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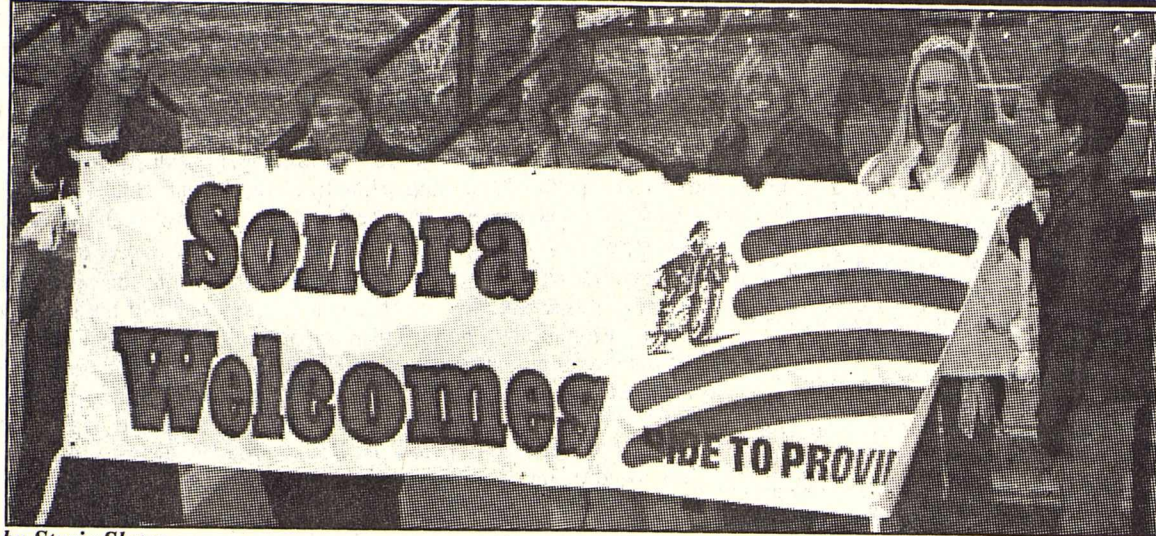
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SONORA, TEXAS

Thursday, December 15, 2005



by Storie Sharp

It was a chilly 18 when the few remaining "Ride to Provide" riders rode into town on Tuesday, December 6, 2005, but Sonora was ready for them. What started out with over 100 riders on the East Coast had dwindled down to about a handful as they made their way through Texas, but that didn't lessen the enthusiasm for their mission. The men and women that parked in front of the Sutton County Courthouse were almost frost bitten, but they were all smiles and gratitude as they stood before the small crowd that gathered to welcome them. Chamber of Commerce Board of Director Jody Luttrell welcomed the crew to town, having led the bikes through town with other local "bikers". Luttrell thanked everyone and made introductions of the group including the riders, their program managers and the drivers, as well as the local volunteers that had formed the committees to make the guests feel welcome during their short stay in Sonora.

COC Board member, Lance Castro joined the group on the steps, presenting them with a check in the amount of \$980 that had been collected locally. There was also a truck full of needed items and several people added to the truck as the presentation continued.

The Ride to Provide leader, Mitch Morrison explained that this was his second such trip, having made the trek across the United States after 9/11 to raise money for victims in New York. Several of the group were also a part of that trip and their passion and gratitude was obvious to everyone as they thanked the community for their donations and hospitality.

The group then made their way over to The Church of the Good Shepherd where they were treated to a BBQ provided by Sonora Chamber of Commerce and Creek Swabbing.

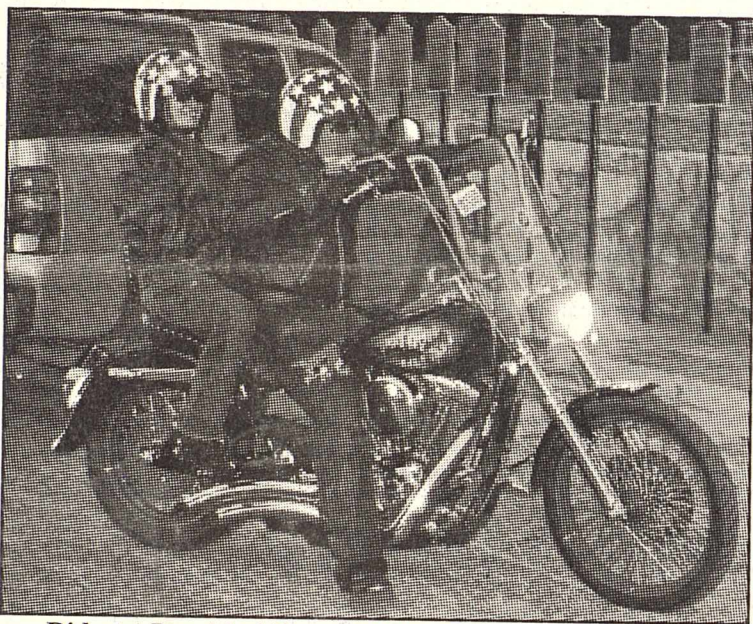
Stagecoach BBQ and the Sutton County Steakhouse made Sonora proud, with a delicious meal of brisket, chicken and even a local favorite... goat, provided by local ranchers M.D. Shurley and Marvin Shurley. Many had never tried the meat, but most agreed that it was great. Some even took home seconds! The meal was completed with all the sides, potato salad, pasta salad, beans, bread and desserts provided by the local 4-H cooking class.

