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IN THE UNITED STATES OF DEBT WE TRUST PART 2

A Dollar Ain't Worth A Dime

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By Ben D. Taylor

Understanding the national debt requires the same tactic used to comprehend any complicated system. In order to understand the whole, you must first know its most simple component. Just as there is no way you can understand the meaning of a book unless you know the alphabet, you can never expect to understand the national debt unless you know what the American Dollar actually is.

The first US dollar was minted in 1794 and was similar to the Spanish Dollar. As defined by the Coinage Act of 1792 the dollar was to be based on the Mexican peso at 1 dollar per peso (27 grams of silver) and the \$10 gold eagle made of 17 grams of gold. The value of the gold or silver in the coins gave them value, allowing the value of goods and services to remain constant over time.

Article I Section 8 of the US Constitution gives Congress

the power to "borrow money on the credit of the United States", and in 1913 they used that power to create Federal Reserve Banks. Their creation (through the Federal Reserve Act) was in response to the economic crisis in 1907 where the New York Stock Exchange fell 50% from its previous year's high.

This economic crisis was triggered by an attempt by investors to buy a majority of the stock in the United Copper Company. When the attempt failed many of the banks who had loaned the money to the investors drained their cash reserves, resulting bank runs (large numbers of people withdrawing their bank deposits in fear that the bank will not be able to honor them). At that time there was no central federal bank to inject money into these regional banks. Over the next few weeks these runs spread across the U.S. prompting J.P. Morgan to pledge his

own money (while convincing other New York bankers to do so) in order to stabilize the banking system.

Those events prompted Congress to form a federal banking system to alleviate this problem in the future.

They tasked 12 private companies (banks found in large cities across the United States) with being the nation's central bank regulating the flow of money and credit for economic stability and growth. Their most visible mission is to issue Federal Reserve Notes, or legal tender used for the payment of debts.

One of the expectations of the Federal Reserve was that it would establish a more "elastic currency subject to substantial changes of quantity over short periods". The new liquid nature of our currency allowed the Federal Reserve to manage the value (through supply) of the dol-

lar. For example—more currency released into the market increases inflation, less currency released decreases it. Through that practice, and other strategies, they initially were able to maintain the value of the dollar and price stability after World War I during the 1920's but was unable to stabilize a 30% decrease in the prices of US goods during the 1930's. According to some resulted in a "deflationary spiral" fueling the Great Depression.

In 1944 delegates from 44 members of the Allied Nations met in New Hampshire to set up a system of rules, institutions, and procedures to regulate the international monetary system in order to stabilize the global economy during World War II. The agreement (the Bretton Woods system) required member nations to base the value of its currency on a fixed value, for the U.S. it fixed the value of the dollar to \$35 per ounce of gold. This meant that for every dollar printed, the U.S. was required to retain the ability to convert it into an equal value of gold. Increased government spending in the 1960's led to doubts in the international commu-

nity of our ability to back all of it with gold (the thought was that our gold reserves were not enough to cover the money we were printing). This perception resulted in a decrease in our gold stocks as many of the investors and foreign governments started redeeming their dollars for gold. Faced with an increased inflation rate, and a dollar that was dropping in value President Nixon took several actions to stabilize our economy most notable of which was to terminate the policy requiring the U.S. Government to convert dollars to gold. From this point on the Federal Reserve held sole responsibility to maintain the value of the dollar.

The value of the dollar continued to decline throughout the 1970's as the Federal Reserve continued to increase the money supply intentionally targeting a low rate of inflation. This strategy (of keeping inflation rates higher than zero) was based off of an economic theory that real economic growth and inflation were linked. Research conducted by economists in the 1960's showed a trend that

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The More the Merrier



By: Donna Garrett

The More the Merrier Christmas Bazaar was held Friday, December 3, 2010 at the Sutton County Civic Center. The vendors began setting up on Thursday afternoon and continued Friday morning at 7:00 a.m. Booths opened at 9:00 a.m. with the first 100 shoppers receiving a free shopping bag. The bags were made by Adobe Signs & T-shirts and donated in part by Adobe Signs & T-shirts, The Bank & Trust, First National Bank of Sonora and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. We would like to thank these sponsors for their generosity. There were over 25 vendors which included a few out of town vendors. Shoppers came and enjoyed themselves and left with

some wonderful purchases. West Side Lions Club managed to keep everyone full with their great food. Santa came sneaking in about 3:30 and took pictures with the children and asked what they wanted for Christmas. There were several that made a couple of trips to sit in his lap because they forgot to tell him a few things. Little Miss Sutton County Sicily Guterrez and Little Mr. Sutton County Brian Mendoza helped with door prize drawings throughout the day. We would like to thank them for doing such a wonderful job representing Sonora. Lizzie Chavez's studio "Academy of Arts" performed and kept the crowd

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Lady Broncos Win 3rd at Ballinger Tournament



Photo by Bonnie Lou Campbell

back row: (L to R) Taylor Hampton, video technician; Paige Sykes, Hunter Jennings, Coach Larry Jennings, Chelsey Lou Campbell, Leandra Castaneda, Morgan Smith, Jacinda Sanchez, Rose Karnes, Manager; front row: Abby Creek, Briannah Creek and Avery Nolen

By Larry Jennings

Sonora Lady Broncos Win Third at Ballinger Tournament On December 2-4 the Sonora Lady Broncos competed in the Ballinger basketball tournament. The Ladies had a very successful tournament, bringing home the third place trophy. In the first round they de-

feated a tough 9-2 team from Coleman. Sonora won 51-47. In the second round, the Lady Broncos faced the # 1 ranked team in 1A, Goldthwaite. We fought hard staying within 6 points until the final 3 minutes before losing 34-47. The third place game was between the

hometown team from Ballinger and the Lady Broncos. We battled back after a half-time deficit to win in overtime 49-48. All of the girls played great. Named to the All Tournament team were Morgan Smith and Brianah Creek.

Senior Center Activities

Thurs. December 9 - Happy Birthday *Martha Rogers*
 Fri. December 10 - PEC Program @ Noon
 Mon. December 13 - Bingo
 Tues. December 14 - Happy Birthday *Tive Chavez*
 Wed. December 15 - Happy Birthday *Carol Sue Adkins*

Senior Center Menu

Thurs. December 9 - Polish sausage, baked potato slices, roll green beans, blushing pear, milk
 Fri. December 10- Roast beef w/gravy, mashed potatoes, brussels sprouts, wheat roll, carrot cake
 Mon. December 13 - Hamburger on a bun, tater tots, lettuce, onions, tomatoes, carrot salad, fruit cocktail
 Tues. December 14 - Lasagna, green beans, garden salad, milk garlic bread, apple pie
 Wed. December 15 - Chicken strips w/gravy, roasted potatoes pinto beans, roll, Jell-O with fruit, milk

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 \$2.00; \$5.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).

St. John's Episcopal Church Presents:

An Advent Festival Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

6:00 p.m. Sunday, December 12th at St. John's Episcopal Church located at 404 E Poplar Street, Sonora, Texas.

Christmas Eve Services

St. John's Episcopal Church--Sonora, Texas 6:00 p.m. December 24th.
 St. James Episcopal Church--Fort McKavett, Texas 3:00 p.m.

Regular Service Times:

St. John's Episcopal Church
 Sunday Holy Communion: 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Evening Holy Communion: 5:30 p.m.
 (Healing Service every Wednesday)
All are Welcome--Child Care Provided

Easy Holiday Dishes

(StatePoint) Everybody loves to eat all those home cooked holiday dishes and treats, but most of us don't have time to spend days toiling over a hot stove.

Rest assured, you don't need to make everything from scratch to create a great holiday meal. Guests won't notice if you use some off-the-shelf ingredients (and if they did, they won't hold it against you). For example, instead of dinner rolls from scratch, buy ones that you just heat in the oven.

You can also use packaged items like soups, stocks and even pre-made stuffing, and simply add your own personal touches to make your dishes distinctive. Add some dried cranberries here or some chestnuts there and it becomes your homemade specialty.

