

# THE Devil's River NEWS

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## Sutton and surrounding counties reach out to help hurricane victims

Local Ministerial Alliances, Hill Country Radio and the West Texas communities of Sonora, Eldorado and Ozona are responding to the great relief needs in Louisiana!

The following items are needed: bottled water, toilet paper, diapers, wet wipes, canned goods, manual can openers, first aid kits, flashlights with batteries, and baby formula.

In Sonora, items are to be dropped off at the old Spain's Department Store, next door to City Hall, or money contributions can be made at First National Bank or The Bank and Trust.

In Eldorado, items can be dropped off at the Original Bank Building, or money can be contributed at First National Bank or the 1st Community Federal Credit Union.

In Ozona, items or money can be donated at Ozona National Bank, or money to Crockett National Bank.

All monies donated will be under the care of each Ministerial Alliance.

PLEASE RESPOND with money donations or the stated items by 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 8.

Money and items will be delivered to Louisiana soon thereafter. For more information call 387-3553 or 387-2951.

## Assistance for travelers

Chief of Police Mike House stated that victims of Hurricane Katrina will be passing through Sonora as they travel to be with their relatives; many of them have little or no money, therefore items are being collected to have ready to give them. Items include: Bottled water, crackers, cookies, diapers, tuna, blankets, baby wipes, juices and toys. For more information call 325-206-0523 or 387-2288.

Chief House stressed the fact that the police need to be contacted before just handing out free food and money to people claiming to be refugees. The police have the knowledge and tools by which to verify the status of the travelers.

## Halliburton lends a hand

Many members of the Halliburton family in the Gulf of Mexico NWA and Laurel District were directly impacted by Hurricane Katrina. Because so many employees inquired on how they could contribute relief aid to these families, Halliburton set up collection posts at their locations to collect non-perishable canned goods, water, clothes or other items.

Locally, Mike Maskill is in charge of collections at the warehouse for Murphy Road and Sonora, located at 1522 N. Service Road. For more information you can contact Maskill at 325-387-6876.

Halliburton has also agreed to match any monetary donations made by Halliburton employees.

## Fire destroys home on Water Avenue



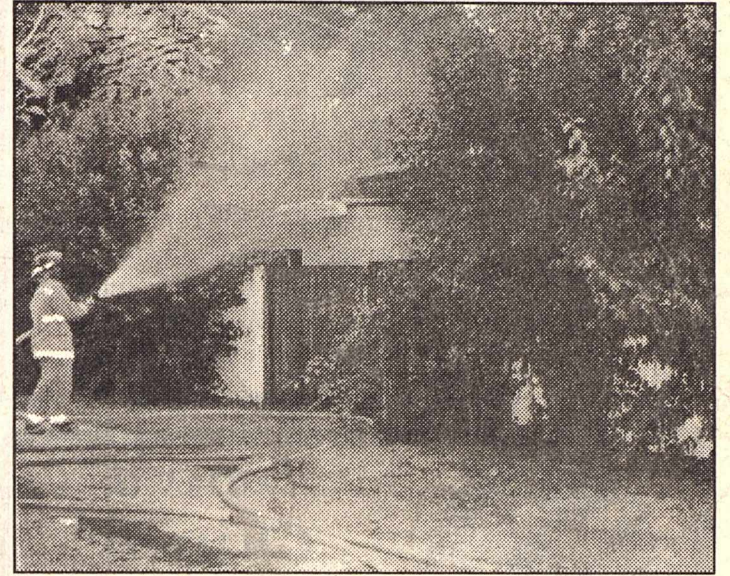
by Storie Sharp

The home of Suzanne Whitworth caught fire in the early evening of Tuesday, September 1, 2005, leaving behind severe damage and a family without a home.

Whitworth and her grandson were inside the house when the blaze began, and both were able to get out unharmed. Neighbors were evacuated to insure that no one was injured if the fire spread or if power lines overhead ignited. The Sonora Volunteer Fire Department responded to the scene, as well as Sutton County EMS crews and Sonora P.D. The firemen and women worked until way after dark to put the flames out, but were called back to the scene in the wee hours of the morning as the fire was reported to have begun again.

Volunteer crews worked until after day break to extinguish any lingering ashes.

The fire is reported to have started in a rear living area of



the house at 507 Water Ave., but the cause remains unknown at this time, said Sonora Volunteer Fire Chief Rick Cearley.

The house received extensive heat and smoke damage and is reported to be a total loss.

Collections are being arranged to assist the family. All household items, appliance, fur-

niture, toiletries, ladies and children's clothes will be needed to help the family get started again. If you have items to donate you can contact The Devil's River News or the Chamber of Commerce and we will be sure the items are delivered.

## Hudspeth Hospital Partners with Area Universities

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Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital has partnered with two Texas Universities to assist in training of allied health personnel. The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio has begun to rotate Physician Assistant students through both the hospital and physicians' offices. The students will complete the rural health component of their training in Sonora. The students will train with both Drs. Gregory Johnson and Charles Pajestka. Clinical rotations will include rural medicine, emergency medicine, and family medicine. The students will be in Sonora on an ongoing basis completing a four week rotation each.

Angelo State University Physical Therapy Department and Nursing Departments will both have students completing various rotations in Sonora. The Physical Therapy students will complete an ongoing rotation with Rita Sutton, PT, in the Health and Wellness Center. These students will learn all modalities of physical therapy to include sound care and aquat-

ic therapy. Sonora has the only available aquatic therapy program outside West Texas Rehab in San Angelo.

The Angelo State University School of Nursing currently has a student completing a Bachelors Degree level project in the development of a Diabetes Education Center at the hospital. The Diabetes Education Center will involve education and management of the disease and assist patients to live a healthier lifestyle. The process of developing a Diabetes Education Center is very complex and the partnership with Angelo State University and their clinical affiliates will greatly streamline the process.

"State-of-the-art facilities, the latest in diagnostic tools and an excellent medical team have made Sonora an attractive location for training allied health personnel. These partnerships will continue to expand into all levels of education and will serve as a recruiting pool for the future needs of our community," states Keith L. Butler, CEO.

## Soil and Water Conservation District to hold public meeting

The Edwards Plateau SWCD and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service invites the public and any other agencies with interest to participate in a Program Development Group meeting to be held at the Sutton County Civic Center on **SEPTEMBER 14, 2005**. The purpose of this meeting is to request participation and invite comments from local ranchers, local agencies, organizations, businesses, and individuals who have an interest in natural resource conditions and needs. The program will be directed at how funding for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program will address the local resource concerns.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the program starting at 9:00 and ending at approximately 10:00.

For more information contact, Tom Payton at 387-2730, Ext 3 or come by the USDA Service Center at 301 Crockett.

## Texas Railroad Commissioners urge Texans to practice gasoline conservation

AUSTIN --Texas Railroad Commissioners Victor Carrillo, Michael L. Williams and Elizabeth Ames Jones today urged Texans to practice gasoline conservation measures in the coming weeks and months to reduce demand and help mitigate price increases caused by Hurricane Katrina.

"Texas is the nation's largest producer of petroleum and natural gas as well as the number one consumer of these commodities, so conservation measures practiced collectively by Texans should have a positive impact," said RRC Chairman Carrillo.

Commissioner Williams said, "Everyone wants to do their part to pitch in with relief efforts and donations for

See Gas tips page 8



## Sonora prepares for Homecoming

Pedro Gloria runs one in against the Brackettville Tigers on Friday, September 2, 2005. For more Bronco coverage, see page 5.

Don't miss the Homecoming activities this week, with the parade down Main Street; line-up starting at 2:15 p.m. in front of Detail Graphix Car Wash on Concho Ave. The parade starts at 3:00 p.m. A Pep Rally will follow, at the bottom of the Sutton County Courthouse steps at the end of Main Street.

The 2005 Homecoming Queen will be crowned at half-time of the Bronco vs Coleman game at Bronco Stadium. Kick-off is at 7:30 p.m. See the 2005 Homecoming court and queen candidates page 6!

Photo by Ray Glasscock

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**Letter to the Editor**

I send this letter regarding a vary tragic event, a house fire on Water Ave. that occurred on the evening of August 30th and again (same location) in the early morning hours of August 31, 2005 while I was in Sonora (Sutton County) visiting my father and I would like to address some observations that I made by several of the city and county agencies that were involved.

I, too, live in rural area with a volunteer fire department and am well aware of the importance of having that service to the community. I think that a commitment to become a member of a volunteer fire department is very important, however, more important is the commitment to train in the use of the equipment, as well as being a professional for the safety and well being of the citizens of the community they have chosen to serve. What we witnessed was like watching an episode of the Keystone Cops or America's Funniest Videos. All the while someone's home and all they own was going up in flames even after they finally arrived on the scene. The first incident we witnessed were four firemen standing on the east side of the residence with two hoses and only a trickle of water coming out of either hose while they had water running out into the city street from the fire truck. We had been out with our garden hoses prior to their arrival, and even after they had gotten on the scene, trying to wet down the adjoining fence and roof of the house and felt that we had been much more effective than they were. They stayed and worked on the scene for over an hour and a half and then we were told that someone would be on sight or checking on the place through the night so that if it again began to burn they would be on top of the situation. How wrong was that! They rolled up their little hoses and away they went. At 2:30 a.m. I was watching the latest on the hurricane and my sister's dog began to bark and I just got the gut feeling, as this is unusual for them to do this, that the house might have reignited and 'lo and behold I went to the kitchen window of my father's house and the neighbor's home was ablaze again. I ran for the phone, dialed 911 (according to all the clocks in our house and Fox News was at 2:35 a.m.) and went to tell my sister while I was still on the phone that the house was again on fire. In all the commotion my mother awoke, and as soon as I hung up the phone, she and I went out and each got our hoses that were still out from the earlier fire and began to do what we could, but it was huge and a very hot fire and looked like daylight outside. My sister dressed and came out and said she had also called 911 (2nd call) and that they had not even dispatched anyone yet. She took over one of the hoses and I went out in the street to see if I could see any activity at the fire station since it is less than a block from the house and NOTHING. I ran back into the house and grabbed the phone and again ran back out to the street and at this time the ambulance was pulling up in the intersection of Water and Chestnut and still no activity at the fire station. I called 911 for the 3rd time and was told they were on their way but nothing was happening but two EMS employees standing in the street and my mother and sister with hoses doing what they could. So I called again (4th call) scared for the safety of my family and the well being of my father's home, which has already experienced a fire a few years ago and was more than agitated by the dispatcher's "I have them on the way" comment. After 30 minutes from the time of my first call, we finally got a truck on the scene. Needless to say, they fought the fire for 6 hours or better, and once they came the second time and got going, did a good job in trying to contain and get the fire out. The problem for me was the response time to the second fire, not the job they did once they got there.

Did it really need to come to that had they done their job by having someone sit or at least check on it through the night, knowing there was probably smoldering still going on when they left the first time? Do the city police not patrol at night? We had the understanding that an officer was on duty until 3 a.m. and my first call went into 911 prior to 3 a.m. Not one law officer on the second fire was seen until approximately an hour or better after the fire department had been on the scene for over an hour and an ambulance crew longer than that. Imagine my dismay when a local resident and neighbor comments to me that had a keg of beer been involved, they would have been "Johnny on the Spot" with their response time. How comforting that is to think that anyone driving such costly equipment may be operating it under the influence.