The group was friendly and appreciative, and actor/dancer Chris Judd even sat down to tickle the ivories for the crowd with music he wrote himself.

As they prepared to leave and catch some shut-eye before braving the cold again on Wednesday, a last minute donation was delivered, putting the total collected from Sonora over \$1,000. Not bad for a little town in Texas!

"If we had known how nice and hospitable this place was we would have planned to stay longer," was heard as they left the Cowboy Christmas decorated parish hall.

The eight-day motorcycle fundraising event and Holiday gift drive for the displaced families of recent hurricane victims continued on through Austin, to the Gulf Coast region, where once again, Sonora was a part of helping others in need.



Ride to Provide bikers roll into town, frost bitten, road weary but pumped up for their cause.

## Sutton County 4-H to Host Clinic For Goat and Lamb Exhibitors

submitted

Sutton County 4-H will offer a clinic for area 4-H & FFA exhibitors of market lambs and goats. The clinic will be held at the Langford Barn (county barn) and begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 17th. Discussion topics will focus on preparing your animals for show. There will also be demonstrations and a showmanship class. Speakers will be Katie & Bonnie Wallace, Texas A&M students who were themselves topnotch exhibitors recently.

The program is open to all 4-H and FFA exhibitors from surrounding counties. Participants may bring an animal to work with. The barn (certain sections) will be available on Friday evening for anyone wishing to pen early, as the clinic begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. the next morning. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Call project leader and host, Louise Ingham-Moore, at (325) 387-5398 if you will be attending or need details.

## SIDC awards \$50,000 to JMC

by Storie Sharp

Sonora Industrial Development Corporation met in their office on Concho Street on Monday, December 5. After approving financial statements for October and monthly bills, the SIDC board heard an Eaton Hill report. In the absence of Delyse Jaeger, Eaton Hill manager, Ruth Bounds reported that the hill was still receiving many visitors and because of a new question on the sign-in sheet,

See SIDC page 8

## Sonora Head Start receives donation from Devon Energy Corporation

submitted

SONORA, TEXAS - Youngsters at the Sonora Head Start will soon receive a new learning tool through a \$500 donation toward their planned learning center. Devon Energy Ambassador Lynn Hinsley recently presented the check to the Center. Devon's donation will be used to purchase a computer for the planned learning center for 20 students at Head Start.

"The learning center is a new effort to acquaint young people with computers," said Orlando Tirado, a Head Start parent spearheading the Center's fundraising drive. "For many of these children, this will be their first experience with a computer."

"The plans for the Learning Center are a great way to introduce very young people to technology in a positive manner," said Hinsley. "We are happy to be able to support this community-wide effort."

Devon has had operations throughout west Texas for the past 20 years. Currently there are 60 Devon



LEARNING CENTER DONATION - Devon presented a \$500 check to the Sonora Head Start Learning Center. Left to right, Jo Ann Leverio, Alicia Salazar, Lynn Hinsley (Devon), Romie Tirado and Elizabeth Ramierz.

employees in the area and many subcontractors. In 2004, Devon extracted 282,649 barrels of oil and 11,341,316 million cubic feet of natural gas from the area.

## Christmas comes early on Main Street



by Storie Sharp

Local youth from the St. Ann Catholic Church reenact the story of Christ's birth in a manger as part of the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program's Christmas celebration on December 7, 2005. The biting cold was almost forgotten as visitors joined the Las Posadas march down the street, ending on the Sutton County Courthouse Lawn where the Christmas nativity scene came to life. The pageant was just a portion of the evening, which started with the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus in a horse drawn carriage making their way down Main Street. The jolly duo warmed up in City Hall, hearing Christmas wishes of Sonora's girls and boys. Tasty treats were more than just a vision in visitors heads with vendors offering a sleigh full of snacks to select from. For more on the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Christmas celebration, see page 5.

## Webb family celebrates son's return with removal of yellow ribbon; shares special gift with Sonora



Yellow Ribbon removed from Old Oak Tree - Wayne and Barbara Webb celebrate the return of their son, Major Richard Webb with special friends and family on the Sutton County Courthouse Lawn.

submitted by Ann Kay

It was a special Christmas gift as friends, family, and the community gathered together on December 10, 2005, at the Old Oak Tree on the courthouse lawn to welcome home Major Richard Webb and his family to Sonora, Texas.

A year ago Richard's Mom, Barbara, was joined by family and friends as she tied a yellow ribbon on the Old tree, only to wait until Richard returned home to remove it.

Sonora wanted to show their appreciation to Richard for all that he has done for this country, but Richard turned the tables, announcing that he had a gift of appreciation to present to the community.

This special gift was a United States Flag that had flown over liberated Iraq, aboard the greatest fighter aircraft in the world.

Richard explained that, deployed as the 93rd EFS in support of the Global War on Terrorism, Operation Iraqi Freedom, our members ensued democracy and

freedom was brought to those willing to stand up for the principles that keep America free.

The U. S. Flag presented was flown on the 12th day of October 2005, by the 93rd FS Homestead, FL Balad AB, Iraq and was raised by Capt. Sean "Thor" Carpenter.

I cannot tell you how proud I am of this great gift and how honored I was to be the one to accept this gift for the community. The Old Oak Tree represents our soldiers who have given their "all" for our freedom and we are honored and proud to say that we are Americans who have not forgotten the price of freedom.

Welcome Home Major Richard Webb and May God keep you safe.

The Old Oak Tree Project is sponsored by the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, with support from KHOS Radio, Devils River News, Sutton County, City of Sonora, and Sonora Chamber of Commerce.





