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Courthouse Lights Up With Christmas Spirit



By Delyse Jaeger

Sonora's downtown Christmas Lighting Ceremony and the Tina Watkins Benefit Barbeque turned out to be an extraordinary evening of fellowship and communion with the true Spirit of Christmas that exceeded all expectations. The soul of Sonora was stirred and revealed as hundreds gathered to enjoy the festivities and help spread a bit of Christmas cheer.

Children from the Church of the Good Shepherd Young Believers sang Christmas carols up and down Main Street to the delight of many. After an exciting arrival in J.C. Surber's Model A, Santa and Mrs. Claus were busy with a packed house over at the Old Sonora Ice House Ranch Museum. The hot chocolate and wassel flowed outside the Capital Farm Credit office offering a respite from the North wind. The Mercantile on Main served up over 300 pounds of Community Effort

donated barbeque prepared by Ronnie Wipff - raising a substantial amount to help with Tina's expenses.

The evening was enriched with a variety of local musical talent. Trey Rushing and Ben Taylor performed for the guests at the Mercantile on Main. The Ice House showcased musicians Tom Bob Wilson, John Henry Strauch and Rick Strickland while Jody Luttrell operated the outdoor sound system, and kept the Christmas tunes playing.

The official lighting ceremony opened with a prayer offered by Brother T. Wayne Price. Father Chris Roque spoke eloquently on the meaning of Christmas with the visual aid of Sonora's impressive new nativity scene. While many have contributed, Debra Hobbs has been the driving force behind this year's fabulous addition to our courthouse Christmas decorations. Ray Wells of

Community Effort offered a moving and personal reflection on the pain, loss and survival of war, encouraging everyone to recognize and remember our veterans this Christmas season. In poetic tribute, the yellow ribbon oak tree lit up as Reverend Wells was speaking. Sonora High School Drama student, Emily Newton, engaged the crowd with her reading of "The Night Before Christmas. Christmas" songs were performed by Felicia Farley, Mercedes Lee, Alyssa Favila, Lizzy Chavez, Victoria Robles and the Catholic Church Choir and Father Lionel offered a blessing. Ben Taylor closed the ceremony with an expression of gratitude to the community for their generous outpouring of support on behalf of Tina Watkins. Such diverse participation and tremendous volunteer efforts truly set the tone for a memo-

rable community evening in downtown Sonora

Lastly, a hayride of Christmas carolers left from in front of the courthouse, and caroler Paula Walker, reported hearing the voices of angels resounding from the hay bales. Main Street Director, Mary Ann Kay stated she was "very pleased with the community-wide support for Tina, the delight of so many children enjoying downtown and all the hard work of so many volunteers." Community, family and friends, the joy of children, service, sacrifice, giving in grace and love - after all, it's what Christmas is all about.



'Twas a night to remember,
when all through downtown,
the Spirit of Christmas was easily found
In the voices of children, the faces of friends,
a shared heart for the hurting,
a blessing to rend.
We gathered to honor God's love sent to earth,
the Christ child, Redeemer,
God's lamb at his birth.
We gathered to offer a gift to a friend,
and found our own joy, the real gift in the end.
-By Delyse Jaeger

Sonora Gives for Christmas



By Ben D. Taylor

Photo By Bonnie Lou Campbell

With each passing year finding the true meaning of Christmas becomes more difficult. It seems that the "season of giving", becomes the "season of buying". So much emphasis is given on finding the perfect gift that we forget that the "perfect gift" was already given to us over 2000 years ago. In the age of video games, and iPhones, it's easy to see how a simple birth in a manger could be lost in the electronic hiss of a 50 inch plasma screen TV. This year Sonora community members have decided to turn down the volume and focus on a singular image that embodies the true spirit of Christmas,

the birth of Jesus.

Debra Hobbs spearheaded the effort to raise funds for a new manger scene on the courthouse lawn, "I want locals and travelers to see that the true meaning of Christmas is the birth of Jesus". She met with a group of main street businesses and interested citizens and proposed the purchase of a manger scene for the courthouse lawn; they quickly agreed to back the project if she could raise the money. Local Businesses and community pitched in and in a matter of weeks the proposed 6 piece manger scene turned into 12 pieces. Bought from Christmas Night

Incorporated, the manger set includes Wisemen, Ox, Mary, Joseph, Angel, Baby Jesus, Shepard, 2 sheep, Camel, 3 kings with plans for a 6 foot blue star of Bethlehem for next year. This years courthouse lawn decorations also include snowflake ornaments donated by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, along with the usual lighting configuration.

Debra commented that, "its awesome to live in a town that not only supports this, but exceeded all expectations far and above any initial plans".

JV Lady Broncos Take Third in Eldorado Tournament



Photo By Bonnie Lou Campbell

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Lighthouse Community Church

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Senior Center Activities

- Thur. Dec. 11- Work on angels...(Crafts)
*SCP to San Angelo
- Fri. Dec. 12- Run errands and pay bills after lunch
- Mon. Dec. 15- Bingo
- Tues. Dec. 16- **Happy Birthday Jane Archer and Bernice Hearn** * City Council @ 4:00 p.m.
- Wed. Dec. 17- Van to San Angelo call 387-3941
*Answers on aging @ noon.

Senior Center Menu

- Thur. Dec. 11- Sweet & sour chicken, stir fried rice, oriental veggies, egg rolls, cookies and milk
- Fri. Dec. 12- catfish, spinach, pinto beans, coleslaw, hush puppies, Jell-o w/fruit and milk
- Mon. Dec. 15- Beef stew w/veggies, sweet peas, milk cornbread, peaches and choc. pudding
- Tues. Dec. 16- Chicken fried steak w/gravy, fresh fruit baked potato, Italian veggies, rolls, milk
- Wed. Dec. 17- Meatloaf w/sauce, mashed potatoes, milk broccoli w/cheese, wheat rolls, cake

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older.
Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m.
Donations are accepted
(suggested donation for Seniors is \$1.50; \$4.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).

Thank You Note

A huge Thank You goes out to everyone who supported the Sonora Cub Scouts, Pack 19 with their Veteran's Wreath sales. At first, we did not think we were even going to come close to the amount of wreaths needed to be placed on every Veteran's grave buried here in Sonora, but due to the citizens of Sonora, the kind generosity of the Downtown Lions Club, members of the Methodist and Church of Christ, and people from out of town visiting during the Thanksgiving holiday that supported the Cub Scouts Veteran's Wreath fundraiser in front of the grocery store, the scouts are now able to make sure that every Veteran will have a wreath on their grave this December 13th. Also, without the help of the Cub Scouts of Pack 19 and their parents, even on those cold days, the upcoming wreath ceremony would not be possible. Thanks for all of your hard work and dedication.

Deborah Brown
Sonora Cub Scouts, Pack 19

St. John's Episcopal Church would like to thank the community of Sonora for the tremendous support shown at the Threads of Hope Store at More the Merrier. The arpilleras, the handmade items made by the impoverished women of Peru, were sold to make \$4000. EVERY item sold! This exemplifies the missionary work that touches lives all over the world, and our small community will impact the lives of these talented women who live in the shanty towns outside of Lima, Peru. Thank you for your support!