I am not sure where the ball was dropped in this matter but I know what I saw and experienced, and if I were a resident of Sutton County, I would like more of an accounting of how my city or county monies were spent in properly training the dispatcher on procedures when answering and dispatching 911 calls, properly training the firemen on equipment usage, accredited fire training in order to prevent total loss of life and property due to lack of direction and training creating the total loss of property as was this case. The next one could be loss of life and property and it could be you or your family.

Our hearts go out to our neighbor and her loss and we will assist her any way we can in the future, as I am sure the citizens of Sonora will support her. After the first call and the arrival, as inadequate as it was, if someone had been delegated to check periodically on the conditions of the first fire, she would have had a loss but not a total loss, which she now has to endure.

I would start with proper communication, training, responsibility, accountability and follow-up. Thank you for your time.  
Renee Higgins  
Merkel, Texas 79536

**Notes of Appreciation**

We would like to take this opportunity to THANK the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department for the amazing job that they did to prevent the fire on Water Street last week from spreading to our, and others, neighboring homes. Unfortunately, our friend and neighbor suffered a devastating loss, but because of these volunteers in our community, no other homes or lives were damaged. We were at home with our young grandchild when the fire began. Emergency crews evacuated us from our home and began to do all that they could to extinguish the flames coming from the house next door. After the fire was out, these mothers, fathers and working men and women of our community were exhausted, some even throwing up from the heat and weight of the equipment they wear. These people never quit! When the fire was reported to have re-ignited, the crews returned, having had little rest, and again began to do all that they could to ensure that the fire did not spread. They knew they could not save the house on fire, they were there to make sure that no one else was affected.

We deeply appreciate all that they did, and always do, for us and the community of Sonora. It was very disheartening to hear a couple people standing around, giving these firemen and women grief while they were working; claiming to know their job better and telling them how they should be doing it different. If this is so, then why weren't these citizens gearing up and putting their efforts where their mouths were? Without these people giving of their time and efforts, with little or no pay, who knows what could happen when a house fire, grass fire, automobile fire, etc. occurs. They may not be 100% correct in every move they make, but they are 100% there! If you have not been there personally, you may not grasp the full extent of the service provided by these men and women. Again, we say thank-you and God Bless you for all that you do!

Clara & Stanley James  
Sonora, Texas

On Friday morning, September 2, I was visiting with Sheriff Fincher to see if he knew of any person or group spearheading a drive in Sonora, Sutton County, to give aid in some form to people victimized by Katrina in the South. He told me about a group which was traveling I-10 last night from California with a large trailer full of clothing, water, groceries, and other items, headed to Mississippi. They had had a wreck a few miles west of Sonora and needed help. I contacted Rev. Louis Allen of the Presbyterian Church of the Good Shepherd and T. Wayne Price of the First Baptist Church about the situation.


Mr. Price and I went to the wreck site to see what the situation was, and we found one man trying to sort out many hundreds of pounds of goods. His associate had gone to Ozona to bring back a U-Haul trailer. I made a few phone calls, and very soon help was on the way. Barry Limbocker, Guy Parker, Robert Higdon, John Sturgeon, Lance Castro, Terry Hines, Brad Hughes, Lewis Allen and I worked from 10 a.m. to about 1:30 p.m. unloading, reboxing and then reloading all these goods and food on the U-Haul truck, and had these good people back on the road by 2 p.m. My heartfelt thanks goes out to Barry Limbocker and his men at Dominion, National Oil Well and Terry Hines, Brad Hughes at Jet Supply, and Rev. Allen for their quick response.

While we are waiting to see what Sonora's response to this enormous national tragedy is going to be, these men helped some good Samaritans to get to the storm-damaged areas with relief. We never knew their names, and they never knew ours, but it felt good to be doing something positive. I know Sonora and Sutton County will do more in the near future, but I want to thank the men who showed up on Friday with no notice to help get these fellows on their way.

Most sincerely,  
Johnny Fields, DVM

**Tales by Tumbleweed Smith**

**Some words from a judge**

 **Tumbleweed Smith**  
People say significant things all the time and usually they go unnoticed. This came to my attention the other day and I have used it in a couple of speeches. Remember the guy who got on a plane with a bomb built into his shoe and tried to light it? Did you know his trial is over? Did you know he was sentenced? Did you see or hear any of the Judge's comments on sentencing?

Prior to the sentencing, the Judge asked the defendant if he had anything to say.

Richard Reid admitted his allegiance to Osama Bin Laden and defiantly stated, "I will not apologize for my actions. I am at war with your country."

Judge William Young, in his Boston courtroom, then said: "Mr. Reid, the court sentences you to life in prison. In my court, life sentences are real life sentences."

"Mr. Reid, we are not afraid of you or any of your terrorist conspirators. We are Americans. We have been through the fire before. There is all too much war talk here. You are not an enemy combatant. You are not a soldier in any war. You are a terrorist. And we do not negotiate with terrorists. We do not meet with terrorists. We do not sign documents with terrorists. We hunt them down one by one and bring them to justice."

"So war talk is way out of line in this court. You are a big fellow. But you are not that big. You're no warrior. I've known warriors. You are a terrorist, a species of criminal that is guilty of multiple attempted murders."

"In a very real sense, State Trooper Santiago had it right when you first were taken off that plane and into custody and you wondered where the press and TV crews were and he said, 'you're no big deal.' "You are no big deal, Mr. Reid."

"I ask you to search your heart and ask yourself what sort of unfathomable hate led you to do what you are guilty of doing. It seems to me you hate the one thing that to us is most precious. You hate our freedom. Our individual freedom. Our individual freedom to live as we choose, to come and go as we choose, to believe or not believe as we individually choose. Here, in this society, the very wind carries freedom. It carries it from sea to shining sea. We Americans are all about freedom. We will bare any burden, pay any price, to preserve our freedom."

"See that flag, Mr. Reid. That's the flag of the United States of America. That flag stands for freedom and it always will."

"Mr. Custody Officer, stand him down!"


**Senior Center Menu**

- September 9** - Chicken Fajita salad, w/cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, macaroni salad, pie, crackers, milk
- September 12** - Steak fingers w/gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, roll, peach cobbler, milk
- September 13** - Polynesian chicken salad, sweet peas, wheat bread, golden salad, vanilla pudding, milk
- September 14** - Meatloaf w/tomato sauce, black-eyed peas, honey glazed carrots, cornbread, melon salad, milk
- September 15** - Fried catfish w/tarter sauce, hominy, okra/tomato gumbo, roll, apple crisp, milk


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**Community Calendar**

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| <p><b>September 9</b><br/>Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally • 3:00 p.m.<br/>Parade will line up in front of the car wash on Concho</p> <p><b>September 9</b><br/>Scholarship Spaghetti dinner • 5-7 p.m.<br/>Sonora High School commons area</p> | <p><b>September 11</b><br/>Flag Retirement Ceremony<br/>7:00 p.m.<br/>Arena park complex</p> <p><b>September 14</b><br/>Keep Sonora Beautiful meeting • 12:00 at<br/>Chamber of Commerce office</p> |
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## Ask the Historical Society

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

Q. Could you please reprint an article that appeared in the March 18, 1932 "Devil's River News" on Priscilla Howton?

A. "The Devil's River News," March 18, 1932- GRANDMA HOWTON CENTENARIAN ON BIRTHDAY TUESDAY, MARCH 15

While the nation neared the end of its first month of elaborate observance of the bi-centennial anniversary of George Washington's birth, "Grandma" Priscilla Hollie Howton, born March 15, 1832, in Fayette county, Alabama, quietly passed her own centennial birthday last Tuesday.

Mrs. Howton became the bride of David Howton in 1854, in her home county, and it was in 1867, two years after the Civil War, that they, in a little band of 17 persons, started out for the great state of Texas. In this group were two families and an uncle of Mrs. Howton's who had been out to Texas and had gone back to urge the others from among his people to come to this country of promise.

In this group, with her mother, was the mother of E.S. Long, of Sonora, Sarah Elizabeth Berry was only a girl then, engaged to be married to Mr. Long's father, William, who followed her and her mother to Texas some time later.

These pioneers came "without a dollar," for the simple reason that they wanted to come to a "new country." Their trip was made from Alabama to Galveston by water; thence to Evergreen to Lampasas in Lampasas county, a town "with two or three stores with rawhide door shutters," in a freight wagon.

During the war, Mrs. Howton had mothered three children and given birth to a fourth while her husband took his place in the ranks. Now she came, with her little brood, to a country where Indian raids were frequent, and where she again was often left with the children while Mr. Howton rode with the other men to chase marauding tribesmen away. It was no uncommon occurrence for Indians to ride within 300 yards of the house and take what their fancy dictated—horses being particularly desired.

Mr. Howton was a ranger but was never engaged in an actual battle with the Indians, or wounded. He was 89 years old when he died 17 years ago.

Grandma Howton was taken ill on her 75 wedding anniversary a little over three years ago and has been confined to her bed since that time. For the past five years she has been fortunate in having all three of her living daughters with her. They are Mrs. W. H. Perry, with whom she has made her home for a number of years; Mrs. J. L. Davis; and Mrs. O. L. Traweek, who until five years ago made her home at Lake Victor, Texas. D. H. Howton, of Selma, California is the only living son. There are four deceased children.

Grandma Howton is worthy of the name, having 20 living grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren. Grandchildren living in this vicinity are Mrs. Ben F. Meckel, Mrs. W. E. Wallace, Mrs. Bert Davenport, who recently moved here from Reagan Wells, Texas; and Ruby Davis, of the ranch near Rocksprings.

Mrs. Howton became a member of the Baptist Church when she was 18 years old and as long as her health permitted she was an eager reader of Fundamental literature of her denomination. Her father lived to be past 95 years old and though she has suffered a wearing invalidism, she expressed the belief a year or two ago that the hand of Providence was controlling the span of her life, and that it was her desire to accept the divine will.

In the same issue we find that Mrs. Ira Shurley, president of the Sonora Parent-Teacher Association, entertained with an attractive informal luncheon at 1 o'clock at her home Tuesday, honoring Mrs. Joe Simmons, of Ballinger, vice-president of the P.T.A. Seventh District, who appeared Tuesday afternoon at the local P.T.A. monthly meeting.

The Finance Committee has announced a cake, candy and cookie sale, which will also include colored Easter eggs, for Saturday, March 26, at the Gilmore Hardware store. According to Mrs. W. C. Gilmore, committee chairman, orders for Easter eggs will be taken in advance by a committee consisting of herself, and Mesdames J. W. Trainer and Ira Shurley, who may be called concerning orders. Mesdames Ira Green and A. W. Awalt compose a soliciting committee of two, who will call members of the organization for donations to the sale.

Mrs. Sam Hull entertained



Devil's River News August 3, 1961: Sutton County 4-H'ers always prove themselves good fishermen as well as good 4-H'ers when they have their annual camp at the A.O. Baker ranch on Devil's River. This year's two trophy catfish are proudly exhibited by Ray Glasscock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Glasscock, and Robert Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hillman Brown.

members and guests of the Thursday Pastime Club at her home Thursday afternoon of last week. High club score went to Mrs. M. G. Shurley and high guest to Mrs. Bailey Renfro. Guests for the afternoon were Mesdames Renfro, Josie McDonald, Paul Turney and Clara Murphy. Members present were Mesdames Shurley, W. D. Wallace, W. E. Caldwell, J. S. Glasscock, Tom Sandherr, J. W. Trainer, O. G. Babcock, W. R. Nisbet, E. E. Sawyer, C. E. Stites, Rose Thorp and Orion Brown. The hostess served a delicious salad course with cake and coffee.

