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## Sutton County Underwater Conservation District: The Water Watchers



Photo by Ben Taylor

Gary Hardgrave (left) and Jim Polonis (right) take diagnostic tests on one of their wells.

By Jim Polonis

The Sutton County Under-ground Water Conservation District (SCUWCD) composed of a duly elected five member Board, was created by H. B. 1161 and signed into law on May 17, 1985, by Governor Mark White. The Board members serve four-year terms without compensation. Their duties and powers are to provide for the conservation, preservation, protection, recharge, and waste prevention of the underground water resources located under District land consistent with Article XVI, Section 59, of the Texas Constitution and the provisions of Chapter 36, Texas Water Code. In addition, a three member staff manages and performs duties in accordance with the Code as well as additional tasks the Board wishes to accomplish.

The District provides for the security of the aquifers under Sutton County by requiring permits for drilling, equipping, and completion of water wells. This is achieved by establishing rules and regulations that govern the spacing of wells producing water from our underground water resources. They also regulate the production from these wells to minimize the drawdown of the water table and/or the reduction of the artesian pressure. The Board requires that water well drillers submit to the District a copy of the driller's logs for each well they produce. The

Board together with the staff develops comprehensive plans to reduce waste of our underground water.

In 1988, the District pioneered the collection of water samples from sixty (60) wells located throughout the county. This activity established a historical database of water chemistry making it possible to detect degradation in the quality of our water supply. These 60 wells are divided into three annual cycles of 20 wells each that are analyzed for naturally occurring chemical constituents and characteristics of quality by a certified analytical test lab.

Strategically selected water wells throughout the county are measured monthly for fluctuations of their static levels. This information is useful in making decisions about adjusting water consumption during times of severe drought. It's valuable in helping to understand the movement of water within the various rock strata, the quantity and timing of recharge, the capacity for storage of water, and on-going research of the aquifer

Automated rain gauges are selectively distributed throughout the county on the property of volunteer landowners. The data collected not only shows where and how much it rained, but assists in correlating the timing of rainfall with recharge by comparing it to the measured levels in the monitor

wells.

On June 18, 1996 the District became a member of the West Texas Weather Modification Association (WTWMA) that includes Glasscock, Irion, Reagan, Crockett, a portion of Tom Green, Sterling, Schleicher counties and the City of San Angelo, TX. This program provides weather modification for rainfall enhancement and aquifer recharge using three aircraft to seed clouds with silver iodide crystals. The target area of the WTWMA includes 6.4 million acres or 10 thousand square miles, and is monitored using San Angelo based radar systems as well as weather satellites for potential seedable clouds.

Using a database with a digital mapping program the District logs the location of water wells, their use, and physical characteristics such as casing materials and well depth. This information facilitates determining the location and spacing of water wells within a Section as defined by District rules and regulations. As a reminder, if you are planning to drill a new water well contact The SCUWCD for an "Intent to Drill" form, fill it out, sign the form, and submit it to the office. We will check the information, visit the proposed well site then contact you regarding approval.

Research to better understand  
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## Sonora PD Make Arrests in Connection with Theft

On the morning of Saturday, August 15th, 2009, Officers of the Sonora Police Department investigated a burglary of Perez Tiendita located at 400 Santa Clara, Sonora, Texas. During the commission of the offense, suspects allegedly broke out the glass of the front door of the business

to gain entry to the premises. Suspects allegedly stole an undisclosed amount of alcoholic beverages.

Subsequent investigation of the burglary led to the arrest of the following suspects:

Michael B. Luttrell, 18 years of age;  
Miguel Sanchez, 18 years of

age;  
\*16 year old male juvenile. All suspects were charged with the State Jail felony offense of Burglary of a Building.

\* Subject's identity is being held due to being a juvenile offender under 17 years of age.

## A Soldier Comes Home

By Ben D. Taylor

Main street was lined with supporters and flags on Tuesday, August 25, to welcome the return of Scott Garrett from his last tour of duty in the United States Army. Scott has been deployed to Iraq two times in the duration of his 8 years in the Army Reserves. His first deployment came less than a year after the completion of his basic training.

HighMount E&P headed up the planning for his celebratory return, by following him into town with well over 40 company vehicles. Tibba Edmondson was also a driving force behind this event. The crowd gathered in the shade of the courthouse lawn and expressed their gratitude to this returning soldier.

While standing among his well wishers, I discovered something about freedom.



Scott and his family bow their heads to give thanks for his safe return.

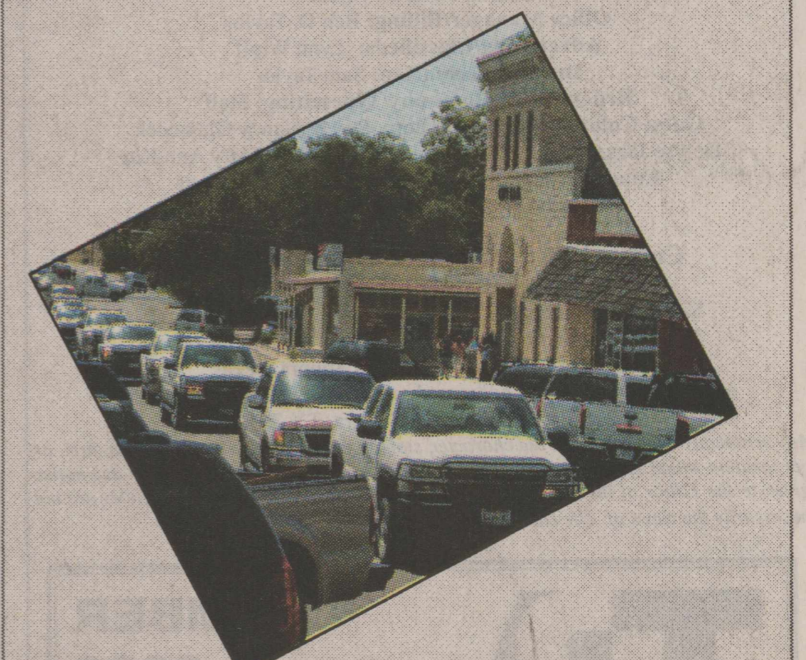
Those of us that enjoy the shade of freedom are only able to do so under the Tree of Liberty. That tree has been tended by the men and women of our armed forces. We all thank you Scott, Donna, Levi, and Kristin for your sacrifices.



