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Villanueva crowned 2005 Homecoming Queen

Sonora High School senior, Julie Villanueva was crowned the 2005 Homecoming Queen at halftime of the Sonora Broncos game against the Coleman Blue Cats. For more on Homecoming fun and the Broncos see page 5 and 8.

Future cheerleaders invited to Bronco Cheer Camp

The Sonora High School Bronco Cheerleaders will host their annual Cheer Camp on Saturday, September 24, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the High School Gym.

Open to students, grades K-5th. Participants will cheer during the first half of the Bronco vs Eldorado game on September 30, 2005.

A \$30 registration fee which includes a T-Shirt (youth sizes S M L) and a snack will be provided. Please make out checks to SHS Cheerleaders.

Bring a water bottle and wear tennis shoes with socks and comfortable work-out clothes.

For more information contact any Bronco Cheerleader or Ms. Casey or Ms. Miller at the Sonora High School.

Flag retirement ceremony honors local veterans

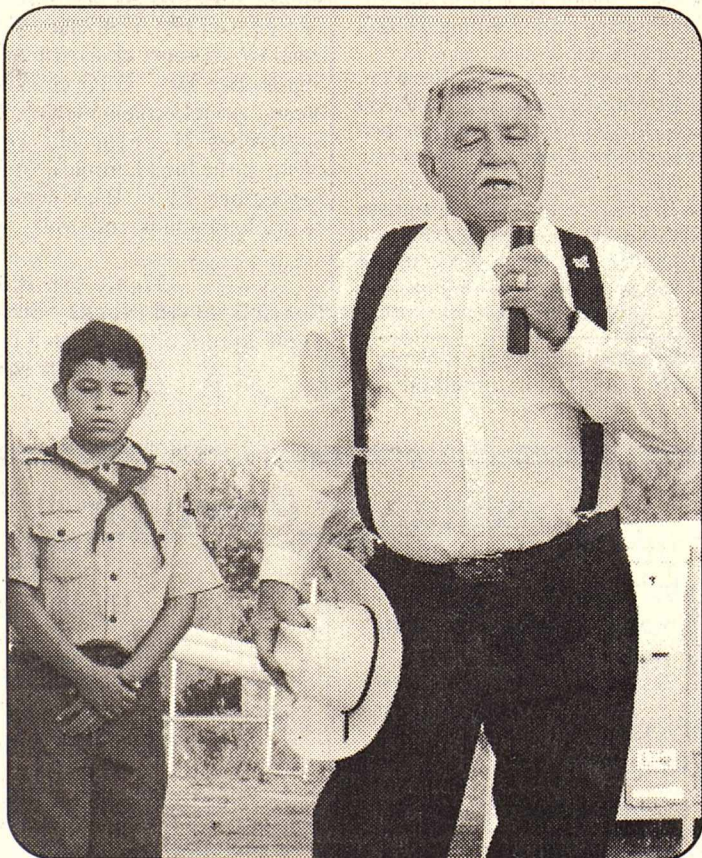
by Ann Kay, FHSMS Manager

On Sunday, September 11, the Main Street Program presented an American Flag retirement & September 11 Memorial Ceremony. The evening started with Mayor Gloria Lopez welcoming all guest and honored veterans that joined the ceremony.

Local boy scouts did the presentation of the colors and started the lighting of the fires that would retire the American flags. Mr. Frank Wamble shared a tribute to the pledge of allegiance, written by Red Shelton.

Marilyn Young read a poem about soldiers and the courage and strength that they show. Sam Perez a Veteran of World War II said a prayer for all those that have come and gone, and the ones that have given their all for our great country. The Folmar family gave words of appreciation to the community and shared memories of their son. His parents announced that there will be an unveiling of a portrait of Shane in the Sunset mall in San Angelo.

Toward the end of the ceremony Rev. Milton Black spoke about the greatness of our county and our community. He lifted up our hearts with the words he spoke. Chelsea



Local Scout, Cande Tobias stands quietly as Frank Wamble shares a tribute to the Pledge of Allegiance.

Martinez wrote her own thoughts about 9/11 and the veterans and what old glory stood for. She ended her piece by expressing, "Dad I know I have never told you this, but I am so glad to be the daughter of a veteran."

The ceremony was then closed with the combined voices of the St. Ann's Catholic Church and Lighthouse Community Church Choirs filling the air.

We thank all of you for joining us for a time of thoughts and prayers. Thank you for all your help and support and God Bless!!

Loaded and ready to help

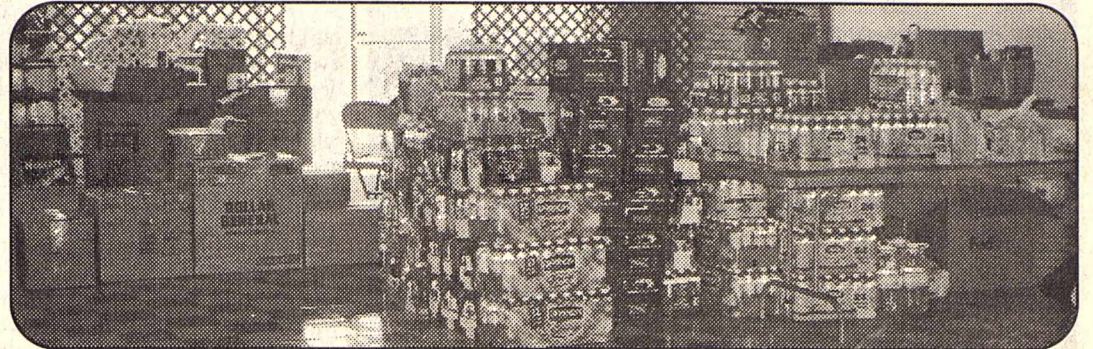
submitted

On Friday morning, September 9, a 20 ft. trailer, provided by Mr. David Creek, loaded to the brim, left Sonora headed for Robert, LA. The small community of Robert is located on I-12 about 55 miles east of Baton Rouge, LA. All of the items sent will be distributed to the people surrounding the town, just north of New Orleans.

In addition, on Monday, the Sonora Ministerial Alliance sent a check from the communities of Sonora and Eldorado to Louisiana Baptist Convention Disaster Relief in the amount of \$11,235.00! More money donations are expected this week.

Under the watchful care of the Louisiana Baptist Convention and Mr. John Hebert, our communities can be assured that every item and dollar given will go directly to the hurting people of Louisiana.

The Sonora Ministerial Alliance is again deeply grateful for and impressed by the generosity of people of Sonora. What a community in which to live!



Above: Crates of water, paper goods, canned goods and more wait to be loaded and hauled to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. Below: Volunteers load the goods to be donated in Louisiana.

Cross Country team off to a great start in Fredericksburg

The Sonora Cross Country teams were off and running last weekend, at the 2005 Fredericksburg Invitational.

The Lady Bronco Varsity team finished 8th overall in the 2 mile run, with 237 points. Candace Chandler finished in the 44th position, with a time of 14:51; Tissie Wagoner finished 56th, in 16:09; Alexie Ortiz was 57th with a 16:13; Jennifer Gonzales was 58th with a 16:18 and Mandy Brister was 59th with a 16:26. Dee McGee finished 63rd with a 16:54 and Savannah Leonard was 64th with a 16:58.

The Junior Varsity Lady Broncos also competed, with Vicki Torres finishing in 17:30 for 59th, Kyla Turney in 18:00 for 62nd and Desiree Alvarado in 19:32 for 68th.

The 8th grade Lady Colts finished 5th overall with 130 points, with Keeli Taylor finishing 16th, with a time of 15:00; Bethany Berry 25th with a 15:48; Brittany Hernandez 27th

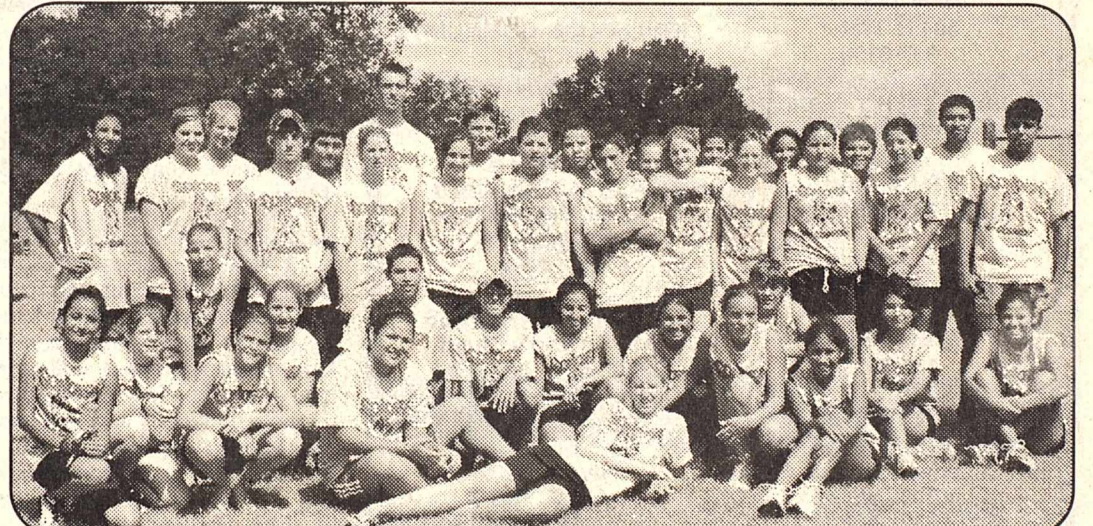
with a 16:12; Meredith Earwood 38th with a 17:45; Alyssa Favela 47th with an 18:44; Ashley Brown 49th with a 19:01; and Sarah Hernandez 58th with a 20:33.

In the 7th grade 2 mile, the Lady Colts finished 2nd overall with 77 points. Chelby Ramos finished 4th with 15:09; Chelsey Lou Campbell was 9th with 19:46; Serena Lee Allison finished 24th with 17:35; Morgan Smith was 26th with 17:58; Maria Lugo was 29th with 18:10; Kash

McGee was 31st with 18:42; Maci Zuniga was 33rd with 18:56; Rose Karnes was 37th with 19:24; Alex Galindo was 40th with 19:34; and Karina Trevino 45th with 20:10.

