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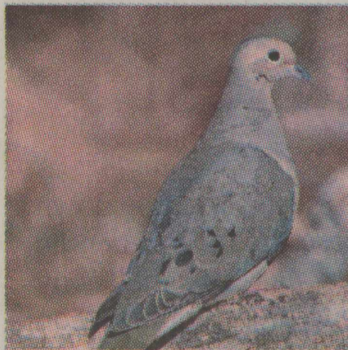
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## Happy Birthday To An Old Friend



Photo by Rhonda Wilson

By Ben D. Taylor

One of our oldest friends turns 120 years old this December. Just as most children, our friend started small but grew into something larger than the dreams of its parents. To grow larger than the expectations of your parents is the goal of any child.

The First Baptist Church of Sonora was born on December 15, 1889 and has grown to match, then exceed the expectations of its founders. Historical records (earliest available were in 1895) show the church membership then

at 40 members, whereas now the FNB boasts over 120 congregation members. Current pastor T. Wayne Price commented that, "Our congregation wants to be a loving caring community of faith in Sonora".

T. Wayne sees the future of the FNB of Sonora as, "extremely promising and bright given the number of young members". He added that, "We've increased the number parishioners in every young demographic. That bodes well for our church".

## Fry Fish For Your Health: 5th Annual Fund Raiser Sells Big



By Ben D. Taylor

October is fish the unofficial "Fish Fry" month for the Sutton County Health Foundation. For the fifth year in a row local Fire Department and Harold Martinez (from B&H Catering) were on hand to fry fish for the public. Lolabeth Jones commented that, "There is something about Fall that makes folks crave fried fish, so now we have designated the first Sunday in October as the day we do our fish fry". All

proceeds from the event went towards any health oriented facilities in Sutton County. Lolabeth added that, "We see this as a fall event for the community to get together to support our ongoing health services in Sutton County. Anything that the local citizens can do, even if its coming and having a good time eating fish together in the fall in Sonora, your still supporting your local health services, even in a small town its very important."

## Governor Empathizes Importance of Energy Industry At State Meeting

By Rick Perry

BILOXI, Miss. — Gov. Rick Perry today was named chairman of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC) at the member states' annual meeting in Biloxi. The governor met with various leaders from member states of the commission to discuss cap and trade legislation being considered in Washington, and the regulation of oil and gas resources.

"More mandates, restrictions and penalties are not the kind of thing that will encourage innovation and investment. As it stands, this bill would usher in the single largest tax in the history of our nation, along with an unprecedented degree of federal intrusion into every American farm, home and workplace," Gov. Perry said. "These energy taxes will cause every product that uses energy in its creation, cultivation or transportation to become more expensive, forcing hard-working Americans to bear massive

new costs and kicking the legs out from underneath a national economy that is already wobbling."

The governor reiterated the importance of developing a diverse energy portfolio by pursuing innovative energy sources as an alternative to the burdensome regulations associated with the proposed Waxman-Markey Bill, which would increase the cost of living for families and crush Texas and the nation's energy producing sectors.

Implementing the regulations associated with the Waxman-Markey Bill, also known as the American Clean Energy and Security Act, would be the single largest tax increase in U.S. history, significantly increasing the cost of living for all Texas families by an additional \$1,200 per year, according to the comptroller. Additionally, a study by Texas A&M University suggests that virtually all Texas ranchers and farmers would be negatively



## Finding the Rare at Home

Photos and Story by Ruth Fairall

It seems that the area including Sutton County and Schleicher County is devoid of rarity among birds. At least that is the opinion widely accepted by both local and outside birders. But is it true that these counties host nothing except thousands of nesting Grasshopper and Lark Sparrows along with Bullock's and Orchard Orioles, Blue Grosbeaks, Painted Buntings and a few pairs of Red-tailed and Swainson's Hawks? Well, then, consider that recently a traveling birder found his way to Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary and immediately found a Green Violet-ear (Colibri thalassinus), a hummingbird which according to the National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America, is "nearly annual" in occurrence in the Texas Hill Country.

Nevertheless just a few weeks later on July 31, 2009, I was astounded when Bill Fairall

found a truly odd looking and extraordinarily beautiful show-off hummingbird in the garden at the Ranch where we live. This bird stood out like a pearl on blue velvet! Neither of us had seen this species before. I grabbed the camera and other equipment and headed for the Cenizo-Turk's Cap duo beside the stock tank where hummingbirds delight in sipping nectar. I set up the equipment to try for some good photos and settled in to wait, but this bold --you might say fearless-- hummingbird came in to feed within two minutes. He kept me occupied for an hour or better in the first session.

From the back the bird was emerald interspersed with grayish plumage, but its tail was entirely black, quite broad in aspect and somewhat indented in the middle. An extensively red bill was distinctive. White feathers with blotchy emerald showed

on the belly subtended by a triangle of pure white feathers at the base of the tail.

Male hummingbirds migrate in the fall a full month ahead of females of their species, and sub-adult birds can be exceedingly difficult to identify. Therefore, I put the camera into the action as quickly as possible. The camera with its high speed capabilities is much more likely to uncover the initial emergence of adult plumage in a hummingbird than is the human eye. Hummingbirds have no pigment in their feathers. Instead they have reflective surfaces on their feathers which give them color in the form of reflections. Thus you can look at a hummingbird in poor light and you will see little or no color. In immature males during their time of molting, bright

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removing barriers to innovation and competition. Modernizing the national energy grid to support wind and solar energy transmission, facilitating investments in the development of carbon capture and sequestration technologies, and removing barriers to investment in nuclear generation would reduce carbon emissions while encouraging competitiveness, innovation and growth in alternative energy sources.

Diversifying the state's energy portfolio remains a priority for Gov. Perry. Texas has already installed more wind power than any other state and all but four countries, and is developing new transmission lines that will move more than 18,000 megawatts across the state -- nearly as much as all other states' current capacity combined. Texas has also attracted more than 9,000 megawatts of energy from the development of next generation nuclear power plants.

The state is also looking to add new clean coal plants, which will capture and sequester carbon dioxide emissions or use the carbon dioxide to increase production from Texas oil fields.