Here are two easy holiday recipes that incorporate store-bought ingredients to help lighten your holiday load:

Moist & Savory Stuffing

- 1 package (14 ounces) Pepperidge Farm Herb Seasoned Stuffing
- 2 1/2 cups Swanson Chicken Broth
- Generous dash ground black pepper
- 2 stalks celery, coarsely chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1 large onion, coarsely chopped (about 1 cup)

Heat the broth, black pepper, celery and onion in a 3-quart saucepan over medium-high heat to a boil. Reduce the heat to low. Cover and cook for 5 minutes or until the vegetables are tender. Remove the saucepan from the heat. Add the stuffing and mix lightly.

Spoon the stuffing mixture into a greased 3-quart shallow baking dish. Cover the baking dish and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until the stuffing mixture is hot. Makes 10 servings (about 3/4 cup each).

Holiday Brie en Croute


- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1/2 of a 17.3-ounce package Pepperidge Farm Puff Pastry Sheets (1 sheet), thawed
- 1/2 cup apricot preserves or seedless raspberry jam
- 1/3 cup dried cranberries
- 1/4 cup toasted sliced almonds
- 1 (13- to 16-ounce) Brie or other soft cheese round
- 1 package (13 ounces) crackers

Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Beat the egg and water in a small bowl with a fork.

Unfold the pastry sheet on a lightly floured surface. Roll the pastry sheet into a 14-inch square. Spread the preserves on the pastry to within two inches of the edge. Sprinkle with the cranberries and almonds. Place the cheese in the center of the pastry. Fold the pastry up over the cheese to cover. Trim the excess pastry and press to seal. Brush the seam with the egg mixture. Place seam-side down onto a baking sheet. Decorate with the pastry scraps, if desired. Brush with the egg mixture.

Bake for 20 minutes or until the pastry is golden brown. Let stand for 45 minutes. Serves 12.

For more ideas for easy holiday dishes, visit PepperidgeFarm.com.

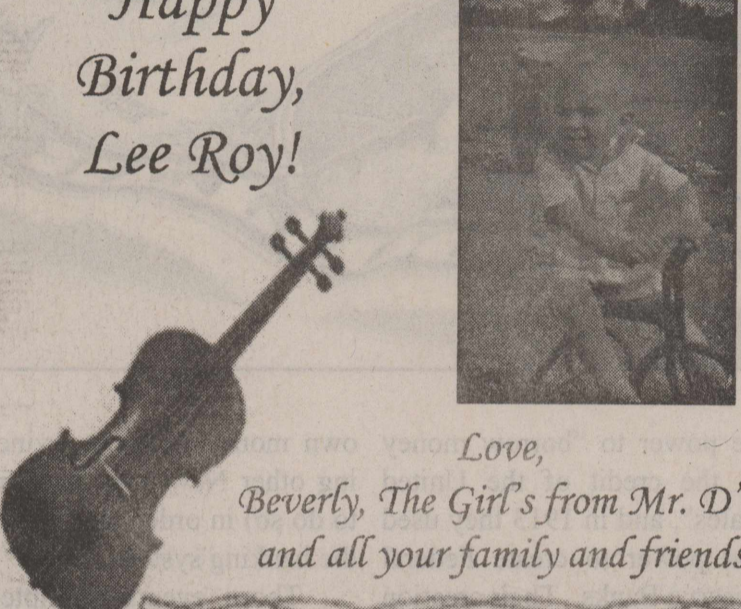


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Kyle & Jana are the proud grandparents to the most beautiful baby girl.

Aisley Elaine Dover



Our precious Aisley was born on November 23, 2010 @ 7:22 pm @ Hill Country Memorial, Fredericksburg, Tx. She weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. & was 20" long. Parents: Dalton & Kathryn Dover GrandParents: Kyle & Jana Dover, Guthrie, Ok (formerly Sonora, Tx) Chester & Terri Harris, Kerrville, Tx Proud Aunt: Brittani Elaine Dover, San Antonio, Tx Great Grandparents: Jay & Glenda Dover, Abilene, Tx Mike & Marti Lanier, Abilene, Tx Randy & Pam Whorton, Ft. Worth, Tx

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 Ray Wells, Pastor

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| Sunday | Tuesday |
| 9:45 Sunday School | 12:00 Lion's Club |
| 10:55 Worship | |
| <i>Nursery available from 9:30 - 12:30</i> | |
| Wednesday | |
| 6:00 Beth Moore Study - Fellowship Hall | |
| 6:00 Jr. High Youth - St. John's Sunday House | |
| 7:00 Sr. High Youth - St. John's Sunday House | |

Happy Birthday!

December 9
 Chris Flores, Amber Vasquez, Carrie Smith, Rose Hooper, Chris Lopez

December 10
 Melanie Smith, Tyler Edmondsdon, Sabrina Surber, Elizant Flores, Gilbert Vara, Jr., Amy Hernandez, Tommie Sanchez, Amberlie Kinder, Kristen Hardgrave, David Lopez

December 11
 Deyanira Alvizo, Genaro Perez III, J.R. Perez, Carl Weaver, Sam Taylor

December 12
 Giovanni Gamez, Dylan Taylor, Jared Hinsley, Asron Hinsley, Tessa Joy, Emily Cory, Lupe Buitron, Richard Bernal, Guadalupe Marquart, Mary Mauldin

December 13
 Charlotte Luna, Michael Harris, Bobby Dickenson, Dianne Luckie, T.J. Thorp, Ginger Everett, Scottie Moore, Laura Bedwell, Andres Chavez, Valerie Lopez, Madison Pool, Nicholas Pool

December 14
 Billie Renfro, Michelle Rushing, Randy Mabry, Lisa Price, Tim Roberts, Shelby Randolph

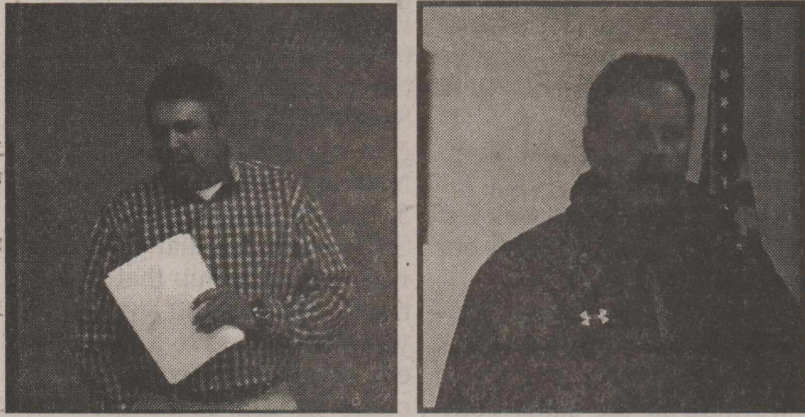
December 15
 Dawn Cahill, Krysta Brooks, Clay Gentry, Dustin Neff, Chris Neal, Sean Matchus



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Lion's Roar



Submitted

The Lions Club program this past week provided insight to the Club on a subject which we haven't heard about for about 9 months. Just take a guess. No, it's certainly not Football...It's Basketball! The Mighty Lady Broncos coach Larry Jennings and Coach Lamar Evans of our wonderful Bronco Varsity Gentlemen shared their view of the upcoming campaigns. We know of the wonderful season last year for both our lady and men teams. With the new District alignment they expect stiffer competition than we had last year. Student turnout at all levels 7th through varsity has been extremely high. What a wonderful problem for our Athletic Director David Sine and his coaches. Lady Broncos are off to a fast start winning 5 games against 1 loss. Speed and stifling defense characterize their play. The Bronco men started with the Ballinger tourney where they won their 1st game. Expect tough, no quit, hard nose play by the Broncos this season. Please support all our

children in all their activities. Thanks, Coach Jennings and Coach Evans, for sharing your time with your Lions Club. The middle school "Students of the Week" took time from their hectic schedule along with their Principal Lion Brandon Duncan to brief the Club and share a meal with us. They were 8th grader Analesa Perez, 7th grader Victoria Agosta and 6th grader Kate-Lyn Lipham. What a joy it is to listen to them about their favorite classes, their families and their extra circular activities. We just love the Lions relationship with the Middle School. Thanks, Kids and Pam Crenwelge, Dana Leamon, and Principal & Lion Brandon Duncan for keeping this program going. The Lions Club meets Tuesdays, 50 weeks a year at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. The two days we will not meet is the 21 & 28th of December. Have a Merry Christmas Season, Go Broncos and Shop Sonora.

