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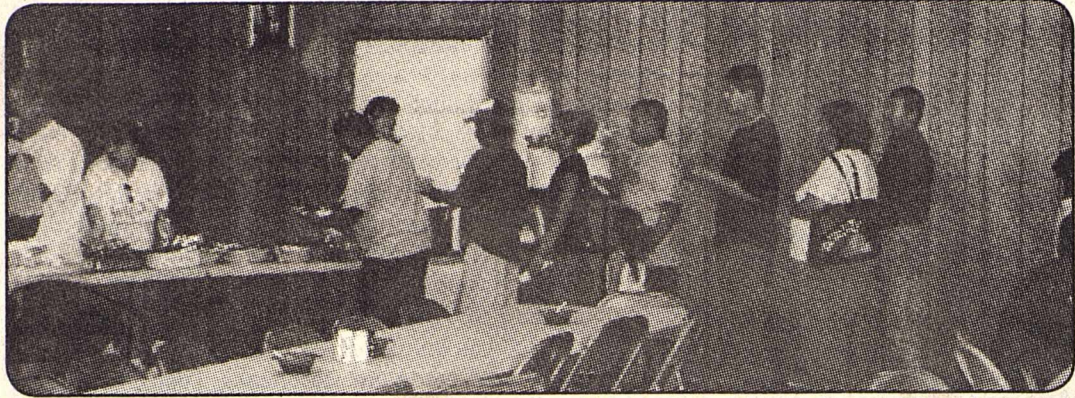
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Travelers fleeing from the rage of Hurricane Rita line up for a free meal at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Sonora lends a hand to Rita Refugees; West Texas hospitality at its best

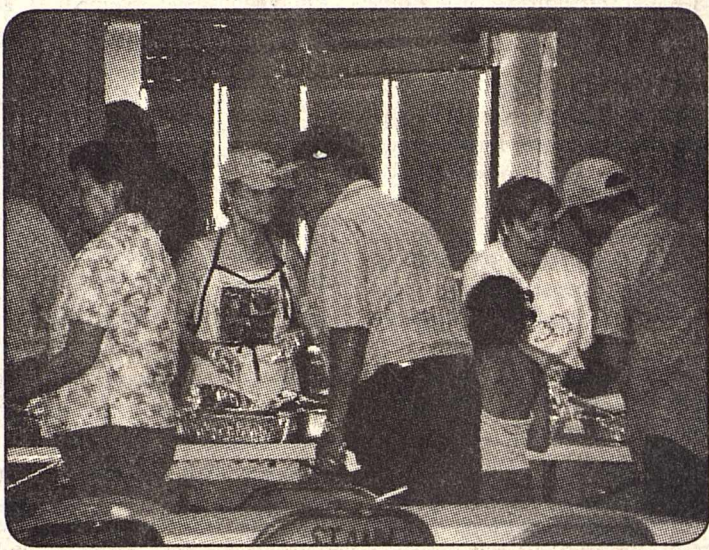
by Storie Sharp

Empty gas pumps, no vacancy at motels, travelers sleeping in the lobbies and on the floors of churches, hungry men, women and children lining up for a free meal because they have nothing. No, it wasn't just a scene in East Texas last week, this was right here in Sonora. The mass evacuation from the Houston area had every hotel room from border to border taken, including those of our local motels. Travelers told how they had sat in traffic on I-10 for 10, 12, 24 hours and longer, many running out of gas and having to wait for Texas Department of Transportation personnel to come by with gas cans to fill their tank enough to get farther down the road. The scorching heat didn't help matters, causing vehicles to overheat, and making for a very uncomfortable trip for many. But some of those roadway-refugees were treated to a type of oasis in our small community, as volunteers started working to gather food, snacks, and other essentials to help these victims in their flights.

Local churches provided meals and even places to sleep for some. Civic organizations quickly put together baskets or boxes of needed items to give people that passed through. Four charter busses sat at 1-10 Exxon for two days waiting for a group of evacuees to be transported from Houston. The group ended up being stuck in the massive traffic jam on the East side of San Antonio, and when they finally pulled into Sonora about dark on Friday evening, they hadn't had anything but a sandwich since Thursday morning. Once again, local citizens pitched in and soon there were sandwiches and drinks being served out of the back of cars, providing some very hungry men with a much needed meal before they continued on their way to the El Paso area.

One family that was originally evacuated from New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, and then were sent on the road again because of Rita, found some very special friends in Sonora. "Grandpa" Mike Villanueva, Maria and Ruben Mesa and Marris and Santiago Faz, took eight under their wing and went out of their way to make sure this family, that had lost everything, felt special for at least a short while. The group made sure that the family was fed lunch and supper from Thursday, September 22, through Monday, September 26, when they were finally told they could begin their return trip back to Houston, where they will reside in an appointed apartment until they can return to New Orleans and start over.

While in they were in Sonora, Villanueva contacted Brenda and Tabby Sanchez of La Mexicana and gained permission to show them a real West Texas Ranch. This Louisiana family had never seen a goat, a real cow or bull; much less the longhorns, emus and llamas that live on the Sanchez' place. It was an unexpected experience for the weary travelers, and one this family won't soon forget. The new friends in



Volunteers serve food, drinks and a warm West Texas smile to unexpected Rita victims.

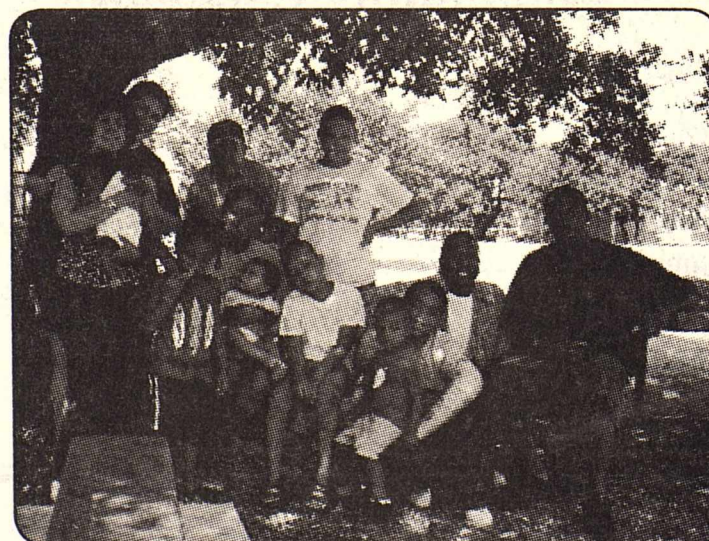


Evacuees had their cars packed to the roof with personal belongings and stopped in Sonora for a break from their long road trip from Houston.

Sonora won't soon forget their adopted New Orleans family either.

Living here in our day-to-day lives, we sometimes take for granted how lucky we are to have friends and neighbors that are more like family. In letters on following pages, people express their admiration and appreciation for our small town hospitality. I personally already knew the graciousness and overwhelming generosity of this community because of a personal tragedy years ago, but it never fails to bring a tear to my eye to see our small town reaching out to others, be it through a benefit roping, Relay for Life, a bake sale fund raiser for a fire, or acts such as these to help someone in need.

Sonora, you are truly a gem among the rocks out here in West Texas.



Mike Villanueva, Brenda, Tabby and Ivan host Emmitt Ramsey, Monique Lassai, Dwayne Lassai, Dalah Ramsey, Shada Lassai, Chad Ramsey, Kerriem Lassai and Mylan Lassai of Louisiana during their stay in Sonora.

4-H Banquet awards top honors



Local 4-H youth honored at annual banquet.

submitted

Craig Leonard, Senior President of the Sutton County 4-H Club presided over the annual Sutton County 4-H Awards Banquet held Tuesday evening, September 20, 2005 at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center.

Participants were treated to a motivational speech given by the retired director of the Family Support Center at Laughlin Air Force Base, Mr. Bobby Barrera. Mr. Barrera conveyed the message of meeting and overcoming life's challenges. The guest speaker lost his left arm and right hand during the Vietnam War. Mr. Barrera challenged the audience to muster the character to meet life's obstacles. The evening then proceeded to recognize 4-H accomplishments.

Sherry Ingham and Carolyn Earwood, 4-H Project Leaders, presented completion certificates to a total of seventy five members who had completed one or more 4-H projects during the 2004-05 4-H year.

The following Awards were presented in the following project areas:

Angora Goat Medals were presented this year by Jr. 1st Vice President Bailey Joe Pennington to Keeli Taylor.

Senior reporter, McKenzie Watkins presented the Horse Awards to Steely Ingham, Serena Allison, Stella Ingham, and Cash Jennings.

The citizenship award was presented by Colton Moore, Senior Parliamentarian, to Laura Martin and Chelsey Lou Campbell.

The Leadership award was presented by Laura Martin, Senior Club Secretary, to Meredith and Emily Earwood.

Meredith Earwood, junior 3rd Vice President, presented the Wool and Mohair Judging Award to Colton Moore, Savannah Leonard, Craig Leonard, and Zachary Leonard.

A Foods and Nutrition Medal was presented to Sidney Dermody and Morgan Yvlecka by Sterling Love, Junior 2nd Vice

President.

Savannah Leonard then presented the Agricultural Achievement award to Colyer Dermody, John Duke Hudson and Mandy Brister.

Wildlife awards were given by Laura Martin, senior Secretary, to Bailey Joe Pennington.

The largest number of 4-H club members involved in any one project is the meat goat project. Goat awards were presented by McKenzie Watkins, senior reporter, to Hunter Jennings, Dustin Neff, Sterling Love, Shane Love, Ty Love, Spencer Hall, and Sterling Hall.

Sheep awards may be presented to 4-H members with either market lambs or futurity ewes. The awards this year were given by Emily Earwood, senior 1st vice president, to Chance Campbell, Owen Friess, and Gunter Pennington.

Shooting Sports is another very active project with a large number of participants. Junior Parliamentarian, Stella Ingham, presented shooting awards to Word B. Hudson, Will Dutton, and Cody Barber.

One of the most recent projects offered in Sutton County is the Swine project. Mark Holman, senior historian, presented

medals to Paul Faz, Adriana Faz, Kylie Love, and Madison Myers.

The speaking award medal winner was McKenzie Watkins. Zachary Leonard, junior club 1st vice president, presented her with the award.

The beef award was given to Kaija Valkonen. Steely Ingham, senior 3rd vice president, presented this award.

Mr. Pascual Hernandez presented 4-H year pins to members who completed an overall 4-H record book. The honorees were:

Stella Ingham-2 year
Meredith Earwood-5 year
Steely Ingham-6 year
Laura Martin-6 year
Emily Earwood-7 year
Mark Holman-7 year
Craig Leonard-8 year

Special recognition also went to Craig Leonard and Mark Holman who received the Goldstar Award, the highest 4-H honor.

Kelly Thorp then presented the Home Economics Award. The winner was Stella Ingham daughter of Ben and Sherry Ingham. Stella's project work in the area of family and consumer sciences has shown great matu-

See 4-H page 10



Stacey Pennington and Shawna Faris were honored as the 4-H adult leaders of 2005.

Bonilla declares State of Emergency on Texas/Mexico



Congressman Henry Bonilla
WASHINGTON, D.C. - Fed-up

with the worsening situation on the Texas/Mexico border, Congressman Henry Bonilla has notified President George W. Bush of a state of emergency along Texas' border with Mexico.

"Illegal aliens are crossing our border by the hundreds on a daily basis. They are presenting an immediate danger to the lives of people in every Texas community and beyond. We strongly urge you to take action now," wrote Bonilla.

"I authored this letter because it's time to put border security on the front burner," said Bonilla. "Our letter may sound highly critical, but that's because Washington, D.C. is filled with letters that mean nothing. Our letter should not be grouped into that column. Our letter makes a strong statement and we hope it will result in real progress."

Joined by 24 members

of the Texas Congressional Delegation, Bonilla's letter was sent to the White House on Wednesday, September 21, 2005. In the letter, Bonilla demands the return of 165 agents that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) transferred from Texas to the Tucson Sector in Arizona. The letter explains that the absence of these agents is crippling border security in Texas by creating holes in manpower protection. Bonilla also addresses "Other than Mexicans" (OTMs) who are making a mockery of the immigration system; illegal drugs crossing the border; and border violence. Bonilla believes that all of these issues pose serious threats to border security.

Today's letter was addressed to the White House, because border security problems rest solely on the shoulders of the Department of Homeland Security and its policies. "My colleagues and I have been advocating border security for several years, but we have yet to see much progress," said

Bonilla. "I'm encouraged with what President Bush has said in recent weeks, but it's time to see the Department of Homeland Security act on the president's concerns."

Co-chair of the Congressional Border Caucus, Bonilla has been striving for several years to create stronger security along the Texas/Mexico border. Bonilla has sent letters to former Department of Homeland Security Secretary Ridge regarding the security problem. Bonilla has also spoken personally with Attorney General Gonzalez and included language in the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations bill, calling for wide-spread implementation of Expedited Removal, which forced the implementation by DHS this summer.

Bonilla has represented South Texas since his first election in 1992. In addition to serving as Co-chair of the Congressional Border Caucus, Bonilla is a Vice-Chair of the U.S./Mexico Caucus.

