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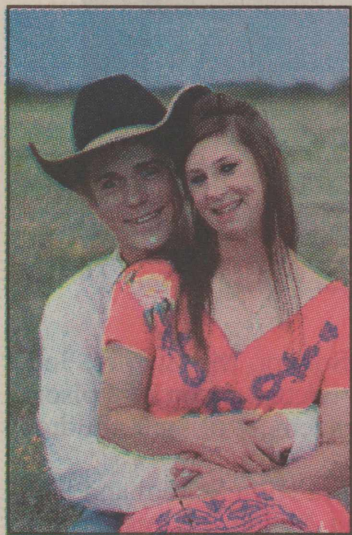
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Thursday, December 31, 2009

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A Living Part of Sonora's Legacy



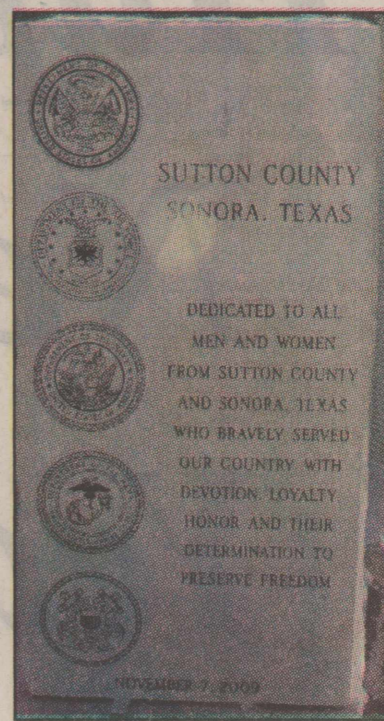
Flames illuminate the windows of the Wool House's front office during the blaze.

Photo by Alta Alewine



Rudy Ramirez Returns from Iraq

Photos By Ben D. Taylor



Liberty Park Rejuvenated

Photo By Ben D. Taylor

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By Ben D. Taylor  
As the previous year fades into the twilight of memory, I tried to take stock on 2009. I have come to the conclusion that it was a year defined more by how different it was from 2008 than any single event. This previous year our local economy stopped. It didn't stutter, slow, or even give any clear signs. I have asked myself if the impacts of that slowdown would have been as dramatic if 2008 had not been so good. The only conclusion available to me is that it would have affected the community just as bad, but it would not have been as dramatically defined.

While the economy did not hit the front pages of *The Devil's River News* every week, that does not mean it wasn't in the background driving many of this year's events. Tight budgets, sales tax revenue, and unemployment all have served to dictate our actions this year.

It seems that our city government remained in constant transition for 2009. The big story for the city should have been the improvements of our water and sewer infrastructure, and in a fashion it was.

Contract disagreements with construction firms took the place of status updates, and our city managers dismissal and subsequent investigation overpowered improvements to our water treatment plant. That transition continues with a positive note in the latter days of 2009. Plans are cur-

rently in effect (with the hiring of a new city manager) to get the infrastructure improvement plan in gear once again along with discussions on improvements to our airport. Our school system has felt its share of troubles and triumphs in 2009, most of which was centered on the Middle

School campus. With the 2008 hiring of Middle School Principal Erbey Valdez, the campus became the beacon of rebirth for the school system. In 2009, the campus was vandalized, but immediately, through solidarity with the community, bounced back stronger than before. Then in October of this year, Valdez was implicated in a scandal and resigned. School administration acted swiftly and appointed Brandon Duncan as Middle School Principal who with the help of parents and students continued working towards the future.

By any measure, 2009 has not been an easy year. Finding meaning in a year that has had its fare share of hardships can be a daunting task, but if you have the mind to look for it, any difficult journey has a king's ransom of benefit. Always a bright spot, the youth of Sutton County excelled in every venture. We were able to welcome home soldiers, and I am proud to say that Sonora did not shrink from the honor of showing our heroes home. The reconstruction of Liberty Park is concrete proof of that.



Paint stains the floor of the science lab in the aftermath of the incident at Middle School.

In all of our minds, this year has been a year of comparison. We have measured our successes (and perceived failures) to the economic benchmark of 2008, which is a mistake. This year's dividends were not measured in dollars and jobs, but in tenacity and hope. As a community, we have had to stand firm against the storm and hope for the horizon to clear. I have no advice other than to keep your eyes on that horizon because the sun always rises and the clouds always clear. Have hope, or have nothing.

#### The History Makers: Bronco Boys Cross Country - Statebound



## Sonora Hosts Tea Party: April 15 2009



By Ben D. Taylor

More than 50 people gathered on Main Street Wednesday, April 15, 2009 to protest what they see as "outlandish spending" on the part of the federal government. The event was part of a larger national grassroots campaign that saw thousands of tea parties spring up across the nation.