A Reindeer Buys A Drink

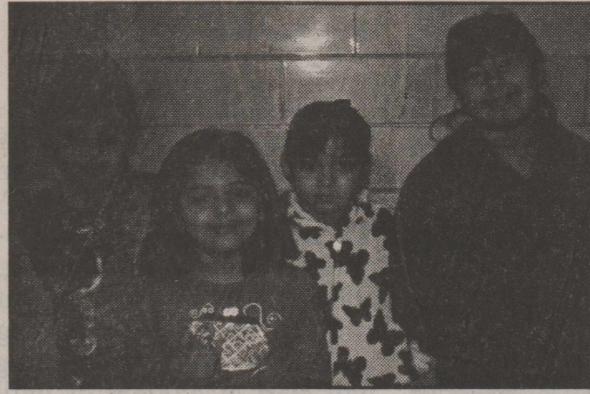
One evening, in a busy lounge in the deep south, a reindeer walked in the door, bellied up to the bar and ordered a martini.

Without batting an eye, the bartender mixed and poured the drink, set it in front of the reindeer, and accepted the twenty-dollar bill from the reindeer's hoof.

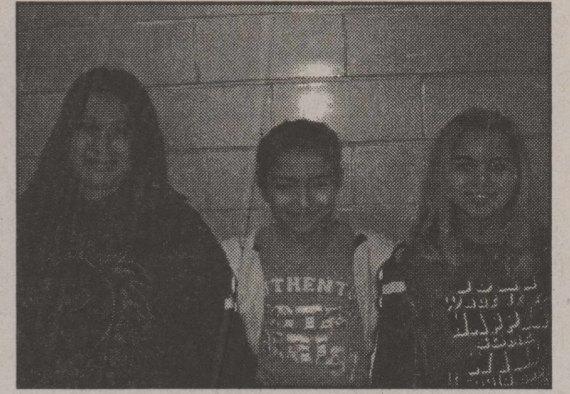
As he handed the reindeer some coins in change, he said "You know, I think you're the first reindeer I've ever seen in here."

The reindeer looked hard at the hoof of change and said "Hmmpf. Let me tell you something, buddy. At these prices, I'm probably the last reindeer you'll see in here."

Students of the Week



L to R: Mariah Talamantes, Lily Chavarria, Melanie Vallejo, and Yesenia Garza



L to R: Kaytlan Noriega, Christina Garza, Trista Bush

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2:30 p.m. SHS Band Concert
4:00 p.m. Sonora Academy of Arts Performance
"A Night On The Polar Express"

F.Y.I.

Attention Students: If you are interested in attending Howard College or Angelo State University in the fall of 2011, a representative from the Howard College Financial Aid Department will be on the High School Campus Thursday, December 9, 2010 at 6:00PM to talk about financial aid opportunities. Parents are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Marilyn Wood, HS counselor @ 325-387-6940 ext. 3304 or marilyn.wood@sonoraaisd.net

2011 Miss Cinco de Mayo: Viva Sonora is accepting registration for the 2011 MISS CINCO DE MAYO. If you would like the opportunity to be the next MISS CINCO DE MAYO and win a \$1000.00 scholarship, please contact Michelle Faz at The Bank & Trust. Applicants must be in 9th, 10th and 11th grades.

2011 Little Mr. & Miss Cinco de Mayo: Viva Sonora is accepting registration for 2011 LITTLE MR. & MISS CINCO DE MAYO. To register or for more information, please contact Jo Ann Hernandez at The Bank & Trust.

2011 Mrs. Cinco de Mayo: Viva Sonora is also looking for a 2011 MRS. CINCO DE MAYO. The winner will receive a one night two day weekend getaway for two. For more information, please contact Jo Ann Hernandez & Michelle Faz at The Bank & Trust.

Farmer's Market every Thursday @ 4:00 p.m. next to Ol' Sonora Trading Co.

The Primary Purpose Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. at the St. John's Episcopal Church, 404 NE Poplar. FMI call 325-387-9765 or 325-206-1311.

Rent the Depot or Icehouse Ranch Museum for your special party or event. Call 325-387-5084 Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

Main Street Traffic

By: Ann Kay

Coming up events for historical downtown on Thursday December 16, 2010 is "Main Street Christmas Downtown". We invite you to attend an evening of fun, music, shopping, and food. You may set up your table on the sidewalk starting at 3:00pm. and the evening will start at 4:00pm or until you have sold everything you bought to town. Music will begin at 5:00pm with a Christmas sing off of the Sonora Elementary School Choirs under the direction of Mrs. Duncan. Santa Claus will come to town and you may have your children photo made at the Dance Studio.

Are you hungry? Well, look no farther because on Main Street we will have food by Linda Love-Cahill and BBQ by Wack Shack. There will be sweet goodies and pecans too! You are invited to go shopping for special gifts for all the ladies and gentleman at the booths, Wild Bill's, Sutton County Historical So-

ciety Gift Shop, Petal Pushers, Kathy & Rodney Knight Gifts, Mercantile Garden, Devil's River T Shirts (for the young person who has everything) and many other things. We will have some dancing maids from the Dance Studio just like it is in that old favorite Christmas song "12 Days of Christmas". As the evening draws to a close... we will all look up at the beautiful decorated Sutton County Courthouse Lawn and the real reason for Christmas!

If you would like to set up a table and makes some Christmas bucks don't forget the cost for the table is FREE! Set at 3:00pm and ready to go by 4:00pm. We hope this evening will help some of the community folks who have wonderful talents make some Christmas bucks. Special note of appreciation to Devil's River News, KHOS Radio, Johnny Solis, Luis Lira, and Carlos Gallegos, Friends of Historic

Sonora Main Street Directors (lights on the courthouse and the Welcome to Sonora Planter Box), Sutton County Society, and Sonora Elementary Choir and staff. Extra Special wish of appreciation to Frank Wamble who is very close friends with Santa Claus.

Five Ways to Lure Local Shoppers:

1. Create a better place- Ex. Decorating attraction like our malls
2. Make money Local- Ex. "We find these programs work well where people are living & working in the same community together. It requires a basis of trust & a basis of local knowledge." Noted by Susan Will, education director of the New Economics Institute & founder of Berk Shares, Inc.
3. Get Consumers to invest their creativity—Ex. "We build relationship with people who will actually live, work, and play there." Take moto says. "These neighborhoods, businesses and building become the result of everyone's collective values and intelligence, what it is they would in-

vest in if were a developer." 4. Play up personality. Ex. "Each of these three delights in knowing his customers personally—as we do them. Parking is terrible in our town, and the pharmacy sits two doors away from a CVS. Still, much of the time, he gets my business anyway." Note: by Caitlin Kelly

5. Get behind a cause Ex. She points out that working with a local group that is actively fundraising provides you with access to a dedicated, loyal audience that will come in and spend money. "even better," she says, "the work of reaching that audience is handled by the group itself." Note: by Susan Kuchinskas

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Judges will start the "Best Decorated for Christmas 2010 Winners Award" this Sunday, December 12, 2010. Turn on them Christmas Lights and win the award.

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The Sutton County Historical Society will hold a membership meeting Friday, December 10, 2010 at 12:00PM at the Ice House Ranch Museum. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Ranchers Are Preparing For Dry Winter

By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent



It's not even winter yet, but due to the dry fall, many ranchers are faced with deciding what their feeding (supplementation) program will be this dormant season. The forecast calls for a dry winter. The earlier decisions are made, the better. Here are a few thoughts.

