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Sonora Graduate Honored By Kerrville Police Department



The Meritorious Conduct Board met and reviewed division nominations for the Kerrville Police Department Officer of the Year. After review and discussion the board has selected Officer William Allen as the Kerrville Officer of the Year. Officer Allen will be recognized on January 26, 2016 at the scheduled Kerrville City Council meeting. Allen is a Sonora Graduate and is the son of Cyndy and Louis Allen of Sonora.

Sonora Bronco Free Safety Sophomore Kaden Cordell was selected to The Old Coach Class 3A Division II All State Team as a 1st Team Defensive Back. Junior Sonora Bronco Liam Yourgalite was selected to The Old Coach Class 3A Division II All State Team as a 2nd Team Defensive Tackle.

Open Carry is Now A Freedom Enjoyed by Texans

On January 1st, Texas became the 45th state in the nation to legalize the "open carry" of a handgun. This came about due to House Bill 910, which passed last year during the 84th legislative session. The new law expands the scope of a license to carry a concealed handgun to include the ability to carry it in plain sight, so long as the gun is holstered. Representative Andrew Murr, one of the co-authors of the legislation, said that it was needed to better comply with the 2nd Amendment.

"Texas was one of the few remaining states that prohibited the open carry of a handgun," Rep. Murr said. "Only California, Florida, Illinois, New York and South Carolina still ban it, so this change helps bring the law more in line with the values most Texans share; particularly out in rural Texas."

The procedure to legally open carry will still be the same as it was to legally concealed carry. Applicants must be at least 21 years old, have a clean criminal and psychological background, finish a training course and pass a shooting test. The nearly one million Individuals who already hold a valid Concealed Handgun License will not require a new or separate license to open carry, and no additional fees or training will be required.

One of the greatest areas of confusion over the new law is whether or not open carry is allowed on private property. Property owners may prohibit open carry in their place of business, but in order to do so, they must display proper signage alerting a license holder of the prohibition. Although there is prescribed language in the law that must be posted verbatim in order to legally ban firearms on private property, Rep. Murr encouraged all gun owners to respect the wishes of a business regardless of the law.

"There are no bigger advocates for the right of private property than gun owners," said Rep. Murr. "So even if a business does not display the proper signage that prohibits open carry, or any signage at all for that matter, if a person is asked to remove a weapon from the premises, I hope that license holders will abide by the business owner's wishes and respect their fellow Texans. After all, that is one of the fundamental tenets of private property ownership."

In recognition of his efforts surrounding the open carry legislation and other 2nd Amendment issues, the Texas State Rifle Association PAC, which represents more than 40,000 gun owners across the state, and the National Rifle Association's Political Victory Fund, have both recently awarded Rep. Murr an "A" rating and officially endorsed his campaign for re-election. Rep. Murr said he is gratified to receive their support.

"These groups work tirelessly to protect our 2nd Amendment rights, to promote hunting as a tool for wildlife management and conservation, and to educate young people about responsible gun ownership," concluded Rep. Murr. "All of the recent tragedies involving gun violence end in calls from many, including the President, to restrict the 2nd Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens. That's why I believe it is vital we remain vigilant in protecting our rights to ensure that future generations enjoy the same freedoms that we do. Let us never forget the simple words of Andrew Jackson that "eternal vigilance by the people is the price of liberty."

Local Teachers Recognized

Nina Barker and Rachel Yourgalite were recognized at an honor luncheon at The RiverView Restaurant in San Angelo on Wednesday, December 9, 2015. The luncheon honored local teachers that have been taking part in the Texas Regional Math and Science Collaboratives through Region 15 Education Service Center and featured keynote speakers Representative Drew Darby and Dr. Kamil Jbeily. The mathematics collaborative serves 1,179 campuses across the state and includes 531 school districts educating 279,395 students! The Texas Regional Collaborative is housed at University of Texas at Austin in their Center for Stem Education. The program has been great for our teachers and students of Sonora, providing valuable ideas and resources for us to implement in the classroom. Mrs. Barker and Yourgalite are now Math Teacher Mentors (MTMs) and share their experiences with other Sonora teachers through mentoring and peer coaching. To become a mentor, teachers had to attend 100 hours of training during the summer and attend continuing professional development courses throughout the school year. The funders and partners of the collaborative are: Texas Education Agency, U.S Department of Education, National Science Foundation, UT Austin, Shell, AT&T Foundation, The Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation, National Instruments, Fluor, IBM, and Oracle.



