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## Lady Bronco Volleyball All District Selections

*MVP: Tyler Hampton, Newcomer of the Year: Mary Kyle Johnson, 1st Team: Sky Jennings, Carly Brown, Shelby Aschenbeck, 2nd Team: Riley Walker, Delaney Ramsdell, Honorable Mention: Savannah Castro, Co-Coach of the Year: Morgan Wellmann.*

## SMS One Act Play Competes in Stanton

Sonora Middle School One Act Play Company traveled to Stanton to compete at the District UIL meet against Coahom and Stanton. SMS students performed I Remember You, a drama by Alvin Boretz. Several of these schools have 6 to 16 years of One Act Play experience, but our Colts never cease to impress me with their level of professionalism.

I could not be more proud of them and the level at which they competed. As a former One Act student it has brought me a great sense of honor to give them

the tools needed to represent Sonora and continue building this amazing program that I love so much. It has been a season full of challenges yet these students have grown so much, not only as actors but as young men and women. We walked away with second place, as well as many individual awards. To those unfamiliar with how OAP is judged, the following are awarded at the junior high level: 1 Best Actor, 1 Best Actress, 8 All Star Cast, 8 Honorable Mention All Star Cast, and 4 Crew awards. These awards are given

to deserving performers and performances from all schools in the competition. I will also add every single cast member received an individual award for their performance which is a very rare occurrence.

Sonora's Awards:

2nd Place -

All Star Cast- Slade Dermody/ Sydney Flores  
Honorable Mention All Star Cast- Jansen Morris/ Madalyn Fisher- Ensemble award- I have never seen this type of award given.

