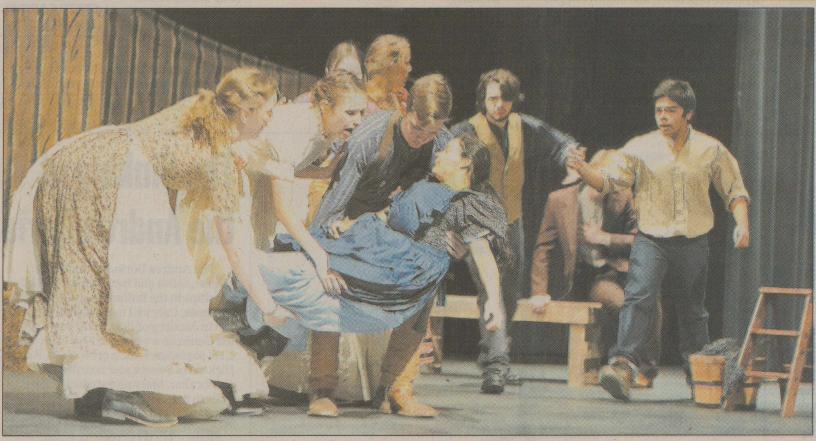


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March 24, 2016





Cast members of the Sonora High School One-Act Play perfect roles during their rehearsal on Monday, March 21st. The cast and crew will compete at District in Reagan County on Thursday, March 24th.

Sonora Thespians Stage OAP 'June Muldoon'

Iris McAfee leads the Sonora high school drama cast and crew as narrator, June Muldoon, of Jim Leonard's drama, "Anatomy

of Gray," in their One-Act Play

McAfee, a sophomore, said she is enjoying her leading role in the drama. She loves her cast and while she thinks the role is challenging she likes it as much, if not more, than her previous character roles.

"It's really amazing," McAfee said. "I've worked really hard for this."

The drama, set in the late 1800s, takes place in Gray, Indiana, described by Muldoon as "the most boring place in the world."

The unexpected arrival of Dr. Galen P. Gray and the urgent need to find a cure for



Iris McAfee, playing June Muldoon, shows off her stage talent during Monday's One-Act Play rehearsal. Sonora High School drama cast and crew will perform for district at Reagan County on Thursday, March 24th.

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a mysterious disease that is quickly reducing the town's population, changes everything for Muldoon.

Theater director, Kaci Chavarria said the biggest challenge for the students has been moving from their familiar comedy style performances to a drama style, such as "Anatomy of Gray."

First year teacher and director, Chavarria has her hands full organizing a cast of nine student actors, seventeen crew members and alternate cast and running rehearsals.

She said the students are working on solidifying their work.

Since January 5th, the company has been practicing regularly Monday through Friday and occasionally on Sunday to polish their act for the spring competition.

In addition to the normal rehearsals, the cast and crew run-through a gamut of details such as technical issues including light and sound cues to refine their play.

On Thursday, March 24th, the cast and crew perform their one-act play in Reagan County for a chance to advance to Bi-district.

With hopes high, Chavarria

said she believes they will advance to bi-district following Thursday's competition.

"Of course, it is up to them," Chavarria said. "But they are talented enough to move on to the next level.'

She said she feels blessed to be directing such great performers and hardworking kids.

Since the students are already well versed in their talents, Chavarria said that she only has to pay attention to the little details.

'We are ready to show off our talent at district," Chavarria said.

Cast List: Straton Rushing, as Galen Gary, Iris McAfee, as June Muldoon, Shayna Edwards, as Rebekah Muldoon, Dalton Morris, as Pastor Phineas Wingfield, Shelby Ashenbeck, as Tiny Wingfield, Tanner Cain, as Crutch Collins, Avery Leamon, as Belva Collins, Layla Burke, as Maggie and Dakota Castro, as

Alternates: Hazel Kent, Scarlot Banfill and Sheridan Walther.

Crew List: Autumn Ayala, Stage Manager, Robin McGuffin, Assist. Stage Manager, Juan Miguel Jimenez, lights, Kayla Grace Edwards, sound, Mollie Taylor, music.

Ticking Time

With spring upon us, moisture and warm temperatures will soon increase pest activity.

There are many pests which are troublesome to animals and people. A particularly pesky one is the tick.

Ticks are harmful to livestock and wildlife due to the blood loss that can occur when a large number of ticks feed.

They are also serious vectors of human and animal disease

agents. Ticks are known to transmit numerous protozoan, viral, bacterial and fungal pathogens. Ticks have

Pascual Hernandez

four stages of their life cycle: egg, larvae, nymph and adult. All stages are exclusively parasitic.

Ticks can survive for more than a year without feeding.

Ticks find their victims by sitting on the edges of grass and shrubbery and climbing on passing people or animals.

They do not drop out of trees. Brushy areas are the best places for ticks.

Historically the way to control ticks and their diseases was to use acaricides (pesticides). Acaricide choices are mostly limited to pyrethroids, carbaryl and avermectins.

Dipping vats have been an effective way to treat cattle by making them walk through the acaricide baths, but recent years have shown a decrease in this method except along the border for cattle fever ticks.

Dust rubs as well as applying liquid products with a high pressure sprayer or pour-ons are other options. However, many ticks are becoming resistant to the commonly used pesticides.

People can protect themserves and make it harder for ticks to enter clothing by tucking shirttails inside pants and wearing long pants and shirts.

Tucking pants legs inside our socks is also effective. Also, avoid sitting on the ground or on logs in brushy, tick-infested

Early removal of attached ticks is important in minimizing the risk of contracting tick-borne diseases.

To remove ticks, grasp the tick as close to the head as possible with tweezers.

Remove it with a firm, slow pull without twisting. Do not touch it or crush it with your

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Janelle Vasquez











Jill Buitron

7 Lady Broncos Earn District Awards

Lady Broncos Receive Postseason Accolades

When it comes to outstanding District 2-3A basketball players, Sonora ranks at the top.

Seven Lady Broncos received distinguished District awards for the 2015-2016 season.

Coach Trevor Tucek said he is proud of all of the girls for their competitiveness and desire this season.

"It was great to see these girls get recognized by the coaches in our district," Tucek

Tyler Hampton (Co-Offensive MVP), All tournament Sonora and Tournament MVP Reagan

Leading the team in almost every stat category, Hampton proved to be a valuable asset to the team.

Hampton came up big in district play averaging a double double with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Also, she brought in the team with a team leading 4.3 assists

'She was one of the girls we felt like we needed on the floor all the time because of her ability to find the correct pass or shot that needed to be made," Tucek said.

Janelle Vasquez (District Defensive MVP), All Tournament Reagan County and All Tournament Sonora.

Vasquez dominated on the court during the season and district play, earning the Defensive

MVP honor. Although she didn't average a high number of steals herself, it was her pressure at the front that created opportunities for her teammates to collect on. Tucek said Vasquez's energy helped the rest of the team follow

Cip Tobias (First Team All District), All Tournament Reagan County and All Tournament Sonora.

Tobias received first team all-district honors. She helped her team in the point guard position by making sure we were where we needed to be. Her length gave the opposing team troubles on both offense and defense. "She never failed to hit the big shot when we needed it

the most," Tucek said. Sky Jennings (Second Team

All-District) Jennings is known for her ability on and off the court. She began hitting 3-pointers causing a commotion on the opposite bench. Tucek said he is looking forward to her being a part of next year's team.

Mary Kyle Johnson (Second Team All-District)

Johnson received second team all-district honors after stepping into a much larger role replacing Riley Walker.

Mature on and off the court, Johnson proved to be an essential player towards the team's overall success.