The Membership of the Sonora Golf Club would like to say "Thank You" to Tyler Edmondson and Carl J. Cahill Construction Company for the new entry to the golf course.

Tyler's Eagle Scout project turned out great. Carl J. Cahill Construction finished the project with rock work around the bottom.

Again, from the membership, Thank you to all involved.

Sincerely,
Sonora Golf Club

With the arrival of the Three Kings and Camel our Community Nativity Scene is complete. Without the support of the community our Nativity Set would not be possible. I would like to share my appreciation with the following people for helping to make our Nativity Set complete.

The First United Methodist Church, The Bank & Trust, The Sutton County Steak House, Preston and Linda Love, Sonora Lions Club, First National Bank of Sonora, Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Board, Jim and Rhonda Gully with Gully and Son, Tony and Billie Renfroe and Charlie and Tonya Brown. I would would like to thank Randy Knight, Kyle Dover, Joe Schaffer and Mike Moore for helping uncrate and set up our display.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas,
Debra Hobbs

Obituary

George Joseph

George Joseph, 89, passed away Thursday, December 4, 2008. Graveside service was held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, December 6 in the Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

George was born April 27, 1919 in Walsenburg, Colorado to Michael and Rose Kazin Joseph. He graduated from Austin High School in El Paso and Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy with a degree in Civil Engineering.

He married Winnie Lynn Reiley on May 2, 1957. He was employed by El Paso Natural Gas for 35 years as a civil engineer/surveyor. Upon his retirement, the family moved back to the family ranch in Sutton County where he was a full time rancher. George was a master Mason of 50 plus years as a member of Five Points Lodge in El Paso and Dee Ora Lodge of Sonora. He served in the United States Army Air Force during WWII where he taught navigation.

George was preceded in death by his wife and eldest daughter, Georgette Lynn McManus.

Survivors include daughters Reiley Denise Reynolds and her husband, Brett, of Abilene and Gladys Rose Butler and her husband Keith of Sonora, son-in-law, Beaver McManus of Mertzon and grandchildren Brenda Kissko and her husband Johnny, Cynthia McManus, B.J. and John Reynolds and Emily and Amelia Butler.

The family would like to offer a special thanks to Sagecrest Alzheimer's Care Center for their wonderful care. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Sagecrest, Sutton County Health Foundation, or a Masonic Lodge of your choice.

Bronson Schenkel



Born December 3, 2008 @ 8:08 a.m.
6 lbs.....7.3 oz..... and 18 1/4 in. long...

Proud Parents:

Cody & Ashlie Schenkel of Sonora, Texas

Proud Grandparents:

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Schenkel of Sonora, Texas
Nancy Schenkel of Odessa, Texas
Ann Morriss of Sonora, Texas
and
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Herndon of Columbus, Texas

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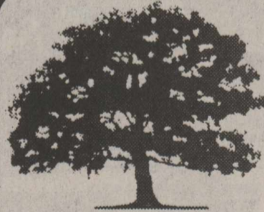
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Happy Birthday Sam Taylor



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Mom, Dad, Trey, Ben, Jill, Drew, Patton, and especially Satie.
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-Abraham Lincoln

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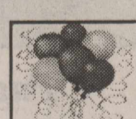
First United Methodist Church

Ray Wells, Pastor

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|---|-------------------------|
| Tuesdays | Sundays |
| @ Noon | 9:45 a.m. Sunday School |
| Downtown Lions Club | 10:55 a.m. Worship |
| | 6:00 p.m. Bible Study |
| Wednesdays | 5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir |
| December 7, 2008 - Childrens Christmas Pagent | |
| December 14, 2008 - Choir Christmas Cantata | |
| December 24, 2008 - Christmas Eve Service 6:00 p.m. | |

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- December 11**
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- December 12**
Giovanni Gamez, Dylan Taylor, Jared Hinsley, Asron Hinsley, Tessa Joy, Lupe Buitron, Richard Bernal, Guadalupe Marquart, Mary Mauldin
- December 13**
Charlotte Luna, Michael Harris, Bobby Dickenson, Dianne Luckie, T.J. Thorp, Scottie Moore, Laura Bedwell, Andres Chavez, Valerie Lopez
- December 14**
Billie Renfro, Michelle Rushing, Randy Mabry, Lisa Price, Shelby Randolph
- December 15**
Dawn Cahill, Dustin Neff, Chris Neal, Sean Matchus
- December 16**
Jane Archer, Bo Jimenez-Mejia, Bobby Morgan, Bobby Taylor, Shannon Rushing
- December 17**
Olinda Jimenez, Candise Martin, Israel Leija, Donna Seymour,

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Celebrating 25 Years of HOPE: Relay For Life

Submitted by: Stacy Fisher

Have you ever asked the question, where do I fit in? There are several roles you can play in the Sutton County Relay For Life. Many people wear more than one hat because we are a small community but we do have a very big heart as you have seen in the past events.

Committee Member: The 2009 Relay For Life committee consists of 13 members. Can you imagine putting on an event of this size with 13 people? If you see them, give a big thanks to Dani Dillard, Jody Luttrell, Roman Rodriguez, Beverly Brown, Jamie Wardlaw, Lance and Mariah Castro, Shanna Petty, Myrna Galindo, Marrisa Faz, Wendy Robertson and Senida Martinez for all the hard work they have done so far and the work that still has to be done. If you are interested in serving on the committee

please contact Stacy Fisher at relayforlife@sonoratlx.net.

Team Captain: If you choose this role you must round up 8-15 members to join your team and try to make sure you have at least one cancer survivor on your team. You are in charge of fundraising prior to the event, coordinating the event set-up for your team, and keeping your team pumped throughout the night.

Team Participant: You are one of the 8-15 members participating along with your team captain. There is a registration fee of \$10 per team participant. Your role is to support your team captain, help the team captain get things coordinated, and work hard to gather donations for your team to achieve their goal.

Cancer Survivor: You are our inspiration throughout the

fundraising year and the night. Because of your strength to fight cancer the teams have the strength to push through the night. You are honored in the opening walk at Relay For Life and appreciated for your participation. If possible, choose a team to join or become a team captain, your participation will inspire those around you.

Caregiver: You have been by the side of someone who has either won or lost the battle against cancer. A family member, friend or someone you know benefited from your kindness while you stood by their side throughout their battle. We sometimes need just as much support as the cancer patient themselves. You will be honored during the second lap of the event after the survivors.

Sponsor: It is because of your generosity that we are able to have Relay For Life

each year in Sutton County. Individuals and companies donate not only their money but time to make the event a success and get one step closer to finding a cure.

Thanks to the American Cancer Society the Sutton County Relay For Life has a website dedicated for our community. Please visit www.relayforlife.org/suttoncotx to sign up for a team, join as a survivor, print the information to join as a caregiver, become a volunteer or get the information needed to become an individual or corporate sponsor. Please use our dedicated website to keep up with what is happening with Relay For Life and the teams the next few months.