Participants were encouraged to bring tea bags, which were collected and then mailed

to Washington D.C, along with a letter written by event coordinator Pete Bradley. The letter (addressed to President Barack Obama) outlined 4 major points of the citizens in attendance have with the current administrations fiscal choices. Interviews with those in attendance indicated that this issue was not based on political preference, as one citizen commented, "this is

not a line that is drawn down party lines, rather it is being drawn through our free enterprise system".

The event opened with the pledge of allegiance and a proclamation by Mayor Jed Davenport declaring April 15, 2009 as Sonora's Tea Party. Bradley then read out loud the letter he enclosed with the tea bags to send to the President.

Dear Mr. President,  
God bless this great country and its leaders. This note will be accompanied by our tea bag tabs collected by your concerned citizens of Sonora, Texas. The question one would ask is why are we concerned?  
1) you are spending our dollars like you owned them  
2) you are mortgaging my children and grandchildren's

future  
3) you are bailing out business that should fail. Good money after bad!  
4) You are destroying the "free enterprise system"!

May God bless this Country  
Pete Bradley for the citizens  
of Sonora

Photo By Lynn Wipff

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As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible—with Your help and guidance."

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

**Engagement**

**Bannon & Turney**



Joshua Bannon & Kyla Turney

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Turney of Sonora, Mr. & Mrs. Jody Luttrell of Sonora, and Mr. & Mrs. Brett Bannon of Folsom, NM would like to announce the engagement of their children, Kyla Gail and Joshua David.

Kyla is a 2008 graduate of Sonora High School and is attending Sul Ross State University in Alpine, TX majoring in Industrial Technology. Joshua is a 2008 graduate of Branson High School in Branson, CO and is also attending Sul Ross State University in Alpine, TX majoring in Natural Resource Management.

The wedding will be held in Fort Davis, TX on June 5, 2010.

**In Loving Memory!**

December 29, 2004



Alicia Noriega

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You left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide,  
and though we cannot see you, you are always by our side.  
Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same,  
but as God calls us one by one the chain will link again.

Love and miss you,  
Your family

**Happy Birthday!**

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- January 4**  
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- January 5**  
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- January 6**  
Bill Savell, Jr., Glinda Ann Gutierrez, Joe Buitron, Martha Perez, Emma Rose Perez

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## American Cancer Society Reaches Out

Submitted

It is a common misconception that the American Cancer Society only funds research. The American Cancer Society also offers many resources that are available to cancer patients.

In 2008, 12 newly diagnosed cancer patients in Sutton County experienced the benefits of the American Cancer Society. Of the many services offered, 2 recipients received bras/prostheses, 1 guestroom/hotel, 2 information/counseling, 4 Patient Health Management packets with cancer specific information and education, 2 Reach to Recovery (breast cancer support) and 1 wig.

In addition to those services listed above, Sutton County also has several Road to Recovery drivers for cancer patients. These dedicated members of our community volunteer to drive cancer patients to and from doctors appointments and/or treatments within the volunteers travel zone.

The funds raised each year not only support research in cancer treatments but help provide the services listed above. If you are in need of assistance or guidance please contact the American Cancer Society at (325) 944-2509 or www.cancer.org.

## Spring Graduates Announced for Angelo State University

Submitted

Angelo State University conferred degrees upon 366 students during 2009 Fall commencement exercises December 12 in San Angelo, Texas.

Areas of undergraduate academic study at ASU lead to the following degrees: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.), Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.), Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (B.I.S.), Bachelor of Music (B.M.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Bachelor of Science Nursing (B.S.N.), Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.), and Associate in Applied Science in Nursing (A.A.S.N.).

The following graduate degrees are offered: Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.), Master of Education (M.Ed.), Master of Physical Therapy (M.P.T.), Master of Professional Accountancy (M.P.Ac.), Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.), Master of Science (M.S.), and Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.).

The 2009 Fall graduates include the following from the Sonora area:

Tom Valliant, B.S. and Elena P. Velez-Reyes, B.S.

## SONORA ISD ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sonora ISD has announced a change in the school calendar. Monday, January 4 and Tuesday, January 5, 2010 will be student holidays and teacher inservice days. Students will return to school on Wednesday, January 6, 2010.

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Mike Conaway to visit Sonora. Thursday, January 7, 2010 from 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at The Bank and Trust.

Junior Class Parents will meet to begin planning Project Graduation 2010 on Sunday, January 10 at 2:00 in the elementary library (corner of Concho and College). Please plan to attend.

Viva Sonora Cinco de Mayo - May 1, 2010 Featuring: United Freestyle Stunt Team-3 performances, www.unitedfreestyle.com

Sonora Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is having a Rummage Sale on Saturday, August 1, 2010 at the Fire Hall. Your donations for clothing, household items and etc. are tax deductible and most welcome. Please contact Sandee Reese at 325-387-5368 or Christy Lippman at 325-206-1342 to arrange a donation drop-off today.