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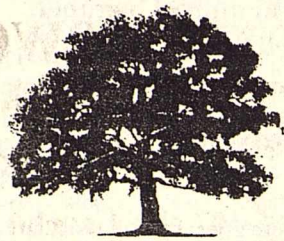
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Sonora native dies in one-car rollover

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Lovington Daily Leader; Sep-
tember 22, 2005

Denise Augustine, 44, of Tatum, died Tuesday, September 20, in a one vehicle crash at approximately 10:48 a.m. New Mexico State Police responded to the scene on State Highway 457 northwest of Lovington.

Augustine was driving a 2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer which according to police officials was southbound. The driver failed to negotiate a left hand curve causing the right side tires to exit the paved portion of the roadway, the report continues. The driver then steered hard left in an apparent attempt to bring the vehicle back onto the roadway, and the vehicle began to

skid. She then apparently over corrected back to the right losing control of the vehicle which exited the west side of the roadway in a side skid and overturned two complete times before coming to rest on its wheels in a pasture.

The driver was pronounced dead at the scene by Deputy Medical Investigators Derenda Windham and Tasha Robb of the Office of the Medical Investigator.

Officers have ruled out alcohol as a contributing factor in the crash and have determined that Mrs. Augustine was not wearing her seat belt, according to Captain Larry H. Rogers, District Three commander of New Mexico State Police.

Obituaries

Denise Augustine

Services for Denise Augustine, 44, of Tatum, NM were held at 10 a.m. Friday, September 23, at First Baptist Church in Tatum. Rev. Wayne Brazil and Rev. Tom Reynolds officiated. Burial was at Tatum Cemetery. Pallbearers were Joel Graham, Richard Luce, Curtis Fort, Bobby Stearns, Clyde Fort and Joel Klein. Stevens Funeral Home directed arrangements.

Born January 2, 1961, at Sonora, Texas. She passed away September 20, 2005. She was married to Kenneth Augustine on December 29, 1984, in Sonora, Texas. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Tatum, was a Sunday School teacher and taught piano. Denise was a member of Tatum Sorority and of the Caprock 42 Club and was a sales consultant for Creative Memories.

Survivors include her husband of Tatum; a daughter, Melissa Augustine of Tatum; her father, Smith Neal of Sonora; her grandmother, Bertha Williams of Hobbs; two brothers, Eric Neal and his wife, Lisa, of Midland, Texas and Chris Neal and his wife Regina, of Magnolia, Texas.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society and the Levi Downey Memorial Fund c/o New Mexico FFA MSC 3501, P.O. Box 30003, Las Cruces. NM 88003-8003.

Augustine C. Artiaga

Augustine C. Artiaga, age 81, of San Angelo passed away on Monday, September 26, 2005 at his residence.

A Rosary service was held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 28, 2005 at the Robert Massie Funeral Home Chapel and the Mass of Christian burial at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 29, 2005 at the Cathedral of Sacred Heart with Father Maurice Voity officiating. Burial followed at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were by Robert Massie Funeral Home.

Augustine was born on May 28, 1924 in Sonora, TX to Pitacio and Petra Chavez Artiaga.

He married Sally Baltazar on March 17, 1969 in Ciudad Acuña, Mexico and worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone. Augustine was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church where he was a 4th degree Knight of Columbus.

Augustine is survived by his wife; Sally Artiaga of San Angelo, step-son; Ronnie Baltazar of Sonora, TX, sister; Beatrice Artiaga of Sonora, TX, numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews; along with three wonderful little dogs; Tiny, Whiskers and Blackie.

The family would like to express a very special thank you to the Knights of Columbus of San Angelo, the staff with Hospice of San Angelo and his very special caregiver Connie Dominguez.

Senior Center Activities

Fri. Sept. 30 - Birthday party for September babies! Join us for cake and punch - noon.

Mon. Oct. 3 - Bingo!

Tues. Oct. 4 - Exercise everyone!

Wed. Oct. 5 - TRAX Van to San Angelo; 387-2509!

Thurs. Oct. 6 - Start holiday crafts...need ideas & volunteers!

Senior Center Menu

Fri. Sept. 30 - Chicken fajitas w/onion & peppers, Spanish rice, refried beans w/cheese, tossed salad, Jell-O w/fruit, milk

Mon. Oct. 3 - Baked chicken, potatoes au gratin, Italian veggies, roll, fresh orange, milk

Tues. Oct. 4 - Ground beef w/Vermicelli, pinto beans, tossed salad, flour tortilla, mixed fruit cup, milk

Wed. Oct. 5 - Baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, roll, juice, peanut butter cookie, milk

Thurs. Oct. 6 - Roast beef w/gravy, brussel sprouts, carrots, roll, applesauce, milk

Letter to the Editor

I am writing to let the wonderful people of Sonora know how much we appreciate everything that was done for us while we were in Sonora. My husband & I came to Sonora as evacuees from Hurricane Rita last Friday afternoon and left there on Sunday as friends of the community. We love the people there and were treated like royalty by Donna at the Welcome Center, all the ladies at the Best Western Motel, Mary Ann at Ol' Sonora Trading Post, and most especially, the wonderful people at the Catholic Church. Neither of us had ever been to Sonora, other than maybe passing through, but we will come back to visit. We had never really experienced the blessings of a small town and would never have guessed at how wonderful life could be in such a place. To our new found friends in Sonora, we say Thank You from the bottom of our hearts!

Toni and Dominic Gustin
Houston, Texas

We have been to your city a couple of times but only as over-nighters, however, last week we were there as evacuees from Galveston Island and Hurricane Rita. I cannot begin to thank the people of Sonora for their friendliness and helpfulness. The Best Western staff, the Visitor center staff including the 'park lady'. (Yes, we did walk the trails on Eaton Hill!) The library staff, the people of St. Ann's Church who provided wonderful food! Rick and Jo-Ann Palmer of the Historical Society and all the other people who made our stay better. Thank you all! If there is any way you could make this public I would appreciate it.

Coote and Jacky Wright-Broughton, Galveston.

Thank You Notes

On Wednesday September 21, 2005 Sonora was quickly filling with evacuees from all over the Houston area. Everyone in Sonora took them with open arms. The churches opened up their doors and made everyone feel right at home. The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program sent baskets of candy to all the hotels as a gesture to the guests and their families. We set out maps of Sonora, along with where to go for some good meals.

We are so thankful to live in such a wonderful community where we come together and welcome all that visit our town. We would also like to thank the City of Sonora, Judge Carla Garner, and everyone here in Sonora on helping out with even the little things. Just a simple "Hello" or even a smile to someone that thought they were about to lose everything was one of the greatest things that they could hear. So thank you Sonora for everything that you have done this past week, it was greatly appreciated.

Ann Kay and the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program

Dear Sonora Volunteer Fire Department,

Thanks for the long hours and dedication you have shown each time you have come to the ranch and helped with a grass fire. Monday night was the second time you have responded in a month to a fire on the Canyon Ranch. Although the origin of these fires are unknown, the dedication and determination of these men and women are extraordinary. While visiting with you that night, I realized you had all worked all day, yet still came and fought fire with us and were willing to stay till the end knowing you had to work the next day. We also want to take the opportunity to thank friends and family who have helped each time: Bob Brockman, Carl Lang, Olie Smith, Kirk Joy, Nick Garza, Jerry Petty, and many, many more who have come and helped when needed.

Thank-you,
Brian, Shanna, and Kadee Brian Petty

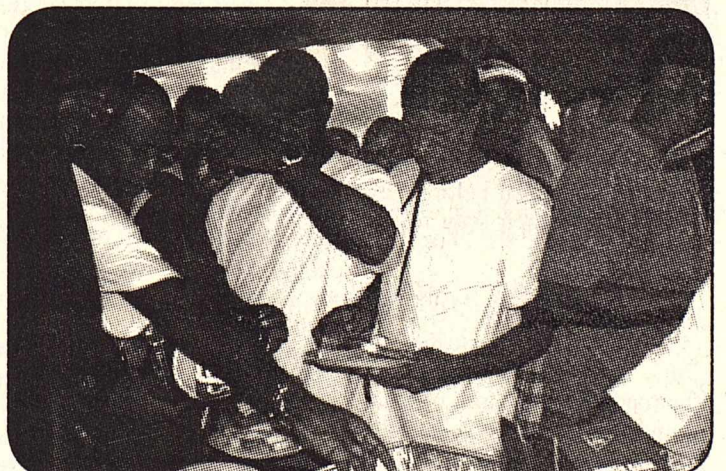
Thanks to everyone who had a part in the benefit team roping barbecue and auction held to benefit our son and brother, Rick Hendley. A special thanks to Bart Collins, Rick Hunnicutt, The Duke Energy Gang, all the chute help and the wonderful cooks. God bless you all.

Sincerely, Ruth Hendley, Ab, Roy Don, Scott and families

To the community of Sonora,

We would like to give our deepest thanks and gratitude for all the donations - food, money and most of all, your time, to provide relief to the Hurricane Rita evacuees. We fed approximately 1000 people from Thursday noon, 'til Sunday noon with your help. We are truly blessed to witness that in a time like this we can become one as a community and help out those in need. Thanks to this great community, we were never lacking for helping hands and food/monetary donations.

May God Bless Ya'll from the bottom of our hearts,
St. Ann's Catholic Church



Evacuees that had been stuck in traffic for two days were treated to sandwiches, snacks and drinks. Sonora proves once again that it is filled with some great people, willing to help neighbors in need!

Community Calendar

October 1

Shane Folmar Day--Sutton Co. Slab
11:30 a.m.

American Meat Goat Association
Grand Opening 11:00 a.m.

October 10

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Ask the Historical Society

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

Memorials were received from Steve and Michelle Anderson in memory of Mayer Anderson

Q. Please tell us about Indianola again. They didn't even mention it during hurricane recaps on the news shows, even when one stated the storm was headed for Matagorda Bay.

A. At the end of 316 south of Port Lavaca you will find a historical marker to the town of Indianola and a rose granite statue of Rene Robert Cavalier, Sieur de la Salle, the French Explorer who was the first to leave a bootprint on the sands of Indianola over 300 years ago. His stony eyes look out across unmarked sands that must look a lot like when he first came here.

So much had happened in this area over the years but the sands and seas have taken away all traces of the once thriving city of over 6,000 people. The port city was said to be one of the finest harbors on the Gulf of Mexico with piers going out into the bay for a half a mile where rich cargoes were constantly loaded and unloaded from great ships. In the 1840's German colonists led by Prince Carl of Solms-Braunfels landed in Indianola. In the 1850's Jefferson Davis' great experiment, two shiploads of Arabian camels landed in Indianola. Warehouses were filled with ice cut from the Great Lakes in the winter and consumed by Texans in the summer. The city had survived yellow fever epidemics and even a severe storm in 1866 but on September 16 and 17, 1875 the sea became a monster and three-fourths of the city was laid to rubble. Over 900 people perished. The beef shipping industry done over the Harrison Morgan Steamship Line pushed to have the city rebuilt. The steamship and railroad companies repaired the cattle wharfs and the railroad company kept its machine shops and a turn table there.

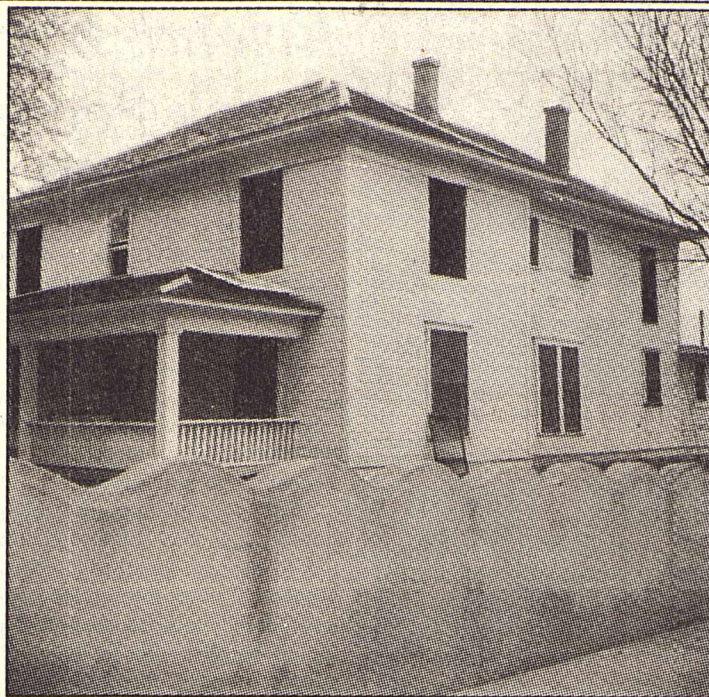
On August 20, 1886 another storm hit Indianola, it didn't last as long as the 1875 storm but was much more violent. Railroad rails were picked up from the roadbed with ties attached and blown a quarter of a mile through the air where they landed on end in Powder Horn Lake. There were fewer victims but those who survived, except for one old Negro man named Uncle Peyton, decided to abandon the place for all time and the county seat

was moved from Indianola to Port Lavaca. Just imagine a city the size of Sonora turned into a ghost town.