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Wellness Ministry

How many times do you find yourself eating when you aren't really hungry? How many times have you complained about being so full after a meal but then suddenly grow a second stomach when the chocolate brownie sundae comes out? There is a subtle, yet real difference between hunger and appetite. Hunger is the body's call for food to revive and nourish your cells with nutrients. Appetite is a desire to satisfy a craving or sensation. Many of us feed our appetites but not our hunger. Your taste buds might feel satisfied after a bag of fritos, but your body will not. It will still need nutrients to function properly. If you're eating junk all day to feed your appetite and not your body's need for nutrients, you will likely have cravings and feel hungry all of the time. A helpful way to recognize this is to mind your H's and A's throughout the day. When you eat, ask your self is this hunger or appetite? It's ok to have some A's in there, but what we need to focus on are the H's. Satisfy your body with real food, the way God made it.

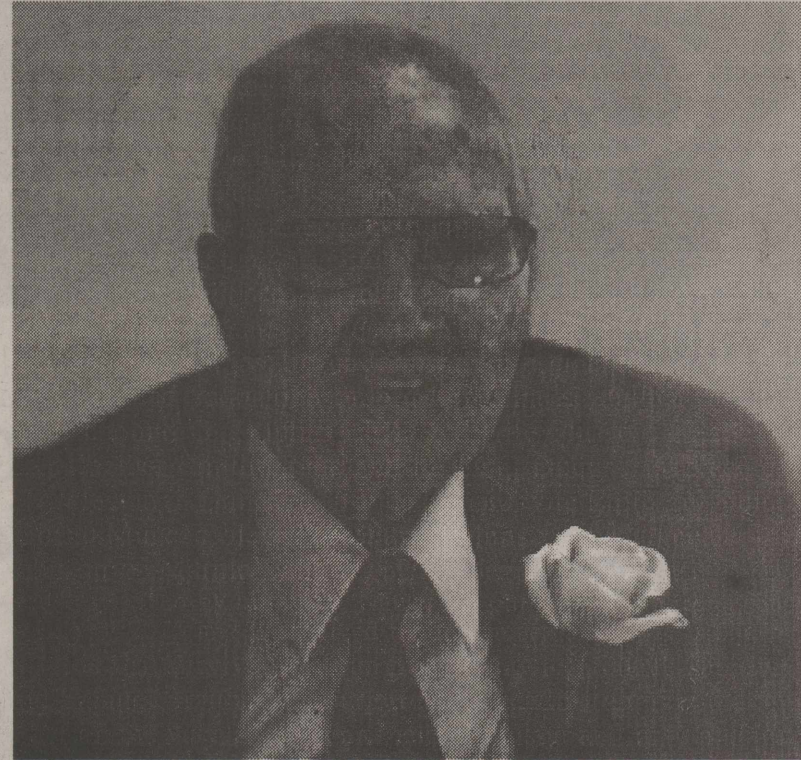
A man's efforts are for His mouth yet his appetite is never satisfied. Ecc 6:7

Chelsea Blackbird is a Certified Nutritional Therapist. FMI go to www.thechristiannutritionist.com

Obituaries



Jack Russell "Rusty" Drennan of Odessa passed away Friday, January 15, 2016 in Odessa. Graveside services will be held Monday, January 18, 2016 at 11:00a.m. in Sonora Cemetery. Jack was born in Sonora July 30, 1932 to Martin Luther and Cordie Drennan. Jack married Sarah Russell November 19, 1982 in Odessa. He worked for Phillips Petroleum for 38 years. He was preceded in death by his parents Martin Luther and Cordie Drennan, and sisters Frances Johnson and Ruth Ford. He is survived by his wife Sarah Drennan of Odessa, sons Greg Drennan and wife Susan of Ft. Stockton, David Drennan of Odessa, and Gary Hawkins and wife Mary Alice of Temple, daughters Vikki Drennan of Odessa and Sandi Easthouse and husband Marlin of Wilcox, AZ., brother Roland Drennan and wife Tommy Dale of Nevada, Tx., and sister Bobbie Smith of Sonora, 13 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews



Dr. Alvis Francis Johnson was born in Sonora, TX, on October 5, 1917 and passed away peacefully on November 27, 2015 in Dallas, TX. He was born to Alvis Johnson and Thelma Fields Johnson on the Fields family ranch in Sonora, Sutton County, TX. He learned ranching at an early age and spent his childhood roaming the ranch on horseback. Following graduation from Sonora High School, he attended the University of Texas at Austin and earned a bachelor of arts. He attended medical school at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and completed his MD in 1946. As an intern in Cleveland, OH, he met a student nurse, Patricia Craig, and they returned to Texas and were married on January 31, 1948.