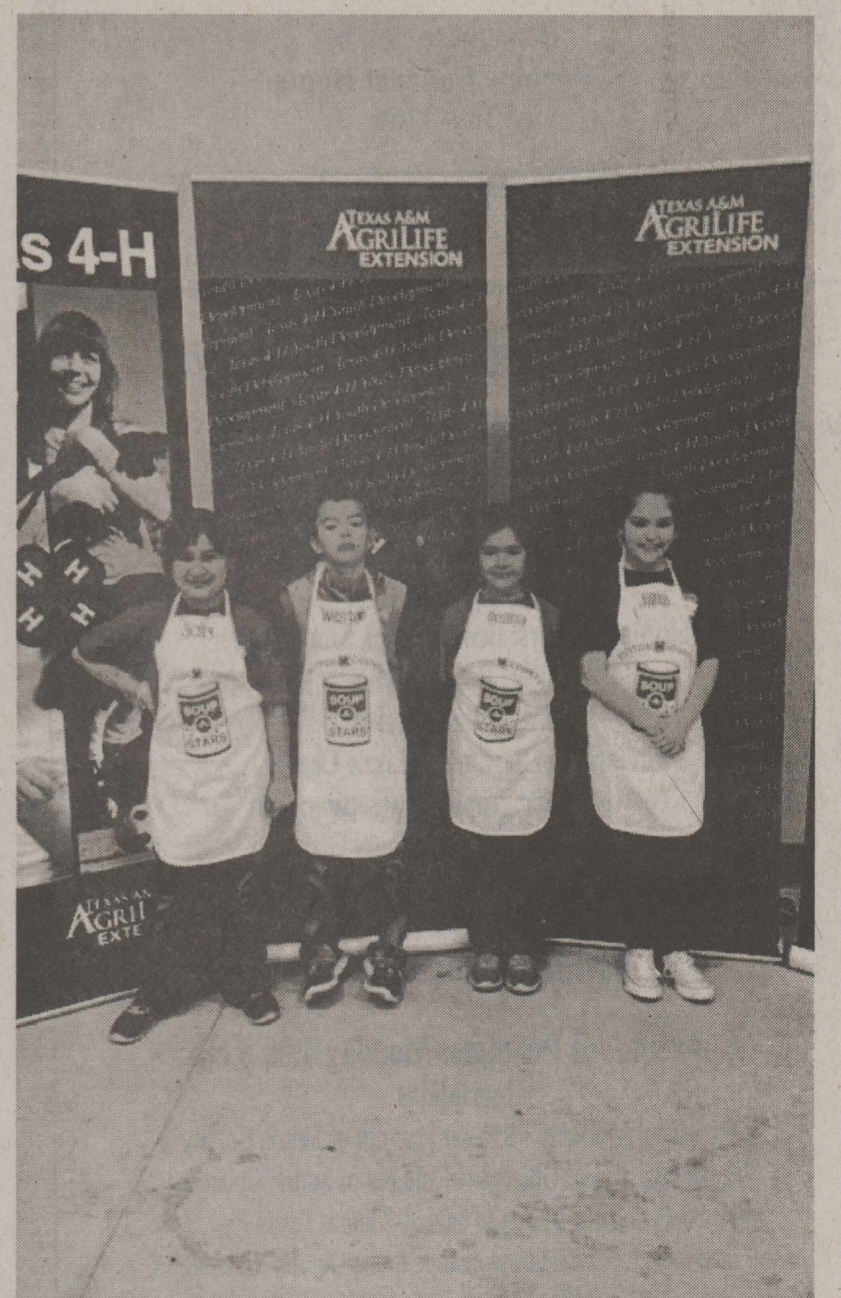
Crew Award- Madison Bristow

## MUSEUM NEWS



Sonora IceHouse Museum has had visitors stopping by from different States and Foreign Counties. Friday, Nickalus Vandenberg, a young rancher, from Adelaide, South Australia came by to visit the museum. He was very interested in the Mohair industry in Sonora. He has spend several days visiting with local ranchers. He met with Dr. Joe David Ross to discuss Mohair production methods in Texas.

## Sutton County 4-H Food Challenge!



*By Jessica Stapper*

On Dec. 5th in Kerrville, TX the District 10 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge Contest was held. Sutton County was well represented with two teams competing in the Food Challenge Contest.

The team members of the Junior team included Sicily Gutierrez, Weston Fisher, Ileana Baker, & Jillian Castro. Their team name was the "Soup-A-Stars". The team members of the Intermediate team included Ariana Arispe, Abby Bennie, Kadee Petty, Skylar Mogford, & Madalyn Fisher. Their team name was the "Shakers and Bakers" and they placed 3rd in the contest.

Congratulations to both teams!



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## Death Notice

Sonora- Vera Pauline "Polly" Taylor, 92 of Sonora died Saturday, December 5, 2015 in San Angelo. Graveside services were held Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 2:00p.m. in Sonora Cemetery. Survivors include step-daughter Kathy Cooper and husband Jerry of Graham, Texas, grandson Billy Wayne Lippman and wife Anna of Odessa, Texas, granddaughter Carla Ann Lippman of Sonora, Texas, niece Phyllis Ann McLaughlin of Sonora, Texas, 8 great-grandchildren, and special granddaughter Christy Telles of Sonora, Texas.

## Obituary

Maria Ortega 85, born on July 6, 1930, of Sonora went to be with the Lord December 2, 2015. Services will be held Saturday, December 6th at the St. Ann's Catholic Church at 11 a.m. and burial at Sonora Cemetery. Maria enjoyed spending time with her loved ones especially her sister, and always making someone smile. She was preceded in death by her daughter Virginia Ortega, Parents (Nicasio & Edubejes), brother Pedro Ortega, and sisters Nelle Marin and Juanita Contreras. She is survived by her loving family, Sister Rita Lopez also of Sonora, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Remembering our  
Angel in Heaven  
at Christmas time

The sadness never goes away  
the silent tears still flow  
you're thought of and so sadly missed  
more than you'll ever know  
But now you're with the Angels  
safe and sound in Heaven above  
we hold on to the memories and treasure them with love  
Yet special times like Christmas often make us wonder why  
God took you from this world  
it was too soon to say goodbye  
But memories are precious  
they will last a lifetime through  
we know that God has chosen you  
to be his Angel too

## Ports-to-Plains Encourages Safer Highways

The primary mission of the Ports-to-Plains Alliance is to advocate for expansion of existing two-lane highways through the Ports-to-Plains region to four-lane divided.