IOGCC was founded in 1935 as a multi-state agency to protect states' rights, especially the right for state regulation of oil and gas resources, with a different governor from each member state serving as chairman each year. The commission works to ensure that the nation's oil and gas resources are conserved and maximized while protecting health, safety and the environment. IOGCC also acts as an advocate for the states in Washington D.C., and is heavily involved in setting national energy policy. Currently, the IOGCC is focused on keeping the regulation of carbon sequestration and hydraulic fracturing at the state level, as a one size fits all approach would not be successful.

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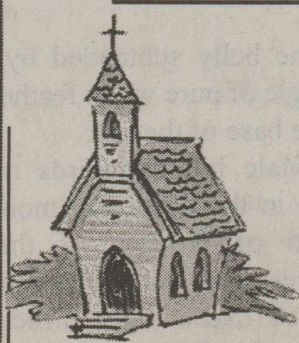
**Senior Center Activities**

Thur. Oct. 8- Volunteer to deliver meals 387-5657  
Fri. Oct. 9- PEC Electric Co. Program  
w/Matthew Gonzales at noon  
Mon. Oct. 12- Center closed for Columbus Day  
Tues. Oct. 13- CEAP Energy Ass. 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Wed. Oct. 14- Exercise w/video

**Senior Center Menu**

Thur. Oct. 8- Catfish, corn/tomato casserole, spinach, rolls, Jell-O w/ fruit and milk  
Fri. Oct. 9- Bakes ham, green beans, sweet potatoes, rolls, peanut butter, cookies and milk  
Mon. Oct. 12- Center Closed  
Tues. Oct. 13- Beef stew, sweet peas, crackers, peaches, chocolate pudding and milk  
Wed. Oct. 14- Chicken fried steak w/gravy, rolls, milk mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, orange cake

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



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| <b>The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian</b><br>319 E. Mulberry<br>387-2616 | <b>First Baptist Church</b><br>11 E. Oak<br>387-2951                  |
| <b>Lighthouse Community Church</b><br>1705 N. Crockett<br>387-9100                 | <b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b><br>404 E. Poplar<br>387-2955       |
| <b>Pentecostal Calvary Temple United</b><br>509 Amistad<br>387-5266                | <b>First United Methodist Church</b><br>201 N. Water<br>387-2466      |
| <b>St. Ann's Catholic Church</b><br>229 W. Plum<br>387-2278                        | <b>Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios</b><br>306 W. 4th St<br>387-5713 |
| <b>Jehovah's Witness</b><br>310 St. Ann's St<br>387-5658/387-5518                  | <b>Hope Lutheran Church</b><br>417 E. 2nd St.<br>387-5366             |

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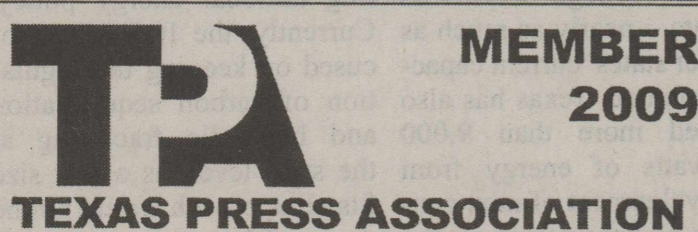
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**Thank You Note**

We would like to thank everyone who had our baby in their prayers during her recent illness. A special thank you to her Nana, and Auntie. We love you, and God bless you all.

Al, Rachel, Manuel, and Isela Navarrette.

**Dominic Brayden Ferris**



Born Wednesday, January 14, 2009 in San Jose, California

8 pounds 13 ounces and 21" long

Dominic was born to Chelsea Chavez-Clifton and James Ferris  
Dominic Brayden is a 5th generation Chavez  
He is the great-great grandson of Juanita Silva-Chavez and the late Torivio Chavez, and the late Eulogio Soto and Elena Avila Perez of Sonora, TX.  
The great grandson of Ester and David Chavez

**Good Luck In District Broncos**

From the Devil's River News

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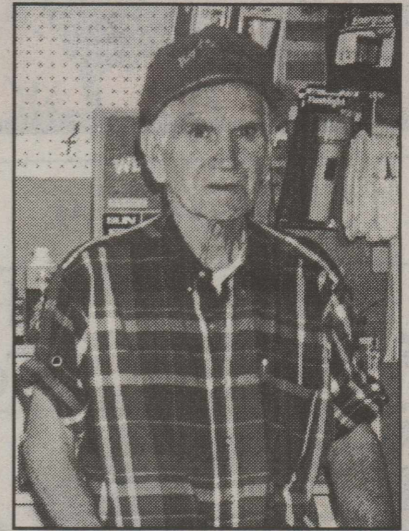
**Sunday** Nursery available from 9:30 - 12:30  
9:45 Sunday School  
10:55 Worship  
6:00 Bible Study

**Tuesday** 12:00 Lion's Club

**Wednesday**  
5:00 Choir Practice  
6:00 Beth Moore Study - Fellowship Hall  
6:00 Jr. High Youth - St. John's Sunday House  
7:00 Sr. High Youth - St. John's Sunday House

**Obituaries**

**Joe Garcia**



April 15, 1937 - October 1, 2009

Joe E. Garcia was born in Encino, Texas on April 15, 1937 and entered rest into our Father's heavenly kingdom on October 1, 2009 at the age of 72 years old after a battle with kidney illness.

Joe is survived by two brothers and two sisters; Hector Garcia and Rogelio Garcia and Andrea Sanchez and Evangelina Ponce. He married Elvira Chavarria on October 27, 1984 in Sonora, TX and they had a blended family of two daughters, Betty Valdez and Yolanda Johnson, four grandchildren, Sergio Dominguez, Danielle Garcia, Ashley and Levi Valdez. Step children Isabel Cervantes, Freddie Chavarria (deceased), Leroy and Chris Chavarria; step grandchildren Anthony and Eric Cervantes; Freddy, Steven, and David Chavarria. Great grandchildren David, Steven, Jonathon, Freddy Joe, and Isabella Chavarria.

He spent the last twenty-five years running the Chavarria family grocery store in Sonora. The last two years Joe was in bad health and he and his wife moved to San Antonio to live with his step daughter and her husband, Isabel and Polo Cervantes. During this time he and his wife Elvira lived a peaceful life and enjoyed playing dominos every night before retiring for bed.

Joe was an active community member by serving on the Sonora School District Board and thought marriage preparation classes for St. Ann's Church for 20 years. He was a person who people admired very much and came to him for advice of all kind. He always watched sports on T.V. and love the Dallas Cowboys, San Antonio Spurs, and Texas Tech Raiders. He will be greatly missed by all.

