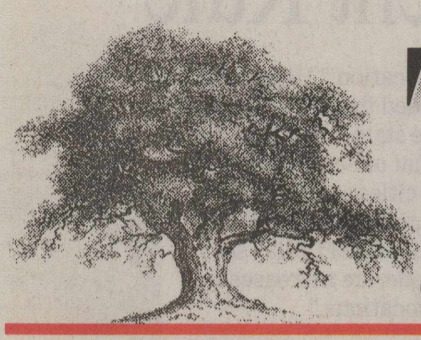


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Polls Open to Early Voting

Just like that old saying about "the early bird," Sutton County voters began casting their ballots on February 16th ahead of primary election day. The early voting period will continue through February 26th and election day will be on Tuesday, March 1st as voters mark their ballots for candidates in local, state and national races.

All votes here in Sutton County will be cast in the Republican Primary. No Democratic Primary voting will be held in the county.

Local voters will not only weigh in on state and national races, they will also decide races for Sutton County Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector, County Attorney, and Commissioner in Precinct #1 and #3. The Sheriff's race is drawing the most attention with incumbent Sheriff Joe Fincher being challenged by three candidates including Rick Bounds, Oscar Chavez and Cody Gann.

Three candidates are vying for the post of Tax Assessor-Collector including incumbent Erica Berry who is challenged by Desiree Hall and Kathy Marshall.

There is little doubt about the two commissioners races with Mike Villanueva running

unopposed in Precinct #1 and Carl Teaff running unopposed in Precinct #3, or the County Attorney race with David Wallace also running unopposed.

Early voting is being conducted in the Sutton County Annex at 300 E. Oak Street. The polling place is open from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. each day through Friday, February 26th.

Those wanting to vote by mail must apply for a ballot no later than Friday, February 19th.

Primary election day will get underway at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, March 1st at the following locations:

- Voting Precinct 101 - Sutton County Civic Center;
- Voting Precinct 201 - Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital;
- Voting Precinct 301 - Court-house Annex Meeting Room;
- Voting Precinct 401 - Fire Station.

Primary election day balloting will continue from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

At the top of the ballot, voters will pick from among 13 candidates, although six of them have already withdrawn from the race. Among those remaining in the hunt are Jeb Bush, Ben Carson, Ted Cruz, Elizabeth Gray, John R. Kasich, Marco Rubio and Donald J. Trump.

Five candidates are running for Texas Railroad Commissioner including Lance N. Christian, Wayne Gates, John Greytok, Ron Hale, Doug



Early voting got underway on Tuesday at the Sutton County Annex Building located on 300 E. Oak St. in Sonora. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Jeffrey and Weston Martinez. Texas Supreme Court Justice Place 1 is being contested by Debra Lehrmann and Michael Massengale.

Supreme Court Justice Place 5 is being sought by Paul Green and Rick Green.

Two candidates, Eva Guzman and Joe Pool are vying for Supreme Court Justice Place 9.

Mary Lou Keel, Chris Oldner and Ray Wheless are vying for Judge, Place 2 on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Judge, Place 5 is being contested by four candidates including Sid Harle, Steve Smith, Scott Walker and Brent Webster.

Richard Davis and Michael

E. Keasler are vying for Judge, Place 6, on the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Locally, Brigitte Rogers is running for re-election as Republican County Chairwoman.

Election results will be posted in the window of the Devil's River News as soon as they become available. They will also be posted on the newspaper's website at www.devilsriver.news as well as on the newspaper's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/The-Devils-River-News-255587329353/>.

America's 32nd President, Franklin D. Roosevelt famously said, "Nobody will ever deprive

the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting."

The Devil's River News joins the League of Women Voters of Texas in encouraging everyone to exercise their right to vote, regardless of which candidate they prefer.

The League of Women Voters have produced a non-partisan voting guide that is available online at <http://tinyurl.com/z88jw5r>.

The Spanish version of the guide is posted at <http://files.ctctcdn.com/642fe3ca001/6dbad03f-a630-40b9-8ce5-fff3a39b02da.pdf>.



Tyler Hampton, Sr., goes up for the tip off at the start of Monday night's bi-district play-off between Sonora and Merkel in San Angelo. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Lady Broncos Fall to Merkel 42-36 in Bi-District Game

The Sonora Lady Broncos fell to the Merkel Lady Badgers Monday night, losing 42-36 in a hard fought Bi-District playoff game played in Central Bobcat Gym in San Angelo.

Sonora jumped out to an early lead and held a 10-8 margin after the first quarter of play.

Tyler Hampton led scoring for the Lady Broncos with 17 points in the game. She hit seven of her 14 shots from the field and drained a three-pointer to keep the Sonora girls in the game.

Merkel took the lead in the second quarter and led 22-18 at the half.

Sonora battled back in the third stanza and pulled to within two points but Merkel still held a 30-28 lead after three quarters of play.

The Lady Broncos managed to tie the game in the final period, but by then the team was getting into foul trouble. That sent Merkel to the charity stripe late in the game. The Lady Badgers made the most of the situation and extended their lead as the seconds ticked away on Sonora's season.

When the final buzzer sounded, Merkel held the 42-36 winning advantage.

The Lady Badgers benefitted

from solid play by Abigail Lally who hit for 12 points and Karsen Sutterfield who hit for 10. The team was 7 for 12 from the free throw line, but more importantly, the Merkel girls sank six of those seven in the fourth quarter.

Meanwhile, the Lady Broncos hit only 4 of 11 from the charity stripe.

"I couldn't be more proud of the team," Coach Trevor Tucek commented after the game. "They really stepped up and gave themselves the opportunity to beat a good team."

The coach noted that Janelle Vasquez played well despite being under the weather in recent days.

"Many players on my team actually have been battling sickness this past week and still gave me everything they had," Coach Tucek said. "Tyler Hampton and Cip Tobias got thrust into new positions this year and really took charge of them even when it wasn't easy."

The coach went on to thank his players for their hard work and dedication.

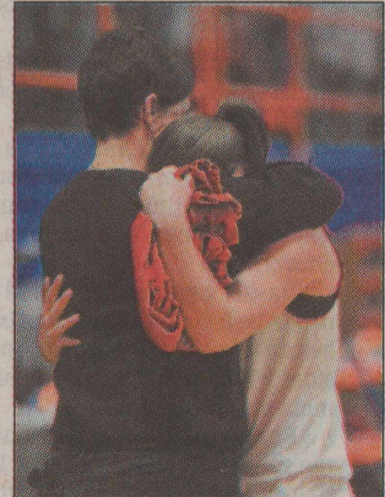
"Most of all, I thank them for their belief in me. We had a great year that fell short of our goals, but we can hold our

heads high knowing what we did accomplish," Coach Tucek concluded.

Scoring for the Lady Broncos were: Tyler Hampton-17; Janelle Vasquez-8; Julia Pope-3; Cip Tobias-3; Sky Jennings-3; and Mary Kyle Johnson-2.

SCORE BY QUARTER

Sonora	10-08-10-08=36
Merkel	08-14-08-12=42



Julia Pope, is comforted by her mother as she breaks down with emotion following the Lady Broncos loss to Merkel Monday night, February 15th in their bi-district play-off game in San Angelo. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Supreme Court Halts EPA Pollution Abatement Rule

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Feb. 9 heralded the U.S. Supreme Court's 5-4 order that put on hold a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency rule requiring power producers to cut back on the release of pollutants emitted mainly from coal-burning operations.

In reacting to the order, Paxton and West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey, the leaders of a coalition of 29 states and state agencies, declared victory over the rule referred to as the Obama Administration's "Clean Power Plan" or as the EPA "Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units." Texas and West Virginia originally

challenged the rule on Oct. 23, 2015, the day it was published in the Federal Register. The coalition requested a halt to rule on Jan. 26. Coalition members argue that the Clean Power Plan "fundamentally changes the nation's energy policy in violation of federal law," according to Paxton. "The Obama Administration clearly exceeded its authority in imposing this plan, which would cost taxpayers and consumers alike hard-earned money in exchange for less-reliable service," Paxton added.

However, EPA Director Gina McCarthy said she "remains fully confident in the legal merits of this rule" and that the rule "squarely fits within the Clean Air Act."

In accordance with the Supreme Court

order, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit has been scheduled to hear oral arguments on the merits of the case on June 2.

Tax revenue to be sent

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Feb. 10 announced that his office would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$867.1 million in local sales tax allocations for February.

The amount, based on sales made in December 2015, is 0.7 percent less than the amount distributed in February 2015.

"Energy-centric cities such as Odessa, Midland, Corpus Christi and Houston continued to see decreases in sales tax

allocation," Hegar said, but added that other areas of the state "helped to somewhat offset those losses as cities such as San Antonio, Austin, Fort Worth and Dallas saw moderate increases in allocations."

Texas leads in exports

Last week the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis released a report ranking Texas as the top exporting state in the nation for

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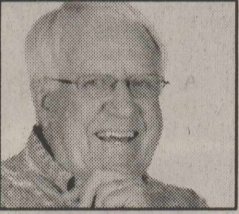
By Ed Sterling

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Weaving In and Out

Ask me--or other retirees "out to pasture" or "on the shelf"--and responses will be similar, if not identical. We're flattered to be asked our opinion on almost any topic from most anybody at almost any time. Rarely do we hear, "What do you think?"

The Idle American



by Dr. Don Newbury

Sixteen years removed from a 40-year higher education career, I'm tickled when college-bound students--as well as their parents or grandparents--seek my counsel

on majors likely to prepare graduates for good-paying jobs. Rather than admit their guesses are as good as mine, I advise them to contact my Uncle Mort.

Despite advancing years and without the benefit of--or perhaps spared from--education beyond the mid-high school years, he usually manages to come up with practical answers....

"For the longest time, I pushed study in postage and handling or tattoo removal," he says. "But times they are a'changin'."

For current queries, he offers different suggestions.

"Today, I'm recommending handgun holster design, as well as geriatric study to guide senior adults frustrated by ever-lengthening "coping lists." (He believes many "long of tooth" grow weary of falling behind in comprehension of so many new words--and initials--encountered daily)....