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

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

Rent the Depot or Icehouse Ranch Museum for your special party or event. Call 325-387-5084 Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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

The First National Bank of Sonora has established a fund through the "Sutton County Community Trust" for Shanna Petty. If you would like to make a donation, you can take it by the bank at 102 E. Main or mail to First National Bank, P.O. Box 798, Sonora, TX 76950, attention Jo Ann Jones

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# Under New Ownership

## Taylor Brothers Invest in the Community

Published January 15, 2009



Ben Taylor (pictured left) and Sam Taylor (pictured right) take the reigns of all companies housed in the Devil's River News Office.

By Bonnie Lou Campbell

In brief, the history of the Devil's River News takes us back to around 1890 when a couple of young brothers by the names of Mike and Steve Murphy owned and operated the Devil's River News office. They remained owners until around 1925 when a gentleman by the name of M. A. Wilson became the owner and from there, the list goes on; a number of owners and operators controlled the operations of the Devil's River News office. As time went on, the news office gained several additional entities all under one roof. In 1994, the Devil's River News office, came under the ownership of Cam L.

Campbell, and with continuing advancements in modern technology, Cam brought the Devil's River Internet, and Cheetah Wireless, both high quality internet services to Sonora. Cam purchased an office supply company and opened what is today known as "Sonora Office Supply". In addition to the internet and office supply businesses, the UPS service was also housed under the same roof. Cam's love for computers and technology gave way to his passion for open waters as he set sail for new adventures with his bride Erika, on their 41 ft. Hans Christian sail boat, the Sea Horse.

Today, another set of aspiring young brothers by the

names of Sam and Ben Taylor decided to embark on an adventure of their own when they recently purchased the DRN from Cam and Erika Campbell. The Taylor boys were born and raised in Sonora and graduated from Sonora ISD. They are the sons of Dr. Charles "Butch" and Cleone Taylor, and both received degrees from Texas A&M University. Sam has 2 degrees from Aggieland, and Ben also has a Masters Degree from Angelo State University. Ben had spent a few years as a Wildlife Biologist in San Angelo working for Texas A&M, and Sam had been a golf course superintendent and worked for a construction company installing industrial kitchens across the continental U.S. When Sam and Ben came back to Sonora, they realized their roots had brought

them back home for a reason-family and community.

As for the new DRN, Ben will remain acting editor for the newspaper, and Sam will continue his work with the internet companies. Cleone Taylor is retiring from the school district and will be helping the boys with bookkeeping, and will also be managing the office supply company. The Taylors are a family unit, and they believe strongly that, "our business plan is a little different than most. We realized early on that we are not just investing in a business opportunity, we are actually investing in a community." Ben stated, "I have wondered if this is a smart move for us given the current economic market, but this was an opportunity we couldn't pass up. It gives us a chance to work together as a family business in the town we love. If I have learned one thing this year, it is that Sonora residents have the most amazing capacity to give, and we want to be a part of something like that."

concerns, you will be working directly with them, and not some representative for a big company. "I also want to provide a quality product for the people in the town that I grew up in", said Sam. There will soon be some big changes with the office supply. They are planning to restock their shelves with competitively priced merchandise for the needs of modern businesses. They will also continue to ship UPS packages, and are hoping to expand the services they offer through their relationship with UPS.

On a more personal note, I am thankful for the opportunity to work with such fine young men. They have come in to positions where they have had no formal training, and have been very successful. I am proud to be a part of the "family" at the Devil's River News office. I hope our community will welcome the Taylor Brothers with open arms and support their endeavors to give Sonora the high quality products and first class customer service that we all want in our town.

**If we are together nothing is impossible. If we are divided all will fail.**

Winston Churchill

### TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



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

PERMIT NO. WQ0010545001

**APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION.** 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. TCEQ received this application on September 2, 2009.

The facility is located at 1585 Private Road 3451 south of Sonora and south of Dry Devils River, approximately 6,000 feet south and 2,000 feet west of the intersection of U.S. Highway 277 and 290 in Sutton County, Texas 76950. The 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 use is no significant aquatic life use for Dry Devils River. The designated uses for Segment No. 2309 are exceptional aquatic life use, public water supply and contact recreation. All determinations are preliminary and subject to additional review and/or revisions.

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, 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 comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

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

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

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

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

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION.** The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or 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 request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

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

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at [www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html) within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND 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. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us).