Julia Pope (District

Honorable Mention)

Pope defeated the defense. Coming in at "Beast-mode," Pope gave everything she had to every opportunity on the court.

"She brought so much toughness to our team, and gave us a lift when we needed it coming in off the bench, Tucek said. "One of the most gutsy kids I have ever met!"

Jill Buitron (District Honorable Mention), All Tournament Reagan County, and All Tournament Sonora.

Buitron is known as a "lights out shooter", forcing coaches to call a time out. Buitron showed resilience in overcoming the opposing defense and completing the shots.

Attorney General Seeks Halt to Regional Haze Rules

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on March 18 asked an appeals court to prevent the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from implementing new regional haze regulations until a trial of the state's pending lawsuit challenging the new rules.

Paxton filed the 328-page motion in the New Orleans-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

In February, Paxton filed suit, acting on behalf of the State of Texas and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Public Utility Commission of Texas and a list of power-generating companies. The suit came after the EPA in January

rejected Texas' proposed revision to its state implementation plan for reducing regional haze.

The EPA rejected the state's plan in favor of a federal plan that Paxton said would require power generators "to install costly, unnecessary upgrades to become compliant. This could both make electricity more expensive, and could result in fewer plants at a time when Texas needs more capacity, not less."

Disaster declared, aid granted

Gov. Greg Abbott issued an emergency disaster proclamation on March 14 and two days later revised it to include a total of

21 counties to address severe weather and flooding.

The disaster proclamation applies to the counties of Angelina, Erath, Gregg, Hardin, Harrison, Henderson, Hood, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Madison, Marion, Newton, Orange, Parker, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, Smith, Tyler and

Abbott toured the area to survey damages from the storms, which began

Gov. Abbott on March 18 requested Individual Assistance and Public Assistance for Orange, Jasper and Newton counties from the Federal Emergency Management

On March 19, Abbott's request was granted, opening the door for affected citizens in those counties to apply for federal "Individual Assistance" grants of up to \$33,000 and low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. **Small Business**

STATE CAPITAL **HIGHLIGHTS** W By Ed Sterling

Administration. "As Southeast Texas continues to face severe weather, it is imperative that

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Technology Can Help Our Veterans

Fixing the VA Is Not a Partisan Issue; It's an American Issue

A few weeks ago, my Democratic Colleague from Massachusetts, Seth Moulton, posted a video on Facebook that went viral. One of his staffers, who is also a Veteran, tried for several minutes to make an appointment with this local VA medi-

Hurd on the Hill



cal center on the phone, only to be pushed through a never-ending cycle of prompts that kept taking him back to the beginning. He was never able to talk to a real person and he was unsuccessful in schedul-

ing an appointment. The reaction was universal - "That's outrageous!"

What's even more outrageous is that no one was particularly surprised. This level of customer service from the VA has come to be expected, and that is deeply unfortunate.

I am working to change that. Fixing the VA is not a partisan issue. It is an American issue. I served alongside our men and women in uniform while in the CIA, so I've seen first-hand the level of dedication and the extreme sacrifices.

Last week, I called VA officials to testify before a hearing of my IT Subcommittee for Oversight and Government Reform. We drilled down on technical difficulties and cyber vulnerabilities that the VA is currently dealing with. Sadly, like at any federal government agency, there e many. Veterans need to know that their personal information is secure at the VA. And they should be able to have their medical records digitally transferred to the VA after leaving the service. Having to print them out and physically carry them to their doctor is ridiculous in the 21st Century. As Chairman of this committee, it is my job to hold agencies like the VA accountable for improving their cybersecurity posture and employing new technology that allows them to be more effective and cost-efficient.

I also used this opportunity to talk about The Faster Care for Veterans Act, a simple, bipartisan bill I and many of my colleagues have cosponsored. It calls upon the VA to commence a pilot program that will use private-sector, self-scheduling technologies at VA facilities, giving Veterans the ability to schedule an appointment online. Not only will this improve customer service for our Veterans, it will help hold the VA accountable. Those secret, hand-written waiting lists will no longer be possible under this kind of system. Co-sponsoring this legislation was a nobrainer and I look forward to working to gather more support and get it across the finish line.

But there is always more I can do -- not just in Congress, but right here at home. Two of my staffers, Retired Air Force General and surgeon David Young and Army Veteran Jon Arnold, and I stand ready to help Veterans navigate the VA system, answer questions and expedite paperwork. We've also held several panels on the Choice Card and will hold more this year in communities across the district. Please call our San Antonio office and let us know if you need help - 210-921-3130. Veterans in the 23rd Congressional District of Texas can rest assured that I am working hard to fix our broken VA and help them get the care they need.





Free Crosses on Church Street

The Idle American

by Dr. Don Newbury

Odds are, Shrimp Boat Manny's, on Church Street in Livingston, TX, may be the ultimate oxymoron. Where else, pray tell, can diners scarf down delicious Cajun food whipped up from Southern Louisiana recipes that owners Manny and Nancy Rachal have featured since 1985... then, pick up free crosses on the

The intent is for the sealed cedar crosses--weighing 2.6 pounds each, 42 inches tall and 33

inches across-to be posted in yards or wherever. Painted in white on each cross are the words "JESUS IS LUKD.

They are stacked beside each entry to the restaurant, and in three months, patrons have helped themselves to almost 3,000 signs. Oh, the oxymoron mentioned earlier; how 'bout "shrimp and salvation?" For those quick to criticize unintended

irreverence, perhaps propriety might suggest that patrons find satisfaction for the tummy temporarily and the soul for

Several years ago, Rev. Vic Bass, then pastor of a non-denominational church in a rural building between Diboll and Lufkin that once housed a honky-tonk. heard of a Nacogdoches man who enjoyed making crosses. Last spring, when he retired as a pastor of Faith Family Church, he took on a cross project himself, expanding it as he could.

In a single year, it has grown beyond all expectations. Between Easters of 2015 and 2016, about 100,000 crosses have been made and distributed. Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous East Texas businessman, two men have been hired full-time, and volunteers have popped up to help out.

So far, it has cost the anonymous underwriter between \$10,000 and \$12,000 monthly. There is no end in sight. Project leaders say they'll keep handing out crosses at least until the national election in November. And the generous provider nodded approval....

Dale Foux, manager of Shrimp Boat Manny's and a bona fide Cajun, is something of a "straw boss" on the distribution end of the project. His pick-up has a sign "free crosses," and folks take them as they please.

Foux and his followers sometimes leave "free cross" trailers on the side of the road, and David Landrum at "Cool Shades," a car-tinting/truck accessory place in Cleveland, also stocks them. Gary Vess, Jr., who lives in Livingston

and owns a transmission shop in Lufkin, hauls completed crosses from Rev. Bass' place to Livingston on his way home most

Crosses are available, too, at Thomas Mercantile, a souvenir/tea room/sandwich shop on a gravel road near Livingston. Several churches also have partaken. When Bar None Cowboy Church, between Tatum and Henderson, featured historian David Barton and Duck

Dynasty's Phil Robertson as speakers, they expected to need quite a few crosses. Founder Vic put 900 crosses on a cattle trailer; volunwere gone by service's end. Then, the Bar None folks ordered 500 more for their Easter worship....

Foux has hundreds of Cajun jokes and stories. The Cajun **Ten Commandments** include: "Just be one God in heaven. Brought

yo'self to church, Don't be kilt nobody, Don't yo took nothin', always told the troot and don't yo wish for yo neighbor's

When the subject of crosses comes up, he's as serious as a funeral. He says NOT ONE patron of the restaurant has spoken critically of the project; in fact, many diners want to help out.