Joe's funeral arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home with funeral mass at St Ann's Catholic Church on Saturday, October 3, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. and interment at Sonora Cemetery.

**Kammi Lawson Taylor**

Kammi Lawson Taylor, 51, of Sonora, passed away peacefully Sunday, October 4, 2009 in Navasota, Texas. Born on February 6, 1958 in Wichita Falls, Texas, she was the elder daughter of Ben and Jeanie Lawson. Kammi spent her childhood years traveling overseas with her parents before coming to Sonora. She graduated from Sonora High School in 1978 and resided in Sonora for the majority of her life spending her last few years in the Houston area. She was blessed with three children, Angela Mayfield and Cara Mayfield of Sonora, son, Ed Mayfield and wife Shalayne of Sonora, and three precious grandchildren, Skyler, Madison, and Logan. She is survived by her mother, Jeanie Lawson of Sonora, her sister Janna Lawson of Houston, and her grandmother Willie Lee Darter of Iowa Park. Kammi was a unique woman with a dry, quick wit and fun loving spirit. Kammi will always be remembered by those that shared their lives with her. The family wishes to thank the staff members and nurses of Navasota Nursing and Rehab who helped make Kammi comfortable and happy during her last months. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 2:00 pm at Kerbow Funeral Home in Sonora, Texas.

**A Naive Priest**

A priest is walking down the street one day when he notices a very small boy trying to press a doorbell on a house across the street. However, the boy is very small and the doorbell is too high for him to reach. After watching the boy's efforts for some time, the priest moves closer to the boy's position.

He steps smartly across the street, walks up behind the little fellow and, placing his hand kindly on the child's shoulder leans over and gives the doorbell a sold ring.

Crouching down to the child's level, the priest smiles benevolently and asks, "And now what, my little man?"

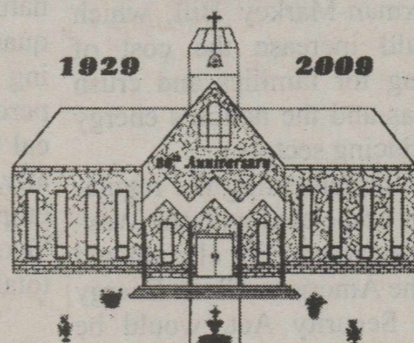
To which the boy replies, "Now we run!"

**St. Ann Catholic Church, Sonora, Texas**

**80th Anniversary Mass & Festival**

Sunday October 25, 2009

Please join us!! For more information, please call church office 355-387-2278.



10 A.M Anniversary Mass at St. Ann Church, 229 W. Plum

Festival 11 A.M. 'till 4 P.M. at the Civic Center, 1700 N. Crockett

11 A.M. - 2 P.M. Brisket Dinner \$7 Adult, Child 10 & under \$3

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# LIONS ROAR

Submitted by Frank Wamble

The last meeting in September of the Lions Club capped off a great month, wonderful fellowship, great speakers and a spirited support of the citizens of our great community.

After a delicious meal, some auction business focused on our goat collection. A report from the collection chief, Mr. George Wallace, stated goats will be collected and shipped from the Wool House on October 12, 2009.

The next agenda item was our guest introductions which included Miss Samantha Tidwell, our 2008-2009 Lions Queen who was home for a visit from Radiology training, Miss Sutton County, Shainiah Johnson, and our current Lions Club Queen, Keeli Taylor.

With a packed house our program was the Chief Operating Officer of the Bronco football nation, Coach David Sine. Coach Sine talked to the club about his coaching techniques and his philosophy in leading young men and team building. He reminded us that the citizen support of his efforts were integral to the team's success. There is no doubt Coach Sine lives and breathes the philosophy that well prepared teams win on the field and in future life challenges. Coach Sine's enthusiasm was contagious and an inspiration for all Lions in attendance. Coach also gave us a glimpse of what we can expect Friday against Regan County. See ya'll at Bronco Stadium.

Auction donors continue to support the October 27 Lions Auction. This week we received a gift from Rafter W, Busters Cleaners, Mr. D's, Caverns of Sonora, Texas South Aviation - plane rides, Walsh Welding-a shop made bar-b-q grill, meals from La Mexicana, and from Ben Pool a spot sprayer. Support our sponsors and GO BRONCOS!!

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feathers lay just below the immature plumage and as they begin to emerge, the feathers often flash a hint of the color soon to be seen. Watching this process over a period of two or three weeks is nothing short of miraculous as bright colors trace the young male bird's feather tracks along the back and along the sides of the belly and then begin to fill in the throat, chest, and lower part of the undersides. With this in mind, every hummingbird in late July, and the remaining of autumn through October has the possibility of becoming an exotic species.

I continued photographing this bird for four days and was

amazed at the speed of molt in this species. By the fourth day of its visit the Broad-billed Hummingbird was distinctive so I submitted it to the regional editor of Texas birds for North American Birds. The bird is still present in our garden intermittently. Most likely the Broad-billed Hummingbird is visiting my neighbors' gardens and perhaps it is finding fare on the pasture as well. And typical of hummingbirds, the Green Violet-ear, might be up on the hill again.

But is it true that unusual species do not come through our area? Phooey! Of course not. The birds merely need more people looking.

**Happy Birthday Cowboy!**



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**F.Y.I.**

**Sonora ISD** will dismiss classes at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 23 for the football game in Kermit. The district has also scheduled the Fall Festival for Tuesday, October 27. There will be a 1:00 p.m. dismissal for students and the festival will be held on the Elementary Playground from 4:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. Everyone in the community is invited to attend.

"One GREAT Day of SERVICE" Sat. Oct. 10-2009. Meet at the Library parking lot @ 9am to Trash off The Streets of Sonora.