Scott steals a moment with his wife Donna while surrounded by his supporters.



American Flags flew all down Main Street as Scott greeted his friends and family with hugs and handshakes.



HighMount trucks drove down Main Street to show support on Scott's Return.

## Lighthouse Community Church

CAN A LOVE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD  
**Be Real, Personal & Practical?**  
THE ANSWER IS YES!

1705 N. Crockett

### Senior Center Activities

Thur. Aug. 27- Crafts... Need ideas and volunteers  
Fri. Aug. 28- Happy Birthday *Homer Jolly*  
Mon. Aug. 31- Bingo  
Tues. Sept. 1 - Work on a puzzle  
Wed. Sept. 2 - Happy Birthday *Hilda Mata*

### Senior Center Menu

Thur. Aug. 27- Meatloaf w/meat sauce, blackeyed peas, milk honey glazed carrots, cornbread, melon salad  
Fri. Aug. 28- Catfish w/tartar sauce, hominy, milk okra/tomato gumbo, rolls, apple crisp  
Mon. Aug. 31- Steak fingers/gravy, mashed potatoes, milk broccoli w/cheese, rolls, apple cobbler  
Tues. Sept. 1 - Swedish meatballs w/mushrooms & gravy, egg noodles, fried okra, bread cake and milk  
Wed. Sept 2 - Chicken strips w/gravy, baked potato, milk broccoli w/cheese, rolls, peach cobbler

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older.  
Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m.  
**Donations are accepted**  
(suggested donation for Seniors is \$2.00; \$5.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).

## Thank You Notes

To the Sonora Community blood donors,  
We would like to say thank you to all who donated blood at the Sonora Community blood drive on Monday, August 17th that was held at the Everett's Pharmacy. There were 17 pints of lifesaving blood collected at this community drive. Words can not express how grateful we are to each and everyone for the support that is shown to United Blood Services each and every time we are in Sonora.

A harsh reality is that you could go to a hospital and you may need blood but it may not be there if it weren't for blood donors such as yourselves. Again, I say thank you for helping to save another's life. The blood that people receive from transfusions comes from caring donors like all of you! Blood donors give a piece of themselves and that is a priceless gift for many families as I know first hand how grateful my family and I have been to those blood donors who saved my life. What the many blood donors that I have never met gave me in January 2009 were not only 5 1/2 pints of blood but another laugh, another hug, and another chance.

We will forever be grateful to those I call Hero's, the blood donor's - thank you all again for donating blood.

Donating blood is all about giving - giving a little bit of your time, a little bit of your blood, and a little bit of hope. We hope to see you all again at the next Sonora Community blood drive!

Again, on behalf of United Blood Services and the many others that your blood donation will help, we say thank you!

I would like to thank everyone who or donated blood at the Sonora Community Blood Drive on Monday, August 17, 2009. Many lives are touched by these donations. Thanks to City Manager, Dean Carrell, and his crew for helping with the parking of the Blood Mobile. The San Angelo Staff of the United Blood Services are always impressed by our family of supporters. Volunteers and donors like these are an outward, visible, and lasting impression of our community for all the world to see. Thanks again from everyone at Everett's Pharmacy.

Sincerely,  
Bill Hodges

The family of Margaret Sandherr Galbreath wishes to express deep gratitude to everyone who supported us with your prayers, words of kindness, hugs, flowers, food, cards, and memorials during the time of her illness and death. Dr. Edwards, the ambulance and Hudspeth Hospital ER Staff on duty August 14th, provided excellent, compassionate care. Sonora indeed has a facility worthy of much pride. We are especially grateful to Jenny Sue Trainer and Jim Martin, who shared in our ICU experience, day and night, from beginning to end, and guided our keeping life and death in perspective.

To those who carried out the funeral mom had planned, she would have praised every one. Understanding the seriousness of her illness, she calmly said, "See you in heaven." She expects us all to get there. It will be a fine day in Glory Land when she thanks you herself.

Cindy Murrell, Debbie Dorie, and Maggie Davis

## Community-Wide Back to School Bash

Featuring the band  
"Lift Your Eyes"

Saturday, September 12, 2009

When: 6:30 p.m.

Where: On Concho Ave. between Oak & Mulberry

## Obituaries

### Brenda Neff

SNYDER - Brenda "Tense" Neff, 66, of Sonora, died Sunday, Aug. 16, 2009, in an Abilene hospital. Service were at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel Burial followed at the Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include daughter Missy Craig of Snyder; sons Doug Neff of Snyder, Scott Neff of Sonora and Todd Neff of San Angelo; mother Arlena Claxton of Midland; sister Lavonne Schauwecker of Henderson; and brother Weldon Claxton of Midland.