Here is part of a story written by James Hatch of San Antonio for the Frontier Times: Court had been called in Indianola and jurors sworn for the term. Without warning a West India tornado (hurricane) struck the place, people didn't get frightened until it was too late to escape to the prairie and mainland. The county jail was located in the court house yard, and when water to the depth of several feet rolled in great seas through Main St.. It was believed the prisoners in the jail would drown in their cells if left, so Sheriff Busch brought them into the court house and his deputies stood guard over them. Soon the great wharves and large timbers from the ships ways began floating through the city. Waves mountain high formed before a wind having a velocity of one hundred miles an hour and the heavy floating timbers acted as battering rams against the houses, knocking them to pieces as though they were but cardboard.

Of those stationed at the court house the two first degree murder prisoners, William Taylor and Joe Blackburn, proved most heroic. Each of these men repeatedly sprang through the court house window and swam to the aid of some drowning man or woman, and each time succeeded in bringing the victim up to the window where willing hands on the inside pulled them through.

During the awful storm many courageous rescues were effected. For ten hours D. W. Hatch, Jr., stood lashed in an open window of the second story of the Dr. David Lewis home and with a rope lassoed struggling people as they floated past. It is said that he dragged between twenty and thirty through the window to comparative safety. Floating ship spars and heavy timbers were the constant menace to buildings not already demolished, but the Lewis building withstood the storm. After the storm had blown from the east for 18 or 20 hours, the wind suddenly shifted to the north, and the high waters of the different bays now took a mad rush back to the Gulf. The Matagorda Peninsula lay in its way and fifteen miles of this peninsula was carried into the Gulf, with many homes and families, among them being three pilots of Pass Caballo, Captains Thomas and Elijah Decroe and their families and two sons-in-laws John Humphries and Henry Pearsley. Only John Humphries sur-



G.W. Morris home April 1963; torn down May 1963

vived from his family. Henry Pearsley had built a raft which was carried to the mainland and they were found unhurt.

At Captain Billie Nichols house, his wife was desperately ill after childbirth. Dr. John Leake was in attendance and Miss Decroe. The captain and the doctor would not leave the ill woman and despite protests put young Henry Nichols and Miss Decroe on a raft and cut it loose. They floated to the beach of Lavaca Bay, every inch of their clothing torn from their bodies, but saved by hand holds made of rope the Captain had placed around the raft. The part of the peninsula where the house stood was carried into the Gulf along with the bodies of the others that were never recovered.

The cisterns of Indianola (that can still be seen in the sands of the bay near La Salle's statue) were contaminated by the salt water. Heavily guarded water was hauled into Indianola for the survivors and evenly distributed to the people. Only three horses survived the storm. They had been saved by leading them up a stairway to the second floor of a building.

Search parties were organized to scour the prairies for the living and dead. The dead were buried without coffins with a fence picket at their head and feet to mark their grave. If a name was known it was marked on the head. The bodies were later disinterred and placed in coffins and buried in the Indianola cemetery. Most of the bodies were found nude as the furies of the storm had ripped the clothing from them and made identification almost impossible. There was never an exact head count of the dead.

So many had drowned at Indianola, Matagorda Peninsula, Sakra and other Gulf shore islands. Many of the dead had come from the interior of the state to fish and swim, they were strangers and no one knew them. Some were identified by jewelry they wore but others were never identified. No one knew exactly how many bodies were washed out into the Gulf never to be seen again.

Hurricanes still hit the Gulf coast. Man doesn't seem to have learned from what happened to the people of Indianola and continue to build right along the coast. They put wharves out in front of their homes that turn into battering rams that help destroy their homes. With storms getting larger and more violent and the ocean rising, many homes are no longer safe yet men keep rebuilding on the same spot, right in the path of known killer storms.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885. Our offices are open Monday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 8-12. Tours of the Miers Home Museum will be given during these hours. We had over 30 tours Friday and Saturday for people displaced by Rita. The Miers Complex grounds including the Depot will be closed for renovations during October. I will let you know when they will be available for rent again. Extensive painting has been done on the inside over the past year and we hope to get donations from all the community to paint the outside of the John & Mildred Cauthorn Building (Old Depot) a great tourism asset to Sutton County and enjoyed by locals for weddings and parties. This building does not belong to the Cauthorn family and they are not responsible for care of it. The Sutton County Historical Society and all of its members and contributors must maintain all our buildings.

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Category 3 Hurricane Rita slams Texas-Louisiana border

State Capital Highlights
Texas Press Association

By Ed Sterling
AUSTIN - Up to 3 million people fled from coastal areas as Hurricane Rita lumbered steadily through the Gulf of Mexico toward the Lone Star State, Sept. 19-23.

Rita struck Saturday morning, Sept. 24, making landfall at Sabine Pass near the Louisiana border. The storm's 100-mph winds and torrential rains ripped buildings, downed powerlines and flooded homes and other property.

Some storm damage estimates reached \$20 billion. Hardest hit were Jefferson, Orange, Jasper and Newton counties, but damage assessments are still in progress.

In advance of the storm, Gov. Rick Perry recalled the Texas National Guard and other state emergency teams deployed out of state in response to Hurricane Katrina, which struck Aug. 29.

Coastal county dwellers and Galveston Islanders in particular packed up and headed inland after Perry called for voluntary evacuation on Sept. 21.

On Sept. 22, President George W. Bush declared a state of emergency for all of Texas, and mandatory evacuation orders were issued. Evacuees joined snail-like highway processions toward the interior of Texas and beyond.

Relief agencies converted school gymnasiums into shelters. Officials canceled, postponed or rescheduled high

school football games and community activities.

Stores sold out of bottled water; hotels and motels filled up; and inland kin and friends took in their coastal kin and friends. Attorney General Greg Abbott said his attorneys and investigators stood ready to lower the boom on unscrupulous businesses, con artists and bogus charity workers who exploit victims and others.

Lawmakers to leave or shuffle

Certain members of the Texas Legislature have signified their intent not to run for re-election in 2006.

Those include Reps. Peggy Hamric, R-Houston, Suzanna Hupp, R-Lampasas, Bob Griggs, R-North Richland Hills, Terry Keel, R-Austin, Joe Nixon, R-Houston, Richard Raymond, D-Laredo, and Jim Solis, D-Harlingen. Three members of the Texas Senate also will not return after their present terms expire. Those include Sens. Todd Staples, R-Palestine, Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, and John Lindsay, R-Houston. Raymond has announced that he will challenge Henry Cuellar, an incumbent Democrat, for U.S. Congressional District 28.

Hamric and Nixon expect to compete in the GOP primary for Lindsay's Senate seat; Keel plans to run for a seat on the state's 3rd Court of Appeals; and Staples is running for commissioner of agriculture. Sharp to head tax reform panel Gov. Perry announced his intention to appoint a bipartisan panel to pick apart the state's tax system and find areas that could benefit from reform.

Perry, a Republican, asked former state comptroller John Sharp, a Democrat, to chair the panel. Sharp accepted. The panel will travel around the state to collect input from a broad spectrum of Texans. School funding ruling anticipated The Texas Supreme Court had not ruled as of Sept. 23 on the state's appeal of a lawsuit by more than 300 school districts that claim the state's way of funding public education is unconstitutional.

A year ago, a lower court ruling found in favor of the plaintiffs. When the state Legislature failed to solve school funding and the related issue of property tax reform, the state appealed. Oral arguments were heard July 6.

Anti-violence grants awarded

Gov. Perry announced \$6.8 million in grants to combat violent crimes against women and to render services to victims.

The grants will go to 100 programs across Texas under the STOP Violence Against Women Act and will be distributed by the governor's criminal justice division.

Big Tex expects big draw at Fair

The 2005 State Fair of Texas will open Sept. 30 at historic Fair Park in Dallas.

More than 3 million people are expected to attend the extravaganza that will continue through Oct. 23. Exhibit hours are 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. daily.

Kickoff for the Texas-OU football game is scheduled for noon on Oct. 8.

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Chamber Chatter



California EMS crews had an unexpected delay in Sonora, but were treated with true West Texas hospitality, before continuing on to assist victims from Hurricane Rita.

Sonora reaches out to Hurricane Rita victims

SONORA Chamber of Commerce
by Ruthie Bounds, COC Executive Director

Yet again I must start my column this week with praises for our community. During the mass evacuation of the Texas & Louisiana Gulf Coast regions in advance of Hurricane Rita, Sonora and every other town along Interstate 10 (and any other road for that matter) filled with evacuees. All motel rooms for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in Sonora were booked by early Wednesday morning, and nearly everything was booked for Thursday. All the motel owners and operators in Sonora were inundated with calls, as was the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center. I would sincerely like to thank all the motel operators for the professional manner in which they operated under some extreme circumstances. I know from the desperate phone calls we were receiving at our office that this could not have been easy for the motels and their employees.

It was necessary for me to be in Monahans on Thursday to attend the "Kick-Off" of the Texas Pecos Trail Region, though I was in contact with the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center by phone and by email. As I was traveling home to Sonora and listening to KHOS Hill Country Radio I heard an announcement that St. Ann's Catholic Church was feeding the evacuees supper that evening. You can't even imagine the pride I felt, that a group in our community was willing to give so much to help these displaced people. St. Ann's Catholic Church not only fed the

evacuees supper on Thursday, Friday and Saturday but lunch on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. They fed on average, 150 people at each meal except on Sunday. When you add that up it means that these wonderful people at St. Ann's fed over 900 meals to people in need. From the reports I have received by some of these evacuees they were treated like royalty and so very impressed that so many people, including the youth of St. Ann's, could give so much to strangers.

On Friday a group of fire and rescue workers from San Diego, Los Angeles, and Orange County California en route to help with Hurricane Rita, stopped in Sonora and were ordered to stay put until further notice. Again the community of Sonora stepped up. Keith Butler, CEO of L.M. Hudspeth Hospital, made sure that these folks had access to showers and beds in the currently unused portion of the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. They were able to take their showers. The ladies of the Church of Good Shepherd Presbyterian made sure they had a quiet place to eat and plenty of iced tea, while they ate the chicken fried steaks furnished by Sonora Chamber of Commerce. These exhausted rescue workers did not get to sleep here in Sonora Friday night, as they were ordered to proceed to College Station, Texas, but at least they were able to shower, eat, and relax for a while.

We had volunteers here to help us man the phones on Wednesday and I am so thankful for the volunteer help, because after 150 phone calls we stopped counting. The Texas Association of Convention and Visitors Bureau had a communication ring going by email to help direct evacuees to any areas that might still have motel rooms available. We checked that email every thirty minutes or so that we could keep up with a very fluid situation and in turn were reporting this information to The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDot) in San Angelo and Governor's Office of Tourism.

In the midst of all of this we still have some very important and wonderful things coming up this week-end in Sonora.

Friday and Saturday September 30 and October 1st will be the W.E. Whitehead Boer Goat Disbursement Sale at the W.E. Whitehead Ranch.

On Saturday we have the Grand Opening for the American Meat Goat Association at 11:00 a.m. at 109 W. Main, here in Sonora.

Saturday has also been proclaimed "Shane Folmar Day" and friends and family of Shane's would like for everyone to attend a community picnic at the Sutton County Slab, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Bring your picnic, lawn chairs, beverages and family and visit with friends as we celebrate the life and dedication to service of Shane Folmar. There will be a grill available if you want to bring hot dogs, and we will have some condiments there also, so bring your picnic lunch, paper goods, beverages and ice.

On a more personal note, I would like to let you all know that Donna's husband, Scott Garrett is currently in Orange, Texas helping with Hurricane Rita clean up. Scott's unit of the Texas Army National Guard was called to duty on Tuesday, September 20th to assist with relief for Rita victims. Though Donna had to drive Scott to Gatesville Tuesday night so that he could report for duty on Wednesday morning at 7:00 a.m., she returned immediately to Sonora knowing that she needed to help with directing evacuees. This is a lady that is dedicated to her job, her community and to her fellow man, not to mention her wonderful family. What a blessing to have a person like Donna at our office.

James and Stephanie Williams of Moorcroft, Wyoming are pleased to announce the birth of Cade Michael

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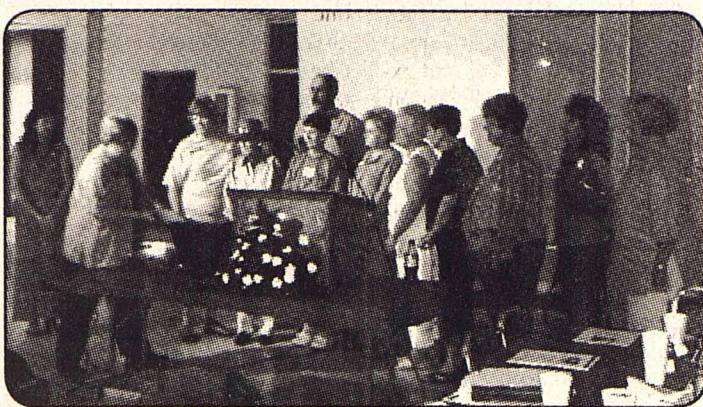
Friends of Historic Sonora celebrates Texas Pecos Trail organization

by Ann Kay, FHSMS Manager

On September 22, 2005 the official organization meeting for the Texas Pecos Trail Region was held in the Ward County Community Center in Monahans, Texas. Janie Headrick, the Texas Heritage Trails Program Coordinator opened the meeting with the official certificate of acceptance of the twenty-two counties of the Texas Pecos Trail Region.