It's HEB time again!!!! The Kimble Center & Meals on Wheels are sponsoring a rural family retreat at the H.E.B. Butts Foundation Camp near Leaky, in the Texas Hill Country. The retreat is scheduled to begin with check-in at 1:30 PM Tuesday, October 20, 2009. We will be camping at Singing Hills. All cabins are heated and have complete baths, but they are not air conditioned, so you might want to bring a fan. We never know about the weather. Reservations and payments must be received by October 13, 09. The cost for the camp is \$50.00, which pays for the insurance and medical personnel which is required by the Foundation. Please RSVP by October 13, 09. ...also I will get sponsors to pay for camp for those who can't afford the cost of camp. Please let me know as soon as possible so we can make plans to attend. Come by Center or call 325-387-5657 or 325-387-3941

The Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District will be having a tour of Flood Prevention Dams 3 and 4 on October 14th from 1:00 to 4:30 pm. Interested parties will gather at the parking lot across from the Courthouse Annex at 1:00 p.m. to travel to the Flood Prevention sites. This will be an informal program with an NRCS Engineer available to answer questions.

St. Ann's Catholic Church of Sonora is celebrating its 80th anniversary with a mass and fall festival on Sunday, October 25th. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend. The mass will be at 10:00 a.m. at the church, located at 229 W. Plum. From 11am til 2:00 p.m. at Sutton County Civic Center, the church will serve a brisket dinner. Plates are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under. From 11:00 a.m. til 4:00 p.m, games, booths, a silent auction and other activities will take place. The winners of the raffle will be announced at 4:00 p.m. For more information, call the church office at 387-2278.

The Game Dinner Meeting will be held on 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 Historical Society is looking for a stereoscope for children to be able to view the chest full of pictures. Please call Rex Ann at 325-387-2425 and 325-226-2122.

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.

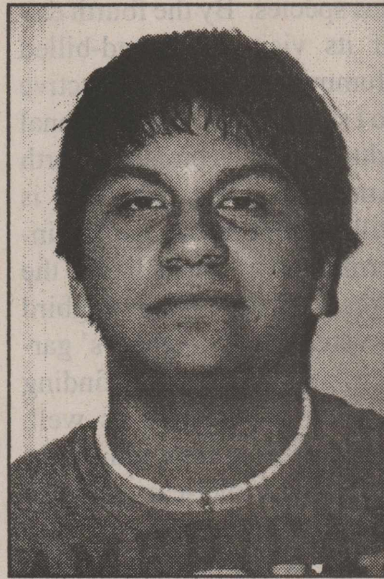
Rent the Depot!  
For more information please call 387-5084. Tues. & Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Sonora High School Alumni - Register at www.sonorahighalumni.com. For more information log on to 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.

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# Sonora High School Students of the Week



Ryan Contreras



Amy Hernandez

## Submitted

Freshman Ryan Contreras and senior Amy Hernandez were announced as Sonora High School's Students of the Week for the week of October 5th.

Amy Hernandez is the daughter of Patricia and Alonzo Hernandez. Her favorite subject is Spanish and her favorite teacher is Coach Jennings. She likes basketball and a #5 from Sonic with cheese tater-tots. Amy dislikes being bored. She is involved in Spanish Club, NHS, Student council the Bronco Band and Youth Group. Amy has lived in Sonora all of her life and her favorite thing about Sonora High are the traditions. Her plans after graduation are to attend college.

Ryan is the son of Amy Jimenez and Martin Contreras. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Garcia and his favorite class is Spanish. Ryan likes to play the piano and dislikes the color orange. He is in Spanish Club and the Sonora Bronco Band. He has lived in Sonora all of his life. His favorite thing about high school is being able to leave campus for lunch and having more freedom. After college Ryan plans to attend ASU for a degree in music.

# Elementary Students of the Week

October 5-9



Kristin Garrett- 4th; Carson Wolfe- 2nd; Sabrina Serrano- 3rd; Paul Luna- PK; Victoria Regino-1st; Lane Taylor- K

# A Road to Hawaii

One day a man was walking along the beach and found a bottle. He looked around and didn't see anyone so he opened it. A genie appeared and thanked the man for letting him out. The genie said, "For your kindness I will grant you a wish, but only one."

The man thought for a minute and said, "I have always wanted to visit Hawaii but have never been able to because I'm afraid of flying and ships make me seasick. So I wish for a road to be built from here to Hawaii."

The genie thought for a minute and said, "No, I don't think I can do that. Just think of all the work involved: the pilings needed to hold up the highway, how deep they would have to be to reach the bottom of the ocean. Think of all the pavement that would be needed. No, that is just too much to ask."

The man thought for a minute and then told the genie, "Well, there is one other thing that I have always wanted. I would like to be able to understand my girlfriend. What makes her laugh and cry, why is she temperamental, why is she so difficult to get along with? Basically, what makes her tick?"

The genie considered for a few minutes and said, "So, do you want two lanes or four?"

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# Chamber Chatter

Submitted by: Donna Garrett

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce will begin a monthly newsletter. We would like to email the newsletter to any member that has an email address. We will also be adding it to our website. If you do not have access to email please let us know and we will be happy to mail a copy to you. If you would like to add any information to the newsletter please let me know by the 20th of each month.

## Advertising Co-op

As we face an economic downturn in Sonora, the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, along with the Sonora Economic Development Corporation, Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, Sutton County Historical Society and the Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary have all band together to get more bang for our buck! The committee has implemented a "Tour Sonora" campaign contract with Eureka! Design. The co-operative campaign provides an affordable opportunity for Sonora's tourism partners to showcase the breadth of cultural heritage and nature tourism travel experiences in Sutton County. There have been media placements in the Texas Highway magazines for the months of May, July and August and will be in the upcoming issue in November for 2009. Ads were placed in the American Cowboy magazine in August and there will be another in the December/January issue. There are more ads coming for 2010. All ad placements direct visitors to [www.toursonora.com](http://www.toursonora.com). Coming soon there will be new billboard covers replacing the ones going East and West on I-10 and also North on Hwy 277. The Sonora Chamber of Commerce is funded in most part by the Hotel Occupancy Tax. Each hotel collects a 13% tax from its guests. 6% of this tax goes to the state and 7% goes to the City of Sonora, who distributes it to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program and the Sutton County Historical Society. The co-op is working hard to market Sonora and put "heads in beds".

## Up Coming Events: Sonora Downtown Lion's Club Auction

The annual Lion's Club Auction will be held Tuesday, October 27th at the Sutton County Civic Center at 6:00 p.m. FMI contact Frank Wamble at 325-387-2524.

## Fall Festival

The Sonora Elementary will be hosting the Fall Festival on Tuesday, October 27th from 4:00 - 7:00 at the Elementary playground.