### Jacie Lee Gray



Baby Jacie Lee Gray, went to be with Jesus on August 22, 2009. She was born on August 18, 2009 to Justyn and April Gray of Bandera.

Grandparents are Randell and Elaine Gilmore of Wichita Falls, TX; Anthony and Melissa Lockaby of Weatherford TX; Jeff Gray of Merkal, TX; great grandparents, the late, Lue Boldaz of Aspermont, TX; Linda and Perry Phelps of Bowie, TX; Royce and Evelyn Gilmore of Deer Creek, TX; Bob Boldaz of Lakeland, PA; Bernice Cowser and the late William Monte Cowser of Bandera, TX; J.W. and Elaine Gray of Abilene, TX; Margarat Jones and the late Don Jones of Anson, TX; and Fred and Alice Lockaby of Clyde, TX; great-great grandmother, Erna Flach and the late Freddie Flach of Bandera, TX; aunts, Sarah and Raynnie Lockaby both of Weatherford, TX; and Laken Gray of Merkerl, TX; uncles, Kasey Gilmore of Wichita Falls of Weatherford, TX; Monte Darrell Lockaby of Weatherford, TX; and Cannon Gray of Merkal, TX; great aunt and uncle, Butch and Jane Gilmore of Bowling, TX; Nana and Zeke Casteneda of Spur, TX; Carree and Pat Bromwell of Bridgetport, TX; Milinda and Gene Pollard of Nocona, TX; Terry and Coleen Gilmore of Halfway, OR; great uncle, Randy Lockaby of Coco Beach, FL; great aunt and uncle Suzanne and Ronnie Anuskiewicz of San Diego, CA, great uncle and aunt, James and Tammy Mcknight of San Marcos, CA; great uncle and aunt, Jeff and Joette Lockaby of Lubbock, TX; Cousins, William, Karen and Brennan Gilmore, Benny and Shelby Casleneda, Carrie, Bob and Robert Danille and husband, Lorena and husband, Stephanie Davidson, Justin and Shelli, Lacie Lockaby, Daniel, Michele and Adain Anuskiewicz, Dellion, Jessie and Matt McKnight, Renee and Jake Kimbrel, Jacob and Nicole Kimbrel, Miranda Lockaby and Jacob Lockaby.


Visitation was held on Monday, August 24, 2009 from 4:00PM to 8:00PM at Grimes Funeral Chapels.

The Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, August 25, 2009 at Grimes Funeral Chapels, officiated by Mr Jason Boamba, with interment at Bandera Cemetery.

A horse drawn carriage was led to the cemetery with the family following, pallbearers were Bob Wheeler and Brandon Munn.

You are invited to send condolences to the family by selecting the "Send Condolences" link at [www.grimesfuneralchapels.com](http://www.grimesfuneralchapels.com)

Arrangements are entrusted to Grimes Funeral Chapels of Bandera.



## Sonora Church Directory

<p><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b> 504 Santa Clara 387-2035</p> <p><b>The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian</b> 319 E. Mulberry 387-2616</p> <p><b>Lighthouse Community Church</b> 1705 N. Crockett 387-9100</p> <p><b>Pentecostal Calvary Temple United</b> 509 Amistad 387-5266</p> <p><b>St. Ann's Catholic Church</b> 229 W. Plum 387-2278</p> <p><b>Jehovah's Witness</b> 310 St. Ann's St 387-5658/387-5518</p>	<p><b>Church of Christ</b> 304 N. Water 387-3190</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b> 11 E. Oak 387-2951</p> <p><b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b> 404 E. Poplar 387-2955</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b> 201 N. Water 387-2466</p> <p><b>Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios</b> 306 W. 4th St 387-5713</p> <p><b>Hope Lutheran Church</b> 417 E. 2nd St. 387-5366</p>
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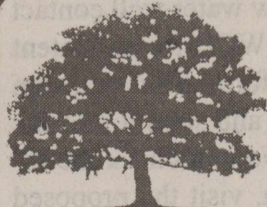
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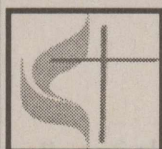
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All contributions are 100% tax deductible.



## First United Methodist Church Ray Wells, Pastor

Tuesdays @ Noon Downtown Lions Club  
Sundays 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:55 a.m. Worship  
6:00 p.m. Bible Study

201 NW Water

(325)387-2466

## Happy Birthday!

August 27

Allison Higdon, Clifton Lipham, Carl Johnson,  
Megan Fitzgerald, Lupe Duran, C.J. Badgett

August 28

Brodey Myers, Mary Beth Luttrell, Debra Favela,  
Abigail Garcia, Diana Anderson, Erin Newton

August 29

Keeli Taylor, Leandra Perez, Shaylyn Burnham,  
Arturo Lopez, Kathy Jones, Rodolfo Charo

August 30

Stacy Sanchez, Frank McGee, Rosa McGee,  
Fidel Acevedo, Robert Zook

August 31

Ronnie Cox, Dick Dudley, Sharon Holman,  
James Wilson, Florie Gonzalez, Lori Newton,  
Ponciano Castillo, Jr., Joey Samaniego

