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Lenora Pool Awarded Woman of Distinction



Lenora Pool
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Katie Lenora Pool, one of Sonora's own, was saluted by the Girl Scouts of Central Texas on Thursday, March 24th during a special banquet honoring Women of Distinction at the McNease Convention Center.

Surrounded by family and friends, Pool celebrated her recognition as an outstanding woman in the community.

"I am humbled to be honored as a Woman of Distinction," Pool said. "God has blessed me with a productive life and Jesus has been in the boat with me, even at times when I did not realize he was there."

Pool was born in Sonora in 1947 to R.C. Luckie and Irma Garner.

She moved away for some time and returned to her home town of Sonora forty years ago.

For twelve years, she served as Director of the Sutton County Emergency Medical Service and Sutton County/Sonora Emergency Management Department.

As well, she served as an ambulance volunteer for seventeen years.

During that time she attended Emergency Medical Technician classes and later taught Emergency Care Attendant classes as well as EMT classes.

Pool said she loves Sutton County. She considers it her home and the people to be her family.

She said she wants to preserve the existing 'home town' quality.

Aside from her devotion to the Sonora community, Pool dedicates most of her time and energy to her family including her four children and eight grandchildren.

Presently, she is a member of First United Methodist Church, Sonora Women's Club and the Sutton County District Hospital Board.

Pool is one of five honorees nominated last October.

Nominees, like Pool, serve as role models for young girl scouts.

"Receiving the Women of Distinction award will be cherished," Pool said.



Father Chris Roque (center) leads parishioners through each of the Stations of the Cross during a special gathering to dedicate new, permanent Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, March 25th. Members of St. John's Church participated in the dedication following Good Friday worship services as well as a special reception to thank the Finklea family for donating the granite stones marking each post.
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St. John's Parish Dedicates Permanent Stations of the Cross

After years – more than twenty, of posting temporary Stations of the Cross each Good Friday, members of St. John's Episcopal Church dedicated new, everlasting granite markers on March 25th, representing the fourteen devotions.

Father Chris Roque said the Stations of the Cross are a long-standing church tradition observed every year on Good Friday.

"Typically this is done once a year on Good Friday," Roque said. "Now, people can enjoy it any day and any Friday throughout the year."

Traditionally, the Stations of the Cross represent people's veneration of Jesus' final days and his never ending passion for mankind.

The stations serve as a spiritual pilgrimage through meditation

On Friday, the new stations, located in a newly landscaped garden, were individually recognized with a recited prayer by one of six patrons during the dedication.

The dedication followed the noon Good Friday Service. Also, a reception took place to recognize members of the Finklea family for their generous donation.

The Finkleas donated

fourteen custom made granite stones, each inscribed with a cross and passage, in memory of their own, Jodie and Lawrence Finklea.

Roque said the former Stations of the Cross were faithfully positioned each Good Friday by dedicated individuals of the congregation.

However, after twenty to twenty-five years, the former Stations began to have parts of their crosses broken off along with fading images.

He said some were being held together by duct tape and bailing wire.

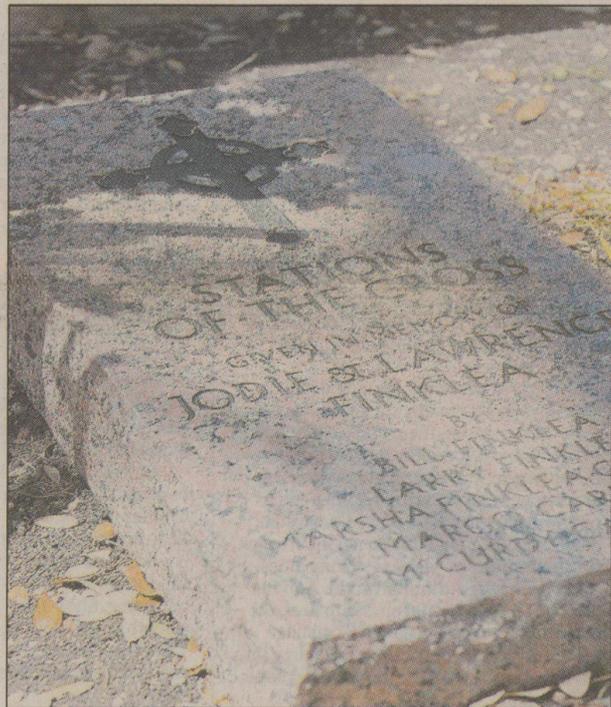
After learning that the Stations were actually designed for temporary use, according to Father Monte Jones, Roque said he set out on a three-year mission in search of new Stations of the Cross.