## Downtown Trick or Treat

The annual downtown trick or treat will be held Friday, October 30th at 10:00 a.m. FMI contact Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program at 325-387-2248.

## New Members:

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# SMS Students of the Week

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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



### NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0010545001

**APPLICATION.** City of Sonora, 201 East Main Street, Sonora, Texas 76950, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010545001 (EPA I.D. No. TX0023191) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 876,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located at 1585 Private Road 3451 south of Sonora and south of Dry Devils River, approximately 6,000 feet south and 2,000 feet west of the intersection of U.S. Highway 277 and 290 in Sutton County, Texas 76950. The discharge route is from the plant site to Dry Devils River; thence to the Devils River. TCEQ received this application on September 2, 2009. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at the Sonora City Hall, 201 East Main Street, Sonora, Texas.

**ADDITIONAL NOTICE.** TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a permit renewal issue a preliminary decision on the application. Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.

**PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application.

If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

**TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST:** your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commission for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

**MAILING LIST.** If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you must file (1) the permanent mailing list for this application, and (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION.** All written public comments and requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at [www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html). If you need more information or assistance, please call TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about TCEQ can be found at our web site at [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us).

Further information may also be obtained from City of Sonora at the address stated above or by calling Pat Prather at (325) 387-2558.

Issuance Date: September 4, 2009

## Comisión de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas



### AVISO DE RECIBO DE LA SOLICITUD Y EL INTENTO DE OBTENER PERMISO PARA LA CALIDAD DEL AGUA RENOVACION

PERMISO NO. WQ0010545001

**SOLICITUD.** Ciudad de Sonora ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas (TCEQ) para renovar el Permiso No. WQ0010545001 (EPA I.D. No. TX 0023191) del Sistema de Eliminación de Descargas de Contaminantes de Texas (TPDES) para autorizar la descarga de aguas residuales tratadas en un volumen que no sobrepasa un flujo promedio diario de 876,000 galones por día. La planta de tratamiento de aguas residuales domésticas está ubicada 1585 Private Road 3451 en el Condado de Sutton, Texas. La ruta de descarga es del sitio de la planta a Dry Devils River. La TCEQ recibió esta solicitud el Septiembre 2, 2009. La solicitud para el permiso está disponible para leerla y copiarla en Ciudad de Sonora salón, 201 East Main Calle, Sonora, Tejas.

**AVISO ADICIONAL.** El Director Ejecutivo de la TCEQ ha determinado que la solicitud es administrativamente completa y conducirá una revisión técnica de la solicitud. Después de completar la revisión técnica, el Director Ejecutivo puede preparar un borrador del permiso y emitirá una Decisión Preliminar sobre la solicitud. El aviso de la solicitud y la decisión preliminar serán publicados y enviados a los que están en la lista de correo de las personas a lo largo del condado que desean recibir los avisos y los que están en la lista de correo que desean recibir avisos de esta solicitud. El aviso dará la fecha límite para someter comentarios públicos.

**COMENTARIO PUBLICO / REUNION PUBLICA.** Usted puede presentar comentarios públicos o pedir una reunión pública sobre esta solicitud. El propósito de una reunión pública es dar la oportunidad de presentar comentario o hacer preguntas acerca de la solicitud. La TCEQ realiza una reunión pública si el Director Ejecutivo determina que hay un grado de interés público suficiente en la solicitud o si un legislador local lo pide. Una reunión pública no es una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.

**OPORTUNIDAD DE UNA AUDIENCIA ADMINISTRATIVA DE LO CONTENCIOSO.** Después del plazo para presentar comentarios públicos, el Director Ejecutivo considerará todos los comentarios apropiados y preparará una respuesta a todos los comentarios públicos esenciales, pertinentes, o significativos. A menos que la solicitud haya sido referida directamente a una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso, la respuesta a los comentarios y la decisión del Director Ejecutivo sobre la solicitud serán enviadas por correo a todos los que presentaron un comentario público y a las personas que están en la lista para recibir avisos sobre esta solicitud. Si se reciben comentarios, el aviso también proveerá instrucciones para pedir una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo y para pedir una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso. Una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso es un procedimiento legal similar a un procedimiento legal civil en un tribunal de distrito del estado.

**PARA PEDIR UNA AUDIENCIA ADMINISTRATIVA DE LO CONTENCIOSO, USTED DEBE INCLUIR EN SU PEDIDO LOS SIGUIENTES DATOS:** su nombre; dirección; teléfono; nombre del solicitante y número del permiso; la ubicación y la distancia de su propiedad/actividad con respecto a la instalación; una descripción específica de la forma cómo usted sería afectado adversamente por el sitio de una manera no común al público en general; y la declaración "[Yo/nosotros] solicito/solicitamos una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso". Si presenta por parte de un grupo o asociación el pedido para una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso, debe identificar el nombre y la dirección de una persona que represente al grupo para recibir correspondencia en el futuro; debe identificar un miembro del grupo que sería afectado adversamente por la planta o la actividad propuesta; debe proveer la información ya indicada anteriormente con respecto a la ubicación del miembro afectado y la distancia de la planta o actividad propuesta; debe explicar cómo y porqué el miembro sería afectado y como los intereses que el grupo desea proteger son pertinentes al propósito del grupo.

Después del cierre de los períodos para los pedidos y comentarios, el Director Ejecutivo enviará la solicitud y los pedidos para reconsideración o por una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso a los Comisionados de la TCEQ para su consideración en una reunión programada de la Comisión.

La Comisión otorgará solamente una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso sobre los hechos reales disputados del caso que son pertinentes y esenciales para la decisión de la Comisión sobre la solicitud. Además, la Comisión sólo otorgará una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso sobre los asuntos que fueran presentados antes del plazo de vencimiento y que no fueron retirados posteriormente. Si ciertos criterios se cumplen, la TCEQ puede actuar sobre una solicitud para renovar un permiso para descargar aguas residuales sin proveer una oportunidad de una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.

**LISTA DE CORREO.** Si somete comentarios públicos, un pedido para una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso o una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo, la Oficina del Secretario Principal enviará por correo los avisos públicos en relación con la solicitud. Además, puede pedir que la TCEQ ponga su nombre en una o más de las listas de correo siguientes (1) la lista de correo permanente para recibir los avisos de el solicitante

indicado por nombre y número del permiso específico y/o (2) la lista de correo de todas las solicitudes en un condado específico. Si desea que se agregue su nombre en una de las listas designe cual lista(s) y envíe por correo su pedido a la Oficina del Secretario Principal de la TCEQ.

