

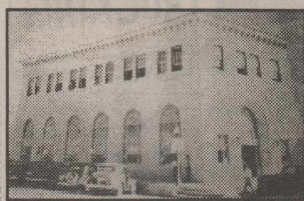
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## Valdez Shares Vision for SMS



Mr. Erbey Valdez, incoming principal at Sonora Middle School, settles into his new office in preparation for the start of the 2008-2009 school year. Photo by Ben Taylor.

By Ben D. Taylor

"We don't like to leave things unpacked" was one of the first things new SISD Middle School Principal Erbey Valdez told me during an interview this week. This may have been a casual comment about the speed of his moving process, but it proved to be an insight into his overall philosophy of school administration. Having only spent (at most) a few days in Sonora, Mr. Valdez is already reaching out to the community and his staff with his vision that "together we can achieve anything".

Mr. Valdez graduated from Brady High School in 1990,

and enrolled Stephen F. Austin University on a music scholarship with plans of being, "the world's greatest band director". After college graduation he worked for Mason then Brady ISD as an assistant band director, and finally for Sterling City as head band director. Under his tutelage, the Sterling City band transformed into a top-notch program, earning many state level awards.

After 9 years as assistant and head band director, Erby resigned his position and moved to San Angelo to pursue his master's degree. "I

don't know what happened. I guess it just wasn't in me anymore."

While he was working towards his masters degree, Erbey worked for San Angelo ISD teaching history, adding this teaching experience to his resume, along with English as a Second Language, Special Ed, and Golf.

In 2005 he started with school administration in San Saba, Texas, as a principal, where in 2008 he was awarded with the 2008 Region 15 Middle School Principal of

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## Allison Park Closes Temporarily



By Ben D. Taylor

Sutton County has erected a temporary fence around Allison Park after water tests reported the presence of *E. Coli*.

The source of the contaminant is unknown, although officials from the County government stated that "credible information exists that raw sewage has been dumped. The park will remain closed until the source is identified and the contaminate is no longer detected. Anyone in Sutton County with concerns about the water quality in their wells can contact the Sutton County Underground Water District 387-2369 for free testing.

## HERE COME THE BRONCOS



The Broncos are working in preparation for the first scrimmage of the season this Saturday, August 16 against Llano. For more pictures of this week's practice and schedule for the Broncos (Varsity, JV, and Junior High), see page 15.

## 2008 Miss Sutton County Stephani Morriss



The Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo is proud to congratulate Miss Stephani Morriss as our new Miss Sutton County. Words cannot express how the Rodeo Committee feels about the dedication and commitment you have given for us all. Stephani was sponsored by The First National Bank of Sonora and JMC Transport Services. She is the daughter of Steve Morriss and Erica Morriss. Working a full-time job, participating in cheerleading activities and vacationing she still got the job done as a candidate running for the title. Since 2004, Courtney Caruthers had held the record of \$18,888.00 for the highest amount in ticket sales and fundraising for the rodeo and dance. Stephani Morriss shattered that record with \$23,424.50. Miss Sutton County will receive a Full day of pampering at Stirrup Trouble Salon, a \$1500 scholarship from the Outlaw Pro Rodeo, a handcrafted bracelet designed by Lee Silver Company, and a TV-DVD combo. Once again, congratulations, Stephani!

Photo by James Phifer/Rodeobum.com



by Bonnie Lou Campbell

The 2008 Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo was, without question, one of the smooth performances in the history of a rodeo production in Sonora, Texas. If you ask any of the committee members involved, they will respond with just about the same opinion. Smith Pro Rodeos came to Sonora with one thing in mind...to put on a rodeo that folks would not forget. From the opening of the show with a salute to our soldiers, to the final bull bucked out, Sonora rodeo fans rocked the stands. NFR announcer Boyd Polhamus kept fans entertained from start to finish. Thanks, Sonora, for coming out to enjoy the largest annual event in Sutton County.

More Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo photos and results can be found on page 2. In a couple of weeks, rodeo fans are invited to visit rodeobum.com to view the highlights of the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo from the lens of PRCA photographer James Phifer.



# Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo Results



Photo by James Ricks



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Photo by James Phifer/Rodeobum.com

County Team Roping Champions were Ladd Hughes and Clay Hale, pictured above with Callaway Hall (far left) and Petie Lewis (far right).

**ALL AROUND - CHANCE KELTON - \$1,140.00**  
**TOTAL PAYOUT - \$56,440.00**

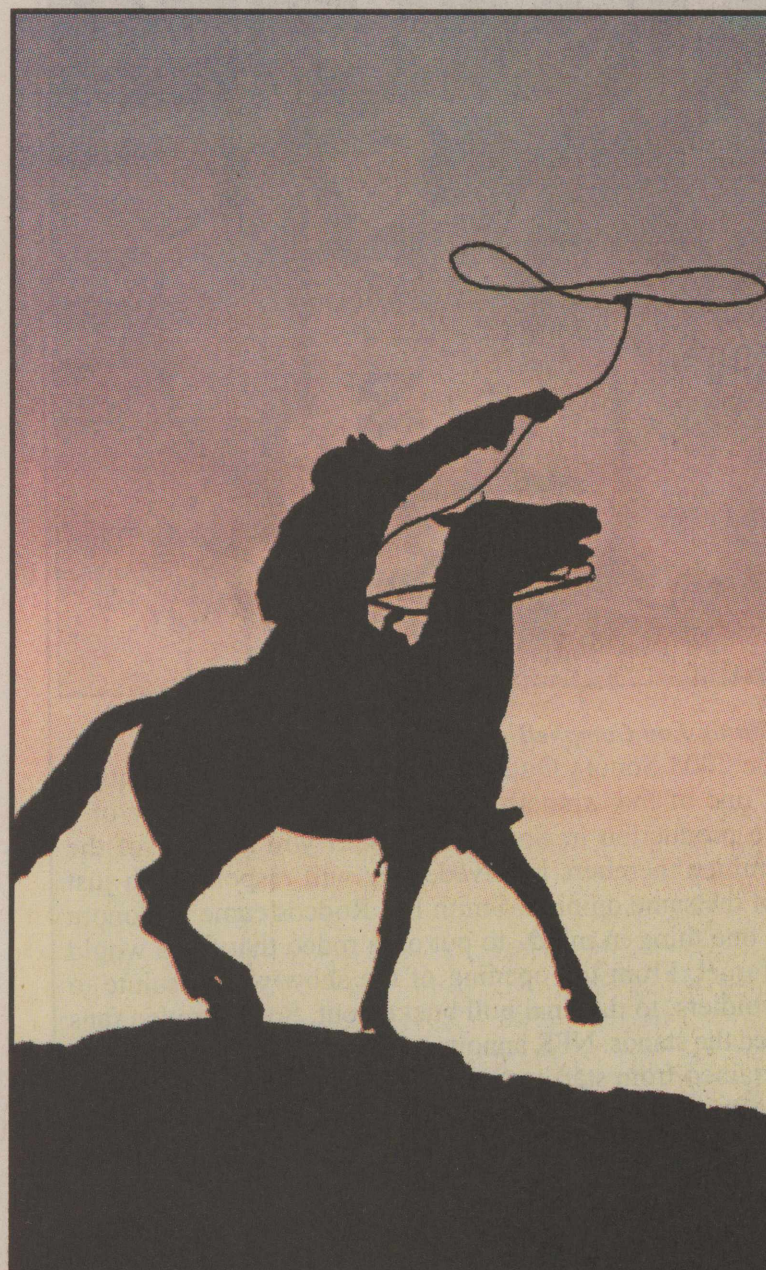
**Steer Roping 1st Go:** 1. J. P. Wickett, Sallisaw, OK—9.0 2. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, KS—9.7 3. Vin Fisher Jr, Andrews, TX—9.8 **Steer Roping 2nd Go:** 1. Scott Snedecor, Uvalde, TX—11.0 2. Jarrett Blessing, Paradise, TX—11.1 3. Buster Record Jr., Buffalo, OK—11.9 **Steer Roping 3rd Go:** 1. J.P. Wickett, Sallisaw, OK—10.0 2. Shandon Stalls, McLean, TX—10.2 3. Kim Ziegelgeruber, Edmond, OK—10.9 **Steer Roping Average:** 1. Scott Snedecor, Uvalde, TX—35.3 2. J.B. Whately, Gardendale, TX—37.5 3. Chris Glover, Keenesburg, CO—38.0 **Calf Roping 1st Go:** 1. Ryan Watkins, Stephenville, TX—8.5 2. Trent Walls, Stephenville, TX—9.0 3. Timber Moore, Ponder, TX—9.1 **Calf Roping 2nd Go:** 1. Scott Kormos, Teague, TX—7.8 2. Justin Maas, Giddings, TX—8.0 3. Trent Walls, Stephenville, TX—8.3 4. Bradley Bynum, Sterling City, TX—9.0 **Calf Roping Average:** 1. Trent Walls, Stephenville, TX—17.3 2. Timber Moore, Ponder, TX—18.2 3. Scott Kormos, Teague, TX—19.8 **Team Roping 1st Go:** 1. Colby Schneemann, Big Lake, TX/Tommy Zuniga, Centerville, TX—5.7 2. Brook Bearden, Dublin, TX/Blake Elms, Cleburne, TX—6.1 3. Justin Davis, Conroe, TX/John Paul Lucero, Villanueva, NM—6.4 **Steer Wrestling 1st Go:** 1. Rowdy Cooper, Ft. Worth, TX—3.9 2. Seth Morgan, Azle, TX—4.8 3. Colby Price, Loraine, TX—5.0 4. Dustin Duhon, Sonora, TX—5.1 **Steer Wrestling 2nd Go:** 1. Brent Arnold, Coleman, TX—4.3 2. Rowdy Cooper, Ft Worth, TX—4.6 3. Seth Morgan, Azle, TX—4.8 **Steer Wrestling Average:** 1. Rowdy Cooper, Ft Worth, TX—8.5 2. Seth Morgan, Azle, TX—9.6 3. Dustin Duhon, Sonora, TX—10.4 **Girls Barrel Race:** 1. Cindy Wheeler, Fredericksburg, TX—17.39 2. Lynn Hinds, Waller, TX—17.79 3. Lizzy Allen, Abilene, TX—18.01 **Team Roping 2nd Go:** 1. Chance Kelton, Mayer, AZ/Boogie Ray, Mabank, TX—5.5 2. Tee Woolman, Llano, TX/Rich Skelton, Llano, TX—5.7 3. Tommy Edens, Gatesville, TX/Wade Clayton, Needville, TX—6.0 **Team Roping Average:** 1. Colby Schneemann, Big Lake, TX/Tommy Zuniga, Centerville, TX—12.0 2. Tommy Edens, Gatesville, TX/Wade Clayton, Needyville, TX—12.8 3. Robert Pixley, Livingston, TX/Tyler McKnight, Wells, TX—14.8 **Girls Breakaway Leaders:** Lizzie Allen, Abilene, TX—3.0 2. Sherry Mell, San Antonio, TX—3.7 3. Ashlee Miller, Coleman, TX—12.6 **Bull Riding:** 1. Jay Slyder, Justin, TX—91 2. Trent Courmier, Houma, LA—87 3. Brandon Reynolds, Pike Rd, AL—85 4. Donald Francis, Somerville, TX—80 **Bareback Riding:** 1. Will Lowe, Canyon, TX—83 2. Dustin Murray, Wellston, OK—83 3. Tom McFarland, Wickenburg, AZ—80 4. Zach Dishman, Beaumont, TX—80 **Saddlebronc Riding:** 1. Todd Rangel, Gladewater, TX—81 2. Cody Angland, Snyder, TX—80 3. Jordan Furnish, Baird, TX—78 **County Team Roping:** 1. Ladd Hughes/Clay Hale—33.74 2. Trey Hale/Clay Hale—40.72 3. Leo Rodriguez/Olie Smith—50.32 4. Kelly Kothman/Clay Hale—53.95



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Peace of mind is what I think of when asked "how can you be gone during the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo when you're the chairman?" Because this all-volunteer organization is a tribute to the kind of folks we have in West Texas. I would like to thank each and every one of them for helping to put on one of the best small town rodeos in the United States. (Forgive me for not naming everyone who volunteered because sure as anything, I would leave someone out.)

