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School Board Discusses Budget

By Brian Blackbird

The Sonora School Board of Trustees most recent meeting covered this year's budget along with a discussion on the TEA (Texas Educational Agency) and the rule changes of chapter 41 (Robin Hood) recapture. It was stated that "we are having trouble getting anyone to answer the phone over there", creating confusion with our school finances. Even though we didn't buy a single computer, bus, vehicle or equipment last year the budget is looking toward the red. Besides a bad economy, another contributing factor is a lower number of students enrolled which lowers our reimbursement from TEA. Superintendent Gibson stated it cost 4 to 6 million dollars to

operate the school from September to January.

In a subsequent discussion board members were surprised to find out that band is now mandatory for 5th and 6th grade. The board's discussion on this topic centered on the specifics regarding the cost associated with providing music equipment to the students.

Next, the board discussed the food service budget as well as some concerns on the menu selection. Mandatory breakfast at the high school along with possible phasing out off campus lunch (next year) to generate much needed revenue was also discussed.

The issue of lawn maintenance for the district was addressed since it was not bud-

geted for this year. It has not been a budgeted item in the past because 2 employee's salaries were budgeted towards that goal. Lawn maintenance will be added to this year's budget, but the board has yet to determine how it is going to be managed. One solution proposed would be to hire one individual to care for all the districts grounds. The board meeting rounded out with discussions about substitute teacher frequency and other expenses.

The next school board meeting will be held Monday, August 29th at 5:30 p.m. at the vocational building where the budget will be finalized. All members of the community are encouraged to attend.

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Cheerleaders
Attended
UCA Cheer



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Left to Right: Andrew, James, Emily, Tamara, and Michael Crawford pose in front of the Suri Castle while on deployment in Okinawa, Japan.

Editors Note

Dusty Padilla is a 4 year veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He has served our country in the Pacific as well as Iraq. Dusty has agreed to write a series of articles about the day to day lives of service men/women and their families. We feel it is important that people fully understand the sacrifice our soldiers and their families make for our freedom.

By Dusty Padilla

It is Sunday night as an American family sits down at the table. After dinner and the dishes everyone jumps on the couch to watch a movie. After a few hours of couch time bedtime comes with the promise of school in the morning for the kids and work for everyone else. Its back to that weekly grind at a job we probably hate and a boss we probably can't stand. This is what it is like for typical families in America.

Half way around the world on that same Sunday night an American military member sits down at his footlocker. His dinner will consist of whatever the mess hall had, and maybe a soda. That is of course if the convoy didn't get attacked that day; otherwise it's just a cold MRE and a bottle of water. After that he has just enough time to write a letter home to his family. That letter may ask how their day went and what they did. Even the smallest detail as to who did the dishes makes him smile. Monday comes early and it's back to a job he unconditionally does for a Country he loves. This is what it is like or the typical military member that is deployed.

We spend our days angry because we get cut off in traffic or because some sports team did not win. We complain when McDonalds messes up an order or when we don't get that morning cup of coffee. The painful truth is that we actually have the luxury of complaining about the every day, or enjoying something as simple as a family dinner because of the sacrifice of others. How many of us have been in a situation where we could not afford something because we may not get paid this month, but how many of us have had to sit there and watch as our husbands or wives get on a plane or a ship; only to return a year later? How many have had to hear their sons or daughters say "I won't be able to talk to you for a month mom and dad...?" The truth is only a handful know what I'm talking about and truly understand. I'm not just writing about something I have no idea about. See, I've lived through these experiences myself. However this article isn't about me, in a way it's about all of us.

James and Tamara Crawford

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School Days Come Again



Erin Burnham greets her daughter after her first day of School.



An intrepid student makes his way to another class.

Broncos Are Ready

By Ray Glasscock

To prepare for the 2011 Bronco football season, the Broncos played in two scrimmages. During a scrimmage, the sub-varsity players wear their practice jerseys. This year the varsity players wore jerseys with numbers, but the jersey numbers are not the ones that they will wear once the season starts.

The Broncos played the Llano Yellow Jackets in Llano on August 13. This was a controlled scrimmage where the coaches from both teams were on the field providing instant instruction to the players. At Llano, the Freshman and JV teams ran 20 offensive plays and 20 defensive plays.

It was hard to keep track of scoring since the Freshman and JV were playing at the same time. To the best of my knowledge, the Freshman scored four touchdowns and allowed two. One of the Freshman's touchdowns was scored on a bruising run up the middle by Elijah Cross. Scott Gonzalez scored on a broken

field quarterback keeper for the JV.