**CONTACTOS E INFORMACIÓN DE LA TCEQ.** Todos los comentarios escritos del público y los pedidos para una reunión deben ser presentados a la Oficina del Secretario Principal, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 o por el internet a [www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html).

Si necesita más información en Español sobre esta solicitud para un permiso o el proceso del permiso, por favor llame a la oficina de Asistencia al Público de la TCEQ, sin cobro, al 1-800-687-4040. La información general sobre la TCEQ puede ser encontrada en nuestro sitio de la red: [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us).

También se puede obtener información adicional del Ciudad de Sonora a la dirección indicada arriba o llamando a Patricia Prather al (325) 387-2558.

Fecha de emisión: Septiembre 4, 2009

## Oil & Agribusiness

### Hunter Education Course To Be Offered October 17th

By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Agricultural Extension Agent



Deer season is just around the corner. Hunters will be afield by the thousands in pursuit of the popular white-tailed deer. Some will bring home a trophy, while others will sport a trophy-sized tale. But, before going to deer camp, there are two things to keep in mind—safety and the law.

Every hunter (including out-of-state hunters) born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, must successfully complete a Hunter Education Training Course. Minimum age of certification is 9 years and the cost is \$15. Hunter education not only teaches hunting safety, skills and responsibility, but is also the first step in a lifelong commitment to conservation and sportsmanship.

To that effect, the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Parks & Wildlife will offer a Hunter Education course. It will be held at the Sonora High School on October 17th and 18th. The course

runs from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the 17th. The course continues on the 18th from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Topics covered will include Hunter Safety & Responsibility, Primitive & Modern Firearms, Our Hunting Heritage, Hunting As a Wildlife Management Tool, Survival & Wilderness First Aid, Wildlife Identification, and Basic Hunting Techniques. Upon satisfactory completion, those 9 years old and older will receive their hunter certification.

If you want to learn about firearm & hunter safety, need to take a hunter certification course, or have a youth ready for his/her first hunting experience: DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS OPPORTUNITY. Call the Sutton County Extension Office at 387-3101 for details or to register. Hunters' responsible efforts will safeguard hunting opportunities and adventures in the great outdoors.

### Wildlife Management Program Slated for Llano County Oct. 16

LLANO – Texas AgriLife Extension Service's office in Llano County and the Hill Country Livestock Raisers Association will conduct a wildlife management program from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Oct. 16 at the American Legion Hall in Llano, 200 Legion Drive.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered (one integrated pest management and two general).

The program topics and speakers will include:

- Quail management and predator control focusing on coyotes, Dr. Jim Gallagher, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist, Uvalde.
- Deer management and the

effects livestock grazing and prescribed burning are having on wildlife, Kerr Wildlife Management Area personnel.

• Building a rainwater catchment quail guzzler, Bryan Davis, AgriLife Extension agent, Bexar County.

• Facts on the local deer population and deer counts, Dale Schmidt, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Llano.

Individual pre-registration by 5 p.m. Oct. 15 is \$10 and \$15 thereafter. The fee covers a hamburger lunch benefiting the 4-H clubs in Llano County.

For more information and to RSVP, call the AgriLife Extension office in Llano County at 325-247-5159.

### Weekly Migratory Bird Hunting Report

Central Zone Dove: San Antonio, Uvalde, Del Rio and fields just south of Abilene have held the most consistent shoots recently. Better flights have occurred lately with the absence of showers over the weekend. Whitewings continue to dominate San Antonio fields of corn and milo. Afternoon hunters have shot near-limits around treelines. High-flyers have trickled from South Zone fields near Uvalde. Katy, Hockley and Brookshire fields have been fair at best, and hunter participation has been scarce. Still some good whitewing shoots around Sealy and Columbus. Dayton and Beaumont fields have given up half-limits. The season runs through Oct. 25. Prospects are fair to good.

"The patience of the hunter is always greater than that of the prey."  
 -Anonymous

### Bowhunters May Need To Go Native During Archery Season

AUSTIN, Texas — An early and abundant acorn crop may force Texas bowhunters to seek out native food supplies during archery season, which runs Oct. 3-Nov. 6.

Reports from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department field biologists indicate above average mast crop production and an early acorn drop. Recent rains across much of the state have also helped generate forb production, adding to the availability of native food sources for deer.

By some accounts, the number of Texas bowhunters has grown during the last 15-to-20 years and those ranks are likely to grow even more now that crossbows are allowed during the archery-only season.

For the first time since 1975 when Texas implemented a Special Archery Stamp requirement, hunters will be allowed to use crossbows during the archery-only hunting season.

Previously, crossbows could only be used during an archery-only season by persons with an upper-limb disability. Recent legislative action gave authority to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission to allow any person, regardless of physical ability, to use a crossbow during the archery-only season.

One exception is that crossbows may be used in Grayson County during the archery-only season only by hunters with an upper-limb disability who possess a physician's statement attesting to the permanent loss of the use of fingers, hand or arm in a manner that renders a person incapable of using a longbow, compound bow or recurved bow. Any licensed hunter may use a crossbow during the regular deer season.

Bowhunters are reminded that an archery stamp and a valid Texas hunting license are required. Hunter education requirements must also be met.

While recent rains will help improve current range conditions, whitetails in South Texas are battling through an extended stress period that started with last year's rut, according to biologists.

"Last season the rut was later and more spread out than normal and this did not fare well for mature deer," said Daniel Kunz, TPWD biologist in Alice. "By the first of February bucks were extremely drawn down and numerous reports of early antler shedding were occurring; an indication that bucks could be in poor shape. This will likely affect antler quality."

Hunters should expect a reasonable number of 2 ½ year old bucks and 5 ½ to 7 ½ year old bucks as 2002-2004 and 2007 were good fawn production years resulting in good carry over, added TPWD biologist Dustin Windsor in Cotulla.

One region of the state that is entering the fall hunting season in prime condition is the Panhandle, according to Calvin Richardson, TPWD district biologist in Amarillo.

"The Panhandle deer herds both mule and whitetail are in great condition and should go into the fall in great shape," said Richardson. "With harvest being down last year, we should have some older aged bucks carry over into this year's season. My guess is that both mule deer and white-tails are not going to have to move around much to find quality forage, so hunting feeders might not be as productive as in years that we have been dry.