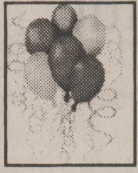
This volunteer group has worked throughout the year helping to improve on our arena facilities. They have coordinated with new contractors and sponsors and spent many long hours to help bring this rodeo to our great community. Hopefully, through grant funding and donations, we will be able to complete the \$850,000 arena improvement project in the near future. With great volunteers, we also have tremendous sponsors. Without your help, we would not be able to hire one of the top rodeo contractors in the nation and have a rodeo crowd that fills every seat, standing room only.

Last but not least, I would like to thank my wife who truly carries the weight of this volunteer organization. Her dedication and commitment to this tremendous endeavor is second to none. Thank you, Bonnie Lou, and my two great children, Chelsey Lou and Chance, for all your help, and your ability to put up with Dad. Thank you again to all of you.

Curry Campbell  
 President,  
 Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo/SCDA



## Happy Birthday!



### August 14

Oscar Trevino, Jr., Danielle Rodriguez, Tori Vickers, Hipolito Gutierrez, Tammie Love, Lupita Arevalo, Nato Hinojosa, Danny Martinez

### August 15

Lauren Smith, Carla Garcia, Richard Cooper, Emma Sepeda, Aurora Noriega, Clarissa Hernandez, Freddie Benson, Annette Mabry, Maria Robles, Terry Brooks

### August 16

Morgan Hobbs, Dinney Dudley, Vicki Baldwin, Lala Hernandez, Clyde Dukes, Brianna Duran, Jaquina Castro, Juan J. Hernandez, Jr., Uriel Santana, McKenzie McAngus

### August 17

Olivia Perez, Mary Humphrey, Melissa Anderson, Kenlie Tyler Uriega, Sonia Hernandez, Colton Rowell, Arnoldo Gutierrez, Wheelless Miller, Chesly Herd, Becki Chatwell

### August 18

Raymond Calvin Rainer, Zachary Leonard, Quirina Perez, Ivan Murillo, Roy Stevens, Harley Sadler, Sandi Ainsworth, Kathleen Campbell

### August 19

Mike Hobbs, Alisha Covey, Lauri Smith, Tom Jacoby, David T. Sanchez, Jr., Martha Wallace, Diana Virgin, Linda Whalen, Bonnie Aguiro, Ari Deluna

### August 20

Fay Price, Danielle Fox, Ryan Hardgrave, Steven Gandar, Maritza Villanueva, Ben Epps, Bernardo Solis, Sr., Issek Hernandez



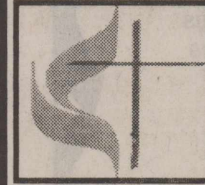
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6:00 p.m. Bible Study

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**You Are Invited:**  
**Bible Study and**  
**Worship Celebration**  
**August 24th**  
**at the**  
**Sutton County Civic Center**

4:45 p.m.--Gospelaire Quartet

5:30 p.m.--Congregational Singing, led by area song leaders

6:00 p.m. **Worship Hour**  
"The Relevance of Revelation:  
Are We Living in the Last Days"  
Terry Jackson, Rising Star, Texas

7:00 p.m.--**Fellowship Meal**  
brisket and trimmings

hosted by  
**the Sonora Church of Christ**

## Senior Center Activities

Thur. Aug. 14- Crafts  
Fri. Aug. 15- Happy Birthday Maria Robles  
Mon. Aug. 18- Bingo after lunch  
Tues. Aug. 19- \*CEAP-energy asst. program @11:00 a.m. \* City Council 4:00 p.m.  
Wed. Aug. 20- Van to San Angelo Medicals. Call 387-3941.

## Senior Center Menu

Thur. Aug. 14- Fried chicken, potato salad, zucchini squash, lemon cake and milk  
Fri. Aug. 15- Fried fish, hominy, hush puppies, okra/tomato gumbo, apple cake and milk  
Mon. Aug. 18- Hot dog w/chili & cheese, chips, brownies, Pineapple Waldorf and milk  
Tues. Aug. 19- Steak fingers w/gravy, rolls, broccoli, whipped potatoes, cobbler and milk  
Wed. Aug. 20- Ham w/pineapple rings, macaroni & cheese, carrots, wheat bread and rolls

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

## Sonora Church Directory



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504 Santa Clara  
387-2035

**Church of Christ**  
304 N. Water  
387-3190

**The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian**  
319 E. Mulberry  
387-2616

**First Baptist Church**  
11 E. Oak  
387-3190

**Lighthouse Community Church**  
1705 N. Crockett  
387-9100

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
404 E. Poplar  
387-2955

**Pentecostal Calvary Temple United**  
509 Amistad  
387-5266

**First United Methodist Church**  
201 N. Water  
387-2466

**St. Ann's Catholic Church**  
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387-2278

**Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios**  
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387-5713

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\*Food

\*Fun

\*Fellowship



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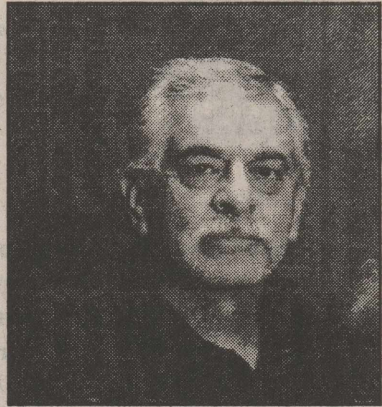
**Bridal Registry**

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 Kara Hard -bride elect- Cody Blair  
 Jessica Baker-bride elect-Byron Williams  
 Mrs. Brent Engelhardt-nee-Cindy Jones

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**Obituary**

**Gustavo (Gus) Hernandez**



Haltom City-Gustavo (Gus) Hernandez, 63, went to be with the Lord on July 24, 2008. He was born to Santos and Oralia Hernandez on December 23, 1944, in Sonora, Texas.

He moved to Plainview at the age of 15 and graduated in 1966 from Plainview, Texas. Gus loved boxing. While in Plainview, he belonged to the seven-member team that competed in the State Golden Gloves Tournaments. He joined the U.S. Army, serving in Vietnam as a helicopter door gunner which earned him the Bronze Star among many other distinguished awards and medals. Returning from Vietnam, he moved to Fort Worth in 1970 and married Erma Rodriguez of Plainview. He continued his military career for 27 years in the U.S. Army Reserves and retired in 1999 from the 300th Aviation Company from the Naval Reserves Unit out of Grand Prairie. He began his civilian career with the U.S. Postal Service in 1969 as a mail handler and retired as acting supervisor in 1999. He was an active member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, serving the Lord by playing the guitar and singing in the choir. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 4709. He loved playing baseball and softball. He was a devoted Dallas Cowboys, Texas Rangers and Dallas Mavericks fan.

He was preceded in death by his father, Santos Hernandez. Survivors include his wife, Erma R Hernandez; daughter, Nina and husband, Reynaldo Moreno, Jr.; granddaughters Kathleen Hernandez and Kaitlyn Moreno of Fort Hood; son, Gustavo Hernandez II and wife Kelsa, of Minneapolis, Minn; mother, Oralia Hernandez of Sonora, sisters Martha Jacobo of Stockton, Calif., Maura Weingart of Sonora, Celia Pena and Alonzo Pena of Sonora, brother Cornelio Hernandez of Fort Worth, TX and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Our most sincere thanks to all our family and friends for all their prayers during the illness and lost of our beloved son and brother, Gustavo Hernandez. Thank you for all the support, calls, flowers and food; all was very much appreciated.

A special thanks to all the friends from Sonora that live in the Fort Worth area that came to pay their respects during our loss. Oralia Hernandez, Martha Jacobo and family, Maura Weingart & family, Celia & Al Pena and family, and Cornelio Hernandez.

**The Lion's Roar:  
 Downtown Lion's Club  
 Newsletter**

By Jerry Jackson

As the new president of the Downtown Lion's Club, I am very excited to begin our new year. I am most thankful to Lion Lewis Allen for the years of service which he unselfishly gave to our club and to our community. He is an outstanding Lion and member of our community and we are most thankful to him.

Our club began its eightieth year of service in May. I am greatly humbled to think of all the outstanding Lions which have served this club and this community in those years. It would truly be a Hall of Fame for Sonora. And to think that it will be my task to maintain that high level of community service. I can only say that I will do my best.

Our next project will be to host the school personnel with a Hamburger Cookout at the Depot Amphitheatre. It will be Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. We want to especially welcome all our new teachers and personnel but also make this a time of thanking those who are so important to our children in the coming new school year.

We have programs each Tuesday at our noon meeting at the First United Methodist Church. Our program for August 19th is Dr. Mark Edwards, one of new physicians in town. Our program on the 26th will be Stephani Morriss and Monica Traylor who will be telling us of their recent trip to London, England.

Anyone is welcome to come and visit our club. We have a great meal and fellowship each week.

**Sonora PD  
 Dispatch Report**

**Arrest(s):  
 August 9, 2008**

•Daniel Solis Ozuna, 28, from Sonora, Texas, was arrested for Public Intoxication.

**Incidents:  
 August 4, 2008**

- 7:30 AM: Caller reported a dog on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 12:32 PM: Caller reported a dog on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 8:00 PM: Caller reported a disturbance in Officer responded.

**August 5, 2008**

- 8:31 AM: Caller reported a dead animal on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 10:47 AM: Caller reported a dog on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.

**August 6, 2008**

- 7:00 AM: Caller reported vandalism to property. Officer responded.
- 8:50 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 11:07 AM: Caller reported vandalism to property. Officer responded.
- 1:45 PM: Caller reported vandalism to property. Officer responded.
- 2:01 PM: Caller reported an animal in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.