Vestry member, Larry Finklea, and his family offered to donate new stations.

Each new station is fashioned out of Texas Granite quarried in Llano and engraved with the "St. John's Cross" along with the number and title heading of each station.

"They are truly a work of art," Roque said.

Larry Finklea said the stones, ordered at the end of October 2015, were completed



Fourteen permanent granite stones were donated to St. John's Church and posted in a memorial garden to serve as permanent Stations of the Cross.
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before Thanksgiving and a garden located to the right of the church, was landscaped for their placement.

In the future, Roque plans to implement a designated area where parishioners may leave flowers or other tokens. As well, a window box, containing station background and prayers, will be

located in the garden.

Roque said he is thankful for the Finkleas donation as well as their stewardship.

"The Finkleas have given a gift that may be used year round by all members of St. John's and the Sonora community in their walk with Christ to the Cross," Roque said.

Sonora One-Act Play Wows Judges, Advances to Bi-District



Straton Rushing earned Best Actor for his performance as Dr. Gray in the OAP Anatomy of Gray.
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Sonora High School earned Overall Best Crew during their District Performance on Thursday, March 24th at Reagan County.

The Cast and Crew of the One-Act Play (OAP) "Anatomy of Gray" earned an encore performance at the Bi-District competition on Saturday, April 2nd at Angelo State University.

The actors and actresses advanced from their district competition at Reagan County with multiple awards for both their individual and team work.

Autumn Ayala was awarded All Star Crew and Best Stage Manager.

Molly Taylor earned Best Sound Tech and Sonora was

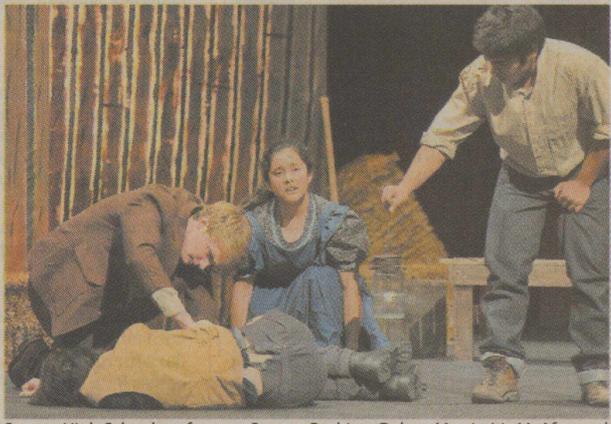
awarded Overall Best Crew.

Avery Leamon, Shaina Edwards and Dalton Morris earned Honorable Mention for their performances.

Straton Rushing was awarded Best Actor and Iris McAfee merited Best Actress for their leading roles as Dr. Gray and June Muldoon respectively.

Kaci Chavarria applauded her students on their outstanding work on and off the stage. Actor Straton Rushing said he is proud of his cast mates, especially the crew.

"It was a big day for us," Rushing said. "As a senior I am really happy to have my last year with this group."



Sonora High School performers Straton Rushing, Dalton Morris, Iris McAfee and Dakota Castro show off their stage talent during dress rehearsal on Monday, March 21st. The cast and crew recently advanced to Bi-District and will take the stage again on April 2nd in San Angelo.
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DPS Chief Reminds Citizens to be Vigilant

AUSTIN — Following news reports of coordinated, terroristic bomb attacks in Brussels, Belgium, on March 22, the Texas Department of Public Safety posted a reminder to Texans to remain vigilant and to report suspicious behaviors.

DPS Director Steven McCraw said ordinary Texans "play a crucial role in helping law enforcement protect the public from groups and lone-wolf actors intent on harming others."

"Fighting crime in today's threat environment," McCraw added, "can be greatly enhanced through the combined efforts of the public and law

enforcement, and we urge individuals to report any illegal or suspicious activity they witness to iWATCH or their local authorities."

The DPS's iWATCH website, www.iwatchtx.org, was created as a partnership between communities and law enforcement and uses citizen-sourced tips related to criminal activity, McCraw said. Anonymous reports may be made by contacting the DPS at 1-866-786-5972. However, as pointed out by the DPS, iWATCH is not designed to report emergencies, so if a situation requires an emergency response, the correct procedure is to call the emergency

number, 911. In addition, for "smart phone" users, reports to iWATCH can also be made through the free Texas DPS Mobile App, available in both iPhone and Android versions.