On the topic of college, I recall the story of a basketball coach, new at a university, who was able to sign a prized player on the final day of late registration. The kid's high school transcript was shaky, so the coach helped him with his class schedule, careful to include basket weaving.

Well, the coach made a big mistake on that course.

Soon, the youngster complained he had little chance to pass basket weaving. "I started out way behind," he moaned. "There are only four students in the class, and the other three are Navajos. Besides that, the teacher is Native American, too--and she grades on the curve."...

Truth be told, the basket weaving story actually was "triggered" (no pun intended for readers who may have just gotten their open carry permits) by the news of a recent workshop in Dallas for--you guessed it--basket weavers.

Lest you think this news might best be swept under the rug, it simply wouldn't be fair to the broom makers, who are included in the group. The art has survived across the centuries, and their products tell much about "how it was" hundreds of years ago.

We shouldn't jump to conclusions--over brooms or not--about the current "whys" of basket weaving. Participants feel it is purposeful, relaxing and worthy of sharing with generations yet to come. Determined to seek out new weavers, they gathered 100 strong at the recent workshop....

They say they've heard the basket weaving jokes, particularly the common tag of "easy" college credit.

"Underwater basket weaving--unlike underwater ice skating--can be fun in the summer," one panned.

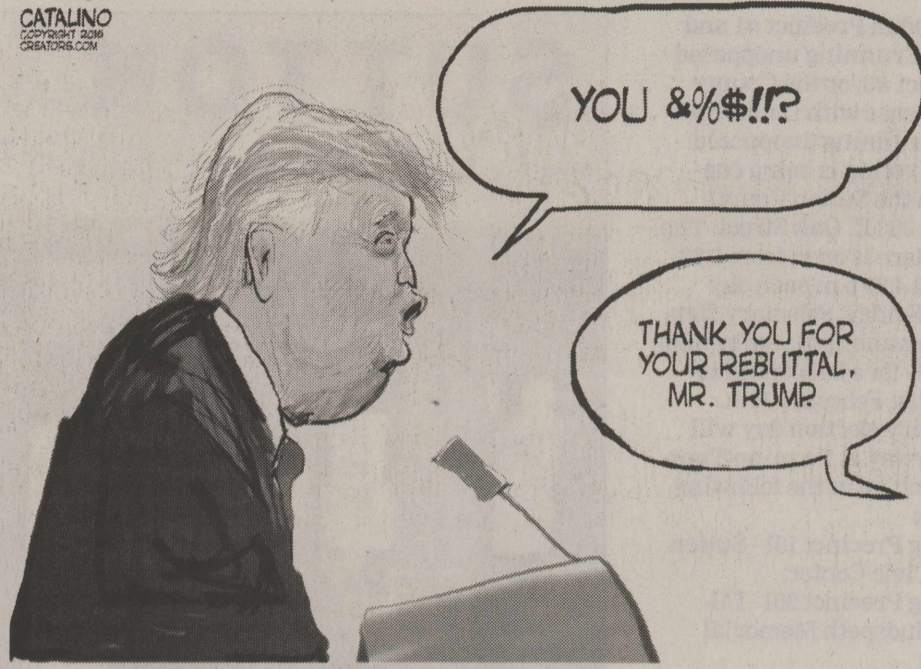
A veteran of eight years as a basket weaving teacher claims it is not as easy as it looks. Enthusiasts meet in historical venues, community buildings, schools and churches....

Basket weaving attempted in silence might be a good thing. It has been said that before we open our mouths, we should consider whether our words are an improvement on silence.

Prominent people--particularly in the sports world--may charge lavishly for their utterances, perhaps by the word. They do so with product endorsements, and in many cases, substantial numbers of us would wish their heroes to remain

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Donald Trump and the End of Civility

This political season differs from any other I remember, and I've been paying attention since the Reagan years. Driving around Central Austin, I have seen two bumper stickers that illustrate this point: "Trump the Bitch" and "Up Yours, Hillary."

Politics have always been dirty and underhanded. Aaron Burr killed Alexander Hamilton in a duel with pistols. Still, this political season I despair at how far we have fallen.

In terms of crude sexism, I've never witnessed anything like it. Even the racist insults against Obama never made it to bumper stickers, at least not in inner Austin.

It wasn't long ago that we scoffed at people for "ad hominem" arguments. In effective persuasion, attacks against the person herself were not only considered crass but also belittled as poor argument. When people resorted to personal insults, most often on online message boards, they did so because they had lost the argument and had no other legitimate reasons to disagree. In other words, attacking the person was a sign of capitulation or desperation.

But now, we are in the age where Donald Trump is a leading presidential candidate. Personal insults fly from his Twitter feed daily. And what's more, when he insults Mexicans immigrants as rapists; when he disparages John McCain's prisoner-of-war courage; when he goes after Megyn Kelly, blood coming out of her wherever; when he calls for banning Muslims from our country, he only rises in the polls.

Behavior that we once would have all labeled "unpresidential" or "unbefitting of the office" now leads a narcissistic reality TV braggart to the top of the polls of a major political party. When and why did it become acceptable to denigrate people as losers? What does it say about our society that this is not merely tolerated but lauded and admired?

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IN MY OPINION



by Sara Stevenson

My only satisfaction and hope comes from the fact that the man who famously tweeted, "No one remembers who came in second--Walter Hagen," came in second in Iowa (No. 2, as in "2 Corinthians"). I also want thank whatever clever person came up with the stunt of making <http://www.loser.com> redirect to Trump's Wikipedia page.

But engaging in that schadenfreude means I become part of the problem. How can I respond differently to his latest #Trumper-tantrum if, by even following this hashtag, I am feeding the frenzy?

Many Americans respond by tuning out. According to a recent poll, only 26 percent of Americans identify as Republicans and 30 percent as Democrats. Sixty percent of Americans would consider an Independent candidate because they are so disillusioned with both political parties. Voter turnout, even in presidential elections, rarely hits 60 percent of eligible voters.

But apathy does nothing to counter the abusive tone of our political discourse. As a middle school librarian, I try to think of how we teach our children to respond. One tactic for disarming bullies is to ignore them. If the media would agree to stop reporting Trump's tweets, insults and tantrums, maybe he would go away. His narcissism feeds on attention, and as I know from our students who continually act out, negative attention is still attention.

We teach our students not to be passive bystanders -- witnesses to bullying -- but instead to be brave "upstanders." Jeb Bush has been an upstander, criticizing Trump's tactics and insults from the beginning, while willier candidates, such as Ted Cruz, stayed silent until he became their target. And that's the problem: If we don't stand up to personal insults, the bullies will come after us -- only there will be no one left to defend us.

Then again, maybe that's the solution. If we let Trump rant on for long enough, he will have no one left to denigrate. Like the Boy Who Cried Wolf, Trump's frequent insults might lose their novelty and power as they become diffuse, gradually insulting the entire population. Maybe all we have to do is wait.

Sara Stevenson taught high school English for 10 years and is now the librarian at O. Henry Middle School in Austin.

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The Bee Man of Hardin

A long time ago we had a swing set in our back yard. One afternoon our boys went out to play on it. They heard a buzzing and looked down to see a swarm of bees dangling from the seat of one of the swings. The huge swarm formed a triangle, with the short side extending down from the seat and the long sides reaching

Rolling Along

by Tumbleweed Smith

all the way to the end of the seat. The boys didn't swing. They came in the house and told us about the bees. I went out and looked and sure enough there were the bees. Fascinating. But I didn't want them around our family. I called the radio station and told the announcer about our situation. "If anyone wants a swarm of bees, they can have it at no charge," I told the DJ. It wasn't long before an experienced beekeeper came over and carefully and slowly put the bees into a box. It looked like he was scraping things off a table.

When I was in Liberty recently, I heard an ad for a beekeeper on the local radio station. It may have been the first time I had heard a radio spot for a beekeeper. I found out whose ad it was and called the guy. He said yes when I asked him for an interview. His name is Juvenal Torres and lives in Hardin. He calls himself "the bee man" and has a business of removing swarms of bees from people's houses.

"The reason I advertise on the radio is because so many people need help. When they have bees in their houses, they can just call me and I'll get rid of them. I can do all types of carpenter work, so when I remove the bees I put everything back like I found it. You can never tell that I was there, even though sometimes I have to make a mess to get the bees."

He enjoys getting rid of bees for people and does it as a hobby. He has a fulltime job with a construction company that builds highways. He was working as the foreman of a highway project when I visited with him. He works with bees in the evenings.

"Sometimes I have to work from six PM until midnight or one o'clock in the morning removing bees. I find them in the walls, between floors in a two-story house and last Sunday I found one on a flowerpot that had a plant in it. The lady told me she could not get close to it without being stung. When I got there I just put the bees in a box and took it to my house. I have several beehives at my place and sometimes I sell honey."

Juvenal has been fooling with bees for a long time. He grew up around them.

"When I was little, my family always had some bees. My mama took care of about two hundred beehives. When I started my bee business seven years ago I had no idea I would have so many customers. Every week I have at least two bee jobs. I go to Katy, Galveston, Jasper, Baytown, Conroe, Houston, wherever the customer needs me. I take the wax, the comb, honey, everything away so the bees will not come back. I want the customer to be happy with my work. I've made lot of friends."

Tumbleweed Smith has traveled nearly two million miles on Texas highways finding all kinds of folks with all kinds of stories. Contact: ts@tumbleweedsmith.com



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Julia Pope earned 1st place in the Sonora Invitational Powerlifting Meet on Thursday, February 11th.

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Lady Broncos Compete in CHS Invitational Golf Classic

Sonora Lady Bronco's golf players weathered cold and windy conditions clutching 6th Place at the 33rd Annual San Angelo Girls Golf Classic held on February 5th and 6th.

A total of 15 schools including all classifications from 3A-6A participated in two rounds of the tourney played at the San Angelo Country Club golf course and the Bentwood golf course, respectively.

Sonora golfers included senior Darby Ramsdell, juniors Kylie Reiner and Holly Sparks, sophomore Felicia Farley and freshmen Araceli Marin.

Coach Ramon said he is proud of the way his players battled through the tough conditions showing a "no quit" attitude.

The Lady Broncos scored a total of 402, following San Antonio Johnson-357, Midland Lee-367, Lampasas-370, Odessa High-374, and Odessa Permian-376 in Round 1.