**August 7, 2008**

- 8:20 AM: Caller reported an animal in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 4:32 PM: Caller reported a theft. Officer responded.

**August 8, 2008**

- 10:10 PM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.
- 10:45 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.

**August 9, 2008**

- 12:55 AM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.
- 11:25 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

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**Kara Hard ♥ Cody Blair**  
**Jessica Baker ♥ Byron Williams**

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**F.Y.I.**

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

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

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

The Sonora Woman's Club will be publishing a new address book. If you want your address included or you do not want to be included, please send your information to Sonora Woman's Club, P.O. Box 1402, Sonora, TX 76950.

The Women of St. John's Episcopal Church are selling their cookbook "Breaking Bread: Meals and Memories of St. John's Episcopal Church". The cookbook is available at the church office Mon.-Wed. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and at Ol' Sonora for \$20.00.

Now Renting for meetings, dinners, parties etc. 1205 S. Concho. FMI call Marisol at 387-5049.

Season tickets for Bronco football will be on sale from August 18 until September 5 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Administration Building. Cost is \$25 per seat for the season.

Band Booster Meeting 7:00 p.m. Monday, August 18 @ High School Commons Area.

Sonora Elementary will be having a meet-the-teacher day Thursday, August 21 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. grades Pre-K thru 4th.

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## BLAST FROM THE PAST

### 1940s

*The following letter was written by the editor of The Devil's River News to the Citizens of Sonora, June 14, 1940*

Unfounded rumors, baseless in fact, are a source of discredit to the persons who start such statements, and an injury to whom they are aimed against. In these present times, when the feelings of the American citizens are wrought up and at a high pitch, and justly so, good judgment is often forsaken and tactics adopted which are dangerous, ill-advised and hurtful in the extreme.

It has been called to my attention that rumors such as these have been aimed against the management (meaning me) and other members of the staff of The Devil's River News. Specifically speaking, these rumors and false statements have been made for the purpose of leaving the impression with listeners that I, and others of The Devil's River News, are pro-Nazi in sympathies, and violently anti-Ally in our desires, simply because we have not been inclined to get out on the street corners and in the homes of our good friends and wave a flag of violent agitation against Hitler and his death-dealing hordes. We resent, with every fiber of our being, all such implications. The people of Sonora have become well acquainted with the Hix Hall family during the past six years or more that we have lived in your midst. We have always been as liberal in our efforts, so far as the community was concerned, as our condition and circumstances would permit. We hope we have never fallen short of the aims which every good citizen should have toward the community in which he lives. We have tried to conduct our private lives, and our business matters, in such a way that the people of the community could remember us as a decent citizens of the town, progressive in both our civic and business life.

To have such things said about me, and my family, and my office force, causes not only a deep sense of injury, but of downright anger at the unscrupulous person or persons who have been responsible for starting the rumors which have been noised abroad, and broadcast over the town by word of mouth, on the quiet, and accepted in many cases without investigation and without an opportunity being given to plead our side of the case.

I was a World War soldier, serving 26 months in the army during the war, and in the Army of Occupation. I served as well and as faithfully as I could. I was given an honorable discharge from the army. I volunteered for service the 19th day of April, 1917, two weeks after this nation entered the war. Did any of my critics do likewise? What was your service? Since that time, my attitude has always been my own country first.

As regards the rumors circulating in this city—my home and your home—the least I can do is to brand them as false-hoods of the greatest degree—plain lies being circulated by possible enemies, of which every man has a few, and calculated to hurt me and my family, my business establishments and my associates. It is a rather despicable thing to do—have your acquaintances on the street make such an attempt to knife you in the back, and not having manhood to come out openly and make the charges, use such underhand tactics to injure the ones whom they feel they have reason to dislike. To those who have caused such rumors to be scattered over town, I would request that they display enough manhood to come to me personally and in full confidence of a just and patient hearing, and get my own personal and individual statements and opinions. If such is done, the people of this city, whether my enemies, if any, or my friends, can have no reason to feel that I am any different from all others—as patriotic as you, as anxious as you to see right and justice overcome lies and injustice, and as willing to spend my means and my personal advantages to bring about a condition which would mean progress to our own country, and the preservation of the principles of freedom and democracy upon which this great nation was founded.

I trust that this plain spoken statement will meet with the proper reception—for it is spoken in the kindest manner, and with a desire from the deepest part of my heart that misunderstandings shall not arise, or I or anyone else, be injured because of the carelessly uttered rumors and statements of some unthinking person.

(Signed) Hix Hall

History is the present. That's why every generation writes it anew. But what most people think of as history is its end product, myth.

-E. L. Doctorow

## Present Banking System Result of Many Years of Planning, Hard Work

The Devil's River News  
October 25, 1940

### New Bank Building Costs \$75,000

The most beautiful architectural edifice in Sutton County is the new bank building, which was erected in 1928 at a cost of \$75,000.

Built of Arkansas brick, the structure was erected after a building committee meeting October 14, 1927, gave the go-ahead signal in spite of the fact that some thousand dollars had just been spent on the original house.

Formal opening was held January 7, 1928.

Located on one of the main corners of the city, the structure is on the main thoroughfare of transcontinental travel across the southern states, the old Spanish Trail, and is viewed annually by thousands of tourists.

It faces 35 feet on the city's main street, siding 90 feet on the street next of importance. It consists of a basement, first floor, mezzanine floor, and a second floor for offices, practically making a four-story structure.

The building is not only fire-proof throughout, but has been modeled after the most up-to-date type of banking structure as is featured in so many of the Federal Reserve Bank buildings.

### First Report Shows Resources \$88,128.87

The first report to the Comptroller of the Currency on the condition of the First National Bank was made at the close of business on September 5, 1900, after the institution had been organized less than a month. Resources were shown to total \$88,128.87, with loans and discounts amounting to \$25,549.63.

United States bonds and premiums totaled \$13,000; the banking house, furniture and fixtures were valued at \$2,501.93, and cash on hand and in banks aggregated \$45,077.31.

Liabilities showed capital stock, paid in, to be \$50,000 undivided profits during the short time totaled \$366.94, deposits were \$37,717.24, and other liabilities totaled \$44.69.

### February 14, 1891

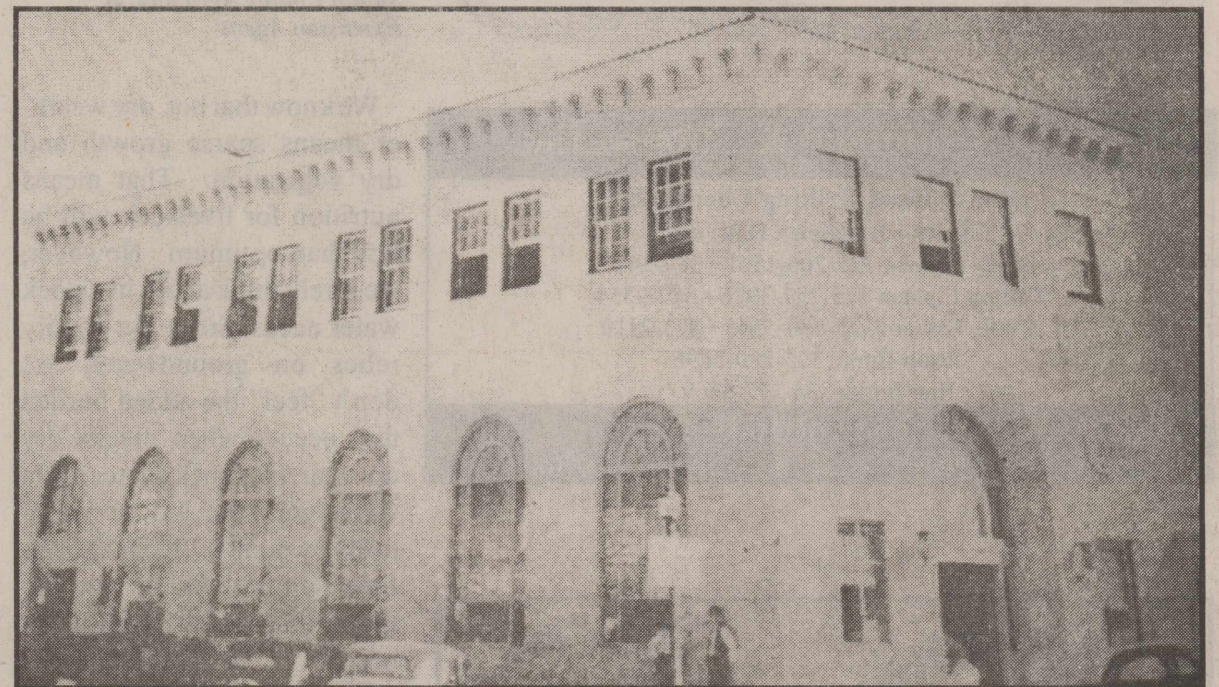
The best opening for a bank in West Texas is in Sonora, the trading center of the Stockman's Paradise.

### October 25, 1940

Assets Today Run Well Over One Million Dollars

Today the First National Bank in Sonora, completing its fortieth year in business here is a tribute to the pioneer spirit which, in 1900, instilled public-spirited citizens with an ambition to make Sonora a place in the rapidly expanding Southwest.

Apparently, attempted organization of the bank was a hazardous venture, for two similar institutions had previ-



ously failed.

Plans for the bank were started after a visit by Ed R. Jackson to Sonora in 1899. Mr. Jackson had just sold his interests in the "09 Ranch," on the old stage line between Ozona and Sherwood in Crockett County, and was anxious to invest his money.

Coming here in the fall, he talked with a number of citizens. All believed that the Sonora section offered real opportunities for a banking house, and had never given up the idea, despite the previous failures.

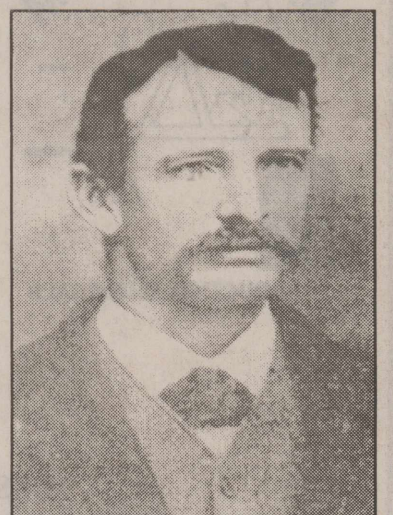
As a result, Mr. Jackson, together with W.L. Aldwell, held an organization meeting May 3, 1900. Officers of the bank, which was to open in August, included Mr. Jackson as president, and Mr. Aldwell as cashier. E.F. Vander Stucken was chosen as vice-president, and incidentally, is the only official to have held the same position since organization of the bank.