Sonora PD Dispatch Report

Arrest(s):

December 2, 2008

• Manuel Garcia Barraza, 52, from Monahans, Texas was arrested for two Ward County warrants for Indecency with a Child and Solicitation of a Minor.

December 3, 2008

• Oscar Sanchez Jr., 24, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Driving While License Suspended/Invalid.

December 6, 2008

• Fredrico Segura Romo, 21, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Assault Causes Bodily Injury Family Violence.
• Gilberto Rodriguez Martinez, 41, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or more.

Incidents:

December 1, 2008

• 1:57 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
• 4:06 PM: Caller reported a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.
• 4:23 PM: Caller reported a dog on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
• 5:00 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

December 2, 2008

• 8:55 AM: Caller reported vandalism to property. Officer responded.
• 2:54 PM: Caller reported a vehicle blocking traffic. Officer responded.
• 8:20 PM: Caller reported a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.

December 4, 2008

• 11:49 PM: Caller reported a suspicious a vehicle. Officer responded.

December 5, 2008

• 4:30 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.
• 5:20 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.
• 7:50 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.
• 9:20 PM: Caller reported a suspicious subject. Officer responded.
• 11:40 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.

December 6, 2008

• 1:45 AM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.
• 7:30 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
• 12:40 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
• 12:55 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

December 7, 2008

• 12:20 AM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.
• 1:05 AM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.
• 5:00 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.

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F.Y.I.

The Sutton County Commissioners Court has enacted a Burn Ban and a Fireworks Ban, prohibiting all outdoor burning and all fireworks until further notice.

Interested in Emergency Medical Medicine? Sutton County EMS and BSA are looking for youth between 14 and 20 years of age to participate in a local Emergency Medical Exploring Post. Exploring's purpose is to provide experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults in a certain career. For more information, please contact: Roberta Tanguma 325-277-7189.

Depot is now ready for rent!
For more information please call 387-5084. Tues. & Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

The Sutton County Historical Society needs volunteers in assisting the The Old Sonora Ice House Ranch Museum greeting visitors at the gift shop. We will be open Wed. thru Sat. from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please call Rex Ann-Friess @ 226-2122 if you are interested.

Looking for any information on the history of Liberty Park (La Placita) especially pictures. Please bring or call The City of Sonora 387-2558 ext. 308

Viva Sonora-Cinco de Mayo Parade- If you are interested in participating in the Cinco de Mayo Parade please contact Juanita Gomez at 387-2507 or 206-0830.

Viva Sonora-Little Mr. and Little Miss Cinco de Mayo 2009 Contest- Parents if your child is between the age of 3 and must not have turned 6 prior to May 2, they may be the next Little Mr. and Little Miss Cinco de Mayo. Please contact JoAnn Hernandez @ 325-387-2593 or 325-206-0366 FMI.

Viva Sonora-Miss Cinco de Mayo 2009 Contest- If you are a 10th or 11th grade girl interested in becoming the next Miss Cinco de Mayo please call Michelle Faz at 387-2593 for more information or registration.

Survivors & Caregiver Registration: Sutton County Relay For Life will be on May 8 - 9, 2009. Come join us for the ACS Relay For Life Celebration for Survivors & Caregivers. If you wish to register as a Caregiver or Survivor for this event, please call Marisa Faz 325-387-2041 or Dani Dillard @ 512-633-0069.

The Sonora Veteran's Wreath Laying Ceremony will be on December 13, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in the Sonora Cemetery. Please come and help the Sonora Cub Scouts place wreaths on a Veteran's grave. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Christmas Caroling for Coins. The National Honor Society of SHS will be Christmas caroling for Relay for Life on the evening of Sunday, Dec. 14. If the NHS carolers come to your house and you have spare change laying around, please donate it to them. All proceeds will go to Relay for Life. To request the carolers to come to your house or for more information, call the NHS advisor at the high school: 387-6940 x3000

Los Compadres Club will be having a New Year's Eve Dance December 31, 2008 from 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center. Music by Romaldo y Grupo Fuerzozo.

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December 18 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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Blast From The Past 1902

HUTCH SEEMED TO SMELL TROUBLE BEFORE IT HAPPENED

B. W. Hutcherson was a ranching sheriff who was in office 32 years and never shot a man nor had he been shot. He seldom found it necessary to carry a gun at all, although he did try to remember to carry one in this car. This man, who physically resembled the "typical" West Texas sheriff, was not typical in the way he conducted his office.

Hutcherson was born July 22, 1884, in Coryell County. At the age of 8, he moved with his family to Brown County. Later the family moved to McCulloch County, where he later obtained a job with a railroad in Brady. Mr. Hutcherson moved to Sutton County in 1906 and went into the sheep-raising business in partnership with S. E. McKnight. He married Miss Lucille Grimland of Sonora, August 1, 1914.

A big man, he generally had no trouble in making arrests. The sheriff said his philosophy of criminal investigation was "Speak softly and only get tough as a last resort." He said that method and his policy of giving juvenile offenders a second chance probably got more results in the long run.

The crime problem was not extremely bad except in prohibition days and later with the World War II increase of population in this area. He made life miserable for bootleggers until they finally began bypassing Sutton County. His biggest confiscation was 400 gallons of grain alcohol, which was estimated as worth more than \$30,000.

"Hutch" as he was known throughout the state, was a political success. He was first elected in 1916, served six years, and then declined to run for reelection. The reason, he had recalled, was that he went broke in the ranch business and needed some time to get started again. Bill McCombs served as sheriff for two years; the Hutch got back in the race and won the office back. From then until 1942 he suffered the only political defeat of his career when Leo Brown took over the office. Hutch remained out of politics for four years, then defeated Brown and continued in office through the first quarter of 1954 when death removed him from the work he loved.

COULD SMELL TROUBLE

One of the unusual things about Hutcherson's political success was that he had achieved it while operating ranches in various parts of West Texas. Perhaps his apparent ability to smell trouble before it got out of hand had been a major factor in this success, in addition to his affable personality. Mrs. Lem Johnson, who served as Hutch's deputy tax assessor-col-



Mrs. B. W. Hutcherson reminisces over days past when her husband, "Hutch", was a sheriff of the Sutton County. Looking through her scrapbook which contains all the important events of her husband's life, Mrs. Hutcherson retells some of the colorful stories about life with her husband, "Hutch".

lector for 18 years, declared he was invariable on hand when trouble reared its head in Sutton County. Once, she recalled, a couple became asphyxiated in a Sonora motel room heated by an open gas stove. Hutch had left Sonora the day before to go to his Terrell County ranch and was not expected to return for several days. But he walked into his office just as a deputy came to report the couple's death.

Another Sonoran who thinks Hutch must have had a sixth sense for detecting trouble tells of the time the sheriff postponed an important ranch task for no apparent reason. That very weekend a man was killed in Sonora and Hutch was on hand to accept the killer's weapons a few minutes after the shooting.

"He could smell trouble before it happened," a former deputy declares. "He could

look at a man walking down the street and know if he was going to cause trouble."

COWBOW CAUSED TROUBLE IN EARLIER DAYS

It's a matter of record that Sutton County was a relatively peaceful place during Hutch's term of office. There were fist fights, domestic quarrels, and such routine disturbances as any peace officer must contend with anywhere, but few

major crimes.