Individual Scores included:

Darby-91
Kylie-90
Holly-99
Felicia-124
Araceli-122

At Bentwood the Lady Broncos scored a total 362 improving 40 strokes in Saturday's round.

Individual scores included:

Darby-82
Kylie-85
Holly-95
Felicia-100
Araceli-113

Overall the Lady Broncos shot a two-day total of 764 yielding their 6th place finish behind San Antonio Johnson-697, Midland Lee-708, Odessa Permian-720,

Lampasas-723, and Odessa High-736.

Ramsdell finished in 7th place and Reiner finished in 8th place individually.

Coach Ramon said that he thinks the tournament was great experience for his team because they were competing against teams that play both a fall and spring schedule.

Following the tournament the ladies clinched their First Team Championship for the 2016 season on Monday, February 8th with three players placing among the top five.

Darby Ramsdell, named the individual champion, led the Lady Broncos to a total score of 424.

Reiner earned a 4th place medal and Sparks was awarded 5th place.

Individual scores

included:
Darby-79
Kylie-89
Holly-89
Felicia-96
Araceli-101

Ramon confirmed adding a second team to the line-up which placed 4th in the field with a total score of 424 on February 8th.

Team 2 members include: sophomore Marisol Capuchin and freshmen Sterling Smith, Scarlot Banfill, and Rivers Martinez.

Individual score for

Team 2 include:
Marisol-95
Sterling-105
Scarlot-107
Rivers-117

Ramon said the Lady Broncos are preparing for the upcoming 2016 Ingram Warrior Invitational Tournament on February 16th in Llano.

Broncos Earn 2nd place in Invitational Powerlifting Meet

One hundred and fifty-two area high school athletes competed on Thursday, February 11th at the Sonora Invitational Powerlifting Meet in Sonora.

The Broncos team finished in 2nd place overall in the meet.

Robert Zapata was awarded 3rd place in the 114 Weight Class division.

JR Velasquez won 3rd place in the 123 Weight Class division.

Henry Ramos earned 2nd place in the 132 Weight Class division.

Kevin Martinez was awarded 1st place in the 148 Weight Class division.

Julian Guerra earned 1st place in the 275 Weight Class division.

Joseph Absher won 2nd place in the Super Heavy Weight division.

Noe Estrada earned 3rd place and Ray Kimbrell was awarded 4th place in the Super Heavy Weight division.

Lady Broncos Julia Pope and Noel Fierro were awarded 1st place.

Jessica Paredes and Trista Bush earned 2nd

place. Sierra Kimbrell won 4th place.

Commendations go to the Broncos and Lady Broncos who came out to compete, many for the first time, as well as their fellow Broncos helping in the spotting and loading at the four platforms.



Kevin Martinez earned 1st place in the Sonora's Invitational Powerlifting Meet on Thursday, February 11th.

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JV Lady Broncos 2015-2016 Season Recap

Wrapping up their 2015-2016 basketball season with an overall record of 16-3 and district record of 5-1, the Sonora JV Lady Broncos ceded to the Stanton Lady Buffs 34-41 on Tuesday, February 9th.

In addition, the JV Lady Buffs earned the Sonora Bank and Trust Tournament Championship this season in December 2015.

Coach Jessica Barnett said that team work facilitated in the Lady Broncos accomplishing several big wins this season.

"It is an honor to work with such a great group of players," Barnett said.

Expressing that this is the most rewarding year for her as a coach, Barnett complimented her players for their achievements during the 2015-2016 season.

"I could not be more proud of their efforts and everything that they have overcome this basketball season, Barnett said. "I am very excited to not only see them grow as athlete's/basketball players but also as young ladies."

Barnett acknowledged the following players on their outstanding performance:

Alondra Pena for leading with the most scores overall during the 2015-2016 season;

Noelia Tovar most

valuable all-around player; Lane Cahill and Jacklyn Sykes for their skills in scoring 3-pointers;

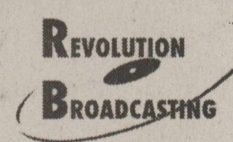
Danyse Cantu for cheering on her teammates from

the bench; Karah Martinez for scoring a lay-up on the fly; Keeley Moore for leading in offensive and defensive rebounds;

Bethany Agüero for being a team leader; and Avery Leamon for her success in completing winning plays throughout the season.

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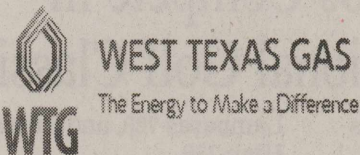
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Monday - February 22nd
Breakfast
 Sausage Kolache, Yogurt or Cereal w/Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk Variety
Lunch
 Country Fried Steak or Chicken Nuggets
 ~
 Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Roll, Savory Green Beans, Strawberry Cup, Milk.
 After School Meal: Chocolate Chip Muffin, Milk

Tuesday - February 23rd
Breakfast
 Cinnamon Roll, Bacon or Cereal w/Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk Variety
Lunch
 Meat and Cheese Tostada or Enchiladas
 ~
 Spanish Rice, Garden Salad, Salsa, Refried Beans, Applesauce, Milk.
 After School Meal: Fruit, Raisins, Milk

Wednesday - February 24th
Breakfast
 Breakfast Pizza or Cereal w/Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk Variety
Lunch
 Chicken Rings w/Toast or Cheeseburger
 ~
 Hamburger Garnish, Zesty Cucumbers, Sweet Potato Fries, Peaches, Milk.
 After School Meal: Baked Chips, Juice

Thursday - February 25th
Breakfast
 Waffles/Sausage or Cereal w/Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk Variety
Lunch
 Soft Tacos or Frito Pie
 ~
 Baby Carrots/Ranch, Mexicali Corn, Salsa, Orange Smiles, Cookie, Milk.
 After School Meal: Crackers, Cheddar Fish, Juice

Friday - February 26th
Breakfast
 Cheese Omelet Wrap or Cereal w/Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk Variety
Lunch
 Chicken Spaghetti w/Breadstick or Cheese Pizza
 ~
 Garden Salad, Vegetable Medley, Apple Slices, Milk.
 After School Meal: PBJ Sandwich, Milk

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LMH Board of Directors Votes to Approve Home Health and Hospice Agency

On November 9th the hospital board of directors voted to move ahead on the creation of a home health and hospice agency to better meet the needs of the aging population in our community. The creation of these services was not on the hospital's immediate radar, however after an extensive feasibility study concerning LMH's Independent and Assisted Living Project (an entirely different endeavor), it was apparent that our community and the surrounding area was in need of centrally located home health and hospice.

Once it was established that the hospital district already had key staff and basic support in place to run the agency, plans began

almost immediately. Sarah Teaff, PhD will serve as the administrator of the agency with John Graves, CEO of the Sutton County Hospital District as alternate administrator. Patricia Gomez, RN, BSN will serve as the Chief Nursing Office and Lynn Burchell, RN will be the alternate.

The first item on the agenda was to find an appropriate name of the new agency. With the recent passing of Dr. Alvis Johnson, it seemed only fitting the new agency be named after him to honor his service to Sutton County. Dr. Johnson and his wife, Patricia Craig Johnson moved to Sonora in 1983 after he retired from pediatric medicine. They returned to their roots in ranching and

raising cattle and Angora goats for 17 years. He was a member of the hospital board of directors; serving as president for 14 years. He was instrumental in the creation of the Sutton County Hospital District and the Sutton County Health Foundation. Dr. Johnson and his wife were prominent members of the community and continued to visit Sonora regularly after they moved to Granite Shoals, TX in 2003 to be closer to their lake house. When Dr. Johnson came to Sonora he always requested he go first to LMH and next out to the ranch.

We hope that the Alvis F. Johnson Home Health and Hospice will begin seeing patients in early May. The agency will serve Sonora and the surrounding area, particularly Rocksprings, Ozona, and Eldorado.



Kodi Ann Davis stands with her 88 pound Reserve Champion doe goat, Judge Josh Taylor, Candy and Robert Davis and sister Koda during the 2016 San Antonio Junior Goat Show.

[COURTESY PHOTO]

Rabies Look-Out

Rabies is a viral infection of the nervous system that may affect almost any warm-blooded animal. This disease is present in many wild animals in Texas, especially skunks, bats, coyotes, raccoons and foxes.

The first positive case of rabies for 2016 has been confirmed by the Texas Department of State Health Services. The rabies case involved a skunk within the city limits of Sonora.

Signs of rabies include:

1. Animals that have a change in behavior.
2. Wild animals which seem friendly or tame.
3. Wild animals which you do not usually see in the daytime.
4. Animals that have a hard time walking, flying (bats), eating, or drinking.
5. Excitement or aggressive behavior in animals.

Section 14-71. of the City of Sonora Ordinances require all dogs and cats over four months of age to be vaccinated annually for rabies by a licensed veterinarian.

Avoid contact with stray animals. Stray cats and dogs may not have been vaccinated against rabies. Make sure your pets food is secured so that they do not attract wild animals or unvaccinated dogs or cats.

Keep your cats and dogs up to date on their annual rabies vaccinations and report any animal acting in a strange way to City of Sonora Animal Control at 325-387-3888.

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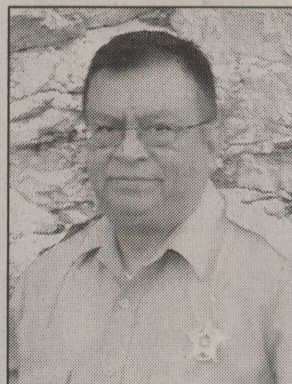
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If elected Sheriff some of my goals are to keep educating and training the officers. I believe it to be imperative and necessary for their safety and the safety of the community. The more we train the better prepared we become for unplanned situations.

I plan to better safeguard IH 10 and Highway 277 North and South. Our presence needs to be seen and felt. The Sheriff's department and jail buildings are aged and need to be upgraded. Modernizing equipment and making necessary repairs are a plus for the people of Sonora. I also plan to modernize the dispatch office. The dispatchers are our life line when we are working in the field. They have first contact with the public and they are responsible for relaying important information to the officers.

I plan to work diligently with surrounding law enforcement agencies. I believe that the law applies to all citizens and all citizens should be treated equal under the law whether it be civil, criminal or be taking care of civil process.