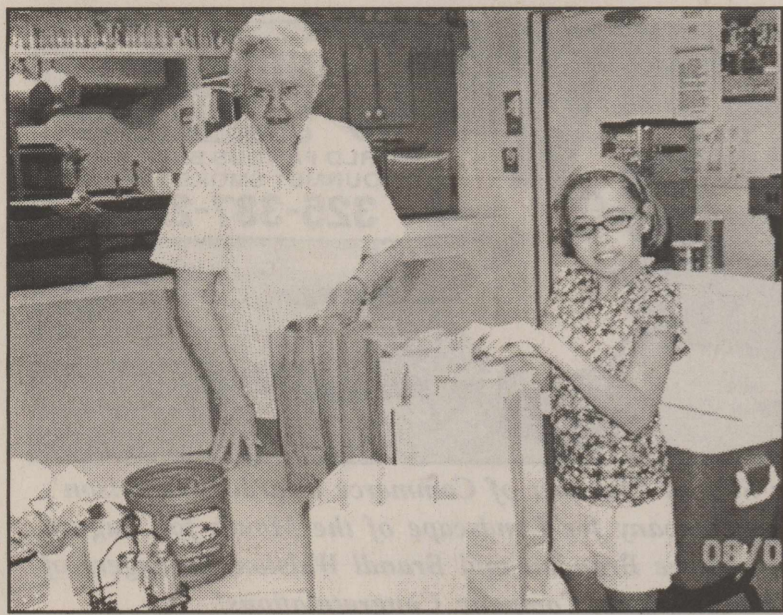
September 1

Letty Longoria, Emmanuel Lopez, Espy Whitehead,  
Pokey Samaniego, Gracie Lopez, Molly Cook,  
Sutton Foulds, Caleb Romero, Smith Neal, Clint Cearley,  
Jessie Mathews, Gloria Parades, Miles Sentena,  
Erik Santana, Mylasy Deluna

September 2

Kellie Lippie, Joanna Garza, Jake Webb, Hilda Vasquez

# Volunteers



Tanya Bounds is 10 years old and in the 5th grade this year. She volunteered with her great-grandma, Nell Wallace, delivering meals for the homebound seniors all summer. On behalf of the staff and seniors at the Senior Center, we want to say a "big" thank-you! We will miss her!

## Buckle Up, The Law is Changing

A new Texas law, going into effect September 1, 2009 requires all children younger than 8 years to be in an appropriate car seat or booster seat.

Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, Sutton County EMS and The Concho Valley Regional Advisory Council for Trauma, Service Area K will be sponsoring a FREE booster seat give away on Tuesday, September 1, 2009.

The giveaway will be located at Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital beginning at 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. or until all supplies are exhausted. Children must be present with parent or legal guardian. Children weighing less than 35 lbs are not eligible for this giveaway.

For more information, please contact The Sutton County EMS at 325-387-5132 or Safe Kids at 325-947-6130.

## Fish Tales



Sadie Burnham (pictured with her father Josh) caught this Channel Cat with her trusty Barbie Pole at lake LBJ on August 21. Right after landing the fish (which was longer than the pole used to catch it), she was asked how fun it was to catch that fish. Her response was simple, "It's cool, but I catch lots of fish".

### The Video Store

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~Adventureland

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Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Locally Owned and Operated by:  
Patrick and Butch Campbell

## Karysah Nykalah Lopez

Big brother Arturo, big sister Leandra and little sister Milanni along with their parents Arturo Lopez Jr. and Lucinda Duran welcome the arrival of their precious baby sister and daughter **Karysah Nykalah Lopez**. She was born at San Angelo Community Hospital on July 6, 2009 at 4:10 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs 5 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Proud maternal grandparents are Juan and Yolanda Duran. Proud paternal grandparents are Arturo Lopez of Palestine, Tx and Diana Gaona of Junction, Tx. Also, welcoming our precious angel Karysah are her aunts, uncles and cousins.

# LIONS ROAR

Submitted by: Frank Wamble



Keeli Taylor - Lions Club Queen,  
Shaniah Johnson - Sutton County Queen

The coronation is next week at our weekly meeting. You ask, "What are the Lions coronating?" Well, we have our new 2009-2010 Queen, Keeli Taylor, and she will be coronated!

Rev. Ray Wells and Rev. Lewis Allen, both of the "Reverend Lions Team" did a superb job planning and executing our "Welcome Teachers and Family Supper." Hamburgers and fixins' were provided by your Lions Club. By the looks of smiling faces and the lack of leftovers, everyone enjoyed this annual function. The Blue Bell ice cream was a special treat.

Start thinking about the start of football season: Ballinger, Friday night at Bronco Stadium. Get your season tickets and inquire about the Gold Pass for the Geritol population (over 65) at the Sonora ISD Administration Building.

GO BRONCOS!!

## Meet The Broncos

The 3rd Annual Meet The Broncos was a Roaring success on Wednesday night at St. Ann's Parish Hall. The crowd was huge, enthusiasm and spirit was at an all time high. The food... pot luck with Julio's Brisket and Cabrito was superb. Jerry Jimenez the Master of Ceremonies was the epitome of what we are looking for in Bronco fans, always positive and up beat. There are many to thank but lets just thank St. ANN'S and our CITIZENS! Coach Sine and Coach Jennings take care of our children, God Speed for a fulfilling and successful fall campaign. See ya'll Friday Night at Bronco Stadium.

**Robert D. Guerra  
and  
Keshia L. Dean**

United together in Marriage  
March 23, 2009  
in San Angelo, Texas

## DEADLINE

The deadline to purchase your engraved brick paver to be located at Liberty Park (La Placita) is September 30, 2009. If you have not purchased your brick please contact Jo Ann Hernandez or Michelle Faz at The Bank and Trust, or Juanita Gomez at The City of Sonora.