Following his internship, Alvis accepted a pediatric residency at The Children's Hospital of Texas, now known as Children's Medical Center, in 1947. After several years practicing as a pediatrician, Alvis transitioned to specialty care and became the first pediatric cardiologist fellow at the UT Southwestern Medical Center in 1952. When he finished his fellowship, pediatric cardiology was a new field with only about 12 other pediatric cardiologists nationwide. He remained in Dallas at Children's Medical Center and the Department of Pediatrics at UT Southwestern Medical School, where he rose to the rank of Associate Professor. In addition to teaching to residents and medical students and managing his pediatric cardiology practice, Alvis served as the medical director of Freeman Clinic, the only clinic for indigent children in Dallas, for eleven years.

Alvis and Patricia had five children and he loved spending time with them at the North Shore Club on Lake Grapevine. Alvis had a love for boats, slalom water skiing and spending time on the water. He bought his first boat in 1957 and had lake houses on Lake Grapevine, Lake Amistad and Lake LBJ at different times in his life. Spending time with friends and family and having large barbeque cookouts on the lake were some of his most favorite times.

Alvis retired from teaching and practicing pediatric cardiology in September of 1983 having served at Children's Medical Center for 32 years. Alvis and Patricia moved to Sonora where he returned to his roots and the land he loved, raising cattle and Angora goats for seventeen years. Alvis served as the Board President for the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital for fourteen years. He was instrumental in the creation of the Sutton County Hospital District and the Sutton County Health Foundation to establish a firm financial structure to ensure the future operation of the hospital to serve the residents of Sutton County. His work on the hospital earned him the Citizen of the Year Award from the Sonora Chamber of Commerce in 1998. Also while in Sonora, Alvis was a founding board member of Friends of Big Bend (now Big Bend Conservancy). After retiring again in 2003, they moved to Granite Shoals, TX to be near their lake house on Lake LBJ. In 2012, they relocated, once again, to Presbyterian Village North in Dallas, TX where they enjoyed socializing with their many friends.

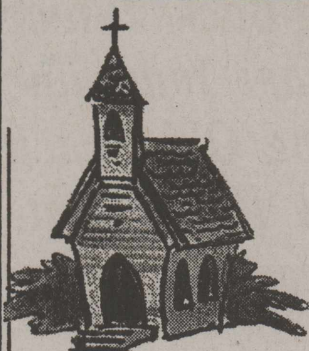
Alvis' life consisted of many roles: physician, husband, father, grandfather, rancher, boat enthusiast and water skier, master rib cooker, expert hotcake and waffle chef, poker player, stock trader, and many other talents. He spent his 98 years living a full life and doing everything he did with determination and resolve. He loved the outdoors, tinkering in his shop, and was able to fix just about anything that was broken. Above all, Alvis was a teacher and he spent his life teaching all of us. For this, he will be greatly missed.

Alvis is survived by his wife of 67 years, Patricia Craig Johnson and five children: Beverly Johnson Smith and husband Tom of Coppell, Sarah Johnson of Dallas, Craig Johnson and wife Susan of Dallas, Becca Johnson Munsch and husband Joe of Heath, and Scott Johnson of Marble Falls; eight grandchildren: Thomas G. Smith III, MD and wife Christy of Bellaire, TX, Heather Smith Crane and husband Doug of McKinney, Liz Johnson of Dallas, Ben Johnson and wife Emily of Dallas, Hillary Munsch of Dallas, Austin Munsch of Dallas, Jordan Johnson of Marble Falls and Cage Johnson of Austin. Dan is also survived by his sister Nancy Groom Turner who remarried in July of 2015 and is survived by once niece and three nephews. Alvis is also survived by four great grandchildren: Thomas G. and Samuel Smith and Scarlett and Madeline Crane, and another on the way, Alexander Fields Johnson and first cousins, George Milton Hopkins, Mary Elizabeth Hopkins Hill, Betty Fields Smith, Francine Fields Hardeman, John David Fields, Jr. and Tryon Lewis Fields. He will also be missed by many other cousins, friends and colleagues.