I am proud to be a long time resident of Sutton county. If elected I plan to have an open door policy. I will do my best to represent Sutton County. I am asking for your vote and your support.

Thank you.

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Weekly Crossword Puzzle

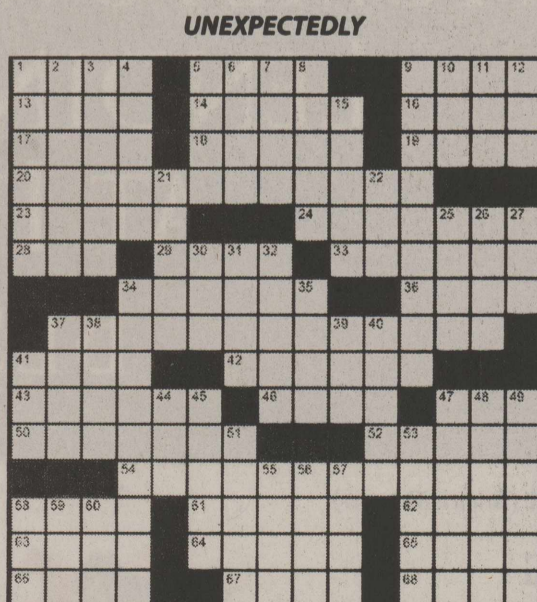
- ACROSS**
1. Fighting
 5. Highland toppers
 9. Entreated
 13. Bit attachment
 14. Skating jumps
 16. Canal sites
 17. A little lower?
 18. "Walk Away ___" (1966 hit)
 19. Jump on the ice
 20. Unexpectedly
 23. Baseball Hall of Famer Bobby
 24. "The Lord of the Rings" villain
 28. Extreme
 29. Pos. and neg.
 33. Christmas in Italia
 34. Rude one
 36. Linear
 37. Unexpectedly
 41. "If I ___ Hammer"
 42. "Relax"
 43. Get even for
 46. Spin
 47. Nincompoop
 50. Forward progress
 52. Cove
 54. Unexpectedly
 58. Old Testament twin
 61. Block house?

62. Ringlet
63. Mannerly sort
64. Entanglement
65. Ore carrier
66. Wild ___
67. Guardianship
68. Kill, in a way

- DOWN**
1. Game keeper?
 2. Kevin formerly of "S.N.L."

3. Worked the land
4. Have it ___
5. Twelve Oaks neighbor
6. Sacks
7. Waiter's handout
8. Musers' vehicles
9. Wok coater
10. Loose
11. Before, to poets
12. Cable alternative
15. Driver's choice

21. Head
22. Procter & Gamble brand
25. "Buddenbrooks" novelist
26. Shake ___ (hurry)
27. Animated Flanders
30. Prospector's need
31. "No ___"
32. Ratty place
34. Superior talents
35. Marathon
37. Surfing need
38. Noodle concoction?
39. Beluga yield
40. "Really!"
41. "Told ya!"
44. D.C. campus
45. "Weird" Al tune
47. Magnetism
48. Artist using dots
49. Mariner's patron
51. Of a Hindu discipline
53. "The Voice" channel
55. Dog biter
56. ___ de force
57. Rhode Island's motto
58. It may be stroked
59. Expanse
60. Symbol of industry



See solution on Page 7

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FEBRUARY

- 18th** Chance Dillard, Sam Mata Jr., Mary Lou Creek
- 19th** Paul Ramsdell
- 20th** Sarah Wade, Dustin Crittendon, Becky Allison, Charlotte Longoria
- 21st** Owen Friess, Elaine Donaldson, Grete Ramsdell, Mark Cooper
- 22nd** Lewis Baker, Jacque Baker, Kate Jennings, Ben Ingham
- 23rd** James Jaeger
- 24th** Chris Castro, Elizabeth Zapata
- 25th** Dr. Gene Gibbens

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2016 SONORA BRONCO TRACK AND FIELD SCHEDULE

February 20	Comanche Relays @ Fort Stockton	JVB/VG/VB
February 27	Lion Relays @ Ozona	JVB/VG/VB
March 05	Brave Relays @ Iraan	JVB, VG, VB
March 12	Puncher Relays @ Mason	JVB/VG/VB
March 19	Bronco Relays @ Sonora	JVB/ VG/ VB
March 24	Golden Crane Relays @ Crane	JVB/VG/VB
April 1-2	San Angelo Relays	VG/VB
April 07	District 5-3A in Sonora	JVB/JVG/VG/ VB
April 15	Area Meet 5-3A-6-3A in Jim Ned	VG/ VB
April 22-23	Regional Qualifiers Meet (TBA)	VG/ VB
April 29-30	Regional Meet @ Abilene Christian	VG/VB
May 13-14	State Track Meet @Austin	VG/VB

Colt Track Schedule

Feb 18	Sonora	7 th G, 7 th B, 8 th G, 8 th B
Feb 25	Ozona	7 th G, 7 th B, 8 th G, 8 th B
March 04	Iraan	7 th G, 7 th B, 8 th G, 8 th B
March 17	Crane	7 th G, 7 th B, 8 th G, 8 th B
March 21	Reagan Co.	7 th G, 7 th B, 8 th G, 8 th B
March 31	Wall	7 th G, 7 th B, 8 th G, 8 th B
April 11	District 5-2A @ Colorado City	7 th G, 7 th B, 8 th G, 8 th B

Superintendent: Ross Aschenbeck High School Principal: Ken Wimberley

Athletic Director: David T. Sine Middle School Principal: Brandon Duncan

Head Boys Track Coach: Eddie Favila Email: eddie.favila@sonorasd.net
Head Girls Track: Tiffany Weston Email: tiffany.weston@sonorasd.net

Assistants: Guy Barnett, Jessica Barnett, Don Brown, Jeff Cordell, Larry Payne, Luke Sheets, Cannon McWilliams, Blake Weston

Idle American:

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

With 112 million viewers of all ages hanging on every Super Bowl second television provides, Manning would have done well to avoid sharing such details. Reference to a pizza-stuffing night would have been preferable, and Papa John's would have appreciated the plug for National Pizza Day, mere hours away...

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Past Super Bowl winners have kept their post-game beverage choices under wraps. Usually, they've announced they're "going to Disneyland."

CORRECTION

The caption under the photo of Julia Pope in last week's edition of The Devil's River News incorrectly listed her weight division and total weight lifted while the accompanying story had the correct information. Julia Pope placed 2nd in the 148 lb. weight division with a total lift of 800 lbs., while Jessica Paredes placed 2nd in the 105 lb. weight division with a total lift of 505 lbs. at the Irion County Powerlifting Meet held January 23rd in Mertzon. The Devil's River News regrets the error and any confusion it may have caused.

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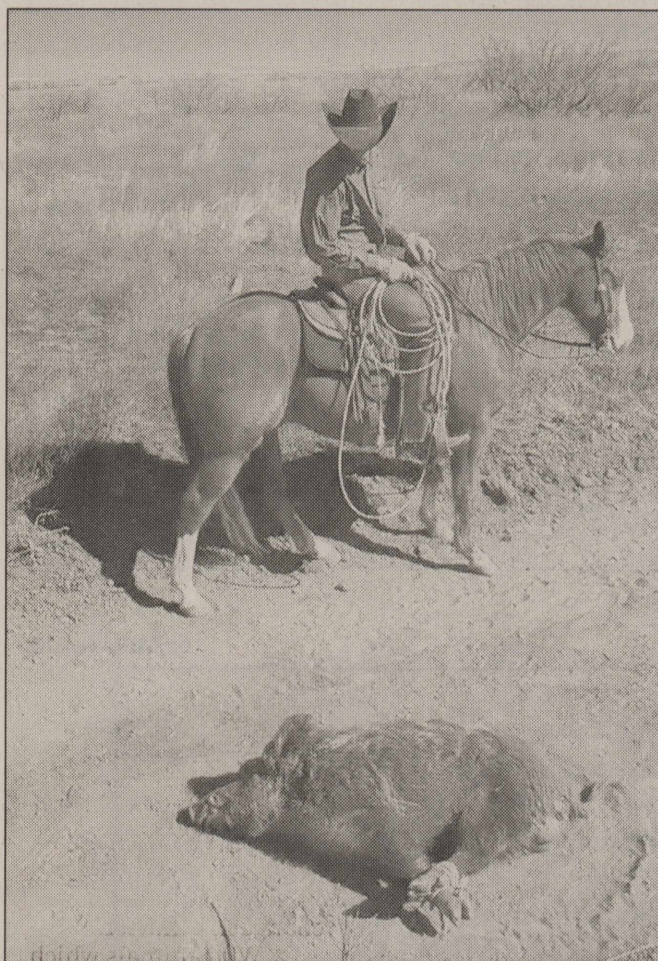
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FEB. 15	V	(6C) HARPER LAKEVIEW	AWAY	500pm
FEB. 23	V	LAKEVIEW	AWAY	TBA
FEB. 28	V	COMFORT(DH)	AWAY	300/500PM
MAR. 1	JV	FORSAN	HOME	430pm
MAR. 1	V	FORSAN	HOME	630PM
MAR. 4	JV	HARPER(DH) CLASSIC	AWAY	TBA
MAR. 3-5	V	SONORA DEVIL'S RIVER WOOD	HOME	TBA
MAR. 7	JV	WALL	HOME	500PM
MAR. 8	V	FORT STOCKTON(DH)	AWAY	130/400pm
MAR. 14	JV	GRAPE CREEK	HOME	400pm
MAR. 14	V	GRAPE CREEK	HOME	630pm
MAR. 17	V	LLANO	HOME	500pm
MAR. 22	JV	* COLORADO CITY	AWAY	400pm
MAR. 22	V	* COLORADO CITY	HOME	630pm
MAR. 24	JV	* REAGAN COUNTY	AWAY	400pm
MAR. 24	V	* REAGAN COUNTY	AWAY	630pm
APR. 1	JV	* COAHOMA	HOME	400pm
APR. 1	V	* COAHOMA	HOME	630pm
APR. 5	JV	* COLORADO CITY	AWAY	400pm
APR. 5	V	* COLORADO CITY	AWAY	630pm
APR. 8	JV	* REAGAN COUNTY	HOME	400pm
APR. 8	V	* REAGAN COUNTY	HOME	630pm
APR. 12	JV	* COAHOMA	AWAY	400pm
APR. 12	V	* COAHOMA	AWAY	630pm
APR. 15	JV	* COLORADO CITY	HOME	400pm
APR. 15	V	* COLORADO CITY	HOME	630pm
APR. 19	JV	* REAGAN COUNTY	AWAY	400pm
APR. 19	V	* REAGAN COUNTY	AWAY	630pm
APR. 22	JV	* COAHOMA	AWAY	400pm
APR. 22	V	* COAHOMA	AWAY	630pm