The Varsity scored four touchdowns, but one may have been called back. Dallas Payne scored twice. He scored on a short run on the spread version of the flanker reverse. Imoni Cross and Payne also combined for an option play that covered about 70 yards. Clayton Parks completed a touchdown pass to Davis Jimenez. Parks also completed a long pass to Word Hudson to give the Broncos a first and goal. Edward Garza got the score on a run up the middle.

The defense looked very sharp. Freshman Elijah Cross and Junior Blake Esparza had sacks.

The Varsity ran 48 offensive plays: 20 passes and 28 runs. The Broncos had 331 yards of offense with 164 yards rushing and 167 yards passing.

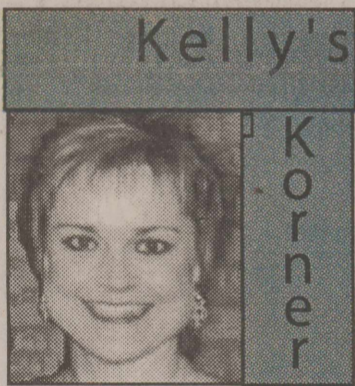
Last Thursday, the Broncos traveled to Grape Creek for their final scrimmage with the Bangs Dragons. The Freshman scored their first touch-

down on their third play. Brett Castillo ran off tackle for about 15 yards and was tackled at the one. Andres Acevedo got the touchdown on the quarterback delayed keeper. On the second drive, Acevedo scrambled for a nice gain. Elijah Cross gained more yardage leaving the touchdown for Acevedo on the quarterback keeper. Castillo scored the last Freshman touchdown.

The only score for the JV Broncos came on a long pass from Scott Gonzales to a wide receiver.

During the controlled portion of the varsity action, Bangs started on offense. On their first play, they gained 24 yards on a running play and a first down. During the remainder of their 60 offensive plays, they made only one other first down. On four of their drives, they lost yardage. The Bronco defense was playing at mid-season form.

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Senior Center Activities

Thurs. August 25 - Sign Up to Volunteer!
 Fri. August 26 - Happy Birthday *Bennie King*
 Mon. August 29 - Bingo
 Tues. August 30 - Exercise Video
 Wed. August 31 - Ice Cream Social at Noon

Senior Center Menu

Thurs. August 25 - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, spinach, cake garlic toast, fruit cocktail, milk
 Fri. August 26 - Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, pinto beans tossed salad, flour tortilla, Jell-O w/fruit
 Mon. August 29 - Frito pie w/cheese, baked beans, milk tossed salad w/cROUTONS, applesauce
 Tues. August 30 - Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, milk mixed vegetables, cornbread, Jell-O
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Letter to the Editor

-I do not know who Linda Lorenz is, but as a retired school teacher, I feel compelled to reply to the letter to the editor from her in the August 11 issue of the Devil's River News.

The letter was well-written, the spelling was perfect, the grammar was correct, and the vocabulary was outstanding. Linda Lorenz wrote: "the activities which are performed in and around a fieldhouse are every bit as important to a solid and diversified education or other areas of an 'educational infrastructure'."


Where did Linda Lorenz receive the education to allow her to even write a letter? Was it in the classroom of reading and writing, or on the field of athletics?

Furthermore, she wrote the letter expecting it to be read. Where did her readers receive the ability to read this letter? It was in the classroom.

Lastly, I firmly believe that the field of athletics is important, but I still maintain that academics should take precedence over athletics to prepare our young people for a successful future.

Charlotte Wilson
 (My own name)

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James



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 Wes & Hollie

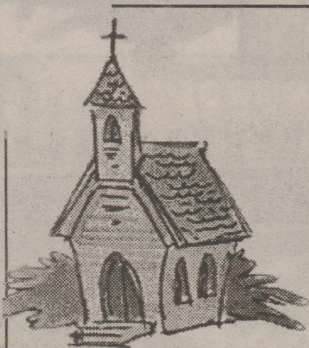
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Parents Can Teach Children School Bus Safety

Adapted By: Kelly L Thorp
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As schools reopen, it is a good time to remember that it takes the cooperation of many people to get children there and back safely.

It is especially important for parents to teach young children—preschoolers, kindergartners, and primary students—how to wait for the school bus. Teach children to stay back from the curb or on the driveway, away from traffic, while they wait. They should learn not to approach the street until the bus comes to a complete stop, its lights are flashing, and the door opens.

Hold some practice sessions. Help them pick a spot on the sidewalk or driveway where they will be safely away from traffic but can still watch for the approaching school bus. This will help them avoid the temptation of leaning or stepping out into the street to see whether the bus is coming. If children must cross the street or road, parents should remind them to look both ways, even when the bus is stopped and its lights are flashing. Stress to your children that it is just as important for them to stay in their seats on the school bus as it is in the car. Explain that the bus driver hasn't made up the "sit-down-and-be-quiet" rules to be mean, but that you and the school agreed upon these rules to help keep them safe.