She would begin by saying how pleased she was to welcome the Texas Pecos Trail to the Texas Heritage Program and she began to organize the activities and steps we all need to take to kick off a successful Texas Pecos Trail Program. Janie introduced Teresa Caldwell the Assistant State Coordinator to the Texas Heritage Trails Program. They told the success stories of the other trails and how they had done the first steps to planning a successful program.

Teresa gives a presentation of the regional organization first steps; she told us that we needed to establish a regional board, regional board meetings schedule, and be committed to working/thinking regionally. All twenty-two counties are partners and we must all work together as one body, and promote the Texas Pecos Trail to the tourists as a whole. The regional board will be formed by taking applications from people who are from the twenty-two counties who feel like they can be regionally and culturally diverse, and what can this person give to this board that would be an asset and a value to making the Texas Pecos



New Texas Pecos Trail board members are given important information for the new designation.

Trail a great success story. Teresa also gave us a description of the regional board members' duties and what would be expected from them as board members. She recommended that the board members would be on staggered, rotating terms, and time commitment schedule. We all agreed to form a task committee to handle business until our next meeting which will be in Crane, Texas on December 1, 2005. Ruthie Bounds will be the gathering point for information, including the applications for board membership, Texas Heritage Trails Program physical inventory of historic, cultural, and natural site and activities, and applications for the Texas Pecos Trail Office selection site. The task committee will be Tom Rivera from Pecos City, Betty Cash Pecos County Iraan Chamber of Commerce, Ann Schneemann Big Lake Reagan County Historical Commission, and Mary Ann Kay from Sutton County. We are all so happy to be a part of the Texas Pecos Trail.

Carrasco promoted at The Bank & Trust

The Bank & Trust proudly announces the promotion of Edward Carrasco to assistant vice president. He currently serves as branch manager of the San Angelo location at 5106 Knickerbocker.

Carrasco brings a diversified banking background to his position. In his five years of banking, Carrasco has expertise in annuity investments, personal banking, teller, branch management, bank operations, and notary services. He also holds his Group I Insurance License.

A native of Sonora, Texas, he earned a bachelor of business administration with a minor in economics from the University of Texas at San Antonio. He is married to his wife of nine months, Olivia.

Diabetes facts and figures, Do Well meeting scheduled



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

Diabetes is a serious illness. But the good news is, it doesn't have to be a life-threatening one. Early diagnosis and treatment, and good management practices are the keys to a long and healthy life for persons with diabetes. According to the American Diabetes Association (<http://www.diabetes.org/main/application/commercial>) when a person has diabetes, his or her body doesn't produce insulin (type 1) or properly use insulin (type 2), a hormone needed to convert some foods into energy. No one knows what causes diabetes, although genetics and such factors as lack of exercise and obesity may contribute. Facts and figures from the ADA list about 17 million Americans with diabetes - but only about 11.1 million are diagnosed. This means nearly one-third - 5.9 million people with diabetes - don't know they have it. The costs of all these cases of

diabetes is enormous. The ADA estimated the total direct and indirect cost in 1997 (the most recent year figures are available) to be \$98 billion. Of that, \$44 billion was medical and treatment costs, and \$54 billion was for indirect costs, such as disability. A simple blood test by a health care provider is required for a diagnosis of diabetes. However, being aware of the symptoms can lead to an earlier diagnosis and a better quality of life. The ADA lists some of the symptoms to look for: frequent urination, excessive thirst and extreme hunger, blurry vision, increased fatigue, irritability and unusual and unexplained weight loss.

Once the medical diagnosis has been made, proper treatment and management can make life healthier for the person with diabetes. A combination of exercise, weight control, proper diet and sometimes medications can keep the person - not the disease - in charge of his or her life.

For information on living with diabetes - especially Type 2 - plan to attend **Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes** program this October 10, hosted by Texas Cooperative Extension. For more information call or email your local Extension Agent at 387-3604. Registration is limited to the first 25 participants.

Angelino and Brad Johnson honored by World Food Media Awards

submitted
Nominations for the prestigious 2005 World Food Media Awards have just been announced, and Modern Luxury has received two nods for the top prizes.

Modern Luxury's national food and travel editor Brad A. Johnson has been nominated for "Best Restaurant Critic" worldwide for his work in *Angelino* and *Riviera*. Six critics from four countries (USA, Australia, New Zealand and Canada) received nominations.

"This nomination by a jury of eminent industry professionals represents the belief that Brad Johnson's entry is among the highest achievements in this field over the last two years," noted the jury.

In addition, Angelino received a nod for "Best Food Section in a Magazine." Only three magazines from three countries (USA, Australia and New Zealand) were nominated in this category.

2005 marks the 10-year point of the contest, with ever increasing competition from around the globe. These awards (where "Ladles" are presented) are the food and drink equivalent of the "Oscars." The "Ladles" are the biggest prize of their kind. No other international food and drink competition covers such broad fields of activity in so many countries. The World Food Media Awards received more than 3,500 entries and now provides global recognition for professionals within the food and drink media by recognizing excellence across a broad range of activity: cookbooks, magazines, newspapers, television, guide books and photography. Ten countries (representing five continents) are among this year's list of nominees. Previous winners include Gourmet (USA), Vogue Entertaining and Travel (Australia), Marie Claire Lifestyle (Australia), Los Angeles Times (USA) and Eat (Japan).

Winners of the 2005 World Food Media Awards will be announced at a gala event on Saturday, October 29, 2005, in Adelaide, South Australia. Modern Luxury, Inc. publishes the finest regional luxury lifestyle magazines in America. Brad is the son of Linda Johnson and Jerry and Nancy Johnson. He graduated from Sonora High School in 1982 and is a graduate of Southwest Texas State at San Marcos.

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Broncos take care of business

by: Ray Glasscock

The Sonora Broncos demonstrated several characteristics of a solid, disciplined football team this past Friday night in Big Lake. They knew they were facing a weaker opponent, but they came out and executed their plays to perfection. Big Lake's game plan was to stop the Bronco rushing attack. While they slowed the running game, the Broncos went to the air and moved the ball with ease. The Bronco defense once again spent very little time on the field as they held the Owls to only 13 first downs and 163 yards of total offense.

The Owls took the opening kickoff to start the game. They went three and out, as Roland Solis stopped a quarterback scramble on third down. After a nice punt, Caleb Ramos hit a streaking Anthony Longoria with a perfectly thrown pass for a first play touchdown that covered 56 yards. Aaron Gaytan kicked the first of five PAT's precisely through the uprights. With 9:33 left in the first quarter, the Broncos led 7 to 0.

Uriel Santana hit the Owl kickoff returner and forced him into a herd of Broncos. After a tackle for a loss by Gaytan and Embre Smith, the Owls passed for their first, first down. On the next play, the Owls fumbled the

ball back to the Broncos. Pass completions to Nash Traylor and Longoria accounted for most of the yardage in the next Bronco drive. Longoria scored his second touchdown on a seven yard pass from Ramos, and the Broncos led 14 to 0 with 6:53 left in the first quarter.

A solo, open field tackle by Chris Perez stopped the Owl kickoff return near the Owl 30 yard line. Tackles by Craig Leonard on the quarterback, and Steven Duhon and his defensive line buddies forced another Owl punt to the Bronco 30 yard line.

The Owl defense stopped the Broncos on three plays, but an Owl penalty gave the Broncos a first down. The Broncos logged another first down on a catch by Lito Trevino and a run by Brett McDaniel. This drive ended when the Broncos turned the ball over on downs. After six Owl plays, the Bronco defense forced the Owls to run out of downs giving the ball back to the Bronco offense.

After a first down catch by Traylor and a six yard gain by McDaniel, Longoria caught a short pass from Ramos and sped down the right side line for a 57 yard gain to the Owl three yard line. On third down, Ramos walked into the end zone from one yard out behind a huge hole opened by Dustin Duhon. Gaytan was

once again perfect with his PAT and the Broncos led 21 to 0 with 6:43 left in the first half.

On their next possession, the Owls managed two first downs before having to punt. Ramos immediately threw deep to Trevino who made a tough catch between two Owl defenders for a big gain. The Owl rush broke up the next two pass plays. So, Coach Herring called the double screen. Ramos dropped back and had to choose between McDaniel to the right or Perez to the left. Perez gathered in the pass and gained about 30 yards down the right sideline. Pedro Gloria caught a quick pass from Ramos and weaved his way close to the goal line. Longoria got a 15 yard rushing touchdown on an option pitch from Ramos. Mr. PAT once again split the uprights making the half time score 28 to 0.

The Broncos opened on offense to start the second half. The Owls stopped the Broncos and took possession. After one first down, they had to punt. A failed fair catch by the Broncos gave the Owls a short field. They were able to score on a nice, circus catch. They missed their PAT kick and the score was 28 to 6 with 5:56 left in the third quarter.

The next Bronco series featured the running game. Ramos,



Pedro Gloria scrambles for the Broncos.

Santana, and McDaniel gobbled up chunks of yardage. The last Bronco touchdown came on a bruising 27 yard run by McDaniel. Gaytan finished his perfect PAT performance, and the Broncos led 35 to 6 with 1:08 left in the third quarter.

Next year's seniors played the fourth quarter giving up one touchdown to the Owls which made the final score 35 to 13.

This Friday, the Eldorado Eagles come to Bronco Stadium for a 7:30 kickoff against the undefeated Broncos.

JV Red Broncos outscore Owls 20-8 Improve Record to 4-0

by: Danni Price

The Bronco Red team hosted the JV Owls of Reagan County on Thursday, September 23rd. The Broncos were hoping to keep their winning streak in tact by scoring first and keeping the lead and that is precisely what they did.

Nick Pena handled the opening kick from the Owls, catching the ball at the Bronco 17-yard line and running 83 yards for the touchdown. Anthony Sanchez booted the PAT through and the Broncos lead 7-0.

The Bronco defense held the Owls to 6 yards on their drive, tackles were made by Justin Zuniga, A. Sanchez, Alonzo Pena and Nick Pena. The Broncos, Riley Sanchez handled the punt and the Bronco offense achieved 3 first downs and scored on a 34 yard run by quarterback Victor Vaquera. The PAT by A. Sanchez was good and the Broncos increased their lead to 14-0.

The Owls received the kick at their own 28 yard line and brought the ball up to the 41 yard line where they were tackled by Hunter Lawson. They ran 5 plays and earned a first down before punting the ball back to the Broncos. Key tackles by the Sonora defense made by, Morgan Martinez, R. Sanchez and Marco Jimenez. The Broncos could not earn any positive yardage on the drive and would have to punt. The ball sailed over punter A. Pena's head and landed in the end zone for a Reagan County Safety. This gave the Owls their

first points of the game. The Broncos lead 14-2.

The Owls took advantage of the points, and got things going offensively after receiving the kick. They ran 7 plays with 2 complete passes, 1 for a touchdown. Their 2 point conversion was no good. Bronco tackles were made by Fidel Acevedo, Martinez, Jordan Isenhour, N. Pena and Marc Hernandez. The score at the end of the first quarter was Sonora Broncos 14, Reagan County Owls 8.

The second quarter saw both teams make impressive drives, but neither team could reach the end zone. The Broncos ran 7 plays and gained 1 first down, but had to give the ball over on downs. The Owls ran 12 plays and earned 3 first downs. On the 12th play the Owls QB found Bronco receiver, R. Sanchez, who intercepted the ball. The Broncos only had time to run one play before time ran out. Vaquera hit Isenhour down field for a completion, but he could not reach the end zone for the score. The Bronco defense tackles were made by Jimenez, Martinez and R. Sanchez. The score at half-time remained Broncos 14, the Owls 8.

The Owls received the second half kick and put their offense to work on the 31 yard line. The offense ran nine plays and received 2 first downs for their effort, but with good defensive play by Vaquera, the Pena brothers, Hernandez, Joe Lugo, J.T. Downing and Jimenez, the Owls

had to give the ball back on downs. The Broncos took over at their own 16 yard line, they ran 3 plays and were getting ready to punt, when A. Pena the punter once again had to handle a high snap. Pena picked up the ball and ran all the way for a Bronco first down. The offense then went back to work, with options to N. Pena, and running plays by Vaquera, the Broncos ran 9 more plays, scoring on a 4th and 20 pass play to A. Pena for the third Bronco touchdown. The PAT was blocked, and the score read Broncos 20, Owls 8. This would be the final score as well, as neither team found their way to the end zone in the fourth quarter.

The Bronco defense allowed the Owls to run 4 plays before R. Sanchez intercepted the ball. Tackles made by Martinez and Lawson. The Bronco offense ran 7 plays and earned two first downs, but turned the ball over to the Owls on downs. Good offensive running by Vaquera, Jose Casillas, and the Pena brothers.

Reagan County went three and out, and met #70 Tanner James of the Sonora defense, before punting the ball back to the Broncos, the Bronco offense ran three plays and then Vaquera took a knee as time ran out. Final score, Broncos 20, Owls 8.