The Bronco Varsity boys finished 6th in the 3 mile run, with 153 points. Individually, Nicholas Favila was 25th with a time of 19:33; Jacob Ibarra was 32 with a 20:12; David Lane was 37th with a 20:52; Filemon Garza was 40th with a 21:45;

See Cross Country page 4



Colts start season with win against Coleman

by Santiago Faz

On September 9, the 8th grade colts hosted the Coleman Bluecats. The Colts received the opening kickoff and with some good blocking from the up men, Dustin Neff ran 65yds for a touchdown to make the score Colts 6, Bluecats 0. Kris Aguero runs in for the 2 pt. conversion. Colts 8, Bluecats 0. On defense, the Colts stop Bluecats offense and on 3rd down A.K. Williams recovers a fumble. On the 1st play after fumble recovery, Dustin Neff runs in from 35 yds for his 2nd touchdown. Caleb Gonzales ran in for the 2 pt. conversion with 5:20 left in the 1st quarter. Colts 16, Bluecats 0. Colts defense force another fumble as Dustin Neff recovers loose ball. Colts fumble ball away and Bluecats take over. Strong defense by Will Anderson, Paul Faz, and Hugo Cardona halt the Bluecats offense, Colts take over on downs at Bluecats 48. Strong running from Dustin Neff, Caleb Gonzalez and Kris Aguero put the ball at the 1 yd line. Harvey Santana scores from 1 yd out. Will Anderson makes 2 pt. conversion. Colts 24, Bluecats 0. Strong defense again forces Bluecats to fumble and recovery was by Hugo Cardona. End of 1st quarter. Colts 24, Bluecats 0.

From 4 yd. out Caleb Gonzales goes in for a touchdown, 2 pt. conversion failed. Colts 30, Bluecats 0. Colts defense led by Tyler Creek and

Diego Dominguez force punt. Colts take over and Kris Aguero behind good blocking from the offensive line runs in from 43 yds out 2 pt. conversion failed. Colts 36, Bluecats 0. Strong defense by Hugo Cardona, Diego Dominguez, Will Anderson make Bluecats turn over on downs. Colts run out clock to end 1st half. Colts 36, Bluecats 0.

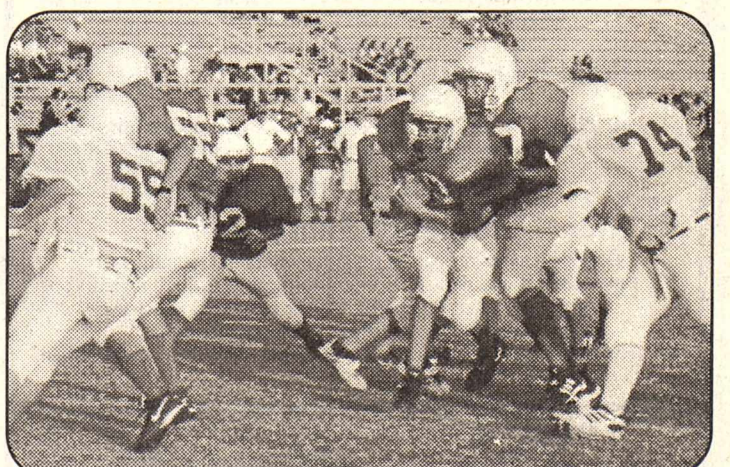
Colts open 2nd half on defense and are led by Chacho Mesa and Tyler Creek and forcing a punt. Harvey Santana runs if from 21 yds. 2 pt. conversion failed. Colts 42, Bluecats 0. On next possession # 34 for Bluecats scores from 75 yds. Colts stop 2 pt. conversion. Colts 42, Bluecats 6. End of 3rd quarter.

In 4th quarter Colts turn ball over on downs at Bluecat

30 yd line. On the next play Bluecat # 34 runs in from 70 yds for touchdown, 2 pt. conversion successful. Colts 42, Bluecats 14. With almost 5 minutes left in the game the Colts, led by Manny Paredes, Harvey Santana, Pedro Ramirez, Will Anderson and Dustin Neff, run out the clock. Offensively Colts were led by Dustin Neff, Kris Aguero, and Harvey Santana. Defensively, Colts were led by Paul Faz, Hugo Cardona and Caleb Gonzales. Special teams were led by Dustin Neff's deep kicks and A.K. Williams open field tackling.

Final Score: Colts 42, Bluecats 14

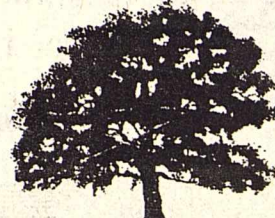
Next game: Colts-vs-Wall Hawks at Bronco Stadium September 15 at 6:30.



#55 Paul Faz, #32 Harvey Santana and the rest of the Colt Offensive Line clear a path for #20 Caleb Gonzalez.

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Letters to the Editor

I am writing this in regards to the letter that appeared in the DRN last week written by Renee Higgins.

Before you start slandering people, you need to get the facts straight. The first call was at 2:52 A.M. not at 2:35 a.m. as you reported. The fire department was paged at 2:55 with the first truck responding and on the scene at 3:05. I know you don't agree with these times, but all 9-1-1 calls are electronically recorded with times, phone numbers and addresses. The conversations, threats and all were recorded as well. A ten minute response time in the middle of the night isn't bad for a bunch of already tired volunteers.

The definition of a volunteer is one who serves or acts of his or her own free will. These men and women aren't only firemen, they are dads or moms, husbands or wives and most have full time jobs. They may be little league coaches, EMTs or members of other organizations. Speaking from personal experience I couldn't tell you how many times a meal, sleep or plans have been interrupted once that pager goes off. They all have one goal in mind and that is to protect life and property. Many times that has meant putting their own life on the line to save another.

How many people do you know who will enter a burning building not once but over and over again to save a trapped child or even a pet? How many do you know who respond to a major accident only to find the lifeless body pinned under the vehicle to be your friend's 18-year-old son. Or maybe, it's your son's classmate who is crumpled behind the steering wheel. These volunteers try to act professional as well as have some sort of dignity only to fall apart once they have reached the comfort of their own homes.

If you would have asked the fire chief, he would have gladly answered any questions or concerns you had. Those hoses you said had only a trickle of water actually had between 110 and 120 pounds of pressure. The water you witnessed running into the street was from the truck's relief valve. As far as training is concerned, the training officer's name could have been provided. These men and women endure hours of training each year, much at their own expense.

The "keg" comment was totally out of line and uncalled for. The department and city have strict rules and guidelines in place and they are enforced.

You say you are heartfelt and concerned for your neighbor's loss. Well, explain why you requested reimbursement for the water you squirted from your father's hoses!! Ms. Higgins, before you criticize anyone, maybe you should walk in their shoes for awhile. I have walked in those shoes, and for the job they do, I commend them for it.

Maray Cearley

Dear Editor,

This letter is in regard to the people who have no knowledge about what it takes to be a volunteer in anything (in this case, a Volunteer Fire Fighter). I actually feel sorry for that person or persons who have no clue what they are talking about, but still feel the need to put their two cents in.

Most of you know just how important the Sonora Volunteer Fire Dept. is to this community, not only in fighting fires and responding to wrecks, but also providing motivation to the schools. Whether it's sending teams off, or welcoming them back, the Fire Dept. is always there for this community at all times of the night. Unless you know what it's like to work all day and fight fires all night, or having to take time off from their jobs to volunteer their life and services just to help the community, I think it's unfair to judge someone at what they do.

As far as training goes, Fire Fighters are trained to not only worry about the fire itself, but also the surroundings of the affected area. Everything the Fire Dept. does is with no pay, except for the satisfaction of knowing that people appreciate what they do. It's real upsetting to hear of someone who is so unappreciative to what they do to write what was written.

Thank you Sonora Volunteer Fire Department, for all your heart and dedication to this community. NOW YOU KNOW HOW GRATEFUL WE ARE!

Sincerely,
Douglas Yocham, Sonora, TX

Notes of Appreciation

Thank you so much to the volunteer firemen, the EMS, and the Police Department for coming to the fire at my residence. Also, thank you to all the people who came by or called or check on Nathaniel and I. A special thanks to everyone at the Sonora Police Department for helping me through this loss. Although we don't have a house, some very special people have made us feel that we still have a home.

Thanks again, Suzanne Whitworth

I want to express our appreciation to everyone who was so quick to respond to our small family emergency. The news has been so filled with trauma for our nation, yet when there is an emergency situation in our personal small world, it takes on major importance. This week my dad fell and suffered what could have been a major injury because of his age and medical condition, but because of concerned neighbors, quick response of the medical professionals and caring staff at our hospital, that was not the case. We just want to say THANKS to everyone for their concern and feel blessed to be a part of this wonderful community. SPECIAL thanks to TIM, LESLIE, JACKIE, DUDLEY, DR. JOHNSON, PA, MIKE AND MARYBETH.

Linda Burkes and Family

On behalf of Sonora High School, we would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for making Homecoming 2005 a success:

Ann Kay, Friends of the Historic Sonora Main Street Program, Tedford Jewelry, Radio Shack, City of Sonora, Mike Moore, David Creek, George Wright, Sonora Bronco Booster Club, Parker Lumber, Lisa's Flowers and Gifts, Todd Munn, and the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department

The continued support of Sonora Businesses and citizens is greatly appreciated by the student body of SHS. The type of involvement demonstrated in preparation for homecoming truly makes this a unique and special community. Again, thank you so much for all of your help and support. S.H.S. Cheerleaders

We want to thank everybody who helped us after John Henry's motorcycle wreck, especially Kyle and Todd. Thanks a million!
Patti and Sheryl Strauch

I send this letter because I am very heartbroken that someone would say such things against the Volunteer Fire Department and the Sheriff's Department. We spend countless hours protecting the citizens of Sonora. The Vol. Fire Department does not get paid for the many long hours they spend to put out fires or rescues. We have training at least once a month. The City of Sonora also helps us to go to A&M Fire Training School in College Station. Our Training Officer has been an Instructor at this school for well over 10 years. I would think that he is well qualified to train our members. I myself have been to A&M Fire School for the past 9 years, along with many others of our dept. WE DO NOT LIVE AT THE FIRE STATION!!! When responding to a fire call it takes time to get water to the BIG RED ENGINE and to get the hoses prepared. We do not sleep with those hoses in hand. Those little fire hoses that we drag around aren't so little when they are charged with water. When the water is seen pouring out of the bottom of the truck, it is for a reason. We are not just wasting precious water. There is a relief valve to circulate the engine so that it does not overheat.