Mrs. L. L. Stuart was hostess to the Country Contract Club at her home Wednesday afternoon. High score for the afternoon's play went to Mrs. Gordon Stewart. The hostess served a delicious salad course to the following members: Mesdames Stewart, Frank Bond, Arthur Stewart, Joe Brown, Ross, and Miss Elizabeth Hall. Miss Hall will be next week's hostess.

Now down to work of the present day. The grounds of the Miers Home Museum Complex will be closed in October and until we complete work on new lighting and plugs on the grounds. It is too dangerous to have people cutting across them with holes dug etc. So if you normally cut through the Depot/Amphitheater/Museum area please go downhill one

sidewalk and walk along side the office and the library until work is completed.

We need volunteers to help us in the office doing filing and on the grounds to make them look better. Rick cannot do yard work this year and maybe for a few years to come. He reads and helps me with research now, but physical work is out until the fusion of his spine is complete and physical therapy gets his leg back in shape. We need help with the office, museum and old ice house grounds. So how about some of the members getting together and giving us a hand one weekend a month on lawn work and maybe some of you coming in and helping file in the office. If you know the alphabet you can file and we need your help!

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or send us an e-mail at schs@sonoratx.net. You may call us on Monday, Friday and Saturday mornings, the three mornings we volunteer, from 8 a.m. to noon. We are closed on holiday weekends unless a work team wants to volunteer that weekend. Our phone number is 325-387-5084 and our physical address is 307 Oak Street, Sonora, TX right next to the Miers Home Museum.

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## New state laws on handguns, abortion took effect Sept. 1

### State Capital Highlights Texas Press Association

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - On Sept. 1 hundreds of new state laws took effect, some dealing with county specific areas but others that have far-reaching affects for all Texans.

Here is a sampling of some of the laws that members of the Legislature passed in the 79th regular session:

- Citizens can carry a concealed handgun in a private vehicle while traveling so long as they are not otherwise engaged in unlawful activity or otherwise prohibited by law from possessing a firearm. The measure does not apply to members of a criminal street gang.

- Jurors now have the option in capital murder cases of sentencing a convicted person to life in prison without parole or the death penalty. The measure eliminates a previous sentencing option of life in prison with the possibility of parole after 40 years.

- Drivers coming into Texas now will know the president calls this state home. A new bill allows the Texas Department of Transportation to install new signs at entry points on interstates or highways that read "Welcome to Texas - Proud to be the Home of President George W. Bush."

- The signs also must include a depiction of the state flag and the phrase "Drive Friendly - The Texas Way." The bill also requires signs installed before

Sept. 1 be in compliance by Jan. 1, 2006.

- High school students will get more money management skills under a measure that requires students to receive personal financial literacy instruction in one or more courses required for graduation.

- Girls under 18 seeking an abortion will have to get written parental consent before having the procedure. The same measure also bans abortions in the third trimester, unless the mother's life is at stake or the unborn child has a severe irreversible brain impairment.

- Peace officers outside their jurisdiction now may arrest - without a warrant - a person who commits any offense within the officer's presence or view. The officer can only make arrests in the county or counties of the city where he or she is employed.

- Legislators also cracked down on identity theft by making it illegal for fraudulent Web designers and e-mailers to misrepresent legitimate businesses as an attempt to collect personal identity information.

- To combat disease among livestock, lawmakers directed the Texas Agriculture Commission to develop and implement an animal identification program that is consistent with the United States Department of Agriculture's National Animal Identification System.

- Driving around a barricade or past a warning sign onto a flooded roadway through high water now is unlawful.

- Hunting with canine friends also got a little tricky

with a new law that says a person may not recklessly use a dog to hunt or pursue a deer.

- The penalty for giving alcohol to minors also got stiffer. Excluding parents and guardians, an adult 21 or older is liable for damages caused by an intoxicated minor if the adult knowingly served, provided or allowed the alcoholic beverages.

- School districts must adopt multi-hazard emergency operations plans and at least once every three years conduct a security audit of the district's facilities.

- State agencies must make an effort to ensure that Spanish-speaking persons of limited English proficiency can meaningfully access state agency information online.

- And finally using an audiovisual device to record a movie while in a motion picture theater without the owner's consent is illegal.

**Hurricane victims at Astrodome**

At the urgent request of Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Gov. Rick Perry and Harris County officials agreed to house Hurricane Katrina victims, who took shelter in the New Orleans Superdome, at the Houston Astrodome, which will be used as a long-term shelter.

The state also worked with Jefferson County officials to convert the Ford Center in that county into a long-term shelter.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department also is allowing hurricane evacuees to camp in Texas parks at no charge.

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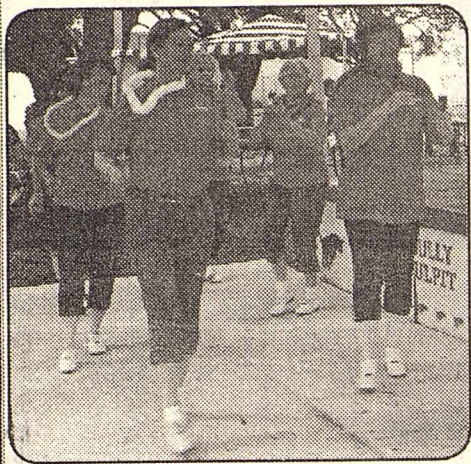
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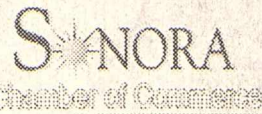
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## Chamber Chatter

### Check out the Sutton County Library's landscaping



by Ruthie Bounds, COC  
Executive Director

Sonora Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize the Sutton County Library as the "Landscape of the Month" recipient for the month of September. The Sutton County Library is operated by Sutton County and was designed and built by the Sonora Womans Club. The inviting appearance and mixed plantings of perennials and annuals shows the pride that our County Government has in our community. Sonora Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate the Sutton County Library for their dedication to our community and the civic pride that is shown daily at this facility.

Sonora Chamber of Commerce is aware of several relief efforts that the wonderful people of Sonora and surrounding communities have put together for the victims of Katrina. The Hill Country Radio Network relief project encompasses efforts from Sonora, Ozona and Eldorado. This relief effort is for items to be sent directly to victims. The items needed are: Bottled water, toilet paper, diapers, wet wipes, canned goods, first aid kits, flashlights (batteries loaded and ready), baby formula, and manual can openers. Drop off points for these items are: Sonora, Old Spains Dept Store (next door to City Hall); Ozona, Ozona National Bank; Eldorado, original bank building (old pool hall). Please drop these items off by Thursday, September 8, 2005. All the lending institutions in each town will accept cash donations in care of ministerial alliance funds. Contact numbers for this relief fund are: Ozona; John Collis, 392-3619, 392-5555, or 650-1478; Eldorado, Walt Griggs, 853-3489 or 277-0939; Sonora, T.



Johnny Solis, Florie Gonzales (Librarian) and Carlos Gallegos are responsible for the beautiful landscaping around the Sutton County Library.

Wayne Price, 387-2951, 387-7137, or 206-1016; all areas Bill Hodges 387-3553, 657-4114, or 853-2408.

Local relief supplies for victims traveling through Sonora have also been put in place. Many Katrina refugees may travel Interstate 10 and may be in need of the following items: Bottled water, diapers, baby wipes, crackers, cookies, tuna, blankets, juices and toys. These items can be dropped off at the St. Anns' Catholic Church Parish Hall. If you see or hear of any refugees traveling through Sonora, please contact the Sonora Police Department, Chief of Police, Mike House, stresses that the Sonora Police Department has the tools and knowledge to verify the status of travelers and confirm that they are indeed refugees. "We want to help any of these victims that we can, but please let us help you verify that they are refugees and not just travelers taking advantage of a bad situa-

tion," says Chief House.

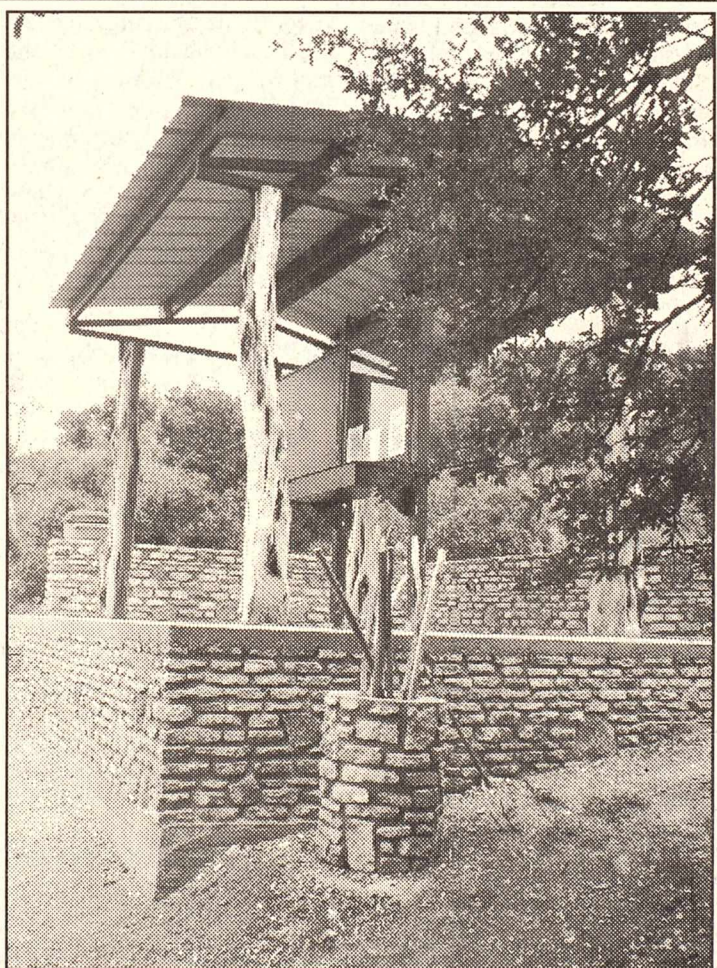
While we are talking relief efforts, I must remind you all that one of our own City of Sonora employees suffered a huge blow when her house burned down last week. Suzanne Whitworth and her family lost everything in this disaster. All household appliances, furniture, necessities and clothing will be needed when they get into an apartment soon. For more information on how you can help, contact the Chamber office. Sonora always proves to be one big family, especially in times of need and now is definitely a time of need for this family.

If you or your organization knows of any other relief efforts that are going on, please contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 325/387-2880 or e-mail us at soncoc@sonoratax.net and we will be glad to get the information out to our members and friends.

## New Kiosk completed Up On Eaton Hill

by Delyse Jaeger

Eaton Hill's newly constructed visitor sign-in and information kiosk has been completed at the Buckeye Trailhead, across from the Sutton County Library. Visitors can now sign-in at this location, as well as pick up trail maps, bird check-off sheets, post cards and other seasonal information about the park. This important addition will assist in tracking visitors of Eaton Hill and also serve as an introduction to the opportunities available for exploring the trails. Already, we have had a Boy Scout troop from Odessa sign in at this kiosk. The new kiosk, located at the Dry Devil's Trace Trailhead, has documented visitors from all over the world in 2005. People from many Texas towns have hit the trails, as well as from Louisiana, Georgia,



Visitor sign-in and information kiosk at Eaton Hill's Buckeye Trailhead

Florida, Nevada, California, New Mexico, North Carolina, Illinois, Virginia, Michigan, and Alaska. Our international visitors have come from Switzerland, Mexico, the Netherlands and England. Comments left by our visitors express their delight and are an inspiration to continue growing and promoting the uses for Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary. All the hard work by individuals, local businesses and organizations has made Eaton Hill possible and everyone's support is appreciated. Thank you Carl J. Cahill Inc., for the beautiful job on the new kiosk!