The sheriff had admitted he used to have quite a lot of difficulty in earlier days with cowboys "drinking and raising the devil." Most of this was harmless, however, and when the cowboy had let off a little steam he was usually ready to go back to work.

Hutch has said he never told a man he was going to put him into jail without doing so, but once or twice he had to go to considerable lengths to make the claim stand up. He once told about one cowboy who gave him an unusually bad time.

"He wasn't one of the local boys," Hutch recalled, "but a mean one who drifted in. He came to town one day and started raising sand in general. I had already warned him, so when I heard he was tearing up a place here in town I sent a couple of deputies to haul him in. He accused me of taking unfair advantage of him by sending the two men after him, and I told him if I ever had to jail him again as long as I was in office, I'd do it myself.

"It wasn't long before he was bragging around that he was carrying a gun and was after me. I heard he was in town one day, so I strapped on my gun. We met right in the middle of town, in front of a building where the bank is now. He wasn't expecting to see me right then and didn't have time to make trouble. I told him I was going to take off my gun and then I was going to take his off him. He didn't wait for me to take it off; he knew I had the advantage of him. You've always got the advantage of a coward like him. I told him to leave town and never let me hear of him carrying a gun in town any more. I promised I'd whip him until he was satisfied if he

ever caused any trouble in Sonora.

"About 18 months after that, he came back to town. He got a few drinks and took a notion to attack a girl working in the telephone office. By the time I got there, he had her tied up. I brought my gun along that time. I gun-whipped him within an inch of his life. Every time he got up, I'd lower him again. I didn't need any help to put him in jail. After he got out, he left town and sent word that if we ever met he'd be carrying a 30-30, but he's never showed up."

"Hutch was the best babysitter in town," according to Mrs. Hutcherson. She recalls that at ball games and ropings when the children would get rowdy, their parents would admonish them by saying "you'd better be good or 'Hutch' will get you"—it worked too!

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Habitat Management and Fire

By T.R. Michels,
Trinity Mountain Outdoors

Fires, whether from natural causes such as lightning, or caused by humans (intentionally or unintentionally) on prairies and meadows, and in brushy areas and forests, have been part of the natural process of plant regeneration for centuries. Even naturally caused wildfires can be beneficial as they reduce natural fuels, which in turn reduces the chances of wild fires in the near future. Wildfires also expose mineral soil for seedbeds for regeneration of wind-disseminated species, such as fungi, mosses, grasses, forbes and many tree species. The reduction in vegetation in turn helps in the control of insects, diseases, and competing vegetation. As a result of this wildfires often result in the improvement of natural ecosystems and wildlife habitat as varied as wetlands, prairies, brushy areas and forests.

Native Americans often deliberately set fires to clear the land for horticulture, to improve access to some areas, and to change the composition of the plant community to attract game animals (such as bison). Early settlers set fires to assist in preparing the soil for agriculture and to eliminate stubble from the fields in the fall.

However, because of the destruction of human life, property, and resources by wildfires, the general government policy for most of this century has been to utilize man-made fire for the suppression of wildfires. The use of media campaigns such as Smokey the Bear, and Bambi fleeing from a fire, combined with fire suppression practices has resulted in a build up of vegetative fuels in many areas. Fire ecologists expect it will take several years of wildfires to establish a natural fire regime in many ecosystems.

In some areas where fire has been prevented from conducting its natural role in the environment, private and governmental agencies and scientists are setting controlled fires to mimic natural fire and improve landscape health and community safety. "One of the hard lessons we've learned is that eliminating or suppressing all fires actually increases the risk to people, damages natural habitats and drives up fire fighting costs" said Susan Harris, state director for the Nature Conservancy of Missouri.

Many plant and animal species need fire to reproduce and thrive. Plants that need fire to reproduce and thrive are referred to as "burn-species". Some of the "burn species" plants are ephemeral annual herbs and forbes that have found an unusual means of adapting to environments that are for the most part unfavorable to their survival.

In the first year after a fire has temporarily diminished dominant forms of vegetation these herbs and forbes may appear and flourish, and upon maturation, they leave their seeds behind. Although these plants may disappear from the landscape within a few years of a fire, the seeds can remain viable for up to 100 years or more. The goal of the seeds is to re-colonize the area after another fire. The plants may also appear from time to time in areas disturbed by other means, such as along sections of recently cleared trails, on land slides, and even along the areas of new road construction.

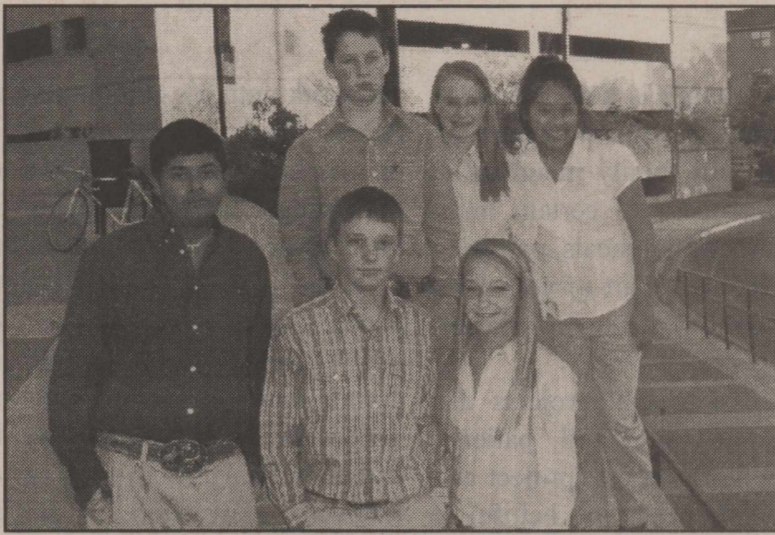
White-tailed deer, doves, quails, turkey, sharp-tailed grouse and prairie chicken are game species that benefit from prescribed fire. Habitat preferences of several endangered species, including the

Florida panther, gopher tortoise, indigo snake, and red-cockaded woodpecker, are also enhanced by burning. The benefits to wildlife from fires can be substantial; fruit and seed production is often stimulated; herbage, legumes, and browse from hardwood sprouts may increase in both quality and quantity; and openings are created for feeding, travel, and dusting.

After years of fire suppression in many areas, land managers now have to go back and ignite fires to mimic the natural fires these species depend on. Prior to settlement by the Europeans, occasional fires were an integral part of many ecosystems, and native plants and animals had adapted to the occurrence of wildfires. Forests were a more varied blend of old and young trees, and some forests were more open in character. Fire recycled the nutrients of the dead wood for use by growing plants, and conditioned the forest floor for the regeneration of species that are dependent on disturbance of the forest floor.

Entire ecosystems often need fire to maintain their natural diversity of plants and animals. Many pine-oak, oak forests, and oak savannahs have poor reproductive success without occasional fires. Little or no oak regeneration has occurred in some areas as a result of fire suppression. Oaks provide acorns in the fall, which are an important food source for black bear, white-tailed deer, turkey, and other wildlife.