Those present at the first meeting were Mr. Jackson, Mr. Aldwell, D.A. Cauthorn, J. Lewenthal, S.G. Taylor, George S. Allison, R.F. Halbert and Walter Whitehead. The first directors of the institution, elected at the meeting were: Mr. Jackson, Mr. Aldwell, Mr. Vander Stucken, Mr. Allison, Mr. Halbert, Mr. Cauthorn, and Mr. Whitehead.

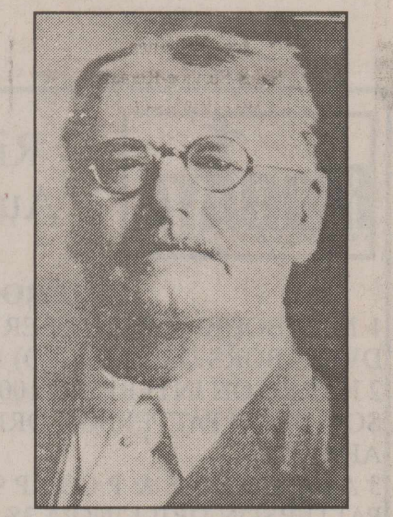
So out of this group of enterprising pioneers, most of whom are deceased, came the First National Bank of Sonora, for forty years a stable institution.

Visitors here always notice the bank building, for it is a beautiful structure of acme-colored Arkansas brick. Sonora is proud of the bank as it stands now, but prouder of the sacrifice and genius that put it there.

(Right) Bank's First Cashier W. L. Aldwell



First President of Bank Ed. R. Jackson



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## Meeting Livestock Water Needs

By Pascual Hernandez,  
Sutton County Agricultural  
Extension Agent

We know that hot, dry weather means sparse growth and dry vegetation. That means nutrition for livestock will be less than optimum. However, we rarely think about livestock water needs. Since our county relies on groundwater, we don't "feel" the added burden that occurs when creeks dry up. Our livestock water from wells with the aid of windmills or pumps. Nonetheless, I thought it would be interesting to discuss livestock water needs.

As you might guess, water requirements for livestock depend on weight, stage of production, and temperature. As weight increases, the amount of water needed also increases. The same holds true for temperature; as temperatures increase, so does water intake. Also, if the animal is lactating, water requirements are greater.

For example, some rules of thumb on water intake for cattle are as follows: Daily water intake may vary from 3 to 30 gallons per day depending on age, body size (weight), stage of production and the environment (mainly air temperature). As a rule of thumb, consumption will range from 1 gallon per 100 pounds of body weight during cold weather to nearly 2 gallons per 100 pounds of body weight during the hottest weather. Lactating cows require nearly twice as much water as dry cows.

Sheep and goats are no different. Ewes and does require approximately 2.5 gallons of water per day. Lactating ewes and does, however, need about 3.5 gallons. Feeder lambs and kids will drink an estimated 2 gallons per day. It is worth noting that water intake will vary with environmental temperature and dryness of the feed. Animals eating lush growth on a cool spring day will drink much less water than animals grazing the same pasture in the middle of summer.

Newly arrived animals may refuse water at first due to differences in palatability. One must allow them to become accustomed to a new water supply. Intake should be monitored to be sure no signs of dehydration occur until animals show adjustment to the new water source. Signs of de-

hydration or lack of water are tightening of the skin, loss of weight and drying of mucous membranes and eyes. Luckily our water quality is good and we are not concerned with factors such as salinity.

But, clean fresh water is important. All water troughs ought to be frequently cleaned. Livestock should never be forced to drink dirty or contaminated water. Stale water can cause a reduction in water consumption. If there is a question of water quality, it should be tested. This can be done locally by our water district (at no charge) or by sending a sample to a lab such as the Texas A&M Water Testing Laboratory (for a small fee). So as we wait for the next good rain, remember that water quality and that consumption affects production as much as nutrition does.

## TPWD Fishing Report

**LBJ:** Water stained; 84 degrees; 0.42' low. Black bass are fair on watermelon Curb's jigs and perch colored crankbaits in 6 - 15 feet, and flipping green pumpkin tubes and Texas rigged flukes at docks and lay downs. Striped bass are fair on Li'l Fishies at night. White bass are fair on Li'l Fishies at night. Crappie are good on Curb's crappie jigs and live minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are good on liver and dip bait. Yellow and blue catfish are very good on trotlines baited with goldfish and perch.

**PROCTOR:** Water stained; 88 degrees; 2.97' low. Black bass are fair on crankbaits. Striped bass are fair on live shad. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on trotlines and juglines baited with shad. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait.

**AMISTAD:** Water stained;

83 degrees; 17.97' low. Black bass are good on Carolina rigged watermelon seed flukes and Senkos in 12 - 16 feet, and on Zara spooks and swimbaits in 4 - 12 feet. Striped bass are fair on swimbaits in the backs of coves. White bass are fair on chartreuse topwaters and spinnerbaits. Catfish are good on stinkbait, liver, and frozen shrimp over baited holes. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch. Mexican fishing licenses are required to fish Mexican waters. Everyone in the boat must have a Mexican fishing license whether fishing or not. Mexican boat permits are no longer required.

**FALCON:** Water murky; 85 degrees. Black bass are fair flipping Brush Hogs in 2 - 8 feet. Striped bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are excellent on stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow. Mexican fishing licenses are required to fish Mexican waters. Everyone in the boat must have a Mexican fishing license whether fishing or not. Mexican boat permits are no longer required.

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Other classes steady.

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#1 Spring Lambs 50-70 lbs. .96-1.04  
#1 Spring Lambs 70-90 lbs. .94-1.02  
#1 Old Crop Lambs 50-70 lbs.  
#1 Old Crop Lambs 70-90 lbs.  
Fat Ewes -.30-.40  
Thin Ewes -.10-.20  
Bucks -.28-.40  
Solid Mouth Ewes .  
Ewe & Lamb Pairs .  
Baby Tooth Angora Stocker Nannies -  
Solid Mouth Angora Stocker Nannies -  
Stocker Angora Muttons -  
Angora Kids -  
Angora Kids Shorn .80-1.10  
Weighing Angoras-Shorn (Thin) .10-.25  
(Fat) Nannies -.30-.35  
Muttons -  
Stocker Spanish Nannies .60-.75  
Fat Spanish Nannies .38-.45  
Thin Spanish Nannies .12-.20  
Fat Spanish Muttons & Billies .80-1.05 mutt .67-.80 billies  
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# Helping Kids With Homework

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Extension -Sutton County

Is homework a dirty word at your house? With the start of the 2008-09 school year just a few weeks away, here are some tips for helping your child with his or her homework.

The intent of homework is to reinforce learning that has taken place at school. Specifically, it can provide an opportunity to master skills taught in school, prepare children for future class discussions and activities, complete class work not finished at school, encourage independence, creativity and reading, and develop a sense of discipline and organization.

With all of this going for it, how does it sometimes turn into such a battle? Homework can become a power struggle between parents and children with parents nagging, and children finding ways to procrastinate doing homework. Before too long, both parents and children see homework as a punishment.

**Advice for parents**

\* Don't nag. Instead, set up specific expectations for when and where homework should be done. Let children help

make these decisions. Agree on consequences if these expectations are not met.

\* Establish a nightly quiet or study time. If children have no homework, or it's finished early, encourage them to spend the time reading. This routine avoids rewarding children for completing their homework as quickly as possible so they can play. During this quiet time parents can be good role models by reading, writing letters or paying bills. The length of time depends on the child's age and homework load. Elementary-age children may need to take a break every 15 - 30 minutes; older children can usually concentrate for 30-45 minutes at a time.

\* Provide a place to study that is quiet and free of distractions. Make sure there is good lighting, and a desk or table with a comfortable chair.

\* Help children keep track of assignments and projects on a calendar or in an assignment journal.

\* Be interested in assignments and available to help. Start by helping children understand the directions for the

assignment. Have children read the directions out loud or read them together. Help children identify and assemble all the supplies they will need to complete the assignment (pencil, calculator, dictionary). If children are still unsure what to do, parents can complete one or two examples, but not every question.

\* Check homework and have children correct any mistakes. Pointing out mistakes while keeping children feeling positive about you and their work is very tricky. One suggestion is to ask children how they got that answer; they may discover their own mistake. Praise right answers, creative thinking, problem solving and effort. Show children how to correct mistakes. If children are tired or frustrated, you might offer to help by erasing while they take a quick break before they make needed corrections.

\* Recognize your limits and the frustration level between you and your child. In some cases it may be better to hire a tutor or older student to help your child. Talk to the teacher if your child does not

understand assignments, or struggles to complete them. Ask the teacher how much time completing nightly homework should take.

**Advice for children**

\* Read the directions before you start, even if you think you already know what to do.

\* If possible, start your homework at school while the teacher is there to answer questions.

\* Have a homework phone friend. Call your friend if you forget what the assignment is or you can't remember what the teacher said in class. Find out if your school or community has a homework hotline and use it if you're having trouble. Don't be afraid to ask for help!

\* If you get stuck, don't give up. Go back and look at the sample problems or read the directions again. If you still don't understand, go on to another problem or part of the assignment. If the assignment is really hard, don't do it all at once. Do one part and put it aside while you do something else, and then come back to it.

\* If you don't understand a word, look it up in the book's glossary in the back of the book or use a dictionary.

\* Show homework to your parents or tutor and let them check it for you before you turn it in. Turn in your homework even if you think you did it wrong. This lets the teacher know you need help.

Source: *Colorado Extension and Texas AgriLife Extension*

# Can't See The Forest For All The Trees

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson go on a camping trip, set up their tent, and fall asleep. Some hours later, Holmes wakes his faithful friend.

"Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see."

Watson replies, "I see millions of stars."

"What does that tell you?" Watson ponders for a minute. "Astronomically speaking, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologi-

cally, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Timewise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, it's evident the Lord is all-powerful and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?"

Holmes is silent for a moment, then speaks. "Watson, you idiot, someone has stolen our tent."

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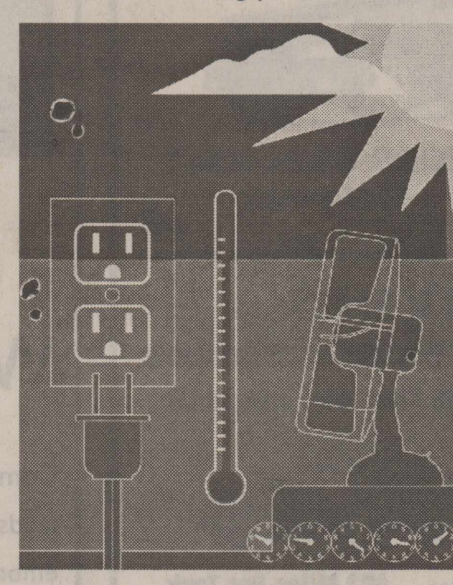
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- Set air-conditioning thermostats to the highest possible comfortable setting and dress accordingly.
- Turn off every appliance you are not using including lights, televisions and radios. Use the "sleep" feature on your computer equipment.
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# They Can Stand the Heat...