Even though the wildflower season per se has passed, there is no shortage of blooming plants along the trails. Some of the most interesting, like the Old Man's Beard, are just getting under way. On a recent hike with Cheri Montgomery from the ASU Herbarium, I learned that flowers can take all

sorts of forms. We found numerous species still in bloom and several just approaching their peak. The fragrant kidneywood blooms perfumed the air and feather dalea added splashes of purple-pink color throughout the park. The butterflies were also numerous and diverse, including a monarch. Upon arriving at the flag, we spied a young cactus wren caught in the protective cage covering one of the spotlights. After trying to shoo him to the only escape hole near the locked base, I'd just about decided to try and locate a key in town. Cheri was examining the small space and spoke calmly to the bird, saying "Hey little guy, come over here." Whereupon the bird immediately hopped over, found the hole and regained his freedom! My friend may have discovered a hidden gift - Doolittle style. Every walk with nature reveals unexpected delights, so hit the trails, and don't forget to sign in!

## When disaster strikes, Americans show support



Congressman  
Henry Bonilla

When Hurricane Katrina blew through the Gulf Coast it destroyed more than property; the devastating storm tore apart the lives and dreams of millions of people. Watching the carnage on television leaves many people with a feeling of hopelessness. It's difficult to see so much destruction and loss of life, and feel that there is nothing you can do to help.

You may not be able to visit the area and physically lend a hand, but there are dozens of support organizations that need your help. If you'd like to donate financially, the American Red Cross (www.redcross.org) has a website set-up to accept your secure donation. Other organizations sanctioned by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) include America's Second Harvest

(www.secondharvest.org) and Operation Blessing (www.ob.org).

If you have the flexibility to take time off from work and volunteer, consider contacting the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD) at www.nvoad.org. NVOAD has a complete list of organizations that are looking for assistance. There is a great need for assistance throughout the Gulf Coast, but there are also volunteer opportunities in our home state of Texas. Governor Perry has made space available in Texas for more than 70,000 refugees of the storm. In San Antonio alone, space is being made available at Kelly USA, Lackland Air Force Base and MacArthur High School.

Your U.S. Congress is also working to assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina. After learning from President Bush that FEMA was running low on funds, the House of Representatives called an Emergency Session last week to approve \$10.5 billion in funding for disaster relief.

I'm also proud to tell you of the hundreds of companies who have shown their support and given to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Kimberly-Clark Corp of Dallas donated \$250,000 and more than \$300,000 in bathroom tissue, diapers and other products. Pharmaceutical companies including Merck, Johnson & Johnson, Wyeth, AstraZeneca and Eli Lilly have donated supplies that include toiletry kits, antibiotics and insulin. In addition to donating \$2 million to the American Red Cross, Wal-Mart has created an online message board for people to post notes to family members via in-store kiosks. Volunteers from the Papa Johns Pizza franchisees have made more than 10,000 hot individual pizzas to feed the Katrina refugees their first day in Houston.

Just like in other disasters, our country has come together to show support for people in need. The thoughts and prayers of our nation are with everyone affected by this disaster. The people of America are sending a message to victims of Hurricane Katrina: you are not alone.

## Happy Birthday

September 8

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September 9

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September 10

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September 11

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September 12

Adam Galindo, Jane Cooper, Sky Jennings, Tyler Creek, Dustin Duhon

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# Broncos De-Stripe The Tigers

by Ray Glasscock

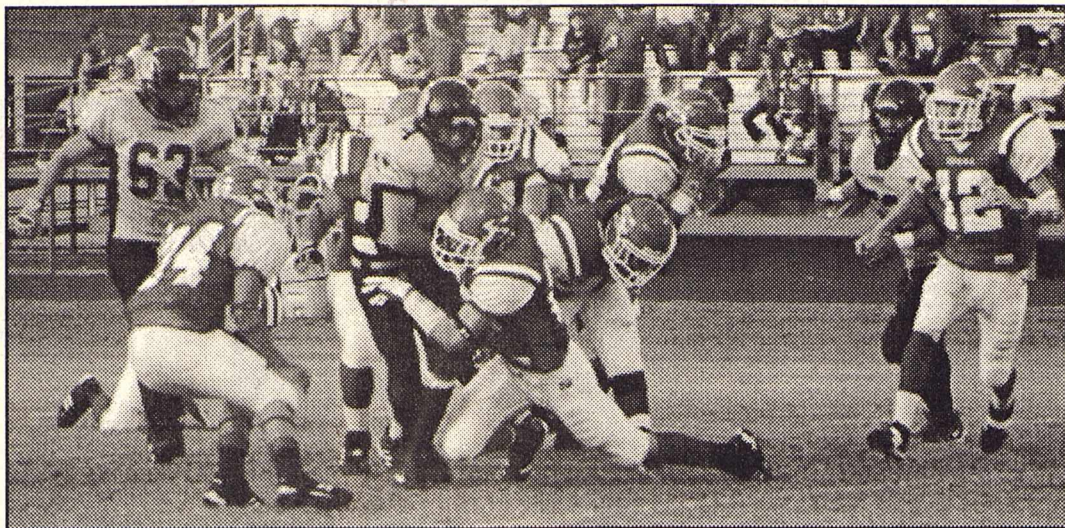
The Broncos suited up for their first home game Friday, September 2. The run through the Bronco Tunnel made the news at KLST.

The recent games between Sonora and Brackettville have been games to remember. Each team has always come to the game prepared for the other. After losing to the Tigers for the last two years by one point each time, the Broncos were able to win against the over-matched class A team. The Broncos scored five touchdowns for the second time this season. The Tigers will probably not lose again until they reach the playoffs.

The Tigers kicked off to start the game. Cameron Cox returned the kickoff to the Bronco 33 yard line. On the first play, Caleb Ramos hit Nash Traylor for a short gain. Brett McDaniel gained about five before Ramos was stopped short of the first down. Cullen Parker got off a nice punt.

The Tigers moved the ball for two first downs using the same offense as the 2000 Blanco Panthers. Their slick quarterback made it very hard to see who had the ball and they were hard to stop. On their second play from scrimmage, they had what turned out to be their longest run from scrimmage. After breaking several tackles, the Tigers broke into the open and appeared to be headed for a big gain when Evan Gulley made the tackle. With nine men in the box, the Tigers netted only five yards in their next three carries and punted to the Broncos. The Broncos started deep in their own territory as the ball went out at the eight yard line.

McDaniel took the handoff and gained nine yards to the seventeen yard line. On second-and-one, Ramos dropped back, threw deep to Anthony Longoria who made a tremendous catch near the fifty, and raced untouched into the end zone for an 83 yard touchdown. Aaron Gaytan kicked the PAT and the Broncos led 7 - 0 with 6:05 left



Bronco line brings down a Tiger.

in the first quarter.

Gaytan kicked off and the young Tigers broke free only to have an up close and personal meeting with Mr. Gaytan at mid-field. With the Broncos stacking the line of scrimmage, the Tigers went three and out. The Broncos took over after a fair catch by Cox. Justin Northcott gained three yards on first down. On second down, Ramos threw a pass that was intercepted when the Bronco receiver slipped. Travis Bonner returned the interception for a 37 yard Tiger touchdown. The PAT tied the score at 7 with 3:10 left in the first quarter.

Cox caught the kickoff at the ten and returned it sixty yards to the Brackettville 30 yard line. After a short gain by Ramos, McDaniel gained five yards on a pitch to the left. Trevino gained short yardage on a run to the left. On third down, Ramos threw a pass to Cox who let the ball slip through his hands right into the waiting arms of Lito Trevino. Trevino gained enough yardage for a first down.

The first quarter ended with the score tied at 7.

On the second play of the second quarter, Ramos tossed a short, soft pass to Pedro Gloria for the second Bronco touchdown. A high snap caused the PAT to fail and the Broncos led 13 to 7 with 11:18 left in the

second quarter.

The Tigers turned the ball over on downs, as Agustin Vaquera stopped their fourth down run for a loss.

On first down, McDaniel took the handoff at the 32 yard line and refused to go down. In the best run in years, he kept his balance by putting a hand on the ground, whirled away from a defender, and almost made it into the end zone. Two plays later, Ramos scored on a keeper. Northcott scored the two point conversion on a short pass from Ramos.

On Brackettville's next possession, the Tigers tried their first trick play. Running back Fermin Villanueva took the pitch from quarterback Robert Davis and threw a 53 yard touchdown pass to Robert Sanchez. The kick failed and the score was 21 - 13 with 3:32 left in the first half.

The Broncos tried to answer right before the half ended. Longoria gained big yardage on a reverse. Ramos ran for good yardage, and then hit McDaniel with a screen pass for about 15 yards. With time running out, Ramos threw incomplete to Longoria. However, the refs ruled it a completion and a fumble. The Tigers ran out the clock.

At halftime, the Mighty Bronco Band performed some of their UIL routines. The Tigers received the sec-

ond half kickoff and quickly fumbled the ball to the Broncos. The Broncos quickly moved toward the goal on runs by Ramos and McDaniel. Then Ramos hit Longoria with a first down pass. Ramos started the option play and pitched it to Longoria who took it the final 21 yards for a touchdown. Gaytan's kick was good.

After Brackettville failed to score again, the Broncos quickly scored again.

Ramos gained five, McDaniel ripped off nine, Ramos hit Longoria with two big completions, and Northcott scored on a 37-yard touchdown run. Again, Gaytan split the uprights making the score 35 to 19.

Tiger quarterback Robert Davis' 52-yard touchdown pass to Leon Woolsey with about three minutes to play narrowed a wide margin and gave Brackett some hope for a late rally, but several dropped passes on their next possession killed the Tigers' chance for a comeback.

*I would like to thank Nancy Glasscock for taking the movies while I take the photos. This week the Coleman Blue Cats come to Sonora. The Blue Cats have beaten Brady and lost to Wall by only one point in overtime.*

Score by Quarters	
Brackett	7 6 0 6 19
Sonora	7 14 14 0 35

## Bronco JV Red beats Junction for second win

by: Danni Price

The JV Red Broncos traveled east on Thursday, September 1st to play the Junction Eagles for their second game of the season. The Broncos had another strong showing as they beat the Eagles 29 - 0.

The Broncos received the kick, with #17 Nick Peña racing up to the 32 yard line to get things going for his offense. The Broncos would run 7 plays; gaining 2 first downs with a pass to #12 Fidel Acevedo and an option pitch to #21 Jose Casillas, before turning the ball over on downs. The Eagles would gain only 4 yards on their first possession before punting the ball away, as the Bronco defense would stand firm with key tackles by #17 N. Peña, #55 Morgan Martinez, #24 Alonzo Peña, #86 Justin Zuniga, #11 Riley Sanchez and #56 Marc Hernandez.