School-bus safety is just as important at the end of the day. Teach children how to safely exit the bus. Children should know to step away from the bus as soon as they get off.

Tell them to walk away from the bus, then stop and turn around to look at the driver. If the child can see the driver, the driver can see that the child is safely away from the bus. If parents and bus drivers cooperate to teach these items until it becomes a habit for children, drivers will know to look for something wrong if they cannot see the child watching them. Children's clothing and school packs can also be a part of a school-bus accident prevention strategy. Tragedies can occur when a child's clothing is snagged on the bus and the child could be fatally dragged or crushed under the bus. Examine coats and jackets to make sure there are no strings, straps, buckles, etc. that can get caught on part of the bus. Also avoid long scarves and flapping mittens on sleeves in the winter. Carry backpacks or book bags so that the straps don't get caught.

With all the excitement about starting a new school year and seeing old friends, children need their parents to be persistent in reminding them of the rules that will get them safely to school and back home again.
Source: <http://www.ext.vt.edu/news>

Grandparents Day Is Coming!

(SPM Wire) It's only been in existence in America since 1978, but National Grandparents Day has been increasing in popularity each year.

This year it will be celebrated on September 11 by families nationwide.

The holiday was founded by Marian McQuade, a housewife in West Virginia who was motivated by a desire to educate young people about the important historical contributions made by seniors. She also sought to come to the aid of lonely seniors in nursing homes.

In a fitting tribute, the official flower for Grandparents Day is the Forget-me-not!

Interestingly, the first Grandmother's Day is said to have been celebrated in Poland in 1964.

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When the Broncos were on offense, they were able to move the ball well, but two promising drives ended on interceptions. The Broncos got their only touchdown on a pass from Imoni Cross to Dallas Payne. The play covered about 40 yards with the speedy Payne doing most of the work.

During the live quarter, the Bronco defense held the Dragons to only one first down. Imoni Cross exhibited his broken field running abilities as he three times scrambled for big plays. Cademan Pope had a big defensive play as he knocked down a Bangs' pass from his defensive end position. On offense he caught two passes for critical gains. Edward Garza scored the only touchdown during the live quarter on a 15-yard run. Kade Wimberley kicked the PAT.

During the overtime simu-

lation, Cross scrambled for an apparent touchdown, but it was called back for holding. Facing third and 24, Cross scrambled his way to the open field and threw to Word Hudson for a 14 yard gain. On fourth down, he passed to Pope who caught the ball short of the first down. He refused to go down and drug the defenders for enough yardage for the first down. Once again, Garza got the touchdown on a 13 yard run. This time the PAT was wide right. When Bangs went on offense, it looked like the Bronco defense was going to have it too easy. On third and long, a sack was judged to be a roughing the passer penalty instead. This gave the Dragons a first and goal from the eight yardline. After three plays, the Dragons had gained three yards. On fourth down, Damon Evans sacked the quarterback ending the overtime.

This Friday at 7:30, the Broncos hit the field for real playing host to the Brady Bulldogs. Come out and support the Broncos.

Budgeting For School

It's time once again to buy new school supplies, clothes and other necessities your kids need for the school year. This can be a big financial undertaking for many families, making back-to-school shopping a great opportunity to talk to your kids about important money management topics like budgeting and saving.

"This year our annual back-to-school survey found that only 15 percent of parents have created a back-to-school shopping budget with their child," says Shelley Solheim, Director of Financial Education at Capital One. "Back-to-school shopping season is often overlooked as a financial education opportunity, but it's an optimal time for parents to teach teens about budgets and smart spending in a real-world situation."

Here are some tips to help you and your teen budget for back-to-school supplies:

- Make it a family affair: Sit down and compile a list of supplies your child needs. Then see if you have any leftover supplies from last year, such as binders that can be re-used or glue sticks and crayons.
- Do reconnaissance: In addition to contacting the school and visiting their website to find out what supplies your kids will need, consider talking to teachers and parents of older kids to find out what students actually need for each grade level.
- Create a budget: Ask your teens how much they think is reasonable to spend on supplies. Then draft a list and price each item using the Internet or a mobile app.



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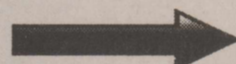
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Homecoming Parade plans are underway for this years homecoming parade. Details will be announced at a later date. For more information, please contact FHS Main Street @ 325-387-2248.

Sutton County Friends of NRA Pre-event raffle is underway! Tickets are \$10 each with one winner taking home five firearms and a 14 gun fire resistant safe. Tickets may be purchased at Buck N Bass/Sonora Air Cooled Engines, by contacting Tonya @ 387-3861 or 206-0454 or by contacting any committee member. The winning ticket will be drawn during our 4th Annual Auction/Banquet, Saturday, September 17, 2011. Your support is appreciated!