Our fire fighters did the best job to their ability and we did not lose the adjacent homes to the fire. We are not professionals, but we do give it our all and did so that night.

Alta Alewine
Sonora, TX

Dear Editor,

This letter is in regards to the very rude and very disrespectful letter that I'm sure by now most everybody had to see in last week's newspaper. First of all, the person that wrote that letter might not realize it... but all the men and women that helped fight the fire that was kept from spreading to any more houses are all VOLUNTEERS. A volunteer is a person who voluntarily undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a service, such as a Volunteer Fireman.

Further more, all the men and women that are a part of our Volunteer Fire Dept. all have their own jobs. And as far as I know, most of them were just getting home from work when the fire was first paged out. Still, they did NOT hesitate to volunteer to go fight the fire. Most of these men and women were at the fire hall getting ready within five (5) minutes after the pager first went off. Now, when the fire came back later in the night, some of the firemen could not come back because they were getting rested up for work. Some of these firemen have jobs that require them to be at work at 2 or 3 in the morning on most days. However, all the Firemen that could make it back to the fire stayed and fought the fire until late the next morning.

Even with all their efforts to save the house, regrettably the house could not be saved, and as a community, I'm sure we all feel for the family and are all keeping them in our prayers. But, as a community... I'm sure we all appreciate the fact that these men and women were there to help keep the fire from spreading. Can you imagine what would happen if we did have irresponsible firemen that didn't care about this community? I think that we should all feel lucky to have such brave men and women to help keep this community as safe as possible. That also goes the same for the men and women that are a part of the EMS Team and Police Dept. in this community.

What some people in this town might not realize is that fighting fires and saving lives is not a job to all these men and women... it is a PASSION. Even though they get little or no pay for doing what they do, they still do it because they love it. They love being able to be a part of something that makes a difference in the lives of the citizens of this community. So I end this letter by saying THANK YOU to all the men and women that are a part of the EMS Team, the Police Dept. and the Volunteer Fire Dept. We appreciate everything you do for our community.

Sincerely,
Tammy Yocham
Sonora, TX

Obituary

Bradley Keith Sawyer, 27, died Saturday, September 10, 2005, in Austin. Memorial services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 17, at Llano Cowboy Church.

Survivors include his mother and step-father, Judy and Doc Sutton of Llano; father, Wayne Sawyer of Sonora; brothers, Chris Sawyer of Sonora and Kevin Sawyer of Austin; and stepbrothers, Jarrad Sutton of Briggs, David Scott Sutton of Beaumont and Shane Sutton of Oklahoma.

Arrangements are by Waldrope-Hatfield-Hawthorne Funeral Home.

Senior Center Activities

Fri., September 16 - Kooking w/ Kelly! Nutrition Ed. at noon.
Mon., September 19 - Bingo after lunch! Bring a friend or 2!
Tues., September 20 - City Council 2 p.m. - CEAP Energy Asst. 11 a.m. - ? Call FMI 387-5657 or 387-3941
Wed, September 21 - Van to San Angelo - Medicals come first - call 387-3941

Senior Center Menu

September 16 - Oven baked pork chops w/gravy, zucchini/yellow squash, tossed salad, wheat roll, fruit parfait, milk
September 19 - Frito pie w/ chili/chips/cheese, spinach, tossed salad w/ dressing, cinnamon applesauce, milk
September 20 - BBQ chicken, pinto beans, potato salad, cornbread, apricot/banana medley, milk
September 21 - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Italian veggies, tossed salad, garlic bread, tropical fruit, milk
September 22 - Ham w/pineapple rings, macaroni & cheese, beans, lemon bars, roll, milk

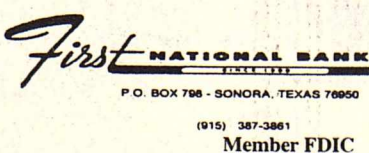
Mon. - Fri. 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

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

Community Calendar

September 19
Sutton County Livestock Show Committee meeting
7:00 p.m. at Civic Center

September 20
4-H Achievement Banquet • 6:00 p.m.
Civic Center



The Community Calendar is made possible by:

October 8
Hunter Education Course
9 a.m.- 12 noon
Civic Center
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Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary
Sutton County Historical Society

Memorial Donations received: In Memory of Edgar C. Saunders, given by Richard E. Saunders

Q. What kind of accident was Charles Waid in when he died?

A. "The Devil's River News," November 30, 1961-Funeral services for Charles H. Waid, 35, were held in a Mesquite funeral home Tuesday morning, November 28. Waid, a tunnel machine operator, died at Hudspeth Memorial Hospital here Sunday morning, November 26, as the result of head injuries suffered when he fell from the jeep in which he was riding on the Stanley Mayfield Ranch Saturday afternoon.

Waid, an employee of the Hugh B. Williams Co., had operated a tunneling machine at the Caverns of Sonora last year. He was hunting when the accident occurred.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Rebecca; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Waid of Dallas, one sister and two brothers.

Q. Who were the top students of the Class of 1958 and how many schools were in Sonora then?

A. Tommy Espy was Valedictorian and Ann Morris was Salutatorian.

The Old Rock School, the brick Old High School Building, the Elliott School and The Sonora Colored School existed in 1958.

Q. Would you reprint the article on the killing of Luis Martinez in Eldorado?

A. "The Devil's River News," February 13, 1958-Ernesto Chavira, 29-year-old Sonoran, is being held without bond in Schleicher County Jail in connection with the Monday morning slaying of Luis Martinez of Eldorado.

Martinez, father of four children, died instantly from a shot fired when he answered a knock at the front door of his Eldorado home about 1:30 a.m. Monday. No motive for the shooting has been established.

Chavira accompanied by Gilberto Gandar, 25, also of

Sonora, is being held without bond after being charged with murder in the court of Justice of the Peace T. P. Robinson following his arrest in Sonora last Monday. Gandar, known locally as "Ring-tail," is charged with being an accessory to the crime and is attempting to make \$1,500 bond set by the court, according to Justin Keaver, 51st District Attorney.

The murder weapon, a .45 caliber pistol, was found about eight miles south of Eldorado on the Sonora highway.

The Eldorado killing took place a scant hour after a shooting at Happy Brown's Café in Sonora in which Gandar and Chavira were reportedly involved. Pafares Arispe received emergency treatment from Dr. J. F. Howell after the shooting at Brown's Café. Chavira admitted to the earlier shooting to Sheriff Wes Hill, Hill said Wednesday.

Chavira served with the U.S. Army in Japan and was dishonorably discharged from service in 1954. He has served 1 term at San Quentin Prison, California, for burglary and twice violated parole. He also is known to have served a 30 day sentence in Imperial County Jail for joyriding in violation of parole has also been booked on charges of assault with a deadly weapon, fighting, disturbing the peace, drunkenness, and burglary.

Chavira waived examining trial and will be arraigned before a Schleicher County Grand Jury at the regular spring session of the 51st District Court on April 10. He will remain in the Schleicher County Jail until that time.

Note: Chavira was indicted on May 11, 1958 and trial was set for June 2, 1958. On June 4, 1958 Chavira was sentenced to Life in Prison for Murder. The article did state he would appeal the case but no further info was listed in the papers. We suggest you check with the court if you need more detailed information on this case.

While in 1958 I found that Top scholastic honor at L.W. Elliott School that year went to Margaret Sanchez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Sanchez, and Gloria Gonzales, daughter of Mrs. Mike Gonzales.



Leading the cheering section for the Sonora Junior High Colts in this picture are these five eighth-grade girls and their mascot. Left to right, standing are Janet Johnson, Susan Allison, and Barbara Sterling. Front row, left to right are Leta Fay Meador, Mascot Cha Cha Allison and Head Cheerleader Nola Scoles.

Margaret was the eighth grade's valedictorian with an average of 90.17 and Gloria is salutatorian with an 88.17 average. Commencement exercises were held at the Elliott School auditorium on May 23.

Q. Will you please reprint this birth announcement but not give the year?

A. Here it is and it was not 1958 but a later year.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCoy have announced the birth of a seven pound 14 ounce daughter, Jo Lyne, born Monday morning, February 11, at Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. The new arrival has two brothers, W. A. McCoy, Jr. and Richard McCoy. Mr. and Mrs. B.E. Cartwright of Sonora are the grandparents.

Q. Where was the Sonora Golf Course in 1961?

A. It was located at the junction of Crockett and Hwy. 277 N. The property ran from about the current Old Sonora Trading property north and ran quite a distance along Hwy 277 on the South Side. Holes 7, 8 and 9 were across the street beside the airport runway. On the north edge of the north side of Hwy 277 was a driving range.

Back then the runway ended about where The Bank & Trust now stands. Once I-10 was built the runway was cut in size and land sold off to local businessmen. The golf course was relocated to its present location on Golf Course Road, with part of it still showing along 277.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratrax.net. We had a lot of questions this week, 4 besides these, and a very busy week. If you have any spare time and could help as a volunteer at the office give us a call at 387-5084 on Monday, Friday or Saturday mornings or just stop in. Everything is sorted into alphabetical order and all you have to do is put it into the files. We need a volunteer to mow and weed whack the Old Ice House grounds. We will pay for the rental of a weedwhacker/mower but need someone to push it. Rick just can't push any machines right now, his fusion on his spine has to heal.

Texas welcomes thousands in aftermath of hurricane

State Capital Highlights
Texas Press Association

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Hurricane Katrina ripped into the middle Gulf Coast Aug. 29 and is turning out to be one of the worst natural disasters in U.S. history, if not the worst.

In advance of the storm, many people managed to leave the Mississippi delta, low-lying coastal areas and a swath reaching 100 miles inland and traversing three states. But a large number failed to reach safety and were caught when the storm surge and floodwaters crushed dwellings, swamped roads and downed powerlines.

The number of people displaced has been estimated at more than 1 million.

By the afternoon of Sept. 5, the Lone Star State had taken in more than 230,000 survivors from Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

Emergency shelters in Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio, a long list of other

cities large and small, and private organizations, launched unprecedented efforts to feed, clothe, see to medical needs, house, school and employ evacuees.

Gov. Rick Perry said Texas was nearing shelter capacity and directed emergency management officials to airlift Hurricane Katrina evacuees to other states.