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**Chamber of Commerce recognizes Ami's Gift Shop; salutes hospitality extended for Ride to Providers**

**Chamber Chatter**

by Ruthie Bounds, COC Executive Director

Sonora Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize Ami's Gift Shop as the December Landscape of the Month recipient. Ami's has been a breath of fresh air and a star in an area of Sonora that is not always recognized as one of the most aesthetically pleasing. Sandra and Florie have made Ami's a great asset to our community, not only for its appearance and welcoming atmosphere, but for the diverse decorations and seasonal promotions available at their little store. Consistently the gals at Ami's have kept their place of business looking its best to welcome people to come shop in Sonora. Ami's is strategically located where most people, visitors and residents alike can see their darling decorations day and night. Sonora Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate Ami's Gift Shop for being the recipient of the Landscape of the Month recognition for December.

Though the cold weather prevented many of the riders from being able to participate in the "Ride to Provide" fundraising motorcycle ride, the hale and hardiest of the riders braved the coldest

weather we have seen in Sonora in several years to make sure that displaced hurricane families could have some kind of Christmas.

As usual the citizens of Sonora came through with great donations, great food, great decorations and the undying spirit of hospitality and generosity.

There are many people and businesses that deserve a "Big Thank You"; some of them are: Creek Swabbing & Roustabout, XS Ranch-M.D. Shurley, Marvin & Wanda Shurley, Pam Armke, St. Ann's Catholic Youth Group, First National Bank of Sonora, Southwest Texas ACA, Mickey Sharp, Sutton County Steakhouse, Shanna Petty, The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian, Lee, Darlette & Hilton Bloodworth, Stagecoach BBQ & Catering, and of course, all the Board Directors of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

While the arctic blast of cold chilled everyone and everything, the warm hearts of the people in Sonora warmed the heart and souls of the riders and crew of the "Ride to Provide".

One of the fundraising coordinators has since told me that now she understood why we have the email signature that says "Sonora is more like a large family than a small town!"

This hospitality is one of the many reasons why Sonora stands out among many towns and cit-



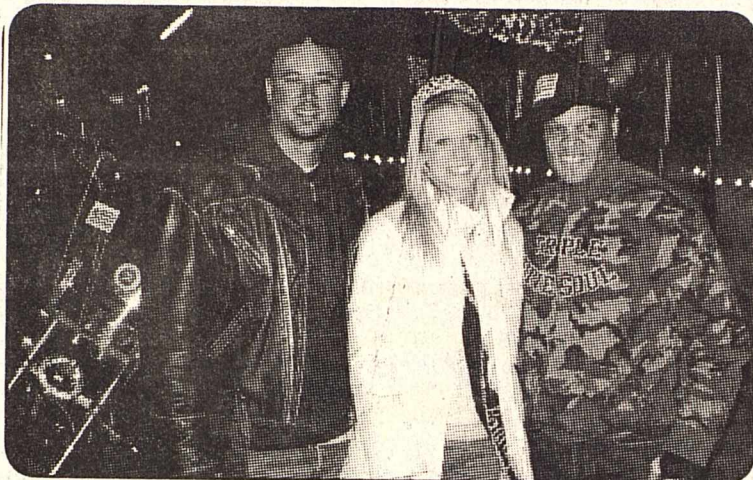
Amis gift shop owner, Sandra Luz Gonzales, smiles proudly at the announcement that her shop has been chosen as the COC "Landscape of the month"

ies. The people of Sonora are its biggest asset. While working for Sonora Chamber of Commerce, I have endeavored to promote all of the assets of Sonora to any that will listen, and to anyone with which I correspond. The statistics that are contained in demographics and geographic assets are easily promoted, because they are facts of record and are tangible to most people. The truly tangible and real part of Sonora, that is the best asset of our community, is the heart of the people that reside in this wonderful community. It is much harder to promote to researchers, editors, and travel writers this very real asset. Many of them think that we are just bragging when we tell them how wonderful people are

here, until they visit us, and then they understand.

Most of you probably know by now that the Sonora Chamber of Commerce will be hiring a new Executive Director in the very near future. I'm sure that the new Executive Director will be shown the same warmth, consideration, and commitment that the people of Sonora have shown to me. This will probably not be the last Chamber Chatter column that you will read in the Devil's River News, as I have agreed to assist the Chamber Board with the transition to the new Executive Director, and in the mean time, there will still be activities going on in Sonora that need to be reported.

**Ride to Provide bikers enjoy a warm welcome in Sonora**



Ride to Provide riders, Chris Judd and Rajé Richardson pose with Miss Sutton County, Heather Lawson, during their stop in Sonora on their way to Katrina ravaged Louisiana.



Chief of Police, Mike House and Officer Dick Dudley present Ride to Provide rider, Gilbert Ochra with a bag of needed items for victims on the Gulf Coast.

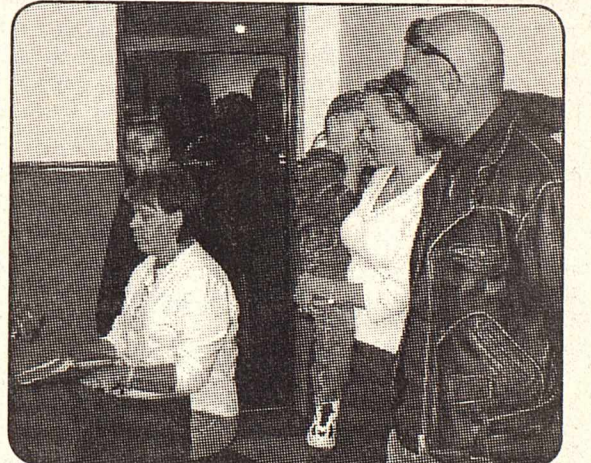


Left: Mayor Gloria Lopez dines with Rebecca Morrison, Ride to Provide organizer, Rebecca Morrison.