What's Your Horse & Food IQ?



By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent



How many bones does a mature horse have? What is a carbohydrate? Good questions. Do you know the answer? Well, 4-H'ers involved in the Food & Nutrition and Horse projects studied such things as part of their learning experiences. They also got the chance to compete this past Saturday, December 6th at the District 4-H Round-Up at Texas State University.

The Foods Project was led by County Extension Agent Kelly Thorp along with the help of Terry Alvarado, Susan McAlpine, Greta Ramsdell, and Jannette Gonzales. Youth learned proper food preparation techniques, safe food handling skills, nutritional requirements and guidelines to follow in proper menu planning.

After the county food show, Tate Shannon, Delaney Ramsdell, Juan Gamez, and Mercedes Lee qualified

for district competition with their food entries. At the district food show, participants presented their entry before a judge and answered questions about the nutritious value and preparation of their dish. Tate, Juan, and Mercedes received honorable mention, while Delaney placed 1st with her entry in the Nutritious Snacks category.

The Horse Quiz Bowl project was led by Becky Allison and Katherine Nolen. This project teaches horse science, equestrian knowledge, and evaluation techniques. Teams compete in a game show setting where they must buzz in after a moderator asks a question. Once recognized, participants have 10 seconds to answer.

Teams perform in elimination competition. Team 1 consisted of Chance Campbell, Avery Nolen, and Erasmo Esquivel. They competed 2 rounds and finished 7th. Team 2 was made up of Owen Friess, Abby Nolen, and Julissa Esquivel. They competed in 3 rounds and placed 4th.

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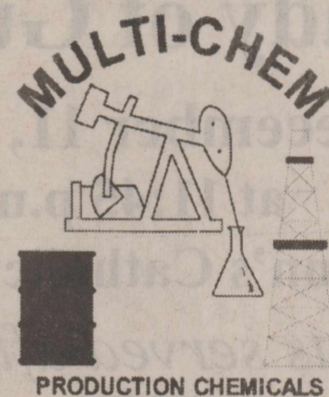
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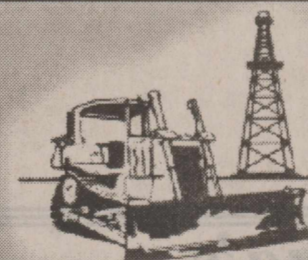
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Happier Holidays

Twice is Nice

Winter holidays receive a huge build-up. Before the jack-o-lantern loses its smile, stores are advertising sales, stringing lights, setting up displays and playing seasonal music. People talk about being in the holiday mood with all the excitement in the air.

The season brings changes for many families -- people are visiting, different foods are eaten, homes take on festive looks, and bedtime schedules may be disrupted. Changes in environment and routines can cause un-

certainty and stress.

Television and magazines depict the holiday season as a time when settings are perfect and everyone is happy. For some people, these images may instill the need to make this "the best holiday" or "the best time of year" ever. These commercial images do not reflect most people's reality. When the images become expectations that aren't met, many people experience anxiety. To make this a truly happy time of year, keep expectations at a reasonable level and set realistic goals.

Planning is key to holiday happiness and enjoyment. Involve all family members in the process. If certain traditions, special meals, parties or travel are a part of your family holiday, make the arrangements early.

List special projects that require time and patience and work on one project at a time. It might be helpful to do the most time-consuming and unpleasant activities first. Assemble everything needed to get a project done, assign tasks to all family members,

and work until it's completed.

Allow small children to get involved to experience the fun of helping. Once the project is done, clear away the clutter.

This is the time of year when people tend to overdo to make others happy. This attitude drains time, energy and finances. People cook too much and do not have room to store leftovers. They shop for the ideal gift, yet Aunt Jamie does not remember what was given her two years ago.

Happier holidays come from sound resource management and enjoyable times spent with family and friends. This time of year, the home can become a place where families learn pleasures to carry them through all the seasons.

Use holiday shopping excursions as a time to learn about family resources. Shopping can be stressful, so start early. Do not try to remember everything. Shop with a list that has names, items, sizes, color preferences and the approximate amount to be spent. Shop when you aren't tired. Take breaks, sit down, or have a healthy snack. Many families shop year-round for holiday presents to take advantage of sales and selection.

To avoid large crowds, shop at small, specialty stores away from large malls. Parking may be easier, there usually are fewer people, service often is more personalized, and merchandise more unique. Mail order and Internet shopping are other options. Use well-known and established companies and understand return policies and procedures. Take advantage of 800 numbers to ask questions about products and company policies.

Know your financial personality and be prepared to manage holiday spending. A hoarder who worries about money will find shopping less enjoyable than the overspender or money manipulator. Watch the amount you purchase on credit. Imagine paying in April, May or June for something that has not lasted that long!

Do not become pressured by commercial pitches to buy, buy, buy or to give, give, give. Instead, relax and enjoy the colorful displays and merchandise for their beauty and interest.

What do the holidays mean to you? What is important to your family during this season? Do you treasure time spent with each other and

friends?

This is a season to show others you care. Show your giving spirit by running an errand for an elderly neighbor, baking cookies for new parents or a student completing final exams, or volunteering to read stories in the pediatric ward of the local hospital. Have your children make useful gifts for residents in a senior facility.

Do not allow distractions to lessen safety -- fasten seat belts, use car seats, choose age-appropriate toys, pick up toys, use non-combustible materials for decorations, and check smoke alarms.

To make this a happy holiday season, focus on family and not chores. Slow down and enjoy each other! Source: P. Johnson, former Colorado State University Extension human development and family studies specialist; human development and family studies; and J. Carroll, Extension specialist

One day, a man was walking along the beach and came across an odd-looking bottle. Not being one to ignore tradition, he rubbed it and, much to his surprise, a Genie actually appeared.

"For releasing me from the bottle, I will grant you three wishes," said the Genie. The man was ecstatic. "But there's a catch," the Genie continued.

"What catch?" asked the man, eyeing the Genie suspiciously.

The Genie replied, "For each of your wishes, every lawyer in the world will receive DOUBLE what you asked for."

"Hey, I can live with that! No problem!" replied the elated man.

"What is your first wish?" asked the Genie.

"Well, I've always wanted a Ferrari!"

POOF! A Ferrari appeared in front of the man. "Now, every lawyer in the world has been given TWO Ferraris," said the Genie.

"What is your next wish?"

"I could really use a million dollars..." replied the man, and POOF! One million dollars appeared at his feet.

"Now, every lawyer in the world is TWO million dollars richer," the Genie reminded the man.

"Well, that's okay, as long as I've got MY million," replied the man.

"And what is your final wish?" asked the Genie.

The man thought long and hard, and finally said, "Well, you know, I've always wanted to donate a kidney..."

Christmas is a time when you get homesick even when you're home.

~Carol Nelson

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The More the Merrier was More than Merrier!!!