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Area Champions: 2002, 2003, 2012, 2015
State Regional Quarterfinal Champions: 2003, 2012, 2015
State Regional Semifinal Champions: 2012
State Regional Finalist: 2012
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SONORA WEATHER FORECAST

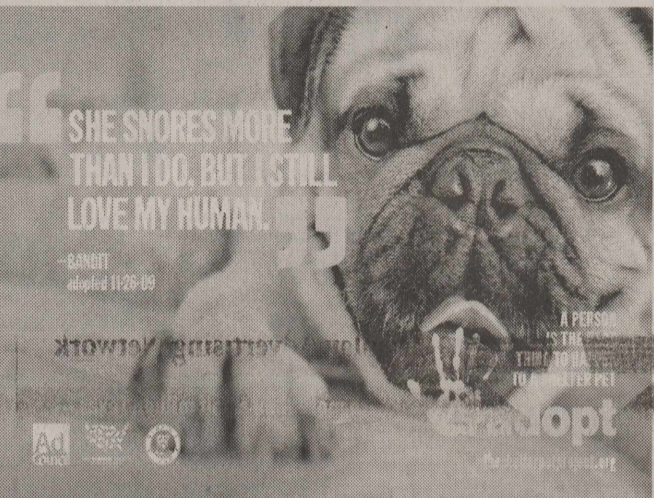
Thu 2/18	Fri 2/19	Sat 2/20	Sun 2/21	Mon 2/22
78/52	83/51	81/50	76/43	62/36
Partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.	Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 40s.	Cloudy, periods of rain. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.
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Tres Campbell of Sweetwater roped a feral hog on February 10th on a ranch north of Aspermont. Campbell is the nephew of Cam and Erika Campbell of Sonora. | COURTESY PHOTO

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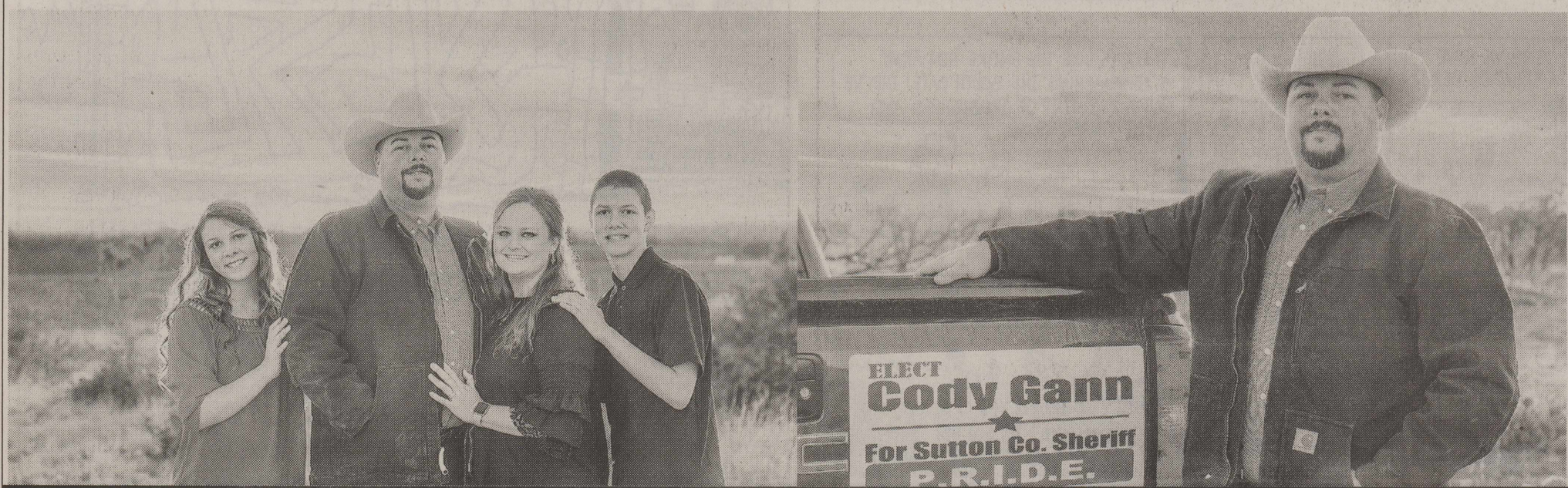
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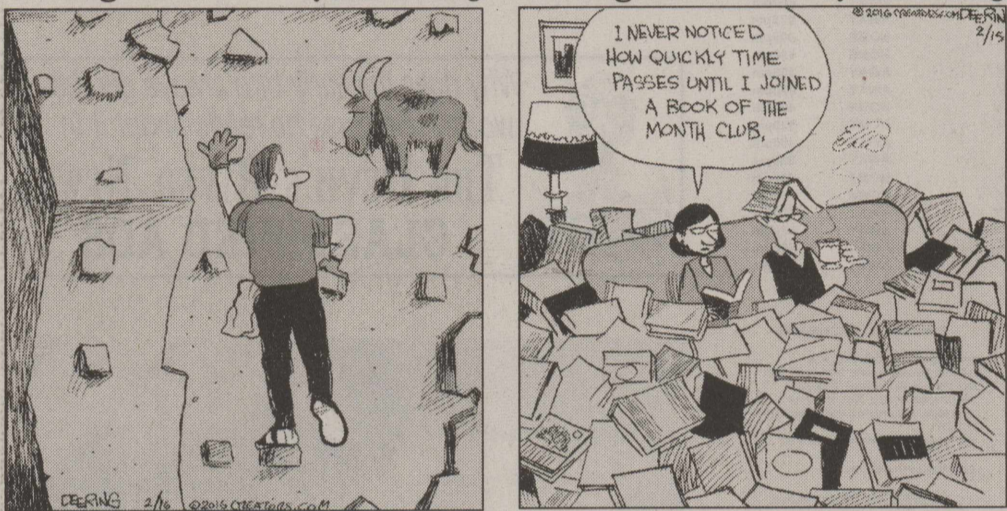


Strange Brew

by John Deering

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One Big Happy!

THIS TIME, GRANDPA, I'LL READ A STORY TO YOU!

OKAY, RUTHIE, AS LONG AS IT'S NOT TOO BORING OR SCARY OR SAD OR INVOLVES SINGING MONKEYS.

OH, BROTHER, WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WITH YOU?



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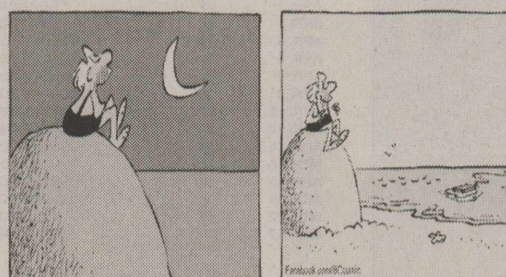
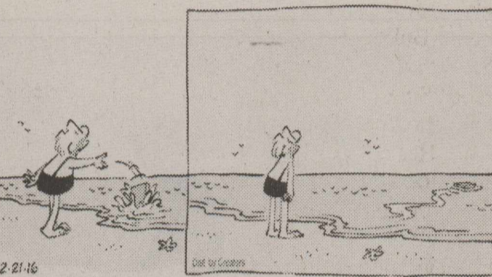
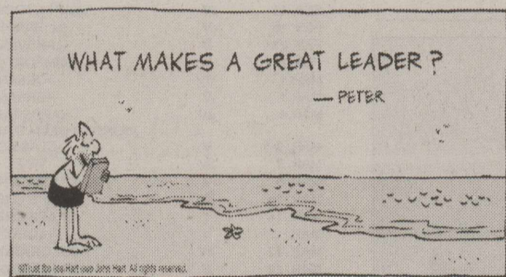
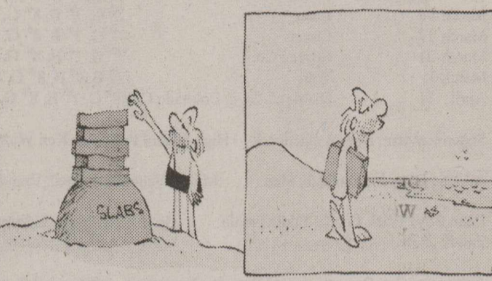
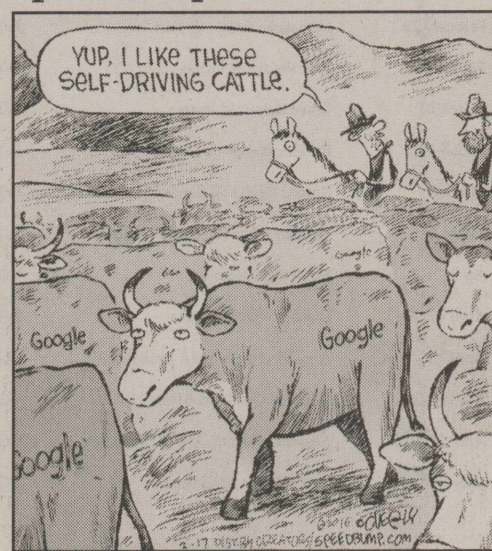