Today we will look at this from a safety viewpoint. As discussed last week, the number of trucks will continue to grow so the need for expanded highways will continue to grow. In addition to increasing numbers of trucks, there is the increasing speed differential in trucks. Many trucks, because of the need for fuel efficiencies, are governed to speeds slower than the speed limit. Other trucks and passenger vehicles who want to travel the speed limit or faster become impatient and try to pass on the two-lane highways resulting in dangerous situations.

Accidents will be significantly reduced on current two-lane segments of the corridor when they are upgraded to four-lane-divided highway. Rural roads are dangerous and improving them SAVES LIVES. Each year, more than 42,000 Americans are killed and nearly 3 million are injured on our nation's highways. The total economic cost of these crashes exceeds \$230 billion annually. Unfortunately, nearly 60 percent of highway fatalities typically occur on two-lane rural roads. When adjusted for vehicle miles traveled, according to the Governmental Accounting Office, some rural roads have a fatality rate over six times greater than urban interstates. These facts are extremely troubling since only 40 percent of all vehicle miles are traveled on two-lane rural roads.

The Ports-to-Plains Corridor Development and Management Plan, looking at the Texas to Colorado corridor, stated the economic benefit associated with crash reduction was calculated using national costs per crash by type of crash. Those costs include actual costs incurred, such as emergency and legal services, insurance costs, travel delay for other motorists and also include a component to measure more intangible costs such as lost productivity and reduced quality of life resulting from injury. The total reduction in crashes associated with expansion to four-lane along the Corridor is estimated to be approximately 3,296 Property Damage Only crashes, approximately 1,369 crashes involving an injury, and approximately 70 crashes involving a fatality through 2030.

Please let your state departments of transportation know that by expanding to four-lane, Ports-to-Plains can improve rural highway safety. Both your state and federal elected officials need to hear this safety message: Accidents will be significantly reduced on current two-lane segments of the corridor when they are upgraded to four-lane-divided highway.

## Sonora Church Directory



**Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
504 Santa Clara  
387-2035

**Church of Christ**  
304 N. Water  
387-3190

**The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian**  
319 E. Mulberry  
387-2616

**First Baptist Church**  
11 E. Oak  
387-2951

**Lighthouse Community Church**  
1705 N. Crockett  
387-9100

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
404 E. Poplar  
387-2955

**St. Ann's Catholic Church**  
311 W. Plum  
387-2278

**First United Methodist Church**  
201 N. Water  
387-2466

**Jehovah's Witness**  
310 St. Ann's St  
387-5658/387-5518

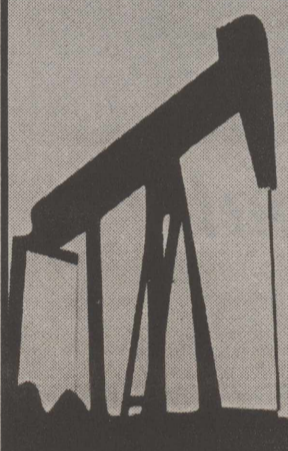
**Casa Del Altarero  
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St. John's Episcopal Church presents

### An Advent Festival Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

at 6pm Sunday, December 13th at St. John's Episcopal Church located at 404 E. Poplar Street, Sonora, Texas

Lessons and Carols is a series of nine short readings from the Bible from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels each followed by beautiful Christmas carols, hymns and choir music. The readings and music tell the story of the fall of humanity, our need for redemption the promise of the Messiah, and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

This service of Lessons and Carols is based on the famous service held at King's College Chapel, Cambridge, England every year. It has its roots in a service designed many years ago by Archbishop Edward Benson at Turo Cathedral in England, and is based on the medieval vigil service.

This service is a cross-denominational service, all are welcome. Reception to follow.