Right: Celebrity Actor/Dancer, Chris Judd looks on with interest as Karen Fincher plays holiday tunes.

Bottom right: Judd takes a turn at the piano, playing a tune he wrote himself, as fellow rider, Rajé Richardson looks on.

Below: Storie Sharp stops the Ride to Provide crew as they head out the door to present the check that put the total amount collected in Sonora over \$1,000 (donated by an anonymous Sutton County resident.).



Above left: St. Ann Catholic Church youth group serves with a smile.



**It's not too late to help soldiers abroad this holiday season**



submitted by Congressman Henry Bonilla

The holiday season can be maddening. There are so many gifts to buy, cards to send, lights to hang, homes to decorate, parties to attend, and people to see. Just thinking about it can be a burden. It seems like since before we even marked Halloween off our calendars, department stores wanted us in this holiday frenzy.

I think I speak for most Americans when I say that over the last few years, people have wanted to tone down the extravagance and do more for others. Watching our brave soldiers every night on the news has helped people pause and recognize the things for which we are truly grateful this holiday season.

In most cases, those "things" can't be bought in a store, wrapped in a bow, or stuffed in a stocking. People who used to splurge - or even compete - when it came to

holiday gift-giving, just want to spend time with their loved ones.

I've heard people say they don't want anything for Christmas; they just want to spend time with those who matter most. Now more than ever this holiday season, people are counting their blessings - faith, family and friends top the list. No doubt about it, also on that list is freedom.

One of the most important things we can do as a country is show strong support for our military men and women. This holiday season, I urge those who just want to "do something," to send gifts to our troops online through Operation Santa's Gift from the Homefront.

Just log onto www.aafes.com and click on the camouflage-clad Santa. You can purchase certificates in \$10, \$20, or \$25 denominations accepted at any military exchange (AAFES, NEX, MCX, Coast Guard Exchange) retail store around the world, including those supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi

Freedom. There will be a shipping charge added depending on the number of certificates sent.

One of the many benefits of this certificate is that soldiers will be able to use it right away. AAFES ensures that soldiers will have immediate access to merchandise from home - like American candy bars - in Iraq. Also, this allows soldiers to buy things when they need them, and not have to worry about the logistics of heavy packages.

Serving your country is a great honor. However, that doesn't keep our soldiers from missing family, friends, or America. Receiving gifts and messages of support from back home is a real boost and a great way to stay focused on the mission at hand -- winning the war for freedom.

Please consider sending a gift to a soldier abroad. Your gift of support may be the most touching present a soldier far from home receives this holiday season.

Thank you.  
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# What a wonderful Christmas!!

Written and released by Jennifer Esparza, Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Office

On Wednesday, December 7, 2005, it was a cold and windy night downtown. It was filled with so much Christmas spirit that it warmed up your hearts. With the Elementary choir starting out the night with singing Christmas carols filling the room with cheer. "The Studio" danced away to Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, Jingle Bells and Rock 'n Around the Christmas Tree. Outside Mr. & Mrs. Claus rode down Main Street and in to city hall where kids were able to take pictures with him and tell him what they wanted for Christmas. We had vendors selling hot chocolate, hot dogs, frito pies, baked goods, wrapping, toys, and even decorated eggs that come all the way from Slovakia.

Even with the wind blowing and it being 17° that night, we still carried on. The ladies from the Catholic Church sang the "Las Posadas". The sophomore class from the Saint Ann Catholic Church played a big part in making the live nativity scene possible. They all participated in one way or another, from being Mary, Joseph, Angels, and even Shepherd's. Sam Powers was grateful enough to ride down the street as one of the Wise Men, even with his teeth chattering as loud as the choir was singing. We would like to give a special thank you to him for being such a good sport.

We would also like to thank everyone else that participated in the "Soul of Christmas" that we had downtown. You are all very much appreciated by us, standing out in the cold; events like this are so very successful. Thank you and have a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program.



Ann Kay welcomes Santa and Mrs. Claus to the FHSMS "Soul of Christmas" celebration on Main Street.



Dancers from The Studio rock around the Christmas tree and jingle their bells for friends and family.



Above: Children from the St. Ann Catholic Church youth group lead the Las Posadas (Spanish for "the inn"), a traditional Mexican festival which re-enacts Joseph's search for room at the inn.



Local church youth groups portray angels at the live nativity scene reinactment on the courthouse lawn.

## "Happy Holyday"

By Warren Throckmorton, PhD

This Christmas season is just getting stranger as we go.

All over the place people are trying to figure out what to say to each other ("Happy holiday(s)," "Merry Christmas," "Get out of my way, I want that iPod") and how to talk about the time of year we are in. I tried just saying Happy December to a few people and they just rolled their eyes. I agree; it didn't do much for me either.

Schools are hotbeds for these kinds of scuffles. One school near Seattle spent \$494 to reprint a cafeteria menu that had Merry Christmas on it. The news account in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer said, "a new nutrition services employee mistakenly prepared them (the menus) with the greeting 'Merry Christmas' Apparently, the new nutrition services employee missed an important part of the job orientation.