By Donna Garrett

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce held its 5th annual More the Merrier Christmas Bazaar on Friday, December 5th at the Sutton County Civic Center, and it was better than ever. Local vendors and retailers set out their wares and awaited the shoppers. Shoppers came from far and wide to purchase baked goods, Christmas gifts and decorations for their homes. The shopping continued throughout the day. The Sonora Chamber of Commerce gave door prizes every thirty minutes throughout the day that were donated by the vendors. The West Side Lions Club served food all day so no one went hungry. Santa and Mrs. Claus came to visit with the children and take pictures. Miss Sutton County Stephani Morriss, Little Mr. Sutton County Kameryn O'Brien and Lions Club Queen Samantha Tidwell helped Santa with the children and drew names for the door prizes. A special visit from the Young Believers Youth Group entertained the crowd with Christmas caroling, led by Anna Johnson. The vendors were excited and looking forward to coming next year. Thank you to Tibba Edmondson and all the board members for their help, and I would like to personally thank Cindy Colbath for volunteering her time to help us set up prior to the event. Thank you Sonora for another great event!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Parker Lumber Giveaway Has Grand Finale

Shopping Giveaway winner takes home \$1,000 in merchandise



Alissa Adkins

Sonora, Texas—Fall just got a little greener for Parker Lumber's customer Alissa Adkins.

On December 2, 2008, Adkins was chosen at the winner of the Parker Lumber \$1,000 Shopping Giveaway. Adkins was selected at random from more than 400 entries submitted at the store from August 27-November 17.

"Are you serious, I won the giveaway!" Adkins said that she and her father would be using the money for holiday decorations throughout the holidays. Adkins also stated that she can always count on the employees at Parker Lumber to help assist her, and she was excited that she had won the drawing.

Judy Holmes said that Parker Lumber is delighted to provide one of its customers with the opportunity to make their fall projects a little more exciting. "Everyone has a few extra chores this time of year, and we're glad that Alyssa will be able to choose whatever tools she wants to get the job done. We thank all those who entered the giveaway for their participation.

Parker Lumber is located at 104 E. 3rd St, and has been serving customers in the Sonora area for 6 years. Parker Lumber offers a complete line of hardware, plumbing, lumber, house wares and many more supplies for everyone from the do-it-yourself homeowner to the professional. Judy Holmes has been a Do it Best Corp. member since 1998.

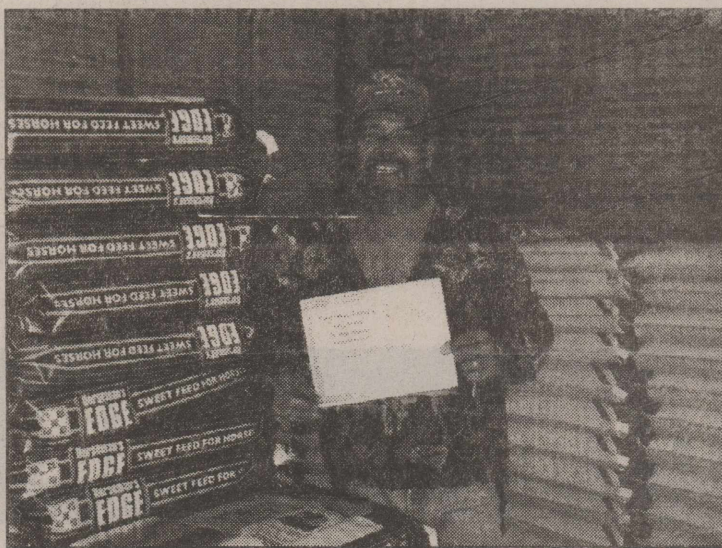
Based in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Do it Best Corp. is the only full-service U.S.-based, member-owned hardware, lumber and building materials buying cooperative in the home improvement industry. With annual sales of \$2.8 billion, Do it Best Corp. is the second largest co-op in the industry, serving 4,100 member-retailers in the United States and in 47 foreign countries.

Adkins commented:

"As a steady customer of Parker, always in and out of the store, I noticed the registration box for this drawing while searching for Judy to order some more specialty items for my exterior Holiday decor. Since I am in and out so often, I took advantage of the registration. Dad and I can utilize this great prize throughout the upcoming year.

We can always count on all of the employees to assist us, but we especially rely on Judy Holmes, Our Manager of the Year."

Employee of the Month!



Chente Arispe is the November recipient of the Sonora Customer Service Award. Mr. Arispe is being recognized for his exceptional customer service to the patrons of Rafter W Feed, where he has been employed for over 10 years. Chente is honored for his hard work his widely recognized reputation for attentive and trustworthy service. Congratulations and thank you Chente, from the Sonora Economic Development Corporation and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce! Mr. Arispe received a \$100.00 gift card and eligibility for the Annual Award to be announced at the Chamber Banquet in April of 2009.

Reminder: Secret shoppers are on the lookout for employees to nominate for the December customer service award and all persons who interact with the public are eligible.

Butlers Night Off

A wealthy couple had planned to go out for the evening. The woman of the house decided to give their butler, Jerves, the rest of the night off. She said they would be home very late, and that he should just enjoy his evening.

As it turned out, however, the wife wasn't having a good time at the party, so she came home early, alone. Her husband had to stay there, as several of his important clients were there.

As the woman walked into her house, she saw Jerves sitting by himself in the dining room. She called for him to follow her, and led him into the master bedroom.

She looked at him and smiled. "Jerves," she said "Take off my dress." He did this carefully." Jerves, "she continued." Take off my stockings and garter." He silently obeyed her.

She looked at him and then said, "Jerves, if I ever catch you wearing my clothes again, you're fired!"

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Middle School Students of the Week



Sonora Middle School Students of the Week for December 8-12 sponsored by Sonic Drive-In. 5th Grader: Alexis Garza, 6th Grader: Chase Moss, 7th Grader: Yesenia Renteria, 8th Grader: Alex Solis. Congratulations to these students!

Sonora Middle School Hosts District 10 Academic UIL Competition



By Avery Nolen

The Sonora Middle School hosted and participated in the UIL meet held here on November 18th. Crane, Big Lake, and Ozona came and competed. Overall as a school, Sonora MS placed second behind Crane, who placed first. Sonora MS did have the most "1st place" medals. Some events in which students competed were dictionary skills, oral reading, and impromptu speaking. Those are just three out of the 15 events that students were able to compete in. There were also writing events such as ready writing and editorial writing. The teachers worked very hard preparing each and every student for their event. They ob-

viously prepared the students very well or we wouldn't have been able to win the most first place medals. The students practiced once or twice a week and some came before or after school. So you can see, as a school, everybody practiced very hard. All that practicing paid off when 79 students placed and received an award!