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### Christmas Eve Services (Saturday, Dec 24th):

St. John's Episcopal Church—Sonora, Texas 6pm

St. James' Episcopal Church—Fort McKavett, Texas 3pm

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### Regular Service Times:

St. John's Episcopal Church, Sonora

Sunday Holy Communion: 1030am

Wednesday Evening Holy Communion with Healing Service: 5:30pm

St. James', Fort McKavett

1st and 3rd Sundays at 3:00pm

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ALL ARE WELCOME—Child Care Provided at St. John's



### Lions Roar



By Wanda Shurley

The Sonora Downtown Lions Club met on Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church. We were honored to have as our guests, Mrs. Jones and Mr. Kissire, along with the Elementary Students of the Week. They are second grader Raquel Buitron, first grader Xavier Gallegos, and kindergarten Jose Dominguez. All of the students were represented with family in attendance. Remember that if your child is chosen to join us, you are invited also.

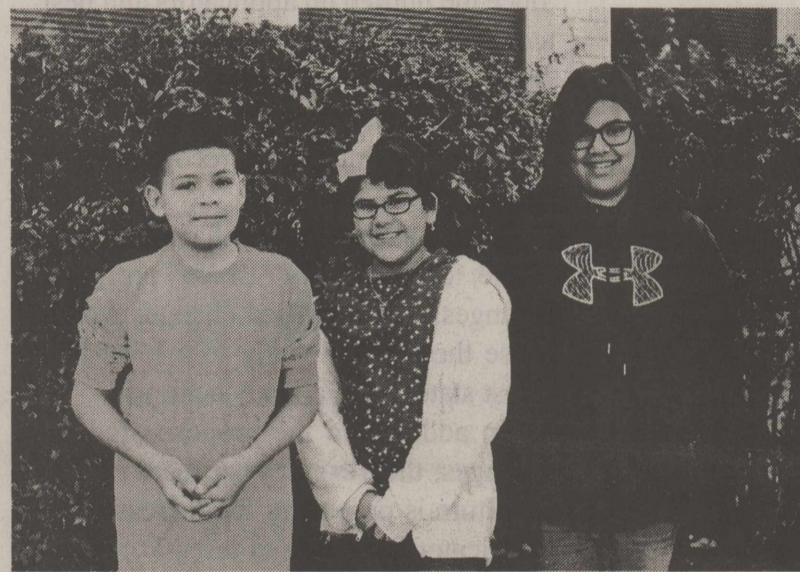
I was speaking with my nephew, who is an Eagle Scout, yesterday and he asked

what the Lions Club was all about. As I was trying to explain to him, I finally said that it's kind of like being a boy scout. We are here to serve and help wherever we can. The Mission Statement of the Lions Club is: To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace, and promote international understanding through Lions clubs. I hope you will consider joining us. We meet each Tuesday at noon at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

### Students of the Week



PK - Blair Blackbird, Kinder - Yarixa Gonzalez-Ozuna, 1st - Grace Moore, 2nd - Gracee Bauldree



3rd - Dakota Borders, 4th - Agassi Rodriguez, 5th - Lorena Reyes

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
 The City Council of Sonora, Texas will hold a Public Hearing on December 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at CITY HALL, 201 MAIN STREET To discuss A Reinvestment Zone on the following property:  
 3.368 Acres, out of the HE&WT Railroad, Survey 86, Abstract No 834, Block B

Public Notice

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS SONORA ISD'S**

**SCHOOL FIRST RATING**  
 (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas)

Sonora ISD will hold a public meeting at 5:30 PM, Wednesday, December 16, 2015 in the Vocational Building, 805 Prospect, Sonora, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Sonora ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

**Meet Penny.**

**Penny is Meg's mom. Penny watches every penny in her family's budget. Penny gets to share her daughter's data. Pay Their Age is a great way to save a pretty penny!**

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Certain restrictions apply. For ages 8-18, when paired with an approved plan. See store for details.



### Proposed Changes To TDA's Pesticide Applicator Program

Federal and Texas state regulators are proposing changes to the agriculture pesticide applicator's license requirements that will affect all current and future license holders if approved.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing stronger standards for pesticide applicators who apply "restricted-use" pesticides. These pesticides are not available for purchase by the general public, require special handling, and may only be applied by a certified applicator or someone working under his or her direct supervision.