After learning that the federal government expects Texas to absorb costs of Medicaid and other services for evacuees, the governor on Sept. 7 fired off a letter to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, requesting full reimbursement of those costs. Texas normally pays 39 cents of every Medicaid dollar.

By Sept. 8, the number of evacuees housed at shelters had decreased to fewer than 100,000 from a peak of 139,000 over Labor Day weekend, the governor's office reported.

An early estimate of recovery costs to the stricken area exceeded \$100 billion.

On Sept. 10, Vice President Dick Cheney visited the Austin convention center, one of many sites serving as temporary

homes to hurricane survivors.

President Bush proclaimed Sept. 16 a day of remembrance for the victims of the storm.

Governor signs telecom bill

On Sept. 7, Gov. Perry signed telecommunications reform legislation that clears the way for more competition for video, cable and telephone services.

Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Marble Falls, author of Senate Bill 5, said, "This is a huge step forward for the Texas consumer."

The bill's coauthor, Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford, added, "This legislation will ensure that Texas is at the forefront of the telecommunications industry, bringing thousands of new jobs and billions of economic investment to our state."

San Antonio-based SBC and New York-based Verizon, two telecom giants that lobbied in favor of the legislation, will be able to obtain state-issued, statewide cable and video franchises instead of requiring franchises from individual municipalities.

The legislation, which took effect as soon as signed, also makes Texas the first state to

offer broadband over power lines, the governor's office said.

Other Highlights

• Texans for a Republican Majority, a political action committee backed by U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay, was indicted by a Travis County grand jury on Sept. 8. TRMPAC was charged with accepting contributions from corporations during the 2002 campaign season, in violation of the Texas elections code.

• The Office of the State Auditor released a report saying 62,000 university students who qualified for financial aid did not receive it after tuition rates increased. Those students were enrolled at the University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University and the University of Houston. The Texas Legislature passed a law deregulating tuition in 2003. Tuition increases of up to 45 percent were reported.

• Children at least 5-years-old and 36 inches tall are no longer required to be buckled into child safety seats, according to a new Texas law changing requirements for motor vehicle passengers.

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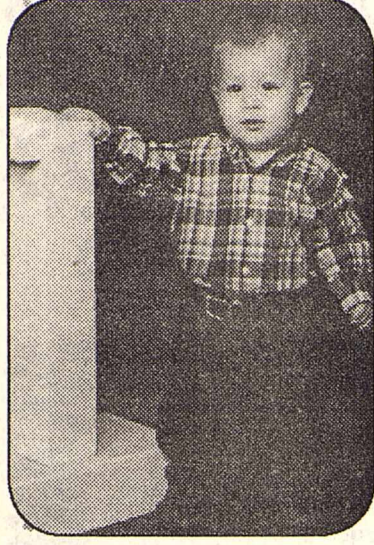
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NOTICE
Effective October 1, 2005, Volunteer Brigitte Rogers, Sutton County Committee on Aging, will no longer be responsible for maintaining and servicing the Lifeline Home Units.
After October 1, 2005 Lifeline clients will have to contact City Hall to receive service for their Lifeline Home Units.
I enjoyed working for and with my clients and wish them the very best. Please remember that all your personal information and records are confidential and protected by a privacy law (HIPAA).
Sincerely,
Brigitte R. Rogers
Volunteer Lifeline Manager
Sutton County Comm. On Aging

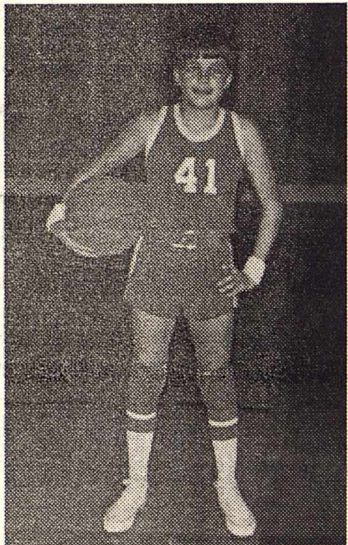
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Happy 1st Birthday Mario

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On the court in 7th grade... Still on the court in 7th grade, 27 years later!!! Happy 40th, Coach, we love you!!!



Thank You

Sonora High School's Class of 1955 would like to express their thanks to the First National Bank for providing the float for the Homecoming Parade.

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An Important Lesson from Hurricane Katrina: Be prepared

Congressman Henry Bonilla

It's been said that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he or she acts in really good times and really tough times. Seeing Texans instantly lend a helping hand to the thousands of evacuees doesn't surprise me one bit. Huge signs and banners practically shouting "Welcome, Y'all" are shining examples of how remarkably Texans have responded.

In the midst of all of this tragedy and unspeakable loss, I take heart reading stories of real "hurricane heroes." I find hope upon learning about families reunited. But I believe there is one real message I'd like to see get out to the masses. It's two words: Be prepared.

Do your kids know what to do in case of a fire? Does your family have an emergency plan for a winter storm? Or flash flood? Does your work place have an emergency plan? Don't you think one of the best ways to pay respect to the victims of Hurricane Katrina is to be prepared in the future?

To protect yourself and your loved ones during a time of natural disaster or other emergencies, please visit my website to download the American Red Cross official Emergency Preparedness Checklist at www.redcross.org.

This four-page printout details how you and your loved ones can better prepare for the next time disaster strikes. While not a detailed description, here are a few key points to keep in mind.

- Create an Emergency Plan
- Meet with household members to discuss the dangers of fire, severe weather, earthquakes and other emergencies. Explain how to respond to each.
- Find the safe spots in your home for each type of disaster.
- Discuss what to do about power outages and personal injuries.
- Show family members how to turn off the water, gas and electricity at main switches if necessary.

- Teach children how and when to dial 911, police and fire.
- Pick one out-of-state and one local friend or relative for family members to call if separated during a disaster (it is often easier to call out-of-state than within the affected area).
- Pick two emergency meeting places. 1) a place near your home in case of a fire and 2) a place outside your neighborhood in case you can not return home after a disaster.
- Keep family records in a water and fire-proof container.
- Prepare a Disaster Supplies Kit.

These are just a few of the helpful tips listed in the comprehensive checklist. Other sections include: preparing an emergency car kit, if you need to evacuate, and fire safety. In addition, there are emergency plan contact information lists as well as escape plan sample designs. While you can't plan out exactly when or where the next hurricane, tornado, or earthquake will be, you can plan to be prepared. Please consider examining this tremendously helpful resource.

If Mother Nature strikes, will you and your family be prepared? I hope that answer is yes.

Wedding Announcement

Zachry and Harrell united in marriage

Mitzi Ann Zachry and Roderick William "Will" Harrell were united in marriage at rustic Texas Old Town in Kyle, Texas by family friend, Pastor Neil Wade from Duffau First Baptist Church on July 30, 2005.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Zachry of Comanche and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Zachry of Hugo, Oklahoma, Mrs. Vivian Barbee and the late Worth Barbee of Dublin.

The groom is the son of Ms. Billie Ann Harrell from Rocksprings and Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Taylor Harrell from Frisco and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. G.W. "Bill" Stewart of Sonora, and Mr. Aubrey "Bud" Harrell and the late Mrs. Effie Harrell of Abilene.

The double ring ceremony was held in an open pavilion adorned with a rustic cedar arch decorated with roses, greenery and tulle, the arch was flanked on both sides with large iron candelabras holding twenty-four large candles. Guest pews were each designated with rustic hitching posts tied with tulle, raffia and bows.

The groom wore a black tuxedo and wore a boutonniere created from a black magic rose.

The bride, presented by her father, wore a mocha colored satin and organza drop waist, strapless A-line gown, the skirt was embellished by asymmetrical ruffles with scattered crystals, embroidery and a short train. Her bouquet consisted of two and a half dozen, black magic, hot princess, livia roses adorned with swarovski crystals and a rhinestone heart.

Serving as Matron of Honor was Amy Alexander of Carrollton, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Amy King of Cross Plains, Minde Ivy of Midland, Chrise Tucek of Clarendon all TSU college friends of the bride, and Kathryn Harrell sister of the groom. The bridesmaids all wore espresso floor length halter dresses and carried pink livia and taupa sahara roses also adorned with a rhinestone heart and swarovski crystals.



Mr. and Mrs. Will Harrell

Serving as best man was John Morgan Davis III of Rocksprings. Groomsmen were Will Welch from San Angelo, Garrett Grooms, Glynn Hendley both from Rocksprings and Anthony Renfro from Sonora.

Serving as ring bearer was Mason Woodson Alexander, two-year-old nephew of the bride. Serving as flower girl was Hannah Grace King, two-year-old daughter of Amy and Josh King. Urey Woodson Alexander III of Carrollton, brother-in-law of the bride read the Hands of Matrimony.

Paige Hendley greeted guests and attended the guest book. Paul Klemme of Austin played selected music on the keyboard.

Serving as ushers and escorting family and friends to their pews were Brandon Tibbets of Round Rock, Matt Fry and Gordon Grooms both of Rocksprings.

Following the ceremony the reception was held in the reception hall at Texas Old Town. In keeping with the rustic setting each guest table was decorated with scattered rose petals and a cedar candle holder made by the bride's father. Guests were served a full barbeque dinner buffet style. The bride's cake was a square three tier white almond cake filled with raspberry, covered with mocha colored buttercream icing. The bride's cake was served by the bride's cousin Angela Black of Dublin. The chocolate groom's cake replicated a Titleist 8 golf ball. The groom's cake was served by the groom's cousin Laura Martin of Sonora.

"Haywire" a six-piece band from Austin performed for an evening of dancing. For their honeymoon destination, the bride and groom chose a week on the Island of Maui, Hawaii.