Services were held at 1:00 P.M. Saturday, January 16, 2016 at The Church of Christ in Llano Texas. A reception will be held immediately following at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to:
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Lady Colts Basketball

Last night your Lady Colts hit the floor taking on Colorado City! Unfortunately, the Wolves did not have an 8th grade B team to play therefore our Lady Colts scrimmaged each other to get more practice to prepare for the upcoming game against the Coahoma Bulldogs. Currently the 8th grade B team is undefeated and would like to stay that way all season! The girls' transitioned between man and zone defense throughout the scrimmage!

The 8th grade A team started out the night following in the B team's footsteps by transitioning between man and zone all night! The girls' even applied a full court press to change the momentum in the game after your Lady Colts made a basket for the first time this season. We had 9 out of our 10 players score against the Wolves which shows how the girls worked together in their offensive and press to get the ball up the court to the open man! Leading the Lady Colts last night offensively came from Dekota Morrow, Haley Smith, Angela Gonzales, and Isabella Samaniego! Great hustle efforts and defense came from Kathryn Wardlaw, Danica Jimenez, and Gabby Zapata (who got injured during the 3rd quarter going after a loss ball; she gives 100% and leaves it out on the court). Also helping the team to victory offensively and defensively throughout the game came from Christina Garza, Dalylah Lopez, and Jordan Paredes! The Lady Colts kept it close the first half leading the Wolves 14 to 10 but really picked it up in the second half outscoring the Wolves 27 points to 11. Your Lady Colts won over the Wolves 41 to 19 as the final score. This brings the 8th grade A team overall record as 5-2 with district play 4-1 (losing to Coahoma the first game of the season after the Thanksgiving break). Come out to support the girls this Thursday as they travel to play in the Wall Tournament. The first game in Wall will be played around 4:30 at the Wall High School gym. Then the Lady Colts will continue district play on Monday in Coahoma looking to show Lady Bulldogs a whole new team and bring home the victory!

Bronco Academics: UIL



Our UIL Academic team traveled to Ozona this past Friday to compete in our first meet of the year. We came home with several medals and ribbons. Attached is a picture of some of the kids that attended the meet. The following are results of the meet:

Calculator Applications
3rd JD Garza
Computer Science
5th Adrian Garcia
6th Kaden Cordell
2nd Place Team
Current Events
3rd Place Team
Informative Speaking

5th Autumn Ayala
Literary Criticism
1st Darby Ramsdell
5th Garret Jaeger
2nd Place Team
Number Sense
2nd JD Garza
5th Kaden Cordell

1st Place Team
Poetry
6th Hazel Kent
Ready Writing
1st Delaney Ramsdell
3rd Morgan Anguiano
Social Studies
5th Sabian Robles

Meet Penny.

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Lions Roar



On January 19, 2016 the following Lions received Milestone Chevron Awards from Lions Club International President, Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, for their years of service: Lion Ralph Mayer 60 years, Lion Archie Crenwelge 40 years, Lion Lewis Allen 30 years, Lion Ronald Cox 40 years, Lion Pete Bradley 10 years, and Lion Sam Kent 10 years. These men are to be commended for their years of dedicated service to the community.

Mrs. Crenwelge joined the Lions Club at their weekly meeting, along with three yearbook students, Janet Baez, Aldo Arredondo, and Zelenia Vasquez. Mrs. Crenwelge stated that Sonora Schools are unique because the community offers extremely strong support for the students. This year the annual will be a "community yearbook", so be on the lookout for