5th and 6th Grade Music Memory: 2nd Halle Samaniego, 3rd Julissa Esquivel, 4th Veronica Gaytan. 5th-8th Grade Dictionary Skills, 2nd JD Garza Tie 5th, Alexa Sykes 1st, Cody Barber 1st, Rebekah Infante, 3rd Cip Tobias, 2nd Kelsey Velez, Tie 5th Avery Nolen, Tie 4th Chasady Braly, Tie 5th, Selena Bijarro. 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Maps Graphs & Charts: 1st James Freeman, 3rd Kaitlyn Gibbens, 1st Jacklyn Abby, 2nd Michael Sanchez, 5th Brant Smith, 4th Lillian

Kent, and Younger Northcott. 5th-8th Grade Listening: 1st Sydney Burnham, 3rd Jeremy Doran, 1st Crystal Lopez 1st Paige Sykes, 5th Sky McGuffin. 5th-8th Grade Art: 1st Jillian Buitron, 1st Lionel DeLeon, 2nd Kimberly Fraire, Tie 4th Kory Humphrey, 4th Darby Ramsdell, 3rd Andrw Curtis, 6th Miranda Perez. 5th-8th Grade Ready Writing: 3rd Julia Pope, 1st Jeremy Doran, 1st Crystal Lopez, 3rd Paige Sykes, 2nd Kaitlyn Gibbens, 4th Glenna McKenzie, 5th Emilce Hernandez, 5th and 6th grade Oral Reading, 6th Briana Palacios, 3rd Kaitlyn Gibbens, 4th Hunter Hughes, 6th Julissa Esquivel. 5th Grade Spelling: 6th Grade Spelling, 1st Darby Ramsdell, 2nd Selena Trevino, 2nd Sydney Burnham, 5th Tyler Gayanich, 6th Jillian Buitron, Best Alternate Tyler Hampton. 5th-8th Grade Number Sense: 1st Elizabeth Bean,

1st JD Garza, 1st Cody Barber, 4th Luis Hernandez, 2nd James Freeman, 2nd Santiago Garza, 5th Blake Esparza, 4th Darby Ramsdell, 3rd Jonathan Salazar. 6th-8th Grade Calculators: 4th Abby Nolen, 3rd Cody Barber, 4th Alonzo Hernandez, 5th Santiago Garza, 6th Hunter Hughes. 6th-8th Grade Mathematics: Tie 3rd Veronica Gaytan, 1st Cody Barber, 6th Stella Ingham, Tie 3rd Santiago Garza. 7th Grade Editorial Writing, 5th Glenna McKenzie. Science I&II: 4th Jonathan Paredes, 3rd Stella Ingham, 5th Kylie Love, 4th Alonzo Hernandez, 5th Melissa Freeman. 7th-8th Grade Impromptu: 2nd Chanel Cauthorn, 2nd Paige Sykes, 4th Marci Parks, 6th Kelsey Favila. 7th-8th Grade Modern Oratory: 3rd Reyvin DeLeon, 6th Sam Powers, 6th Chanel Cauthorn

If you had pictures made with Santa at the Old Ice House Ranch Museum and want your picture please stop by the Newspaper Office.

A True Tale of Tall and Old

Submitted

Folks at the Guinness Book of World Records may want to consider adding a new category. How about one for convalescent centers with the most residents listed in the revered book?

Were there such a category, Heritage House Convalescent Center of rural Shelbyville, IN, would claim the honors.

For three decades, it was much like thousands of other care centers across the land. "Business as usual" changed, though, when Edna Parker became a resident a dozen years ago, then Sandy Allen seven years later. The pair created media frenzy. Press reps have thronged from around the globe with their cameras, lights and microphones. Sandy and Edna both were Guinness record holders. The former, you see, stood a quarter-inch over 7-7, and the latter was 115 years of age....

For almost a year, the two notable residents held records simultaneously. Sandy was heralded as the world's tallest woman for 32 years. Edna held the age distinction when her predecessor died last year.

That's when the media crescendo peaked. The native Indianans graciously received numerous press guests and dignitaries, patiently discussing their respective lives. They described how they managed to "fit in" with their 90 or so care center brethren, whose backgrounds varied greatly from their own.

Bill Pierce, Heritage House administrator, says day-to-day activities have quieted greatly since their passing. Sandy died at age 53 on August 13. Edna passed away on Novem-

ber 27, just five months shy of her 116th birthday. Pierce says that residents miss the "buzz" created by the two women who were visited by the governor, Guinness reps and media guests from every continent--guests who Pierce describes as being "cooperative, well-intentioned and courteous."...

Now, only memories remain. But what precious memories! Pierce recalls Edna's annual birthday parties, replete with gifts, well-wishes, cards and a host of visitors.

They came from all around, including nearby Franklin College. That's where Edna completed her two-year program in teacher education back in 1911. For many years, she was oldest graduate of the 174-year-old college, Indiana's first co-educational institution....

Education was one of Mrs. Parker's passions. She taught in one-room schools for several years before marrying her farmer husband, who died 69 years ago. Though she had no use for alcohol or tobacco, she credited education as the key to her long life. She reflected warmly on her beloved alma mater, always hammering home the importance of continuing to learn.

Though she needed assistance to move about in her final months, Edna is remembered for her independence and determination to assist her fellow care center residents during most of her time there. One friend prizes vivid mental pictures of the little lady pushing others' wheelchairs down the hall. Edna outlived

her two sons and maintained her farm home into her 99th year.

"She brightened many moments," Pierce said. "We marveled at her recitation of lengthy poems from memory. Many times when I arrived at work around 6:30 a.m., Edna was already up and about, encouraging others with poems."...

Sandy dealt far longer with her problematic state than Edna did with old-age issues. With a pituitary gland tumor that triggered excessive growth, she was more than seven feet tall upon entering Shelbyville High School. Despite numerous illnesses that caused her to shoot skyward and weight that reached well over 400 pounds, she endured life with good humor and dogged resolve, particularly after Guinness recognition. She wrote a book, *Cast a Giant Shadow*, and was featured in movies and documentaries. Sandy was forever visiting schools, sharing her strong beliefs that "it's okay to be different."

One day while admiring a friend's wedding gown, Sandy joked that she'd likely never wear one. "Your 'Prince Charming' may yet ride in on a white horse," the bride said. Sandy joked that it was just as likely to be an "eight-foot guy straddling an elephant!"...

At Sandy's memorial service, friends spoke of heaven's many unknowns.

"But we know who the tallest angel is," one beamed.

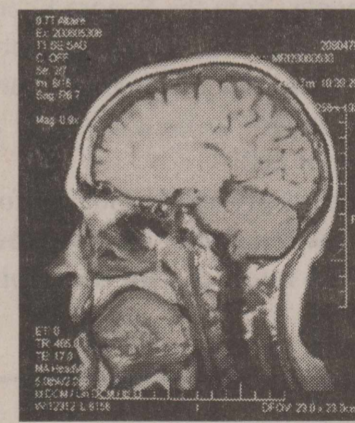
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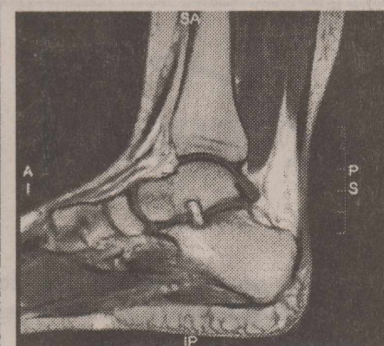
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SPORTS