He believes when a 130-ton* project like this gets rolling, the outcome is unpredictable, well beyond our comprehension. (*the weight of the crosses built

I pray the financier will never grow weary in well doing, and laborers for the cross will grow well beyond few. Workers on the project warrant deepest thanks and congratulations.

These yard signs have great permanence, with deep meaning from now on, long after temporary political signs are uprooted and gone. Whoever said it first got it right: "The ground at the foot of the cross is exceedingly level."

This project brightens the hope of Easter. It refreshes in a world of turmoil and discord, rife with distrust and disgust. So does the marquee of a Tennessee church: "Duct Tape May Patch a Lot of Things, But Three Nails Fixed It All." Stand and sing--or sit and hum--The Way of the Cross Leads Home.....

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The Sinking of the Andrea Doria

The Andrea Doria was the fastest, biggest, safest and most beautiful of all the ships in the Italian Line. It was built in Genoa, Italy and made its maiden voyage in January of 1953. Sixty years ago it left Genoa on a voyage to New York with 1,134 passengers and a crew of 572. Kathy Dickson of Sweetwater boarded the ship at Gibraltar. She was a student at Park College in Missouri then and had just completed her junior year of study abroad

at a University Rolling in Spain. Along

by Tumbleweed Smith

Kathy had traveled on cruise ships before, but says this one was the fanciest she had ever seen.

She bought a third class ticket and had a small room on one of the lower decks. She enjoyed all the amenities the ship offered and got acquainted with several of the passengers, some of which were immigrants bound for a new life in the United States.

She was in an upper deck ballroom dancing the night of July 25, 1956 when she felt a jolt and the lights started going out. "They flashed all around the room and it looked like a carnival," she says. "Then the ship started to tilt and glasses started breaking all over the place. We tried to get downstairs but there were so many people coming up there was no way to do that."

In heavy fog, about 8 hours from Nantucket, the Andrea Doria collided with another ship, the Stockholm. "The Stockholm had an ice plow on the front of it. It was going north and it plowed into the middle of the Doria, destroying all the safety doors that were built to keep water out in case of an accident. The collision created a hole in the side of the Doria that was 40 feet deep."

Kathy and other passengers went to the railing to descend down rope ladders to small boats provided by the Stockholm. Some lifeboats on the Andrea Doria were destroyed in the collision. "There was a woman there who looked like she was about seven months pregnant and had two small children with her. They were all wearing life jackets. She popped the children into the water, then jumped in. They swam to a boat and boarded the Stockholm. That's the bravest lady I ever saw."

The Ile de France and five other ships arrived to help with the rescue. It was considered a successful rescue operation because only 51 people died: 46 on the Andrea Doria and 5 on the Stockholm. Eleven hours after the collision, the Andrea Doria sank.

Kathy was 20 years old at the time and wasn't panicked at all. "We didn't ever have a lifeboat drill because we just knew the ship was safe and wouldn't sink.'

She didn't call her mother when she got to New York. "She was ready to kill me. I thought she would know that I was OK. They had a room where you could go send a message but it was so jam-packed with people I thought she'd know I was

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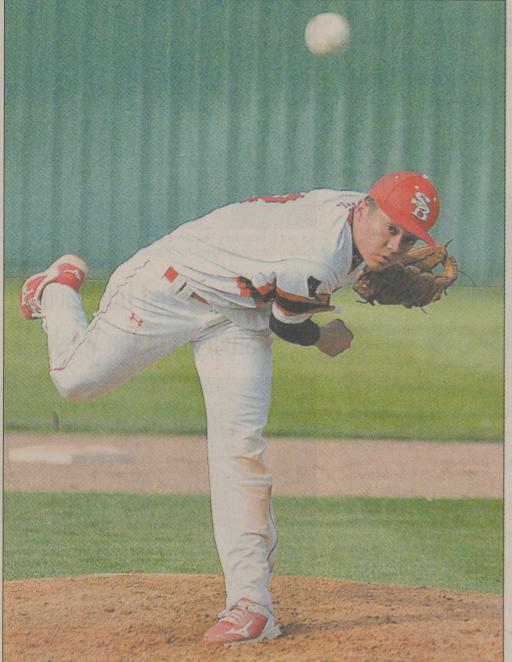
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Caleb Galvan aims for a strike out during Thursday's home game against the Llano Yellow Jackets at Bronco Baseball field. The Broncos, standing at 2-6-1, head into district play on March 22nd against Colorado City. KIMBERLEY MEYER THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Galvan Leads Broncos in 6-5 Victory Over Llano

Caleb Galvan came up big at the dish and on the hill during Thursday's game between Sonora and Llano on March 17th at the Broncos baseball field.

The Broncos earned the win 6-5.

Galvan racked up two RBIs on two hits for the

He singled in the first inning and doubled in the second inning.

On the hill, Galvan held back the Yellow Jackets allowing only one hit and no runs. Galvan walked one and struck out three during his two innings on the mound.

Llano managed three scores on an error, a passed ball, and a sacrifice fly by Drew Baker in the fourth

inning.

They scored again on a sacrifice fly by Blake Dillard and an error in the fifth inning.

Despite their efforts, the Yellow Jackets couldn't get to second base. over the hump.

Cody Fly couldn't get it done on the bump for Llano, taking a loss.

He lasted just two innings allowing five runs no strike outs and one walk.

The Broncos would not relinquish the lead as Llano was unable to weather a five-run second inning deficit with the Broncos tworun double by Galvan and a sacrifice fly by Michael Mungia scoring 2 runs.

In the top of the fourth inning, Daniel Gonzales turned a double play to

Michael Campos.

Isaiah Lira went two for three, Noah Sanmiguel crossed the plate twice and Henry Ramos finished the game with a two out throw

"These guys are having so much fun learning how to control emotions, play with class, character and a lot of courage," Coach A. J.

The Broncos are 2-6-1 at the turn heading into District play on Tuesday, March 22nd.

Sonora will play against Colorado City at 6:30 p.m. at the Broncos Baseball field in Sonora.

The JV Broncos were slated to start District play on Tuesday, March 22nd in

Colts Dominate in Crane

The Colts and Lady Colts traveled to Crane to compete in the Crane JH Track Meet on Thursday, March 17th.

The 8th grade boys dominated the meet from start to finish.

The Colts now have three successes out of four track meets, with their lone runner up finish being by a mere five points

All participants deserve commendation on their performances.

Coach Jeff Cordell said he is proud to be a Bronco Coach and applaudes his athletes on a job well done.

The Colts earned first place in the sprint relay, the mile relay and second place finish in the 800 meter

"It is awesome to see kids faces light up when they see their hard work paying off," Cordell said.

The Colts and Lady Colts were preparing for their next track meet in Reagan County slated for Monday, March 21st.

"We will share complete and official results for all participants when we receive them from Crane. If you get a chance congratulate these young men and women on a job well done in Crane," the coach said.

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Lady Broncos Not Able to Overcome Early Deficit

The Lady Broncos took on the Lady Bulldogs of Coahoma on Thursday, March 17th, dropping the

Sheridan Walther started things off with a single in the top of the first. Later she scored on a

passed ball. In the bottom of the first, the Bulldogs capitalized on errors, scoring four

From the mound, the

Bulldogs' pitcher confused

the Lady Broncos' batters for three innings. Coahoma added an additional four runs in

the bottom of the second inning, upping the score 8-1.

At the top of the fifth, the Lady Broncos added two runs of their own.

Leading off with a single into right field, Karah Martinez was followed by a Nydia Rodriguez triple to right center, allowing Martinez to score.

Next, Riley Walker hit an RBI single to center

bringing in Rodriguez. After scoring eight runs in the first two innings, Cip Tobias held the Coahoma batters on the plate for the

next five innings. With another chance

to score in the top of the sixth, the Lady Broncos' timing stalled their runners on base.