"Probably, the only downside that I could imagine is that we probably are going to have a heck of a mosquito crop at the beginning of archery season with all of the plays full," he added.

Bowhunters in 52 counties this season will be joining those in 61 existing counties having buck antler restrictions. Legal bucks in those counties are those with at least 1 unbranched antler (e.g., spikes and 3-pointers) or having an inside spread of at least 13 inches.

Newly affected counties include: Anderson, Angelina, Archer, Atascosa, Brazos, Brown, Chambers, Clay, Cooke, Denton, Ellis, Falls, Freestone, Grayson, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Henderson, Hill, Hood, Hunt, Jack, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Kaufman, Liberty, Limestone, Madison, McLennan, Milam, Mills, Montague, Montgomery, Navarro, Newton, Orange, Palo Pinto, Parker, Polk, Robertson, San Jacinto, Smith, Stephens, Tarrant, Trinity, Tyler, Van Zandt, Walker, Wichita, Wise, and Young.

Archers should also note

whitetail bag limits have changed in several counties across the state. Be sure to check the county listings in the 2009-2010 Outdoor Annual of hunting and fishing regulations for the county hunted.

Also, bowhunters taking advantage of opportunities on TPWD managed public lands under the \$48 Annual Public Hunting Permit should take note that crossbows are legal on those sites open for archery season, unless otherwise stated in year's Public Hunting Lands map booklet.

The crossbow restriction allowing only hunters with documented upper limb disabilities remains in effect in all six units in Public Hunting Region-4 Dallas /Ft. Worth (Cooper Wildlife Management Area, Sulphur Unit of Cooper Lake State Park, Caddo National Grasslands WMA both units, Tawakoni WMA and Pat Mayse WMA) and three of the 14 units in Public Hunting Region-5 Pineywoods (White Oak Creek WMA, Caddo Lake WMA and Old Sabine Bottom WMA).

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# Keep SONORA Beautiful

By Susan Hall

A very famous quote by former President John F. Kennedy was, "Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country." That is the spirit behind many volunteers. This Saturday, October 10, 2009 will be a day set aside for volunteers to get together and take trash off the streets of Sonora. Keep Sonora Beautiful will team up with Sutton County 4-H. All past members of 4-H and all present members are asked to give back to your community by volunteering and giving "One Day 4H". The goal being to encourage everyone to make a huge difference in their commu-

nity and come together in one day, uniting the spirit of service like President Kennedy asked the people of the United States to commit to. Also area churches have chosen the "Mission in Motion" project for the month of October to be this day to volunteer and help pick up litter. The mission is to help beautify Sonora, making a positive impact on our community. We will meet at the Library parking lot at 9am Saturday morning, and then "trash off" the streets of Sonora, meeting back for a lunch of hotdogs and chips. So let's make this one GREAT DAY OF SERVICE and help Keep Sonora Beautiful!

by Dr. Don Newbury

It is entirely possible--perhaps even likely--that I am too easily "bugged;" it's heaps worse than being merely bothered.

My propensity dates back 65 years to a sleepy afternoon of third-grade spelling.

We were jarred awake when our teacher challenged us to spell "milk (sic) cow." Springing to my feet, with a strong voice that boomed across the room, I belted out my sure-fire response, enunciating each letter: "M-I-L-K C-O-W."

"Wrong, Sherlock," she responded. "It is 'M-I-L-C-H C-O-W'..."

She proceeded to say how much it "bugged" her that nobody gets it right, and that we could look it up if we doubted her.

Crimson-faced and accustomed to getting answers wrong mostly during arithmetic, I raced to the big dictionary atop a tall rolling pedestal that was seldom disturbed.

Sure enough: The preferred spelling was "perzactly" as she had claimed. From then on, I was easily "bugged."...

Here's one more "blame game" card. My high school math teacher must have grown weary of an admonition directed to me daily during algebra: "Don't try to change it; try to understand it."

Sadly, I always "gee'd" when I should have "hawed," alge-

# THE IDLE AMERICAN How's That Again?...

braically speaking. A vague memory lingers about the formula "pi R square," and this because of the old joke repeated by a bumpkin. "Pie aren't square," he argued, "Pie are round; cornbread are square."

Still, my penchant for being "bugged" was strengthened, thanks to our ever-gracious superintendent/teacher/counselor, O. B. Chambers. "I am bugged," he admitted, "When people who ought to know better mention a range, then cite only half enough figures."...

We who share this misery of "buggedness" welcome others to our fraternity. If our beloved educational leader also held membership, could it be all bad?

Mr. Chambers went on to illustrate, citing "salaries in the \$10,000 range, temperatures in the 70-degree range, or corn stalks in the six-foot range." A light went on when he explained that \$10,000-\$15,000, 70-75 degrees or 6-8 foot stalks would make range references acceptable.

Sure enough, across the years TV weathermen, news anchors and well-known journalists continue to "get it half right," and I'm "bugged" like Mr. Chambers was....

About a hundred times annually, I stand behind lecterns, committing speeches

around the country, and sometimes even in town.

"Buggedness" sets in when fellow speakers mention, "standing behind" or "gripping" the podium.

I am tempted to say, "Wrong Sherlock; you can look it up. The podium is the platform on which we stand. We stand behind--and grip--lecterns."...

And what about career accountants, who ply their trades for decades, wondering if they'll be remembered as "COMPtrollers" or "CON-trollers?"

Not too long after numbers were discovered, lexicologists agreed on the spelling for the profession of folks best able to keep up with 'em: "c-o-m-p-t-r-o-l-l-e-r." For a time, "controller" was the preferred pronunciation.

In recent years, however, usage has "conned" us into pronouncing the word "comptroller." This is, I suppose, as it should be. Word pronunciation may be the lone arena in which confusion is lessening.....

The late Gene Hendryx, former state representative who owned and operated Alpine Radio Station KVLV, never lived down an innocent on-the-air "goof." In a livestock market report, he called sheep offspring "e-wees."

Guffaws thundered across the Big Bend area; his "agricultural cover" was blown.

Old nesters ribbed him for

decades, one saying he was plumb shocked at Hendryx's "proNOUNciation."...