Viva Sonora is working on a Veteran's book of pictures. Send copies of pictures to Viva Sonora, PO Box 824, Sonora, TX 76950. If you send an original picture, include your return address. Please label your picture and include any information known about the person in the picture. A biography can be put together to go with the picture. Also, include your phone number in case we need more information or have questions. If you need your picture scanned, stop by The Devil's River News, or you can drop off pictures at The Bank and Trust, City of Sonora, and The Chamber of Commerce. Call Juanita Gomez 325-206-0830 for more information.

## Everett's Pharmacy

417 N. Hwy 277  
325-387-2541

We are pleased to announce that we now accept Scott and White Insurance as well as most other major insurance. We also have a full line of therapeutic shoes for diabetics. Come by the store at 417 Hwy 277 N. or give us a call at 325-387-2541 for more information.

Thank you for your business.

### Bridal Selections

Logan Grissom~bride elect~Brady Lock

### Baby Registry

Libby Torres & Demetrio Castro

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## SONORA SERVICE DIRECTORY

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## F.Y.I.

Season tickets for Sonora Bronco Football will be on sale at the Administration Building from 8:00 a.m. on Monday, August 17, through noon Friday, August 28. Tickets are \$25 per book.

The Game Dinner Meetings will be held on Sept. 8 and Nov. 3, 2009. Anyone interested that would like to participate in the preparations and the event are welcome to attend. All meetings will be held at Fire Dept. meeting room at 6:30 p.m.

Sutton County Friends of NRA 2nd Annual Auction/Banquet will be Saturday, September 19, 2009. Banquet tickets are \$25 per person. Pre-event raffle tickets are \$10 each with one winner taking home five firearms and a 14 gun fire resistant safe. Tickets may be purchased at First National Bank, Sonora Air Cooled Engines or by contacting Tonya @ 387-3861 or 387-5929. Your support is appreciated!

Need a Dunking Booth for a party or fundraiser? Sonora Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary has a dunking booth for rent. Call Tommie Sanchez at 226-8271 for availability and rates.

The 144th Narcotics Anonymous Group meets every Saturday at 5:00 p.m. in the Reception Hall of The Church of the Good Shepherd, 319 N.E. Mulberry, FMI, call 387-4941 or 450-8922.

Rent the Depot!  
For more information please call 387-5084. Tues. & Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Fundraiser for Liberty Park Veteran's Memorial Wall-Buy a permanently engraved brick for the new sidewalks at Liberty Park. We are raising money for the engraving of the names to go on the Memorial Wall. 4x8 brick \$35.00, 8x8 brick \$60.00, 12x12 \$150.00-with logos. Pick up forms at The Bank & Trust or at City Hall.

Liberty Park Veterans Memorial Wall-Submit a veteran's picture with bio's. Include the name of the veteran, branch of service. Veterans must be residents or former residents of Sonora or Sutton County. Mail to: Liberty Park Veterans Wall, PO Box 824, Sonora, TX 76950. You can also pick up a form at The Bank & Trust or City Hall, or email to [juanita@sonoratax.net](mailto:juanita@sonoratax.net).

Sonora High School Alumni - Register at [www.sonorahighalumni.com](http://www.sonorahighalumni.com). For more information log on to [sonoraalum@aol.com](mailto:sonoraalum@aol.com).

Fellow Friends and Co-Workers. A trust fund has been set up at the First National Bank of Sonora. Anyone interested in making a donation (Tax Deductible) to Roy J. while he is recovering from his accident can do so by cash or check. Make checks payable to Sutton County Community Trust, and on the memo line write: Roy J Eisenbach Jr. Drop payments off at the bank or give them to Pat Day or Randy Sparks. Thank you very much.



Member FDIC  
P.O. Box 798  
Sonora, Texas 76950  
325-387-3861



Member FDIC  
229 Hwy 277 N  
Sonora, Texas 76950  
325-387-2593

## Welcome Home Spc. Rudy Ramirez Mission Accomplished And we are so proud of you.



This 15 month deployment to Iraq was not easy for our family; however, with God's help and the grand support and prayers from our family and friends this experience was made bearable each day. We couldn't have done this alone. So thank you and Bless all of you.

Rudy and Mirabel Ramirez and Family

**The soldier, above all other people, prays for peace, for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war."**

Douglas MacArthur

Welcome Home Rudy!!  
From the Devil's River News

*Economy got you down? We went down on prices.*

### The Landmark Apartments

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James Ricks  
411 Cornell St.  
Sonora, TX 76950  
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Registration is limited as classes fill up very quickly in the fall and I will be holding a few less sessions than what have traditionally been offered in the past, so please be prompt with your response. A waiting list will be available for all who are interested but unable to join our limited classes.