Riley Sanchez #11 would handle the punting duties and do a great job bringing the ball up to good field position for the Bronco offense. The Broncos would score on 4 plays with runs by #10 Victor Vaquera, #17 N. Peña, and then a pitch out to #24 A. Peña who would take the ball in for the score. The PAT was no good. Broncos 6, Eagles 0.

Anthony Sanchez #77 would kick to the Eagles 18 yard line, where the Eagle would be taken down by #18 Jordan Isenhour on the 31 yard line. The Bronco defense would remain strong limiting the Eagle offense to zero yards on this drive, the Eagles would again be forced to punt after running only 3 plays. Leading tackles for the defense on this stance would be Martinez, R. Sanchez, #54 Edward Garcia, and N. Peña. This would also be the end of the first period of play.

Riley Sanchez would handle another punt like an expert, gaining approximately 22 yards. Vaquera would hand off to Isenhour for a 7 yard gain on 1st down, then on 2nd down would gain 5 yards himself for a Bronco 1st down. Then on the Eagle five, Vaquera would slide

right into the end zone for the second touchdown. The Broncos would elect to go for two; Vaquera loses the ball, and then regains possession to hand off to N. Peña who would stretch into the end zone for the two point conversion. Score, Broncos 14, Eagles 0 with 8:20 left in the half.

The Eagles would run 12 plays and gain 3 first downs on their offensive drive, but could not reach the end zone; they would give the ball back to Sonora on downs on the Bronco 27 yard line. Bronco tackles made by #20 Hunter Lawson, Hernandez, #27 Manny Aparicio, Vaquera, N. Peña, #74 J.T. Downing, and a quarterback sack by A. Peña.

The Bronco offense would try to get a quick score with less than a minute in the half, with a pass to Isenhour and good run by Vaquera. Both of these plays would be called back due to penalties. Vaquera would take a knee as time ran out in the half. Sonora 14, Junction 0.

The Broncos' A. Sanchez would kick the ball to the Eagles' 16 yard line to start off the second half. The Eagle receiver would be met at the 22 yard line by N. Peña and Martinez. Junction would go 3 and out on this series, with good defensive play by N. Peña, Martinez, and Hernandez. Riley Sanchez would field the Eagles' punt for Sonora and get the offense started on the 30 yard line. The Broncos would run 6 plays to get to the end zone, with runs by Casillas, Vaquera and Isenhour. Vaquera would take it in for the score from the Eagle one. The PAT would fail, but due to a penalty by the Eagles, the Broncos would elect to go for two, with Vaquera running the quarterback keeper in for the 2 points. Broncos 22, Eagles 0.

Bronco kicker, A. Sanchez, would boot the ball to the Eagle 14 yard line, where the receiver would meet #15 Joe Lugo and Martinez. The Eagles would earn two first downs before punting away at the end of the third quarter. Tackles by the Bronco defense were made by #72 Mark Holman, N. Peña,

Lugo, R. Sanchez, Garcia, #65 Liano Luna, Acevedo, Martinez, and Downing.

Sonora would waste little time in scoring again, after an incomplete pass, a couple of solid runs by the Peña Brothers, Vaquera would use his offensive line once again and march it right up the middle for the last Bronco score. A. Sanchez' kick would prove to be good, and the Broncos would lead the Eagles 29-0.

The Broncos would once again kick to the Eagles who would run their last 3 offensive plays of the night before they would punt away to the Broncos. The Broncos would

move the ball very quickly and efficiently, gaining 3 first downs, and running 8 plays with #11 Riley Sanchez at the helm. Sanchez and the Broncos would make it all the way down to the Eagle 3 yard line, but would run out of time before scoring again. Final Score, Sonora Broncos 29, Junction Eagles 0. Way to go Broncos; good job!

The JV Red Broncos will travel to Coleman on Thursday, September 8th to play the Bluecats. Game time is set for 6:30 p.m.

**GO BRONCOS!!! BEAT THE BLUECATS!!!**

### Sonora Broncos Football 2005

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Sept. 9	**Coleman	Home 7:30
Sept. 16	Open	
Sept. 23	*Reagan County	There 7:30
Sept. 30	*Eldorado	Home 7:30
Oct. 7	*Ozona	There 7:30
Oct. 14	*Mason	Home 7:30
Oct. 21	*Wall	There 7:30
Oct. 28	*Grape Creek	Home 7:30
Nov. 4	*Junction	There 7:30

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### Sonora JV Red Broncos

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

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### Sonora JV White Broncos

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


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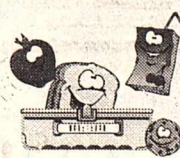
Sept. 8	Coleman	Home	5:00/6:30
Sept. 15	Eldorado (7th)	Home	5:00
	Wall (8th)	Home	6:30
Sept. 22	Reagan Co.	There	5:00/6:30
Sept. 29	Eldorado	Home	5:00/6:30
Oct. 6	Ozona	There	5:00/6:30
Oct. 13	Mason	Home	5:00/6:30
Oct. 20	Wall	There	5:00/6:30
Oct. 27	Grape Creek	Home	5:00/6:30
Nov. 3	Junction	There	5:00/6:30

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Wed.- Breakfast Pizza, Orange Juice  
Thurs.- Pancake on Stick, Apple Juice  
Fri.- Muffin, Orange Juice



Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

**Lunch**  
Mon. - Pizza, English Peas, Tossed Salad, Lemon Pudding  
Tues. - Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Orange Wedges, Roll  
Wed. - Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Crackers, Lime Jell-O  
Thurs. - Macaroni & Beef, Calif. Blend Vegetables, Peaches, Garlic Roll  
Fri. - Hamburger on Bun, Tater Tots, Ketchup, Burger Salad, Peanut Butter Cookie

### Proud Parents


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**Murphie Jane Mirike**

born on August 18, 2005 in Fresno, TX

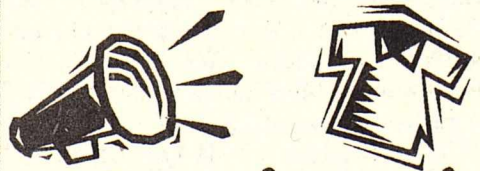
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20 inches long 

Maternal grandparents: Dr. and Mrs. David Lowdermik of Bosier City, LA

Paternal grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. JD Mirike of Sonora

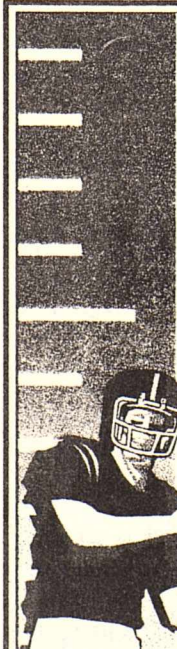
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# 2005 Sonora Homecoming Duchesses & Queen Candidates

## Freshman Duchess



**Stephani Morriss**

Stephani Morriss is the daughter of Steve Morriss and Erica Morriss. She is active in FFA/agricultural education, cheerleading, track, youth group, and with the Daughters of the Confederacy. She enjoys hanging out with friends, having fun, talking on the phone and computer, and being with her family. Stephani's favorite class in high school is theatre arts. Her most memorable time at S.H.S. is just being in high school in general and seeing her sister. Her escort will be her father, Steve Morriss.

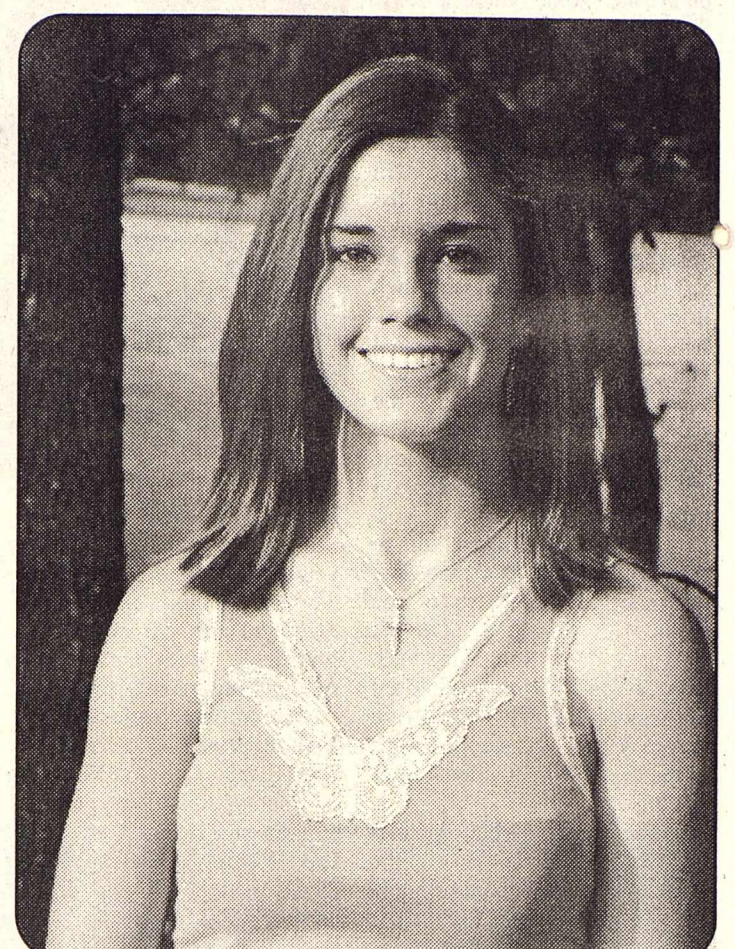
## Sophomore Duchess



**Paula Zaragoza**

Paula Zaragoza is the daughter of Efrain and Maria Zaragoza. She is active in basketball, track and band. She enjoys playing softball, volleyball, hanging out with friends and family, and talking on the phone. Her favorite class is biology with Coach Cox. Paula's most memorable times at S.H.S. are receiving a "one" in band her freshman year, and remembering the first day of high school. Her escort will be her father, Efrain Zaragoza.

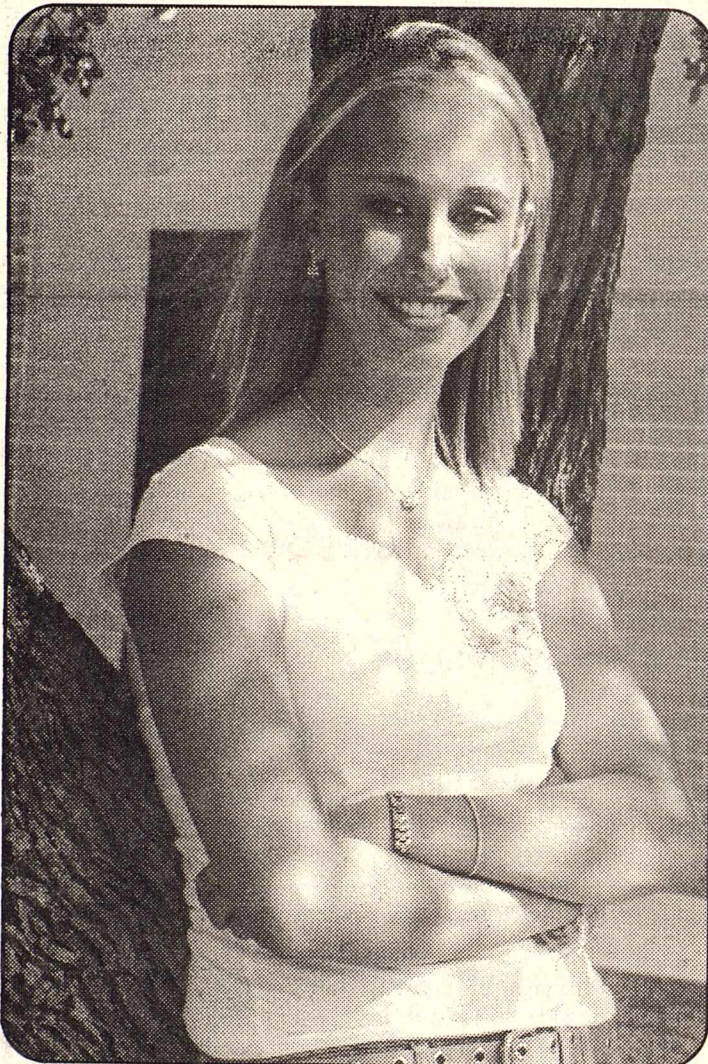
## Junior Duchess



**Kayla Fields**

Kayla Fields is the daughter of Tryon and Cindy Fields. She is active in cheerleading, basketball, softball, track and One Act Play. Kayla enjoys playing sports, reading, and hanging out with family and friends. Her favorite class is Tech Theatre and all her teachers are her favorites. Kayla's most memorable times at S.H.S. are softball playoffs and advancing in One Act Play. She will be escorted by her father, Tryon Fields, who is a 1973 graduate of S.H.S.