Happy Birthday

September 15
Amy Sykes, Loretta Webster, Venetta Smith, Eric Fitzgerald, Shyanne Gamez, Ashley Parker, Chelsea Seaton, Austin Kucera, Abby Sanchez, Eric Garcia

September 16
Cooper Law, Angie Castro, Danny Tidwell, Freddy Perez, Mary Lou Gutierrez, Nathaniel Mata

September 17
Carson Cahill, Dan Grider, Steve Morris

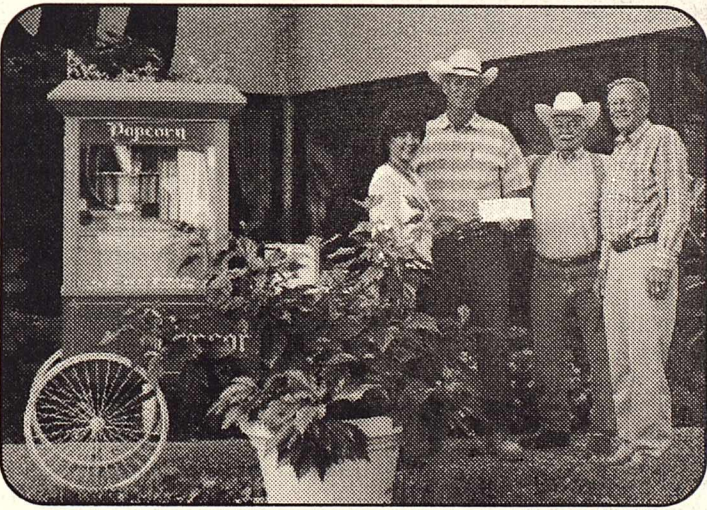
September 18
Kelsey Watkins, Kelly Duke, Tamika Marshall, Ariana Reyes, Ronda Hall, Michael Lira, Raul Leal, Cara Mayfield, Wanda Shurley

September 19
Rebecca Love, Rascal McKissack, Juanita Estrada, Hilton Bloodworth, Trent Harris, Edwina Gandar, Dariela Lopez, Jack Baker, Ashley Brown

September 20
Andrew Wray, Tyler Seaton, Carlie Tyler, Jose Luis Delgado, Lori Galindo, Rhonda Martin

September 21
Lea W. Baze, Lyndsey Frasier, Karley Frasier, Molly Friess, Danielle Castro, Jason Herring, Zac Badaeux, Jennifer Samaniego, Phillip Onofre Lorraine M. Polonis, Dustin Covey

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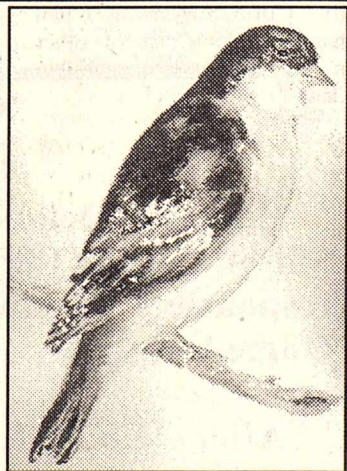


Yolanda Avila, Assistant V P of Consumer and Commercial Lending at First National Bank presented Curry Campbell, Frank Wamble and Jim Cusenbary of the Dee Ora Masonic Lodge # 715 with a check from the proceeds of the popcorn cart for August. The September funds will be donated to the OI' Glory Fund. Stop by and enjoy a treat while helping out a worthy cause!

Feisty Finches Up On Eaton Hill

by Delyse Jaeger

Goldfinches come in three varieties: the American goldfinch and two different types of the ill-named lesser goldfinch. Admittedly, the American goldfinch is a beautifully striking bird. Nicknames the wild canary, the male American goldfinch sports bright lemony plumage with contrasting black hood, black wings tinged with white and matching tail feathers, giving him a spiffy tuxedoed appearance. His remarkable beauty certainly warrants his prestigious name. However, it is hardly just to dub the American goldfinches' distinctive cousin with the implications of "lesser." Lesser only in the amount of yellow plumage, the delightfully colorful black-backed version is equally pleasing to the eye. Even the less vibrant green-backed goldfinch doesn't truly deserve his insulting title. In Sonora it has been my experience that all three varieties can be seen. Goldfinches are energetic, social birds and travel in flocks making them quite entertaining to observe. These live-



Lesser Goldfinch, watercolor by Delyse Jaeger

ly birds belong to the family Fringillidae, from the Latin word fringilla meaning small bird, and are known by their strong, mostly conical shaped beaks designed for cracking seeds. Recently I spied a group of black-backed goldfinches bathing and flitting about at the water feature in the quarry near the Indian Hut on Eaton Hill. We also feed their favorite seeds near the Birding Hut, so hit the trails and enjoy the "not the least bit lesser" goldfinch!

Cross Country from page 1

Colton Moore was 41st with a 21:47; Tony Torres was 44th with a 22:20; and Zenon Acosta was 48th with a 22:45.

J.T. Downing finished 55th in 23:35 and Spencer Hall was 63rd in 24:11 for the Junior Varsity boys.

The 8th grade Colts finished 6th as a team, with 139 points. Will Anderson finished 16th with 13:27; Irving Fuentes was 32 with 14:46; Dustin Neff finished 41st in 17:09; Mario Olliden was 43rd with 17:31; and Cody Peña was 44th with 17:34.

Bailey Pennington finished 44th for the 7th grade Colts, with a time of 17:39.

Bronco Defense and Ball Control Smother The Blue Cats

by Ray Glasscock

Broncos 14 - Blue Cats 6
 With 30 seconds left in the first half and the Broncos leading by 7 to 6, senior linebacker Steven Duhon decided to take matters into his own hands. The Blue Cats were trying to run out the clock when Duhon stormed through the line, caught the Blue Cat runner, and took the ball right out of his hands. On third down, with six seconds left in the half, Caleb Ramos found Duhon open in the end zone and threw a 26 yard game clinching touchdown to Duhon.

A reader asked me to give some extra coverage to the defense. This is really hard to do when the defense is so good that they only played about eight plays and they swarm to the ball. If this game had been a baseball game, the ace on the pitching staff threw a one-hitter with that one hit being a home run. The Bronco defense held the Blue Cats to five first downs, 113 rushing yards, and one completion for ten yards.

In the second half, the Bronco defense limited Coleman to only one first down and two possessions. The Bronco offense contributed to the lack of defensive playing time by keeping the ball for several long drives. The final Blue Cat offensive possession ended when senior, Cullen Parker intercepted and returned the ball deep into Coleman's territory.

pitch from Ramos. Aaron Gaytan kicked the PAT for an early seven point lead.

The Broncos kicked off and recovered the kick returner's fumble. This opportunity to jump out to a big lead ended on an interception. Chuy Talamantes stopped the Blue Cat interception return near the fifty yard line.

The Blue Cats managed one first down before they were stopped for a big loss. The first quarter ended with the Blue Cats having a first down on the Bronco 13 yard line. Chris Perez stopped Austin Buzzard, Coleman's QB, for a loss on third down. On fourth down, Anthony Longoria knocked a pass to the ground stopping Coleman's longest drive of the night.

In the second quarter, Brett McDaniel broke through the line and rambled for 37 yards to midfield. Ramos added yardage on a run up the middle and on a scramble. The Broncos turned the ball over on downs. The Blue Cats ran three plays and the Bronco run defense prevented a first down.

The Broncos went three and out and Parker punted the ball. Carlton Brown broke through the Bronco defense and scored the Blue Cats' only touchdown from 39 yards out. Coleman's PAT kick was wide



Great Defense!

Photo by Ray Glasscock

right. The Broncos kept the lead at 7 to 6 with 4:41 left in the first half.

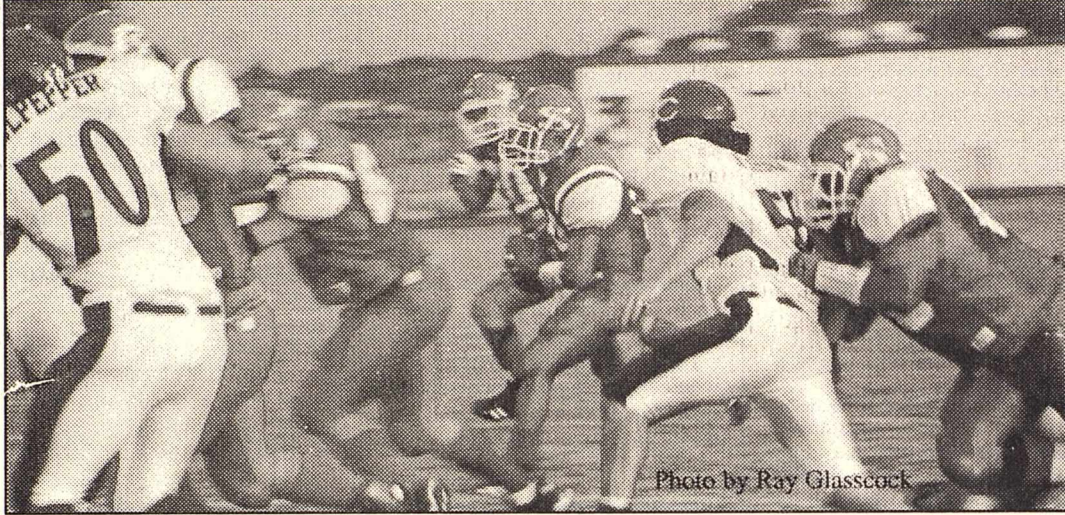
The Broncos tried to answer with a nice gain by McDaniel and pass to Longoria. The drive ended when a Ramos pass was intercepted at the goal line with about thirty seconds left in the half. Duhon's two big plays ended the scoring for the night at 14 to 6.

The second half belonged entirely to the Broncos. The defense held the Blue Cats to only one first down. Sonora's offense controlled the clock with crushing runs by McDaniel, darting runs by Ramos, and "west coast" short passes. The

Broncos' attempts to add points with two field goals failed. Ramos also made a touchdown that was called back due to a penalty.

Once again, the offensive line played an outstanding game allowing Ramos to rush 16 times for 42 yards and to complete 13 passes out of 23 for 127 yards. McDaniel rushed the ball 25 times for 126 yards.

The Broncos completed the sweep of the all Coleman football teams this week. Sonora has an open date this Friday, and then begins district play at Reagan County on September 23.



The Offensive Line keeps the Blue Cats at bay, allowing Caleb Ramos to advance down the line.

