members a fee; if so, the fee must be disclosed up front,"

Auditions Scheduled For The Fisherman's Wife

Audition for Missoula Children's Theatre production of *The Fisherman's Wife* will be held on Monday, January 7, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. at the High School auditorium. There are roles for students in grades Kindergarten through 12th. Approximately 50-60 local students will be cast to appear in the show with the MTC Tour Actor/Directors. There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the play. Students wishing to audition should arrive by the scheduled starting time and plan to stay for the entire two-hour session. The first rehearsal begins approximately 30 minutes after the auditions.

It is a group audition - no advance preparation is necessary, but a SMILE never hurts. They should just be ready to come and have a good time.

Rehearsals will be conducted everyday from 4 to 6 in the Intermediate Auditorium. Although not all cast members will be needed at every session, those auditioning must have a clear schedule for the entire week, and if selected, be able to attend all rehearsals required for their role. A detailed rehearsal schedule will be distributed at the conclusion of the auditions. Cast members scheduled for the full 4 1/2



hours of rehearsal will be asked to bring a sack lunch, supper, or snack. The performances will be held on Saturday, January 12 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., and will be presented at the High School Auditorium. The students in the cast will be called for the rehearsal before the performance that day. All those cast must be available for all scheduled performances.

Missoula Children's Theatre is a non-profit organization based in Missoula, Montana. This coming year nearly 50,000 cast members across the globe will take to the stage to the delight and applause of their families, friends, community, neighbors, and teachers! The residency in Sonora is made possible by Friends of Historic Main Street/Main Street Program with help from Sonora Community Arts and Theatre.

All About The New Year

"Happy New Year!" That greeting will be said and heard for at least the first couple of weeks as a new year gets under way. But the day celebrated as New Year's Day in modern America was not always January 1.

ANCIENT NEW YEARS

The celebration of the new year is the oldest of all holidays. It was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4000 years ago. In the years around 2000 BC, the Babylonian New Year began with the first New Moon (actually the first visible crescent) after the Vernal Equinox (first day of spring).

The beginning of spring is a logical time to start a new year. After all, it is the season of rebirth, of planting new crops, and of blossoming. January 1, on the other hand, has no astronomical nor agricultural significance. It is purely arbitrary.

The Babylonian new year celebration lasted for eleven days. Each day had its own particular mode of celebration, but it is safe to say that modern New Year's Eve festivities pale in comparison. The Romans continued to observe the new year in late March, but their calendar was continually tampered with by various emperors so that the calendar soon became out of synchronization with the sun.

In order to set the calendar right, the Roman senate, in 153 BC, declared January 1 to be the beginning of the new year. But tampering continued until Julius Caesar, in 46 BC, established what has come to be known as the Julian Calendar. It again established January 1 as the new year. But in order to synchronize the calendar with the sun, Caesar had to let the previous year drag on for 445 days.

THE CHURCH'S VIEW OF NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Although in the first centuries AD the Romans continued celebrating the new year, the early Catholic Church condemned the festivities as paganism. But as Christianity became more widespread, the early church began having its own religious observances concurrently with many of the pagan celebrations, and New Year's Day was no different. New Years is still observed as the Feast of Christ's Circumcision by some denominations.

During the Middle Ages, the Church remained opposed to celebrating New Years. January 1 has been celebrated as a holiday by Western nations for only about the past 400 years.

NEW YEAR TRADITIONS

Other traditions of the season include the making of New Year's resolutions. That tradition also dates back to the early Babylonians. Popular modern resolutions might include the promise to lose weight or quit smoking. The early Babylonian's most popular resolution was to return borrowed farm equipment.

The Tournament of Roses Parade dates back to 1886. In that

year, members of the Valley Hunt Club decorated their carriages with flowers. It celebrated the ripening of the orange crop in California.

Although the Rose Bowl football game was first played as a part of the Tournament of Roses in 1902, it was replaced by Roman chariot races the following year. In 1916, the football game returned as the sports centerpiece of the festival.

The tradition of using a baby to signify the new year was begun in Greece around 600 BC. It was their tradition at that time to celebrate their god of wine, Dionysus, by parading a baby in a basket, representing the annual rebirth of that god as the spirit of fertility. Early Egyptians also used a baby as a symbol of rebirth.

Although the early Christians denounced the practice as pagan, the popularity of the baby as a symbol of rebirth forced the Church to reevaluate its position. The Church finally allowed its members to celebrate the new year with a baby, which was to symbolize the birth of the baby Jesus.

The use of an image of a baby with a New Years banner as a symbolic representation of the new year was brought to early America by the Germans. They had used the effigy since the fourteenth century.


FOR LUCK IN THE NEW YEAR

Traditionally, it was thought that one could affect the luck they would have throughout the coming year by what they did or ate on the first day of the year. For that reason, it has become common for folks to celebrate the first few minutes of a brand new year in the company of family and friends. Parties often last into the middle of the night after the ringing in of a new year. It was once believed that the first visitor on New Year's Day would bring either good luck or bad luck the rest of the year. It was particularly lucky if that visitor happened to be a tall dark-haired man.