Varsity Boys Basketball

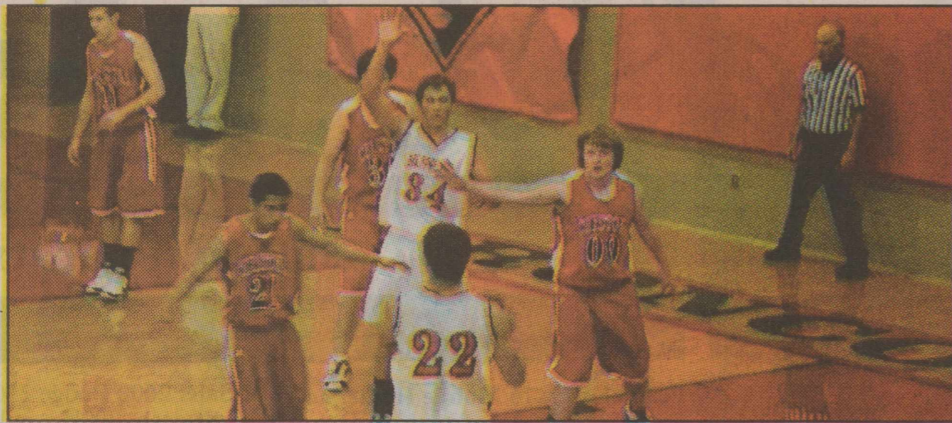


Photo By Bonnie Lou Campbell

Cash Jennings # 34 posts up for Ethan Mirriss #22.

By Coach Evans

Broncos Basketball is officially off and running. For now we are taking baby steps, to learn our offense and try to play as a team. I told the boys when we started that this is a long 3 month journey. It will take them a while to understand that we can run with any team out there, but we can't

gun with them. We must learn to play transition Basketball, which means we must be able to go from one Defense to another in the spur of the moment, and its going to take all 9 of us to achieve our goal.

Our first game against Grape Creek was outstanding. We

lead in the 1st quarter 21-13 and played very well even though we lost the game, it was a great outing. Christoval came to town and we jump out with a quick lead and never looked

Back and won that game. The Ballinger Tournament was great. We played some good ball, but, need to have better 1st quarters. We still have a long road ahead of us, but we will overcome these hurdles, and take it one day at a time.

The boys are attending the Water Valley Classical and their first game is at 12:30 against Winters in Water Valley.

Varsity Girls Basketball Broncos win Consolation at Ballinger Tourney



Broncos 38 Monahans 34

Player	MIN	PTS
* #12 Leonard, Savannah	32	30
* #34 Hernandez, Amy	16	12
* #4 Smith, Morgan	32	4
#3 Trevino, Bianca	8	2
* #5 Villanueva, Azeneth	32	0
#10 Gillit, Sara	16	0
* #20 Snyder, Jessica	8	0
#50 Ingham, Steely	16	0
Total	32	48

Congratulations to Savannah Leonard for Earning All Tournament Honors!!!

JV Girls Basketball



By Coach Robertson

The JV Lady Broncos placed 3rd in the Eldorado Tournament this past weekend. They played very well and came out with 3 wins and only 1 loss. The girls have been working very hard and have shown great dedication towards their goals this season. I am very proud of them and can't wait to see how we do in the Iraan Tournament which will be held Dec. 11-13th. Come out and support your Lady Broncos!!!! Our overall record is 7-2.

Sonora 19---Mason 23
Hunter Jennings 4pts
Chelsey Lou Campbell 7pts
Evelyn Solis 2 pts
Leandra Casteneda 6pts

Sonora 38---Winters 35
Karina Trevino 2pts
Hunter Jennings 8pts
Chelsey Lou Campbell 8pts
Sarah Carrillo 4pts
Sandra Hernandez 2pts
Leandra Casteneda 14pts

Sonora 48 Grape Creek 68

Reggie Hernandez 6pt
Uvaldo Ramos 8pt
Ethan Morris 7pt
Tyler Edmondson 2pt
Dustin Neff 4pt
Reynaldo Gayton 11pt
Cash Jennings 10pt

Sonora 44 Christoval 30

Reggie Hernandez 6pt.
Uvaldo Ramos 2pt.
Ethan Morris 9pt.
Tyler Edmondson 2pt.
Dustin Neff 8pt.
Reynaldo Gayton 6pt.
Cash Jennings 5pt.

Ballinger Tournament

Sonora 44 Colo. City 67

Reggie. Hernandez 2pts.
A. Hampton 4pt.
U. Ramos 2pt
E. Morriss 4pt
D. Neff 9pts
R. Gayton 12 pts
Cash Jennings 7pts

Sonora 43 Early 55

R. Hernandez 6pts.
A. Hampton 4pt.
U. Ramos 5pt
E. Morriss 6pt
D. Neff 2pts
R. Gayton 14pts
Cash Jennings 6pts

Sonora 40 Coleman 60

R. Hernandez 10pts.
A. Hampton 6pt.
U. Ramos 4pt
E. Morriss 7pt
T. Edmonton 4pts
D. Neff 2pts
Cash Jennings 4pts

Broncos 35 Llano 70

Player	MIN	PTS
* #12 Leonard, Savannah	8	19
#50 Ingham, Steely	16	8
* #4 Smith, Morgan	24	4
* #34 Hernandez, Amy	16	2
* #5 Villanueva, Azeneth	16	2
#20 Snyder, Jessica	16	0
#3 Trevino, Bianca	8	0
* #10 Gillit, Sara	8	0
#40 Dunn, Maraya	8	0
Total	24	35

Broncos 61 Monahans 39

Player	MIN	PTS
* #12 Leonard, Savannah	16	25
* #4 Smith, Morgan	16	21
* #34 Hernandez, Amy	32	6
* #5 Villanueva, Azeneth	16	4
#50 Ingham, Steely	16	2
#3 Trevino, Bianca	16	2
#40 Dunn, Maraya	8	1
#10 Gillit, Sara	16	0
* #20 Snyder, Jessica	24	0
Total	32	61

They say that nobody is perfect. Then they tell you practice makes perfect. I wish they'd make up their minds.

-- Wilt Chamberlain

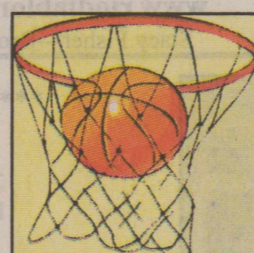
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Lady Bronco Basketball



DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	JV	Varsity
12/2	Christoval	Home	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
12/4-12/6	Ballinger Tour.			TBA
12/4-12/6	Eldorado Tour.			TBA
12/9	Brady	Home	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
12/11-12/13	Water Valley Tour.			TBA
12/15	*Crane	Home	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
12/19	*Kermit	Away	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.

*District

Boys Bronco Basketball Schedule



DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	JV	Varsity
11/25	Grape Creek	Away	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
12/2	Christoval	Home	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
12/4-12/6	Ballinger Tourn.	Ballinger		TBA
12/4-12/6	Eldorado JV Tourn.			TBA
12/9	Brady	Home	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
12/11-12/13	Water Valley Tourn			TBA
12/16	San Saba	Home	5:00 p.m.	
12/19	Comstock	Home	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.