You must have a roughage (forage) base to work from. The idea is to attempt to maximize options and minimize long-term negative impact on the forage resource. Winter feeding should be supplementation, and not a feeding program.

Producers also have to decide how to supply the supplement. Feeding can get quite labor intensive. Liquid supplements are put out in big containers, so they're rather labor free, but if you put out range cubes, that takes more time. Normally, range cubes are put out every day. However, according to recent research, the same amount of nutrition is provided if producers double up every other day or once every three days.

The key is not how much feed livestock get, but their intake of protein. A popular choice is 20% protein cubes. For it to be effective, they must be fed several times a

week. On the other hand, 38-41% "cake", may be a more cost-efficient protein source. It may cost a little more, but you can feed it once a week.

Another thought is to regard your supplementation alternatives. This may include whole cottonseed or gin trash. The deciding factor, of course, is cost. But, you must also have the facilities to store feed as well as troughs or feeders.

No matter what strategy a producer chooses, use a trough. Feed can be expensive; if you feed on the ground, about 18 percent of that feed is going to be ruined by livestock because they're going to step on it or defecate on it.

Finally, consider culling poor producers. The earlier you do it the better. A common mistake is to do nothing now in hopes rain will come or additional grazing can be leased until conditions improve. The good news is that markets have been good recently.

The idea is to have a plan. It's been said before that "discussing drought management during a drought, is like packing a parachute after jumping from the plane." So, plan your work, then work your plan.

COLLEGE STATION - Year-end tax planning for agricultural producers and general taxpayers must be done by "what is known" regarding current federal tax code, even though there's uncertainty about extending certain tax cuts, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service economists.

Jose Pena, AgriLife Extension economist-management at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Uvalde, said it's currently unknown if Congress will extend tax cuts that are part of the 2001 Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act.

If the tax cuts imposed under the Bush administration are not extended, all tax rates will rise for all individual taxpayers, including those subject to the lowest tax rates, he said.

"Year-end tax planning appears confusing as the political climate in Congress changes and Congress remains in a stalemate over extending the tax cuts, which are scheduled to expire Dec. 31," Pena said.

A hot-button item among agriculture producers is the estate tax, which was repealed in 2010. Under current law, there is no federal estate tax, but heirs who sell appreciated assets may face capital gains taxes.

"In 2011, the estate tax is set to return with a \$1 mil-

lion exemption and a top rate of 55 percent on the largest estates," Pena said. "But it appears some Congressmen are pondering a \$3.5 million exemption with a 45 percent top rate, which over the years would evolve into a \$5 million exemption and a maximum tax rate of 35 percent. It appears, however, that the estate tax is not going to disappear."

Meanwhile, he said, agricultural producers and small business owners may be able to take advantage of some extended tax cuts as part of the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 signed into law in September.

"This extended some of the business tax cuts which had expired in 2009," Pena noted.

He said some of extensions and allowances from which agricultural producers may derive a tax benefit include:

- Extending and increasing the Section 179 expensing option for depreciable property used in business (computers, office furniture, equipment, vehicles or other tangible business property) to a maximum of \$500,000 for tax years 2010 and 2011 only.

- Extending the 50 percent bonus depreciation for 2010, which was set to expire at the end of 2009 for new property as long as

the property is placed into service before Jan. 1, 2011.

- Allowing the deduction of cell phone business use without documentation.

- Temporarily increasing the amount of start-up expenditures that small businesses can deduct from their taxes in 2010 from \$5,000 to \$10,000 (with a phase-out threshold of \$60,000 in expenditures).

- Allowing a deduction for the cost of small-business health insurance premiums in calculating self-employment taxes.

The increased Section 179 expensing option and the 50 percent depreciation provision can give agricultural producers a great ability to manage income and Social Security taxes for 2010, said Dr. Wayne Hayenga, Texas A&M University professor emeritus and AgriLife Extension agricultural economist.

"Some producers who bought equipment in 2010 may be able to almost eliminate taxable income for the year," Hayenga said. "And cash-basis producers can use expensing to avoid tax on income carried forward from prior years. They can also use it to avoid income and Social Security taxes on much of their 2010 income."

He added that current discussions in Congress regarding cutting the tax rate for 2011 also likely will have an impact on agricultural producers.

"It probably wouldn't make sense for producers to lower their taxable income, missing out on otherwise allow-

able personal exemptions and deductions," Hayenga said.

"Also, some producers may want to report sufficient income to qualify for an earned-income credit."

Pena said tax breaks that expired at the end of 2009 included deduction for classroom expenses for educators; tuition and fees deduction for college; additional standard deduction for property taxes; additional standard deduction or itemized deduction for sales taxes paid on a new vehicle; itemized deductions for state and local sales taxes in lieu of state income taxes; tax-free exclusion of the first \$2,400 in unemployment benefits; and tax-free exclusion of IRA funds donated directly to charity.

"In addition, required IRA payments from IRA plans resume this year," Pena said. "Congress also did not extend last year's waiver of required IRA distributions for those age 70 1/2 or older."

He added that the \$1,000 child tax credit available through 2010 as part of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 and the 2009 stimulus package will be reduced to \$500 in 2011.

"And cost-of-energy efficiency improvements may be entitled to a tax credit of 30 percent of the purchase price up to a maximum credit of \$1,500," he said. "But that credit will be offset by the alternative minimum tax in 2010 unless Congress changes the rules."

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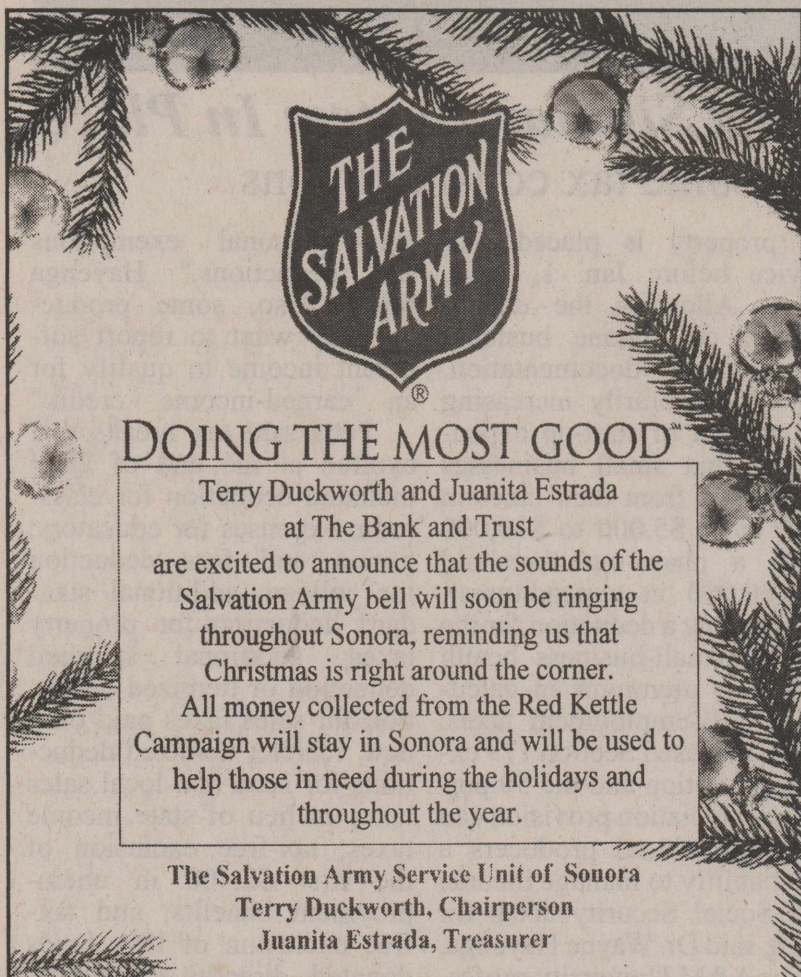
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inflation rates are high, the unemployment rate decreases resulting in economic growth. In laymen's terms more people were working and making more money that (through inflation) had less value. This strategy appeared to work (in terms of economic stabilization) resulting in a period of decreased volatility in the economic markets between the 1970's and late 1990's. The argument for this strategy was called into question during the recession of the late 1990's and economic melt-down of 2008.