The Broncos will travel to Eldorado on Thursday, September 29th to play the Eagles. Game time is set for 6:30 PM. GO SONORA!!! BEAT ELDORADO!!!

8th grade Colts shut out Owls

by: Santiago Faz

On Sept 22, the Colts traveled to Big Lake to take on the Owls. The Owls received the ball first, but strong defense from the Colts resulted in Kris Agüero picking up a loose ball and returning it 42 yards for a touchdown. The 2 point conversion failed. Colts 6 - Owls 0

Good defense by Cash Jennings and Paul Faz resulted in a punt from the Owls. Kris Agüero returned the punt 23 yards for the Colts. The Colts couldn't move the ball on the ground, so Caleb Gonzales lofted a pass to Dustin Neff who picked up 23 yards and a first down. Two plays later Kris Agüero sprinted in from 9 yards out for a touchdown. The 2 point conversion failed once again. Colts 12 - Owls 0

In the 2nd quarter Kris Agüero recovered another Owl fumble. Colts fumbled the ball away on the next play. Good defense by Cash Jennings and Will Anderson resulted in an Owl punt. Once again Kris Agüero had a nice return of 25 yards. Two 20 yard pass completions later from Caleb Gonzales to A.K. Williams and Kris Agüero runs the ball in from 6 yards out. The 2 point conversion failed. Colts 18 Owls 0

Good pressure defense from Will Anderson and Tyler Creek resulted in a Dustin Neff interception on which Neff rumbled 69 yards for a touchdown as time expired in the 1st half, the @ point conver-

sion was good by Kris Agüero. At halftime, Colts 26 - Owls 0.

The Colts received the ball to open the 3rd quarter and controlled the clock for most of the quarter with strong runs from Will Anderson, Dustin Neff, Harvey Santana and a pass completion to Chacho Mesa from Caleb Gonzales, but turned the ball over on downs at the Owl 37 yard line. Cash Jennings and Tyler Creek led the defense and forced an Owl punt to start the 4th quarter. Kris Agüero returned the punt 35 yards. Two plays later Will Anderson scores from 20 yards out on a quarterback keeper. The 2 point conversion failed. Colts 32 - Owls 0

On the next Owl possession, strong defense by Paul Faz and Josh Salazar resulted in a Damon Johnson fumble recovery at the Owl 41 yard line. The Colts couldn't move the ball which resulted in a punt. Strong defense from Harvey Santana, Beau Dickens, A.K. Williams, Hayden Chandler, and Damon Johnson resulted in time running out for the Owls. Final score Colts 32 - Owls 0.

Offensively, the Colts were led by A.K. Williams, Caleb Gonzalez, and Will Anderson. Defensively the Colts were led by Tyler Creek. Cash Jennings and Dustin Neff. Special teams were led by Kris Agüero and Harvey Santana. Next game is Sept. 29 against the Eldorado Eagles in Sonora at 6:30 p.m. Go Colts!

S.H.S. Students of the Week



Megan Cathleen Maxwell is the senior daughter of Frank and Janie Maxwell. Megan is involved in Yearbook, One Act, and the Spanish Club. Megan has attended Sonora schools all of her life except for part of her 8th grade year spent in White Oak and her sophomore year at Spring Hill. Megan's favorite things about Sonora High are the float schedule because the day goes by so much faster, and her teachers and friends. Megan also comments that everyone at Sonora High is always included in everything. After graduation Megan plans to attend Angelo State because it is close to home and then transfer to Texas Tech to major in occupational therapy.



Manny Aparicio is the 12th grade son of Primitivo and Hope Aparicio. Manny is originally from Snyder, Texas having moved to Sonora towards the end of school last year. Manny is a member of the Sonora High football team and also participates in track. Manny's favorite subjects are Web-Mastering, Art, and Metal Fabrications. His favorite thing about Sonora High is the friendly attitude of the teachers and talking and meeting all of the new girls. After graduation Manny plans to go to college and become a narcotics agent.

Sonora Broncos Football 2005

Aug. 26	Sonora 33	Alpine 14
Sept. 2	Sonora 35	Brackettville 19
Sept. 9	Sonora 14	Coleman 6
Sept. 16	Open	
Sept. 23	Sonora 35	*Reagan Co. 13
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	Sonora 26	Coleman 20
Sept. 22	Sonora 20	Reagan Co. 8
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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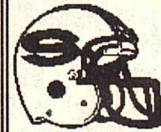
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Sonora JV White Broncos

Aug. 25	Sonora 22	Rocksprings 20
Sept. 1	Sonora 8	Wall 22
Sept. 15	Sonora 22	Colorado City 0
Sept. 22	Sonora 0	Iraan 20
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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Sonora Colts

Sept. 8	Sonora (7th) 32	Coleman 6
	(8th) 42	Coleman 14
Sept. 15	Sonora (7th) 22	Eldorado 14
	(8th) 24	Wall 0
Sept. 22	Sonora (7th) 20	Reagan Co. 8
	Sonora (8th) 32	Reagan Co. 0
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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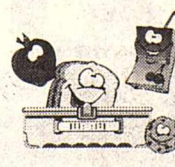
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Breakfast

- Mon.- Cinnamon toast, orange juice
- Tues.- Biscuits w/ham, apple juice
- Wed.- Breakfast pizza, orange juice
- Thurs.- Pancake on stick, apple juice
- Fri.- Cinnamon roll, orange pineapple juice



Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

- Mon.- Hot dog or chili dog, pork and beans, pears, peanut butter cookie
- Tues.- Baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, Jell-O
- Wed.- Burrito w/chili, tossed salad, orange wedges, oatmeal cookie
- Thurs.- Spaghetti w/meat, corn, rosy applesauce, garlic roll
- Fri.- Hamburger, French fries, burger salad, sliced peaches

Housing, food estimates require thriftiness from college students

Food and housing make up almost half the cost of attending a public university in Texas. These costs are not discretionary; students must eat and find a place to live. But students do have some discretion in their choices. And of course they can choose to live a pampered or thrifty lifestyle. But which of these options do institutions' room and board estimates allow for? The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) estimates the average nine-month cost of rent and utilities for a one-bedroom unit in the counties and Metropolitan Statistical Areas where Texas public universities are located to be \$4,859, or \$540 per month. Sharing housing lowers the cost: a shared one-bedroom costs \$270 per person and a shared two-bedroom costs \$329. These data indicate that a thrifty student who prepares meals at home and shares a one-bed-

room apartment will indeed be able to stay within the institutional room-and-board estimate of \$670 per month, as will most students who share a two-bedroom apartment. However, a student who lives alone will probably not be able to stay within the estimate. Single-parent students face additional costs.

For more information on federal student aid, for tips on how to establish high expectations for students as early as middle school, and for assistance in planning for higher education academically and financially, visit www.AIE.org. TG provides this Web site as a public service to help all families and students achieve their educational and career dreams.

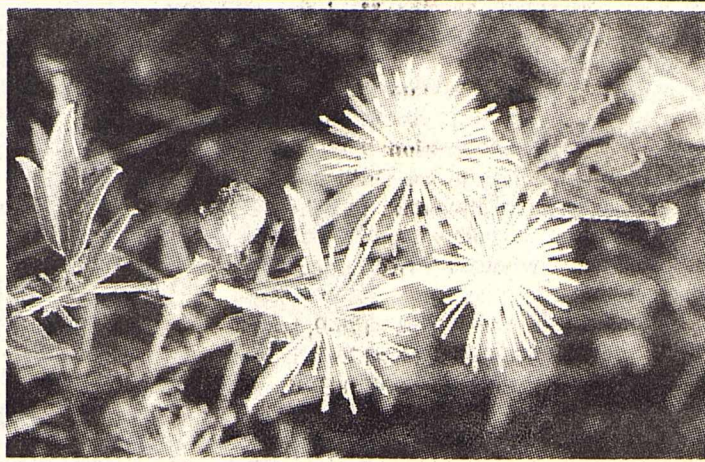
Fruit Feathers Up on Eaton Hill

by: Delyse Jaeger

No sooner had last week's article been emailed than the faint fragrance and feel of fall appeared on the breeze. Cooler temps usher in greater opportunity to enjoy the ever-changing biodiversity on Eaton Hill. Late summer and autumn bloomers are often more difficult to spot compared to the spectacular spring wildflowers, but many are delightful in their unique beauty. One of my favorite fall features, commonly known as Old-man's Beard, can currently be seen in flower as well as in fruit up on Eaton Hill.

Clematis drummondii or Old-man's Beard is also known as Texas Virgin's Flower, Gray-beard, Love-in-the-mist, Goat

Beard or Barbas de Chivato, and Grandad Beard. A stimulating if not odd list for this woody little vine that grows wild in west Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, parts of Oklahoma and Colorado, as well as Mexico. The scientific name pays tribute to Scottish explorer and plant collector Thomas Drummond whose 1830s expedition to Texas was one of the first to record native species in our state. Numerous Texas wildflowers carry his name. Whether the plant calls to mind a goat's beard or a virgin, it is stunning to see the long feathery strands shimmering in the early morning or late evening sunlight. The silky strands are attached to seeds which are clustered together forming the



The striking flowers of the Old-man's Beard resemble sea anemones.



Shimmering plumes of Old-man's Beard or Love-in-the-mist

showy plumes commonly seen clinging to roadside fences. Preceding the plumage, and less obvious in comparison to the glistening beard, the plants' flower is spectacular in its own right. Described as resembling a sea anemone, the cream to white tentacled flower is tinged with a hint of lemon-lime tones. For the floral-minded, think miniature spider mum. Native plant gardeners use Old-man's Beard in xeriscapes, but warn it is practically impossible to remove once established. Also, the plant can cause skin irritations. However, the benevolent properties of this hearty little vine are impressive. In a study aimed at evaluating the medicinal value of native plants of northern Mexico, Old-man's

Beard proved to be effective in inhibiting the growth of the bacteria, *E. coli*, *S. pneumoniae* and *P. aeruginosa*. So, whether it's ocean creatures, virgins, smelly goats, cuddly grandfathers, misty romance, herbal medicine or your own unique association, it seems this expressive native Texas plant has the capacity to tickle our imaginations as well as our eyes.

Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary hosted a number of coastal visitors this past weekend, and we hope each experienced peace amidst the storm that nature so eloquently offers us all. Hit the trails!

S.H.S. students dedicate historical marker in Junction ceremony



Stephani Morriss, Emily Newton and Mónica Traylor (pictured above) participated in a Historical Marker dedication commemorating the Confederate Veterans Reunion held in Junction in 1908. Stephani, Emily and Mónica serenaded the participants and onlookers with the song *Dixie*. The Confederate Rose Organization, Sons of Confederate Veterans and Sons of Union Veterans participated in the dedication which honored the veterans who fought on both sides of the war and are buried in the area. Other members from Sonora who participated in the ceremony were Patti Strauch and Chap Traylor.

BBQ supper to benefit FFA trip

Every year, 50,000 FFA members from around the United States converge on Louisville, KY for the National FFA Convention. This year, two Sonora FFA members will be attending October 24-29.

Mandy Brister, Area 2 Vice President, has been selected as a voting delegate for the state of Texas. McKenzie Watkins, District President will be attending as advancement in her FFA career.

Mandy and McKenzie, with the help of friends, family, Sonora FFA and Sonora ISD, will be conducting a fundraising activity to help offset the cost of attending (travel, motel, meals, etc.) On Friday, September 30, they will be selling Stagecoach Barbeque plates in the High School commons from 5:30 p.m. until kickoff of the Eldorado football game. Tickets for this event will be available in advance or at the door.

To show your support, or for more information about the bar-



McKenzie Watkins and Mandy Brister preparing for their trip to FFA Convention.

beque, contact Mandy at 206-1912, McKenzie at 387-5092, or Michael Kissire at Sonora High School at 387-6533.

Thank you to everyone that sponsored and supported the golf club raffle on Sept. 17th. It was a great success.

Stargazer:

Science and Religion In Conflict?

Attempts to have theories of creationism and intelligent design included in public school science texts and curricula again raise questions about a seeming conflict between science and religion. Astronomical history suggests that forays of religion into science might not be wise.

To deal with ideas of truth, goodness and beauty, we have invented science, religion and art. While they can interact, they are separate with each using different rules for knowing.

Within the realm of truth, the role of science is to build a body of reliable knowledge to enable us to describe, understand, predict and exercise control over our world. Using rigorous rules of evidence, the scientific method is ruthless--no idea is sacrosanct or beyond scrutiny. Theories are modified or discarded when they can't stand up to empirical testing.

It has served us well as all the comforts of every-day life are products of science. But while science can tell us what is, it can't tell us what should be. Science can enlighten us about consequences, but can't tell us what is desirable. It can explain a colorful sunset, but can't speak to its beauty.

Within the realm of goodness, the role of religion (some prefer philosophy) is to help us deal with values--questions of good and evil, purpose and meaning. While science contributes to physical comfort, it is religion that can provide emotional (spiritual) fulfillment. And while science studies consequences of values-driven behaviors, it can't judge the values themselves. Science enables us to grow food and build bombs, but only values tell us who should get food and who should get bombed.