## Senior Queen Candidates



**Jillian Gulley**

**Jillian Gulley** is the daughter of Jim and Rhonda Gulley. She is active in cheerleading, PALS, NHS, youth group at the Lighthouse Community Church, basketball, and as track manager. She enjoys spending time with family, hanging out with friends, talking on the computer, meeting fun people, and movie nights at Kaleena's. Her favorite teachers are Ms. Casey and Ms. Miller and being a teacher's aide. Her most memorable times at S.H.S. include all the great times that she's had with all her wonderful friends. Jillian's escort will be her father, Jim Gulley, who is a 1976 graduate of S.H.S.

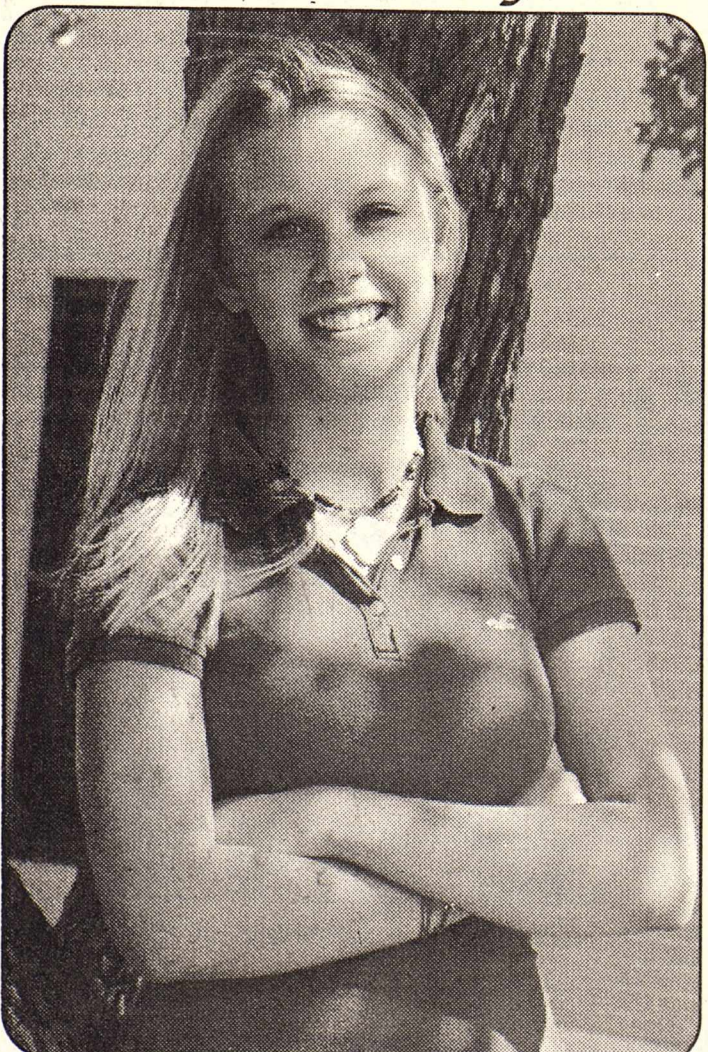
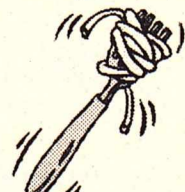
**Kristina Hernandez** is the daughter of Eloisa and Isabel Hernandez. Her extra curricular activities include basketball, cheerleading, track manager, NHS, PALS, and UIL. She enjoys being with her family, having fun with her friends, going to Kaleena's, playing basketball, talking on the phone, chatting on the net and beads. Webmastering is her favorite class. And her most memorable times at S.H.S. include all the fun things she's experienced with her wonderful friends. Kristina's escort will be Isabel Hernandez, Jr.



**Kristina Hernandez**

**The Eastern Star and  
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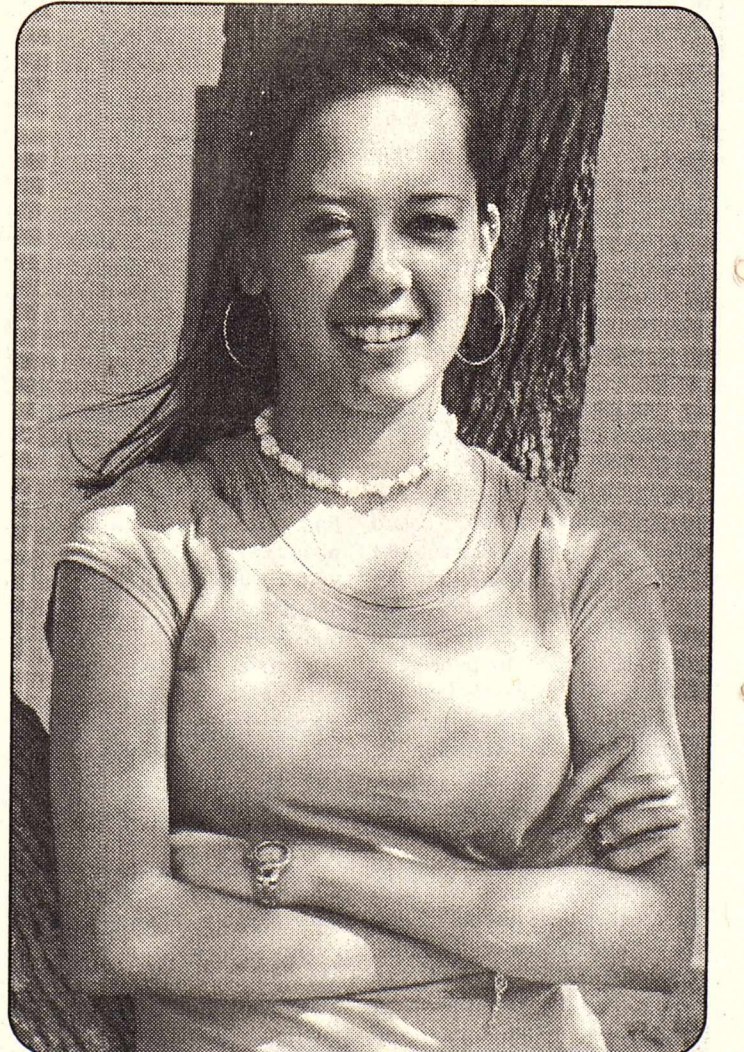
All proceeds go to benefit the youth of Sonora High School.



**Hillary Lawson**

**Hillary Lawson** is the daughter of Jane Rushing and Jack Lawson. She is active in PALS (her second year), as a football trainer, as a basketball manager, the youth group at Lighthouse Community Church, Spanish Club, and as Miss Sutton County 2005-2006. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, going to church, and working at the ranch with her grandpa. Her favorite class is nursing class. Getting crowned Miss Sutton County for 2005-2006 was her most memorable event. Hillary's escort will be her grandfather, George Wallace, a 1942 graduate of S.H.S.

**Julie Nicole Villanueva** is the daughter of Harvey and Wilma Villanueva. Julie's extra curricular activities include PALS, NHS, and Spanish Club. She enjoys hanging out with friends and family, riding around with her friends and talking on the phone. Her favorite teachers are Coach Dukes and Ms. Capuchina. Her most memorable times at S.H.S. are hanging out with her friends and laughing at crazy things. Her father, Harvey Villanueva, 1977 graduate of Coleman, will be her escort.



**Julie Villanueva**

**Oil & Agribusiness**

**Awareness of Wildlife Health is Important**



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

Wildlife is a valuable part of Texas outdoors. It generates income to landowners from hunting as well as from non-harvest activities. An important part of being productive is maintaining wildlife health. Aside from the economic considerations, there is also interest in wildlife health because they can serve as vectors of diseases which affect livestock or humans. Of increasing importance are diseases such as rabies, West Nile virus, hantavirus, and anthrax that can be transmitted from wildlife to humans. The diseases of animals that are transmissible to or shared with humans are known as zoonotic diseases. Other diseases such as pseudorabies, leptospirosis, brucellosis and tuberculosis virus have the potential to negatively impact livestock.

Feral swine, for example, are susceptible to a wide range of infectious and parasitic diseases. Brucellosis and pseudorabies are two examples of diseases which can be transmitted. Pseudorabies is an infectious, often very acute viral disease of the central nervous systems of feral swine that also is found in domestic livestock, cats, and dogs (but not humans). Brucellosis is a bacterial infectious disease of animals and humans. The effects of the disease in the primary host are generally limited to abortions and reproductive organ infections. In other host species such as humans, the disease clinically may mimic

severe flu and may vary to crippling arthritis or meningitis.

This summer, we experienced an anthrax outbreak which caught us by surprise. On the other hand, rabies, which can be carried by many mammals, seems more commonplace. It is important, however, for wildlife managers, hunters and the general public to be informed about the interactions of wildlife, livestock and the possibility of disease.

To address wildlife health issues, Texas Cooperative Extension offices in Sutton, Schleicher, and Crockett counties in cooperation with Rafter W Feeds will offer a Wildlife Health Seminar on September 22nd at the Sutton County Civic Center. Topics include Coping With Anthrax in Deer Enterprises, Monitoring Wildlife Disease, and Wildlife Damage Management. Other points of discussion will include the oral rabies vaccination program, TAHC's vigilance of animal disease, and procedures for containment in the event of a foreign animal disease outbreak. Speakers include Dr. Jim Cathey, Extension Wildlife Specialist; Tim Leary, Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC); and John Dorsett, Texas Wildlife Management Service.

The program, intended to heighten awareness of wildlife and disease concerns, begins at 9 a.m. and concludes at noon. Two TDA continuing education units (C.E.U.s) will be offered for those with a pesticide applicator license. Call the Sutton County Extension Office at 325-387-3101 to register.

**Migratory Bird Report for first week of Dove Season**

**Central Zone:** Traditional hot spots like San Antonio, Uvalde, Hondo and Del Rio should see strong shoots opening day. White-winged dove numbers are strong in corn and milo fields between San Antonio and Castroville. Most of the population roosts in suburban San Antonio, then fly out of the city to feed in agricultural fields at daylight. Barring heavy rainfall, conditions and feeding patterns should remain the same. Dove numbers in Central Texas near Brownwood are good. The Central Zone season runs Sept. 1-Oct. 30, and Dec. 26-Jan. 4 with a bag limit of 12 birds, to include not more than two white-tipped doves. Prospects are good.