Another Seattle-area school district had a problem with a Christmas tree. Some shrewd people at Medina Elementary are aware that far away from the tolerant halls of the public school, some children still celebrate Christmas. Thus, they put paper mittens labeled with gift ideas on the tree to serve as buying prompts for the students. Children were to take them and bring back the wrapped gifts to distribute to needy children as Christmas presents. Not on tax-payer funded school time of course.

The whole plan was undone by some thoughtless and probably bigoted person who put a star on the top of the tree, thus giving the tree an eerie and palpably offensive resemblance to a religious symbol. Naturally a parent complained and the school staff resourcefully covered up the star on the tree, calling it a "giving tree." Brilliant.

However, the affront to the sensibilities of the offended parent was not assuaged by this clever subterfuge. And now, the tree is gone. In the nonspecific spirit of the nonspecific season, the school is continuing to distribute paper mittens and accept donations at the counter in the office. The school office manager explained: "We covered the star and called it a giving tree. We hoped it would suffice, but it didn't," Chris Metzger said, "Now we just have a giving counter."

I can hear the school holiday program now. Instead of the strains of "O Christmas Tree," the children will sing: "O Giving Counter, O Giving Counter, How Shiny is Thy Surface."

Speaking of catchy and inclusive holiday pageant tunes, a school district in Wisconsin is attracting attention through the singing of a song called "Cold in the Night." The words are "Cold in the night, no one in sight, winter winds whirl and bite, how I wish I were happy and warm, safe with my family out of the storm." These words are supposed to be sung by the children to the tune of "Silent Night" (for those of you who don't know, or remember, "Silent Night" is a Christmas carol).

As poetic as those new lyrics are, I don't understand the point of singing them. I've been to Wisconsin in winter; it is really cold there. Call me crazy but I don't understand why I would want to break out into festive song about freezing outside, alone and separated from my family.

Sounds depressing to me. All of this holiday happiness got me thinking. What is a holiday anyway?

The dictionary reminds us that holiday is derived from two words: holy and day. A holy day. So at root, a holiday is a day set aside for religious observance. Seems like we've come full circle.

Here's how I am going to think of it. When folks say "happy holidays," they are really wishing me a pleasant holy observance. In my tradition, during December, that would be Christmas. I appreciate that. And I will smile to myself knowing that one cannot completely avoid the reason for the season, even when tolerantly trying to do so.

In any case, whatever your holy tradition, here's wishing everyone a Happy Holyday.

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## Fat is Not a Four-Letter Word

by Kelly L Thorp, MS  
 Sutton County Extension Agent-  
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Texas Cooperative Extension

In spite of what you may have heard, not all fat is bad. Although a high-fat diet probably isn't good for anybody - especially for people with diabetes - fat can still have a place in a healthful menu.

People with diabetes need to be more careful than others in watching their dietary fat intake, because diabetes brings an increased risk of heart disease and other medical conditions. But a few simple steps can help you lower your fat intake:

- When cooking and baking, use oils and fat substitutes instead of lard or shortening.
- Buy leaner cuts of meat and low-fat or no-fat dairy products.
- Trim the visible fats from cuts of meat before cooking.
- When cooking, reduce the amount of fat in a recipe by one-quarter.
- Limit the amount of fat you consume to 30 percent or less of daily calories.

There are four types of fat: monounsaturated fats, polyunsaturated fats, saturated fats and trans fatty acids. All of these fats contain nine calories per gram. But they affect the body in different ways.

The good news: Monounsaturated fats and polyunsaturated fats can help you lower your blood cholesterol if you decrease the amount of saturated fat in your diet. Both of these kinds of fats are liquid at room temperature and can be used in sauteing and frying; polyunsaturated fat can also be used in baking.

Monounsaturated fats are found in olives, olive oil, peanuts, peanut butter, peanut oil, avocados and some nuts. Polyunsaturated fats are in vegetable oils such as corn, sunflower and soybean oil.

The bad news: Saturated fats are solid at room temperature and, when consumed, tend to accumu-

late in the blood vessels, which restricts blood flow through those vessels. This increases the risk of heart attack or stroke. Experts advise that you limit your intake of saturated fats to no more than 10 percent of your total fat intake.

Saturated fats are found in animal sources such as meats and dairy products. They are also found in some plant oils, such as coconut, palm and palm kernel, which are often used by manufacturers of packaged baked goods.

Trans fatty acids, often found in baked goods, margarine and hydrogenated oils, can raise blood cholesterol levels. When reading ingredients labels, check to make sure hydrogenated oils are listed second or lower, and the food contains no more than two grams of saturated fat per tablespoon.

While you're checking the label, check the amount of dietary cholesterol listed, if any. Some dietary cholesterol is necessary for good health, but too much can increase your risk of heart disease.

Cholesterol is found only in foods of animal origin, such as meat or eggs. It is not found in foods of plant origin, such as vegetables and fruits, unless eggs or other animal products are included in the sauces or breading.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration requires that nutrition information be included on food packages so consumers know what they are eating. When checking these labels, in addition to calorie count and cholesterol amount, check for the serving size, total fat, types of fat, and the amount of sodium, fiber and carbohydrates in each serving. Use this information to help plan your daily menus.