Let us pots (we pots?) who call kettles black consider my friend, Dr. Robert Smith, a respected minister/educator. Years ago, he spoke about "The Tower of Babel" at a meeting of Baptist college presidents.

At the risk of opening a "can of theological worms" (or should it be a "theological can of worms?"), I do so anyway....

A prior speaker who was assigned the same topic repeatedly called it "BAY-bel." Dr. Smith squirmed, feeling strongly that most scholars favor the pronunciation that rhymes with "babble." He knew, too, that it was the capital of Babylonia, and that "babble" originated there.

Not wanting to embarrass his colleague or create any divisiveness among the presidents (who regularly argued over less), he parroted his predecessor. "BAY-bel," he said, emphasizing the long "a" with the clarity of an Alps yodeler.

There, friends, was a "class act" by a man who might be "unbuggable." Ethelyn, his bride of 63 years, might not agree. And I see no reason to ask her how she pronounces "Babel."...

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### JULY CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION

Texas preliminary July 2009 crude oil production averaged 880,407 barrels daily, down from 886,799 barrels daily average of July 2008.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for July

2009 is 27,292,609 barrels, down from 27,490,777 barrels reported during July 2008.

### AUGUST OIL AND GAS COMPLETIONS

In August 2009, operators reported 465 oil, 566 gas, 26 injection and one other completion compared to 357 oil, 696 gas, 30 injection and three other completions during August 2008.

Total well completions for 2009 year to date are 11,618 up from 10,398 recorded during the same period in 2008.

Operators reported 340 holes plugged and zero dry holes in August 2009 compared to 462 holes plugged and four dry holes in August 2008.

### JULY NATURAL GAS

### PRODUCTION

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Texas production in July 2009 came from 141,461 oil and 93,317 gas wells.

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#### COUNTY - CRUDE OIL (BBLs)

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9. MIDLAND - 956,414
10. MARTIN - 799,071

### JULY TEXAS TOP TEN GAS PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION

#### COUNTY - TOTAL GAS (MCF)

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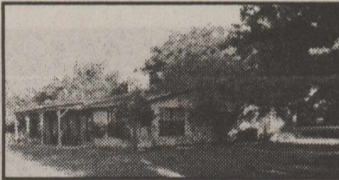
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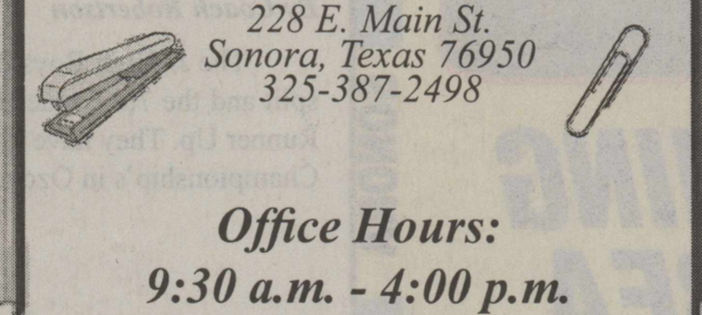
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## Junior High Girls Cross Country

By Coach Abbey

The Junior High Girls Cross Country team finished second and received a runner-up trophy!

It was a Good Team effort, and they deserve appreciation for a job well done!

The Lady Colts were 2nd of 9 teams in Ozona. Now they will try to get back on top at Junction!

1st	Jaclyn Abbey	12.55
11th	Katie Braly	14.04
19th	Megan Yourgalite	14.33
31st	Crystal Lopez	15.34
32nd	Lillian Kent	15.37
40th	Jessi Tellez	16.19
41st	Madison Wolfe	16.19
44th	Abby Nolen	16.34
47th	Miranda Perez	16.44
49th	Logan Sine	16.55
51st	Jackie Limon	17.01
52nd	Logan Smith	17.01
54th	Kim Fraire	17.08
58th	Anna Trevino	17.20
59th	Mia Smith	17.21
63rd	Selina Ramirez	17.38
66th	Jomayra Gutierrez	18.00
69th	Makayla Herrada	18.54
78th	Halle Samaniego	20.32
79th	Annalisa Perez	20.40
81st	Jazmin Ramos	20.49
82nd	Valencia Billardo	20.51
85th	Julissa Esquivel	21.28
86th	Salina Trevino	21.47
88th	Breanna Reyna	23.56
90th	Jalesa Coronado	26.29

## Junior High Boys Cross Country

By Coach Robertson

The Jr High Boys did really well this weekend at Junction! The 7th and 8th boys were split and the 7th Grade Boys came out with a 1st place Trophy and the 8th Grade Boys were Runner Up. They have gotten better each week and we are getting ready to take home District Championship's in Ozona. All of the 7th grade boys received a medal.

### 7th Grade Boys

1st	Tanner Esparza	13:42
3rd	Pedro Campa	14:26
5th	Jonathan Gutierrez	14:37
6th	Hunter Hughes	14:58
7th	Dub Latham	15:13
10th	Marco Valdez	16:00

### 8th Grade Boys

5th	James Braly	13:04
8th	Anastacio Munoz	13:52
11th	Daniel Campa	14:07
17th	Scott Gonzales	14:49
18th	Erasmus Esquivel	14:50

## Freshmen Take on Braves

By Coach Evans

The Mighty Freshmen team jetted out of Sonora Thursday night to take on the Ingram Braves. The kickoff was postponed due to Jr. High games. We finally got the nod and the game was on. The Young Guns set the wall and this time, Mario Bonilla took the opening kickoff all the way to their 30 yard line. We then started the march, Pennington had a nice run off left tackle, Evans and Lopez set him up, along with a new line that was developed by

Blake Esparza, Nathan Jarrett, Alex Solis, Mark Samaniego, Alonzo Hernandez, Ricardo Regino and Jason Alaman. These guys really stepped up and did a great job on the line.

Darrin Lopez was called up to become one of our running backs and several times made good runs up the middle. We marched the ball up and down the field. Alfred Rodriguez had some fantastic runs around the corners, but were called back for penalties.

The Braves had to punt back to us on several occasions and we had good returns but were unable to put points on the board. The game ended at halftime 0-0, and with the clouds marching in themselves, the Broncos trotted back on to the field, but the game was called due to lighting. Again, thanks Bronco fans for supporting the Young Guns, and we can't forget those trusted Water Girls Abby Creek, Marci Parks and Taylor Hampton who make these trips. Thanks girls.