Through its evolution the United States dollar has changed its form from being a national currency into an international commodity. It is bought and sold on markets the same way pork bellies, corn, and raw materials are. Ever since we moved away from the gold standard our country has become very similar to a publicly traded company and the stock for "United States Inc." is the dollar. Its value is not based on a single tangible good, but on the perceived strength and ability of the entire United States economy. Foreign investors, banks, and governments buy our debt (or dollar) in the form of securities, and bonds with the hope of getting a return for their investment. Just as with a publicly traded company on the stock exchange, the success of our nation depends on an increasing value of our stock-or dollar. That value is determined by the confidence of our in-

vestors, a good portion of who are outside of the United States.

While the perceived value of the dollar on the international market remains strong (85 % of all financial transactions conducted on earth are made with the dollar), its value in the domestic market remains questionable. The equivalent amount of goods that could be purchased with \$1.00 has declined over 96% from 1774-2009. That means that if you could travel back in time to 1774 with a 2009 dollar it would only be worth 4 cents. A dollar really ain't worth a dime anymore. It begs the question of what is more important, wealth or value.

Editors Note: Next week's edition will conclude the discussion of our national debt by looking at the relationship between our dollar and the impacts of our debt on it.

"We don't have a trillion-dollar debt because we haven't taxed enough; we have a trillion-dollar debt because we spend too much"
Ronald Reagan

Gov. Perry, Lt. Gov. Dewhurst, Speaker Straus Direct Agencies to Identify 2.5 Percent Savings in 2011 Fiscal Year Budget

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus today sent a letter directing each state agency to identify savings of 2.5 percent of their original general revenue and general-revenue-dedicated appropriations for the remainder of the 2011 fiscal year.

"Texas' economy remains strong, and as we lead the nation in recovery from the economic downturn, we will continue to ensure that Texans' tax dollars are spent prudently," Gov. Perry said. "Identifying these savings builds on our ongoing call to keep government spending in check so that we can balance our state budget without raising taxes and continue to attract businesses that create jobs for Texans."

These savings, along with those previously identified for the current fiscal year at the governor, lieutenant governor and speaker's January request, will be realized through action the 82nd Texas Legislature takes in adopting a supplemental appropriations bill for fiscal year 2011.

While sales tax receipts have improved since the beginning of the year, reduced spending in the current fiscal year will help prepare for budget reductions that will be necessary to balance the budget for the 2012-2013 biennium.

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entertained. We would like to thank Lizzy and all the parents for allowing their children to participate at the More the Merrier. Tish Roque led the Sonora Youth Choir as they sang for the crowd. Thank you to Tish and the choir for being a part of the entertain-

ment. There was drawing s all day long for door prizes that were donated by the vendors. We would like to thank everyone that donated a gift for the drawings. The chamber puts this event on every year in hopes to get all the merchants and local crafters in one location for a fun day of shopping to start the Christmas season. Merry Christmas!

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On Christmas Eve, Nathan thought it would be nice to buy his wife a little gift for the next day. Always short of money, he thought long and hard about what that present might be!

Unable to decide, Nathan entered Macy's and in the cosmetics section he asked the girl, 'How about some perfume?' She showed him a bottle costing \$150.00

'Too expensive,' muttered Nathan.

The young lady returned with a smaller bottle for \$50. 'Oh dear,' Nathan groused, 'still far too much.'

Growing rather annoyed at Nathan's meanness, the sales girl brought out a tiny \$10 bottle and offered it to him.

Nathan became really agitated, 'What I mean', he whined, 'is I'd like to see something really cheap.'

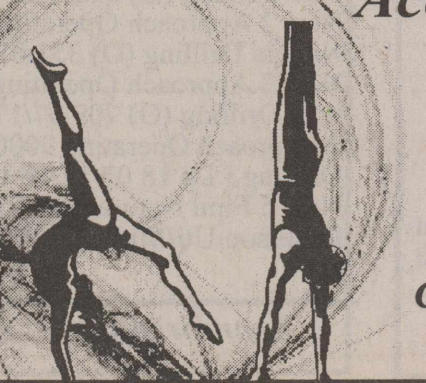
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Resolve To Be Financially Fit In The New Year

Submitted

The New Year is a time for resolutions, reflection and planning, especially regarding your financial health.

Staying financially fit in tough times can feel like a grueling workout. But like exercise, the benefits of financial fitness are clear and achievable with some foresight and discipline. And some free help from the Internet.

"Sometimes taking the first step toward money management is daunting, with all the books and resources out there. But there are really just three rules to follow," says Aaron Patzer, vice president and general manager of Intuit's personal finance group. "Spend less than you earn, make your money work for you, and avoid the downside."

Spend Less Than You Earn

This is the cardinal rule of personal finance, but one of the hardest to implement. Fortunately, there are free tools to assist even the most

undisciplined when it comes to budgeting. For example, Mint.com allows users to see all their financial accounts in one place, makes it easy to set and stick to budgets, and helps find ways to save money.

If you don't want to manage money online, try desktop personal finance tools, such as Quicken, which allows you to take control of your daily finances so you can worry less and lead a more balanced financial life. And if you're a complete technophobe, a simple notebook or check register can suffice.

Make Money Work For You

Investing lets your money grow while you sleep. Nowadays, many Americans are dependent on 401k plans for retirement, but not everyone understands what they are, how they work, or if they're a good deal. Web sites such as BrightScope.com rate 401k plans and give participants tools to make their plans bet-

ter.

In addition to a 401K, consider other investments. The Internet can help here, too. For example, Betterment.com helps novice and seasoned investors grow their savings by investing in stocks and bonds. There's no minimum balance, and transfers and trades are free.

Also, optimize all your accounts to maximize money saving opportunities. Make sure you have the best mortgage or loan through services like CreditSesame.com, or use Mint.com to find the best interest rates on credit cards, CDs, and savings accounts. And make sure you're taking advantage of your credit cards' special rewards. Try a service like Billeo.com, which highlights these deals when you're shopping or searching online.

Avoid The Downside

Even the most disciplined can be thrown by unexpected events, like a serious illness, job loss or natural disaster. While these can dent your wallet, you can minimize damage by being properly insured.

Everyone should have a minimum level of health insurance, even if it's just catastrophic coverage. Homeowners and motorists should make sure their property is covered, and parents should consider life insurance.

Keep these three rules of financial fitness in mind, and 2011 can become a year of personal growth!

New Research Finds Sugar In Moderation Isn't Bad For Your Heart

Submitted

With sugar consumption continuing to be linked to different ailments, some surprising new research indicates people can include added sugars as part of a balanced diet without increasing their risk of heart disease or weight gain.

The key is moderation and maintaining other healthy habits.

Consuming fructose from added sugars at levels found in the average American diet does not lead to weight gain or increased risk for heart disease when part of a weight-stable diet, according to new research presented at the American Heart Association's (AHA) Scientific Sessions 2010 conference.

This marks the first time researchers have measured the effects of added sugars consumption on body weight, total cholesterol and triglycerides levels, when consumed at levels typical of the general population.

"These findings demonstrate that added sugars, whether from table sugar or high fructose corn syrup, do not promote weight gain or increase total cholesterol, triglycerides or LDL cho-

lesterol when coupled with a balanced diet," said Dr. James Rippe, a cardiologist who is director of the Lifestyle Medicine Initiative at Orlando Regional Healthcare and the study's chief investigator.

Interestingly, the new study was accepted for presentation at the AHA conference even though it conflicts with the association's recommendations. The AHA recommends men and women consume no more than 100 and 150 calories of added sugars daily (about 38 grams), though more than 90 percent of Americans consume more -- with an average consumption rate of 345 calories of added sugar daily.