Traditional New Year foods are also thought to bring luck. Many cultures believe that anything in the shape of a ring is good luck, because it symbolizes "coming full circle," completing a year's cycle. For that reason, the Dutch believe that eating donuts on New Year's Day will bring good fortune.

Many parts of the U.S. celebrate the new year by consuming black-eyed peas. These legumes are typically accompanied by either hog jowls or ham. Black-eyed peas and other legumes have been considered good luck in many cultures. The hog, and thus its meat, is considered lucky because it symbolizes prosperity. Cabbage is another "good luck" vegetable that is consumed on New Year's Day by many. Cabbage leaves are also considered a sign of prosperity, being representative of paper currency. In some regions, rice is a lucky food that is eaten on New Year's Day.

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Church News

Saint Ann Catholic Church Holiday Schedule



Dec. 29
Confessions - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass - 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 30
Sunday Mass - 8:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass - 11:00 a.m.

Dec. 31
Confessions - 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass - 7:00 p.m.

Jan. 1
New Year's Mass - 10:00 a.m.

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Senior Center News

Dec. 31 - Center will be Closed!
Jan. 1 - Happy New Year! Center will be closed.
Jan. 3 - AAA Reports due!
Jan. 4 - Run errands and pay bills!

Senior Menu

Dec. 31 - Center will be Closed!
Jan. 1 - Happy New Year! Center Closed.
Jan. 2 - Ground beef steak, macaroni and cheese, corn with peppers, roll, carrot salad.
Jan. 3 - Vegetable beef stew, green beans, cornbread, pear with cottage cheese, vanilla pudding.
Jan. 4 - Baked ham, green beans, yams, roll, carrot raisin salad, jello with fruit.

*Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.
\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.*

Menu is subject to change.

Lighthouse Baptist Church

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Worship 11:00 a.m.

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Obituary

Julie Jackson Richardson



God looked down over the country landscape and picked the most beautiful wildflower on the horizon for his heavenly bouquet, our Julie.

Julie Elayne Jackson Richardson, 31, of Ballinger died in an automobile accident, Tuesday, December 18, 2001 near San Angelo. Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, December 22, 2001 at First Baptist Church of Ballinger with Rev. James Stephen of Sonora officiating. Arrangements are by Rains Seale Funeral Home. Burial will be in Old Rannels Cemetery.

Julia was born February 8, 1970 in Brady. She attended Sonora schools until her junior year where she was an honor student, cheerleader, and played basketball. She graduated from Menard High School in 1988. She attended nursing school at Texas State Technical Institute in Sweetwater and graduated in 1992. She married Glen Richardson on August 28, 1993 in Ballinger. She was employed as an LVN at Regency House Nursing Home in San Angelo and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sonora.

Her beautiful smile lighted any room she entered. Her spirit and love of life brought sunshine to everyone, especially her family and nursing home patients. Her greatest accomplishment and pride was her six-year old son, Brady.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, W.W. (Jack) and Frankie Jackson, of Menard and Sonora and her uncle, Wallace Jackson of Junction.

Survivors include her husband, Glen Richardson, of Ballinger, son, Brady Richardson of Ballinger; mother, Jeanne Jackson of San Angelo; father and stepmother, Jerry and Martha Jackson of Brady; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Glendle and Judy Richardson of Ballinger; sister Bonnie Alford and husband, David, of Odessa; brother Jerry Dean Jackson, Jr., of San Angelo; stepbrother Vance Roberts and wife, Stephanie, of Casper, Stacey, Tyler, and Chase Roberts of Casper, Wyoming. Also, surviving are her grandparents, Leroy and Naomi Barina of San Angelo; Irene Brunson of Kerrville, John H. Slaughter of Brady; and Uncles Mark Brunson of San Angelo, Robert Brunson of Kerrville, Carlton Barina of Garland, Sherrill Barina of Rockwall, and Emmitt Barina of Flower Mound and their families.

George Archer Johnson

SONORA — George Archer Johnson, 62, of Sonora died Saturday, Dec. 22, 2001, in an Ozona nursing home.

Graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24, in the Sonora Cemetery with the Rev. Grosse Mohler officiating.

George was born June 26, 1939, in Sonora. He was a phenomenally gifted athlete, making honorable mention all-state in his sophomore year, 1954, making all-state in 1955 and again in 1956. His senior year, he was also an All-American and was named captain of the All-American team. He once scored 41 of 53 points in a high school basketball game. He attended the University of Colorado on a football scholarship but signed a contract with the Milwaukee Braves at mid-term of his freshman year and played three years in the Braves organization. He qualified for the state track meet in four events his senior year. He won several golf tournaments in the West Teas area, as he was also a scratch golfer. During his high school career, George scored 92 touchdowns — 40 of those his senior year — 49 PAT's and four field goals. He once threw an interception, ran the defender down, took the ball away from him, reversed his field and scored.

George was preceded in death by his parents, Clifton and Audrey Archer Johnson; and two sisters, Jean and Johnnie. He is survived by three sons, Rhett of Sonora and Kellan and Trey, both of San Angelo; one brother, Jack Johnson of Sonora; two sisters, Joyce Pace of Marion, S.C., and Carolyn Owens of Fittstown, Okla.; and several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend their appreciation to hospice and to the staff of the Crockett County Care Center.