Sincerely,  
James Ricks

## Letter to the Editor

To my family, friends and fellow Americans,

First let me say, these are my thoughts and ideas about our government and the crisis we are facing today. I hope I don't offend anyone, but maybe open a few eyes and/or minds about the crisis. I feel this is the biggest crisis the American people have ever faced, since our forefathers struggled to found this great country. American citizens, we are in a WAR, not on some foreign soil, but right here in our own country. Just as it was with our forefathers, and believe it or not, we are fighting for the same principles that they were: our **Rights, Freedom, and Every Existence**. Who are we at war with, our government and the people who back them. These people have become so corrupted with power and greed that they will go to any extreme to get what they want. And what they want is a **ONE WORLD TOTALITARIAN GOVERNMENT**. The United States and its citizens are the only thing standing in the way of that type of government. Look at the rest of the world, it's either socialist, communist or totalitarian. Their agenda is to systematically dismantle this country, its citizens and the Constitution. It's all about control, propaganda and finances. They know, they will have to bring this country and its citizens to their knees, both spiritually and financially before the people will even consider such a government. People, this is **REAL!!!!** Herbert Bush talked about it! Clinton talked about it! George Bush talked about it! Tony Blair talked about it! Now, Gordon Brown and Obama are talking about it! They call it the **NEW WORLD ORDER**. Look it up on the internet!

We have been losing our rights and freedom for sometime. But look at this Obama deal. Obama and our corrupt congressmen/women are giving us a 10 trillion dollar deficit, Cap & Trade, Cash for Clunkers, a Healthcare Plan with single payer, death panels, disclosures of all your bank accounts, pays for abortions and covers illegal immigrants. They have taken over banks and automobile manufacturing and handed out billions of bailout money. If this doesn't bring our country to its knees, I don't know what will. The only thing Obama and our congressman/women can run is their **"Mouths"** and what comes gushing out is an unbelievably huge pack of **LIES**. Americans, we must stand up **"NOW"** and fight for our rights and freedom. We may not get another chance. In 2010 we need to **VOTE OUT** as many of these corrupt and greedy people that we can. Let's send them a message; **"THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE STANDING UP."**

Your Fellow Patriot,  
Ronnie Smith

Let me leave you with these last words:

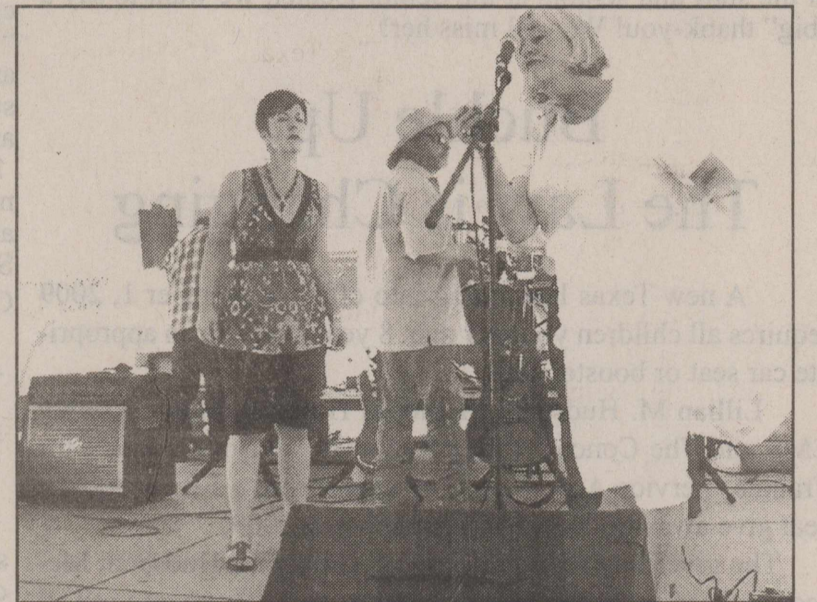
"If you love wealth more than liberty, the tranquility of servitude better than the animating contest of freedom, depart from us in peace. We ask not your counsel nor your arms. Crouch down and lick the hand the feeds you. May your chains rest lightly upon you and may prosperity forget that you were our

## Landscape of the Month



The Sonora Chamber of Commerce awarded Nicholson's Meat Company for Landscape of the Month for August. Pictured are Brandon and Brandi Walston, managers of Nicholson's Meat Company. Congratulations!

## Hudspeth Hospital Drawing



Lola Beth Jones announced the winner of the LMH Hospital drawing at Sutton County Days. Lee Roy Valliant was the winner of the TV and Matt Shannon was the winner of the child's motorized vehicle.

Thank you citizens of Sonora for supporting our fundraiser.  
LMH Hospital Auxillary

## Grand Opening



Crystal's Palace had their grand opening Friday, August 21, 2009 at noon. People that came to show their support were from (L to R) Kendra Vyvlecka, Tibba Edmondson, Crystal Hidalgo (2009 Miss Cinco De Mayo), Joe Mikael Hidalgo, Diana Tabarez (Owner), John Hidalgo, Fernando Emiliano, Rita Lopez, Josie Emiliano, Mary Barron, Brenda Sanchez, Mike Lopez, Tabby Abrego, Kate Martin, Shainah Johnson (Miss Sutton County 2009), and in front Little Mr. and Miss Sutton County 2009, Lexie Martin and Joseph Ivan Abrego.

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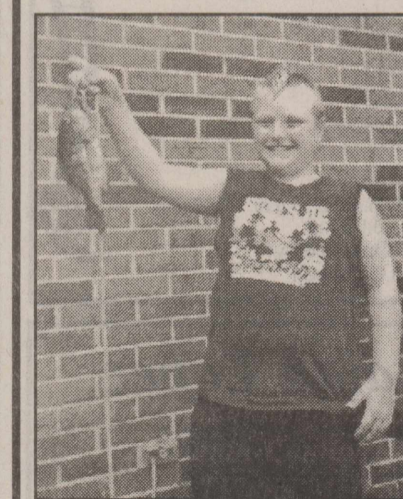
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## Texas AgriLife Experts Offer Tips on Protecting Livestock from Wildfire

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COLLEGE STATION - Ranchers can take precautions to reduce the risk and spread of wildfire and protect livestock from injury or death by fire, said Texas AgriLife agency experts.