Sonora Broncos Football 2005

Aug. 26	Sonora 33	Alpine 14
Sept. 2	Sonora 35	Brackettville 19
Sept. 9	Sonora 14	Coleman 6
Sept. 16	Open	
Sept. 23	*Reagan County	There 7:30
Sept. 30	*Eldorado	Home 7:30
Oct. 7	*Ozona	There 7:30
Oct. 14	*Mason	Home 7:30
Oct. 21	*Wall	There 7:30
Oct. 28	*Grape Creek	Home 7:30
Nov. 4	*Junction	There 7:30

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Sonora JV Red Broncos

Aug. 25	Sonora 48	Alpine 20
Sept. 1	Sonora 29	Junction 0
Sept. 8	Sonora 26	Coleman 20
Sept. 22	Reagan County	Home 6:30
Sept. 29	Eldorado	There 6:30
Oct. 6	Ozona	Home 5:00
Oct. 13	Mason	There 6:30
Oct. 20	Wall	Home 5:00
Oct. 27	Grape Creek	There 6:30
Nov. 3	Junction	Home 7:00

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Sonora JV White Broncos

Aug. 25	Sonora 22	Rocksprings 20
Sept. 1	Sonora 8	Wall 22
Sept. 15	Colorado City	There 5:00
Sept. 22	Iraan	Home 5:00
Sept. 29	Wall	There 7:00
Oct. 6	Ozona	Home 7:00
Oct. 13	Ozona	There 5:00
Oct. 20	Wall	Home 7:00
Oct. 27	Rocksprings	There 6:30
Nov. 3	Colorado City	Home 5:00

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Sonora Colts

Sept. 8	Sonora (7th) 32	Coleman 6
	(8th) 42	Coleman 14
Sept. 15	Eldorado (7th)	Home 5:00
	Wall (8th)	Home 6:30
Sept. 22	Reagan Co.	There 5:00/6:30
Sept. 29	Eldorado	Home 5:00/6:30
Oct. 6	Ozona	There 5:00/6:30
Oct. 13	Mason	Home 5:00/6:30
Oct. 20	Wall	There 5:00/6:30
Oct. 27	Grape Creek	Home 5:00/6:30
Nov. 3	Junction	There 5:00/6:30

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JV Red Broncos beat Bluecats in thriller

by: Danni Price

The Bronco JV Red team took a trip to Coleman last Thursday to play the Bluecats. The Broncos were looking to improve their record to 3-0. What they didn't expect was a dogfight, or in this case a "cat-fight," that would be played out to the very end.

Bronco kicker, Anthony Sanchez started things off, kicking the ball to the Bluecat 18 yard line. Coleman's offense only ran 2 plays before fumbling the ball. Morgan Martinez #55 recovered the loose ball for the Broncos giving them excellent field position. The Broncos', Victor Vaquera scored on 4th down and 5, and on the seventh play of the drive. The two-point conversion failed. Score, Broncos 6, Bluecats 0.

Coleman wasted no time in returning the favor. The Bluecats traveled from their own 18 yard line to the Bronco end zone in 5 plays for their touchdown, earning 4 first downs along the way. Their two point conversion attempt failed, evening the score at 6 points a piece. Tackles by the Bronco defense were made by #80 Justin Perez, #24 Alonzo Pena, #77 A. Sanchez, #17 Nick Pena and #18 Jordan Isenhour. Broncos 6, Bluecats 6.

Sonora, wanting to score quickly, ran 6 plays and scored with a pass from Vaquera to N. Pena in the end zone. The Broncos gained two first downs on the series, with a pass to Isenhour and runs by A. Pena, and Vaquera. Vaquera ran the keeper for the 2 point conversion. Broncos 14, Bluecats 6.

The Bronco defense was a bit stingier on the next Coleman possession. The Bluecats offense ran 6 plays with a 28 yard pass completion, but had two incomplete passes, #15 Joe

Lugo would break up one those. Justin Zuniga #86 would chase the QB on another. The Bronco defense made good tackles on the Bluecat running game, those tackles were made by Martinez, N. Pena, #54 Edward Garcia, and #78 Marco Jimenez. Coleman would turn the ball over on downs shortly after the buzzer signified the end of the first quarter.

For most of the second quarter, the two teams would trade the ball back and forth. The Broncos would lose the ball in a hand-off transition on their own 26 yard line on first down. Luckily, the Bluecats were not able to take advantage of this; instead they would turn the ball over on downs. Defensive plays made by Vaquera, Hernandez and R. Sanchez. The Bronco offense would try again, running 4 plays and gaining a first down. The ball would be stripped by the Bluecat defense on the second of two great runs by Nick Pena. Coleman started at their own 46 yard line, and took it to the Bronco 35, before handing the ball back to Sonora on downs. The Bronco defense looked tight, allowing only one conversion in the drive. Good defensive plays by N. Pena, Martinez, R. Sanchez, Isenhour, A. Pena and Zuniga.

The Bronco offense had one last chance to score before halftime, and they looked convincing. They started on their own 35 yard line and took the ball to the Bluecat red zone, gaining 4 first downs, with runs by N. Pena, Vaquera, #21 Jose Casillas, and a pass to Zuniga. The Broncos would make three pass attempts to the end zone, but could not capitalize on the field position. At halftime, the score, Broncos 14, Bluecats 6.

Sonora would handle the kick and get things going on

their own 21 yard line to start the second half. The Broncos would run 6 plays, with runs by Vaquera, Casillas, N. Pena and passes to Zuniga and Lugo before punting the ball away. A. Pena's punt would travel to the Bluecat 23 yard line. The Bluecats would start to make their way down the field, earning 5 first downs. There would also be 5 flags thrown during this sequence, 3 against Coleman and 2 against Sonora. The two against Sonora would be costly. The Coleman QB would eventually hit his receiver in the end zone. Their two point conversion would fail. Score, Sonora 14, Coleman 12. Defensive plays made in this series by #20 Hunter Lawson, Martinez, Isenhour, Vaquera, #12 Fidel Acevedo, Zuniga, Lugo, Jimenez, and #27 Manny Aparicio. The Broncos and the Bluecats would exchange turnovers, the Broncos threw an interception on first down, and then the Bluecats fumbled the ball, recovered by R. Sanchez on the 42 yard line. The Broncos would go 3 and out to start out the 4th quarter, before sending A. Pena in to punt. The Bluecats would take the ball at their own 38 yard line running 5 plays. On 4 & 8 the Bluecats would try the fake punt, but the Bronco special teams would sniff it out and take over on downs.

The Broncos started their procedure on the Bluecat 41 yard line marching 59 yards to the end zone for the third Bronco touchdown. It would take the Broncos 9 plays, 3 first downs, and approximately 3 minutes. Runs by Casillas, N.

Pena, Vaquera; and the touchdown run by Vaquera. The two point conversion failed. Score, Broncos 20, Bluecats 12.

The Bluecats struck quick. Really quick. On first down the Bluecat QB hit his receiver for a 61 yard touchdown reception. The Bluecats needed the two points to tie up the game and with 1:39 left in the game, they did just that. Score, Broncos, 20, Bluecats 20.

With a little over a minute left, the Broncos completed 2 passes, to N. Pena and Lawson, but would also have a penalty, and 3 incomplete passes. The Broncos would have to give the ball to the Bluecats on downs at their own 45 yard line.

The Bronco defense came in with their "refuse to lose" attitudes and gave it all they had. The Bluecats were tackled in the backfield on their first play by Casillas, Martinez and Zuniga. Then completed a first down pass on second down. The third play was an incomplete pass, and then on the fourth play with 10 seconds on the clock, the Bronco defense swarmed the Coleman quarterback and forced a fumble. Justin Zuniga picked up the ball and ran it all the way in for the Sonora winning touchdown with no time left on the clock! The Sonora Broncos won a nail-biter 26 to the Coleman Bluecats 20. Way to go Broncos! The JV Red Broncos will be open this week, but will return on Thursday, September 22 to face the Owls of Reagan County at home; game time is set for 6:30 PM.

Go Broncos!!!



The Mighty Bronco Band leads the way down Main Street for the Homecoming Parade!

School Lunch Menu • September 19-23, 2005

Breakfast
 Mon.- Biscuits w/ Gravy, Sausage Patty
 Tues.- Glazed Donut, Apple Juice
 Wed.- Cinnamon roll, Orange Juice
 Thurs.- Toast w/ Jelly, Apple Juice
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SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE

The City of Sonora will hold a meeting at 2:00 p.m. on September 20, 2005 at City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2005. The proposed tax rate is .483081 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the City of Sonora by 7.99%.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2005

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would create a Texas rail relocation and improvement fund in the state treasury and would authorize grants of state revenue and issuance of public debt to relocate, rehabilitate, and expand privately and publicly owned passenger and freight rail facilities and to construct railroad underpasses and overpasses.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund and authorizing grants of money and issuance of obligations for financing the relocation, rehabilitation, and expansion of rail facilities."

PROPOSITION 2 (HJR 6)

HJR 6 would provide that marriage in Texas is solely the union of a man and woman, and that the state and its political subdivisions could not create or recognize any legal status identical to or similar to marriage, including such legal status relationships created outside of Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 80)

HJR 80 would provide that local economic development program loans or grants (other than debts secured by a pledge of ad valorem taxes or financed by the issuance of any bonds or other obligations payable from ad valorem taxes) do not constitute or create debt. Any provision of state constitutional law that may prohibit or limit the authority of a political subdivision of the state to incur debt does not apply to those loans or grants.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment clarifying that certain economic development programs do not constitute a debt."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 17)

SJR 17 would authorize a district judge to deny reinstatement of bail or new bail to a person accused of a felony, if the person's bail had been revoked or forfeited as a result of the person's violation of a condition of release related to the safety of a victim of the alleged offense or to the safety of the community.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of the defendant's release pending trial."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 21)

SJR 21 would authorize the Legislature to exempt commercial loans from state usury laws that set maximum interest rates. "Commercial loans" are loans made primarily for business, commercial, investment, agricultural, or similar purposes and not primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to define rates of interest for commercial loans."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 87)

HJR 87 would increase the size of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct from eleven to thirteen members by increasing from four to five the number of public members and by adding a constitutional county court judge. The additions would ensure that the commission has an odd number of members, which is required by another provision of the state constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to include one additional public member and a constitutional county court judge in the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

PROPOSITION 7 (SJR 7)

SJR 7 would authorize new options for reverse mortgage agreements for senior homeowners allowing them to draw advances at unscheduled intervals, if and when needed, and only in the

amounts needed, during the loan term. These are in addition to options that would allow a lump sum payment after settlement or regular periodic, predetermined equal amounts over a term of years or the lifetime of the homeowner. Additionally, SJR 7 would: (1) prohibit the agreement from requiring the use of a credit card, debit card or similar device to obtain an advance; (2) prohibit the charge or collection of a transaction fee solely in connection with any debit or advance, after the time the extension of credit is established; and (3) prohibit the lender or holder from unilaterally amending the extension of credit.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing line-of-credit advances under a reverse mortgage."