Jill Buitron was hit by a pitch, followed by a double by Jasmine Talamantez and a walk from Karah Martinez to bring the bases loaded with one out.

Coahoma retired the side, closing the sixth inning, with a final score of 3-8.

The Lady Broncos were slated to return to action on Tuesday, March 22nd, in their district home opener against Colorado City.

Lady Broncos Thrive at Coahoma Invitational

It was a good day on the green for Sonora as the Lady Broncos Golf teams finished 1st and 2nd at Comanche Trails in Big Spring, concluding their

regular season. Team 1 finished with a total score of 357 and Team

2 had 390 for the day. Darby Ramsdell finished her round to win her 3rd individual championship on the season.

Marisol Capuchin finished 3rd high individual at the conclusion of the tournament.

The Lady Broncos were on the green again, Monday, March 21st, for their District Tournament at Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo.

Team 1 members included Darby Ramsdell-80, Holly Sparks-94, Kylie Reiner-91, Felicia Farley-116, and Elyssa Prieto 92. Final score 357.

Team 2 members included Marisol Capuchin-90, Araceli Marin-98, Sterling Smith-98, Karah Martinez-104, and Rivers Martinez-111. Final score 390. Adults

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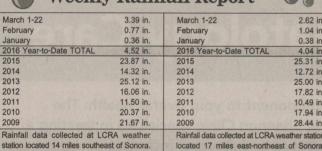
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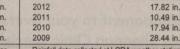
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A 38-Special Shopping Spree

By Joe N. Brown While reading the newspaper about the pros and cons of guns, I remembered an instance in our family.

For background, we were ranching in Pecos County, Texas only about twenty miles from the Mexican border. The time

frame was in the 1950's. This was

still frontier country and everyone carried a gun. The men

either in their vehicle or horseback.

The ranch women normally carried a hand gun in their purse.

As I was away from the ranch house most of the day, every day, I decided that my wife needed a hand gun both in the kitchen and in the ranch pickup.

We discussed this matter and decided a .22 caliber was too lite for self-defense; therefore, a .38 Special was required.

The next time we went to Fort Stockton to buy groceries, I went to Jimmy Black's store and bought her a Colt

City of Sonora



Senior Center

MONDAY March 28th Tuna Salad, Cucumber and Tomato Salad, Crackers, Fresh Fruit, Mandarin Orange Fluff,

TUESDAY March 29th Hamburger on a Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, and Pickle, French Fries, Beans,

Strawberries w/Peaches, Milk. **WEDNESDAY March 30th**

Chiptole Chicken w/Avocado, Corn Nuggets, Pear Halves, Oatmeal Raisin Cookie, Milk.

THURSDAY March 31st Chicken Primavera, Italian Green Beans, Toss Salad, Garlic Toast, Apple Crisp, Milk.

FRIDAY April 1st

Turkey w/Swiss Cheese Sandwich, Pasta Salad, Green Pea Salad, Yogurt w/Fruit, Milk

Transportation to and from the center may call 325-387-3941.

It Happened Out West

.38 Special.

Joe N. Brown

After returning home, I decided to give my wife lessons in shooting her new .38 Special pistol. We went out in the back

yard. I took the gun, a box of shells and a red threepound coffee

> After I had explained the loading and firing of the pistol, I would demonstrate its use.

I put five shells in the gun and proceeded to shoot all five

times. I hit the can three out of

five times. Pretty darn good for a

new gun, I thought. Then reloading the .38, I handed it to my wife and said, "Try it out."

She stepped up and fired the pistol all five rounds and hit the can five times. Lessons were over right

There is another chapter

to this gun's story. Much later, several months later, we had gone to Fort Stockton to buy groceries.

After pushing the carts around and filling them at the Safeway store, we went to the checkout stand.

Here a long time friend was checking.

When the amount was totaled, my wife reached in her purse for her checkbook and the .38 Special slid across the counter.

Nothing was said by

She paid up and put the gun back in her purse and we left to go to the ranch.

Another Brown family legend was born that day.



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Monday - March 28th Breakfast

Waffles and Sausage or Cereal W/ Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk Variety Lunch Meat Loaf W/Mashed Potatoes or Chicken Bowl

Gravy, Roll, Savory Green Beans, Apple-After School Meal: Chocolate Chip Muffin, Milk

Tuesday - March 29th **Breakfast** Biscuit/ Egg or Cereal W/Crackers, Fruit,

Juice, Milk Variety Lunch Spicy Thai Chicken W/Egg roll and Brown Rice or Hot Ham and Cheese

Tomato and Cucumber Cup, Steamed Broccoli, Snowball Salad, Milk After School Meal: Fruit, Raisins, Milk

Wednesday-March 30th Breakfast Cinnamon Roll and Bacon or Cereal W/

Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk Variety Lunch Chicken Alfredo W/Breadstick or Pepperoni Pizza

Garden Salad, Carrot Coins, Apple Slices, After School Meal: Baked Chips, Juice

Thursday - March 31st

Sausage, Egg, and Cheese Pretzel SandwichA or Cereal W/Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk Variety Lunch

a Bun Coleslaw, Pinto Beans, Orange Smiles, Milk After School Meal: Crackers and Cheddar

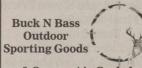
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Sonora Elementary Students of the Week- Jayce Carrillo, Pre-K, Yadhira Gaspar, K, Nayeli Rodriguez, 1st, Destany Castillo, 2nd.

Elementary and Intermediate Students of the Week



Sonora Intermediate School Students of the Week - Leslie Hernandez, 3rd, Micah Villanueva, 4th, Brandon Torres, 5th. COURTESY PHOTO

Reagan County Ag Day set for March 29th in Big Lake

BIG LAKE - Organizers promise a wealth of ranching information to those attending the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Reagan County Ag Day on March 29 in Big

Lake. The program will begin with an 8:30 a.m. registration followed by the program from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the AgriLife Extension also office in Reagan County,

1430 N. Ohio St. "We have a wide array of topics and plenty of them," Chase McPhaul, AgriLife Extension agent in Reagan County., said. "We also have a top slate of speakers lined up, so I predict this will be a very productive and informative day for our region's

producers.' The program topics will

include: - Ag Law, Hot Topics in 2016.

- Chemical Drifting.

- Hunting Agreements. - Wildlife and Livestock Interaction. - Protein Feeding -

What Are the Benefits? - Chronic Wasting Disease. - Feral Hogs.

- Livestock Guardian Dog Publication. - Benefits of Hair Sheep.

Cattle Market Outlook, a Three-Year Plan. -Livestock Risk Protection.

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- Spring Toxic Weeds -What to Look For. - Mapping Soil and

Control. - U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural **Resources Conservation** Service and Farm Service Agency updates. Speakers

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will include: Specialists with AgriLife Extension include: Tiffany Dowell-Lashmet, agriculture law, Amarillo; Dr. Alyson McDonald, range, Fort Stockton; Dr. John Tomecek, wildlife; Bill Thompson, economist, and Dr. Reid Redden, state sheep and goat, all from San

Angelo. Also, Cory Pence, Texas Department of Agriculture, San Angelo; Stephen Zuberbueler, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Jed Hruska, Farm Service Agency, Big Lake.

Individual registration is \$10 due upon arrival. The fee includes coffee, donuts and lunch, but RSVPs are required by March 24 to ensure an accurate lunch count. For more information and to RSVP, call the AgriLife Extension office in Reagan County at

325-884-2335. Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing educations units, two general and one laws and regulations, will be offered.