Pallbearers will be Jerry Hopkins, Jeffrey Stuart, Tracy Crites, Gary Hardgraves, Randy Reasoner, Eddie Howell, Terry Pitford, Bob Snodgrass, Ross Latta, Raymond Draper and Ted Covington.

The family request memorials to the American Cancer Society.
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Jan. 7
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High School Auditorium
4:00 p.m.

The Community Calendar



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Jan. 11 -12
Sutton County Stockshow
Civic Center

January 12
Missoula Children's Theater Performance
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Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary/Archivist

Q. What special foods do they serve at Christmas in Mexico?

A. The important holiday meal, served late on Christmas Eve, usually includes fried sweet puffs with brown-sugar syrup, called bunuelos, and capirotada, a Mexican bread pudding. Also on Christmas Eve the children place the figure of the Christ Child in his manger and then break pinatas that are filled with peanuts, fruits and candies. In Spain a special holiday food I liked was dulces de almendra, or sweet almond pastries.

Children in Sweden celebrate Saint Lucia Day on December 13th but also put out treats for Santa on Christmas eve. They have a roasted Xmas pig, Christmas beer, cakes, pastries, fruitcakes, decorated cookies and muffins and a Scandinavian smorgasbord of cheeses, breads, salads and meats.

In France it was tradition to pour a glass of wine over the yule log then light it and after Midnight Mass cook over the blaze. Many places that didn't have fireplaces kept the tradition alive by eating cakes shaped like logs and covered with chocolate icing to resemble tree bark. Children set out stockings or shoes for Father Christmas to fill. Adult gift giving takes place on New Year's Day. Elaborately costumed processions are held when going to Xmas eve mass. On Epiphany gateaux des rois, or kings cakes, are baked to honor the Magi. These are round, heavily daubed with almond paste and each contains a coin, a bean or a small favor. The person who finds the prize in his piece is given a paper crown and named king or queen for the day and everyone must obey the new rulers commands during the games and dances that follow.

In Germany I had the honor to attend a Christmas festival in a little town called Saalfeld. They had a Christmas tree that was covered with candles, just as in the old days. Many cakes and cookies were baked and all the cookies were dec-

orated by hand using the tip of a sharp knife blade. Marzipan, lebkuchen, springerle, stollen and other mouth-watering treats were served. A large dinner was served comprised of pig, goat, chickens and wild game and lots of beer. There was an evergreen wreath in the house with 4 candles in it. One was lit the three Sundays before Christmas and the last is lit on Christmas Eve. The family sang Silent Night in its native language German and large white snow flakes brushed against the window panes. Bags of chocolate coins and large cups of hot chocolate were given to all the children after the singing was over.

In every country and in different areas of large countries Christmas celebrations differ. Some people celebrate as their ancestors did; some, where there have been inter-marriages of different nationalities have made a combination of different beliefs into their own family celebration. I have seen homes where there are Jewish and Christian parents make a combination celebration with Santa, the Christ Child and the Menorah. I have seen combinations of Mexican, Italian, French, German and English customs with American customs. This season of goodwill toward men seems to be one time that people are willing to show tolerance toward the beliefs of others and join in the celebration and an ecumenical spirit.

Q. When did Mrs. Olley Wall die?

A. Devil's River News, January 13, 1939 - Mrs. O. M. Wall died at 8:20 o'clock on the 12th at her home in south Sonora. She had been a resident of Sutton County for 35 or 40 years and will be buried in the Sonora cemetery. She is survived by six sons and 2 daughters.

Our records show that Olley Mervine Cooper Wall was born in MS on April 11, 1858 to James and Delpha Anderson Cooper. She was married to E. W. Wall who preceded her in death. She died on January 12, 1939 and was buried in the Sonora



Sutton Co kids, Nelson, Margie, and Velma Chadwick & cousin Delvan from Junction.

Cemetery. She was a member of the Methodist Church and their services were conducted by Rev. R. F. Davis. Her husband Edward Watson Wall was born in 1844 and died in 1912.

Now my Christmas Wish List! Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is donations so that the main timer on the Depot that controls the security lights at night can be replaced and so that we can have some money to buy tables and chairs for the Depot and for the new building research room. We also need legal size file cabinets for the Eaton Collection and a really good map cabinet to hold large pictures and maps. A desk for our office and an office chair that supports my back and neck would be nice too please. And some comfy chairs and end tables with lamps for people to sit by when they come to read the old laminate issues of the Devil's River News. Please throw in a good dose of health and happiness for all the people of the world and some really heavy drought busting rain-storms for our area please. Thank

You Santa, Jo-Ann Palmer.

To my readers I wish you all the happiest, healthiest and safest of holiday seasons. The Miers Home Complex, including the Depot are decorated. There is a large tree, topped with a beautiful Angel in the Depot and it all lights up every night. We hope you enjoy these decorations.

If you get a chance go out to some of these Bronco Basketball games! These young people practice hard and deserve the support of their community. I've been cutting out some of the scores on the invitation-al games and our girls have got some pretty good players. So show them your support just like you did for the football guys this year.