Creation stories, deriving from ancient religious teachings, provided comfort for our present-day ancestors. The writings from which these ideas came were intended to serve religious, not scientific, ends. Bringing religious ideas and writings into the science classroom makes them fair game for rigorous, even brutal, scientific scrutiny. Did we not learn the folly of such when the 16th and 17th century church persecuted Copernicus,

Galileo and others for teaching that Earth is not the center of the cosmos, only to have to recant its error in the 20th century?

The great genius Albert Einstein saw no inherent conflict between science and religion when he said, "Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind." Operating in different realms, each can enlighten the other.

Stargazing touches each realm. We can contribute to science, find personal and spiritual meaning, and adore the beauty of the cosmos--all in one evening. And we need not even agree on what is beautiful or meaningful to share camaraderie with each other.

Sky Calendar.
* **Sep. 28 Wed. morning:** The Moon is to the lower left of Saturn in the early morning hours.
* **Oct. 3 Mon.:** This month's new Moon, passing exactly between Earth and Sun, produces an annular eclipse which, unfortunately, won't be visible from the U.S.

* **6 Thu. evening:** The crescent Moon is below Venus in the southwest after dusk.

* **7 Fri. evening:** The crescent Moon passes below Scorpius' brightest star, Antares, low in the west soon after sunset.

* **7 Fri. late evening:** The Draconid meteor shower peaks tonight with the best viewing coming after the Moon sets, from 10 p.m. until dawn of Oct. 8. The constellation Draco is highest in the early evening.

* **10 Mon.:** The Moon is at 1st quarter.

Naked-eye Planets. Venus, the brilliant "evening star" low in the west, sets 2 hours after the Sun. Jupiter is getting lost in the glare of the setting Sun. Mars, getting closer and brighter, rises after 9 p.m. and is high in the southwest by morning. Saturn, rising 4 hours before the Sun, is low in the east before dawn.

Stargazer appears every other week. Paul Derrick is an amateur astronomer who lives in Waco, TX, 76707, (254) 753-6920 or paulderrickwaco@aol.com. See the Stargazer Web site at <http://www.stargazerpaul.com>.

Happy Birthday

September 29

Riley Sanchez, Julie Martin, Louie Castro, Jr., Edgar Gonzalez, Cindy Jones, Miguel Lira, Gabriel Espinosa, Brad Mogford, Kristen Keel, Jack Sharp, Mack McAngus, Mark Baxter

September 30

Denice Arispe, Raven Leigh Rainer, Kayla McBride, Victor Vaquera, George Roberson, Araceli Perez, Oscar Gutierrez, Jr., Michael Barker, Whitney Hernandez, Cristina Gaytan, Kevin Weiss, Juan Miguel Jimenez, Elizabeth Ramirez, Brad Hull, Linda Hooper

October 1

Adrianna Tijerina, Erica Morriss, Riggan Glascock, Brittany Longoria

October 2

Bobby Zuniga, Darla McKissack, Abby Lopez, Brett McDaniel, Beverly Howard, Seth Prather, Hilda Vasquez, Jennifer Noriega, Jose Castillo, Sr., Jamie Hernandez

October 3

Sierra Gomez, Tursa Flores, Shanna Petty, Victoria Bacon, Melissa Velez, Carter Zook, Mark Holt, J.J. Alvarado

October 4

Chente Arispe, Janna Martinez, Jansen McBride, Mari Sanchez, Nikki Kay, David Creek, Chris Green, Sara Beth Healy, Sara Gillit, Francisca Lara, Brittney Webb

October 5

Bianca Velez, Mary Solis, Cash Jennings, Gabriela Zapata, Katlynn Hill, Todd Keller, Jay Kay, Fred Perez

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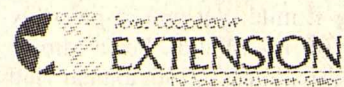
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Fall Fertilization For Your Home Lawn



by Pascual Hernandez
Sutton County Extension
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As everyone who mows a lawn knows, grasses like Bermuda, St. Augustine and Centipede experience their highest leaf growth during the warm days of summer, but with the arrival of the cooler days of early fall, this will change. Lawns will not need to be mowed nearly as often and eventually they'll go dormant.

During the days between the arrival of cooler weather and the first "killing" frost when the lawns turn brown, a very important process takes place. All summer, the food material produced by the plant has been mostly used for leaf growth. But now, since leaf growth is low, more of this same food material is available for root growth and for storage in the root system. It is critical for winter survival that the plant be able to store adequate amounts of food. Under most conditions this is not a problem at all, but if fertilizer, especially if it is a fertilizer that contains nitrogen in a soluble form, is applied to the lawn too late in

the year, there may be a problem. When too much nitrogen is supplied to the grass plant it tends to stimulate leaf growth. Leaf growth makes heavy demands on the plant's food production. High leaf growth may even reduce food reserves - the food reserves needed for winter survival. This is the basic reason the middle part of September is generally considered to be the time for the last application of fertilizer for the year. So, make your last fertilizer application at least 30 days prior to the first frost date.

A fertilizer with a nutrient ratio of 3-1-2 (example 15-5-10) or 4-1-3 (example 10-6-12) will work well for most of our lawns. Apply at a rate of 1 pound of nitrogen per 1,000 sq. ft. of lawn area. For example, add 6 - 7 lbs. of 15-5-10 per 1,000 sq. ft. Fall fertilization is a very important part of a good nutrient management program for your lawn. You certainly want to have your turfgrass in top condition as we move into the cool season.

For additional information, visit the Sutton County Extension website at <http://sutton-co.tamu.edu>. Click on "Publications" then "Landscape".

Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers establish scholarship fund

A scholarship fund has been established by the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association in memory of Louis and Eddie Mae Woodward. Mr. and Mrs. Woodward suffered injuries in an automobile accident and later died as a result of the injuries. Louis Woodward was an honorary lifetime director of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association. At a Southwest Texas ACA stockholder informational meeting held at Fort Davis, Shelby Henke, chairman and Jimmy Chambers, Vice President of Southwest Texas ACA presented the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association with a \$2,500 gift in memory of Louis and his wife of 55 years, Eddie Mae. Louis was a member of the board of directors of Southwest Texas ACA and served

in that capacity for over 40 years. On hand for the special presentation were his sons Ernest of Bakersfield, Lowell of Alpine, Boyd "Skip" of Bakersfield and Loyd "Snap" of Girvin, his daughter-in-laws and the grandchildren who brought Louis and Eddie Mae so much pride and joy. Accepting the gift on behalf of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association was D.A. Harral of Fort Stockton, past president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association. The Louis and Eddie Mae Woodward scholarship fund was established with the donation. Additional donation to the scholarship fund may be mailed to P.O. Box 2290, San Angelo, Texas 76902. Notification of all scholarship donations will be sent to the family.

Weekly Migratory Bird Report

Panhandle: Hunters enjoyed a solid teal opener on playa lakes. Recent rain there has some lakes north of Abilene brim full. Outfitters reported easy limits on mostly bluewings over the weekend, though some greenwings were harvested, too. Dove hunting has slowed, partly due to hunter participation, and partly due to scattered dove numbers since the opener. The region needs a cool front to push Midwest birds to the High Plains. Prospects are fair to good.

Central Zone Dove: Shooting near San Antonio has been fair to good over corn and milo. Better shoots have been had near watering holes with the absence of rainfall. Uvalde and Hondo have scored limits of mourners and whitewings for hunters willing to hunt morning and afternoon. South Zone fields in the area are building strong numbers of birds as pressured doves are finding solitude in fields just across the highway. Brownwood, Waco, San Saba and fields north of Austin are fair for mourners and a few whitewings. Prospects are fair to good.

South Zone Dove: Fields near George West, Fashing, Three Rivers, Laredo, Raymondville, Tilden, Freer and other towns with solid crops look promising for the Sept. 23 opener. The only uncertainty is where Hurricane Rita will hit land on the Texas coast. Depending on landfall, hunters should expect steady rainfall which could hurt bird flight. The bag limit is 12 birds. Prospects are good.

Teal Season: Reports from coastal hunters indicate, maybe, the best teal opener since the special season reopened in 1991. Waterfowlers on the coastal prairie counties of Wharton, Jackson, Lavaca, Colorado, Brazoria, Matagorda and Chambers saw the greatest influx of birds. The region has experienced little rainfall during the past six weeks, leaving dry, parched ponds devoid of water. Those able to pump water to leveed ponds saw steady action as lack of water on the prairie concentrated birds. Second-cropped rice fields scored limits as well. Early morning fog hurt decoying action over the weekend; however, once the fog lifted, hunters in Garwood, El Campo, Eagle Lake, Sealy, Katy and Midfield enjoyed limit hunts. Marsh hunters near Anahuac, High Island, Freeport, Matagorda, Seadrift and Rockport saw steady action. Biologist Todd Merendino reported good shoots on Peach Point WMA near Freeport and Mad Island WMA near Bay City. Merendino said Guadalupe Delta WMA near Port Lavaca was somewhat slower. Good hunts were posted on shallow flats on Lake O' the Pines, Caddo Lake, Lake Fork and Toledo Bend. Conditions in East Texas have been dry throughout the summer and most counties are under a burn-ban. Lack of water in backwater sloughs and timber ponds hurt hunting there. Teal season ends at sunset Sept. 25. Prospects are good.

Rig Locations as of September 23, 2005



Sutton
Dominion: 9200' Joe Friend Estate #4-27, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion: 9000' Cauthorn Ranch - 28 - #1, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion: 8950' LR Valliant #3-6, Patterson Drilling.

Dominion: 8900' Rande Hill-Fawcett Trust - D, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion: 8850' Duke Wilson #176-9, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion: 8650' Duke Wilson #176-7, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion: 8500' Sawyer-Jones #2003, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion: 8400' Mayer Ranch - K - #1003, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion: 7000' Canyon Ranch #1131S, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion: 9650' WH Karnes - C - #12, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion: 9000' Rande Hill-Fawcett Trust #14, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion: 8975' LR Valliant #20, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion: 8400' Edwin S Hill - Mayer Jr - R - #4, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion: 7550' Shurley RR - 1E - #6, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion: 7550' Shurley RR - 1F - #5, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion: 7550' Shurley RR - 1F - #6, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion: 6500' Canyon Ranch - 115 - #205, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion: 8500' Mayer Ranch - B - 3-3, Patterson Drilling.

Crockett

Clayton Williams Ene; 10500' University - 34 - #1, Lariat Services.
Clayton Williams Ene; 10500' University - 32 - #1, Lariat Services.
Clayton Williams Ene; 10500' University - 36 - #1, Patterson UTI.
Harrison Interests; 9800' Joe Tom Davidson Jr - G - #39, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion: 9750' Hunt - 19 - #6, Patterson Drilling.
J. Cleo Thompson; 9300' University 31-33E #5, Patterson Drilling.

Schleicher

Dominion: 9245' Joe Friend Estate #928, Patterson Drilling.
Approach Operating; 9000' Bailey #111, Nabors Drilling.
Approach Operating; 9000' Clayton #917, Nabors Drilling.
New Approach Operating; 9000' Childress #1605, Patterson Drilling.
New Anadarko E&P; 8000' Austin Millsbaugh - 2B - #7, Patterson Drilling.
MLC Operating; 7000' Pearl Unit #1, Adobe Drilling Mustan.
Chevron; 6800' AR Kincaid Trust - C - #19, Nabors Drilling.
Beach Expl; 6550' Alexander - 54 - #1, United Drilling.
EOG Resources; 5650' Eagle Draw - 11 - #3, Adobe Drilling Bronco.

Terrell

Approach Operating; 9000' Rousselot #1311, Nabors Drilling.
Unit Petroleum; 7300' University 53-17 #2, Heart Land Drilling.
New Dominion; 7900' Nixon - 177 - #7, Patterson Drilling.
ConocoPhillips; 12000' Creek Ranch - 15 - #3, Patterson UTI.
PXP/Houston; 9830' Mitchell - 11 - #4 H, Nabors Drilling.
WTG Exploration; 8999' Aunt Josie #3, Lariat Services.

For more rig locations call 1-800-627-9785 or go online to www.rigdata.com.



Delay in Drilling Programs 63 Rigs Located in areas impacted by Hurricane Rita

The full impact of Hurricane Rita on energy won't be known for several weeks. Coastal areas along the Texas/Louisiana border took the brunt of the hurricane, though impacts from wind and rain stretched well inland.

Initial impacts on the land drilling sector appear to be in the form of delays rather than rig damage. Ultimately the hurricane should have a braking effect on land drilling activity, slowing land rig count modestly in the Gulf Coast region because of delays in moving equipment between sites, or getting sites built for the next well. These delays will also extend into the Bossier Sand and Cotton Valley plays in northeast Texas, though at a much shallower level of impact.

The delays expand the backlog of intended work in this region.

There were 63 land rigs in an arc stretching from Galveston to Vermilion Bay, Louisiana and inland about 100 miles. The largest concentration of drilling units are owned by the publicly held drillers, including Grey Wolf, Nabors, Patterson-UTI, and Unit. In fact this group accounts for 75 percent of the rigs in the area.