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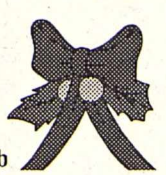
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 Wed.- Graham crackers, asst. juice

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**Lunch**

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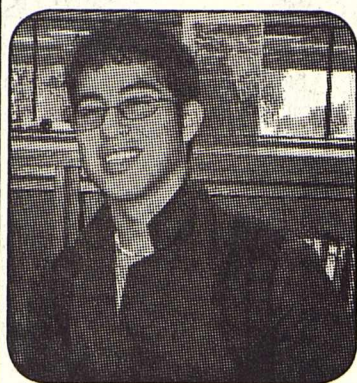
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**S.H.S. Students of the Week**



**Jose Hernandez**

Jose Hernandez is a senior this year at SHS. He is the son of Maria and Jimmy Aguero. Jose is a member of the Sonora Spanish Club. Jose moved to Sonora a few years ago from Campwood, Texas. His favorite thing about SHS is that the school has so much to offer with its programs.

After graduation, Jose plans to attend Incarnate Word University in San Antonio and study graphic design.

**Crystal Marshall**

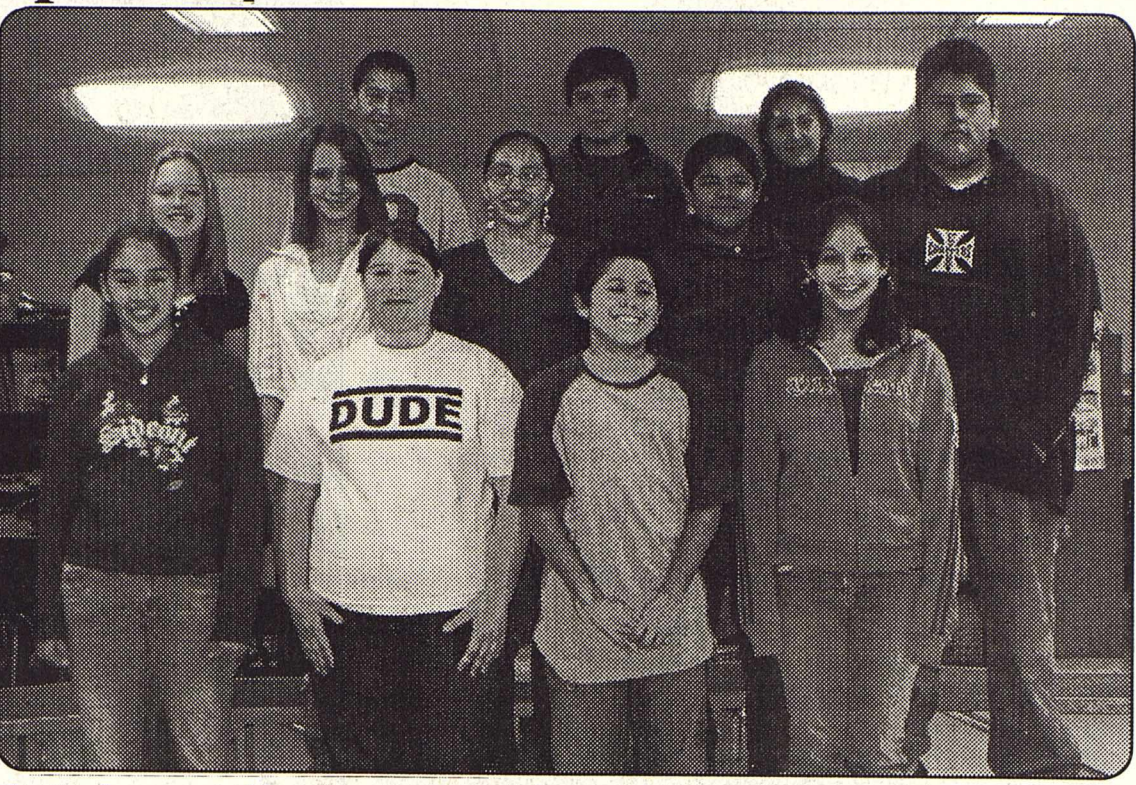


Crystal Marshall is a junior at Sonora High School. Crystal is a member of the Mighty Sonora Bronco Band. She enjoys Sonora High School very much saying it is much different from her previous school in Austin. The teachers and staff at SHS congratulate Crystal for all of her hard work and effort.

**Happy Birthday**

- December 15**  
 Dawn Cahill, Krysta Brooks, Clay Gentry, Dustin Neff, Chris Neal
- December 16**  
 Jane Archer, Bo Jimenez-Mejia, Maryoly Gonzalez, Bobby Morgan, Bobby Taylor, Shannon Rushing
- December 17**  
 Olinda Jimenez, Candise Martin, Israel Leija, Donna Seymour
- December 18**  
 Fernie Emiliano, Donny Yocham, Sr., Yesenia Gandar, Hoot Hearn
- December 19**  
 Noni Gonzalez, Rex Ann Friess, Colton Moore, Teresa Vasquez, Ooye Hernandez
- December 20**  
 Amelia Butler, Dave Love, Tom Wilson, Swade Draper, Daniel Gutierrez, Tommy Arnwine, Andi Allen, Eddie Hernandez, Mike Badeaux, Jamie Hernandez, Amelia Butler, Landon Castro, Don Surridge
- December 21**  
 Gabriel Perez, Luke Sanchez, Harvey Villanueva, Judith Law, Nette Lopez, Joe Hidalgo, Steven Guana

**Choir reinstated at SMS School; special performance December 20<sup>th</sup>**



For the first time in 20 years, tunes from a choir can be heard ringing through the halls of the Sonora Middle School. Under the direction of Mrs. Donna Christian, students are singing and learning to read music, music theory and music history. The SMS Choir is made up of 100 students in grades 5 through 8.

The 8th grade choir students will be a part of a special concert on December 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sonora High School Auditorium.