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@sonorat.net You may call me at 915-387-2855, but not too early, after 9AM please and before 9PM thanks.

American Cancer Society Offers Patient Services

American Cancer Society services and materials are provided for cancer patients and their families at no direct cost. This is made possible through public contributions. The ACS is unable to pay for treatment, medications, or ambulance service, but they will provide referral service to other community agencies.

Information: For all American Cancer Society services, information about cancer and/or community resources contact:

American Cancer Society (915)944-2509, 3228 College Hills Blvd., San Angelo, TX 76904. You can also visit the ACS website at www.cancer.org.

Equipment: For patients without resources, standard equipment may be available for temporary use when medically necessary as prescribed by a physician. Hospital beds, wheelchairs, walkers, and commode chairs are among the equipment items provided.

Gift Items: The ACS provides gift items such as ostomy supplies, comfort pillows, blue pads and other materials related to rehabilitation programs. These items are provided at no cost.

Transportation: Road to Recovery - Volunteers provide transportation to and from cancer-related treatment. Available for cancer patients who do not have family or friends available to help and are able to walk on their own.

Patient Visitor Programs - Reach to Recovery: Volunteers who have been treated for breast cancer visit patients who must travel further than 100 miles for outpatient treatment and checkups. This voluntary service is limited to cities with agreements between the American Cancer Society and participating local hotels, based on their availability.

Support Services
Coping with Breast Cancer: A support group designed to educate and provide emotional support for patients and their families. Contact Rev. Karen Schmeltekopf at (915)653-4523

Dialogue: An ongoing support group designed to help patients, their families, and friends better understand and learn to live with cancer. The group meets every 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church. Contact Rev. Chester McCown at (915)944-8660.

Look Good... Feel Better: Provides information to women undergoing cancer treatment to help them look and feel more comfortable with changes in their appearance. This program is offered by licensed cosmetologists and health care professionals in a group setting

or one-on-one sessions. Contact Stacey Carson at (915)942-8520

Man to Man: A support and education program for those affected by prostate cancer. The group meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the San Angelo Community Medical Center Health Club. Contact Bill Sawyer at (915)942-9546 or Harvey Womack at (915)944-7970.

Laryngectomy Group: The ACS, in cooperation with the International Association of Laryngectomees, provides visitation and support to laryngectomees and their families. Contact John Ulrich at (915)223-6325.

Ostomy Support Group: Volunteers provide one-on-one visitation and support for colostomy, ileostomy, and urostomy patients. This program is sponsored in partnership with the United Ostomy Association. The group meets every 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at San Angelo Community Medical Center. Contact Elmer Edgington at (915)944-2509.

Transportation: AirLifeLine provides free air transportation to patients in financial need. Patient should be able to walk or have some mobility. For more information call 1-877-AIR-LIFE. Angel Flight, Inc also volunteers air transportation within the state of Texas. Arrangements must be made through social worker. Call (972)858-5490.

New Year's New Laws Impact Teenage Drivers Homeowners' Groups and Other Texans

by Jeff Wentworth

State Senator, District 25

The new year will bring some new changes in Texas laws when 32 of the 1,621 bills the 77th Legislature passed become effective on January 1, 2002.

One of the new laws will help ease teenagers in the driving experience by phasing in their driving privileges. Under the provisions of Senate Bill 7 that created the graduated drive license system, 16 or 17-year-olds who are first-time licensed drivers may not drive after midnight and before 5 a.m. except to work, a school-related activity or because of a medical emergency.

In addition, they may not drive with more than one passenger in the vehicle under the age of 18 unless they are family members. To ensure teenage drivers' exposure to high-risk situations, we in Texas Legislature hope to curb accident rate for teens, which more than double that for all other Texas drivers.

Currently, motor vehicle crashes are the number one killer of Texas teenagers. In 1999, 70 Texas teens, ages 15 through 18, died in motor vehicle crashes and another 39,518 were injured.

More than 40 percent of total fatal crashes occur between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. Single vehicle collisions represent nearly half of fatal crashes involving 16- and 17-year-old drivers. As a Texas state senator and the father of two teenage sons, I hope that the graduated driver's license system will lower those statistics significantly.

Traveling Texans will be

pleased that after January 1, 2002, travel trailers that meet certain requirements will be exempted from ad valorem taxes by taxing units other than school districts. The implementation of this law (House Bill 2076) depended on the constitutional amendment that voters approved in November.

Beginning January 1, 2002, ad valorem taxes on vehicles leased primarily for personal use are eliminated as a result of the passage of Senate Bill 248.

House Bill 506 clarifies current law to ensure that a surviving spouse who receives the homestead exemption for seniors on school district ad valorem taxes qualifies for the limitation on subsequent residence homesteads.

Subdivision property owners who are members of homeowners associations will be interested in Senate Bill 507, the Texas Residential Property Owners Protection Act that becomes effective January 1. This addition to the Texas Property Code provides guidelines for the operation of associations as well as specific protections for Texas homeowners living in association-managed communities.