McCraw listed examples of behaviors and activities to report, such as:

- Strangers asking questions about building security features and procedures;
- A briefcase, suitcase, backpack or package left behind;
- Cars or trucks left in no-parking zones at important buildings;
- Chemical smells or fumes that are unusual for the location;

- People requesting sensitive information, such as blueprints, security plans or VIP travel schedules, without a need to know;

- Purchasing supplies that could be used to make bombs or weapons or purchasing uniforms without having the proper credentials;

- Taking photographs or videos of

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

Gone Yard Saling

There was Doc, just cruising around slowly on a warm Saturday, alone with his thoughts, which kinda centered around "I sure am lucky to live here."

Then he saw the carboard boxes with bricks on top to hold them down in the wind, and an arrow on the front.

Saling! Yard saling! It's that season again. And of course he had to stop. Especially if you hadn't been yard saling in months.

Home Country



by Slim Randles

He wandered through mountains of magazines, crates of kitchen utensils, tons of tools and cartons of old clothes. Then he saw it. A red tie. He didn't have a red tie. He didn't wear a tie except to church and that was just because Mrs. Doc made him do it.

But he didn't have a red tie, and that fact alone made him feel ... well ... incomplete?

I mean, what if one of the guys came over to the house and asked if he could borrow Doc's red tie? Think about it. What would he say?

"Well, sorry, Herb. I have never owned a red tie."

"You don't mean it!"

And Doc would be forced to nod sadly and suffer the pitying glances of a fellow human being.

He bought the tie. Fifty cents. Spending that half dollar did several things for Doc that Saturday. It gave him a feeling of completeness. Now if someone came by to borrow ... oh yes, he's ready. And buying that tie also made him feel more ... American.

On warm weekends here in Home Country, we set out our carboard boxes with the arrows on them and we haul all our detritus out onto the driveway and the lawn and we do our bit to make sure our fellow Americans are fulfilled in the red tie department. Of course, we watch, don't we, as our friends and neighbors pick through things we've been storing since the Eisenhower Administration. And if any one of them should curl a lip in scorn at one of these treasures, we'll consider scratching them off the birthday party list.

Respect, after all, is the very backbone of democracy.

Slim Randles is from El Monte, California but spent time in Pampa, Texas and Talkeetna, Alaska before settling down in Albuquerque New Mexico where he writes newspaper columns and e-books, including his latest titled "Strange Tales of Alaska" which is available on Amazon.



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What Color is Your Cat?

I never planned to be the mom of a black cat. I might have chosen a different color, had there been a choice. But there was only one kitten available for adoption the day I went to the rescue shelter five years ago. I could have waited a couple of days for another fur ball to become ready, but patience has never been my strong suit. Besides, the little black beauty sitting in a cage crying switched her sounds over to purring the second we picked her up. In that regard, I suppose she chose us as much as we chose her — even though we didn't really choose her because we didn't have a choice.

Since that day I've become a flagrant fan of black felines. Our little princess is sweet, friendly and brings a unique personality to our home. She's also something of a looker, with her sleek ebony coat, jet-black button nose and sea-green eyes.

It's come to my attention, however, that not everyone is on the black cat-wagon. Some people (used to be me) avoid black cats like they are bad luck. Catlore has associated them with witches and misfortune, which is unfortunate. When I do an Internet search for "black cat" I find words like sorcery, diabolism, weird, omen, death and evil. My kitten is none of the above. Well, maybe just a little weird on days ending in Y, but who among us isn't a little weird some or all of the time?

Historically, black cats have gotten a bum rap and I'm here today to set the record straight.

There are many reasons to own a black cat (or allow them to own you). I could come up with at least 13, but today, I'll stick to an even seven.

#1. Black cats can free you from irrational superstitions. When you live with a black cat, she will cross your path all the time, and you'll come to understand there isn't a smidgen of bad luck in the crossing, unless you are carrying a full basket of laundry up the stairs and she decides to race you, which she probably will.

#2. Black is the new black. For cats and clothing. If you own a black cat, you can wear your black yoga pants, black T-shirt, black tuxedo and little black dress without a worry because any errant black cat hairs will be nearly invisible on your garments.