TxDOT San Angelo Names District Engineer

Mark Jones became the new San Angelo District **Engineer effective March** 14, 2016. Mark has devoted over 25 years to transportation engineering in the public and private sectors. His TxDOT career began in 1992 in the Construction Division and he transferred to the Austin District in 1996. He left TxDOT in 1999 to work in the private sector where he assisted in the accelerated planning and development of over 24 miles of toll roads through central

In 2004, Jones rejoined TxDOT as the Georgetown assistant area engineer and later as area engineer, managing the first passthrough toll program in Williamson County. He became director of construction for the Waco

District in 2015.

Jones earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from New Mexico State University.

"This region of our state is very dynamic when it comes to transportation. "Mark said. "We reach out across both rural and urban communities and maintain over 150 miles of interstate highway. Connecting communities, supporting economic growth and providing a safe system will certainly be a challenge," he added.

The San Angelo district covers 15 counties: Coke, Concho, Crockett, Edwards, Glasscock, Irion, Kimble, Menard, Reagan, Real, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green and has over 7,000 miles of roadway infrastructure

Lady Broncos Golf Earns 1st in Lago Vista Invitational

The Lady Broncos Golf team earned 1st place in the Lago Vista Invitational on March 2nd. Despite a few setbacks, the team collected a total of 377 points.

Darby Ramsdell finished her round to win her second individual championship.

Individual Results: Darby Ramsdell-83, Kylie Reiner-96, Felicia Farley-100, Elyssa Prieto 98, Araceli Marin-106

Karah Martinez-124 and Rivers Martinez-131 also received medals for competing in the tournament.

The Lady Broncos traveled to San Angelo kicking off their spring break with the 2016 Christoval High School Invitational Golf Tourney at Bentwood on Monday, March 7th.

They earned their fourth team title for the season with a total 343 points and another individual championship.

Team 1 was awarded 1st

Individual scores: Darby Ramsdell-81, Holly Sparks-80, Kylie Reiner-83, Felicia Farley-99, and Elyssa Prieto-101

Team 2 earned 6th place with a total of 433 points.

Individual scores: Araceli Marin-106, Marisol Capuchin-104, Sterling Smith-104, Karah Martinez-119, and Rivers Martinez-123.

Holly Sparks captured her first high school career win shooting a great round

Darby placed 2nd, Kylie tied for 3rd on the round, but ended in 4th place after losing a sudden death

Playing Bentwood has helped all members on the team gain valuable experience on the course.

The Lady Broncos were slated to compete again on March 15th at Shady Oaks in Baird.

Coach Deborah Ramon said All team members have been showing improvement in their scores as they have gained more experience week after week.

"The most important part of the season is near," Ramon said. "I am pleased with the hard work that these ladies put into their games.'

In boys doubles, Carlos

Mendoza and Dylan Taylor

won their first round and

the team of Adrian Garcia

made the consolation finals.

In boys singles Sergio

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Sonora Rackets Take Silver at Reagan County

The Sonora tennis team hit the court at Reagan County on March 18th and 19th earning second

Tyler Hampton and Sky Jennings brought home medals for first place in girls' doubles.

The Lady Broncos impressed on the court against all opponents including Crane, Sterling City, and Fort Hancock, Broncos were Bianca Fay before winning the finals meia and Noelia Tovar. 6-4, 6-1 over Crane, a Regional qualifier last year.

Shelby Aschenbeck was awarded second place in girls' singles after conceding to Sheehan from Buena Vista in the finals.

Sheehan also defeated Mary Kyle Johnson in the first round but Johnson

earned the consolation win. The mixed doubles team of Carly Brown and Esteban Marin also earned second

place. Brown and Marin lost a tough match in the finals to Stark and Holland from

Reagan County, 6-4,6-3. JD Garza and Audry Nolen made the consolation semifinals.

Broncos Place 2nd in Jim Ned **Invitational**

Sonora was one of thirteen teams competing for a top score in the Jim Ned Invitation on Wednesday, March 16th.

The Broncos' Team 1 placed 2nd overall and

Team 2 placed 7th overall. All team members should be commended on their efforts in the

tournament. The teams are preparing for their District Tour-

nament slated to begin on Monday, March 21st. Results:

Sonora Team 1 Josh Galindo 79 Dylan Vaughn 79 Isaiah Lira 89 Jonathan Martinez 85 Evan Shannon 83

Sonora Team 2 Ryker Marshall 93 Taylor Sanchez 86 Kade Creek 79 Liam Yourgalite 130

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Heavy Lifting Champ



Noelle Fierro completed a successful attempt on the first squat at 350 pounds during Friday's State Powerlifting meet on March 18th in Corpus Christi. COURTESY PHOTO

Hospital's Community Health Fair Reaches Vulnerable People

By Sarah Teaff

"To provide quality health care and services which are responsive to the needs of our community in the spirit of our founders."

This is the mission of the Sutton County Hospital District.

With the dynamic and changing landscape of today's healthcare industry, it has become more and more challenging for the hospital to meet those needs

CEO, John Graves recognized the need for community collaboration and encouraged hospital district staff to reach out to our underserved and vulnerable populations by hosting regular health fairs in Sonora.

"The outcome we are seeking from quarterly health fairs is to energize the hospital district staff, medical providers, other health organizations, and local leaders with the hope of caring for and addressing health care needs of the entire community,: John Graves said.

Graves said health fairs are also another way to reach out to the underserved population and provide needed information and education necessary to promote good health.

Health fairs provide the means to educate the community on important programs, financial education and assistance, and correct misconceptions leading to a non-confrontational setting with positive

"Our clinics in Sonora and Rocksprings want to be the community's first choice for primary and chronic care management. And most important health fairs can be fun for both the staff and community," Graves said.

Partnering with others in the area who offer valuable services in Sutton County and the surrounding area has become an essential part of the hospital district's overall operational strategy.

Regular health fairs have become important to meeting the goals both hospital administration and the governing board hopes to accomplish.

The next community health fair will be Tuesday, April 5th from 5:00pm -7:00pm at the Food Pantry and Resource Center.

The health fair is free to the community and will have services such as free blood pressure and glucose checks, hearing tests, and educational information among other services.

If you have any questions about the health fair, you can call Sarah Teaff at 387-1201 or email her at steaff@sonora-hospital.org.

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Classic Black Is Back

AUSTIN — For the first time since 1968, a full black background license plate with white lettering is now available on the streets of Texas. My Plates, the official license plate vendor for the state of Texas proposed the Classic Black plate design for TxDMV Board approval last November. Following a unanimous approval, My Plates then had to reach 200 pre-orders in order to move the plate to production and final release.

My Plates reached the 200 pre-orders in record time and the Classic Black plate is scheduled to have the first Classic Black plate order manufactured this week, so it will not be long before these plates are being seen on Texas roads.

'We've received over 1400 orders for this plate, more than any other design on record, it has already proven to be very popular"

said Steve Farrar, President of My Plates. "We expect this new Classic Black design to be Texas' most popular license plate," he said.

The last time a full black plate was available in Texas was in 1968 as a general issue pattern. Since that time, Texas has moved to a number of other designs with the most recent being the full white plate with black lettering.

Texans will start seeing the new Classic Black plate vehicles this week.

In other news, My Plates recently auctioned the license plate message ALAMO to celebrate Texas' Independence Day. This unique plate was sold at auction for \$10,250.00 with proceeds benefitting both the Alamo Endowment Fund and the state General Revenue Fund. My Plates is donating their share to the Alamo Endowment Fund.