The text of these bills and others that become effective on January 1, 2002, may be obtained on the Internet at the Texas Senate web site www.senate.state.tx.us. Click on Secretary, Senate Research Organization, then Publications.

Information may also be obtained by calling my Capitol office toll-free at (888) 824-6984 or my San Antonio district office at (210) 826-7800.

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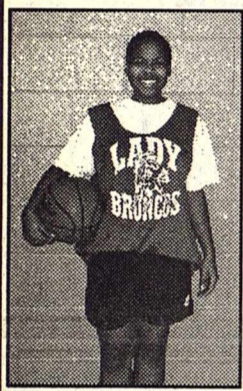
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F.Y.I.

The Devil's River News will close at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, December 31, 2001 and will be closed Tuesday, January 1, 2001 for New Year's Day. The deadline for print for the January 3rd issue will be Friday at 5:00 p.m.

The Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc./Main Street Program is now offering Sutton County Christmas Ornaments. They are on sale now for \$10.00. If you would like more information call Ann Kay at 387-2248 or go by 204 E. Main Street.

Sonora City League Little Dribblers registration will be held at the Jr. High "Home" Basketball games or at Business Basics. The fee is \$20 per child. Little Dribblers is for 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th graders. For more information call Shelly Hughes at 387-6127.

If you missed any varsity or junior varsity football game, you can purchase the game tape from the S.H.S. Radio and T.V. Department. We also have all home 7th and 8th grade game tapes except Brady. Each game tape is only \$6. For more information call Kristen Keel at 387-6533 ext. 315.

Hunters and landowners who would like to contribute deer to be distributed through the Ministerial Alliance Deer Distribution program may take their deer to Sonora Deer Processing at 804 Glasscock. If you would like to receive a deer, you may request one by calling the office of the Justice of the Peace, Adelita Alvarez, at 387-3322 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. or the office of the Texas Department of Health at 387-2234.

The Cauthorn Memorial (Depot) Building is available for rent for weddings and parties. Please contact JoAnn Palmer at 915-387-2855.

Dancing Through The Holidays



Carolyn Earwood's School of Dance had their annual Christmas recital on Tuesday, December 18, 2001. This year's dancers are: (not in order) Sydney Burnham, Kaci Lewis, Cacy Thompson, Leslie Levario, Claire Wideman, Baylee Griffin, Kelsey Harris, Kali Mendez, Bianca Faz, James & Melissa Freeman, Stella & Steely Ingham, Olivia Banda, Tiffany Vandivere, Micaela Moore, Anna Butterbret, Kaitlyn Gibbens, Chanel Martinez, Kelsey Favila, Emily & Meredith Earwood, Ashley Doran, Marilyn Holman, Kari Nicholas, Kayla Garcia, Starlyn Chadwick, Kimble Luna, Laura Martin, Serena Allison, Rose Karnes, Chelby Ramos, Marissa Prieto, Amber West, and Chelsey Lou Campbell.

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December 29
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Fall Graduates Announced for Angelo State University

Angelo State University conferred degrees upon 339 students during 2001 Fall commencement exercises December 14 in San Angelo, Texas. The 2001 Fall graduates include the following from the Sonora area: Lorena Gonzalez Castro, B.A.; Brian Faris, M.S.; and Christopher J. Hazelton, B.B.A.

Christmas Light Contest Winners

The Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc./Main Street Program have searched the streets of Sonora for the "Best Dressed Christmas Homes". The judges had a very difficult time, because of all the Christmas spirit being shown but they narrowed it down to the homes pictured below. Be sure to gather the family for a mini-road trip and check out all the beautiful lights!

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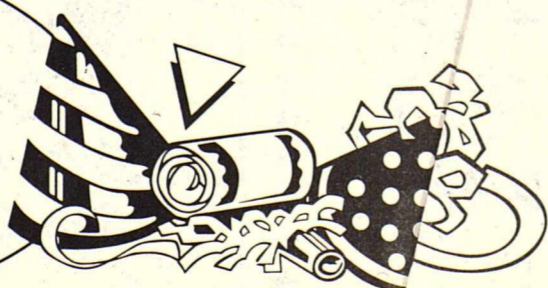
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The Sutton County Hospital District will use the following rules and procedures to comply with its responsibility under the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act. These rules and procedures are the same as found in the County Indigent Health Care Program Handbook published by the Texas Department of Human Services. In summary, these rules are as follows:

1. An application form must be completely filled out. Application forms can be requested at/from Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Business Office.
2. An appointment is set for personal/telephone interview and the applicant must be present at the personal interview.
3. Verification of income or termination of income, residence, household composition, and resources are required.
4. Net income per month cannot exceed the following:

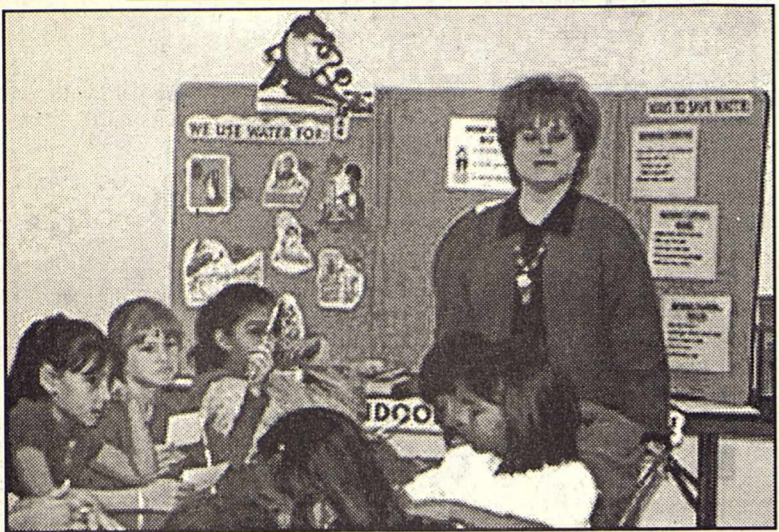
INDIGENT HEALTH CARE PROGRAM Maximum Income Limit for Household Size

Family Size	Single Adult & Adult with Children	Couples & Couples with Children	Minor Children Only
1	\$ 78	\$	\$ 64
2	163	125	92
3	188	206	130
4	226	231	154
5	251	268	198
6	288	294	214
7	313	330	267
8	356	356	293

5. Liquid resource assets cannot exceed \$2,000. The fair market value of a vehicle greater than \$4,650. is countable against the \$2,000. limit. Personal property and homesteads are exempt assets

6. An eligible person must be a resident of the Sutton County Hospital District.
7. An eligible person must provide all requested information and documentation or the application will be denied.
8. An applicant has the right to appeal an adverse decision.

Water 2000 Plus Water Fair Held at Civic Center



Kelly Thorp and 4th grade students discuss the many uses of water in our everyday life.

by Preston Faris

The entire fourth grade class was treated to a special day of water education at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center on Monday, December 17, 2001. The Water Fair was held to help students understand the importance of water to all of us. Students were challenged to think about ways to conserve water and how to minimize the risk of contamination of our water sources.

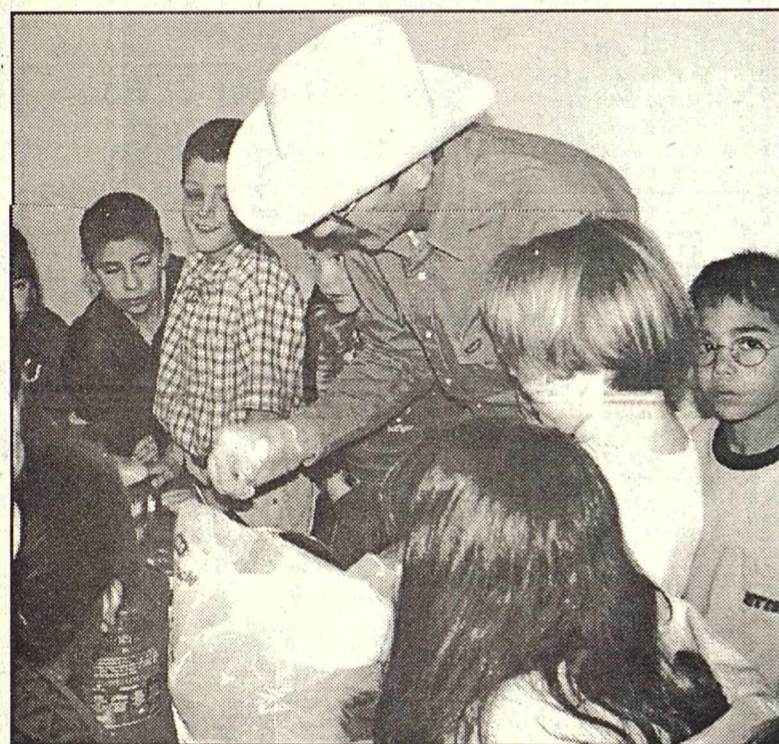
The educational effort was coordinated by the staff of Texas Cooperative Extension here in Sutton County. Other sponsors and collaborators in the event included the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District, the Natural Resource Conservation Service - USDA, and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station - Texas A&M University System.

Instructors and their subject matter areas were Kelly Thorp on Indoor water Conservation, Virgil Polocek on Watersheds and

Aquifers, Tom Payton on Water and Soils, Nick Garza, Jr. on Water and Plants and Preston Faris on Water and Animals. Each concurrent session involved not only instruction by the professionals but also interactive demonstrations with the students to help them grasp the concepts presented. The students enjoyed a game of Water Bingo at the lunch break.

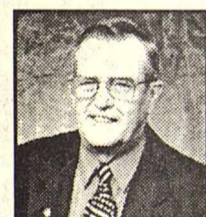
A hot dog lunch was provided by the Sutton County Water Conservation District. The coordinator for the lunch was Iris Garza, assisted by the fourth grade teachers.

Students were recognized with a completion certificate as the first group to complete special water education. The event sponsors would like to express special appreciation to the school and Principal, Mrs. Louise Dermody and the faculty of the fourth grade class for allowing the students to participate in this educational program.



Tom Payton mixes up ingredients to make soil, explaining the process to the 4th grade on-lookers.