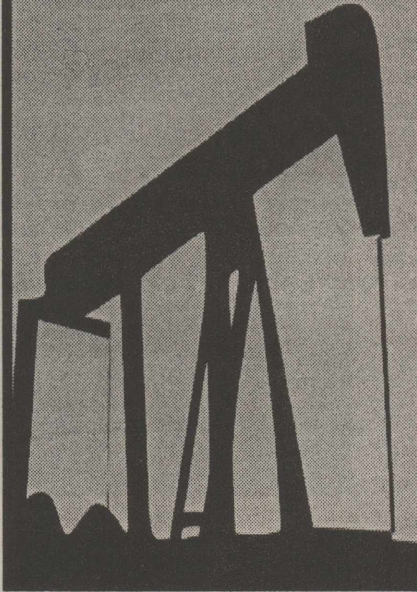
students carrying cameras anywhere there is student activities. The yearbook includes Kinder through 12th grades, and Mrs. Crenwelge stated the younger grades will be better represented in this year's publication than has been done in the past. She is fortunate to have students who are interested in differing areas of the publication process, so that each area will be well executed. The students have worked very hard and, for the first time, forty pages were published before December.

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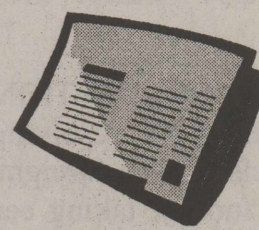
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Public Notice

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
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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.

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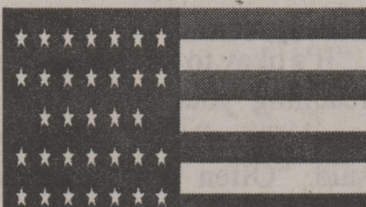
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Public Notice

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.

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New Year's Resolutions Need Specifics, Realistic Goal-Setting

COLLEGE STATION — Whether it's resolving to exercise, lose weight or save money, taking certain specific steps will give that New Year's resolution a better chance of succeeding, said Nancy Granovsky, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialist in family development and resource management, College Station.

"January is always a busy time for gyms due to people resolving to exercise and take better care of their bodies," Granovsky said. "But it usually doesn't take long for people to fall off the exercise wagon due to a lack of focus. It's the same for people making financial resolutions that are not backed by a plan and specific steps to be taken."

Granovsky said setting specific quantifiable goals is vital to maintaining a New Year's resolution.

"Committing to a specific outcome, such as working out three days a week or saving X dollars per month, gives you a baseline for forming a habit," she said. "It gives you reachable goals that you can track as a way to sustain your willpower and hold yourself accountable."

Granovsky said it is important to write down or

"memorialize" goals and keep track of progress, including milestones that are set and met.

"The key to keeping resolutions is to set smaller goals that can be gradually built upon," she said. "Don't think you're going to be able to make big changes in a short time frame. Break things up into small steps so you can gauge your progress. Start by setting goals that are neither too far out into the future nor too far out of your comfort zone."

Keeping resolutions is a matter of changing habits or behaviors, she said. When something hasn't yet become a habit, it is harder to remain committed to making a change.

"It may take a while to break an 'unsuccessful' habit and substitute it with a better one, but taking small initial steps is the key to improving your chances of success. You can start by choosing to have a healthy salad for lunch once or twice a week instead of something less healthy — or to go to the gym once a week and then extend that to three times a week once you get into the habit.

"It's also important that you don't overwhelm yourself and remember to forgive yourself if you fail to

meet your goals from time to time. Plus, you need to remember to reward yourself when you have reached a milestone in your progress."

Granovsky said using technology or automation can also help keep resolutions.

"If you want to invest or save a certain amount of money over the year, setting up an automatic monthly transfer into a fund or savings account eliminates having to remember to save because that decision has essentially been 'outsourced' by automating it," she said. "You can use technology to set up a family budget or use your computer's calendar or your smart phone to remind you when you're supposed to work out.

"There are also lots of gadgets and apps from an old-fashioned pedometer to more complex electronic activity trackers that can help you reach even more specific health-oriented goals. Technology can be a great help in reminding you to keep your resolutions until the new behaviors become second nature."

Granovsky said finding others with similar goals can also improve the chances of keeping those resolu-

tions.

"Find a walking or running partner who is equally committed to exercising more and make plans to walk or run together," she said.

"Or find an exercise class at the gym that meets at a regularly scheduled time that doesn't conflict with your family or work obligations so you'll have a better chance of making that class. If you have a friend you know who is good at saving money, you can ask if there are specific things he or she does toward budgeting or managing household finances."