**Special Whitewing Dove Area:** Despite dry conditions in South Texas, hunters should expect good shoots around watering holes, sunflowers and other annual weed sources. Willacy and Cameron Counties should see excellent afternoon shoots around corn, milo and water. Hunters are reminded that the Special South Texas Whitewing Zone season will run the first two Saturdays and Sundays of September, with a bag limit of 12 birds, but not more than four mourning doves and two white-tipped doves. Only afternoon (noon to sunset) shooting is legal. The Whitewing Zone was expanded this year to include land west of I-35 and south of U.S. Highway 90, a 20 percent increase in huntable acreage. Prospects are good.

**NEW:** A migratory game bird stamp endorsement (\$7) is required to hunt any migratory game bird, including mourning dove.

**NEW:** A upland game bird stamp endorsement (\$7) is required to hunt turkey, quail, pheasant, lesser prairie chicken, or chachalacas.

**REMINDER:** Regular Dove for the North Zone is September 1 - October 30; Regular Dove season for the **Central Zone (which includes Sutton and surrounding counties) is September 1 - October 30 and December 26 - January 4;** and for the South Zone is September 23 - November 10 and December 26 - January 15

**Special White-Winged Dove Area:** Special Season (Legal shooting hours are from noon to sunset) Saturday, September 3 and Sunday, September 4; Saturday, September 10 and Sunday, September 11

Regular Season: September 23 - November 10 and December 26 - January 11; Falconry (entire state): November 19 - December 25

**2005-2006 Bag and Possession Limits for Dove**  
North Zone: Regular - Daily Bag Limit: 15\*; Possession Limit: 30; Falconry: Daily Bag Limit: 3; Possession Limit: 6  
**Central Zone: Regular - Daily Bag Limit: 12\*;** Possession Limit: 24; Falconry: Daily Bag Limit: 3; Possession Limit: 6

South Zone: Regular- Daily Bag Limit: 12\*; Possession Limit: 24; Falconry: Daily Bag Limit: 3; Possession Limit: 6  
Special White-winged Dove Area: Special Season: September 3 and 4, 10 and 11 - Daily Bag Limit\*\* (see below) Possession Limit\*\* (see below)

Regular Season: September 23 - November 10; December 26 - January 11 - Daily Bag Limit 12\*; Possession Limit 24; Falconry: Daily Bag Limit: 3; Possession Limit: 6

\*In all zones, the daily bag limit can include no more than 2 white-tipped (white-fronted doves). The possession limit on white-tipped doves is twice the daily bag limit.

\*\*Bag limits for the Special White-winged Dove Area: 12 white-winged, mourning and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, to include no more than 4 mourning doves and 2 white-tipped (white-fronted doves). Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.



**Rig Locations as of September 2, 2005**

**Sutton**  
Dominion; 11500' Phillips-Hunnicut #2, Patterson Drilling.  
Dominion; 9600' W H Karnes-C-#11, Patterson Drilling  
Dominion; 9200' Duke Wilson #183-3, Patterson Drilling.  
Dominion; 8700' Duke Wilson #178-3, Patterson Drilling.  
Dominion; 8650' Mayfield - 40 - #19D, Patterson Drilling.  
Dominion; 8250' Edwin S Hill - Mayer Jr - E - #5, Patterson Drilling.  
Dominion; 7750' Shurley RR - 1A - #1, Patterson Drilling.  
Dominion; 4600' Canyon Ranch #406S, Patterson Drilling.  
New Dominion; 9750' Hunt - 19 - #2, Patterson Drilling.  
New Dominion; 9400' Joe Friend Estate - A - #7025, Patterson Drilling.  
New Dominion; 9050' Rande Fawcett Trust #16, Patterson Drilling.  
New Dominion; 9000' Cauthorn Ranch - 28 - #1, Patterson Drilling.  
New Dominion; 8950' LR Valliant #23, Patterson Drilling.  
New Dominion; 8900' Rande Fawcett Trust - C - #18, Patterson Drilling.  
New Dominion; 8800' Shurley RR - 4A - #2, Patterson Drilling.  
New Dominion; 8750' Tom Mitchell - 2 - #7, Patterson Drilling.  
New Dominion; 8400' Edwin S Hill- Mayer Jr - D - #5, Patterson Drilling.  
New Dominion; 8300' Edwin S Mayer Jr #10-3 Patterson Drilling.  
New Dominion; 8300' Hill-Mayer - UU - #4, Patterson Drilling.  
New Dominion; 8300' Edwin S Mayer Jr - #8-4, Patterson Drilling.  
New Dominion; 7650' Shurley RR - 1E - #5, Patterson Drilling.  
New Dominion; 7500' Shurley RR - #6-6, Patterson Drilling.  
New Dominion; 6000' Canyon Ranch #407S, Patterson Drilling.  
**Crockett**

Clayton Williams Ener; 10500' University - 25 - #1 - Patterson UTI.  
Momentum Energy; 9650' Harris Ranch - 9P - #1, Patterson UTI/MIDLAN.  
Approach Operating; 9000' Bailey #119, Nabors Drilling.  
Approach Operating; 9000' Laufer #1302, Nabors Drilling.  
Approach Operating; 9000' JR Bailey Estate - B - #1801, Patterson Drilling.  
Bluegrass Energy, Inc.; 7000' Simpson Canyon - 5045 - Unit #1, Adobe Drilling.  
Trek Resources; 6000' Shannon Estate #2, United Drilling.  
FIML Natural Res; 5500' JM Baggett Jr #3-2A, Patterson Drilling.  
Durango Pipeline; 5500' Seahorn - J - #7, Heart Land Drilling.  
Durango Pipeline; 5500' Seahorn - K - #6, Heart Land Drilling.  
New J. Cleo Thompson; 9300' University 31-33W - #4, Patterson Drilling.  
New Dominion; 9245' Joe Friend Estate #928, Patterson Drilling.  
New Anadarko; 8000' S C. Millsbaugh - 2 - #10, Patterson Drilling.  
New Silver Oil & Gas; 6000' Daniel #8-4, Patterson Drilling.  
New Oxy Permian; 5600' South Cross Unit #235, Patterson UTI.  
New Chevron; 6800' A R Kincaid Trust - C - #14, Nabors Drilling.  
New Silver Oil & Gas; 6000' Daniel #8-3, Patterson Drilling.  
New FIML Natural Res; 5550' J M Baggett JR #1-3A, Patterson Drilling.  
**Schleicher**  
New Approach Operating; 9000' Rousselot #1304, Nabors Drilling.  
New Rawco Oil & Gas Corp; 5000' Powell #3, Heart Land Drilling.

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**Sutton County 4-H Forecast**

It's that time of year when we gear up for the 4-H Food's and Nutrition Project. We are in need of leaders and volunteers. Our project planning meeting is scheduled for September 27 at 6:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. All interested are encouraged to attend.

On September 20, we will hold our annual **4-H Achievement Banquet**. This event recognizes the accomplishments of our youth during the past 4-H year. Come and enjoy the meal and the special program. The banquet will be at the Civic Center and begins at 6 p.m.

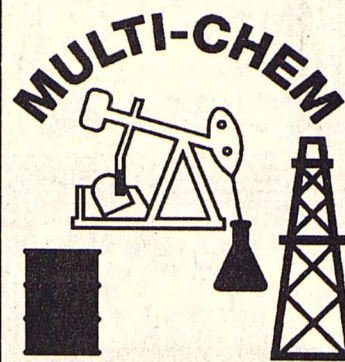
Our 4-H year will kick off with a **general meeting and enrollment drive** for our 2005-06 year on **September 12th**. We will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a program highlighting projects offered in Sutton County. Club will provide refreshments.

**Hunter Education Course** - just in time for hunting season. Hunter Education will be offered at the Civic Center, Saturday, **October 8th** from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and continuing on Monday the 10th from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Upon satisfactory completion, those 12 years old and older will receive their hunter certification. Contact the Extension to sign up!

The **Sutton County Livestock Show Committee** will hold their Fall meeting on the evening of **September 19th** at 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. We will finalize the show catalog, and confirm judges, set validation dates, etc., for the 2006 Stock Show. Updates on major shows will be given.

Here's something new for Angora goat exhibitors. The San Angelo Stock Show plans to offer an Angora Wether Show for the upcoming season. These animals will not be eligible for the sale, however, they will receive premium money. CALL if you intend to show them as we have to "validate" them in September.

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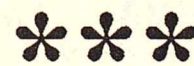
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**Texas Farm Bureau assisting rural residents hit by Katrina**

Texas Farm Bureau, combining its strength with the American Farm Bureau Federation and other state Farm Bureaus, has launched a relief effort specifically aimed at assisting the farm families and rural residents who were left in the wake of Hurricane Katrina's destruction.

"The Farm Bureau Hurricane Ag Fund has been established as a donation option for people wishing to help fellow producers and rural residents who may be overlooked but are also in dire need at this time," said Texas Farm Bureau President Kenneth Dierschke. "Every dollar collected will be earmarked for helping farm and ranch families restore their lives and communities and return to the important job of producing our nation's food and fiber."

While the extent of the destruction will likely take weeks or longer to assess, conservative estimates predict a \$1 billion price tag on the damage done directly to crops and livestock, according to AFBF estimates. An additional \$1 billion in indirect costs is expected as a result of a growing waterway shipping crisis and soaring fuel prices.

Dierschke said contributions will be dispersed to agricultural or rural-related charities selected by state Farm Bureaus in Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi, and the Alabama Farmers Federation.

The American Farm Bureau also will contribute to the Hurricane Ag Fund. Dierschke, a member of the national organization's board, said that county Farm Bureaus, state Farm Bureaus and individual members may mail checks directly to the AFB Foundation. Donations are tax deductible when made out to "AFBFA/Hurricane Ag Fund." Checks should be mailed to: AFBFA/Hurricane Ag Fund, 600 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20024.

Farm Bureau is also reaching out to America's Second Harvest in an effort to ensure that people from all walks of life in the hurricane zone are fed. Dierschke said America's Second Harvest (A2H)—the Nation's Food Bank Network—is working with other disaster relief charities to distribute a steady stream of food, water and toiletries to those in need.

"Donations are being accepted online, and 100 percent of funds collected will go directly to support victims of the hurricane," said Dierschke, adding that donations may be made at [www.secondharvest.org](http://www.secondharvest.org). America's Second Harvest is also accepting donations of non-perishable food items and other basic necessities.



**Future Broncos hit the practice field**

The Sonora Pee-Wee and Heavy Weight Youth football teams took to the practice field on Tuesday, September 6, 2005, some for the very first time. The third-sixth grade boys and girls, playing as part of the San Angelo YMCA will begin games later this month, competing against the surrounding communities of Ozona, Eldorado, Junction, Big Lake and Iraan. Look for schedule and more information in later issues of The Devil's River News.

**A little knowledge makes stain removal easier**

Submitted by  
**Kelly L Thorp**  
 CEA-FCS  
**Texas**  
 Cooperative  
 Extension  
 Sutton County

air dry.  
 - Take dry-clean-only clothing to the dry cleaners.

Whatever the stain, though, treat it quickly, Brown said. "Time and heat exposure make removing stains harder. Use a blotting motion. Work from the inside of the garment or back of the stain to force the stain out rather than into the fabric. Avoid using a rubbing motion. Launder the whole item after treating."