Pictured above is the 4th period Choir Class, including Araceli Calderon, Juan Capuchina, Diego Dominguez, Brittani Dover, Alyssa Favila, Anali Garcia, Sara Gillit, Erica Granados, Elle Newton, Cody Pena, Pedro Ramirez, Josh Salazar.

**7th Grade Boys Fall to the Hawks**

submitted by Coach Boxell

The Sonora Colts traveled to Wall on Monday December 12, to take on the Hawks.

The Colts went into the game feeling confident and ready to protect their unblemished season. When two tough teams match up, at some point, something has to give.

The Colts struggled shooting the ball and just could not get it to fall in. Meanwhile the Hawks, with home court advantage, could not miss.

The Sonora Colts were averaging 34 points per game up until this night, which only saw 25 total points for Sonora.

Leading the scoring for the Colts was Ethan Morriss, who lit it up for 12, William Otwell knocked down 4, Colyer Dermody added 3 and Shane Patlan, Preston Lopez and Osbaldo Castaneda each put in 2 points. In the end, the Colts had lost its only game of the season by a score of 37-25. The Colts are anxiously waiting to revenge this loss by possibly meeting up with the Hawks again in the Wall tournament after the holidays beginning on January 5.

**8th grade Colts victorious in Wall**

submitted by Coach Dempsey

The 8th grade boys traveled into the Wall Hawks' Nest on Monday, December 12, and came out the victors.

The boys played with a lot of frustration the first half, but came out the second half leaving nothing but feathers on the ground by the end of the game.

The only adjustment made at half time was adjusting to the officials. My philosophy with officials is, the team that adjusts the best with the way they are calling is the team that has the best chance to win.

Defense, led by Kris Aguero, the little field general, kept the team inspired and on course.

The Colts completed lots of steals deep in their press by Cash Jennings and Tyler Creek.

Sonora led the first period 11-9. High point player was Tyler Creek with 4, followed by Cash Jennings with 3, Will Anderson 2, and Dustin Neff 2.

With A. K. Williams on the bench in foul trouble for most of the second quarter, the Hawks out-scored the Colts 12-8.

Scoring in the second quarter were, A. K. Williams 4, Cash Jennings 3, and Tyler Creek with 1.

The Colts came out in the second half playing more of their style of basketball, defense to set up the offense.

A. K. Williams started playing above the rim without fouling and scored 8, Dustin Neff scored 4 to finish out the 3rd period.

A. K. awed the crowd with a block, sending the ball deep into the bleachers.

The boys were playing hard and scored 10 pts. to their 9 to finish the game.

A. K. led the Colts with 4, Caleb Gonzales 2, Dustin Neff 2, and Cash Jennings 2. Final score, Colts 41 Wall 34

Scoring: A. K. Williams 16, Dustin Neff 8, Cash Jennings 8, Tyler Creek 5, Will Anderson 2, and Caleb Gonzales 2.

**7th grade Lady Colts fall to Wall**

7<sup>TH</sup> Grade Lady Colts played Wall at home on Monday, December 12.

The young Lady Colts fell to the Wall girls, 42-28, but played a hard game and are constantly improving.

Scoring was as follows: CHELBY RAMOS - 15; MORGAN SMITH - 6; MACI ZUNIGA - 6; KARINA TREVINO - 1

**Polar Bear Classic helps raise funds for Golf Teams**

by Storie Sharp

Golfers will don their coats, shake off the cold and take to the course on Saturday, January 14, 2006 for the 7th Annual Polar Bear Classic, sponsored by the Sonora High School Golf Team. Tee Time for the annual fundraiser will be 12:30 p.m. and the team is asking that interested players sign up early at the Sonora Golf Course or by calling 387-3680.

The entry fee is only \$10 per person to play in the 18 hole, Par 3 scramble, but any extra donations for the team are greatly appreciated. The Sonora Golf Course has waived green fees for all non-members.

Ties will be broken with a putt off.

If the weather is too bad for even a polar bear, the event will be postponed until the following Saturday.

The Sonora Golf teams both competed at the State competition last year, with the girls finishing as the 1st place Runners-Up. Representing the Broncos on the varsity boys' team this year are Mason Martinez, Embre Smith, Cullen Parker, Trent Reiner and John Duke Hudson. This strong team is sure to make a great showing on the courses this year and are looking forward to teeing off at state once again.

Returning for the varisty girls are Kayla McBride, Candise Martin, Erin Newton and Kaci Chavarria. The final spot on the team will be announced in January. The girls are also looking for a return trip to state, changing only to move up one position. Best of luck to all the golfers.

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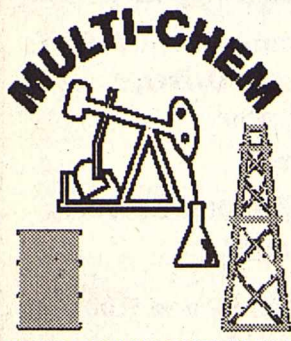


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\* Senator Madla visits Sonora schools.

\* Sonora ISD Board of Trustees hires teachers and calls special meeting to announce new SISD Superintendent.

\* Santa Letters, Christmas fun, and much more in next week's issue of the Devil's River News!