#3. Black cat owners are loyal. Once people get a taste of sharing their life with an ebony kitty, they seek out another dark-furred feline when the (sad) time comes for a new cat. You, too, can be part

of this elite club. It even comes with a free black T-shirt. (Not really, but it sounded like a good idea.)

#4. It isn't practical for most of us to own a real-live panther. (Believe it or not, possessing a wild carnivore is legal in some states. That one surprised me, too.) You can't own a wild carnivore, but you can a domestic one that is actually a distant relative to the panther, aka, a black cat.

Domestic or not, most days my kitty is pretty sure she's a wild carnivore. Especially when I'm folding laundry.

#5. Black makes everything look better. Your cat will look good on any color couch, counter and on top of the fridge. In addition, everyone knows black is slenderness. Hold a black cat and you'll appear 20 pounds lighter.

#6. Sad fact, but a fact nonetheless: black cats are the least likely to be adopted and most likely to be euthanized in animal shelters. Let's put a stop to this. Adopt a black cat (or two) today! They'll sleep on your head, swish their tail in your face and remind you at 6:00 a.m. that they haven't had their breakfast yet. They'll also purr on your lap, rub up against your legs and give you kisses and hugs when they decide you've earned it.

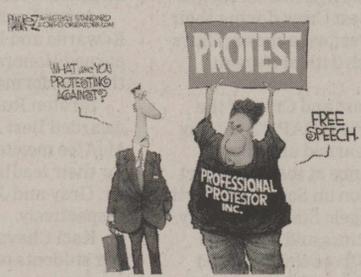
#7. Finally, it's been proven that people who share their life with a black cat are smarter, happier, wealthier, more athletic, successful, energized, vibrant, sexy and better looking than non-black cat owners — at least as reported by their black cats.

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Slices of Life



By Jill Pertler



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Brian Found a Home in Sonora

Brian Rhodes takes care of the golf course in Sonora. He maintains the grass, watering system, the tractors, mowers and other machinery. He does a good job because the course is ranked as the 18th best course in the state. He does not play golf.

"I left the bay area of California 33 years ago," he says. "Just left everything and went for a walk. I went from coast

to coast twice, back and forth. I ended up at this intersection and couldn't go anymore. So I stayed here. Got a job within two hours."

He got his job at the golf course after he saw two men trying to fix a golf cart. He told them he could fix it and did. He understands mechanical things. The golf course hired him to maintain it and he moved into some modest quarters on the premises

"There was nothing here, just a shed. I camped out in there the first four months or so, then built a house next to it. I like building things. I like woodworking. I build rocking horses, furniture, all kinds of things."

A lawn mower used on fairways had been in a repair shop in San Antonio for more than a year. Brian arranged to get it back in Sonora and he got it running. Some time ago Brian worked for eight years repairing power tools and table saws, then started building telescopes. One had a 24-inch mirror and was 12 feet tall.

"I took that telescope to national parks and monuments for years. I went to Yosemite, Grand Canyon, Death Valley, all over the place. I went to universities and schools, showing the stars to the public."

He joined a religious cult and started his walks across the country.

"I only ate what people gave me, what I asked for. I asked for beans, bread, peanut butter. I also asked for bed sheets that I cut up and sewed to make clothing. I went barefoot on my treks across the country. It hurt sometimes when I walked on the shoulders along the highway. The gravel is very big and grinds into your feet. That sojourn was something I just had to do. I just had to go find my way."

When he decided to give up that life, he got some regular clothing.

"I stopped in San Antonio at a garage sale and a woman was selling her husband's clothes. He had just died. I got some tennis shoes, a pair of pants and a shirt. She gave them to me."

From San Antonio he headed west with a new frame of mind.

"I wanted to be normal. I didn't want to go on any more. I had no desire to move another inch. I got to that intersection of the Interstate and Highway 277 and settled down."

Brian has a pet goose named Goose. He says they have bonded for life. Golf balls on the Sonora course are yellow with black stripes. Birds pecked at the white ones. Once Goose thought the white balls were eggs and she put them in her nest.

Tumbleweed enjoys hearing good stories and sharing them with readers of his column. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com.

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John Deleon earns multiple awards, including 1st place in Pole Vault, during the Golden Crane Relays on Thursday, March 24th. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Deleon Rises Above in Golden Crane Relays

The Sonora JV boys took top spots in the Golden Crane Relays on Thursday, March 24th. John Deleon led the team earning multiple 1st and 2nd place awards in several events.