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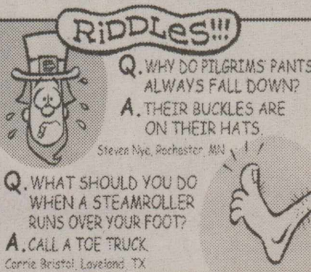
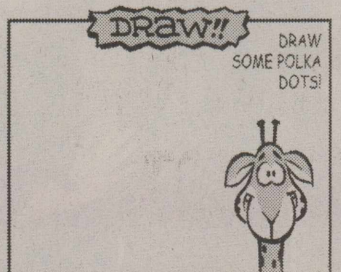
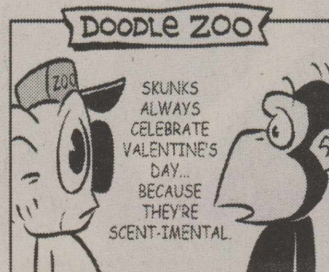
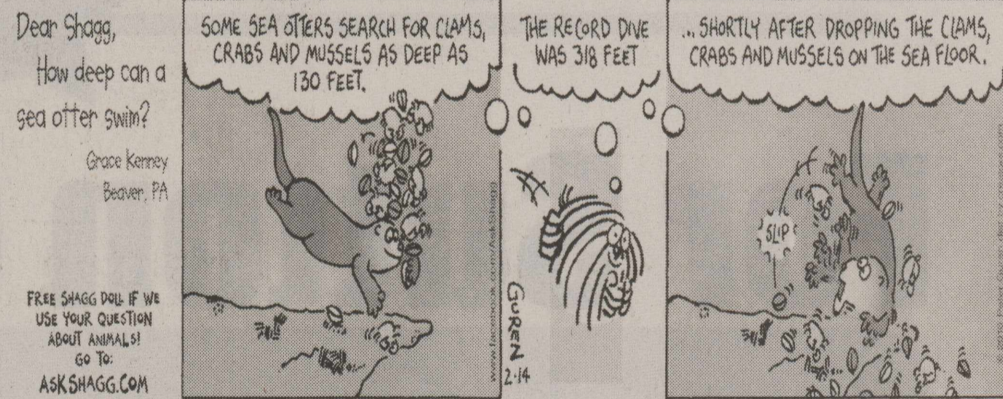
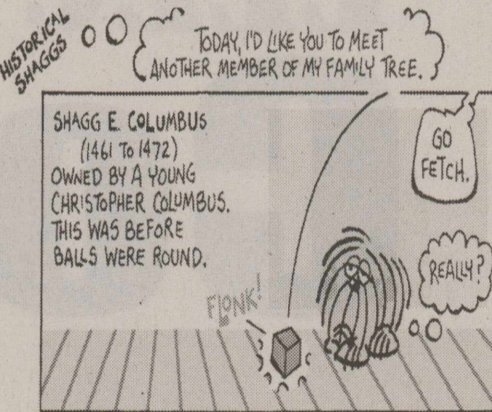
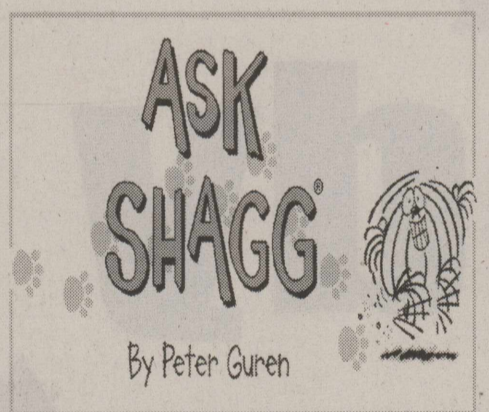
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OBITUARIES

Afton Bernice McKee Hearn December 16, 1926 - February 14, 2016



Afton Bernice McKee Hearn went to be with her Lord February 14, 2016, at the age of 89. She was born December 16, 1926 to Herbert Allen McKee and Alice Belle Adams McKee. She graduated from Sonora High School and later married the love of her life, Jack Hearn on May 2, 1946. Bernice and Jack were in the trucking and feed business all of their married life. Bernice continued in the trucking tradition after Jack passed away by operating a truck with her son, Jack, Jr. Bernice and Jack spent many enjoyable years working on their farm near Eldorado. Bernice was preceded in death by her husband, Jack, after 63 years of

marriage, her parents, her sister Myrt Armentrout, and her youngest granddaughter and namesake, Melissa Bernice Hearn. She is survived by four children, Jack Jr. and wife Judy of Lipan, Allen (Hoot) and wife Kathy of San Angelo, Betty Moore and husband Wayland of Brownwood, and Doris Hearn of Arlington. Bernice is also survived by four grandchildren, Jason Hearn of Brady, Laura Tyler and husband Wayford of San Angelo, Jodie Evans of San Angelo, and Jared Weant and wife Lauren of Ft. Worth, Tx.; also eight great-grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at First Baptist Church, with burial following in Sonora Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jared Weant, Dylan Weant, Wayford Tyler, Russell Chalk, Larry Chalk, and Dean Burns. Honorary pallbearers were Bud Whitehead, Joe David Ross, Ronnie Cox, Albert Ward, Al Elliott, and Bill Karnes. Memorial may be made to Gentiva Hospice of San Angelo, or your favorite

Agnes Arnold March 17, 1920 - February 12, 2016



Agnes Arnold born March 17, 1920 and died on February 12, 2016 having lived 95 years, 10 months and 26 days. Services for Mrs. Arnold were February 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Park Height Church of Christ in Hamilton, Texas and graveside services were Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. in Sundown, Texas with grandsons Terry Arnold and Joel Arnwine conducting services.

Agnes Arnold (Minnie Agness Lorene Widner) lived a long and productive life. She was born in Red River County, Texas out in the country-side, at the little community of Madris, just north east of Clarksville, to Robert Edward and Minnie Swarts Widner. Her siblings, who were nearly grown, were given the privilege of naming her, thus the three given names instead of the usual two. When she was seven she moved from Vernon to the wilds of Cochran County just outside of Whiteface. It was a wonderland for the little tomboy but not so much for her mom who had left a new home and new furniture and indoor plumbing for a farmhouse with dirt floors. Agnes began and finished her schooling at Whiteface Schools. Her parents wouldn't let her go to college or beauty school so when Clarence Arnold came calling they eloped three months later. They were married 63 years.

Agnes was blessed with two children, Leonard Don Arnold of Hamilton and Beverly Jayne and husband Tommy Arnwine of Sonora; seven grandchildren, Terry Don Arnold and wife Carolyn of Mexia, Derinda and husband, Adrian deJong of Alvin, Todd Arnold of Hamilton, Shannon Arnwine and wife Lorie of Savannah, Georgia, Shane Arnwine and wife, Karen of San Antonio, Kenneth Arnwine of Charlotte, North

Carolina, and Joel Arnwine and wife, Mary of San Antonio, 11 great grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren. She is also survived by brother-in-law Bill and sister-in-law Alice Arnold of Odessa, and one step-brother, Conway Wood of Albuquerque, NM.

Agnes made friends easily and had a great love for others. She truly had a servant's heart.

Agnes was a very talented woman and while living on the oil lease used her musical talent to play the piano for a country band made up of neighbors. They played live on the local radio station, KLVT in Levelland. She was active in Home Demonstration Club and the Boy Scouts. She took and taught First Aid Classes and would have been an EMT if there had been such a thing in her day. When Beverly turned 9, Agnes got her started in 4-H and worked tirelessly to build an award winning group of girls who called themselves the "Saturday Roughettes". Many a little Sundown girl learned the basics of cooking and sewing from her able instructions. She had two Gold Star members and she was awarded with an Outstanding Leader Award.

When those days were over she joined the Sundown Garden Club. She held every office and participated in all of the flower shows winning many Sweepstakes and Best of Show Awards. She also took oil painting classes and completed beautiful paintings that grace the homes of her children and friends. She loved to cook and delighted in creating new recipes and improving on others.

Retirement days brought the traveling bug. Agnes and Clarence spent 20 years traveling from rally to rally around the South with Good Sam and the Silver Streak Trailer Clubs.

Clarence died in 2002. For the last 8 years Agnes was a resident of Dove Hill Assisted Care Center in Hamilton. Agnes was an active member of Park Street Church of Christ in Sundown, Tanglewood Church of Christ in Odessa and Park Height Church of Christ in Hamilton.

Memorials can be made to the charity of your choice.

DEATH NOTICE

Calvin Ray Sanders

Calvin Ray Sanders, 68, of Sonora died Sunday, February 7, 2016 in Sonora.

A memorial service was held Friday, February 12, 2016 at 2:00p.m. in Kerbow Funeral Home Chapel.

Survivors include his son Curtis Sanders

of Belton, daughters DeAnna Music of Borger and Cindy Sanders of Sonora, brothers Bobby Simmons of Odessa and Johnny Simmons of Bakersfield, CA., and sisters Martha Haygood of San Angelo, Roselyn Joines of Phoenix, AZ., and LaDonna True-lock of FT. Stockton.

Card of Thanks

Please accept our most sincere thanks and gratitude to all of our family, friends and residents of Sonora, during this difficult time for our family. We have felt the tangible love of God manifested through all of your prayers, hugs and well wishes. We feel the Lord has used this community to make a huge difference in our hearts as we try to make sense of these tragic events. We thank each of you for the phone calls, meals and visits during Gaby's stay in the hospital and her recovery at home, but mostly for your continued prayers. We appreciate them from the bottom of our hearts.