We are enclosing a table that shows ownership of drilling rigs active in the region in the week prior to the hurricane's arrival, according to RigData. At least two of the rigs were already waiting on weather before the hurricane made landfall. They'll just be waiting a little longer.

Company Rigs: Grey Wolf Drilling Company, LP 15; Nabors Drilling USA, LP 14;

Patterson-UTI Drilling Company, LP 11; Unit Drilling Company 5; Rowan Drilling Company, Inc. 4; Helmerich & Payne I.D.C. 3; Moncla Well Service, Inc. 2; Big "6" Drilling Company 1; Big E Drilling Company 1; Black Creek Drilling, Inc. 1; Cactus Drilling Company, LLC 1; Crown DBL, Inc. 1; GS Petroleum, Inc. 1; Justiss Drilling Company 1; Nicklos Drilling Company 1; Pioneer Drilling Company 1; Grand Total 63

The impact on operators is much different. A majority of operators' employing rigs in this region are privately held E&P companies. No operator had more than three of the 63 rigs under employment with a predominance towards one and two rig employment packages.

However there are impacts outside the immediate area where the hurricane hit. Any equipment or services requiring transport out of Houston, whether it is frac trucks, trucks delivering oilfield goods ranging from pipe to completion tools, or delivering diesel fuel to the rig site, will experience delays until transportation around the Houston area and the upper Gulf Coast becomes more normalized. But rigs don't have to be in the impacted area to suffer equipment delivery delays. Any trucking headed anywhere in Texas that originates out of the Houston area will also be affected.

Questions? Call the Land Rig Newsletter, 806-741-1531.

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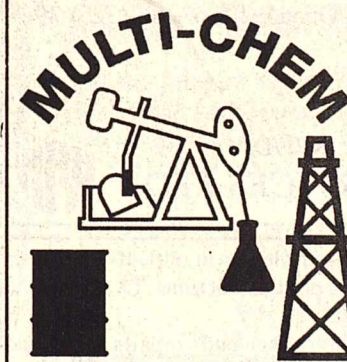
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Public Notices

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVISED

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY TPDES PERMIT RENEWAL FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER

PERMIT NO. WQ0010545001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. The City of Sonora, 201 East Main Street, Sonora, Texas 76950, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of TPDES Permit No. WQ0010545001, which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 876,000 gallons per day. The current permit also authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater via irrigation of 68.3 acres of non-public access pastureland. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on March 10, 2005.

The facility is located south of Sonora and south of Dry Devils River, approximately 6,000 feet south and 2,000 feet west of the intersection of U.S. Highway 277 and 290 in Sutton County, Texas. The treated effluent is discharged to Dry Devils River; thence to Devils River in Segment No. 2309 of the Rio Grande Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are no significant aquatic life uses for Dry Devils River. The designated uses for Segment No. 2309 are contact recreation, public water supply, and exceptional aquatic life uses.

The TCEQ executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, statement of basis/technical summary and executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Sonora City Hall, 201 East Main Street, Sonora, Texas.

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

Written public comments and requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of the notice.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing. **The TCEQ may act on this application to renew a permit without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for this specific application; (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (3) the permanent mailing list for a specific county. Clearly specify which mailing list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific application.

INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from the City of Sonora at the address stated above or by calling Mr. James J. Polonis at (325)387-2558.
Issued: Sep 19, 2005

News from the neighbors

Annual ladies State Chili Cook-off at Luckenbach

Some like it hot, and some like it mild, but you're probably not a true Texan if you don't like (or love!) chili. For a sample of some of the best chili around, check out the 35th annual Hell Hath No Fury Chili Cook-off at Luckenbach Saturday, October 1. Some of the most talented female cooks in Texas will be stirring up good eats in honor of the late Sheriff Marge, with chili proceeds to benefit breast cancer research.

The weekend kicks off Friday, September 30, with the 14th Annual BASI-Bean Bash Cook-off, which will be judged at 5:30 p.m., followed by a party for the cooks.

Saturday will offer musical entertainment along with showmanship at the chili camps all day. In addition, there will be a parade, auction and a girly-man contest.

The Cowboy Doug Davis Trio is scheduled to perform from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. The Chili Ball Saturday evening at 9 p.m. features Two Tons of Steel performing in the world-famous Luckenbach dancehall.

A \$15 advance ticket will guarantee a primitive camping spot for Friday and Saturday nights, all of the festivities Saturday, and the dance on Saturday night. Advance tickets are available at www.luckenbachtexas.com or by calling 830-997-3224 or 888-311-8990. Saturday admission from noon until 6 p.m. is \$6 per adult; \$15 for all day; or \$10 for the dance only. Children 12 and under get in free if accompanied by an adult. Advance tickets on sale until midnight.

Thursday, September 29. (Bring a copy of the invoice for ticket pick-up at the gate.) The above prices do not include \$1.50 processing fee for credit card orders.

For information about entering the Chili Cook-off visit www.ladiesstatechili.com or e-mail Susie Higgins at susievino@grandecom.net.

25th Annual Oktoberfest in historic Fredericksburg

**SEPTEMBER 30,
OCTOBER 1, AND 2
FRIDAY:**

6 p.m. - 12 Midnight

SATURDAY:

10 a.m. - 12 Midnight

SUNDAY:

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

OKTOBERFEST is a colorful, festive celebration of Fredericksburg's German heritage. The German's Prince Ludwig originated the event in 1810. OKTOBERFEST has become an annual tradition around the world. OKTOBERFEST is a community event of family entertainment featuring three stages with continuous oompah music, arts/crafts, polka and waltz contests, Children's fun area ~ Kinder Park, a German Bier Garten, an Oktoberfest Vineyard area, and delicious food and drink...all weekend long!

The sound of oompah will be heard everywhere, the aroma of sizzling bratwurst, and the cries of Gemütlichkeit once again herald the arrival of Oktoberfest in Fredericksburg. For three full days, the whole world is invited to sing, toast and dance at one of Fredericksburg's favorite festivals, celebrating its 25th Anniversary! Big plans are being made for an opening ceremony you won't want to miss starting at 5:45 Friday September 30. Be there!

Musical entertainment includes over 30 bands playing German polka, waltz, the famous chicken dance and even

some jazz. Folk Dancers, polka and waltz contests, sing-a-longs and much more fun. There will be over 40 artisans plus a fine art tent sponsored by a local art guild.

We have a great children's area: Super slide, climbing, rock wall, jumping castle, face painting, clowns and lots of prizes, duck pond, and more! Come join us - there is a treat for all kids.

Admission and passes: available at gate

FRI-SAT-SUN: ADULTS
\$6 daily/CHILDREN 6-12

\$1/UNDER 6 FREE

TWO DAY-PASSES, \$10

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DIRECTIONS:
Fredericksburg is in the Texas Hill Country. It is 60 miles northwest of San Antonio via IH-10 & US Hwy. 87; and 70 miles west of Austin via Hwy. 290. Look for the Pavilion and tents in the center of town on Market Square.

OKTOBERFEST is sponsored by the non-profit Peder-nales Creative Arts Alliance. Proceeds help support the arts and scholarships for the youth.

FOR INFORMATION:
CALL: 830-997-4810 or toll free 1-866-TEX-FEST (839-3378) • www.oktoberfestinfbg.com

RoadRunner Open Road Race

Turn the key, pump the throttle, and get ready for the ride of a lifetime. That's what the RoadRunner Open Road Race will bring to Fort Stockton and Marathon this October. This event alone will bring in hundreds of people to these small West Texas communities from all over the U.S.

This inaugural RoadRunner Open Road Race will have something for everyone; so make plans now to be a part of this exciting event in West Texas. The event starts off in Marathon on Wednesday, October 5th and Thursday, October 6th with activities for the racers including registration, technical inspections, rookie school, practice runs, and qualifying. A Welcome Party will be held at the Marathon Motel on Thursday beginning at 5:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

On Friday, October 7th, the activities move to Fort Stockton for additional racer functions; including a Car Show from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. in Rooney Park. Everyone is invited to come meet the drivers and see their cars. The parade will depart from the park at 5:30 p.m. and will proceed North on Hwy. 285 turning left (West) on Dickinson Blvd. and continuing to the west end of town.

For Saturday, an After Race Party in the Park will be held in Fort Stockton at Rooney Park from 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. The racers will go there after they cross the finish line. There will be music, food, drink, children's activities and lots and lots of FUN! Everyone is invited to come out and see the cars, take photos, get autographs, etc. Don't miss out on this Racing fun event. Volunteers are still needed. For information call (432) 336-8525, ext. 16 or visit our website at www.rror.net

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Public Notice

Public Notice
Frontier Mini Storage located on Hwy 277, in Sonora, Texas; Sutton County will be holding a public sale on October 10, 2005 @ 10:30 a.m. (no early birds) to satisfy a landlord's lien, weather permitting. This is the tenant's official notice of "Intent To Sale" concerning their property. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale at any time. The following tenants as of September 19, 2005 are: **Gracie Lopez, Lingo Sanford, Jr. Dominguez, Elva Hulsey, Melisa Valdez, Libb Wallace and Unit's #G&54.** If you feel there might be an error or want to make payments/payment arrangements regarding this notice contact Jana Dover @ 325-387-2104 or come by my office @ 103 Dollie.

POLICY OF NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF HANDICAPPED STATUS
 The City of Sonora does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities. The City of Sonora has adopted a Grievance Procedure which affirmatively supports federal objectives related to Section 504.

The following individual has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) regulation implementing Section 504 (24 C.F.R. Part 8, dated June 2, 1988): **Patti Prather, City Secretary, 201 East Main Street, Sonora, Texas 76950.**

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF SONORA FAIR HOUSING PROCLAMATION

The City of Sonora has proclaimed the month of September as "Fair Housing Month." The City of Sonora endorses and supports the principle of fair housing and encourages all citizens to support the law of the land in regard to the right of every person to have access to adequate housing of his choice. Copies of the City's Proclamation are available free of charge to any interested person or groups at the City Hall.

ORDINANCE NO. 564 SETTING THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF SONORA FOR THE 2005-2006 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID.

Passed this the 20th day of September, 2005
 APPROVED:
 Gloria G. Lopez
 Mayor
 ATTEST:
 Patti Prather
 City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 563 ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF SONORA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2005 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF SONORA FOR THE 2005-2006 FISCAL YEAR.

Passed and Approved this the 20th day of September, 2005
 APPROVED:
 Gloria G. Lopez
 Mayor
 ATTEST:
 Patti Prather
 City Secretary

Sonora ISD will obtain quotes for a digital marquee. Specs can be obtained at the Admin. Office or by calling 325-387-2545. Quotes will be accepted at the Admin. Office at 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX 76950.

ORDINANCE NO. 561

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ATTACHMENT C: HISTORIC LANDMARK AND DISTRICT ZONING OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF SONORA, TEXAS, BY AMENDING SECTION 3. HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION BY CHANGING THE NUMBER OF COMMISSION MEMBERS; PUBLICATION; CONFLICT; VALIDITY.

Passed and approved this the 20th day of September, 2005.
 Approved:
 Gloria G. Lopez
 Mayor
 Attest:
 Patti Prather
 City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 565 AMENDED APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 548 dated 9-21-04 to amend the budget for the City of Sonora, Texas for the fiscal year 2004-2005 to increase expenditure appropriations for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2004 and ending September 30, 2005 in the sum of Three Hundred Seventy Six Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Four Dollars and No Cents (\$376,294.00) and regulating the payment of money from the city treasury, publication, conflict, validity, and declaring an emergency.

Approved:
 Gloria G. Lopez
 Mayor
 Attest:
 Patti Prather
 City Secretary
 Approved as to form and legality
 Elizabeth Wallace
 City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 562

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA, TEXAS AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AT CHAPTER 54 TO PROVIDE FOR DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY, SURPLUS OR OBSOLETE PROPERTY; SEVERABILITY; PUBLICATION; CONFLICT; VALIDITY

Passed this the 20th day of September, 2005.
 Gloria G. Lopez
 Mayor
 Attest:
 Patti Prather
 City Secretary
 Approved as to form and legality:
 Elizabeth Wallace
 City Attorney

Notice is hereby given that Sutton County is now accepting applications for three(3) full time positions. The positions consist of one **maintenance** position for the Road & Bridge Department, one **maintenance** position for the Cemetery/Park and one **maintenance** position for the Library/Ambulance building. Sutton County provides full-time employees with health/dental insurance, retirement benefits and paid vacation/sick leave. The Sutton County Justice of the Peace is accepting applications for a **part-time court clerk** position. Applicant must have excellent clerical, phone communication and typing skills. Knowledge of Word Perfect and Quattro Pro required. No phone calls please.

Applications may be obtained at the auditors office, 224 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950, Monday thru Friday, 8 A.M. thru 5 P.M. Deadline to remit applications will be Friday, October 14, 2005. Sutton County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

A petition has been filed with Judge Carla Garner and Sutton County Commissioners Court, P.O. Box 1212, Sonora, Texas 76950, regarding closure of Sutton County Road 304 (running through the land previously operated by the Sonora Stockpens) to be discontinued as a public road and cease use as a public road. If you have any questions regarding this closure contact Judge Garner at (325) 387-2711.