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

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#### PROGRAM: WATER QUALITY - TPDES MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER PERMIT FOR RENEWAL APPLICATIONS NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION

#### Comisión De Calidad Ambiental Del Estado De Texas



#### AVISO DE LA SOLICITUD Y DECISION PRELIMINAR PARA EL PERMISO DEL SISTEMA DE ELIMINACION DE DESCARGAS DE CONTAMINANTES DE TEXAS (TPDES) PARA AGUAS RESIDUALES MUNICIPALES RENOVIACION

PERMISO NO. WQ 0010545001

**SOLICITUD Y DECISION PRELIMINAR.** Ciudad de Sonora, 201 East Main Street, Sonora, Texas 76950 ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas (TCEQ) una renovación para autorizar la descarga de aguas residuales tratadas en un volumen que no sobrepasa un flujo promedio diario de 876,000 galones por día. La TCEQ recibió esta solicitud el Septiembre 2, 2009.

La planta está ubicada en 1585 Private Road 3451 en el Condado de Sutton, Texas. El efluente tratado es descargado al Dry Devils River en el Segmento No. 2309 de la Cuenca del Rio Grande Basin. Los usos no clasificados de las aguas receptoras son no significativos usos de la vida acuática para Dry Devils River. Los usos designados para el Segmento No. 2309 son o uso excepcional de vida acuática, abastecimiento de agua potable, navegación y recreación sin contacto.

El Director Ejecutivo de la TCEQ ha completado la revisión técnica de la solicitud y ha preparado un borrador del permiso. El borrador del permiso, si es aprobado, establecerá las condiciones bajo las cuales la instalación debe operar. El Director Ejecutivo ha tomado una decisión preliminar que si este permiso es emitido, cumple con todos los requisitos normativos y legales. La solicitud del permiso, la decisión preliminar del Director Ejecutivo y el borrador del permiso están disponibles para leer y copiar en Ciudad de Sonora Salon, 201 East Main Street, Sonora, Texas 76950.

**COMENTARIO PUBLICO / REUNION PUBLICA.** Usted puede presentar comentarios públicos o pedir una reunión pública sobre esta solicitud.

El propósito de una reunión pública es dar la oportunidad de presentar comentarios o hacer preguntas acerca de la solicitud. La TCEQ realiza una reunión pública si el Director Ejecutivo determina que hay un grado de interés público suficiente en la solicitud o si un legislador local lo pide. Una reunión pública no es una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.

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

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

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

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

**ACCION DEL DIRECTOR EJECUTIVO.** El Director Ejecutivo puede emitir una aprobación final de la solicitud a menos que exista un pedido antes del plazo de vencimiento de una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso o se ha presentado un pedido de reconsideración. Si un pedido ha llegado antes del plazo de vencimiento de la audiencia o el pedido de reconsideración ha sido presentado, el Director Ejecutivo no emitirá una aprobación final sobre el permiso y enviará la solicitud y el pedido a los Comisionados de la TCEQ para consideración en una reunión programada de la Comisión.

**LISTA DE CORREO.** Si somete comentarios públicos, un pedido para una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso o una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo, la Oficina del Secretario Principal enviará por correo los avisos públicos en relación con la solicitud. Además, puede pedir que la TCEQ ponga su nombre en una o más de las listas de correos siguientes (1) la lista de correo permanente para recibir los avisos de el solicitante indicado por nombre y número del permiso específico y/o (2) la lista de correo de todas las solicitudes en un condado específico. Si desea que se agregue su nombre en una de las listas designe cual lista(s) y envíe por correo su pedido a la Oficina del Secretario Principal de la TCEQ.

Todos los comentarios escritos del público y los pedidos a una reunión deben ser presentados durante los 30 días después de la publicación del aviso a la Oficina del Secretario Principal, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or por el internet a [www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html).

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

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

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"The newspaper will continue very much like it has in the past year. All of us here at the paper will continue to publish papers that entertain as well as educate. Our goal is to report the truth, not just facts," Ben said. "We are planning on upgrading our internet equipment, increasing the reliability of our network, and allowing us to reach farther with our internet services. We hope to start revamping everything within the next few months, allowing us to be able to add more people to the network" commented Sam. The Taylor brothers are committed to providing you, their customers, with the very best in customer service. When you call their office with problems or



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# Harvesting the Future: Rainwater Preserves the Ranching Legacy

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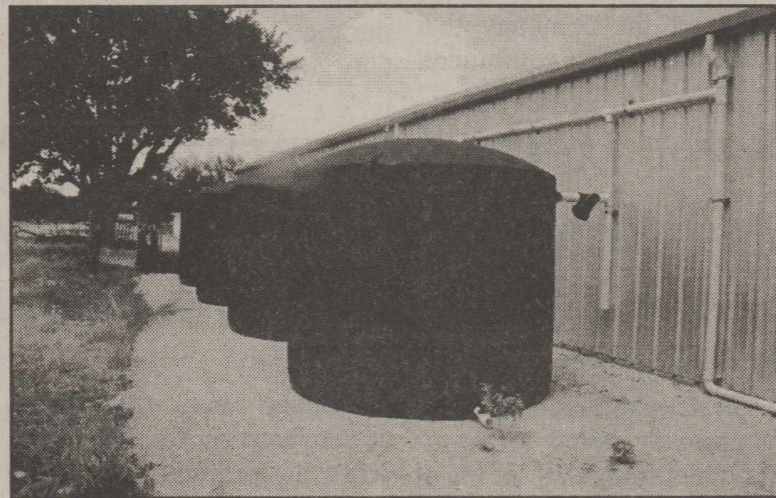
Diana Condra takes a first hand approach to water harvesting on her ranch, from the construction of storage tanks to personally removing brush.