Granovsky said free informational materials on health, wellness, food and nutrition, money management and other topics are available from AgriLife Extension at <http://fcs.tamu.edu>.

"It's okay to ask for help in reaching your New Year's resolutions," Granovsky said. "Often people fail in their resolutions because they don't have adequate support or have trouble setting specific, attainable goals. Having support and encouragement is vital in reaching your goals and keeping your resolutions. So is making sure that you set specific goals that are doable and hold yourself accountable."

Updated Property Tax Information Now Available for Texas Taxpayers

SONORA — New and updated property tax information has just been compiled by Sutton County Appraisal District and is available now to assist taxpayers. This property tax information is current and covers a wide range of topics, such as taxpayer remedies, exemptions and appraisals, and has information for select groups, such as disabled veterans and persons age 65 or older.

"Whether you are a homeowner, business owner, disabled veteran or taxpayer, it's important you know your rights concerning the property tax laws," said Mary Bustamante, Chief Appraiser of the Sutton County Appraisal District. "You can contact us about any property tax issues with full confidence that we will provide you the most complete, accurate and up-to-date available information to assist you."

This includes information about the following programs.

Property Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans - The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, surviving spouses and surviving children of deceased disabled veterans. This includes homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost to the disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The exemption amount is determined according to percentage of service-connected disability. The law also provides a 100 percent homestead exemption for 100 percent disabled veterans and their surviving spouses and for surviving spouses of U.S. armed service members killed in action.

Property Tax Exemptions - Non-profit organizations that meet statutory requirements may seek property tax exemptions and must apply to their county appraisal district by a specific date. Businesses that receive tax abatements granted by taxing units; ship inventory out of Texas that may be eligible for the freepoint exemption; store certain goods in transit in warehouses that are moved within 175 days; construct, install or acquire pollution control property; own and operate energy storage systems; convert landfill-generated gas; or store offshore drilling equipment while not in use may also be eligible for statutory exemptions.

Rendering Taxable Property - If a business owns tangible personal property that is used to produce income, the business must file a rendition with its local county appraisal district by a specified date. Personal property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property such as church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming.

Appraisal Notices - Normally, taxpayers receive a notice of appraised value from the appropriate local county appraisal district. The city, county, school districts and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district's value to set property taxes for the coming year.

Property Taxpayer Remedies - This Comptroller publication explains in detail how to protest a property appraisal, what issues the county appraisal review board (ARB) can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the options of taking a taxpayer's case to district court, the State Office of Administrative Hearings or binding arbitration if the taxpayer is dissatisfied with the outcome of the ARB hearing.

Homestead Exemptions - A homestead is generally defined as the home and land used as the owner's principal residence on Jan. 1 of the tax year. A homestead exemption reduces the appraised value of the home and, as a result, lowers property taxes. Applications are submitted to the appropriate local county appraisal district.

Productivity Appraisal - Property owners who use land for timber land production, agricultural purposes or wildlife management can be granted property tax relief on their land. They may apply to their local county appraisal district for an agricultural appraisal which may result in a lower appraisal of the land based on how much the taxpayer produces, versus what the land would sell for on the open market.

Residence Homestead Tax Deferral - Texas homeowners may postpone paying the currently delinquent property taxes due on the appreciating value of their homes by filing a tax deferral affidavit at their local county appraisal district. This tax relief allows homeowners to pay the property taxes on 105 percent of the preceding year's appraised value of their homestead, plus the taxes on any new improvements to the homestead. The remaining taxes are postponed, but not cancelled, with interest accruing at 8 percent per year.

Property Tax Deferral for Persons Age 65 or Older or Disabled Homeowners - Texans who are age 65 or older or disabled, as defined by law, may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit. Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred, but not cancelled, as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Interest continues to accrue on unpaid taxes. You may obtain a deferral affidavit at the appraisal district.

Notice of Availability of Electronic Communication - In appraisal districts located in counties with a population of more than 200,000 or that have authorized electronic communications, and that have implemented a system that allows such communications, chief appraisers and ARBs may communicate electronically through email or other media with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically instead of mailing.

Protesting Property Appraisal Values - Property owners who disagree with the appraisal district's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district's ARB.

For more information about these programs, contact Sutton County Appraisal District at (325) 387-2809. Information is also available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/proptax/.

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