Employment

Delivery driver needed, Class A CDL. Send resume to: P.O. Box 1663, Sonora, TX 76950.

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Must have current Class A CDL and a good driving record. Experience driving transports, vacuum trucks, operating pump trucks & winch truck. Monthly performance & safety bonuses. Health insurance, annual profit sharing, driver's days off schedule. Please apply in person at Niblett's Oilfield Service, Inc. Hwy. 277 South, Eldorado. No phone calls please.

Devil's River Days Inn is now hiring for the following positions: Housekeeping, Part time Maintenance and Front Desk Clerk. Please apply in person at 1312 N. Service Rd.

Operators needed: Maintainer, dozer, and loader operators. CDL required. Call **Mittel Dozing 277-6883.**

Help Wanted: Full time and part time. Weekends & Holidays. Apply in person or call **The Caverns of Sonora** at 325-387-3105 FMI.

Lariat Services, Inc. is seeking an experienced Air Driller. Wage ranges between \$20.00 to \$24.00 an hour depending on experience. Will pay \$30.00 per diem and mileage reimbursement. Benefits include 401K Plan and Dental Plan and company paid Medical Insurance. Fax resume to 325-336-9339 or contact the Fort Stockton Office at 325-336-7821. ufn2/27

Help Wanted: Full time and part time. Apply at **Mr. D's**, 216 Hwy 277 N, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Chartwell Community Services is hiring **attendants**. Part time positions for people to work in homes of elderly and disabled in Sonora. Flexible schedules. Must be 18 and have dependable transportation. Call 1-800-825-4499, ask for Judy.

Sonora Tire Service is now hiring an experienced **tire repair man**. Opening will be available immediately. Competitive salary. Please apply in person. No phone calls please. 409 S. Crockett Ave.

Ranch Hand needed Must be experienced in all areas of ranch work including livestock, fence and water maintenance, light welding, mechanical and custodial duties. Couple preferred. Nice house. All utilities and vehicle furnished. Salary negotiable based on qualifications. Long term opportunity for right person. Send resume to Box 772, Sonora, TX 76950 or Fax to 325-387-3842.

Hiring Commercial Drivers: Current Class A CDL w/Haz Mat/Tanker? Want great pay and cash incentives. No 24-hour call. Established Company looking to hire drivers. All applicants must pass drug/alcohol test. Please call Justin (432) 339-0540 or 800-523-5566 ext.140

Best Western Sonora Inn is now accepting applications for **Front Desk Sales Associates**. Shifts 4 p.m. to midnight; and midnight to 8 a.m. Experience is not necessary. Full training is provided. If you are flexible, have a winning personality, and would like to be part of the Best Western team, stop by and fill out an application. You may also fax your resume to 325-387-9221 Attn: Starla. No phone calls please.

Licensed Vocational Nurses Needed. Small 56 bed medic-aid/private pay long term care facility in Ozona is looking for long term care experienced LVNs. Excellent pay with mileage (.26/mile), benefits included after 90 days. Personal time off begins accruing upon employment. Wanting to implement 8-hour shifts for nurses. CCCC is an EOE. Call 325-392-2671, ask for Benny or Vicki for application/interview.

Help Wanted: Must be 18 years old and have current driver's license, CDL not required. Call **Adkins Septic Service, LLC** at 387-3154.

Experienced GM Service Tech needed immediately. Excellent opportunity, benefits and compensation. Apply in person, Glasscock Chevrolet, or call 1-800-375-2594.

Forklift Driver/Truck Driver Wanted Forklift Operator needed, must have a Class A CDL and the ability to haul equipment to locations. B&K Trucking, call 432-836-4342 or go by our yard in Sonora for application. References required.

Location Builders Inc. is currently taking applications for **full time administration assistant**. Required skills: Quick Books, Microsoft Office, and general office duties. Apply in person at 203 W. 3rd.

Lost

A black CD case w/CD's was lost on the elementary playground on Friday, Sept. 23. Please call 206-0244, if found.

For Sale

For Sale: 1999 Ford Explorer Sport. 5 speed, A/C, good condition. Please call 325-226-2023.

1982 Oldsmobile Delta 98. All power, new tires, battery. Well kept, \$2200. OBO. Call 325-387-3113.

Hospital bed with side rails \$100, sewing machine in cabinet with chair \$100. Please call 325-387-5917 for more information.

12 decent ranch horses for sale. Call for details 325-374-3507.

Mobile Home for sale: Amherst Mobile Home, single wide (12x56), 2 Bed/2 Bath with living area, stove and refrigerator, with w/d connections. \$4,500 please call 325-387-3002.

For Sale: 1994 Red Chevy Cheyenne pickup, new tires, automatic, runs great. \$4300. For more info call 325-853-2435.

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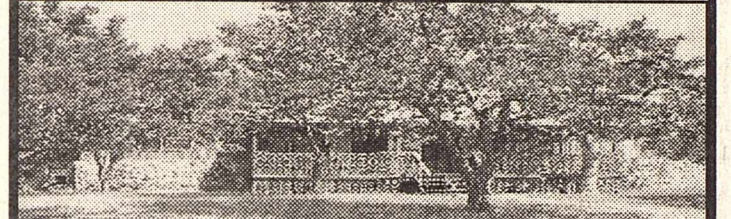
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city and growth. She has participated in the foods and nutrition project for several years and has competed at both county and district food shows. Her FCS activities include citizenship and foods & nutrition.

The special award presented to the outstanding junior age 4-H member (9-13 years) is known as the Edgar Glasscock Award. The winner was Meredith Earwood. She has served as a club officer since 2002 and has exhibited great leadership qualities and traits. She lists her projects as Angora goats, judging, and citizenship. She is the daughter of Edward and Carolyn Earwood.

The special award presented to the outstanding senior 4-H member (14-19 years of age) is known as the Fred T. Earwood Award. This year's recipient was Laura Martin.

The 4-H Sweetheart is chosen by 4-H members. This year they selected Emily Earwood.

The success of any 4-H program is dependent upon the participation and support of "quality" adult leaders. Each year Sutton County 4-H honors a man and a woman for their outstanding contribution and support through volunteer leadership. Joining the list of distinguished honorees in 2005 are Stacey Pennington and Shawna Faris.

The 2005 Officers were installed and given their job du-



Laura Martin, Emily Earwood, Bobby Barrera, Meredith Earwood and Pascual Hernandez

ties and responsibilities at the conclusion of the program. The 2005 slate of officers are as follows:

- Senior Club:
 - President - Craig Leonard
 - 1st Vice President - Emily Earwood
 - 2nd Vice President - Savannah Leonard
 - 3rd Vice President - Steely Ingham
 - Secretary - Laura Martin
 - Reporter - McKenzie Watkins
 - Historian - Mark Holman
 - Parliamentarian - Colton Moore
- Junior Club:

- President - Bailey Joe Pennington
- 1st Vice President - Zachary Leonard
- 2nd Vice President - Sterling Love
- 3rd Vice President - Meredith Earwood
- Secretary - Serena Allison
- Historian - Stella Ingham

The club would like to thank all the people who attended the banquet for sharing in this experience. A big "thank you" is extended to all the adults who supported the club by volunteering and helping plan and fund this very special activity.

Prescribed Burn meeting slated for Tuesday

There will be a meeting of the Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burning Association on Oct. 4, at the Sutton County Civic Center from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. This is a general meeting for all members of the Association as well as others who are interested in Prescribed Burning. Topic of discussion will be How to Develop a Burn Plan, as well as other information. FMI contact Tom Payton at the USDA Service Center office, 301 Crockett or 325-387-2730, Ext. 3

Friends of Historic Sonora plan Fall Festival

by Ann Kay, FHSMS Manager

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program is planning a great day of fun on Saturday, October 29, 2005. The Annual Fall Festival will start out with the crowning of Mr. and Miss Fall Festival at 10:00 a.m., with the Story Book Parade to follow.

Come make some money with a booth at this Annual event. If you would like to have a great fund raiser this is the place to be on Saturday, October 29, 2005. You may set up your booth at 8:00 a.m. and we will have a day of fun and games until 5:00 p.m. on Main Street in historical downtown Sonora, Texas. If you would like to be a part of the annual Fall Festival 2005, the arts & crafts booths are only \$25.00 and if you need electric power add another \$10.00. The booths are 10X10 on Main Street in historical downtown Sonora. We will have lots of fun and lots of good food planned for Saturday, October 29, 2005. The youth booths and school related booths are free and the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program are proud to be Bronco and youth supporter in our community.

Many great booths are already reserved, including a giant slide, train, fishing pond, games, SHS Senior 2006 Hamburgers, Arts & Crafts, silver jewelry, handbags, candles, Sonora High School old Photos and SHS Year Books for \$5.00, 2005

Year books for \$50.00, and lots of fun!

The day will continue with dancers from the Dance Studio keeping the beat. We are also going to have Adolfo Alvarez playing Mariachi and Cumbia Music on the Main Stage, so come and listen to the beat of fall. He will be playing all types of music and dancing in the streets will be a part of the day's activities.

We will be giving prizes for the Story Book Parade for the "Most Humorous", "Over All Best Creative", "Funniest Character", and "Most Frightful". All ages are invited to dress up and the judging begins at 11:00 a.m. All entries will receive prize candy and time on the Main Stage to show off their costume. Come have some country fun in historical downtown Main Street!

We would like to express our appreciation to the Sonora Independent School Staff, Downtown Businesses, City of Sonora, Sutton County, and all the supporters of Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program. Thank you to Devil's River News and KHOS Radio for all your support.

If you would like to be a part of the Annual Fall Festival 2005 please contact the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program at 325-387-2248 or come by the Mercantile Building in historical downtown at 232 Main Street suite 101.

Devotion To Saint Jude
 May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored, loved, preserved & glorified throughout the world now and forever. The sacred heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us.
 St. Jude, Helper of the Hopeless, pray for us. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ for the help of your servant St. Jude in listening to my prayers. Say this prayer nine times for nine days. By the end of the eighth, your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail.
 Publication must be promised. Thank you Sacred Heart of Jesus & St. Jude for prayers answered. YDS



The Pee-Wee and Heavyweight Broncos busted onto the scene last week with big wins in Junction! Support your future Broncos this Saturday in Big Lake!

F.Y.I.

Storytime at Sutton County Public Library starts Wednesday, October 5, from 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. (and every Wed. thereafter) for children ages 3 - 5 years old. Stories, crafts, songs, fingerplay and more. FMI call 387-2111 or visit the library at 306 E. Mulberry

Shane Folmar Day - October 1, 2005; Community Picnic at the Sutton County Slab, Sonora, Texas - 11:30 a.m.- Celebration of Life & Dedication of Service of Pfc. Timothy Shane Folmar, killed in Iraq September 24, 2004 - FMI - Sonora Chamber of Commerce 325/387-2880

Grand Opening of American Meat Goat Association Office - 109 W. Main, Sonora, Texas; October 1, 2005; Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Welcome 11:00 a.m. - FMI - Sonora Chamber of Commerce 325/387-2880

September 30th & October 1st - W. E. Whitehead Boer Goat Disbursement Sale - W. E. Whitehead Ranch, Sonora, Texas - FMI Whitehead Ranch 325/387-3003

Retirement & 401(K) Seminar, Sutton County Steakhouse, Thursday, October 20, 6:30 p.m. Please join us for a FREE seminar to review your options with your 401(K) to help you select the one that is best for you. This seminar will be very informative. Food provided with RSVP. RSVP by October 17 by calling 325-944-3830 or 800-736-6573.

Extreme Makeover, Spiritual Edition 2005 Annual Women's Conference will be held at Lighthouse Community Church, Saturday October 22nd at 9:00 a.m. Advance reservations are recommended. Registration fee is \$20.00. For more information, contact Lighthouse Community Church at 325-387-9100, or Jane Rushing at 325-387-3625.

Sonora City League Board meeting will be on October 3, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. Anyone interested is invited to attend at The Mercantile Building, 222 Main St. Sonora, TX (Devon Energy, Inc.). Any inquires can be made to President, Tommy VanWinkle 387-5267 or Vice-President, Marty Parks 387-3255.

Sutton County Health Foundation Annual Fund Raiser "Fish Fry"; Sunday, October 23, 2005, after church on the Courthouse Square. A full meal, with dessert for a minimum donation of \$6! All proceeds will go to the Health Foundation account for the future of our hospital.

Annual Sonora Fall Festival 2005; Saturday, October 29, 2005; 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Bronco Seniors Hamburgers, Prizes, games, music, giant slide and more; crowning of Mr. & Miss Fall Festival - 10:00 a.m.; Storybook character parade, starting in front of the courthouse - line-up 10:30 a.m. judging 11:00 a.m., prizes in every category.

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program "Trick or Treating", Monday, October 31, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; Downtown Sonora. Dress up and get goodies at local businesses. If you need more information please call the friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program at 325-387-2248 or come by 232 Main Street, suite 101.

November 12th - 39th Annual Sutton County Game Dinner - Sutton County Civic Center, Sonora, Texas - 6:00 p.m. - FMI - Sonora Chamber of Commerce 325/387-2880

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