By Ben D. Taylor

If you look close enough you will see that no achievement for any rancher is written in a bank account, pulled out of the earth by a derrick, or harvested from livestock. A rancher's legacy is not left to be spoken by historians, because the land they cared for speaks loudly enough for those that are willing to listen. When all becomes dust, nothing will remain to tell their story but the rocks, grass, and earth. When listened to by the right ears, each of those elements can speak more loudly than a freight train. That is the burden and blessing of any ranching enterprise, and it is with that spirit of land stewardship that Diana Condra initiated an innovative system of rainwater harvesting.

Diana got the idea to start harvesting rainwater from Menard County Extension Agent Billy Kniffen, "I was doing my pesticide license requirements and I got the idea from Billy". Kniffen started with rainwater harvesting while he worked as an extension agent

in Hays County. "We set up the Extension office in Hays county to harvest rainwater just as a demonstration, but the interest grew so much that most of my time was spent working with people setting



The 3,000 gallon storage tank serves as the backbone to the Condrarosa's water harvesting system.

up these systems". His passion for this type of conservation carried over into his next job in Menard County where he built a house that relies almost exclusively on rainwater. The major setback to initiating this type of system in cities is

that the state legislature has not authorized rainwater for potable use (i.e. cooking and drinking), but there is no additional regulation limiting its use within a municipality.

While Kniffen's water harvesting is directed to his personal use, Diana's system is designed to supply water to her livestock. "All of our barns and buildings were built before we even thought about rainwater harvesting, but we have been able to use the existing infrastructure. Anything with a roof can work. From a barn, to a carport." The formula to calculate the amount of rainwater that can be captured is 6 tenths of a gallon X square footage of the foundation X inches of rain. That means that a 1300 square foot home

can harvest 784 gallons of water with a one inch rainfall (approximately 552 gallons for a single-wide trailer house). Given that the average annual rainfall for Sonora is around 25 inches, that means in one year that house has the potential to harvest

over 19,000 gallons of water (14,000 gallons for the trailer house). With her more extensive system of collection tanks, Diana was able to harvest almost 40,000 gallons of water after a 3 inch rain. "We have enough water on hand that we feel like we can water 100 head of cattle all summer without ever having to turn a pump on", she commented.

Her system is a simple design consisting of 3,000 gallon storage tanks, heavy duty gutters and PVC pipe. She commented that, "the slope of the roof doesn't matter as much as the surface area available to capture water", but she was quick to add that "You don't have to have a large system to collect rainwater. I have a little Tierra Cotta rain barrel at the house that has opened my mind more than the 3,000 gallon tanks. We got .06 inches of rain and it filled up 45 gallons. That flushes a lot of commodes."

Implementing this system of water conservation has given Diana an extra sense of independence as she no longer has to rely solely on well water for her livestock, "I want to be self sufficient with this ranch. I don't want to have to rely on anything but my own ability and hard work. Water rights are going to continue to become a bigger issue. It's going to grow more confrontational over the years, and to be honest, we don't have the votes to keep big cities from taking our water rights. There is a sense of freedom to independence".

At the end of the day, Diana is not driven by a need to leave a mark on land for her own sake. In our conversation she spoke a lot about her grandchildren and I was reminded by a Somalian proverb I once heard, "We do not inherit the land from our parents, we are only borrowing it from our children and our grandchildren".

The phrase I used earlier in this article, "when all turns to dust" does not apply to

Diana and the Condrarosa Ranch, because the formation of dust relies exclusively on the absence of water. "Water is power, water is life when it gets down to it. Our forefathers harvested it and conserved it. Italy almost uses it exclusively for their water use. This is not a new idea, and it has been proven to work. So, in my mind there is no reason why we can't implement it".

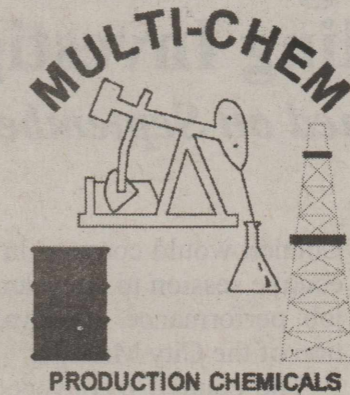


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## Liberty Park Rejuvenated: A Living Wall Stands For Our Freedom

Published November 12, 2009



Veterans stand and salute the Flag during the ceremony at Liberty Park.