Annual Lion's Club Auction will be October 18, 2011. Your donation of items will be greatly appreciated. Sonora Downtown Lion's Club contributes to numerous local organizations and supports local youth with scholarship opportunities. The annual auction is the club's biggest fundraiser. Please call Janalyn Jones at 226-0067 for more information.

Eldorado Game Dinner & Drawing 11:00 AM, November 5, 2011 at the Schleicher County Civic Center on US Hwy 277 South in Eldorado. Tickets for the drawing are \$1 each and BBQ brisket and sausage plates are \$10 and include 2 raffle tickets.

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LionsRoar



The Sonora Downtown Lion's Club honored past president Pete Bradley at this weeks meeting. Pete has been an outstanding Lion and president. Sam Kent was the first to honor him with a list of new Lions that Pete has introduced to the club. A Scout Official from Fort Stockton also spoke concerning the leadership provided by Pete in strengthening the Scouting Program in Sonora. Frank Wamble spoke of the Leadership that Pete provided as President but also his ability to encourage and support those who are actively engaged in getting the work done.

A plaque honoring Pete was given to him. It read as follows, "Sonora Downtown Lion's Club in the Lion's spirit of service to others would like to honor Colonel Peter Bradley due to exemplary leadership and outstanding service in the many areas of Lion's activities as President in 2010-2011. And for challenging the Club to be the best it can be in all areas and is giving an annual scholarship in his name to those deserving this honor in that they follow his example of leadership and commitment. "It was felt that this scholarship would be a fitting tribute best promote and encourage the spirit of service to others and would be an award that would continue to give honor. Activities

Lions are to keep in mind that they will be hosting the annual welcome to new teachers and honor those currently teaching in the Sonora ISD next Tuesday evening, August 16th. The cooking will begin at 4pm and the meal is expected to be served at 6pm. The meal will be served in the Common's Area at the High School.

Lions keep in mind that service will be rendered on October 1st, for a community activity, and later in October hosting the Lion's from this District. And the Lion's Auction is fast approaching. Looking for something to do, join the Lion's Club, there is a great deal going on!

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have been my friends for 12 long years, yet they are more like family to me. James spends his days providing for his family and Tamara is an excellent cake maker/decorator. Their days are normal for the most part. They live in San Angelo, TX; well when not deployed. That's right; this family isn't your normal American family. They are one of the few that choose a life riddled with pain, grief and stress. Right now Tamara and the kids are in Okinawa, Japan for the next three years, while her husband and their father (SSGT-staff sergeant- James Crawford) is in Iraq. This is not the first deployment they have suffered through, nor will it be the last. Just like every military family they go through the same process. Their story is not different from anyone else's; they are just close to my heart.

While Talking with Tamara, James' incredible wife and a loving mother to their three terrific kids; Michael, Andrew and Emily. She brought this to my attention by asking me, "Have you ever been afraid to answer the door? The fear that whoever rang that bell could change your life forever. Have you ever had to hold your new born child up to a computer screen, so your husband could see his new baby

for the first time? Would you wait 8 or more hours in the heat of the day in a parking lot to be sure you are there when your spouse comes home from a "business trip"? Have you ever been excited to see a bus? Has your heart ever leapt to see a man; tired, filthy, thin, clothes hanging off his body, muddy, sometimes holes in his boots? These feelings can be horrifying and extraordinary. Life is different when you are a military spouse. It is demanding more times than most; but worth it. There is no worse feeling kissing your Marine, Solider, Airman or Sailor for the last time before they ship out. There is no greater feeling than kissing them when they come home! The world stops when you see that bus, that scrawny dirty man, and when your lips touch your heart is whole again. I have been a Marine wife for 9 years. I have been through 3 deployments, each one with children. These feelings never change. Deployments never get easier. I do not like feeling that part of me is missing, but I appreciate and embrace it. I am grateful that I feel this way because it means I love so

deeply it hurts, even better you do not have to be married to a service member to get to experience these marvelous things; just support one." It is most touching to know that there are people, who are, willing to lay down their lives just so everyone they love will be safe and be secure. It is even more of a peaceful feeling knowing that they do not complain about it.

I have asked SSGT. James and Tamara Crawford if I may have the pleasure of writing about them. This was their response, and I quote "We are nothing special to write about, we understand what we do and we feel honored that you would think so." How is it even possible that through all their strife and sleepless nights that they still think they are nothing remarkable? I'm sure I speak for every service member and family when I say; they all believe that. They do not worry about day to day life, for they do not have that luxury. They worry about the man or woman next to them. They worry about the family down the hall who just received distressing news. I would like everyone to accompany me, if you would like, on their journey and how they deal with what the Marine Corps ask of them. Hopefully

it is something everyone enjoys, and I also hope that we all take away something from it. As this is my first story ever, it will be beneficial to have any input or criticism from the readers. To all my brothers and sisters who have served, are serving and will ultimately make the hardest decision to serve; I salute you.