Rippe cautions that the new findings shouldn't lead people to increase consumption of the sweet stuff and that moderation is still the key.

"Although this study is not license to over-indulge, it does inform us we can enjoy sugar in moderation as long as we are following a healthy lifestyle. That's an important take-away for people like moms who may want to use added sweeteners to make healthy foods more attractive to their children."

Table sugar (sucrose) is the

leading source of added sugar in the American diet, followed by high fructose corn syrup (corn sugar). Sugar and high fructose corn syrup contain nearly the same one-to-one ratio of two simple sugars: fructose and glucose.

In the double-blind study, which was supported by an unrestricted grant from the Corn Refiners Association, researchers followed 64 overweight and obese people who were placed on a weight-stable diet for 10 weeks. The diet incorporated sucrose-sweetened or high fructose corn syrup-sweetened low-fat milk, at 10 percent or 20 percent of total calories. These fructose consumption levels were two- to four-times greater than AHA recommendations.

After 10 weeks, there was no change in body weight in the group. There also were no changes in total cholesterol, triglycerides or "bad" LDL cholesterol. The participants also didn't experience elevated levels of a protein that indicates increased heart disease risk and had no changes in their levels of "good" HDL cholesterol.

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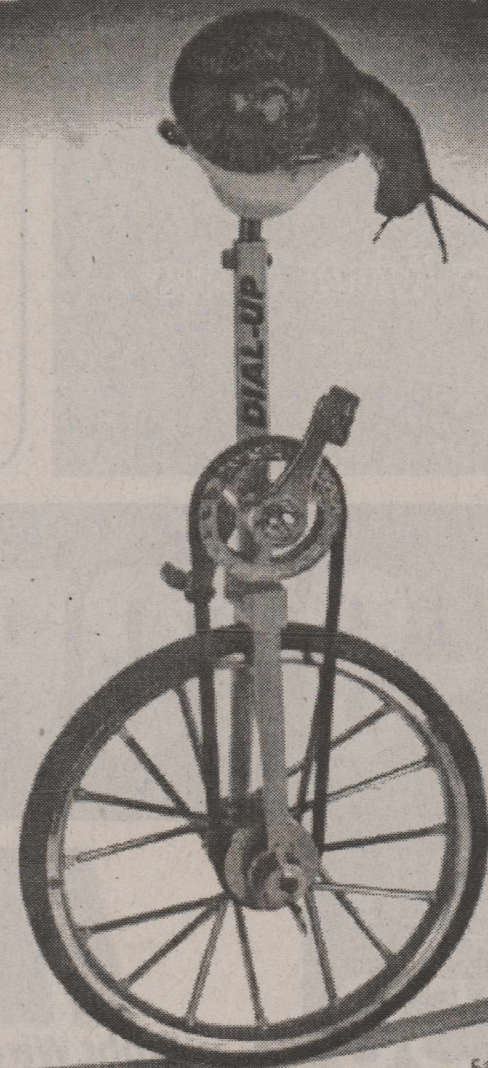
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Create And Share Holiday Memories

(StatePoint) The holidays are a time for family bonding and creating memories that last a lifetime. But sometimes your loved ones don't have more than a few days to spend with you or live too far to visit.

Despair not. There are lots of ways you can preserve and share those special moments with family and friends. And these days, you can even use modern technology to make it easier to share family traditions.

to make something special for grandma, check out Web-based tools like Animoto.com. The online service lets you create free, 30-second video greetings from personal photos and video clips gathered throughout the year.

Imagine giving your loved one an energetic video with the emotional impact of a movie trailer. Who wouldn't love a virtual keepsake, easily shared with the click of the mouse?

By Coach Evans

Well it's time for Basketball. I would like to introduce the 2010 Broncos Varsity Boys Basketball Team: #1 Davis Jimenez, #2 Imoni Cross, #3 Zachary Leonard, #10 Austin Hampton, #5 Word Hudson, #12 Ethan Morriss, #14 Dallas Payne, #23 James Bean, #30 Jorge Pena, and #32 Cadesman Pope. We have 6 returning starters and 2 coming off the JV squad, Davis and Jorge and 2 newcomers Dallas and Imoni.

The Broncos took the court Thursday to take on Anson and

Varsity Boys Basketball: The Season Begins

pulled out all the stops and beat Anson 39-36 with some game winning free-throw from Imoni Cross. The game was tight all the way through, and you could tell we were still shaking off the cobwebs. Imoni was high point with 10, Zachary 5, Word hit 6, Austin for 7, Dallas hit 2, Ethan for 5 and Cadesman for 2. We continued the next day with Bangs and lost a close one 46-48. Scoring for the Broncos was Zac Leonard 2, Imoni Cross 13, Word Hudson was high pt. with 22,

James Bean 2 and Cadesman Pope 6. The road didn't get any smoother, our next action was against Clyde and they gave us a good dose of Basketball and ended losing that game 51-61. Scoring for the Bron-

cos was Davis 3, Imoni 11, Zac was high point with 13, Hudson dish in 9, Austin hit 10, Dallas 4, and Cadesman 2.

Make a Chore a Tradition

Holiday activities like decorating, cooking and wrapping presents don't have to be stressful chores on your to-do list. They can become fun traditions with a little holiday pop music and a photographer at-the-ready.

Kids and grandparents will usually think of silly ways to mug for the camera, and you'll definitely want to share those photos immediately, so use a digital camera. Better yet, get a memory card that lets you wirelessly upload photos directly from your camera to your computer, such as an Eye-Fi wireless memory card. You can then turn those digital photos into a family holiday card or kitschy decoration like tree ornaments.

Memories Are Free

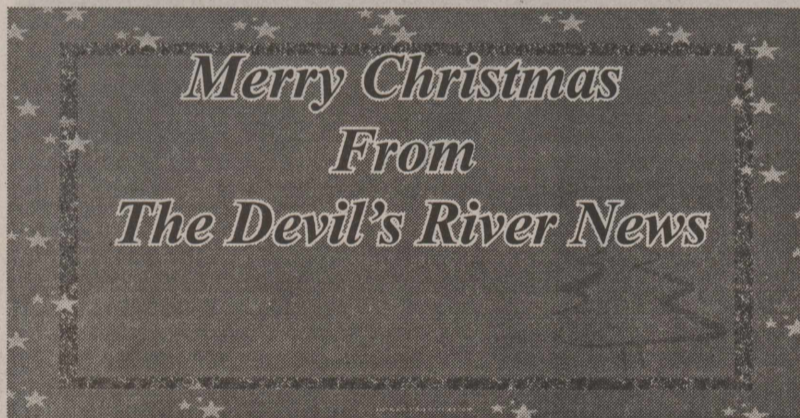
Unlike toys and gadgets, memories are free. They're also a great gift. If you're tight on cash or your child wants

Share and Share Alike

Gone are the days of family holiday newsletters. Or rather, the family newsletter in print. Nowadays, if you're looking to share memories and photos with loved ones, you can e-mail them as a group or create an e-newsletter. Or, you can simply blast the news through your social networks.

Thankfully, there are services that help you post photos and videos online, such as yfrog.com. For example, through yfrog, anyone can instantly share photos, such as images from holiday parties, videos from family get-togethers or clips of the kids' faces as they open their presents, to their social networks and directly from their mobile device. To find out more, visit yfrog.com.

Just remember to use good judgment when sharing photos of loved ones. No one wants their home address or most embarrassing moment available for the world to see!