By Ben D. Taylor

There is a new wall in Sonora. Like most walls its construction is made of simple stone, but unlike most walls it stands not to separate people but to unite them. This wall is life and stands for all that is good in our country. This wall's mortar is service, sacrifice, and liberty. It stands because the names etched in stone hold it up, and it was built by those that choose to remember the sacrifice of our veterans. The

veterans wall at Liberty Park marks the rebirth of a city treasure and the continuation of the dream that is America.

On November 7, 2009 the rebirth of liberty park hit a major milestone with the unveiling of the Veterans wall. Ceremonies started with the presentation of our flags by local boyscouts. Veterans from several conflicts were in attendance to witness this event. Several speakers took

the stage to recount their experiences in the armed services, and the event culminated with the unveiling of the veterans wall. The festivities continued throughout the day with music and food.

A representative of Viva Sonora (the organization responsible for the park's renovation) commented that, "This event was an amazing success, but it only marks a part of the renovations we

have planned. We hope to see everyone back here on the first weekend of November 2010 for another Veterans Day celebration".

Liberty itself is a wall. It protects all of us from tyranny, allowing us to live in the shade of freedom. Always remember that the men and women of our armed forces are the ones holding up that wall.

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## City Council Approves Fee, Tables Another

Published on July 30, 2009

By Nancy Glasscock

The Sonora City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 21st. Mayor, Jed Davenport called the meeting to order.

Council unanimously approved the Sutton County Appraisal District monthly report and all quarterly reports.

The minutes of the June meeting were amended to indicate that Councilmember Bradley voted in favor of the alley closure near the Senior Center. Mr. Russell Adkins addressed council concerning the rates to be imposed at the wastewater treatment plant.

Councilmember Bradley introduced a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss his councilmember duties, moving the last item on the agenda to the ninth item on the agenda. Councilmember Neal seconded the motion that unanimously passed.

After nearly one hour, council reconvened in open

session. Councilmember Dover moved to instruct the city attorney, Elizabeth Wallace, to compile a review of Texas Policy and Procedures for the Mayor and all councilmembers. Councilmember Neal seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

In old business, the ordinance regarding the date a delinquent fee will be assessed on late utility bills gained unanimous council approval. Action to consider amending the ordinance on new fees from dumping at the wastewater treatment plant was tabled until the next meeting.

In Planning and Zoning (P&Z) business, Mrs. Blanchard withdrew her request to move an RV into a commercial zone for residential use. Tom Peyton and Rosa Hernandez will continue serving as the P&Z officers. In a 3-1 vote (Councilmember Hernandez dissenting), Doro-

thy Perez, Ken Knight, and Eloisa Hernandez (alternate) were approved as P&Z board members.

In more action, council approved Main Street board members' maximum terms, line item budget amendments to the city's budget, a Max Howorth office furniture donation to the airport, and the contract for the construction/post-construction services on the wastewater treatment plant improvements. Chief Jarratt briefed the councilmembers about the Data Interoperability Project for 2009-2010 and assured members when asked by Councilmember Dover that there "were no matching funds required" of the city for the upgraded police communications equipment. This project was approved unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is at 4:00 P.M. on August 18th.

## City Council Special Meeting: Construction Contract Questioned Then Scrapped

Published on August 20, 2009

By Ben D. Taylor

The city council convened for a special meeting on August 4, 2009 to discuss the status of a contract awarded to V-TEC (the winning bidder on a sewer and water construction contract).

Mayor Jed Davenport expressed concerns with how the contract was awarded, "Two bids for this job were received, and the city accepted the bid with V-TEC. To date they have not furnished a bond or workman's compensation insurance as requested in the contract". The mayor added that this company has already been paid between \$60,000 and \$70,000.

City Council member Pete Bradley expressed further concerns regarding this contract (specifically the authorization of V-TEC to use city equipment to conduct the work), "It was not in the bid that we would let the company that got the bid use our equipment.

This is a violation of the Texas Municipal Code, and opens us up for a lawsuit". City Manager Dean Carrell expressed his dismay with the contracting company stating that their actions have been devastating for him.

City attorney Beth Wallace commented that, "the work should never have started. The contract needs to be terminated". Councilmember Neal asked that, "the city give the company another 10 days to get bonded and prove workman's compensation insurance before the contract is terminated".

The city manager reported that two thirds of the work has been completed (V-TEC has left Sonora to complete an emergency job elsewhere), and that city employees can complete the remainder of the work. Further discussion on the matter concluded that the City Manager approved the

contract without council approval.