"The most important thing to remember is to have a fire plan in place," said Dr. Rick Machen, Texas AgriLife Extension Service livestock specialist in Uvalde. "You'll have a limited time to react when a wildfire hits, so you'll need to be prepared and practiced for it."

The plan should include how to access and transport livestock that may be in danger, he said.

"Make sure you have keys to padlocks and can get easy access to every gate on the perimeter fence," Machen said.

If there's a wildfire, farmers and ranchers need to know in advance what their priorities are, he noted.

"Sometimes firefighters will ask which they should save first - a structure, livestock, machinery or feed," he said.

If you have time to evacuate livestock, proceed with cau-

tion, he said, as some animals may refuse to leave and others may run back into a burning barn or building.

"Close gates that give livestock access to dangerous or soon-to-be dangerous areas," Machen said. "When evacuating the animals, be sure to keep them from going into areas where they might become trapped or have a limited chance of escape."

Livestock are sensitive to wildfire are frequently injured or killed by running into fences, barriers and other obstructions while trying to flee, he added. Having the right equipment and experienced handlers to move livestock is important, but if time is of the essence it may be necessary to release the animals and recapture them later.

All farm and ranch family members and workers should be on the lookout for potential fire hazards and know how to respond in case of a fire, added Dr. Bruce Lesikar, AgriLife Extension agricultural engineer.

Lesikar said some basic safety precautions should include installing and maintaining smoke detectors in barns and buildings, placing fire extinguishers in barns, vehicles and tractors, and posting emergency numbers in a central location near a telephone.

"To help prevent or feed a fire, store fuels, pesticides and other chemicals away from heat sources and combustible materials," he said. "If

there's a wildfire, these should be removed from the premises."

He added that trash, hay, lumber, empty feed sacks and other flammable materials should be kept away from barns and buildings.

Firebreaks or fireguards are another useful tool in helping prevent the spread of wildfire, noted Dr. Wayne Hanselka, an AgriLife Extension program leader for rangeland ecology management based in Corpus Christi.

"As their names indicate, these are designed to keep fire in or out of a pasture," Hanselka said. "Cleared firebreaks must extend to bare ground or mineral soil with no line of continuous dead fuel that allows the fire to creep across the fire line."

He added there are a variety of firebreaks and method for creating them, and "should be constructed to meet the needs of the individual landowner while offering protection to rangelands and pastures."

Wildfires travel quickly, especially when there's a high wind, so being pro-active rather than reactive is the best approach, added Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, a Texas AgriLife Research expert in grazing management and fire ecology based in Sonora.

Taylor said another preparatory method for wildfire control is green-stripping.

"Green-stripping is a technique that can be used on rangeland and improved pasture and involves burning a

strip around the perimeter of a pasture under safe, prescribed conditions, including high relative humidity and low wind speed," he said.

Taylor said the strip or firebreak is typically from 100 feet to 1000 feet wide and needs to be burned prior to the major wildfire season.

"Most wildfires in Texas occur from February through March and usually come with high winds," he said. "If you live in an area characterized by high winds during this period, you may need a wider fire-guard."

Taylor said the term green-stripping comes from the response of the vegetation after a prescribed burn.

"Once the grass starts to green up, livestock will be attracted to the restored area," he said. "Research has shown that for up to two years livestock will spend most of their grazing time in these areas."

He added that since the potential wildfire "fuel loads" will be lower in these areas, two purposes are served -- a wildfire may be prevented from crossing the green area, and, if one does, there's a high probability livestock will be on these strips and better protected from the fire.

More information on wildfire and protecting livestock from it can be found at the Texas Extension Disaster Education Network Web site, <http://texashelp.tamu.edu/004-natural/fires.php>

stand the aquifer is an ongoing project of the Board. Recently, a study performed by the geoscience company Daniel B. Stephens Co. refined the recharge rate for our part of the Edwards-Trinity aquifer, constructed a computer model of the aquifer beneath Sutton County, and provided guidance on determining the "desired future conditions" of the District. Acting on a suggestion from this company to gather more information about the geology of this area the District purchased a color borehole video camera. This information is archived and shared with the landowner, who receives a copy of the video.

The District performs analyses on water samples, at no charge, from private wells, if requested by a landowner within the county; for certain quality characteristics, naturally occurring chemicals and E-coli. If a landowner wishes to have water analyzed, at their expense, for a specific chemical or bacteria a sample will be collected and sent to an analytical lab that is qualified to perform the test.

The Board members: Mr. Bob Brockman, Ms. Diana Condra, Dr. Joe David Ross, Mr. Dean Dermody, and Mr. Robert Sol Mayer along with the staff Mr. Jim Polonis, Mr. Gary Hardgrave and Ms. Iris Garza are available to assist you or answer your questions about water issues. We are located at 301 South Crockett Ave. in Sonora, TX in the NRCS.

## Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The Sutton County conducted public hearings on August, 20, 2009 and August 24, 2009 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Sutton County from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.982646 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of 0.179700 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$3,103,809.98.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of 0.248900 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$3,347,901.31.