Task Force on Homeland Security Makes Third Round of Recommendations



AUSTIN -- Rep. Bob Turner (D-Voss) reported today that the Governor's Task Force on Homeland Security met in El Paso to examine the security of the Texas and Mexico border. Turner, who was appointed to the task force in early October, had the opportunity to meet with United States Border Patrol agents, United States Customs agents and the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Turner said, "We have a long way to go with our efforts in regard to pedestrian and vehicle traffic across our borders. It now takes more than two times longer for Mexican citizens to enter the United States to shop and visit relatives. This is due to the increased security we have placed at our borders." Turner went on to say that our border agents are undermanned and believes the Federal Government should take a hard look at adding more agents to inspect pedestrian and vehicle traffic.

During the meeting on the 17th, the task force voted on six recommendations that will be sent to Governor Perry. All recommendations passed unanimously and are listed below:

1. Recommend that the Governor consider supporting authority for funding additional personnel for the Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management. This recommendation primarily focuses on increasing the number of field personnel to support local government efforts to plan and train for disasters with particular emphasis placed on terrorist incidents.

2. Recommend that the

Governor continue to support efforts regarding infrastructure protection and business continuity planning to ensure the continuation of government services.

3. Recommend that the Governor continue to monitor, through the Texas Department of Public Safety, the development of communication interoperability for first responders.

4. Recommend that the Governor consider directing the State Emergency Management Council, through the Division of Emergency Management, to review compacts with neighboring states to ensure they address resource sharing before, during, and after terrorist incidents. Further recommend that the Governor consider utilization of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) as the principal instrument for this effort.

5. Recommend that the Governor consider initiating dialogue with Mexico through the Texas Secretary of State toward the development of protocols for the sharing of resources and intelligence on matters pertaining to terrorist incidents.

6. Recommend that the Governor consider utilizing state level warning systems to communicate warning and safety information to the public relating to an impending or actual terrorist incident.

"I look forward to seeing the results of our long hours of work," Turner said. "Our Governor will soon make the decision on which recommendations the State of Texas can fund and implement."

The task force will meet again in Austin at a date yet to be determined. You may follow the progress of the task force by calling Representative Bob Turner's office at (512) 463-0644 or go online at www.governor.state.tx.us/homelandsecurity.

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A New Year's Resolution



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-TX)

The new year is upon us and once again I find myself wondering where time has gone. It seems just days ago I sat on my couch, watching football and regretting my second-helping of pecan pie on Thanksgiving. The holiday season seems to pass so quickly. It's already time to consider New Year's resolutions. As I think of resolutions of the past, they don't seem to have the same impact this year. So much has changed. Instead, I find myself contemplating what New Year's really means.

Unlike many of our traditional holidays, the meaning of New Year's is unclear. Although it is the world's most celebrated holiday, it lacks a single central theme. It is a collection of good intentions. Perhaps, New Year's is simply a yearly detour on the road to self-improvement, enlightenment and finding happiness. A new beginning we are allowed each year.

This year, New Year's finds us at our absolute greatest. Americans have bound together to show their pride and patriotism for our amazing country. We are a new America in a new year. Let's ring in this New Year's with an unconquerable will. Let's continue to support our servicemen and women; let's boast our unwavering patriotism; and let's continue to proclaim confidence in our President.

Here are a few suggestions to keep your New Year's resolution on track:

#1 Don't try everything at once. Odds are in your favor, if you begin small. Consider sending an encouraging message to troops deployed away from home. Or perhaps scheduling more frequent phone calls to friends and family.

#2 Be flexible. Allow your resolution to grow with you throughout the year. Don't make a specific resolution, that does not allow for change. Less specific wording such as "this year I will express my patriotism," provides room to challenge yourself to be creative with your resolution throughout the year.

#3 Make a plan. Search for ways you can volunteer. Help by filling-in roles left behind by those deployed away from home. Devote a specific amount of time to any causes you choose. And ask friends and family to join in the act.

There's no reason why we shouldn't continue to make the traditional resolutions to lose weight and get organized. But it is my hope that we will also focus our resolutions on developing the true spirit of America. Recent terror attacks have taught us the importance of embracing every-single-day. Remember to smile and laugh every chance you get. The soul needs to be balanced, as well as the scale. Don't pass up an opportunity to make a difference in someone's life. And most importantly, don't leave anything unsaid. Let's ring 2002 as a nation united and rebuilding together.

The Devil's River News will close at 12:00 p.m. on Dec. 31, 2001 and will be closed Jan. 1, 2001. Deadline for print will be Friday, December 28, 2001. Thank you and Happy New Year.

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For Sale: 2001 F150 Supercrew. Must sell. 1-830-775-8809.

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For Sale: 1998 Chevy S-10 pickup, four cylinder, 5 speed, cruise control, A/C, 34 MPG highway, 51,000 miles. Assume loan, of \$240.00/month for 30 months. Call (915) 853-2913 or (915) 277-4888.

For Sale: White wicker furniture, 2 head boards with or without mattress and box springs, vanity, chair and mirror. For more information call 387-3174.