By Dr. Don Newbury

By this date, I had hoped to write a piece about recent audience participation at David Letterman's Late Show in New York City, but it'll have to wait.

Letterman--in general--and Rupert--in particular--are hereby pre-empted by a pair

of pie-baking teachers in Glen Rose, Texas. (Now cut out the "head-scratching" about Rupert. He's the laid-back delicatessen operator around the corner from the Late Show.)

When my wife asked him to name his most popular sandwich, Rupert offered his patented "expressionless" reply:

"Hello Deli." It's also what he calls his tiny eatery....

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Our NYC visit merits more ink later, but today, the focus is on Glen Rose, Texas, school teachers who love teaching kindergartners--and baking pies.

Rupert's "deli fame" accrues as an obvious "Letterman spin-off."

He should be thankful that the "pie peddlers" (Rhonda Cagle and Jean Ford) aren't in business around the other corner from the theatre. His sandwiches are tasty, but no match for the delectable creations coming from the big

oven at the little pie shop in Glen Rose. On top of that, I'm satisfied that either of these teachers could match Letterman, barb by barb, in the repartee of his choice....

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First things first: "Cagle" and "Ford"--as they call each other--are veteran teachers, the former starting her 30th year and the latter, her 27th. They've taught kindergarten mostly, and for years have instructed their five-year-old broods in classrooms separated only by a hallway.

When the bell rings on Friday afternoons, they don their aprons and head for the "Pie Peddlers" shop located a pebble's toss from the Somervell County Court House. They're open for business until 6 p.m., then again from 10-6 on Saturdays.

Students in their classes--and a thousand or so others they've taught across the years--would do well to make special note of the hours....

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That's because these folks

get free pieces of pie EVERY time they visit. Others pay \$4.

They don't keep score, and aren't sure how much pie they've given away.

How could they be expected to know when they aren't even sure exactly how many pies are sold on a given weekend?...

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They're now in their third location on the same block in this, their sixth year in business.

The "pie peddlers" now have a commercial convection oven and a few tables. Still, their entire operation spans less than a thousand square feet--a skosh larger than Rupert's place. Still, it's a far cry from the opening in the spring of '03.

Then, pies were baked at home and displayed in a refrigerated case. When all eight pies were sold, they went home....

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School personnel started placing orders, and proceeds went into the cookie jar. That's how they have funded expansions.

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weekend, help them know that their baking expertise portends a pleasant retirement project not too many years up the way. "We are thankful for friends, for the chance to mold young lives, and along the way, provide field trips to the pie shop," Rhonda said. For them, it is more than "show and tell." It is "taste and tell." The youngsters, savvy about Cool Whip, have "what's that?" questions about meringue....

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Their entire approach to business is refreshing. Almost everything in the shop had the "new worn off" someplace else. Though both "pie peddlers" are typically present during operational hours, they have help from others.

"Friends often insist on helping wash the dishes," Jean said. The pair is also grateful for Rhonda's parents, now 79 and 74, who often "show up to clean up." They each have two grown children, and Jean's two grandchildren, ages 3 and 6 months, are happy to "lick the spoon." Jean's hubby, Mike, will join them, with this proviso--"only the batter of buttermilk pie is worth lickin'."

Call the pair "workaholics" if you like, but don't leave "cooperative" out of the description....

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## SONORA MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST 2008-2009

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All students will be given the opportunity of using a school-issued lock for their locker; we recommend that all students use their locker and lock. If you choose to bring your own lock from home, you must provide the office with an extra key/combination.

Be sure to put student's name on every item, including lunch bags, coats, jackets, P.E. clothes, towels, backpacks, etc.

### 5TH GRADE

- Scissors (pointed Fiskars)
- Glue sticks
- 1 pkg. map colors
- Notebook paper (wide ruled)
- 2 70-pg. 1 subject spiral notebooks
- Highlighters
- 3 pocket folders (red, purple, yellow)
- Plastic sectioned portfolio (5 sections)
- 1 large eraser

### 6TH GRADE

- 1 plastic expandable folder (at least 7 pockets)
- Loose-leaf notebook paper
- 4 highlighters (multiple colors)
- 12 red pens/pencils
- 12 blue or black pens
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 4-pack of AAA batteries
- Scissors

### 7TH GRADE

- Highlighters (at least two colors)
- Washable marker set (Crayola)
- Map colors
- #2 Pencils
- Black or blue ballpoint pens
- 3 1-subject spiral notebooks
- 5 pocket folders with brads & 1 without brads
- 1 500-count ream/package white copy paper to Mrs. Love

### 8TH GRADE

- Map colors--pencil type
- Ruler
- 4 pocket folders with brads
- Pens--blue or black
- 1 red pen
- 1 pack 3x5 lined notecards (for ELA)
- 2 highlighters (different colors)
- 6 single-subject spiral notebook

### HEALTH

- 1 pocket folder

### 6TH GRADE - TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS

- 1 pocket folder
- 1 500-count ream/package white copy paper

### 7TH and 8TH GRADE - TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS

- 1 pocket folder

### SPANISH

- 1 spiral notebook
- 1 folder with pockets

- Map colors
- Scissors

- Regular #2 pencils (NO mechanical pencils)
- Blue or black Pens, & red pens
- 2 large boxes of Kleenex tissues
- 1 ruler (centimeters and inches)
- 1 4-pack of AAA batteries
- 1 pkg. of dividers for notebook
- 1 1-inch 3-ring notebook
- 1 black-and-white hard-covered composition book

- 6 pocket folders with brads
- 1 12-inch/cm ruler
- 4 spirals
- 2 large boxes of Kleenex tissues
- 12 #2 Pencils
- 2 bottles of rubber cement
- 2 10x13 manila envelopes w/brads
- Flash drive or CD-R or CD-RW

- 1 glue stick
- 2 pkgs. white notebook paper
- 1 large box of Kleenex tissues
- 1 4-pack of AAA batteries
- Red grading pens
- Scissors

- 2 boxes of Kleenex tissues
- 1 pkg. notebook paper
- 1 red 3-ring binder (for ELA)
- 1 pack of 5 dividers (for ELA)
- 2 #2 pencils
- 2 glue sticks (for ELA)
- 1 plastic expandable portfolio, any color

### SPEECH

- 1 pocket folder

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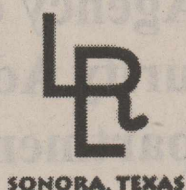
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# Dove Season Is Just Around The Corner

By Jason Brooks

Many of us count down the days to that first weekend in September that marks "opening weekend." I am not talking about football or deer season, but rather the first hunting season of fall. Thousands of Texans take to the field every September to pursue America's most popular and populous game bird, the mourning dove.

Reports from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service indicate that mourning dove populations have declined in Texas each of the last three years. However, surveys are conducted in May, and this biologist has noted good summer production throughout most of West Texas, which could translate into a good year in the field.

Texas leads the nation in dove harvest and the number of hunters. Last season an estimated 275,200 hunters harvested over 5.4 million birds. California was second with 1.1 million birds taken. These numbers were reported by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in their annual mourning dove population report.

Different sources vary on the best way to hunt dove. Some hunt over fields of sunflower or agricultural crops. Others prefer to hunt at water sources such as dirt tanks, water troughs, or creeks. Both feeding and watering areas can make great shooting areas. The peaking timing of incoming birds will differ. Birds follow a pattern of feeding, then watering, then roosting. They do this in both the morning and the evening. During drier conditions, water sources can really concentrate birds. During wetter periods, hunting food sources will likely bring the best possibility of success. Remember, hunting over bait

for migratory birds is NOT legal. Please consult the Outdoor Annual available where hunting licenses are sold or [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us).

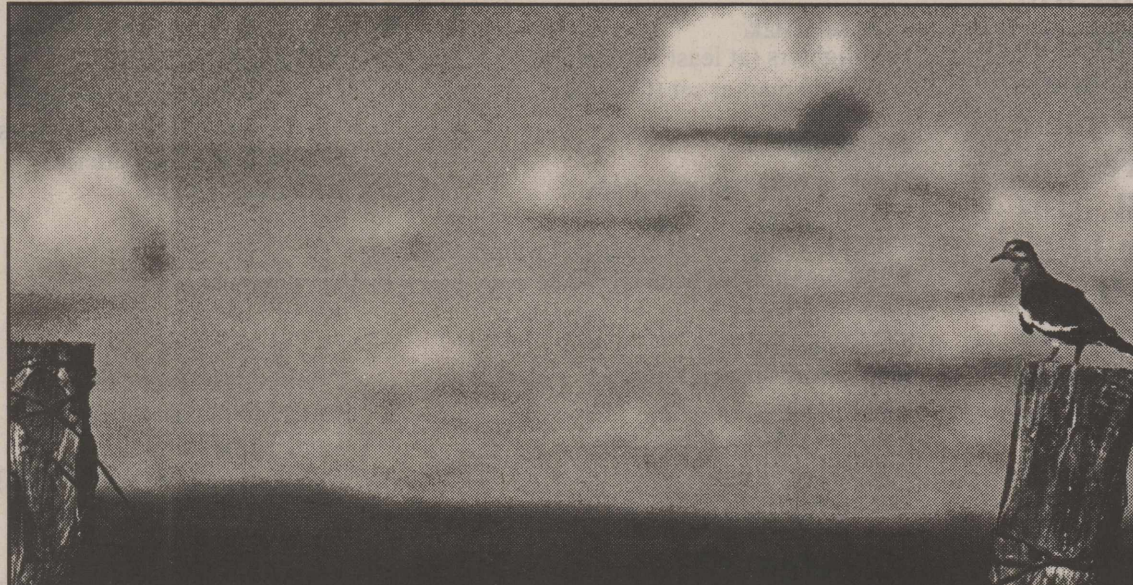
Tree lines provide good cover for hunters to take position. The first and last hours of daylight provide the best times to be afield, as dove move from roosting to feeding and watering sights.

A common question of late is about the appearance of a "new" dove to this portion of the state. Eurasian collared-doves, some-

a fully feathered wing remain on the bird until it reaches its final destination in order to verify its identity.

Another common question is about the expansion of white-winged dove through Texas. White-wings are native to the state but used to occur only in South Texas and areas along the Rio Grande. Today the bird can be found statewide. The highest concentrations of these white-wings outside the historic range are found in urban areas. They are quickly


hunting license with a migratory bird stamp and an additional form of identification (driver's license) when dove hunting. The daily bag limit for doves in the Central Zone (between Interstate 20 and US Highway 90) is 12 mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, to include not more than 2 whitetips. Hunters may possess twice the daily bag limit (except for opening day). The season runs from September 1 – October 30, 2008 and



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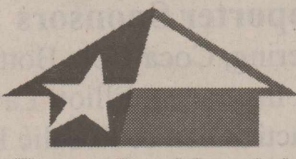
So go clean that shotgun. Pick up your license (2008-2009 licenses go on sale August 15). Stake out your place to hunt and get in the field. Happy hunting.