PROPOSITION 8 (SJR 40)

SJR 40 would clear individual land titles by relinquishing and releasing all claims of state ownership interests, including mineral interests, in two local areas, namely, a roughly 4,600 acre area located roughly 14 miles southeast of Gilmer, Texas, and a separate 900 acre area located north of Tyler, Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by relinquishing and releasing any state claim to sovereign ownership or title to interest in certain land in Upshur County and in Smith County."

PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 79)

HJR 79 would authorize the Legislature to provide staggered six year terms of office for board members serving on regional mobility authorities, with no more than one-third of the board positions being appointed every two years.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a six-year term for a board member of a regional mobility authority."

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West Texas Chamber Chatter



by Ruthie Bounds, COC Executive Director

Well I hope ya'll don't mind, but this week I decided to have a little fun with my column. I want to talk about all things "West Texas."

With everything that is going on in the world right now, I thought it would be fun to "poke fun" at ourselves. I'm concerned about the homogenization of our culture. A friend recently told me that she wished I would write down all the colloquialisms I could remember from my life growing up here, and my reaction was surprise that anyone would want that information. Since that time it seems that the subject has come up in conversation and there was even a little quip in my email about this very subject. We have such a wonderful heritage of language and tradition in Texas and more importantly in West Texas. I read somewhere in the last couple of months about how our traditions have changed, how our language has changed, and how much more metropolitan our ideas have become. Well, I for one, am here to let ya'll know that not all of us have been "swallow'd" up by the influence of media and globalization. I'm proud to still be eating "supper" at my table instead of dinner. I consider the liberal use of the word "ya'll" a duty for any West Texan, and the fact that I'm "fixin' to" tell you "how the cow ate the cabbage" only means that I tell it like it really is. Not that I have not been known to refine my manner of speaking on occasion, but let's face it, I'm "as country as a wash-tub" and proud of it. The fact that so many West Texans try to speak as though they are from New York instead of this blessed place is enough to "drive a woodman crazy." I recently ran into an old friend and the discussion took a nasty turn when we began talking about the weight each of us had gained over the last few years, but when I made the comment that we were "fatter than town dogs," she was somehow offended. I

thought it was a very appropriate comment, but she wanted to know if I was comparing her to a female dog, if you know what I mean. That was not my intent at all, but "letting the cat out of the bag, is a lot easier than putting it back in." I was always taught: "speak your mind, and ride a fast horse." Today it's more like say only what you know they want to hear, and then stand around listening to their dissertation on the subject. Remember "the length of the conversation doesn't say anything about the size of the intellect."

I heard a lot of good business advice listening to conversations among the men I grew up around, some of that advice is: "trust everyone at the table, but make sure you cut the cards," and "only a buzzard feeds on his friends," or "if you're going to take the measure of a man, take the full measure," and my favorite, "nobody ever drowned in his own sweat." When was the last time you heard someone say "much obliged"? It used to be heard on a daily basis at nearly every store you walked in to. Instead of the rote response of "thank you," people used to say "much obliged." Maybe we should try it for stimulating communication between us and our customers.

I would like to know what happened to the "pick-up." When did it become a truck? I guess about the same time that people that really don't need a pickup started driving them, because they thought it to be cool or macho or something. Some of my favorite words of wisdom that I had forgotten until I began writing this week's column are: "don't squat with your spurs on," "holler calf rope" when you've had enough, and "never ride behind a man that's chewin' tobacco." Remember that we are unique in our language and traditions and visitors to our area are fascinated with this manner of speaking. Many will recognize that most of these little pearls were derived from the West and cowboy lore. Now, I think I will follow some more forgotten gems of wisdom like: "never miss a chance to shut up" and "talk low, talk slow, and don't say too much."

Migratory Bird Report

for week 2 of Dove Season

by Steve Lightfoot

North Zone: Dove hunting has generally been good over milo and corn fields in the Panhandle. Most of the birds taken have been mourning doves and morning shoots have proved steady. Fields near the border in Northeast Texas have been spotty; however, better shoots have been had around stock tanks and watering holes due to the lack of rain the region has endured. Teal numbers are building on playa lakes in the Panhandle. Expect more birds this week as a weak cool front moves through the region. More doves should arrive with the north winds, too. Teal season begins 30 minutes before sunrise Sept. 17. Prospects are good.

Central Zone: Strong shoots were had near Waco for whitewings and mourners over plowed ground and around stock tanks. Agricultural fields outside of Austin paid dividends as well. The opener near San Antonio was fast and furious for some and lackluster for others. Fields east of Castroville saw solid shoots. Generally, hunting around San Antonio has been steady. Good shoots were had near Uvalde and Concan; however, many hunters reported seeing large flocks of doves flying at high altitudes, just out of shotgun range. Brownwood and Stephenville enjoyed good hunts for mourners. Rice and waste grain fields near Nome, China, Devers and Winnie saw limit or near-limit hunts. Those positioned close to watering holes in East Texas harvested respectable bags of mourners. A cool front this week should deposit new birds to the region. Teal are building in flooded fields and second-cropped rice near Katy, Winnie, Eagle Lake, El Campo, Katy and Brookshire. Prospects are good.

NOTICE

of Vote on Tax Rate

The Sutton County Commissioners' Court conducted public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues of Sutton County and FMFC from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 8.0 percent on September 6, 2005 and September 12, 2005.

The Sutton County Commissioners' Court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 19, 2005, at 9:00 A.M. in the meeting room of the Sutton County Annex, 300 East Oak, Sonora, Texas

NOTICE TO SUTTON COUNTY TAXPAYERS

The notice of vote on tax rate is an increase of the effective rate only. The average home with a value of \$75,000 paid \$190 on the 2004 tax roll and on the 2005 tax roll taxes will be assessed at \$178, which is a decrease of \$12, unless the home was valued higher in 2005. The taxpayer should have received a notice of new appraised value in May of 2005.

13th Annual Davy Crockett Fall Festival

Sponsored by the Ozona Chamber of Commerce
Saturday, September 17, 2005
10:100 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Convention Center Fair Park

Schedule of Events

\$1.00 Admission

rock climb, balloon toss, spin the apple, cork gun shoot, fajitas, hamburgers, funnel cakes, sausage-on-a-stick, fruit, roasted corn, hot dogs, lemonade, jellies, chocolate dipped cheesecake, turkey legs, brisket plates, western furnishings, jewelry, toys, clothing, wood & metal works and much much more...

Attention Vendors: space available for arts/crafts, food and activity booths, \$60 for 10x10, elec/wtr extra

Petting Zoo:

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Pony rides, lambs, goats, hogs, rabbits and calves

West Texas Rehab Rest & Water Station:

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Carriage Rides:

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. French Vis-à-Vis Carriage rides around the park

Washer Pitchin' Tournament

12:00 p.m. Check-in

Mutton Bustin' Competition

6:00 p.m., Ages 4-6, 50 lb. limit, \$10 entry fee

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12:00 p.m.

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3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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How A&M's Resources Work In Your Community



by **Pascual Hernandez,**
Extension Agent - Ag
Texas Cooperative

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Agriculture. Ranchers, wildlife managers, and small landowners can obtain information on anything from livestock or wildlife management, brush control, and soil fertility to risk management and economic analysis. A network of agents, specialists, and researchers is available to assist.

Horticulture. Home owners can get help with weed & pest control, fertilization, landscaping, plant disease treatment, gardening tips, and much more. Home visits are made to help diagnose disease, deficiency, pest, etc. There is also a Master Gardener course which prepares and certifies participants to help solve many of their plant needs and those of their neighbors.

Family & Consumer Science (FCS). Families can receive recommendations on balanced nutrition, exercise, budget planning, health, child safety, and more. Restaurants commonly use FCS agents to

conduct food safety & sanitation training for their personnel. Additionally, a Better Living For Texans (BLT) program which targets serving families of limited income and resources.

Community Development. Extension personnel can provide training for small business leadership, computer technology, home improvement, nature tourism, fairs and festivals, and other endeavors which provide opportunity for economic growth and development. Extension partners with various agencies to provide a more complete approach.

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Best of all, there is no cost for most services provided by the Texas Cooperative Extension. However, services such as forage testing, soil analysis, and water testing do have a small fee. For more information, contact local agents Pascual Hernandez (Ag) or Kelly Thorp (FCS) at 387-3101 or 387-3604 or come by 1700 N. Crockett. Educational programs are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.

Texas Farmers and Ranchers Receive Landowner Incentives for Historical Conservation Efforts

On Thursday, September 1, 2005, Dr. Larry D. Butler, State Conservationist of USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas announced that 84 Texas farmers/ranchers will receive over \$2 million in payments for new contracts in the Conservation Security Program (CSP). The 2005 CSP contracts were awarded in 14 watersheds in Texas, covering almost 400,000 acres of land.

Nationwide, NRCS offered 12,700 CSP contracts to farmers in 220 watersheds. These Fiscal Year 2005 contracts being offered translate into more than a \$1 billion long-term commitment to conservation over the next 10 years on 9 million acres of private lands. CSP is a landowner incentive program authorized in the 2002 Farm Bill.

While CSP was offered on a limited basis last summer, this is the first year agricultural producers in all 50 states in 220 watershed locations were given an opportunity to participate in the program. USDA expects to fully invest the \$202 million provided by Congress in covering the new contracts as well as those signed in 2004.

Unlike most federal farm conservation programs that are designed to address resource problems, CSP is designed to recognize those farmers and ranchers who have already applied a full conservation system that addresses soil quality and water quality to meet program criteria. The bulk of the CSP contract payment, however, is based on agreements to further enhance these and other resources including wildlife habitat, energy conservation, and air quality.

"Thousands of Texas farmers and ranchers are committed to doing the hard day-to-day work of making the right choices for the land and other natural resources that they manage. They don't boast about it and they don't often get much recognition, but CSP is a step towards rewarding the work they do," Butler said. "Furthermore, these proven stewards are good candidates for our nation to invest in to further improve the resources that sustain our families, our communities and our landscapes."

CSP applicants partici-

ate in the program in five different categories and three tiers reflecting both their documented historical conservation management as well as their agreement to do additional environmental enhancements. In Texas, 51 applicants were approved in category A and 33 in category B. Of the 84 approved applicants, 29 were approved at Tier I, 11 at Tier II, and 44 at Tier III. Category A and Tier III recognizes the highest level of conservation.