Several of the projected changes will directly affect private applica-

tors involved in production agriculture.

Federal regulators propose to change minimum age of licensee to 18 years old (currently 16 years old) and the requirement to re-certify private applicators every 3 years (currently every 5 years).

Also, within the 3 years, private applicators will be required to earn 6 CEUs covering the general private applicator certification requirements and 3 CEUs per category of certification.

Applicators will also be required to have completed one-half of required CEUs within 18 months of license expiration date.

Additional proposed changes include pesticide handler training on a yearly

basis instead of the current 5 year requirement.

EPA is proposing additional specialized licensing for certain methods of application that can pose greater risks if not conducted properly, such as fumigation and aerial application. For further protection, those working under the supervision of certified applicators would now need training on using pesticides safely and protecting their families from take-home pesticide exposure.

State agencies issue licenses to pesticide applicators who need to demonstrate under an EPA-approved program their ability to use these products safely. The proposed revisions would reduce the burden on applicators and pest control companies that work across state lines. The proposal promotes consistency across state programs by encouraging inter-state recognition of licenses.

Many states already have in place some or many of EPA's proposed changes. The proposed changes would raise the bar nationally to a level that most states have already achieved.

In addition to the proposed federal changes, the Texas Department of Agriculture is proposing fee increases for applicator licenses and tests. For a private applicator the current fee is \$60, but under the state's revised fee schedule that will increase to \$100.

To see the complete list of proposed changes, visit <http://www.regulations.gov>

### Game Warden Field Notes

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

#### It Was Supposed to Sink

A Red River County game warden and the Clarksville Chief of Police responded to a call about a car submerged in the Clarksville City Lake. The officers took a boat out to the car and saw the doors of the vehicle were shut and the windows were down. A Bowie County game warden arrived on scene with a side scan sonar unit to check the area around the car for bodies, but they didn't find any. After a dive team hooked up the car to tow it out of the lake, the officers discovered a metal brace holding down the gas pedal. The Clarksville Police Department is investigating possible motives for dumping the car.

#### Remains Remain

A Denton County game warden responded to a call to Lake Lewisville about the discovery of possible human remains. When he arrived on scene, along with the Denton County Sheriff's Investigations and Medical Examiner, the warden found several remains that had been revealed as the area eroded from flooding. An anthropologist the officers consulted said the remains were most likely Native American in origin. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers anthropology team will investigate the find.

#### Don't Deny It

A Tarrant County game warden was checking fishermen around Lake Worth when he noticed two men standing outside a truck. As the warden approached and identified himself, both men looked at each other. The warden, who could smell marijuana, asked the men if they had any illegal substances. Both men denied having anything illegal in their possession. After a consensual search, however, the warden found a meth pipe, marijuana, a scale commonly used for weighing drugs, and 7.4 grams of methamphetamine. One of the men was arrested, and the case is pending.

#### Location, Location, Location

An Upshur County game warden was out patrolling on an ATV when he received an Operation Game Thief call. The anonymous caller said a suspect was selling crappie across the street from the Game Warden office. The warden headed to the office, and as he pulled into the parking lot, he saw the suspect moving a cooler in the trunk of his vehicle. When the warden questioned him, the suspect admitted to selling crappie. After seizing 24 quart bags with 174 crappie fillets, the warden filed citations and civil restitution.

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Wedding Selections

Chelsey Lou Campbell and  
True Burson

Emily Newton and Aaron  
Pearl

Savannah Leonard and Brett  
Chambers

### CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCEMENT 2015

Kathy Sanchez Marshall announces her candidacy for the office of Sutton County Tax Assessor-Collector. Marshall has been a resident of Sutton County since 2008 and is a native of Ozona, where her mother still resides at the Crockett County Care Center. Kathy is married to Joe Marshall, who is the Director of Radiology & Ancillary Services at Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. Kathy and Joe have one son, Ryker, who attends Sonora High School.