Jason Brooks is a wildlife biologist with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. He can be reached via email at [jason.brooks@tpwd.state.tx.us](mailto:jason.brooks@tpwd.state.tx.us). For more information visit the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department website [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)



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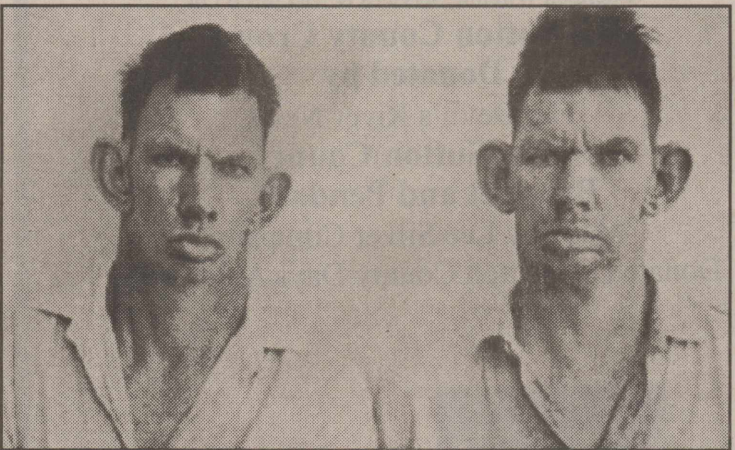


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**Only 1 application per household is required**


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2. Who can get free meals? Children in households getting Food Stamps or TANF can get free meals regardless of your income. Your benefit letter from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is your documentation for free meals. If you have not already received a letter from your school stating that your household is eligible for free meals you may take your HHSC benefit letter to your child nutrition office to be certified for free meals. Your children can get free meals if your household income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Guidelines and you must complete this application and submit to your child nutrition office. Head Start students and most foster children can also qualify for free meals. Call the school at [387-6940 ext. 3207] if you have questions.

3. Should I fill out an application if I got a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free or reduced-price meals? In most cases no, however read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at [387-6940 ext. 3207] if you have questions.

4. Can homeless, runaway and migrant children get free meals? Yes. If you have not been notified of free status under these categories, please call [Josie Torres @ 387-6940 ext. 3207] to see if your child(ren) qualify.

5. Who can get reduced price meals? Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced-price limits on the Federal Income Chart, included in this application packet.

6. I got WIC. Can my child(ren) get free meals? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please fill out an application.

7. Will the information I give be checked? Yes, we may ask you to send written proof.

8. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later? Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start getting Food Stamps, TANF or other benefits.

9. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: [Doug Bawcom, Superintendent, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX 76950], 387-6940 ext 3001

10. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

11. Who should I include as members of my household? You must include yourself and all people living in your household, related or not (such as children, grandparents, other relatives or friends).

12. What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime pay, include that amount as income. If you do not normally get overtime pay, do not include it as income.

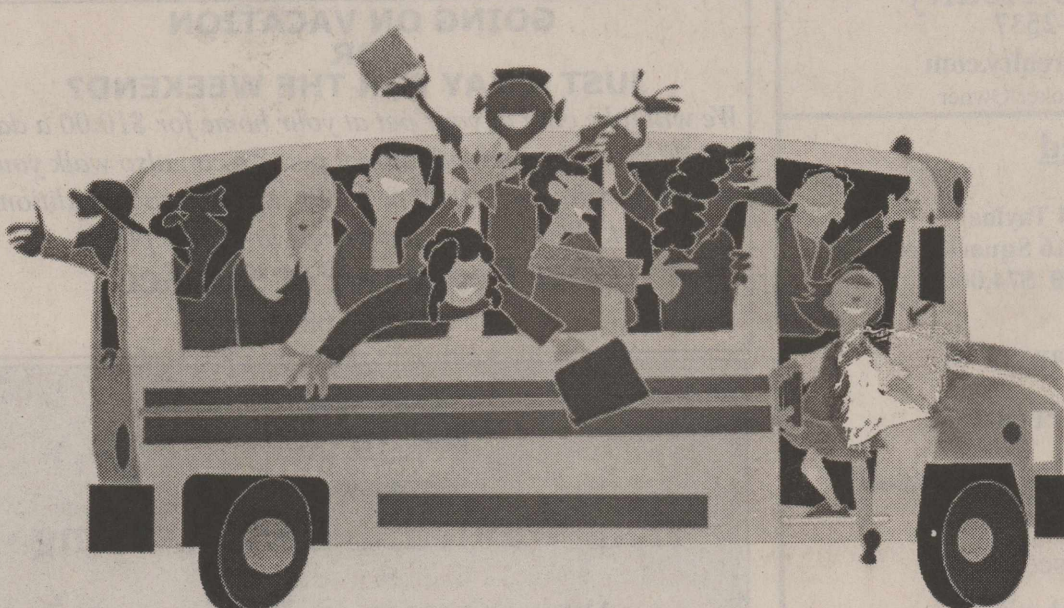
13. We are in the military; do we include our housing allowance as income? If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.

If you have other questions or need help, call [Josie Torres]. Si necesitas ayuda, por favor llame al telefono: [387-6940 ext. 3207]. Si vous voudriez d'aide, contactez nous au numero: [387-6940 ext. 3207].

Sincerely,  
[Josie Torres]

Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls within the limits on this chart.

Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$19,240	\$1,604	\$370
2	\$25,900	\$2,159	\$499
3	\$32,560	\$2,714	\$627
4	\$39,220	\$3,269	\$755
5	\$45,880	\$3,824	\$883
6	\$52,540	\$4,379	\$1,011
7	\$59,200	\$4,934	\$1,139
8	\$65,860	\$5,489	\$1,267
Each additional person:	\$6,660	\$555	\$129



**Instructions for Applying - 2008-09**

Use a separate application for each foster child. List other children together.

If you are applying for a FOSTER CHILD, follow these instructions:

- Part 1: List the child's name, school and grade.
- Part 2: List the child's personal use monthly income, if any.
- Part 3: Skip this part.
- Part 4: Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.

If your household receives FOOD STAMPS OR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF), follow these instructions:

- Part 1: List each child's name, school, grade and EDG# (Eligibility Group Number) for Food Stamp or TANF.
- Part 2: Skip this part.
- Part 3: Skip this part.
- Part 4: Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, follow these instructions:

- Part 1: List each child's name, school and grade. Optional (Social Security Number, Student I.D. or Date of Birth)
- Part 2: Skip this part.
- Part 3: Follow these instructions to report last month's household income.
  - Column 1 - Name: List the last, first and middle initial of each person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives or friends). You must include yourself and all children. Attach another sheet of paper if needed.
  - Column 2 - Income and how often it is received: For each person who receives income, write the amount received and how often it is received - weekly (W), every 2 weeks (E), twice a month (T) or monthly (M).
  - Employment Income: List the gross income for each person. It is not the same as take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and deductions. It should be listed on your pay stub or your boss can tell you. Next to the amount, write how often you receive it - weekly (W), every 2 weeks (E), twice a month (T) or monthly (M).
  - Other Income: List the amount each person receives from all other sources. Include welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, Worker's Compensation, unemployment, strike benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), disability benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household and ANY OTHER INCOME. Report net income for self-owned business, farm or rental income. Next to the amount, write how often the person receives it.
  - Column 3 - Check if no income: If the person does not have any income, check the box.
- Part 4: An adult household member must sign the form and list his or her Social Security Number or mark the box if he or she doesn't have one.

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Form 114524  
March 2008 (with 2008-09 amendments)

**Multi-Child Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for 2008-09**

Sonora I.S.D. Local Educational Authority

Part 1. Children in School (Use a separate application for each foster child.)

Names of all children in school (Last, First, Middle Initial)	School Name	Social Security #, Student I.D. or Date of Birth (OPTIONAL)	Grade	Eligibility Group # for Food Stamp or TANF (if any)
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				

Part 2. Foster Child  
If this application is for a child who is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court, check box  and list the amount of the child's personal use monthly income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Skip to Part 4.

Part 3. Household Members and Gross Income From Last Month (List each person in the household. For each person who receives income, write the amount received and how often it is received.)

1. Name (List everyone in household)	2. Income and how often it is received. Weekly (W), Every 2 Weeks (E), Twice a Month (T), Monthly (M)	3. Check if NO Income.
Example: Smith, Jane B.	Earnings from work before deductions \$200/E Welfare, child support, alimony \$50/M Pensions, retirement, Social Security _____ Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.		<input type="checkbox"/>
2.		<input type="checkbox"/>
3.		<input type="checkbox"/>
4.		<input type="checkbox"/>
5.		<input type="checkbox"/>
6.		<input type="checkbox"/>
7.		<input type="checkbox"/>
8.		<input type="checkbox"/>
9.		<input type="checkbox"/>

Part 4. Signature and Social Security Number (Adult must sign)  
I certify (or certify) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will get federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if purposely giving false information, my children may lose benefits and may be prosecuted.

Sign here \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_  I do not have a Social Security Number.  
Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Do not fill out this part. For school use only.  
Verifying individual income frequencies must be converted to annual or monthly amounts and combined to determine household income. Use annual or monthly, not both, when converting multiple frequencies.  
Monthly Income Conversion: Weekly x 4.33, Every 2 Weeks x 2.16, Twice A Month x 2

Household Income \_\_\_\_\_ Household Size \_\_\_\_\_ FS/TANF: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Withdrawn: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eligibility: Free \_\_\_\_\_ Reduced \_\_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_\_ Reason: \_\_\_\_\_  
Temporary: Free \_\_\_\_\_ Time Period \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (expires after \_\_\_\_\_ days)  
Reversing Official's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Confirming Official's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Follow-up Official's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Multi-Child Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for 2008-09 - continuation sheet**

Part 1. Children in School - continuation sheet

Names of all children in school (Last, First, Middle Initial)	School Name	Social Security #, Student I.D. or Date of Birth (OPTIONAL)	Grade	Eligibility Group # for Food Stamp or TANF (if any)
7.				
8.				
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Part 3. Household Members and Gross Income From Last Month (List each person in the household. For each person who receives income, write the amount received and how often it is received.)

1. Name (List everyone in household)	2. Income and how often it is received. Weekly (W), Every 2 Weeks (E), Twice a Month (T), Monthly (M)	3. Check if NO Income.
	Earnings from work before deductions Welfare, child support, alimony Pensions, retirement, Social Security _____ Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.		<input type="checkbox"/>
11.		<input type="checkbox"/>
12.		<input type="checkbox"/>
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## Thank You Notes

## Public Notices

Dear Sutton County,

I would first like to say thank you to my wonderful family and friends who have supported me along my way. I'd also like to give a special thanks to Kim Lewis, the Outlaw Pro Rodeo, and my sponsors: First National Bank and JMC Transports. Their support guided me through the entire experience. Juanita McBride, thank you so much for all your ideas and hard work.