"CSP is a logical companion to the other NRCS programs to help more people get to the point where we are," states Joseph Fitzsimons, co-owner and manager of the San Pedro Ranch near Carrizo Springs. "We have been at this for 30 years. At some point, when people have demonstrated commitment and longevity to conservation, it makes sense to trust their decision making abilities. That's what CSP does."

The Fitzsimons' innovation in conservation stewardship management helped them qualify as a Category A, Tier III participant in the CSP, which exemplifies their historical commitment to conservation.

In Texas, CSP contracts will average of \$13,500 for Tier I and \$30,800 per year for 5-10 years. A broad range of conservation work that protects and enhances natural resources is being funded. Typical conservation included in Texas contracts includes environmental improvements such as grazing management plans, crop rotations, riparian protection, no-till systems, wildlife habitat improvements, soil and water conservation, and stream bank stabilization.

CSP is a voluntary program that supports ongoing conservation stewardship of agricultural working lands and enhances the condition of America's natural resources.

NRCS is the lead agency in the USDA for providing conservation technical assistance to owners and operators of private lands. NRCS serves customers through USDA's network of local, county-based offices.

For more information on CSP or other services offered through NRCS, call the USDA-NRCS office in your county or visit the NRCS website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

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Ag Committee considers Bonilla's Eminent Domain Legislation

- Bonilla Testifies at Committee Hearing -

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Showing early signs of strong support, the House Agriculture Committee today considered Congressman Henry Bonilla's eminent domain legislation. Agriculture Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) and Agriculture Committee Ranking Member Collin Peterson (D-MN) are both outspoken co-sponsors of the legislation.

"It doesn't matter where you live - city, farm or suburbia - eminent domain abuses know no boundaries. I've heard from people living in downtown neighborhoods who fear the loss of their home; their fear is shared by folks in rural America whose farm land is threatened. Something must be done to stop these abuses," said Bonilla.

Bonilla authored and introduced the bi-partisan legislation in July of 2005. The Strengthening the Ownership of Private Property (STOPP) Act. HR 3405, will prevent governments from taking property from one private party and giving it to another private party. When abuses occur, the STOPP Act will prevent localities and states from receiving federal economic assistance on ALL economic development projects, not just those projects upon which abuses occur. Furthermore, the legislation will make state and local governments subject to the Uniform Relocation Act, which provides fair market value and moving expenses for citizens relocated by abuses.

"The most important difference between my legislation and others offered is that we are

penalizing ALL economic development projects, not just those upon which abuses occur. By subjecting all projects to penalties, we are removing a loophole that localities can exploit by playing a funding 'shell game' with projects," said Bonilla.

Bonilla's STOPP Act is co-sponsored by more than 50 Members of Congress from both sides of the political aisle. An important aspect of Bonilla's legislation is that it only affects the taking of private property from one private entity to another. The legislation still allows local governments to use eminent domain for its original conception, which is to build new highways, schools, airports or other projects that benefit the public.

"This legislation has earned across the board support from the most conservative to the most liberal members of Congress," said Bonilla. "The Supreme Court's eminent domain ruling shocked America. No one had ever considered this threat - that the government could take-away your private property and give it to someone else for private gain. The ruling has created a new awakening and fear among property owners and now Congress is responding."

Bonilla is a long-time advocate of private property rights. He represents one of the largest districts in the nation, which includes more than 700 miles of the Texas-Mexico border. Bonilla currently serves a Chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee.

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Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: San Angelo Contract 0141-04-033 for MICROSURFACING IN SUTTON County will be opened on October 06, 2005 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 17761

State Office

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200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)

San Angelo District
District Engineer
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San Angelo, Texas 76904
Phone: 325-944-1501

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

Public Notice

Frontier Mini Storages located on Hwy 277, in Sonora, Texas; Sutton County will be holding a public sale to satisfy a landlord's lien. Date of sale will be published at a later date. This is the tenant's 1st official notice of "Intent To Sale" concerning their property. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale at any time. The following tenants as of August 22, 2005 are: **Gracie Lopez, Lingo Sanford, Jr. Dominguez, Elva Hulsey, Melisa Valdez, Tressa Esparza, Libb Wallace and Unit's #G&54.** If you feel there might be an error or want to make payments/payment arrangements regarding this notice contact Jana Dover @ 325-387-2104 or come by my office @ 103 Dollie.

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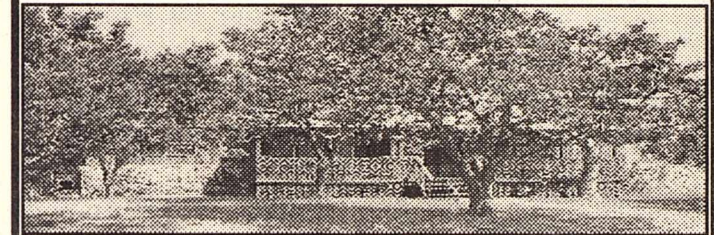
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Local teens to attend National FFA Convention

Every year, 50,000 FFA members from around the United States converge on Louisville, KY for the National FFA Convention. This year, two Sonora FFA members will be attending October 24-29.

Mandy Brister, Area 2 Vice President, has been selected as a voting delegate for the state of Texas. McKenzie Watkins, District President will be attending as advancement in her FFA career.

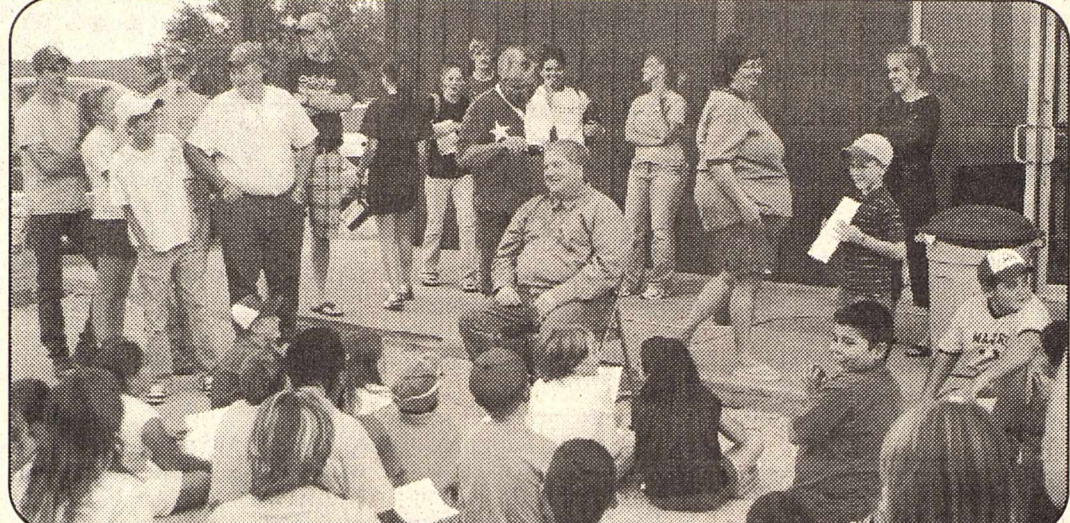
Mandy and McKenzie, with the help of friends, family, Sonora FFA and Sonora ISD, will be conducting two fundraising activities to help offset the cost of attending (travel, motel, meals, etc.). There will be a raffle drawing for a Ping driver, putter and two boxes of golf balls on September 17 at the Sonora Golf Course during the Sonora Ladies Golf Auxiliary Couples Tournament. On September 30, they will be selling Stagecoach Barbeque plates in the High School commons from 5:30 p.m. until kickoff of the Eldorado football game. Tickets for both of these events will be available in advance or at the door.



McKenzie Watkins and Mandy Brister

To show your support, or for more information about these events, contact Mandy or McKenzie, or Michael Kissire at Sonora High School at 387-6533.

AWANAS fills the house, Pastor loses the hair



Brother Don (Longoria) proves he's not just a man of the Word, he's a man of his word, as he let Ed Newton shave his head last

Wednesday, September 7.

Brother Don told his youth group if they had at least 80 youth in attendance for the first night back at the Lighthouse Community Church AWANAS program, he would let them shave his head. There were 84! (They haven't yet convinced Charlotte that bald is beautiful!)

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Women's Bible Study @ Lighthouse Community Church; Studying "The Patriarch" by Beth Moore; starting Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Please call the church at 387-9100 to enroll.

Dies y Seis de septiembre Festival 2005 Ozona— Saturday, Sept. 17th. Dance from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. w/ music by "Estilo Band." Presentation of Queens and Court at dance. Tickets \$10 at door, \$8 in advance and children 10 and under \$5. For advance tickets contact: Juan/Silvia Coy @ 392-3961 or Victor/Patty Hernandez @ 392-8046. Food booth on Sat. during the dance. For a booth contact Silvia Coy @ 392-3961 or Vicky Valadez @ 392-5028 or the OLPH office @ 392-3353. **Sunday, Sept. 18th—Mass @ 11 a.m.** w/presentation of Queens. Meal by Guadalupeans following mass. Parade starts @ 1 p.m. at church and ends at town square (call Lalo/Amy Rodriguez @ 392-2602 or Juan/Alicia Borrego @ 392-5810). Prizes will be given. Fundraiser @ 3 p.m. by Curcillistas. Tardeada w/food booths @ town square (Silvia Coy @ 392-3961) and game booths (Dee Montanez @ 392-2581). Music by Romaldo and Estilo Band and "Mariachi Deseo" from Odessa during tardeada. All proceeds go to the church for Sunday's booths.

The El Camino Girl Scout Council is preparing for its 2005 Race on the River to be held in conjunction with the Third Annual San Angelo Sheep Run on Saturday, September 24. The Race on the River is the largest annual fund raising endeavor for our Council. While the event takes place in San Angelo, the funds raised will benefit girls in all 18 counties served by El Camino Council. For more information please call (325) 655-8961

The Annual Irion County Child Welfare Board SALSA Festival; Hoolihan Acres in Mertzon, TX; Oct. 8 from 3 - 5 p.m.; Texans for Children Live Entertainment, Free Admission... and all the salsa you can eat. Salsa entry = \$25; \$500 cash prize. Entry deadline Sept. 16; FMI call Deb @ (325)835-7101 or Jose @ 835-8381.

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