Councilmember Bradley made a motion for work to stop immediately on this project, and the City Manager to come back to the Council after the data has been received from V-TEC and a price submitted from them for final payment. The City Manager strongly assured the council that he would get all the data pertaining to this job as well as a final price from V-TEC. The motion passed 3 to 1 (Neal the dissenting vote). Mayor Jed Davenport adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. on a motion by Councilmember Dover and a second by Councilmember Neal.

The next scheduled City Council meeting is for Tuesday, August, 27 at City Hall. All Sonorans are encouraged to attend.

## City Manager Put on Suspension Pending Investigation

Published on September 3, 2009

By Ben D. Taylor

The City Council met for their regular meeting on August 25th 2009 at 3:30 p.m. The agenda consisted of 39 regular items, but item number 36 will have the most immediate and dramatic impacts on Sonora.

Item 36 stated that the City

Council would convene in executive session to consider the job performance and evaluation of the City Manager.

The council reconvened to the public where council member Neal made a motion to suspend City Manager Carrell with pay. The motion passed

with no dissenting votes. Council member Bradley then made a motion that law enforcement be brought in to investigate items discussed during the executive session. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

## City Government Moves To Find New City Manager

Published on October 1, 2009

By Ben D. Taylor

The City Council recently unanimously voted to terminate the employment of Dean Carrell as City Manager, freeing up council members to formally pursue a replacement. Joe Pence has been serving as interim city manager and feels that, "Sonora will find a quality city manager". At the time of press, the City has received 18 applications for the vacant position.

Mr. Pence has been involved with city government since the late 1960s, starting as an administrative assistant to the Wichita Falls City Manager and ending his professional career as a City Manager in

Henrietta, Texas (he served at that position for 16 years). After his retirement in 2004 Pence started working for Texas First Group, and has since served in several different cities as interim city manager. As interim City Manager, Pence will oversee current city projects until a permanent replacement is found. "My job is to make sure city employees are performing essential jobs to complete essential services for the citizens; promptly, properly, and with a good attitude".

According to Pence the biggest priority any new City Manager must first consider

is the sewer and water infrastructure project. "The sewer and water problems are fixable. You have to realize most of the sewers were built in the 1800's. This isn't the worst I have seen".

In other city related news, the City Council passed an ordinance restricting the use of cell phones in school zones.

Frank Wamble also presented the council with a petition of over 100 signatures from citizens asking the city to permit golf cart use on city streets during daylight hours in accordance with Texas Department of Transportation requirements.

## City Audited: Sonora in the Red

Published on December 3, 2009

By Ben D. Taylor

In the November 17 regular meeting of the City Council, a representative of the accounting firm Sagebiel, Ravenburg, and Schuh presented their financial audit of the City of Sonora. This report was compiled for the Fiscal Year of 2009 and included analysis and comparison of key financial data such as: sales tax revenue, franchise tax revenue, hotel-motel tax revenue, total interest earned, property tax assessed valuation, etc.

Of the five major city funds discussed in the report, only two showed a decrease in revenue for FY 2009. The general fund revenue decreased by 15% and the airport fund decreased 54% (other funds showing an increase of revenue were: water 7%, sanitation 2%, and sewer 11%). The cumulative net income for all funds resulted in a loss of \$37,000. All five funds exhibited an increase in operating expenses (with the highest coming from the sanitation fund at 36%) with the total capital expenditure for all funds totaling over \$500,000. When compared to the previous 3 year average in terms of revenue and expenses (for all funds), 2009 reported a revenue source that was down by 9% while expenditures were

up by 258%.

The decrease in revenue to the general fund was mostly impacted by a decrease in sales tax (down 30%), motel tax (down 26%) and franchise tax (down from 2008) all of which comprised over 50% of the revenue stream for this fund in 2008 and 2009. Other revenue sources for the general fund were down as well (federal and county, and street maintenance sales tax). Only the property taxes and the interest income off of investments were higher than 2008. This resulted in the general fund operating at a \$140,000 loss for FY 2009.

Both the sanitation and airport funds showed a trend where operating expenses were higher than revenue. The sanitation fund reported a negative net income of \$136,272 as the operating expenses of 2009 increased by 36%. The increase of this expense is attributed to: the landfill lease, Texas Commission of Environmental Quality fines, increase gas surcharge by the sanitation company, and land fill preparation. The airport fund's revenue source (the majority of which is aviation fuel sales) was down 56% for 2009. The airport sold 42% less fuel in 2009, at much lower profit which resulted in higher oper-

ating expenses than revenue. Fuel sales came in at over \$42,000 at a profit of \$297 (a less than 1% gross profit margin), compared to 2008 where fuel sales were over \$97,000 at a profit of \$20,000 (a 20% gross profit margin).