Kathy and Joe are United States Army Veterans. Kathy is a published poet, and has worked for the federal government, the Sutton County Sheriff's Office, the 112<sup>th</sup> District Attorney's Office, and is currently employed as the Director of Materials Management at Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital.

"I believe in three key components: SERVICE, RESPONSIBILITY, and AVAILABILITY. SERVICE has always been a part of my personal and professional life: from reading, teaching religious classes, coaching young children and serving our Great Nation in the military. In my prior jobs I have been RESPONSIBLE for sensitive, classified information, large sums of cash on hand, and accurate accounting of those funds. AVAILABILITY: If elected, I will ensure that the office is open from 8:00am - 5:00pm, including the lunch hour, to better meet the public's needs. I am asking for your vote for Sutton County Tax Assessor-Collector. I will serve our community in the way you deserve, holding true to my belief of those three key components."

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Bid should be per gallon.

Bid submitted to the City of Sonora, Texas, 201 E. Main St., Sonora, Texas 76950.

Date all bids due: 30th day of November, 2015 by 2:00 p.m.

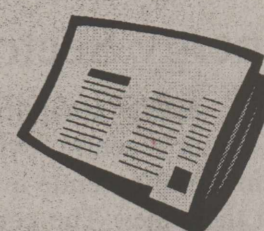
Bids may be delivered to City Hall or mailed. Bids mailed but not received by the above date will not be considered.

City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.



All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

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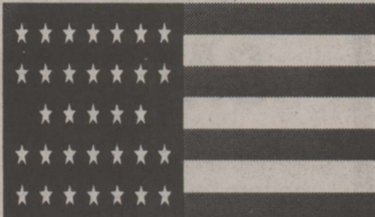
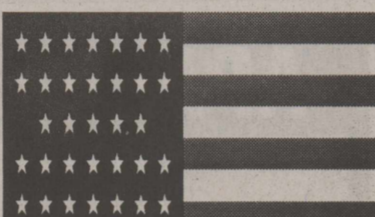
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**Employment**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Sonora is now accepting applications for the position of Field Laborer. Applicants should have a valid Texas Driver's License, a high school diploma or GED. Applicants must be able to maintain and repair property of the municipality, be self-motivated and responsible. Applicants will also be required to obtain a water and wastewater license. All applicants are subject to a criminal background check. Applications can be picked up at City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950 and should be returned to City Hall. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For further information, applicants can call City Hall at (325)387-2558. We are Equal Opportunity Employer, who fully and actively supports equal access for all qualified applicants, regardless of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability status, Genetic Information or Testing, Family & Medical Leave, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law, and prohibits retaliation against individuals who bring forth any complaint, orally or in writing, to the employer or the government, or against any individuals who assist or participate in the investigation of any complaint, or otherwise oppose discrimination.

**Public Notice**

Notice  
Public Hearing  
Sutton County UWCD  
Amended Rules  
August 20, 2015  
6:30 p.m.  
Lillian Hudspeth Wellness  
Center  
conference room  
308 Hudspeth  
Sonora, TX 76950



**For Sale**

**For Sale By Owner**  
House with Acreage West of Sonora, \$ 296,000. Go To www.zillow.com (type in the Sonora Zip code 76950) FOR DETAILS. Or call 325-450-4807

**For Rent**

Large house, barn and acreage for rent, close to Sonora. \$950/mo. 214-769-9229 or cdj325@sbcglobal.net

**Employment**

Registered Nurse in Sonora and Surrounding Areas  
Hospice of San Angelo, Inc.- San Angelo, TX  
Registered Nurse needed in Sonora and surrounding area including Ozona and Big lake. Work with Dynamic and supportive team and learn how rewarding hospice care can be. Some weekend/ night work required.  
Benefits for FULL TIME: Medical and Dental insurance 401K, Excellent Paid Time Off, Paid Holidays.  
Looking for someone who is compassionate, self-motivated and flexible.

Reliable transportation is a must.

**Want Ad**

Will buy old or unwanted horses. FMI call George at (325) 446-6081.