Semper Fidelis



A hundred times every day I remind myself that my inner and outer life depend on the labors of other men, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received and am still receiving.

Albert Einstein

Modern World Dictionary
page 19.95

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1. fastious, flowtacious motion.
2. a rapidiculous speedaclism of blazintatious internet speed.
3. instant gratifaction of spectaculuous information.
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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The City of Sonora will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.764471 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on September 1, 2011 at 6:00 PM at CITY HALL.

The second public hearing will be held on September 8, 2011 at 6:00 PM at CITY HALL.

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

- FOR: Councilmembers - Wamble, Hernandez, Martinez and Neal
- AGAINST:
- PRESENT and not voting:
- ABSENT:

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in City of Sonora last year was \$70,061. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.510000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$357.31.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in City of Sonora this year is \$74,044. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.501000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$370.96.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.539900 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$399.76.

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

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Oil & Agribusiness

Next Year's Ranch Planning Starts Now

By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent



The drought has meant selling off a lot of livestock. But it WILL rain again. Grass will grow, and livestock will be back. The tough part is making ends meet now, during this dry time. Feed and fuel prices are up, but then again, so are the livestock markets. So the question is how to plan for next year and what conditions may be. All this is the subject of a multi-county ranch management workshop slated for 8:30 a.m. September 13 at the Ozona Convention Center.

The program will be conducted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service offices in Sutton and Crockett counties. The workshop topics are meant to help area producers manage their way through this drought. Topics will include: "Livestock Market Outlook: Current Trends and Expectations for Cattle, Sheep and Goats" by Dr. Rick Machen, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, Uvalde. The second topic is "Disaster Assistance Program through the Farm Services Agency/The Economics of Managing Livestock During Drought" given by Bill Thompson, AgriLife Extension economist, San Angelo. Thompson will also discuss tax implications (and options) brought on by having to sell livestock due to drought.

The last morning talk will be "Livestock Theft Awareness" discussed by Jack Andrews, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Brady. Following lunch, Alyson McDonald, AgriLife Extension range program specialist, Fort Stockton will finish with "Drought Recovery on Rangelands". Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units (C.E.U.s) will be offered for those with a private applicators license.

Individual registration is \$10. Lunch will be served. RSVP by Sept. 9 so an accurate meal count can be made. For more information or to RSVP call the AgriLife Extension office in Crockett County at 325-392-2721 or 325-387-3101 in Sutton County.

Drought Increases Texas Black Bear Concerns Rural Residents, Hunters Advised to Be Bear Aware

AUSTIN — Wildlife biologists are advising hunters, ranchers and rural residents that black bears appear to be roaming longer distances and may approach people or houses in search of food and water because of the drought.

If conditions remain dry, people could see more bears, said Mike Krueger, district leader of the Edwards Plateau Wildlife District for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

"We're getting a few reports of people seeing bears during daylight hours, and that's unusual," Krueger said. "It's the associated water around homes and the food. The pet food, the smell of cooking; all those things could attract bears."

Recent bear sightings could reflect young bears who have been turned out by their mothers and are setting out to establish their own home ranges.

Because of the drought, the bears appear to be traveling longer distances, sometimes even hundreds of miles, to find better habitat conditions. Known breeding bear populations in Texas are in far

West Texas, so it's possible bears seen in Central Texas traveled from there, or from Mexico. Bears are still considered rare in Texas.

A black bear was killed in early August in Kerr County north of San Antonio. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department investigated the incident, since bears are protected and may not be hunted. The man who killed the bear said he felt he and his dogs were in danger. The bear was a 2 year old male, weighing 103 pounds.

"We need to encourage everyone to be more tolerant of bears," Krueger said. "We recommend people try to scare bears away, or go to a safe place and call us. But killing a bear should be a last resort unless a person is truly threatened."

Krueger said when the first waves of hunters head to the field in September, some might see broken windows or other signs of bears attempting to enter buildings where food was kept, or wildlife feeders overturned.

Bears are omnivores, meaning they eat almost

anything. Research shows free-roaming black bears are mainly vegetarians, and up to 90 percent of their diet is vegetable material, including nuts, fruits, berries and plants. Most of the protein in a bear's diet comes from insects like beetles, wasps, termites and ants.

According to the TPWD brochure Bear Safety in Mind, bears are normally shy and not aggressive to humans. But if a bear regularly visits a ranch or deer stand, people should try to scare it with rocks, a slingshot or air horn.