Both the water and sewer funds reported a higher revenue source than operating expenses. The water fund returned a profit of \$248,000 for FY 2009. The water fund also reported a 12% water loss (down from 24 percent in 2008). The sewer fund reported a net income of \$76,000 (an increase of 10% from 2008). When operating expenses are taken into account this fund reported a 10% gross profit. For these two funds in particular, maintaining a gross profit of over 13% is essential to pay back the 9 million dollar bond for the upgrades to our water and sewer infrastructure. If these funds report profits below 13% the city will have to further raise taxes to service that debt.

The figures presented in this article do not reflect any federal or state grants and only encompass a time frame for the FY 2009.

**The City of Sonora  
will be having a meet and greet  
for our new city manager  
Wednesday, January 6, 2010  
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
at The Bank and Trust**

*Come say Goodbye to  
Joe Pence  
and  
Lets Welcome  
the New City Manager  
Judy Miller*

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102 Oakwood	\$175,000
312 Edgemont Rd.	\$185,000
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111 Sonora Dr.	\$210,000
214 Murphy Ave.	\$265,000 <i>Sold</i>

**Residential Properties w/acreage**

1740 CR 243 (Schleicher Co. - 10 acres)	\$153,500
5098 US Hwy 277 (Schleicher Co. - 5 ac.)	\$169,500
1893 S. Service Rd. (17.569 acres)	\$279,500

**Commercial Properties**

606 Crockett	\$89,500
208 E. Main St.	\$105,000
226 E. Main	\$110,000

**Acreage & Lots**

42.320 Acres - Sutton Co. Estates - Hwy 864	\$2500/Acre or \$105,800
50.003 Acres - Sutton Co. Estates - Hwy 864	\$2500/Acre or \$125,008
75 Acres-Sutton Co. FM 1691&PR3401	\$1850/Acre or \$138,750
84.838 Acres -Schleicher Co.-Hwy 190 E&CR404	\$1355.52/Acre or \$115,000
88.036 Acres - Schleicher Co. - Hwy 190 E	\$1419.87/Acre or \$125,000
150 Acres - Sutton Co. - FM 1691&PR3401	\$1750/Acre or \$262,500
350.416 Acres - Crockett Co.	\$1350/Acre or \$473,062.60
720.96 Acres - Schleicher Co.	\$1450/Acre <i>Sold</i>
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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's List, at the appli-

**Public Notices**

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State Office

Constr./Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540  
Dist/ Div Office(s)

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District Engineer  
4502 Knickerbocker Rd  
San Angelo, Texas 76904  
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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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# Undefeated Lady Broncos Win District Championship



Photo By Bonnie Lou Campbell

# State Bound Athletes Make Sonora Proud



Tennis

Golf

# Sonora Golf Team Brings Home the Silver

# Sonora Track Shines at State



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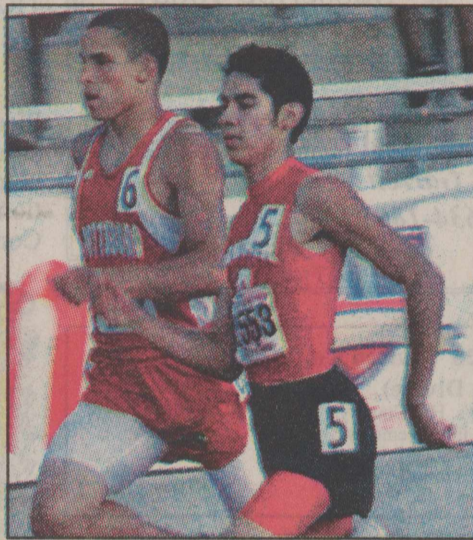


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# Broncos Are in Playoffs!!

# Mario Oliden Works His Way to State



# Field House Groundbreaking June 8, 2009



# 8th Grade Girl Colts 3 Time Champions



### Sonora Bronco Basketball Schedule 2009-2010

Date:	Opponent:	Site:	JV	Varsity
Dec. 28-30	Eula Tourn	Away	TBA	
Jan. 2	*Alpine	Away	5:00	8:00
Jan. 5	*Reagan Co	Home	5:00	8:00
Jan. 8	*Presidio	Away	5:00	8:00
Jan. 12	*Ozona	Home	5:00	8:00
Jan. 15	Open			

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### Sonora Lady Bronco Basketball Schedule 2009-2010

Date:	Opponent:	Site:	JV White	JV Red	Varsity
Dec. 28-30	Eula Tourn	Away			TBA
Jan. 2	*Alpine	Away		11:00	12:30
Jan. 5	*Reagan Co	Home	8:00	5:00	6:30
Jan. 8	*Presidio	Away	8:00	5:00	6:30
Jan. 12	*Ozona	Home		5:00	6:30
Jan. 15	Open				

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