**For Sale**

Want to buy a 1979 Sutton County History Book? Please Call 325-387-2826 FMI.

**FOR SALE**

2005 14x60 Mobile Home 3bedroom 1bath ready for living

**Carport Sale**

3 family carport sale. Saturday October 31st, 8:00 am-4:00pm 111Hillside (east of Hospital)

**Public Notice**

**PUBLIC NOTICE BUDGET HEARING**

The City Council will hold a public budget hearing on September 14, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., City Hall, 201 E. Main; Sonora, Texas. All citizens are invited to attend and provide the council with comments and ask questions concerning the city's proposed 2015-2016 Budget. The public can inspect the proposed budget at City Hall, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

**Employment**

The 112th District Attorney's office is searching for an Investigator who will handle all aspects of felony investigations filed with the 112th District Attorney's Office from inception through trial. **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** Receives and reviews cases filed with the District Attorney's office, prepares case summaries and written requests for information needed to complete the cases, with diligent follow-up to obtain the requested information; works with prosecutors on cases and responds to requests for various documents and materials; assists various prosecutors with all aspects of trial, including juries, evidence, testimony, and progress of cases; assists with special investigations as requested by the District Attorney; provides support to other agencies for investigations upon request by the agency and approval by the District Attorney; helps present cases for both grand jury and pre-trial hearings; issues subpoenas for witnesses and records; prepares and operates power point presentations for grand jury and trial. **EDUCATION AND/OR EXPERIENCE:** Requires an equivalent combination of education and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities with knowledge of Texas Criminal Laws and procedures. **CERTIFICATIONS:** TCOLE (formerly TCLEOSE) certification required. **SALARY:** \$50,000.00 DOE, Plus Full County Benefits. Usual working hours, 8:00 to 5:00, Monday through Friday; however, additional hours may be necessary as workload dictates. Applications may be obtained at the 112th District Attorney's Office, 400 S. Nelson (Judicial Building), Fort Stockton, Texas 79735, (432-336-6294) or the Ozona Office located in the Crockett County Courthouse, 907 Avenue D, Ozona, Texas 76943 (325-392-2025). EOE. **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:** November 13,

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Rodney Ayres Knight, Deceased, were issued on June 15, 2015, in Cause No. PR-1430, pending in the County Court of Sutton County, Texas, to: Kathy Rae Knight.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Elizabeth W. Wallace  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 1508  
Sonora, Texas 76950.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Mallie Gilbert Turner, Deceased, were issued on July 13, 2015, in Cause No. PR-1428, pending in the County Court of Sutton County, Texas, to: Debra Jean Pogue.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Elizabeth W. Wallace  
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## SONORA SAGE APARTMENTS

Located @ 101 Deerwood Drive, #33  
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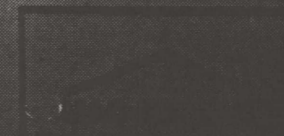
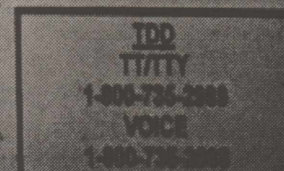
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## Todd Staples: A Well-Regulated Energy Sector Keeps Texas Safe, Fuels Economy

The state's comptroller Glenn Hegar recently revised his estimate of revenue available to the state. The comptroller is essentially the chief financial officer of the state.

So, why does the revenue estimate matter to Texans?

State revenue pays for infrastructure and services that touch the lives of every Texan including our schools, our roads, Medicaid, child protective services, funding for first responders, police and firefighters, and much more.

It wasn't surprising for those of us who work in the state's oil and natural gas sector to hear the comptroller cite declining oil prices as a key reason for lower than expected state revenues. As oil prices have dropped, oil production activity is slowing down, which has a ripple effect across the economy.

From exploration and production to pipelines and refineries, the Texas oil and natural gas industry contributes mightily to the state's economy and its tax coffers. Oil and natural gas companies paid a record-breaking \$15.7 billion in state and local taxes and royalties in 2014 alone. In 2012, when daily oil production was a million barrels less a day than in 2014, the oil and natural gas industry still paid \$12.1 billion in state and local taxes and royalties.