If people encounter a bear at close range, they should talk calmly while backing away slowly. Don't make direct eye contact, and don't run away.

If a bear approaches you, stand your ground and raise your arms, backpack or jacket to appear larger, and yell at the bear to scare it off.

Hunters should keep camps clean to prevent odors that will attract bears, and discard gut piles far from campsites. Placing deer corn in piles or in open feeders will attract more bears, while using an automated feeder hung out of reach of bears will decrease bear visits. Also,

switching bait from corn to soybeans will reduce bear activity. And, planting food plots is the best way to attract deer and avoid bear visits.

It is against the law to kill a black bear in Texas, with penalties of up to \$10,000, added civil restitution fines, jail time and loss of all hunting privileges. The black bear, *Ursus americanus*, is listed as threatened by the State of Texas and the Louisiana black bear, *Ursus americanus luteolus*, sometimes seen in eastern Texas, has additional protection and is federally listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

To report a black bear sighting in Texas, call a TPWD Wildlife Division regional office: West Texas (Alpine), (432) 837-2051; Central Texas (Kerrville), (830) 896-2500; East Texas (Tyler), (903) 566-1626; Panhandle/Rolling Plains (Canyon), (806) 655-3782; Cross Timbers (Brownwood), (325) 643-5977; South Texas (Pleasanton), (830) 569-8700. If it's an emergency, call the local sheriff's office or 911.

BRAND REGISTRATION PERIOD BEGINS AUGUST 31, 2011

Registration of livestock brands begins on Wednesday, August 31, 2011 and continues until February 29, 2012. On March 1, 2012, all brands that have not been renewed will become "open brands" for the general public. Title 6, Chapter 144 of the Texas Agriculture Code requires a brand or mark to be registered every 10 years. The Title 6 code was put into effect in 1981, and this will be the fourth registration since then.

The cost to register a brand/mark in Sutton County is \$16 per location per animal. Registration forms are available at the office of Rachel Chavez Duran, Sutton County Clerk, located at the Sutton County Annex, 300 E. Oak Ste 3, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday or can be downloaded from the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association web site www.tscrabrands.com. The completed registration form can be filed in person at the county clerk's office or mailed to the above referenced address along with the appropriate fees. For any question or more information please call 325-387-3815.

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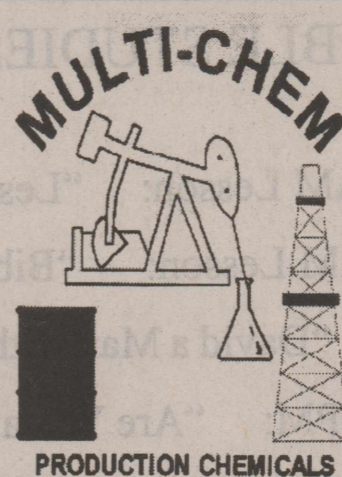
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FEMA-1999-DR-TX

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice to the public of its intent to reimburse eligible applicants for eligible costs for emergency work and to repair and/or replace facilities damaged by the extreme wildfire threat from April 6 to May 3, 2011. This notice applies to the Public Assistance (PA), Individual Assistance (IA), and Hazard Mitigation Grant (HMGP) programs implemented under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5206.

Under a major disaster declaration (FEMA-1999-DR-TX), signed by the President on July 1, 2011, the following 45 counties have been declared as eligible for PA under Category B (emergency protective measures) for reimbursement of eligible costs (as determined by FEMA) resulting from wildfires that posed a significant threat to life and property: Andrews, Archer, Armstrong, Bailey, Baylor, Brewster, Callahan, Carson, Castro, Clay, Coleman, Concho, Cottle, Crockett, Dawson, Duval, Eastland, Garza, Glasscock, Hall, Hemphill, Hockley, Irion, Kent, King, Lynn, Martin, Mason, Mitchell, Moore, Motley, Pecos, Presidio, Scurry, Stephens, Sterling, Sutton, Terrell, Terry, Throckmorton, Tom Green, Trinity, Tyler, Val Verde, and Young with a 75/25 cost share. All 45 counties have been designated as eligible for HMGP. On August 15, Fisher, Kent and Moore counties and on August 18, Cochran, Hartley, Jeff Davis and Palo Pinto counties were added to the disaster declaration for

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all categories of work in the Public Assistance program. All declared counties have been designated as eligible for HMGP. Additional counties and categories of work may be designated for assistance at a later date.

This public notice concerns activities that may affect historic properties, activities that are located in or affect wetland areas or the 100-year floodplain, and critical actions within the 500-year floodplain. Such activities may adversely affect the historic property, floodplain or wetland, or may result in continuing vulnerability to flood damage.