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The Sutton Co. Commissioners Court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 1, 2009 at Sutton County Annex Meeting Room, 300 East Oak Street, Sonora, TX 76950 at 9:00 AM

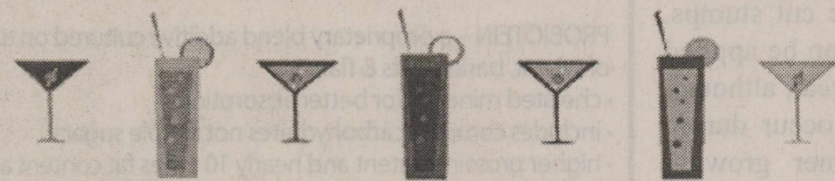
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## Collins Arena Hosts 'End of Summer Bash' Appaloosa Horse Show



By Susan McAlpine

Lots of West Texas sun met horses and riders at Collins Arena Saturday morning for a day of judged classes and timed events in appaloosa and open classes. Participants, both equine and human, ranged in age from juveniles and preschoolers to seniors, from novice to expert, and traveled from as far away as New Mexico. The West Texas Appaloosa Horse Club sponsored the well attended show where more than twenty-five appaloosas competed in English and western events. Credited Appaloosa Judge, William Tracy of Bandera served as judge. He commented that he liked the "enthusiasm among exhibitors" and that this is "the kind of show that will give them [exhibitors] lots of experience."

The black appaloosa stallion, Justa Arizona Cowboy, was high point winner for the day in both English and western. He is owned by Robert Pinckard of Queen Creek, Arizona and was shown by Lynn Parsons of Eldorado. High point winners in timed events

were: Koda Davis of Sonora, leadline six and under; Koda Davis of Sonora, walk trot ten and under; Cade Cotton of Midland, youth 18 and under; and Gina King of Midland, 19 and older. Cade Cotton also was overall winner in timed events and his horse, Buddy, was the All-Around horse in halter, western, English, reining, trail, and timed events. The winners went home with saddle pads, water buckets, and wormer among others prizes.

The club thanks the many individuals and businesses that contributed their time and resources to the success of the event. Show manager, Jerry Craig of Midland did an excellent job keeping the events running smoothly. San Angelo donors include: Ag Mart, Angelo Pellets, Double K, Sue Ellis, Ronnie Hooker, DMV, Rene Padier, and Palmer Feeds. Sonora donors are Debbie Collins, Robert & Candy Davis, Parker Lumber, Rafter W Feed, and David Walsh.

Submitted by Delyse Jaeger

While he may be lacking in variation, the voice of the Bell's vireo has become a calling card on Eaton Hill. At nearly any time of day the little virtuoso may be heard belting out his distinguished song; however he is especially vocal in the morning.

The bird was named by James Audubon after a taxidermist who accompanied Audubon on an excursion in the 1840's.

The Bell's vireo is a small olive-gray songbird with a broken white eye ring, a strong bill with a small hook, faint wing bars, a light breast and yellow sides. They are loud but can be rather hard to spot as they prefer dense vegetation where they dine exclusively on insects gleaned from the plants. Said to be "fearless" around their nests which are well camouflaged, the Bell's vireo will usually abandon the nest should an opportunistic cowbird manage to deposit an egg in the vireo nursery. Interestingly, the Bell's vireo will "decorate" the outer nest with spongy spider egg casings and use spider silk to fasten the nest

## Vireo Virtuosity



Photo by Delyse Jaeger

in place. Another unusual tidbit on this vireo – it has never been observed drinking water though it prefers to nest near a water source, perhaps obtaining enough moisture from its diet. Certainly Bell's vireos are often heard and seen near the water feature at the back

of the Eaton Hill Nature Center.

Apparently due to loss of habitat, Bell's vireos are considered Near-threatened. In truth, their song has been described as "unmusical", but knowing that the Bell's numbers are declining, it's music

to our ears!

Stop by the Eaton House Nature Center if you would like assistance spotting a Bell's vireo, or just to tour our progress.

Thanks so very much to everyone who helped with our Sutton County Days fundraiser. The Sheyla Harkey Photo Shoot Drawing was held at the Sonora Economic Development Corporation Director's meeting and the winner is Sam Kent. Congratulations Sam, Susan, Lillian and Hazel! Eaton Hill T-shirts are still available, so get yours quick.

Lastly, a number of folks are working on a pictorial history of Sutton County to be published by Arcadia Publishing. We are still accepting and requesting historical photos and stories from the community. In particular, we need pictures and stories of nature, the early days of the oil and gas industry in Sutton County and Fling-Ding photos! If you can help, please contact Delyse Jaeger at 387-2615, our deadline is fast approaching. Hit the Trails!

## Sutton County Days 2009

### Little Mr. and Miss Sutton County Pet Parade Results Small Dog Race



Lexie Martin and Joseph Ivan Abrego



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3rd place:  
Pets name-Jessie,  
owned by Stevie Smith  
2nd place:  
Pets name-Trigger,  
owned by Sterling Smith



Pictured L to R:  
3rd place:  
Pets name-Joey,  
owned by Sierra Gomez, pictured with  
Miss Cinco de Mayo  
Crystal Hidalgo  
1st place:  
Pets name-River,  
owned by Debra Hobbs, shown by Mary Kyle Johnson  
Not pictured-2nd place:  
pets name-Carmela,  
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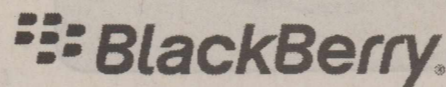
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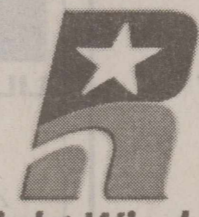
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