So despite decreased oil prices, Texas oil and natural gas remains an integral part of our larger economy. Hundreds of thousands of Texans are directly employed by the industry and every oil

and natural gas job generates many additional jobs in other sectors of our economy. In all, roughly two million Texans have their jobs because of oil and gas activity in the Lone Star State.

With so much at stake for Texas, no matter the price of oil, we should continuously take stock to ensure that the state's regulatory policies are working to encourage safe operations and continued investment in this key segment of the state's economy.

Energy producing nations from around the world look to Texas to see how our state's policies protect the environment while allowing oil and natural gas activity to grow jobs and bolster our energy security. Texas is getting it right when it comes to regulation of the oil and natural gas sector and the world is watching.

Texas oil and natural gas companies support robust, science-based regulations to protect the environment and to keep workers and communities safe. The oil and natural gas industry also supports a fully funded state regulatory agency with field inspectors to thoroughly enforce all rules and regulations. Some people don't realize that the oil and natural gas industry is one of the most regulated industries in the state, as it should be.

The oil and natural gas industry also supports new and enhanced rules that regulators wisely consider as technology evolves. For example, the oil and natural gas industry supported enhanced well integrity regulations that strength-

ened requirements related to drilling, cementing and completing wells. Oil and gas operators and environmental groups alike applauded the state's efforts to enhance well integrity requirements.

Likewise, the oil and natural gas industry praised state regulators when they adopted rules to encourage water recycling in oil and gas operations as well as amended rules related to disposal well operations in areas with historical seismic activity. These are examples of science-based regulations and represent smart policy.

Credible research shows that vigorous and extensive regulations like these are working to protect the environment.

Recently, Yale University and the Environmental Protection Agency released research that showed that fracking has not led to widespread contamination of drinking water. Comprehensive research, based on millions of air samples, shows that air near Texas oil and natural gas facilities is safe. And, a study from The University of Texas concluded that methane emissions from oil and natural gas production have declined in recent years, even as production skyrocketed.

A well-regulated oil and natural gas industry benefits every Texan. Science-based regulations and a commitment to responsible oil and natural gas operations are protecting our environment and fueling our economy, even during challenging economic times.

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### SONORA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2015

Data Control Codes		10		Total Governmental Funds
		General Fund	Other Funds	
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 6,636,797	\$ 722,822	\$ 7,359,619
5800	State Program Revenues	4,718,449	71,094	4,789,543
5900	Federal Program Revenues	10,115	728,078	738,193
5020	Total Revenues	11,365,361	1,521,994	12,887,355
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Current:				
0011	Instruction	5,861,831	414,871	6,276,702
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	125,049	28,904	153,953
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	254,444	21,623	276,067
0021	Instructional Leadership	129,360	3,210	132,570
0023	School Leadership	587,015	-	587,015
0031	Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	380,746	2,000	382,746
0033	Health Services	63,640	-	63,640
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	218,703	76,207	294,910
0035	Food Services	15,588	547,402	562,990
0036	Extracurricular Activities	957,341	224,199	1,181,540
0041	General Administration	430,076	-	430,076
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	1,629,159	-	1,629,159
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	5,840	-	5,840
0053	Data Processing Services	266,498	-	266,498
Debt Service:				
0071	Principal on Long-Term Debt	-	280,000	280,000
0072	Interest on Long-Term Debt	-	12,210	12,210
Capital Outlay:				
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	919,177	-	919,177
Intergovernmental:				
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	222,241	-	222,241
6030	Total Expenditures	12,066,708	1,610,626	13,677,334
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(701,347)	(88,632)	(789,979)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>				
7915	Transfers In	-	325	325
8911	Transfers Out (Use)	(325)	-	(325)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(325)	325	-
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	(701,672)	(88,307)	(789,979)
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	13,102,596	318,480	13,421,076
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	17,564	-	17,564
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 12,418,488	\$ 230,173	\$ 12,648,661

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