Presidential Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 require that all federal actions in or affecting the floodplain or wetlands be reviewed for opportunities to relocate, and evaluated for social, economic, historical, environmental, legal and safety considerations. Where there is no opportunity to relocate, FEMA is required to undertake a detailed review to determine what measures can be taken to minimize future damages. The public is invited to participate in the process of identifying alternatives and analyzing their impacts.

FEMA has determined that for certain types of facilities there are normally no alternatives to restoration in the floodplain/wetland. These are facilities that meet all of the following criteria: 1) FEMA's estimate of the cost of repairs is less than 50% of the cost to replace the entire facility, and is less than \$100,000; 2) the facility is not located in a floodway; 3) the facility has not sustained major structural damage in a previous Presidential declared flooding disaster or emergency; and 4)

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the facility is not critical (e.g., the facility is not a hospital, generating plant, emergency operations center, or a facility that contains dangerous materials). FEMA intends to provide assistance for the restoration of these facilities to their pre-disaster condition, except that certain measures to mitigate the effects of future flooding or other hazards may be included in the work. For example, a bridge or culvert restoration may include a larger waterway opening to decrease the risk of future washouts.

For routine activities, this will be the only public notice provided. Other activities and those involving facilities that do not meet the four criteria are required to undergo more detailed review, including study of alternate locations. Subsequent public notices regarding such projects will be published if necessary, as more specific information becomes available.

In many cases, an applicant may have started facility restoration before federal involvement. Even if the facility must undergo detailed review and analysis of alternate locations, FEMA will fund eligible restoration at the original location if the facility is functionally dependent on its floodplain location (e.g., bridges and flood control facilities), or the project facilitates an open space use, or the facility is an integral part of a larger network that is impractical or uneconomical to relocate, such as a road. In such cases, FEMA must also examine the possible effects of not restoring the facility, minimize floodplain/wetland impacts, and determine both that an overriding public need for the facility clearly outweighs the Executive Order requirements to avoid the floodplain/

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wetland, and that the site is the only practicable alternative. The State of Texas and local officials will confirm to FEMA that proposed actions comply with all applicable State and local floodplain management and wetland protection requirements.

FEMA also intends to provide HMGP funding to the State of Texas to mitigate future disaster damages. These projects may include construction of new facilities, modification of existing, undamaged facilities, relocation of facilities out of floodplains, demolition of structures, or other types of projects to mitigate future disaster damages. In the course of developing project proposals, subsequent public notices will be published if necessary, as more specific information becomes available.

The National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. Those actions or activities affecting buildings, structures, districts or objects 50 years or older or that affect archeological sites or undisturbed ground will require further review to determine if the property is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (Register). If the property is determined to be eligible for the Register, and FEMA's undertaking will adversely affect it, FEMA will provide additional public notices. For historic properties not adversely affected by FEMA's undertaking, this will be the only public notice.

As noted, this may be the only public notice regarding the above-described actions under the PA and HMGP programs. Interested persons may obtain information about these actions or a specific project, by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, 800 North Loop 288, Denton, Texas 76209 or calling (940) 898-5144. Comments should be sent in writing to Kevin Hannes, Federal Coordinating Officer, at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.

Local Leader Graduates from Prestigious Leadership Class

AUSTIN – Laurie K. English, 112th District Attorney, was honored August 23 at a graduation ceremony for the 2010-11 Leadership Class of the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Leadership Program.

The class, which takes eight months to complete, instructs county leaders in their roles as county government officials and in leadership skills like interpersonal communication, developing collaborative skills and team building, along with such topics as the importance of being a proactive agent of change. This is the fifth year the class has been held, and enrollment is limited. Seventeen county officials from around the state are graduates of the 2010-11 class.

"Laurie K. English is an outstanding county official, one whose leadership and commitment to making local government more efficient and effective is very important to the taxpayers of Crockett, Pecos, Reagan, Sutton, and Upton Counties," said TAC President Vernon Cook, Roberts County judge.

"In 2000, the TAC board created the leadership program with a primary purpose of strengthening Texas county governments by supporting the development of strong, outstanding county leaders," said Gene Terry, TAC executive director. "A large part of the vision was a leadership class, designed to support the development the skills needed to be effective leaders in the unique system of county government and to explore significant public policy issues. Our leadership class is modeled after some of the elite leadership development programs across the country, and we are proud of the program and those who have participated in the experience."

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Sonora ISD is accepting applications for the position of Maintenance and Groundskeeper. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled and may be obtained by contacting the Superintendent's Office at 807 S. Concho or by downloading an application at www.sonoraisd.net. EOE

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Sonora ISD is accepting applications for a part-time position for the after school program, Discovery Zone. The hours for the Discovery Zone program are from 2:30 - 5:30. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled and may be obtained by contacting the Superintendent's Office at 807 S. Concho or by downloading an application at www.sonoraisd.net. EOE

The Sutton County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for the position of jailer. A drug screen, physical and background investigation will be conducted.