For Sale: 1988 Ford F250, new tires, runs great. \$5,500.00 or best offer. Please call 387-6514.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Sutton County Hospital District will receive bids for depository of the District's funds for the period commencing February 1, 2002, and ending December 31, 2003. Any banking organization qualifying under the laws of the State of Texas as a depository of municipal funds, may submit a written application, sealed and marked on the outside "Depository Bid". Such applications shall be received in the Office of the Hospital District. Attention: Alvis Johnson, President of the Board, P.O. Box 455, 308 Hudspeth Avenue, Sonora, Texas 76950, no later than 3:30 p.m. on January 9, 2002. Applications will be opened and reviewed at this time. The Board of Directors will review and take action on the bids on January 14, 2002 at 7:00 pm. The Directors reserve the right to accept the bid that offers the most favorable terms and conditions for handling of the Hospital District funds and shall have the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTOR OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

District: San Angelo
Contract 6075-42-001 for SEALING CRACKS AND JOINTS in SUTTON County, etc will be received on January 23, 2002 until 11:00 am and opened on January 23, 2002 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$55,478.50.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit pre-qualification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 5508

State Office
Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

District Office(s)
San Angelo District
District Engineer
4502 Knickerbocker Rd
San Angelo, Texas 76904
Phone: 915-944-1501

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

BID NOTICE

Sonora ISD invites proposals for materials only being used to remodel school owned apartments. A list may be obtained at the School Administration Office, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, Texas 76950.

Sealed bid proposals will be opened at 2:00 PM, Tuesday, January 8, 2002 at the School Administration Office in Sonora, Texas.

The bid award announcement will be made at the regular board meeting on January 14, 2002 by the school Board of Trustees.

For more information, contact: Danny Hardin, Sonora Public Schools, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, Texas 76950. Telephone (915)387-2545.

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EXPERIENCED DRIVERS NEEDED!

Must have current Class A CDL and a good driving record. Experience driving transports, vacuum trucks, operating pump trucks & winch truck. Monthly performance & safety bonuses. Health insurance, annual profit sharing, driver's days off schedule. Please apply in person at Niblett's Oilfield Service, Inc. Hwy. 277 South, Eldorado. No phone calls please. ufn

Help Wanted: WJ Welding is hiring a shop foreman. Experience in welding and trailer repair. Call 387-3509 or 450-3509.

Help Wanted: Sutton County Steakhouse is now hiring cooks, wait staff, cashiers and dishwashers. Apply in person at 1306 N. Service Rd.

Help Wanted: Amigos Convenient Store, 601 Hwy 277 North and I-10. Retiree's welcome. Full or Part-Time. Apply at Taxaco. ufn

Help Wanted: 953 Track Loader Operator. Push brush. Call Robert Mittel 277-6883.

Sonora ISD is accepting applications for the position of 2nd Grade Teacher. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled and more information may be obtained by contacting Louise Dermody, Elementary Principal at 387-3209. EOE.

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For Sale: 2 - 100' X 100' Lots joining W. 1st Street and 100' x 75' ft. Lot with a 2 BR home with a large den. All property joins each other and front is 500 block of W. 1st. Call 915-387-5104.

Agriculture

Wanted: Lambs to feed. PCR Feed Yard. Custom lamb feeding. Robert Lee, Texas. Waldon Millican. (915) 453-2387 or mobile (915) 473-0222.

Lost and Found

Found: Bracelet at Corner Drug Store. Call 387-2541.

For Rent

For Rent: 200' x 200' lot located at 127 Loop 467 E. (Holiday Host). Water, sewer, electric, cable connections. Excellent business location. Call 387-2531 or go by Holiday Host.

Hunters

Hunters! Save Time & \$\$\$ Have your deer feeders monitored and filled on a routine basis. For more info. Call D.E. (Danny) Reinhardt 915-387-2362 or 915-650-3662.

Misc.

Brewer Refrigeration specializing in ice machines. Service, Sales and rentals serving Sutton and surrounding counties. Call 835-2141 (home) or 450-2793 (mobile). License # TACLBO12114C

BID NOTICE

Sonora ISD invites proposals for the installation of central heating and air conditioning of 8 district owned apartments. The contractor will install and furnish the equipment for this project. Sites may be viewed from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Plans and specifications may be obtained at the School Administration Office, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX 76950. Sealed bid proposals will be opened at 2:00 p.m., Monday, January 8, 2002 at the School Administration Building in Sonora, Texas. The bid award announcement will be made at the regular board meeting on January 14, 2002 by the school Board of Trustees. Work can begin the day after the meeting and must be completed in due time as agreed by the district and the contractor. For more information, contact: Danny Hardin, Sonora Public Schools, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX 76950. Telephone (915)387-2545.

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Sonora is now calling for bids for a 2002 Four Door Utility Vehicle with Police Package. Specifications may be obtained from the City's Secretary's Office, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950. All bids must be sealed and addressed to the City Secretary. The bid envelope must be clearly marked "BID - Police Vehicle" and returned to the City Secretary's Office prior to January 15, 2002 at 2:00 p.m., at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. The City of Sonora reserves the right to reject any and all bids. For further information contact Chris Croy, Chief of Police, at 915-387-3888.

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