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December 11, 2010
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The Devil's River News Classified Ads

Public Notice

first floor, replace thermostats and other related equipment. (Interested parties should provide a bid for each SEER-rated system) (IF FUNDS PERMIT) Replace existing T-12 light fixtures located on the first floor with new T-8 fixtures with applicable energy efficient bulbs. (IF FUNDS PERMIT) Weather seal doors and windows. Bidders must comply with the following federal guidelines (more information about the guidelines will be offered in the complete bid package and at the December 15 Pre-Bid Conference):

- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Davis-Bacon Act
- Buy American Act

Although not a requirement to bid, preference is given to bonded contractors. The City reserves the right to award more than one contract under the RFP. The City is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, extend the RFP deadline and to waive formalities in the selection process. If a contract award is made under the terms of this RFP, Contractor(s) will be expected to begin performance of the contract on or about March 14, 2011. Parties interested in requesting a RFP packet should drop by the front desk of City Hall or contact Public Works Director Leonard Leitfelder at 3255-387-2558 ext. 308; pwd@sonoratx.net; 201 E. Main, Sonora, TX 76950. Closing Date: Proposals must be received at the first floor front desk inside City of Sonora's City Hall no later than 5 p.m.(CT), on Wednesday, Jan.19, 2011. Late proposals will not be considered. NOTE: Pre-Bid Conference to take place at 10 -11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 15 Inside the City Council Chambers on the first floor of City Hall located at 201 Main, Sonora, TX.

For Sale

For Sale: 40' Sure Pull Goose-neck trailer, dual tandem 10,000# axles, \$6,000. FMI call 325-206-1150.

For Sale

'05 GMC Sierra 1500 Reg. Cab Work Truck, V6 4.3 Liter, 2 door, 8 ft. bed, 150,350 miles. Runs but needs work. \$2,000 obo. Call 325-387-3843.

(325) 387-2507

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SONORA CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 13, 2010
6:00 P.M.

In May, 2010, the citizens of the City of Sonora re-authorized the Street Maintenance Tax. The tax represents a quarter of the sales tax which is collected locally. The purpose of the street maintenance tax is to allow the revenue collected to be used only to maintain and repair municipal streets existing on the date of the election to adopt the tax. During the 2010-2011 City budget process, the Sonora City Council budgeted \$100,000 of the street maintenance tax to be used for maintenance and repair. A public hearing will be held on Monday, December 13, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas, to receive input from the citizens regarding which streets they would like to see better maintained, repaired or any other comments regarding City streets. The City Council is in the process of compiling a list of streets which will be targeted for work in the Spring/Summer of 2011.

If you are unable to attend the public hearing on Monday, December 13, 2010, you may either contact your Ward Council member as well as call or come by City Hall and offer your suggestions and comments.

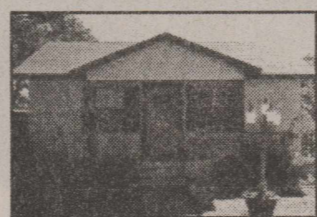
If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Judy Miller, City Manager, 325-387-2558, ext. 315, or come by City Hall, 210 Main Street, Sonora, Texas.

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Help Wanted: Full time and part time. Apply at Mr. D's, 216 Hwy. 277 N. from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

Help Wanted: Children's Home Health is accepting applications for full-time LVN or RN. Full benefits package for full-time employees, competitive salary, mileage paid. Contact Andrew @ 972-661-3737. www.childrenshha.com

RETAIL MERCHANDISER WANTED to service Hallmark Products at the Alco store located in Sonora. To apply, visit www.hallmark.candidatecare.com

Hospice of San Angelo, Inc. is accepting applications for a FULL TIME RN, For large rural area. A unique opportunity to provide quality care to a special kind of patient. Excellent benefits and working environment.

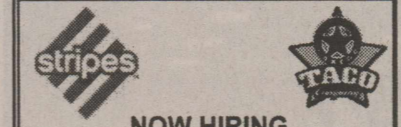
Contact Hospice of San Angelo/Celene Loosier 325-658-6524 or stop by 36 East Twohig, Suite 1100, San Angelo, Texas 76903. **Sutton County Steak House** is now accepting applications for wait staff. Apply in person at 1306 N. Service Rd. FMI call Amy at 325-387-3833.

The Sonora Abstract Company has an opening for an Office Assistant. This is a part-time position. Possibly full-time. Please bring your resume to Sonora Abstract Company at 227 E. Main Street, Sonora, Texas.

Immediate Opening for financial secretary at First United Methodist Church, 12 hours/week. Must have bookkeeping experience. Please call 387-2466 or 387-3020.

Misc.

Lost: Registered Border Collie; lost approximately 2 months ago on McIntosh Rd. or CR 2596. Reward offered. FMI 277-6982.



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For Rent

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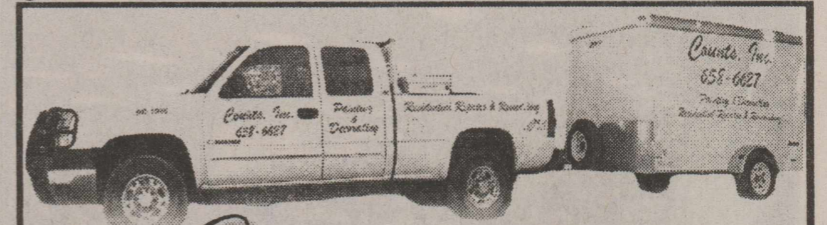
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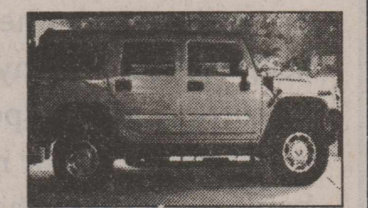
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Mondays - Agriculture Tuesday -

Sonora ISD News & Sonora Bronco Coach's Corner

Wednesday -

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GARAGEKEEPER:
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502 SAN FRANCISCO SONORA, TX 79650

City of Sonora
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Retrofit Building with Energy Efficient HVAC Units, Light Ballasts/Fixtures with appropriate Light Bulbs and Weather Seal Doors and Windows at City Hall located at 201 E. Main in Sonora, Texas
PRE-BID Conference: 12/15/10; 10-11 AM (Central)
RFP Close Date: 01/19/11; 5PM (Central)

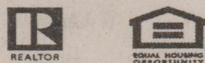
The City of Sonora received a \$23,030 State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) Grant to retrofit City Hall with new HVAC systems, and, if funds permit, replace existing light fixtures and bulbs and weather seal the doors and windows. The City invites proposals from qualified individuals or businesses for the following work to occur:
- Replace existing 12 to 20 year old HVAC units with 14.0 or 15.0 SEER-rated HVAC systems, seal and repair existing duct work, create one new air duct in the working space located on the

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325-387-6115
www.SonoraTexasRealEstate.com

Residential Properties

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 817 E. 2nd St. | \$89,500 |
| 210 Mockingbird Lane, Ozona, TX | \$95,000 |
| 210 E. 2nd St. | \$99,500 <i>New Listing</i> |
| 709 & 709B Tom Green Ave. | \$100,000 |
| 208 S. Concho Ave. | \$129,900 <i>Price Reduced</i> |
| 300 E. College St. | \$159,000 |
| 102 Oakwood St. | \$165,000 |
| 301 W. Castlehill Rd. | \$169,500 |
| 1209 Mesquite Ave. | \$175,000 |
| 213 Hudspeth Ave. | \$178,000 <i>New Listing</i> |
| 111 Sonora Dr. | \$189,500 |
| 1105 Ave. C, Ozona, TX | \$229,000 |

Residential Properties W/Acreage

1893 S. Service Rd.(17.569 acres) \$269,500 *Sale Pending*

Commercial Properties

| | |
|--|-----------|
| 606 Crockett Ave. - Vacant Gas Station | \$64,500 |
| 226 E. Main St. - In-line Downtown Bldg. | \$90,000 |
| 308 11th St., Ozona, TX - Apartments | \$135,000 |
| 847 Meridian Drive - Large Office Bldg. | \$295,000 |
| Stadium Park Mobile Home Park w/Several Properties | \$420,000 |
| 102 N. Fairway Dr., Ozona, TX - Apartments | \$450,000 |

Acreage

| | |
|--|--------------------------------|
| 20 acres - Sutton County Estates Lot 5 - Hwy 864 | \$50,000 |
| 122.416 acres - Sutton County Estates - Hwy 864 | \$244,832 |
| 84.838 acres - Schleicher Co. - Hwy 190E&CR404 | \$115,000 |
| 675.714 acres - Crockett Co. | \$912,209 |
| 960.77 acres - Sutton County - Bond Rd. | \$1,300,000 <i>New Listing</i> |
| 1150 acres - Sutton County - Baker Rd. | \$1,719,250 |