The position will include shift work and more than a basic working knowledge of computers. An eighty hour jail school must be completed followed by successfully passing a state test.

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Prices should be fixed for the term of the contract. Price must include all costs excluding the AEP Transmission and Distribution Service Provider pass through expense. Quotes must be submitted to the City in written form at City of Sonora, 201 E. Main, Sonora, TX 76950, Attn: Bid Proposals and received by the City Manager by 5:00 pm, September 19, 2011. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

The Commissioners' Court of Sutton County, Texas, will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed budget for FY12 on **Monday, September 12, 2011, at 9:00 a.m.** in the Meeting Room of the Sutton County Courthouse Annex. Any citizen wishing to view the proposed budget may do so at the office of the Sutton County Judge at the Sutton County Courthouse Annex between the hours of 8:30 and 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The City of Sonora is now accepting proposals for Group Health Insurance Benefits. Any information needed to complete the proposal may be obtained from the City Secretary's Office, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950, or telephone 325 387-2558.

All responses to the RFP should be delivered to the City Secretary's Office no later than 6:00 p.m. on September 8, 2011 at which time they will be opened and considered by the City Council. All responses to the RFP must be in sealed envelopes reflecting on the outside thereof, the vendor's name, address, phone number and "GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS PROPOSAL."

PUBLIC NOTICE BUDGET HEARING

The City Council for the City of Sonora will hold a public budget hearing on September 8, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas. All citizens are invited to attend and provide the Council with written or oral comments and ask questions concerning the City's proposed 2011-2012 budget. The public can inspect the proposed budget in the city secretary's office, City Hall, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

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SMS Colt Cheerleaders Attended UCA Cheer



Front Row - Katelyn Lipham, Holly Sparks, Dionne Hinojosa, Sky Jennings, Marlene Hernandez, Bethany Agüero; Middle Row - Bianca Fay, Jessica Paredes, Brianna Jarrett, Destany Velasquez, Kylie Reiner, Alexis Garza, Meghan Hernandez, Samantha Castro, Janelle Vasquez; Back Row - Victoria Acosta, Cip Tobias(Mascot), Sky McGuffin, Tyler Hampton, McKenzie Murphy, Sierra Kimbrell,

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The SMS Colt Cheerleaders attended UCA Cheer camp on July 26th-29th at Angelo State University. The camp offered one on one instruction with UCA staff and many classes from game time and pep rally planning to daily evaluations. The favorite class of the week was the stunt class, in which the girls learned the basic skills in working together to perform creative stunts and routines. The girls did a great job of representing Sonora Middle School and brought home a Most Improved trophy and four excellent ranking ribbons. We look forward to seeing everyone at the pep rallies this year!

School Days Are Here



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month!

Breast Cancer Awareness Rally!



Saturday, Oct. 1st
 Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Campus
 Fun Run at 9am
 Rally at 10am
 FMI call Sonora Medical Clinic 387-7911

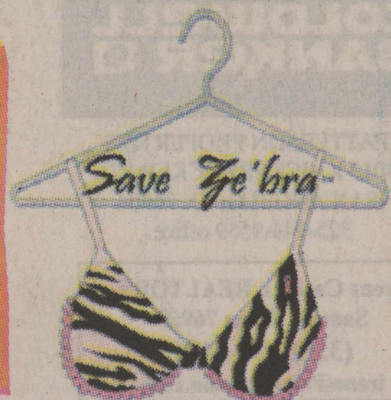
★ Rally ★

- 10am
- Survivor Recognition!
- Sign up for Mammograms!
- Food • Fun
- Live Music!
- Exhibits
- T-Shirts



★ Fun Run ★

- 9:00 am
- 5K or 1K
- T-shirts for each entrant!
- Costumes & Teams Welcome!
- Prizes for: 1st-3rd ea. age group
- All Finishers
- Most Spirited



Breast Cancer Survivor Talks
 Live Music, Costumes, Cheers, Fun Run

2011 Sonora Broncos Football

August 18	Bangs Scrimmage	TBA	TBA
August 26	Brady (Lil Bronco Night)	Home	7:30
September 2	Forsan	Away	7:30
September 9	Ballinger	Home	7:30
September 16	Brackett (Homecoming)	Home	7:30
September 23	Blanco	Away	7:30
September 30	OPEN		
October 7	* Junction	Away	7:30
October 14	* San Saba	Away	7:30
October 21	* Ozona	Home	7:30
October 28	* Harper	Away	7:30
November 4	* Coleman (Senior Night)	Home	7:30
*District 13-AA			

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