If pretreatment is necessary to remove the stain, make one using granulated detergent mixed with water, or use liquid detergent or a pretreatment product.

"Pretreat stains quickly and repeat the application if the stain remains," Brown said.

"Sometimes you need to treat stains many times. Never dry a stained garment in the dryer or (the stain) may become impossible to remove."

After pretreating, washing the garment in the appropriate cleanser is important.

"Soaps are mild cleansers that come in granules, which are used for lightly soiled and delicate items, or bars, which are good for pretreating heavy soils and stains before laundering," Brown said. "Avoid harsh rubbing with the bar."

Detergents, which are available in heavy duty, light duty or combination forms, aren't as mild as soaps but do "clean a wide variety of soils," she said. "Granular detergents are used on all washable fabrics. Liquids work on oily soils. Combination detergents contain detergents and either color-safe bleach or fabric softener."

Then there's bleaches, which are "strong cleaning agents," Brown explained. "Follow the instructions on the containers." And use chlorine bleach only on colorfast fabrics.

Other laundry products which can be helpful in removing stains and keeping clothing in good condition are:

- Detergent boosters, which strengthen detergent's cleaning power;

- Enzyme presoaks, which help remove stains; and

- Fabric softeners, which help make clothing soft and reduce drying time.

But some basic laundry habits can help eliminate stains in the first place, Brown said, such as:

- Emptying pockets and closing zippers, hooks and buttons before putting into the washing machine;

- Sorting clothing by colors, construction, fiber, texture and heaviness of soil;

- Pretreating stains;

- Using the recommended amount of detergent;

- Not overloading the washer or dryer;

- Using the hottest water temperature recommended;

- Using the right wash and dry cycles for the fabrics;

- Using chlorine bleach only on colorfast fabrics;

- Removing clothes from the dryer promptly and avoiding overdrying; and

- Regularly cleaning washer and dryer filters.

For more information contact a county Extension agent and ask for publication L-5199, "Quick Stain Removal Guide." Or visit the Web at <http://agpublications.tamu.edu/catalog/topics/Clothing.html> and clicking on "Quick Stain Removal Guide."

**Gas tips from page 1**

Hurricane Katrina's victims, and one simple way each Texan can help is to conserve gasoline, whether by carpooling or combining errands into one trip."

Commissioner Jones said, "By moderating and curtailing demand for gasoline, each Texan can help alleviate one major factor that contributes to driving gasoline prices upward."

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of coal and uranium. The RRC does not have authority to regulate gasoline prices.

Gasoline Conservation Tips:

• Drive Sensibly: Aggressive driving (speeding, rapid acceleration and braking) wastes gas. It can lower your gas mileage by 33 percent at highway speeds and by 5 percent around town. Sensible driving is also safer for you and others, so you may save more than gas money.

• Observe the Speed Limit: Gas mileage decreases rapidly at speeds above 60 mph. Each 5 mph you drive over 60 mph is like paying an additional \$0.15 per gallon for gas. Observing the speed limit is also safer.

• Remove Excess Weight: Avoid keeping unnecessary items in your vehicle, especially heavy ones. An extra 100 pounds in your vehicle could reduce your mile per gallon by up to 2 percent. The reduction is based on the percentage of extra weight relative to the vehicle's weight and affects smaller vehicles more than larger ones.

• Avoid Excess Idling: Idling gets zero miles per gallon. Cars with larger engines typically waste more gas at idle than do cars with smaller engines.

• Use Cruise Control: Using cruise control on the highway helps you maintain a constant speed and, in most cases, will save gas.

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The Sutton County Water Conservation District will hold a hearing at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 20, 2005 at the District Office, 301 S. Crockett Ave., Sonora for the FY 06 Proposed Budget. Immediately following the budget hearing, the Board shall convene in a regular meeting to consider adoption of the FY 06 Budget and consider adoption of a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2005-2006. The proposed tax rate is 0.01760/\$100 ad valorem value. The proposed tax rate would increase taxes in the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District by 7.99%.

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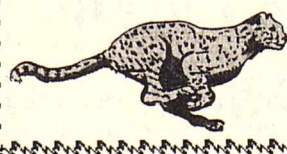
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In today's world, you can purchase your entire Christmas gift list online, pay your child's college tuition online and balance your checkbook online, along with a myriad of other tasks. But with this convenience comes threats to your personal and financial safety from hackers, viruses and spies!

The good news is that routine maintenance of your computer can save you a lot of headache and worry from "uninvited" guests. What is Spyware?

Spyware is software that monitors your computer and tracks your actions and Internet use. Spyware sends your personal information, such as buying habits, to a third party without your permission. This third party will often use this data to send you unsolicited targeted advertisements.

If you have ever downloaded a free game, software or media players, you probably are infected with a marketing type of software. While most spyware is not dangerous, you may receive a barrage of unwanted e-mails and pop-up ads.

There are some actual spyware surveillance tools that allow a user to monitor all types of computer activity, including snapshots and e-mail chatrooms. These types of tools are often used by parents to monitor their children's computer activity or businesses to monitor their employees' computer use.

Here are some warning signs from the Federal Trade Commission which may indicate that spyware has been installed on your computer without your knowledge:

- A barrage of pop-up ads
- A browser that takes you to other sites other than those you type in the address box
- A sudden or repeated change in your computer's Internet home page
- New and unexpected toolbars
- New and unexpected icons on the system tray at the bottom of the computer screen
- Keys that don't work. For example, the "Tab" key might not work when you try to move to the next field in a Web form.
- Random error messages
- Sluggish performance when opening programs or saving files.
- Make sure your computer is a valuable tool and not an open portal to your personal information by following the advice of experts to lower the risk of spyware:
- Update your operating system and Web browser software
- Download free software only from sites you know and trust
- Don't install any software without knowing exactly what it is
- Don't click on any links within pop-up windows
- Purchase virus and spyware protection software to keep uninvited users from accessing your computer.

**The Scam is in the E-Mail**

Now that we find ourselves in an Internet-driven world, we are constantly flooded with e-mails. While e-mail makes it easy to conduct personal and corporate business, it also makes us easy prey for e-mail scammers.

For example, suppose you receive an e-mail from your bank or your credit card company saying that your bank card or credit card has been used to purchase some merchandise and the company wants to make sure you actually ordered the merchandise. The e-mail may ask you to enter personal information such as your name, address, social security number, checking or credit card account number so they can verify this information against the information they have on file. When you click "Send," you've just played into the hands of a scam artist who will use your personal information to steal your identity.

Remember, a bank or credit card company will never ask for your account information through an e-mail. As with traditional mail or telephone solicitations, do not give out your credit card information unless you initiate the transaction or unless you are sure the website is a secure website.

Here are some of the top e-mail scams as identified by the Federal Trade Commission. Also listed is some advice from your local community banker on how to handle these scams.

**Cable D-Scrambler Kit**  
 "Purchase this kit and you can receive cable television transmission without paying any subscription fee." Aside from being illegal to steal service from a cable company, you will probably find that after you assemble the kit, it doesn't work.  
**Advice: Click Delete.**

**Business Opportunity**  
 "Work from home. No selling. No meetings. Let someone else do all of the work while you sit back and earn up to \$1,000 per day." The e-mail will give you a number to call. You'll probably reach a voice mail instructing you to leave your name and phone number and then someone will call you back with the sales pitch. This is probably an illegal pyramid scheme.  
**Advice: Click Delete.**

**Chain Letter**  
 The e-mail asks you to send \$5-\$10 to four or five names on a list. Replace one of the names with your own and forward the revised bulk e-mail. If you fall for this scam, you may as well throw \$5 or \$10 in your trash can and be done with it.  
**Advice: Click Delete.**

**Health and Diet Scams**  
 On any given day, you probably receive at least one or two or more e-mails that offer pills and other herbal gimmicks to transform your body into a petite size 6 and grow a full head of hair on your balding head. Beware of terms such as "scientific breakthrough," "miraculous cure," and "secret formula."  
**Advice: Click Delete.**

**Vacation Prize Promotions**  
 "Congratulations! You've been selected to receive a fabulous Caribbean Cruise." If you click on this one, your "ship" will probably be similar to a small fishing boat and your luxury accommodations may be a grass hut. Don't worry. For several hundred dollars, you can upgrade.  
**Advice: Click Delete.**

**Main Street Traffic**

I would like to give a big thank-you to the families who helped out with the Western Heritage Pioneer Exhibit. Families include: Frank and Nancy Davis; Keith and Anita Hudson; Ben and Sherry Ingham; Louis Powers Family; Jimmy, Houston and Sam Powers; Mickey Powers; Zane Powers; and James and Lois Archer.  
 Ann Kay

**FYI**

On September 9, 2005, we will once again celebrate Homecoming for our Mighty Broncos. If you would like to be a part of the Parade, you will need to line up on Concho Street in front of the car wash at 2:15 and the parade will start at 3:00. If you have any questions please call 387-2248 or come by the office 201 E. Main. GO BRONCOS!!

Peppermint Ball meeting for all members - Sunday, September 11, 3:00 p.m. at Hillary Lawson's, 106 Iva.

The S.M.S. Back to School Dinner will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2005. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Middle School Snack Bar. The school will provide beef/chicken fajitas and refreshments. The grades are in charge of bringing the following: 5th grade—vegetable dish; 6th grade—vegetable dish; 7th grade—salad; 8th grade—dessert.

The Sonora Middle School 6th grade class will be handing out the Krispy Kreme doughnut orders on Thursday September 8th from 1:00 -5:00 p.m. at the football stadium parking lot. Please pick up your doughnuts at this time. The 6th grade class and teachers thank you for your support.

Come to our Book Fair! Sept. 6-13, 2005 at the SMS Library from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Family Night is Sept. 13 at 7:00 p.m.

The First National Bank will be honoring the graduating class of 1955 this year on the FNB float for the Homecoming Parade. The bank would like for all of the class of '55 to come join us for the parade. The parade will begin lining up at 2:15 in front of the car wash on Concho Street. The parade will begin at 3:00 p.m. Please call FNB at 387-3861 or Roy Jean at 387-5033 for more information.

ESL & GED classes began September 6, 2005. Classes will meet on Tuesday and Thursday nights, from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Vocational Building on the corner of Prospect and 2nd Streets. For ESL information, phone Delia Samaniego @ 387-3029. For GED information, call Kathleen Freeman @ 387-3736.

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

Keep Sonora Beautiful will have their first start-up meeting Wed. Sept. 14, at noon at the Chamber of Commerce Office. Bring your lunch and we will visit about all the possibilities to help Keep Sonora Beautiful; recycling, beautification projects, education to our youth, etc. We would love anyone interested to be a part of the committee. For more info. call the Chamber at 387-2880 or Susan Hall at 387-5553.

Miles Cotton Festival - Sept. 10; arts & crafts, food booths; parade; brisket, chicken, pork rib cook-off; children's games; horse-shoes; washers; entertainment all day; street dance to close, featuring Mark David Manders. FMI call 325-468-3501 or visit www.milestexas.com

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

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

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

If you or someone you know is struggling with an addiction, call Narconon Arrowhead. Narconon offers free addiction counseling, assessments, and referrals to rehabilitation centers nationwide and to your community by calling 1-800-468-6933 or logging onto www.stopaddiction.com. Help save a life. Call now!

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