Thank you Laura for all your advice and for always being there during the tough times. To all the queen candidates I will never forget the good times we had during the last few weeks.

Thank you to every individual and company, who supported me through donations, buying rodeo or dance tickets. Without you none of this would have been possible.

This experience has been so exciting. I cannot wait to represent Sonora as Miss Sutton County.

Thank you again, Sonora! This is going to make my senior year even more memorable.

Sincerely,  
Stephani Morriss  
Miss Sutton County 2008

### Special Thank You's to Kim Lewis from the Queen Candidates

I would like to thank you for all your effort and support in my journey in running for Miss Sutton County. You have done more than enough for us girls and we appreciate every minute of it. You're the greatest.

Jalen Falcon

I would like to say thank you for everything you have done through all the phone calls, the million questions, and for all the time and effort you put in it with all us girls. You have become more than just a person I can talk to but someone I can trust. Thank you for everything. I love you.

Stephani Morriss

Thank you for all the help you have given me. I especially appreciate you for the advice you have provided and all this awesome time you have shared with me. Your assistance has been invaluable to me during this process. Once again, thank you. I greatly appreciate your generosity.

Love ya' girl,  
Regina Morales

For all the time I have known Kim, she has been an extremely bubbly person. She knows just what to do to make things work for us girls. Thank you for still being the lady in charge of us.

Brittany Hernandez

I just want to start off by telling you Thank You for all your support and love you gave to each of us. There is no one else that could ever do what you do, like take time out of your own life to basically have a whole other life with the Queen candidates. You are like my second mom, and my best friend. Also, thanks for putting up with me for the second year in a row. I know you love seeing and talking to me each and every day. Your ability to organize and help us through each and every step of the way is amazing. We all have become like a family & have so much fun with you that when it's all over and we go back to our normal lives it's so hard to adjust.

After this year is all said and done, I know we won't grow apart, and if I could keep running for Miss Sutton County, I would.

Thanks again for all your hard work and dedication you put forward to everything that we do. It would not be as fun and joyful without you Kim. You're an amazing woman with a great heart. Everyone needs to acknowledge how great you are and that there are so many things we want to say thank you for. I love you.

Sam Tidwell

**If a fellow isn't thankful for what he's got, he isn't likely to be thankful for what he's going to get.**  
~Frank A. Clark

### Class of '98 Special Thanks

Thanks to **Kellie Downing** for organizing the parade and dinner.

Thanks to **Blair Crain** for loaning the trailer used for our float.

Thanks to **Tavia Valliant** for the use of the bales of hay for our float.

Thanks to **Quirina Perez, Amy Torres and Clarissa Perez** for decorating the parade float.

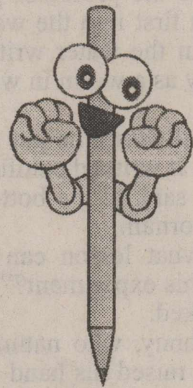
Thanks to **Judd Martin** for being our driver in the parade.

Thanks to the **Steakhouse** and their staff for helping us with our Reunion Dinner.

And a special thanks to all the graduates of **Class of '98** who came out for the reunion.

As some of you may know, I was one of the candidates in this year's Sutton County Days. I'd like to take the time to publicly thank those involved during this contest. Thank you to my sponsors, Rafter W Feed and Oil' Sonora Trading Post. To Kim Lewis and all my friends and family here in Sonora, thank you. I think the best thing about my experience during this contest was the many new friends I met, and my future friends for life, Stephani, Samantha, Brittany and Regina. It's not all about where we ended up, it's about the journey through it. For some of us, it's gotta rain on us a little in order for us to grow and we have. Special thanks to my mom and dad for being PATIENT and letting me do this my way. To my sisters Jaron, Jil, and Joslyn, I hope you caught the Do's and Don'ts from me if you ever decide to run for Miss Sutton County; whatever you do, I'll support you. To my pastor Don Longoria, for the inspiration, thank you! And of course, all the glory goes to God!

Sincere Thanks,  
Jalen Falcon  
Miss Photogenic  
Sutton County Days 2008-2009



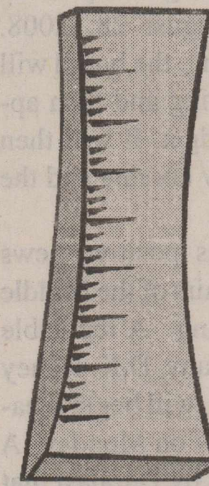
### PUBLIC HEARING FOR EXPENDING SECTION 4B TAX PROCEEDS

The City Council will hold a public hearing concerning the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation expending Section 4B sales tax funds for the following projects:

Proposed project to provide \$7,000 as the City of Sonora's share of a project to install a point-of-sale fuel dispensing system at the Sonora, TX Airport. An additional \$7,000 will be forthcoming from TxDot Aviation as part of the Rural Airport Maintenance Program.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2008 at 4:00 p.m., City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas.

All citizens are invited to attend and provide the council with written or oral comments.



### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

KCS Resources, Inc., 1000 Louisiana, Suite 5600, Houston, TX 77002 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Canyon Formation, Espy, H.T. -B-Lease, Well Number 4. The proposed injection well is located 14 miles Southeast of Sonora in the Sawyer (Canyon) Field, in Sutton County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5,250 to 5,410 feet.

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

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

### Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Sutton County will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.927928 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 25, 2008 at 9:00 AM at Sutton Co Annex.

The second public hearing will be held on September 2, 2008 at 9:00 AM at Sutton Co Annex.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

- FOR: Miguel Villanueva, John Wade, Milton Cavaness, Fred Perez, Carla Gamer
- AGAINST: None
- PRESENT and not voting: None
- ABSENT: None

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Sutton County last year was \$71,712. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.203092 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$145.64.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Sutton County this year is \$73,308. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.166500 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$122.06.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.179700 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$131.73.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

#### Special Provisions if Applicable

#### Criminal Justice Mandate (use for counties, if applicable):

The Sutton County Auditor certifies that Sutton County has spent \$10,010 in the previous 12 months beginning 08/01/2007, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Sutton County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

### NOTICE TO SUTTON COUNTY TAXPAYERS

Sutton County Commissioners Court is not raising taxes in 2008. The notice of tax rate is an increase of the effective rate only. The average home with a value of \$73,308 would have paid \$149 in the 2007 tax year and will pay \$132 in the 2008 tax year, which is a decrease of \$17 on the average home. If you received a notice from the Sutton County Appraisal District in May of 2008, stating that the value of your home had increased, you may pay an increased tax amount for 2008.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The \_\_\_\_\_, Sonora Independent School District, will hold a public meeting at \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_, the Board Room of the Vocational Building, 803 Phragmott, Sonora, TX \_\_\_\_\_.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.04000	/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0.05500	/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters		

#### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease for difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	2.24000	% increase	or	_____	% (decrease)
Debt service	_____	% increase	or	10.74000	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	1.30000	% increase	or	_____	% (decrease)

#### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 1,439,720,000.00	\$ 1,754,534,000.00
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 2,367,940.00	\$ 3,057,780.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 1,385,636,000.00	\$ 1,737,142,715.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 2,600,000.00	\$ 3,223,060.00

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#### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 8,750,000.00  
\* Outstanding principal

#### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.05500 **	\$ 1.12000	\$ 8,650.00	\$ 1,781.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.03224	\$ 0.05513 *	\$ 1.08237	\$ 8,563.00	\$ 1,448.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.05500 **	\$ 1.09500	\$ 8,167.00	\$ 1,443.00

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or bonds. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

#### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 72,242.00	\$ 74,641.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 42,674.00	\$ 43,945.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.12	\$ 1.10
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 480.16	\$ 481.19
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 0.99

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.0401. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.0401.

#### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 4,076,032.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 364,737.00



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## School Board's Goals to Improve Facilities and Academics

by Nancy Glasscock

the Year, and the 2008 Raise Your Hand Texas Harvard Institute Principal's Selection.

I asked Valdez why an administrator with his record would decide to come to a school that is in a rebuilding phase. When he looked at me with a slight smile I explained my question with a football analogy: "Look at it this way. Why in the world would any coach with a successful program decide to take a job with a team that is rebuilding? I don't know; maybe my analogy isn't all that good after all". He commented, "Actually, it's a perfect analogy. We are going to turn around the middle school program, but just like a football program we can't do it overnight. I see more potential for this campus and district than I have ever seen. I felt like this is where I need to be, everything is in place. Great teachers, kids, and parents; the turnaround is going to happen, and it's going to happen with the teachers". He further commented that our new superintendent Don Gibson was "a big draw. I wanted to work with someone like him. He is a legend in our field. This is what I want to do".

It's no question that any new principal is going to have his plate full of problems but Valdez cites a lack of pride as the essential problem facing the Sonora Middle School. "Students don't have pride in their campus. Pride is a combination of discipline, consistency, and a unified vision. I am old-school when it comes to discipline. I have traditional values when it comes to consistency and discipline. To the people of Sonora I would say simply don't lose heart, today is a new day. The best is yet to come."

The Sonora Independent School District Board met in regular session on Monday night prepared to tackle some big issues. All board members were present and ready to work with new superintendent Don Gibson. The lengthiest discussion during the meeting concerned the 2008-2009 budget, which is still a work in progress.

Mr. Gibson received some guidance from the board members about bonuses, stipends, and raises. He will return with the final product for the Public Hearing before the next meeting at 5 p.m. on Thursday, August 28, 2008. At this meeting, the board will hold the hearing and then approve the budget. It will then adopt the new tax rate and the budget.

There was positive news about the repairs of the Middle School building. A reputable roofing company, D.K. Haney of Fort Worth, will begin measuring the roof on Monday. A product made by Duralast that has a 15-year guarantee will be manufactured and shipped to Sonora. The repairs will be completed prior to the start of school. All members voted in favor of this agenda item.

The board discussed the teacher housing. Mr. Gibson reported that the district's attorneys had not sent him a pro-

posed lease agreement for the board to review.

Mr. Gibson said he has a meeting scheduled prior to the start of school, with all teacher/tenants who will be living in school housing. He plans to review with them what is expected of them while they are living in school-owned housing.

The old dust-and-chip collector that was in the former Industrial Arts facility does not meet state air quality emissions specifications. It also would require a crane to be leased to move it from the old facility to the new one.

The temporary fence near the facility also needs to be replaced with a permanent one. This will not increase the cost of the new facility. The vote was 6-1, with Barbara Jennings voting against the purchase of the new dust-and-chip collector and permanent fence.

The Fieldhouse project was also on the agenda. The architectural firm Harvey and Chapman states they have a signed contract to begin the new field house.