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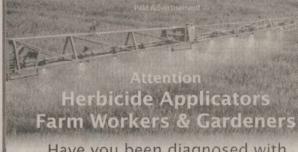
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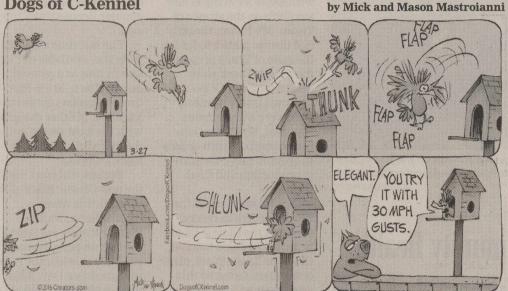
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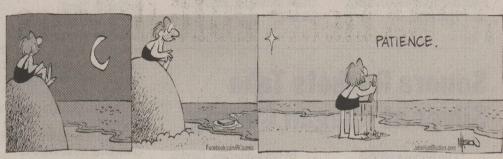














by Mike Gruhn





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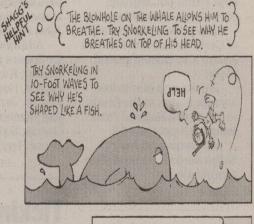
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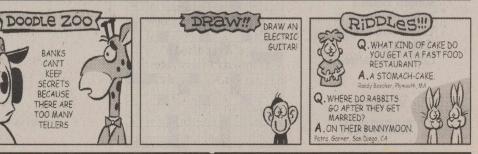
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The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Sonora Police Department. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the police department, nor does it include routine security checks, minor 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.

ARRESTS

MARCH 19 • Webb, Shane Tolbert, 36 year old male from San Antonio, arrested for Simple Assault.

INCIDENTS

MARCH 14 - 10:43 AM • Caller requested assistance regarding a snake in a house on the 100 block of E. Castle Hill Road. Officer and ACO responded.

10:50 AM • Caller requested

officer at the 300 block of Ben Juarez. Officer responded. 12:38 PM • Caller reported a vehicle accident at Crockett and Oak. Officer responded.

12:42 PM • Caller requested officer assistance with traffic control at Crockett and Oak. Of-

ficers responded.

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3:56 PM • Caller requested officer for traffic control at LMH for AirMed. Officer responded.

MARCH 15 - 11:18 AM • Caller reported a vehicle accident in the Dollar General parking lot. Officer responded.

11:49 AM • Caller reported a suspicious person on the 1600 block of Tayloe Ave. Officer responded.

MARCH 16 - 12:23 PM • Agency requested assistance on the 800 block of St. Ann's. Officer responded.

4:05 PM • Caller requested officer at Menard and Oak. Officer responded.

8:18 PM • Caller reported a vehicle hit and run at 600 S. Crockett Avenue – Lowe's Market parking lot. Officer responded.

MARCH 18 - 6:04 AM • Caller reported a suspicious person on the 100 block of Tres. Officer responded.

6:49 AM • Caller reported loud music on the 300 block of Ben Juarez. Officer responded.
4:53 PM • Caller requested officer for traffic control for AirMed

at LMH. Officer responded.

5:35 PM • Caller reported a vehicle accident on the 100 block of Dos Street. Officer responded.

7:02 PM • Agency requested as-

sistance on the 100 block of Tres Street. Officer responded.

7:53 PM • Caller reported a suspicious vehicle in the Glasscock Avenue area. Officer responded.

10:36 PM • Caller reported debris in road on the 800 block of N. Crockett Avenue. Officer re-

march 19 - 1:50 PM • Ministerial Alliance requested at local motel. Officer responded.

4:48 PM • Caller reported a disturbance in the Dairy Queen parking lot. Officer responded.

MARCH 20 - 2:11 AM • Agency requested assistance at 601 N.
277 Hwy. Officer responded.

4:07 PM • Caller requested officer to contact citizen via telephone. Officer contacted citi-

5:32 PM • Caller reported trash dumping on the 400 block of N. Water Ave. Officer responded. **5:42 PM** • Agency requested assistance on County Road 3130. Officer responded.

animal on the 200 block of Fay Street. Officer responded.

8:06 PM • Caller reported a reckless Driver on the 300 block of Wardlaw. Officer responded.

11:09 PM • Caller reported a wounded deer near the local ra-

dio station. Officer responded.

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PUBLIC NOTICE SUTTON COUNTY

REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS

The Sutton County Road & Bridge is hereby requesting sealed bids on the following R&B Materials:

R&B Materials

1) Approximately 50,000 Gallons of AC-5-Asphalt

Materials to be delivered to Sutton County Road & Bridge yard at 410 East Pecan in Sonora, Texas.

Sealed bids will be opened on April 11, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at the regular meeting of Commissioners Court at the Sutton County Annex. "Sealed Bids" must be delivered or mailed to Judge Steve Smith, 300 E. Oak, Suite 4, Sonora, Texas 76950. For specifications, please contact the County Road & Bridge Superintendent, Standley Clay Anderson, (325) 226-3388 or County Auditor, Maura Weingart, (325) 387-5380.

SCPMA Elects 2016 Officers

Members of the Sutton County Predator Management Association identified the 2016 district directors and elected new officers during their annual meeting held on February 29th.

The 2016 directors include, Lee Bloodworth, District 1, Mike Glover, District 2, Michael Kissire, District 3 and Cam Campbell, District 4.

Nèw officers include, Mike Glover, President, Michael Kissire, Vice President, Cam Campbell, Secretary and Brandy Bevly,

Accounting.

Member at large is
Cathy Ball and members of
the Advisory Committee to
the Board include Jimmy
Holman, Glen Fisher, Diana
Condra and Claire Powers.

In regular business, members reviewed and approved the March 2015 meeting minutes.

In standing committee business, Jimmy Holman reported that 110 feral hogs have been killed since the program's inception in October and a total of 342 hogs killed from October 2014 to October 2015.

Holman said the hogs are allowing coyotes to proliferate. Again this year, three rifles will be presented. Two 223 rifles are being presented for first and second place earned for the most pig tails slain by individuals and a 30-30 rifles is being presented to the drawing winner. Any individual submitting any number of pig tails is eligible for the drawing.

This year, a polygraph test is being used to authenticate hog tail counts. Hogs killed by helicopters or trappers are not eligible to be counted in the pig tail contest.

In addition, Holman advised members of the more than seven hundred dollar expense to the association for predator brochures. Brochures are located in Sonora businesses, as well as, the Chamber of Commerce. Further, brochures are stored at the Wool House in Brandy Bevly's office.

Cam Campbell reported that Johnna Gibson designed a new logo for use on bumper stickers at a cost of four hundred and fifty dollars per five hundred stickers. Stickers are available at the Sonora Wool and Mohair.

Tammy Fisher is still in the process of developing a generic indemnity and liability statement for the organization, focused on the use of ammunition and equipment owned by the SCPMA.

Sharon Holman informed members that a twenty thousand dollar Texas Department of Agriculture grant was awarded to the Sutton County Hog-Out Program, for a second time, to eradicate hogs from helicopters.

this grant in 2014.
This program is responsible for the deaths of five

Sutton County received

sible for the deaths of five hundred and six hogs. They will not hold a contest this year however

contest this year however in the fall of 2016 another grant application may be filed.

Sharon Holman will not be filing the next grant application and volunteers are asked to help.

Lee Bloodworth thanked Sharon on her efforts.

In financial business, Lee Bloodworth reported a total budget of thirty six thousand four hundred thirty dollars and ninety six cents.

All large expenses have been paid with the exception of bounties.

He identified a near future need to replace tires on trappers' trailers.

He reported that incoming dues are steady and a total of eighteen thousand fifty six dollars collected to date.

Sutton County dues rate includes five cents per acre. This rate is the least expensive compared to surrounding counties such as Menard at fifteen cents per acre and Eldorado at sixty cents per acre.