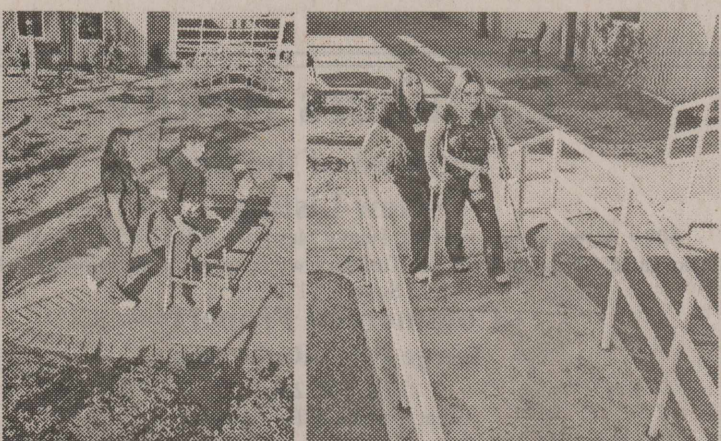
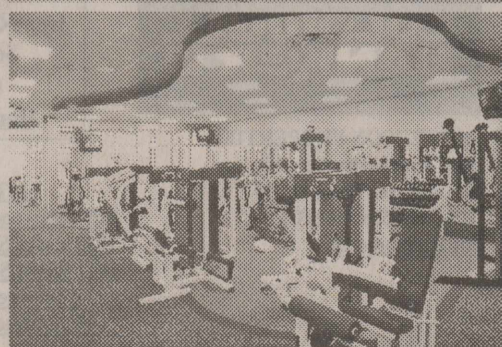
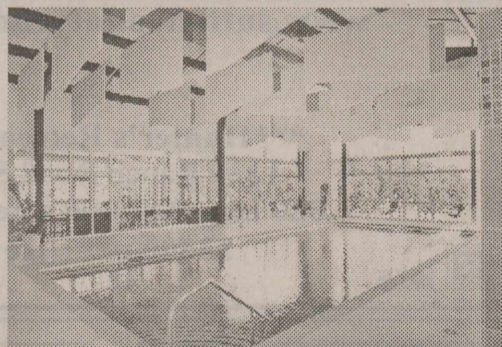
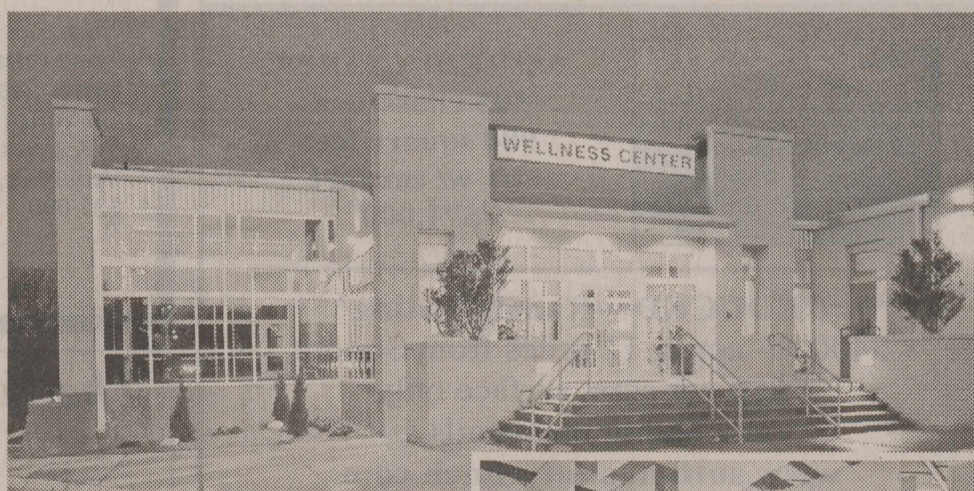
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Sonora Bronco Boys Basketball Schedule

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | JV White | JV Red | VARSITY |
|------------|--------------------------|-----------|----------|--------|---------|
| Dec. 7 | Mason | Home | TBA | 5:00 | 8:00 |
| Dec. 9-11 | Ozona Tournament | Ozona | | | TBA |
| Dec. 9-11 | Iraan JV Tournament | Iraan | TBA | TBA | |
| Dec. 13 | Fredericksburg | Away | 6:30 | 5:00 | 6:30 |
| Dec. 17 | Eldorado | Home | 6:30 | 5:00 | 8:00 |
| Dec. 29-31 | Eldorado Christmas Tour. | Away | | | TBA |
| Jan. 4 | Ingram | Home | 5:00 | 5:00 | 6:30 |
| Jan. 7 | Comstock | Home | TBA | 5:00 | 8:00 |
| Jan. 11 | Ft. Stockton | Away | 5:00 | 5:00 | 6:30 |
| Jan. 14 | Ozona* | Home | 6:30 | 5:00 | 8:00 |
| Jan. 18 | Grape Creek* | Away | 6:30 | 5:00 | 8:00 |
| Jan. 21 | Brady* | Home | 6:30 | 5:00 | 8:00 |
| Jan. 25 | Ballinger* | Away | 6:30 | 5:00 | 8:00 |
| Jan. 28 | Wall* | Home | 6:30 | 5:00 | 8:00 |
| Jan. 29 | JV Boys Tour. | Ballinger | | TBA | TBA |
| Feb. 1 | Ozona | Away | 6:30 | 5:00 | 8:00 |
| Feb. 4 | Grape Creek* | Home | 6:30 | 5:00 | 8:00 |
| Feb. 8 | Brady* | Away | 6:30 | 5:00 | 8:00 |
| Feb. 11 | Ballinger* | Home | 6:30 | 5:00 | 6:30 |
| Feb. 15 | Wall* | Away | 6:30 | 5:00 | 6:30 |

* Indicates District Games

Sonora Lady Broncos Basketball Schedule 2010 - 2011

| Date | Opponent | Site | JV White | JV Red | Varsity |
|------------|------------------------|------|----------------|--------|---------|
| Dec. 7 | Mason | Home | | 5:00 | 6:30 |
| Dec. 9-11 | Iraan JV Tournament | | TBA | | |
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| Dec. 14 | Irion Co. | Away | Mason (T) 6:30 | 5:00 | 6:30 |
| Dec. 17 | Eldorado | Home | | 5:00 | 6:30 |
| Dec. 27-29 | Eula Tournament | | | | TBA |
| Jan. 4 | Comstock | Home | | | 6:30 |
| Jan. 7 | Ballinger* | Home | 8:00 | 5:00 | 6:30 |
| Jan. 11 | Wall* | Away | 8:00 | 5:00 | 6:30 |
| Jan. 14 | Ozona* | Home | 8:00 | 5:00 | 6:30 |
| Jan. 18 | Grape Creek* | Away | 8:00 | 5:00 | 6:30 |
| Jan. 21 | Brady* | Home | 8:00 | 5:00 | 6:30 |
| Jan. 22 | Sonora JV Tour | | TBA | TBA | |
| Jan. 25 | Ballinger* | Away | 8:00 | 5:00 | 6:30 |
| Jan. 28 | Wall* | Home | 8:00 | 5:00 | 6:30 |
| Feb. 1 | Ozona* | Away | 8:00 | 5:00 | 6:30 |
| Feb. 4 | Grape Creek* | Home | 8:00 | 5:00 | 6:30 |
| Feb. 8 | Brady* | Away | 8:00 | 5:00 | 6:30 |
| Feb. 14-15 | Bi District | | | | |
| Feb. 17-19 | Area | | | | |
| Feb. 21-22 | Regional Quarterfinals | | | | |
| Feb. 25-26 | Regional Tournament | | | | |
| March 3-5 | STATE | | | | |