Robert, Elizabeth, Daniela, Robert & Gaby Zapata

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE ON PAGE 4

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CALF	RENEE	AXEL
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DOERR	SARUMAN	
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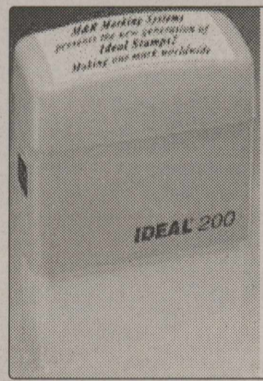
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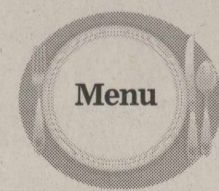
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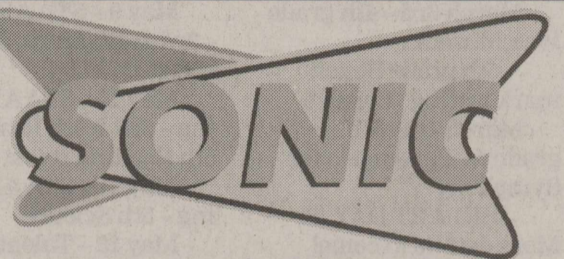
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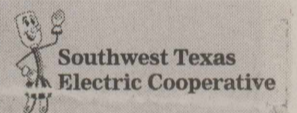
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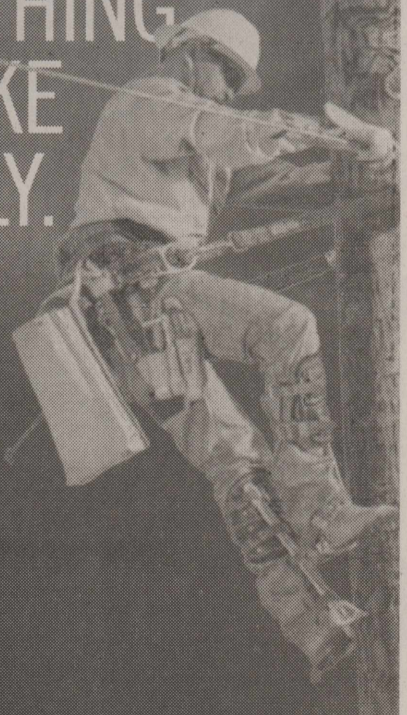
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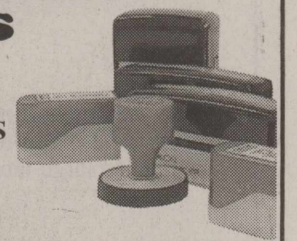
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Thursday, February 18
- Elementary fundraiser begins - cookie dough sales
Friday, February 19 - Jump Rope for Heart kick off
Upcoming events - please mark your calendar
February 23 - NED Show - Ant bullying campaign
February 26 - Walk Across Texas kickoff (5th grade)
Little Caesars Pizza Kits kickoff!!! (Intermediate only)
February 29 - 3rd grade Benchmark testing - Math End of Elementary fundraiser - turn in your order form and money
March 1st - 3rd grade Benchmark testing - Reading
March 3rd - 4th grade Wax Museum
- 5th grade Benchmark testing - Science
March 4th - 5th grade to San Angelo for Symphony
-BIG ART DAY!!!!
More details to come!
March 7th - March 11 - Spring Break
March 13 - Spring Forward!
March 15 - 4th grade Benchmark testing - Math

March 16 - 4th grade Benchmark testing - Reading
March 18th - Yearbook orders are due
March 21 - Little Caesars order forms and money is due
March 24 - Noon release
3rd grade Spring Picnic
March 25 - No school
March 29 - STAAR testing - 5th Math, 4th Writing
March 30 - STAAR testing - 5th Reading, 4th Writing (day 2)
March 31 - Elem/Intermediate Spring portraits and class pictures
April 7 & 8 - Staff Inservice - No school/End of 5th six weeks
May 4 - Best of the West Special Olympics
May 9 - STAAR testing - 3rd & 4th Math, 5th Math retest
May 10 - STAAR testing - 3rd & 4th Reading, 5th Reading retest
May 11 - STAAR testing - 5th Science
May 13 - Talent Show
May 17 - 5th grade field trip to Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg
May 18 - Field Day!!
May 19 - 4th grade field

trip to San Antonio
May 20 - Student holiday/Teacher work day
May 23rd - 3rd grade Field Trip to Sea World - 5th grade AR Party
May 24 - Intermediate Awards @ 1:30 PM
May 25 - 2:00 PM dismissal
May 26 - 2:00 PM dismissal
May 27 - No school/Teacher work day
Lowe's Register Tapes for Education Program - CONTEST!!!
The Intermediate campus is having a contest this six weeks! The TOP TWO classes with the most receipts for the 5th six weeks win a pizza party!!!!

Jump Rope For Heart is here!

If you haven't already, please register for our school www.heart.org/jump or by searching Jump team at p/Hoops in the app store on your mobile device. Our students are learning all about what they can do to keep their hearts healthy, and how they can help others by collecting donations for the American Heart Association. We are a healthy and service-minded community!

The February Region XV newsletter, The Parental Involvement CONNECTION, is available in English and Spanish.

You will find the link at: http://www.esc16.net/preview.aspx?name=title1swi.3_newsletter

This edition of the newsletter includes articles about child nutrition, prevention of teen suicide, and a secret to stop bullying.

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Texas Exports

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Gov. Greg Abbott on Feb. 9 praised the state's performance and said, "This year I plan to lead more business development missions to bolster our state's economy and create opportunities for Texas businesses to further compete in the global marketplace."

Abbott pinpointed three facts in the report:

- Texas exported more than \$251 billion in goods in 2015;
- Texas exports alone accounted for more than 16 percent of U.S. goods exported in 2015 and for the third year in a row; and
- Texas surpassed California for high-tech exports for the third year in a row.

Request for aid is granted

Gov. Abbott on Feb. 9 announced that his request had been granted in the form of a presidential disaster declaration for 25 Texas counties that sustained damages in severe weather in late December.

Abbott thanked President Obama and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for granting his request. "We will continue to work with our FEMA partners to rebuild these counties and ensure that they come back stronger than ever," he said.

Formation rate increases

Texas Secretary of State Carlos Cascos on Feb. 8 announced a four-percent

increase in new businesses formed in January, compared with January in the previous year.

"The increase of new businesses formed in the state reflects a belief that Texas is still a great state for business," Cascos said. "I applaud all the entrepreneurs and business leaders continuing to invest in and grow the Texas economy."

The 14,281 certificates filed in the month of January were for the formation of for-profit and professional corporations, limited liability companies, limited partnerships and professional associations.

The year-over-year growth for January echoes the overall trend in 2015. Last year, a total of 165,026 businesses were formed in the State of Texas, an increase of almost 5 percent from 2014, according to Cascos.

Recruitment initiative begins

Gov. Abbott on Feb. 10 announced the launch of his University Research Initiative to help Texas institutions of higher education recruit nationally recognized researchers as faculty members.

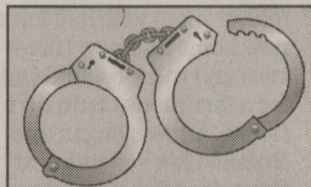
Under the initiative, eligible institutions can apply online for matching grants to assist them in attracting distinguished researchers, Abbott said.

The Governor's University Research Initiative grant program was enacted in 2015 by the 84th Texas Legislature.

Dear Devil's River News Readers:

Many of you have told us that you like the changes we have made. We appreciate the kind words, but now we're asking for your help. Our editor, Kimberley Meyer needs some land where she and her husband Danny can place a modular home. Call the DRN office at 387-2507 if you know of a lot in town, or a parcel of land near town that's for sale.

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The Blotter

The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Sonora Police Department. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the police department, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Accidents of major impact may be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

INCIDENTS

FEBRUARY 8 - 12:09 AM • Caller reported loud music on Orient and Amistad Street. Officer

responded.

7:10 AM • Alarm call for Hudspeth Hospital. Officer responded.

12:33 PM • Aco called for assistance on 400 block of Wardlaw. Officer responded.

8:48 PM • Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on 300 block of Rock Street. Officer responded.

FEBRUARY 9 - 8:05 AM • Caller reported a suspicious vehicle at local business. Officer responded.

2:48 PM • Caller reported a disturbance on 200 block of Rock Avenue. Officer responded.

3:00 PM • Caller requested citizen assistance on 600 block of Water Avenue. Officer responded.

3:28 PM • Caller reported a welfare concern on Mulberry and Water area. Officer responded.

3:45 PM • Caller requested an officer at local business. Officer responded.

8:40 PM • Caller requested citizen assistance on the 100 block of Main. Officer responded.

February 10 - 3:01 pm • Agency requested assistance on 600 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

3:08 PM • Caller reported bur-

glary on 100 block of Uno Street. Officer responded.

4:47 PM • Caller reported burglary on 100 block of Uno Street. Officer responded.

FEBRUARY 11 - 8:31 AM • Caller reported animal at large on 100 block of Highway 277 N. Officers responded.

10:22 AM • Caller reported animal at large on 600 block of Allen Dr. Officers responded.

10:32 AM • Notification call on 500 block of Cornell. Officer responded.

11:19 AM • Caller reported animal on 100 block of S. 1st Street. Officer responded.

11:07 PM • Caller reported suicidal subject on 100 block of Uno Street. Officer responded.

FEBRUARY 12 - 11:55 PM • Caller reported welfare concern on 700 block of St. Ann's. Officer responded.

FEBRUARY 13 - 12:40 AM • Caller reported welfare concern on 700 block of St. Ann's. Officer responded.