To date, Sutton County contributed six thousand four hundred dollars, from the Association, to help with trapper payments.

Members were asked to submit any outstanding invoices to Brandy.

In old business, members approved a allowing the SCPMA Board of Directors to ratify the revamped By-Laws. Members will receive a copy of the Bylaws via email.

In new business, Kyle Lang of Mertzon informed members about a six hundred dollar reimbursement available to individuals contracting by Land Owners Authorization Form (L.O.A.) with him or any other helicopter service provider. The reimbursement is made available from the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association (TSGRA) and land owners are required to submit their own bill to the TSGRA.

Alan Armstead introduced District Trouble Shooter, Cliff Brister, Sutton County East Trapper, Alex, Hahn and Sutton County West Trapper, Cody Cardenas.

Armstead reported a total of seventy five coyotes removed from the county in 2015

Also, Armstead reported on the depletion of CCC funds and the unavailability of Wildlife Services to set up hunts.

Landowners are required to contact Penny Price with the TSGRA for assistance.

Money from TSGRA is used to hunt coyotes.

Further, Glen Fisher spoke about the disappointment of people with the TSGRA Predator Board and Wildlife Management.

He stated that if people had been more aware and voted for the referendum, it would have passed.

Fished acknowledged Ed Avalos as a great supported of the American Sheep Industry. Individuals are urged to email Will Hurd to show support for Wildlife Services.

Alan Armstead
explained the Edwards
County 501 (c) 3 in response
to a question from Joe
David Ross.

Bob Brockman encouraged members to join the TSGRA and help support water rights, property rights, Wildlife Services among other things.

Without further business the meeting adjourned.

President Lee Bloodworth presided over the meeting. Thirty three members were in attendance including officers and advisory committee members.

Sonora Birthdays



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The City of Sonora has recently completed Texas Community Development Block Grant Program activities under its 2014 TxCDBG Contract #7214429 with the Texas Department of Agriculture. One public hearing will be held to allow citizens an opportunity to comment on the completed project activities, amount of funds spent and the amount of funds spent on activities that benefited low/moderate income persons. Specific information on the TxCDBG program will be available.

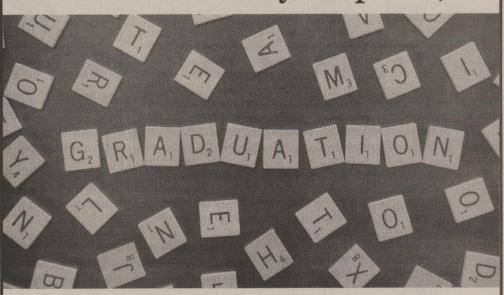
The public hearing will be held at city hall, 201 East Main St., on March 29, 2016 at 5:05 pm to review the City's program performance including the actual use of the TxCDBG funds. The City encourages individual citizens and citizen's groups to make their views known at this public hearing and welcomes the full participation of its citizens in the close-out and completion of this TxCDBG contract. Written complaints and grievances regarding this TxCDBG contract and project activities will be received until April 13, 2016 and will be responded to in writing within fifteen (15) working days. Citizen comments may be delivered to City Hall at any time. Groups representative of persons of low and moderate income may request technical assistance in developing comments by contacting the person listed below.

A copy of the City's Project Completion Report will be available for inspection at City Hall after the hearing. Handicapped individuals who may have difficulty in attending this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Para residentes necesitados de interpretes, favor de comunicarse con la municipalidad antes de las audiencia publics.

For further information, contact Ms. Belia Fay at City Hall at 325-387-2558.

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City Council Approves Water Run-Off Ordinance Capital Highlights: Disaster

City Council members approved an ordinance restricting water run-off of more than 150 feet into Sonora city streets and approved a fine for infractions, during their regular meeting held on Monday, March 21st.

City Manager Ed Carrasco reported on an upcoming "walk-through", on March 30 at 10:30 a.m., of the city sewer plant with the city attorney and the contractors to discuss any issues with the sewer plant renovations.

He also made mention that there was a hearing on March 29th to close the \$200,000 grant obtained for sewer renovations.

The Fire Code Workshop was rescheduled for Monday, March 29th at 6:00 pm.

The Property Tax Abatement for the Road Ranger requires signatures from City Council and remittance to the chief tax appraiser.

Liberty Park will be in use on April 16th from 2:00 p.m. through 6:00 p.m. for a campaign function.

In regular business council members approved the minutes from the Feb. 8th meeting, as well as, the Senior Center monthly reports and the Sonora Police Department monthly

Constituents accepted a one-hundred-dollar donation for specified for the Senior Center.

Members approved an appointed election judge, alternate judge and clerks for the May 7th election.

Council members approved submitted bids from local banks for depository.

Items involving the **Publicity and Tourism** Committee, Sonora Chamber of Commerce and the Historical Society were tabled for a later date so that City Attorney, Mr. Kosub could change the language on some documents.

Members approved the re-plat of a vacant lot in the Meadow Creek Addition.

Council members heard discussion presented by Edward Earwood and approved the change in the fuel pricing for the 100LL

fuel at the airport, keeping it in "market value".

Robin Street reported on a new income survey to determine if Sonora falls within the median household parameters to be eligible for grants. The 2010 Census shows a median household income of \$60,000, above the grant eligibility. Census are good for 10 years, however, if we were to re-survey it would cost \$2.50 per household. After discussion, council members tabled the matter pending further information.

Council members approved a request from Robin Street and Erika Campbell, Sonora Tourism Committee, for HOT funds up to ten-thousand dollars for the 100th Anniversary of the Texas A&M Research Station celebration. Members stipulated unused funds be reimbursed.

A request from Robin Street on behalf of landowners donating land for a permanent utility easement was tabled for the March 29th meeting.

No action was taken on an ordinance prohibiting the parking of Heavy **Duty Trucks in Residential** Areas

Council members approved Chief of Police, William Dudley to be Executor and Belia Fay to be Finance Manager of a Homeland Security Grant. Grant money will be used to purchase body cameras for officers.

There was no further discussion before council members went behind closed doors to discuss **Economic Development** negotiations.

No action was taken on executive session items and the meeting adjourned.

Mayor Wanda Shurley presided over the meeting. Council members present included Doug Chandler, Terri Johnson, Todd Munn & Jeremy Dawson. No members were absent.

A special meeting workshop is slated for March 29th at 6:00 p.m. and the next regular meeting is slated for April 18th at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2 Texans receive the vital assistance needed to begin rebuilding and restoring their communities," Abbott

Abbott said the state government is working with local partners "to ensure life safety needs continue to be met" and with federal government partners "to ensure Texans receive all eligible assistance they need to recover from, and ultimately surmount, the challenges posed by the flooding in Southeast

Texas." At 11 p.m. on March 18, the Texas Department of Transportation said eastbound and westbound lanes of Interstate 10 at the Texas-Louisiana border had reopened, three days after the roadway was closed because of rising waters. TxDOT officials said floodwaters had receded and affected areas would be monitored and inspected.

Business filings increase

February brought a double-digit increase in the number of business formations processed by the Office of the Texas Secretary of State compared to a year ago, the state agency reported March 8.

Some 15,325 certificates of formation were filed with the Texas Secretary of State in February, a 17.83 percent increase over February 2015, which saw the formation of 13,006 new business entities. These numbers exclude non-profit entity formations.

Secretary of State Carlos Cascos said, "Business owners take into consideration the state's fair legal

system, economic strength and low taxes when deciding to relocate or begin their businesses in Texas."

Security measures deployed

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on March 14 announced Texas game wardens, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Domestic Nuclear Detection Office and the U.S. Coast Guard "are deploying an impenetrable maritime border to stop the threat of radiological or nuclear material smuggling into U.S. waters."