Mr. Gibson will meet with the architect to discuss the matter. All the members of the board stated they would like to revisit the issue of the contract. The three principals, including Erbey Valdez,

the new Middle School principal, and the Athletic Director, Coach Leamon, reviewed changes they had made to the Student, Athletic, and Employee Handbooks. There will be stricter tardy/absence and cell phone/pager rules district-wide. The board, superintendent, and Mr. Valdez all stated they want to stress education versus field trips that are not educational. Mr. Valdez said he preferred students to be in the classroom learning rather than going on non-educational field trips.

## Home Remedies

A professor of chemistry wanted to teach his 5th grade class a lesson about the evils of alcohol, so he produced an experiment that involved a glass of water, a glass of whiskey and two worms. "Now, class. Observe closely the worms," said the professor putting a worm first into the water. The worm in the water writhed about, happy as a worm in water could be.

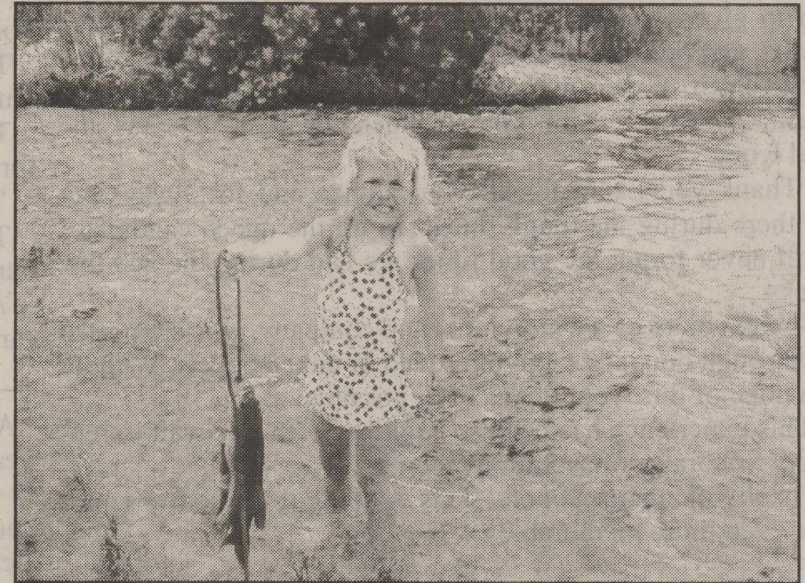
The second worm, he put into the whiskey. It writhed painfully, and quickly sank to the bottom, dead as a doornail.

"Now, what lesson can we learn from this experiment?" the professor asked.

Little Johnny, who naturally sits in back, raised his hand and wisely, responded...

"Drink whiskey and you won't get worms!"

## Fish Tales Rebecca's Best Bass



On August 2, 2008, Rebecca Ruth Johnson, age 3, went fishing with her family at the Devil's River. Rebecca is holding two bass that had been caught earlier in the day by her grandfather Buddy Hartje. Rebecca is also the great-granddaughter of Bill Tittle. She seems very excited to be displaying the catch of the day.

## Renfros Fish For Silver



Vickie (left) and Billie (right) Renfro recently traveled to New Mexico to go "fishing". Apparently the species they were fishing for can be identified best by its natural silver and turquoise patterning. The trophies are usually displayed on the ears, wrists, and necks. Apparently the trophy Durango "Jewelfish" can be found lurking under the cover of glass in any jewelry store in Durango.

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Thank you from: Donna & Becky

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### Varsity Football Schedule

August 16	Llano (Scrimmage)	Home	TBA
August 21	Clyde (Scrimmage)	San Angelo	TBA
August 29	Ballinger	Ballinger	7:30 P.M.
September 5	Junction	Home	7:30 P.M.
September 13	Midland Christian	Grande Stadium	TBA
September 19	Wall	Home	7:30 P.M.
September 26	Grape Creek	Home	7:30 P.M.
October 3	Open		

#### District Play

October 10	Reagan County	Big Lake	7:30 P.M.
October 17	Alpine	Alpine	7:30 P.M.
October 24	Kermit	Home	7:30 P.M.
October 31	Crane	Crane	7:30 P.M.
November 7	Ozona (Senior Night)	Home	7:30 P.M.



### J.V. Football Schedule

August 16	Llano (Scrimmage)	Home	TBA
August 21	Clyde (Scrimmage)	San Angelo	TBA
August 28	Ballinger	Home	6:30 P.M.
September 4	Junction	Junction	6:30
September 11	Central Sophomores	San Angelo	6:30 P.M.
September 18	Wall	Wall	6:30 P.M.
September 25	Grape Creek	Grape Creek	6:30 P.M.
October 2	Open		
October 9	Reagan County	Home	6:30 P.M.
October 16	Alpine	Home	6:30 P.M.
October 23	Kermit	Kermit	6:00 P.M.
October 30	Crane	Home	6:30 P.M.
November 6	Ozona	Ozona	6:30 P.M.

#### Hudson Wins 3rd

at

#### Texas State Boys Junior Championship

### Junior High Football Schedule

9/18	Wall	Home	5/6:30
9/25	G.C.	Home	5/6:30
10/2		Open	
10/9	R.C.	Big Lake	5/6:30
10/16	Alpine	Alpine	5/6:30
10/23	Kermit	Home	5/6:30
10/30	Crane	Crane	5/6:30
11/6	Ozona	Home	5/6:30

The 81st Annual Texas State Boys Junior Championship golf tournament was held July 28-30 at the Barton Creek Resort with the young men playing the challenging Fazio Foothills course. A field of 144 started the competition then it was cut to the top 50 players and ties to compete the third day for the prestigious title. John Duke Hudson finished the tournament in 3rd place, just one stroke behind the leader. Jade Scott of Daingerfield and Nick Tremps of San Antonio both finished one under par 215. Scott won the hole in one playoff, with Tremps winning second and Hudson followed closely in third with a three day total of even par golf 216. Congratulations John Duke on three consistent rounds of golf against a very strong field.

In life, as in a football game, the principle to follow is:

**Hit the line hard.**

-Theodore Roosevelt

## 2008 Little Mr. and Miss Sutton County



Kameryn O'Brien and Sydney Faith Flores

## "Cowboys Rock" Parade Results

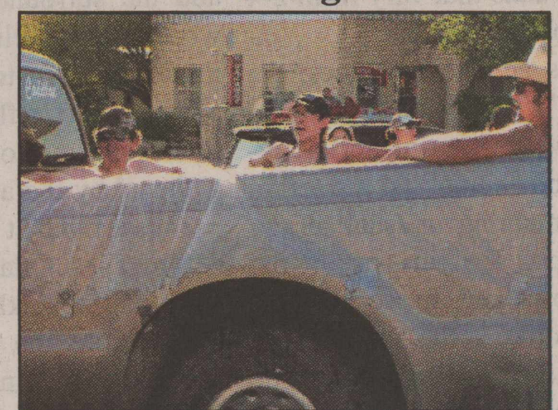


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Tonya Brown joins First National Bank of Sonora as Assistant Vice President/Lending.



First National Bank of Sonora is pleased to announce that Tonya Brown has accepted the position of Assistant Vice President/Lending. Tonya has over 17 years of banking experience ranging from New Accounts to Operations and Lending. She is a long-time resident of Sonora and has been married to her husband, Charlie, for 25 years. Tonya enjoys hunting, camping, horseback riding and stained glass.

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Taking flight, a large number of Mexican Free-tailed Bats leave the Devil's Sinkhole SNA at dusk, gaining elevation and heading west to feed on moths and other bugs. Photo by Ben Banahan.

Light cascades down the opening of the Devil's Sinkhole outside of Rocksprings as researchers rappel into the cavern's depths. The sinkhole is open for tours to watch the bats leave at night, but exploration is limited to official research. Photo by Allen Cobb.

*Adventuresome: daring, willing, or eager to participate in exciting or risky activities (Encarta Dictionary). "Adventuresome" is a new section we are adding to the Devil's River News for the summer. We hope you will use it as a guide to help you get out and explore the treasures of West Texas. Each issue will explore a different state park or nature area and highlight the attractions and adventure to be found.*

**Devil's Sinkhole SNA**

**Travel Time: 52 min.**

**Distance: 55 miles from Sonora**

**Story by James Ricks**

Bats, bats, and more bats—that's what the Devil's Sink Hole State Natural Area (SNA) has in store for its visitors. It is home to a large population of Mexican Free-tailed Bats that vary from 2-4 million in number.

As adventuring goes, the Devil's Sink Hole SNA is a relatively low-impact activity and holds its attraction as something unusual, drawing upon the curiosity of the unknown and, for some, fear.

Unlike other parks and SNAs I have visited, this one is more restricted in access and use, requiring a tour guide to visit the area. At the Rocksprings Visitors Center, I met up with a group of about 32 other visitors to view a film and gather information on the

area, the sinkhole, and bats. Once I signed a release form, I boarded the "bat-mobile," (a large bus painted with bats) that carried the group of us out of town toward our destination.

The ride was fairly comfortable and, as I prefer, air conditioned. Our tour guide gave us a brief history of the buildings in Rocksprings and the surrounding area as we traveled, including a stop inside the SNA to view stone piles of chert, a flint-like rock found in limestone that was gathered by Indian tribes.

We arrived at the hole just before sunset, taking in the view of the sinkhole in daylight before the bats started flying. The sinkhole itself is deep, about 140 feet to the main cavern and approximately 40x60 feet around its opening. There is a platform that extends just beyond the opening of the hole allowing you to look straight down into

the dark depths.

As the sun begins to set, the bats start to wake up, and a sound like running water begins to come from the cave. The bats circle higher and higher as they rise from the cave to head south, feeding on moths and other bugs. They travel 50-70 miles and feed at 1,000-3,000 feet. I'm told they come back in the morning hours and dive straight down into the hole to rest for the day.

Now I know many of you are wondering, "is the sinkhole open to exploring?" The answer is no, the only way in is by rappelling straight down the side, and entrance is only allowed if you are conducting official research.

"I remember the first time I went out there to the sinkhole, I thought 'bats coming out of a hole in the ground, don't waste my time.' But it's very interesting and now I'm out there every week,"

said Ben Banahan, tour guide and secretary of the Devil's Sinkhole Society. "We can accommodate groups of up to 40 people and recommend you make your reservations a day in advance, unless it's a holiday, then you'll need a week or more."

For more information on the area and activities available, visit the Texas Parks and Wildlife website, [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

Go ahead, be "Adventuresome."



A Mexican Free-tailed Bat. Photo by Merlin Tuddle.



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The "bat-mobile" stops at the Devil's Sinkhole SNA to drop off a group of visitors. Photo by James Ricks.



Minimal development, including picnic sites and some trail development, add to the comfort of visiting The Devil's Sinkhole SNA. Photo by James Ricks.

Not for faint of heart, the Devil's Sinkhole offers a wheelchair accessible platform that allows visitors to peer over the side of the menacingly-deep hole. The sinkhole has a vertical drop depth of 140 feet from the opening to the main cavern floor, and then continues downward to a depth of more than 350 feet. Photo by James Ricks.