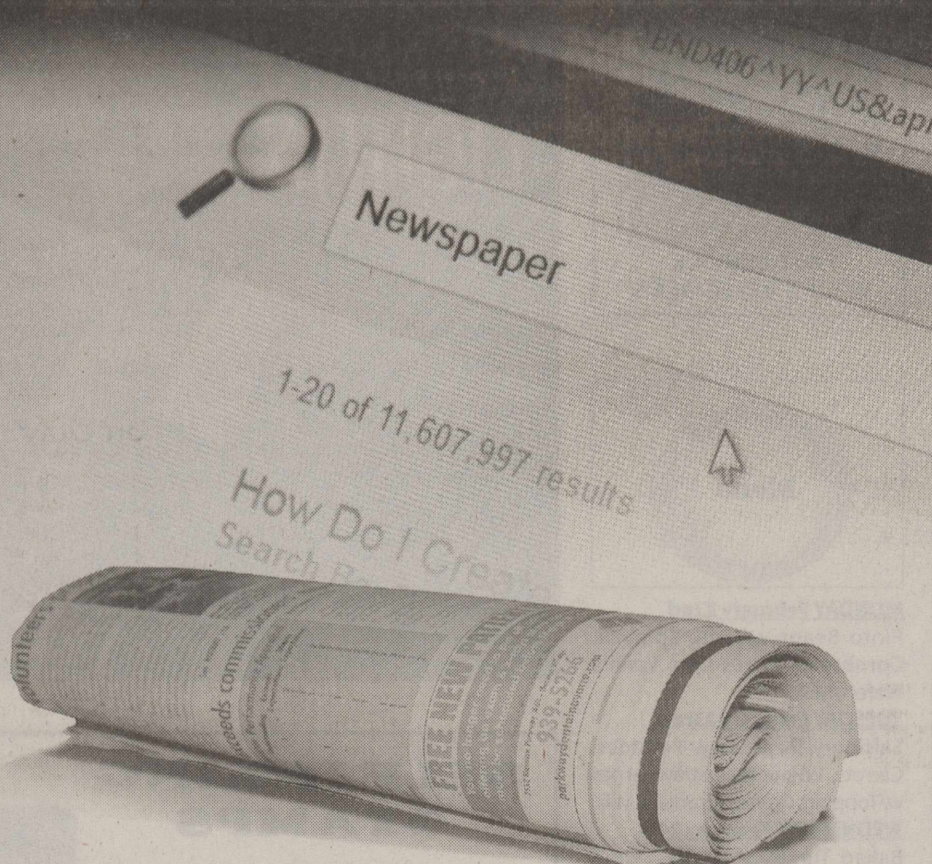
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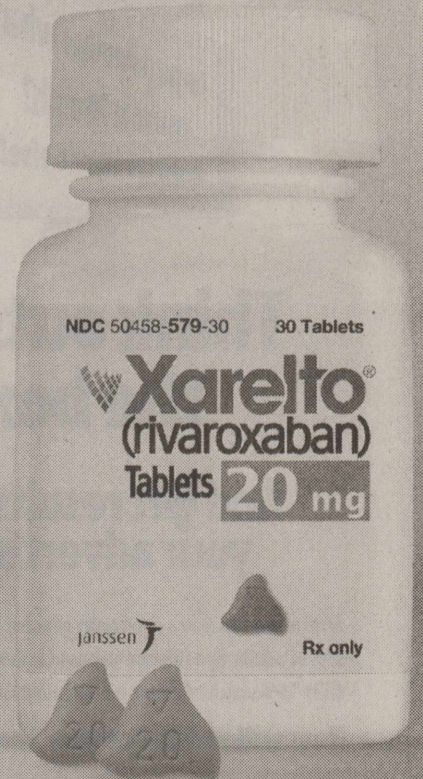
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Registration Open for Stribling Art Extravaganza

Entries now are being accepted for the upcoming Stribling Art Extravaganza scheduled April 1-3 at historic Fort Concho to benefit West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Interested persons who are at least 18 years of age and are a current or former resident of the Concho Valley are eligible and may go online to www.striblingart.org or enter by mail by calling 325-223-6313. Deadline to enter is February 26th.

The Stribling Art Extravaganza art show and sale was initiated in February 2000 and showcases Concho Valley artists and artisans. A percentage of the proceeds from the sale

of the artwork benefits West Texas Rehabilitation Center, a private non-profit organization with locations in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona, Texas. Gross proceeds to date total more than \$870,000.

The Center, which relies on donor support to supplement treatment revenues, provides outpatient rehabilitation care to 500 children and adults daily with physical disabilities and /or communication disorders. These services are provided regardless of a patient's financial circumstances.

Beverly and Ben Stribling have underwritten the show since its inception. It is because of this

support that the event is named the Stribling Art Extravaganza.

Each year the show displays approximately 275 to 300 pieces of original art from a variety of mediums including: oil, watercolor, pottery, mixed media, pastels, sculpture, drawing, fiber, glass, wood, clay and photographs. It is important to note that the participants are serious/legitimate artists and artisans, some more widely known than others. As with any good art, pieces can become great investments as the artist gains popularity and acclaim. Many homes, businesses and public spaces in Texas are graced with art

purchased at the show.

A Young Artists' Display, sponsored by Elaine and Bobo Stribling, featuring the works of local and area high school students will be on tap again this year and interested art teachers may call the numbers displayed above for more information. Also, we will be hosting live demonstrations and a special Saturday sale this year - be looking for more information!

West Texas Rehabilitation Center is celebrating their 63rd year. For more information on the Stribling Art Extravaganza or other events hosted by Rehab, call 325.223.6313.

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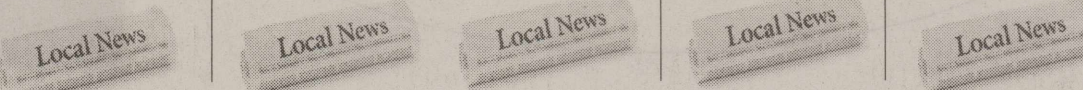
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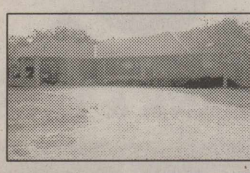
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Big Cat Payoff for Sonora Hunters

Hunting is like a game of chance – you never know what might come along and for one group of local hunters a big cat

earned them 1st place and a hefty purse in the West Texas Big Bobcat Contest, Saturday, February 8th. "We finally got a big

kitty cat," Bryn Humphrey said. Sonora locals Bryn Humphrey and David O'Banon, along with Cliff

McMullan, from Eldorado have been hunting together for the last 3-4 years. Humphrey said he

never imagined that they would walk away with more than \$40,000 in winnings.

A lot of folks hunt and a lot of them would want to win, Humphrey said. "Now, everybody knows someone local who has won."

Since its inception in 2008 the contest has grown. A total of 502 teams participated in February's contest, a state wide competition, posting a \$200 entry fee per team according to Humphrey.

A portion of the entry fee is applied to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winnings as well as three jackpot prizes for the most bobcats, fox and coyotes according to the WTBBC website.

The contest includes three dates in January, February and March.

O'Banon said just a few hours into the 23-hour contest spanning from noon on Saturday to 11 a.m. on Sunday, he and McMullan spotted the 31.4 pound bobcat and simultaneously both fired one round each. "It's pretty amazing

to be a winner," O'Banon said.

According to contest rules posted on the West Texas Big Bobcat website, each team is required to kill 5 grey fox or 5 coyotes to weigh in their big bobcat for a chance to win 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for the biggest bobcat. This hunting trio weighed in with 7 foxes.

Humphrey said while he enjoys hunting, he thinks this particular contest also helps reduce the number of fox, coyote and bobcats in the area.

"It's a good sport," Humphrey said. "It helps wildlife predator control." "Hopefully we can do it again," Humphrey said.

"It's not just about the winning, O'Banon said. "It's mostly about the camaraderie the win is just a bonus."

The next WTBBC is scheduled for March 5th.

"Oh yes, we plan on participating," Humphrey said. "Hopefully we can do it again."



Cliff McMullan, David O'Banon and Bryn Humphrey weigh in a 31.4 Bobcat securing the 1st place win during the West Texas Big Bobcat Contest on Saturday, February 8th in Sonora. [COURTESY PHOTO]

Semi Crash kills Sonora Local

Billy Yosten, a Sonora resident, died from injuries sustained when his 2007 International Truck Tractor rolled over on County road 301 early Tuesday morning, February 9th.

According to a Department of Public Safety Report, Yosten lost control of his truck upon entering a curve while traveling north on County road 301.

Yosten ran off the right side and went into a side skid causing him to lose control. The truck rolled

ejecting Yosten who was not wearing a seat belt.

He was pronounced by Buren Whitten Pa-C.

The crash was investigated by Trooper Nancy Mata of the Ozona Highway Patrol and Trooper Rob Reagan, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, Sonora, assisted.

Weather and road conditions are not a factor in the crash and the posted speed limit along this road is 55 mph.



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Champion Dorper



Lane Cahill won Champion White Dorper Ewe on Monday, February 15th at the San Antonio Open Breeding Sheep Show. Cahill is pictured with her sister, Carson Cahill. [COURTESY PHOTO]

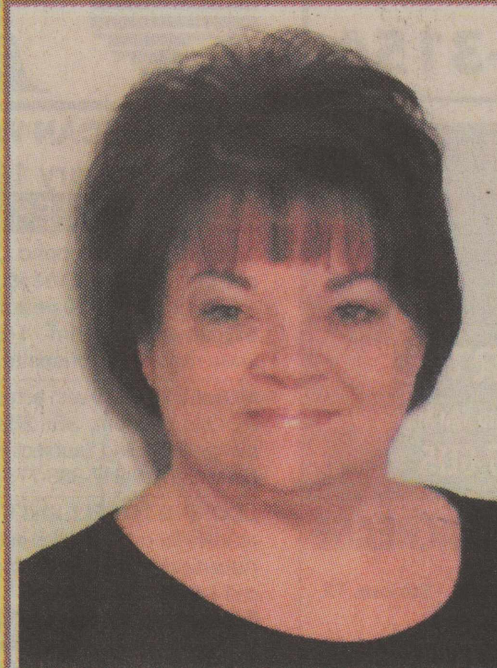
Deputy Backup



Sutton County Sheriff's deputies assist Sonora police officers Thursday afternoon, February 12th, in locating Jeffrey Allen, a Sonora resident, in order to serve a warrant for a parole violation. Allen was stopped on Crockett Street in Sonora and officers convinced him to voluntarily surrender without further incident, according to Sonora Police Sgt. Marcos Guajardo.

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Local Banker Promoted to Asst. Branch Manager



Beth Burleson
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The Bank & Trust

Brady Johnson, President of The Bank & Trust, recently announced that local Sonora resident, Beth Burleson has been promoted to the position of Assistant Branch Manager at the Sonora Branch of The Bank & Trust. Burleson brings 24 years of banking experience to the position. She shares in the organization's community-focused philosophy, and is active in the Sonora's Women's Club, Sonora ISD Campus Advisory Team and Site Based Decision Making Committee, and the City of Sonora Planning & Zoning Board.

"Her experience and knowledge will allow her to effectively coach our newer staff members while keeping them well-trained and highly motivated," said Johnson.

"Beth and Jo Ann Hernandez, Sonora Branch Manager, will work closely together as a team to maintain the high standards of customer service and community involvement we have come to expect in Sonora."

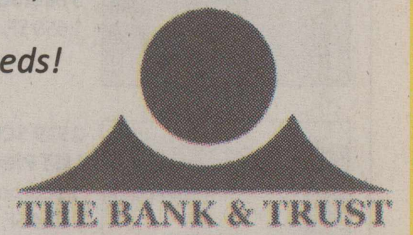
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