Coastal patrols will be using recently acquired advanced detection equipment designed to identify and intercept potential radiological or nuclear threats.

Since January, the Parks & Wildlife Department said, Texas game wardens have been conducting land search exercises, waterborne vessel stop exercises and dockside searches as part of an intensive training program on radiological and nuclear matter, and the use of the equipment to detect and identify dangerous materials.

Texas Game Warden **Assistant Commander Cody** Jones said, "While we focus on our core mission of conserving and protecting the state's natural resources, enforcing game and fish laws and conducting water safety, it is imperative that we continue to deploy the tools required to keep our homeland safe from illegal activity and terroristic threats that face our nation.







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The residence of the Executor is Corpus Christi, Texas, and the mailing address is:

> 1525 Ramfield Rd Corpus Christi, Texas 78418

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

DATED the 15th day of March, 2016

LINDA S. ADAMS Independent Executor of the Estate of JOHN Q. ADAMS, Deceased

> By: Albert C. Elliott Attorney for the Estate P.O. Box 586 Sonora, Texas 76950 (325) 387-3529 State Bar #06534300

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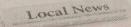
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Broncos Earn Home Victory by 1 point

The Sonora Broncos withstood the cold and wind to shine in both field and track events during Saturday's Bronco Relays on March 19th.

They accomplished the overall win with 209 points - one point over Wall.

Results: High Jump: Kaden Cordell, 1st, 5'10". Pole Vault: Dusty

Holmes, 1st, 12'00".
Discus: Michael Solis, 2nd, 129'06", Ryan Martinez, 3rd, 129'03", Sergio Solis, 4th, 122'06".

Shot Put: Liam Yourgalite, 1st, 43'01" and Edgar Hernandez, 4th, 38'00".

Long Jump: Drew Buitron, 1st, 19'11", Wesley Dutton, 2nd, 19'05.50" and Michael Solis, 3rd, 19'05.25".

Triple Jump: Kaden Cordell, 2nd, 39'06", Willie Munoz, 4th, 38'10", Wesley Dutton, 5th, 38'08".

3200 M: Evan Shannon, 4th, 10:46.90, Oscar Herreda, 7th, 11:20.16 and Garrett Jaeger, 12th, 12:59.01.

1600 M: Raully Ojeda, 3rd, 4:55.69, Evan Shannon, 4th, 5:00.16 and Oscar Herreda, 8th, 5:12.03. 100 M: Jose Hernandez,

3rd, 11.78, Noah San Miguel, 7th, 12. 21 and Kevin Martinez, 8th, 12.70.

200 M Dash: Drew Buitron, 1st, 23.60 and Michael Solis, 3rd, 24.40. 400 M Dash: Wesley Dut-

ton, 2nd , 53.90 and Kaden Cordell, 4th, 56.24. 800 M Dash: Raully Ojeda, 3rd, 2:10.59 and

Walker Sine, 4th, 2:14.06. 110 Hurdles: Carter Zook, 2nd, 15.81, Dustin Holmes, 4th, 18.70 and Willie Munoz, 5th, 19.80. 300 M Hurdles: Willie

Munoz, 2nd, 43.80. 400 M Relay: 3rd, 45.91(Wesley Dutton, Liam Yourgalite, Abel Cruz, Michael Solis).

800 M Relay: 2nd, 1:34.30 (Kade Creek, Able Cruz, Michael Solis, Drew Buitron).

1600 M Relay: 3rd, 3:38.10, (Wesley Dutton, Abel Cruz, Kaden Cordell, Drew Buitron).

Team Totals: Sonora 210, Wall 209, Crane 76, Iraan 43, Reagan Co. 36, Comstock 13 The Lady Broncos earned 76 points and 3rd place in the finish.

Results: 3200M: Janelle Vasquez, 1st, (12:38) and Kaitlyn Lopez, 4th, (13:11).

High Jump: Mary Kyle Johnson, 4th, (4'6"). Pole Vault: Lane Cahill, 5th, (7'6") and Briana Palacios, 6th, (7'6").

Long Jump: Julia Pope,3rd, (16'3"). Shot put: Julia Pope, 5th,

(29'). 100M dash: Lane Cahill,

4th, (13.20). 400M Dash: Briana Palacios, 6th, (1:08.40).

800M: Mary Kyle Johnson, 4th, (2:38).

1600M: Janelle Vasquez, 4th, (5:54) and Kaitlyn Lopez,5th, (5:59). 300M Hurdles: Carly

Brown, 2nd, (52.75) and Mary Kyle Johnson, 3rd, (53.52). 4x100 Relay: Brown,

Cahill, Tovar, Pope, 5th, (53.46). 4x200 Relay: Cahill,

Sykes, Martinez, Tovar, 6th, (2:00.50).

4x400 Relay: Brown,

4x400 Relay: Brown, Johnson, Palacios, Pope, 3rd, (4:29).



Meteorologist Hector Guerrero describes the weather conditions that can appear on radar as a "hook echo" and signal the possible development of a tornado. Guerrero, who works at the National Weather Service in San Angelo, was in Sonora on Wednesday, March 16th, to train volunteer firefighters and other emergency personnel on storm spotting techniques.

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Volunteer Firefighters Receive Timely Storm Spotter Training

A group of about 20 volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel gathered on Wednesday, March 16th at the Sonora Fire Hall for storm spotter training.

Meteorologist Hector Guerrero from the National Weather Service in San Angelo was on hand to conduct the hour-long training session ahead of the spring storm season.

Guerrero distributed booklets titled "Weather Spotter's Field Guide" and narrated a slide presentation describing various weather events, their appearance on radar, and how they might look from a storm spotter's perspective. He noted that often times a storm looks very different when viewed from a different perspective.

Guerrero urged the storm spotters not to place themselves in danger as they seek a good vantage point from which to view a storm. He further advised them to be aware of nearby shelter and exit routes which he noted were sometimes non-existent in remote rural areas.

The volunteers learned about various types of storms including downburst wind storms, hail storms, and tornadoproducing thunderstorms. Special emphasis was placed on large supercell thunderstorms.

Guerrero detailed ways to recognize various components of a storm including a storm's inflow, rear flank downbursts and wall clouds.

He also provided contact information and urged the volunteers to advise the San Angelo office when they are tracking a storm.

Fire Chief Rick Cearley described an experience he had while tracking a night storm south of town and

noted how difficult it is to watch a storm at night with only infrequent lighting strikes to illuminate the cloud.

Those in attendance included volunteer fire-fighters and paramedics.

A fire department roster

lists the following members: President Michel Sanchez, Vice President Jacqui Thomas, Secretary Joe Marshall, Treasurer Maray Cearley, Reporter Ashely Arredondo, Chief Rick Cearley, 1st Assistant Chief Manuel Duran, 2nd Assistant Chief Mike Sanchez, Captain Ruben Samaniego, 1st Lieutenant Peter Duran, 2nd Lieutenant Jesse Parades, Fire Marshall T.J. Thorp, Gabriel Arredondo, Javier Gaytan, Pete Guerrero, Steven Rocha, Pedro Rodrigues, Mark Samaniego and Charles Briggs Simms. Kevin Buitron is listed as a Junior

Firefighter.



Kaden Cordell earns top spots in field events including 1st place in High Jump and 2nd place in Triple Jump during the Bronco Relays in Sonora on Saturday, March 19th.

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Carter Zook inches up placing 2nd in the 110 Meter Hurdles during Saturday's Bronco Relays at Bronco Stadium in Sonora.

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Janelle Vasquez was awarded 1st place in the 3200 Meter run during the Bronco Relays on March 19th in Sonora.

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