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many were documenting how they heard about it: Most contributed their visit to a travel or nature website. Bounds reported that Delyse and Jimmy Cahill were working on adding an authentic "outlaw" campsite along one of the trails on the hill. SIDC board member John Tedford expressed concern to the possibility of adding too much and commercializing the area too much. Ruthie assured the board that no one wanted to overdevelop the area, but were trying to include items of interest that could be used as educational tools and that only authentic pieces were being collected from the area. The idea, Bounds explained, that the goal was to entice new visitors to the location. John Friess also expressed concern to adding unnatural items to the natural conservatory. Tedford stated that he felt any future plans for the Hill should be presented to the SIDC board before action was taken. Bound reminded the board that the contract between the Chamber and the SIDC stated that such action was not necessary and that the Chamber of Commerce was in charge of making such decisions.

SIDC board president, Carl Teaff reiterated this, stating that the whole idea of the transfer of management of Eaton Hill to the Chamber was to not have to make such decisions or spend time on these issues. Teaff agreed that everyone should communicate and made a motion to leave the contract as is, with the Chamber of Commerce as the decision making entity. A second was made by SIDC board member Cam Campbell and it was agreed to leave the contract as is.

Bounds then gave a report on the "Ride to Provide" project that was coming to town and informed the board of her resignation from the Executive Director position at the Chamber of Commerce. The SIDC board expressed their gratitude for all that Bounds has done for the community and for the SIDC.

SIDC Office Manager, Nancy Glasscock reported another good month for sales tax and that the check for \$25,000 had been delivered to the Hotel Management, Inc. Glasscock and board member Max Howorth updated the grant projects that the SIDC presented to the City Council. Howorth said that Mac Oil still had some performance requirement information to complete. He also stressed that the board needed to set up a process for reviewing the special grant applications, with representatives from both the SIDC and the Keep Sonora Beautiful boards being present.

A letter from Sutton County Hosts, LP was read. Representative John Jones informed the board that the requests were for improvements to lighting at the Best Western parking areas and improvements to an area behind the motel to provide truck parking. Jones also stated that they were looking at adding an illuminated sign to direct the trucks to the area. Landscaping was also included in the future plans, with a request for general assistance in that area. Jones stated that he was still working on researching the revenue increase statistics that such improvements would make. Howorth said that the landscaping portion might fall under one of the new special grants being offered. Jones agreed to continue working on his plans and approach the board again at the next meeting.

The board approved the 2006 meeting schedule.

Ann Kay gave an update on the Pecos Trails project and the application being submitted to the state for Sonora to be the host location of the main office. Kay stated that changes had been made and it looked really good for Sonora because of the overall package that was being offered. The SIDC discussed their offer to provide the office space, in addition to the \$3,300 for the benefits project to offer the manager of the new office.

Glasscock and Teaff went over the audit findings, explaining the few minor discrepancies that were found. All were corrected and approved by the auditor.

The board then went into executive session. After reconvening in open session the directors voted to award JMC Transport \$50,000 over a two year period. JMC purchased the former stockyard property on Hwy 277 South and is developing it for three industrial yard sites and JMC's permanent facility. This will go to the Sonora City Council at their December 20th meeting for a public hearing.

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Project to expend \$50,000 for John M. Creek to develop a mini-industrial park on Hwy 277 South.  
The hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2005 at 4:00 p.m., City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas.  
All citizens are invited to attend and provide the council with written or oral comments.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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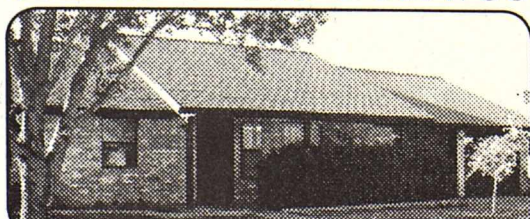
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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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The SHS Theatre Department will present *Laundry and Bourbon* by James McClure, published by Dramatists Play Service, Inc. on Thursday, December 15, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the SHS Auditorium. Admission is \$2.00

Please join the 3rd Annual Jingle Bell Parade in downtown Roosevelt, Texas on Saturday, December 24, 2005. Everyone is invited to participate or just come watch the festivities. Put jingle bells on your horse, bike, tractor, truck or on yourself and line up at the Roosevelt Community Center at 10:00 a.m. The parade begins at 10:30 and Santa will listen to the children's wish lists at Simon Brothers Mercantile immediately afterward. For more information please call 325/446-8032.

**Little dribblers will be Sat. December 17.**

Fifth and sixth grade boys 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the junior high gym.

Fifth and sixth grade girls 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the junior high gym.

Anyone interested in coaching or helping coach should also be there.

Now is the time for senior ads for Yearbook. They are due no later than December 20. Prices are as follows: full page - \$180; half page \$100; 1/3 page \$75; and 1/4 page \$60. A maximum of six pictures is allowed and text should be kept brief. Ad copy and payment are due no later than December 20. For more information, call the High School Office at 387-6533.

Sonora 3rd Grader, Justice Barber, who was seriously injured in an accident last month is slowly recovering and greatly misses his friends in Sonora. The holidays can be a lonely time when you are far away from home. Let's remind Justice how special he is and how great it is to be from Sutton County by showering him with letters, cards and notes of encouragement. You can write Justice at: Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children; Attn: Justice Barber, Room 330; 2222 Welborn Street; Dallas, Texas 75219

**Ft. McKavett announces new hours of operation**

New operational hours at selected Texas State Parks are taking effect December 1st. The changes are necessary due to a staffing cutback systemwide. All Texas State Parks remain open and available to the public. Please check our web site, www.tpwd.state.tx.us, before you plan a visit to a Texas State Park for the latest information on park hours of operation.

Beginning December 13th, Fort McKavett State Historic Site will not continue to operate seven days a week. The new days of operation will be Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. While this reduction in hours will affect special events and activities we will make every effort to accommodate schools and other groups for educational tours.

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