High Jump: Keegan McCollum, 1st, 5'02".
Long Jump: John Deleon, 2nd, 18'05".
Pole Vault: John Deleon, 1st, 11'00".
100M: John Deleon, 2nd, 12:03.
200M: Dash John

Deleon, 2nd, 24.91.
Team Standings: Alpine 119, Crane 71, Fort Stockton 66, Pecos 57, Wink 55, Stanton 52, Iraan 49, Sonora 44, Buena Vista 38, Kermit 36, Presidio 11, Sanderson 9, Van Horn 5, Ozona 2.



Carly Brown distanced 32' 4.5" in the Triple Jump during the Crane track meet on Thursday, March 24th. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Lady Broncos Improve at Crane Relays

Nine Lady Bronco's combined their efforts to achieve a total seventy-nine points during Thursday's track meet at Crane on March 24th. Returning from a holiday, the ladies continue their outstanding performance, moving toward their next meet, the San Angelo Relays, in San Angelo on Friday and Saturday, April 1st and 2nd. In addition, they are striving to do well in the upcoming district

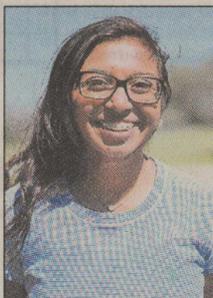
competition. "Their personal times and marks are starting to improve as we draw nearer to district," Coach Tiffany Weston said.
Results:
Long Jump: Julia Pope, 2nd, 15'2.75".
High Jump: Mary Kyle Johnson, 6th, 4'8".
Triple Jump: Carly Brown, 32'4.5".
Pole Vault: Lane Cahill, 8'6".
3200M: Kaitlyn Lopez,

5th, 13:01.
800M Dash: Mary Kyle Johnson, 2nd, 2:34.
100 Hurdles: Carly Brown, 6th, 18.14.
100M Dash: Lane Cahill, 3rd, 13.50.
400M Dash: Julia Pope, 1st, 63.55.
300M Hurdles: Carly Brown, 6th, 51.85.
200M Dash: Julia Pope, 2nd, 26.99/ Lane Cahill, 6th, 28.71.
1600M: Janelle Vasquez- 2nd, 5:49/ Kaitlyn Lopez- 6th, 6:01.

Standard Times All West Texas Class 3A Team



In addition to their already acquired accolades for this season, Tyler Hampton and Janelle Vasquez were recently named to the Standard Times All West Texas Class 3A Team. Both ladies deserve commendation for their hard work and outstanding skills.



Broncos Coast into a 14-4 Win Over Wolves

It didn't take long to understand the course of game between the Sonora Broncos and the Colorado City, Wolves on Tuesday, March 22nd.

The Broncos opened their district game scoring seven runs in the first three innings giving the Broncos a noteworthy lead.

On the hill, Noah Sanmiguel allowed only four runs over five innings. As well, he struck out seven batters, walked five and gave up four hits.

Six Bronco batters combined for eleven hits, nine RBIs and eleven runs home.

Isaiah Lira initiated the offense with an RBI single and a fielder's choice in the first inning, followed by a ground out in the second inning.

Michael Mungia added a two-run double in the first inning. Mungia went on to rack up three RBIs on two hits for the Broncos.

The Broncos scored on a wild pitch, in the fourth, bringing home Arturo Lopez.

Plating an additional four runs then matching the same runs in the fifth inning.

An RBI single by Michael Campos followed

by a stand up triple by Louis Castro delivered Isaiah Lira home safe.

Caleb Galvan showed off his skill at short stop, harnessing a few Wolves attempting to steal bases.

"Our kids really enjoyed the atmosphere and the support from the students, faculty and fans," Coach A.J. Valdez said.

The JV Broncos also secured a win in their district opener with a 16-0 shut out over Colorado City on Tuesday, March 22nd.

Netza Estrada led the Broncos with a two-run home run, seven hits, three vetoes by Raully Biera behind the plate on runners trying to steal.

Hector Mendez labored early only to come up big with a two run stand-up double.

Wesley Dutton contributed with his three base steals securing the win for the Broncos.

"The boys played with a lot of energy and enthusiasm," Coach Immel said.

Correction



Tyler Hampton

Correction: The name under the photo published in the March 24th issue was incorrect. The correct name is Tyler Hampton.

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Devil's River News Weekly Rainfall Report

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February	0.77 in.	February	1.04 in.
January	0.36 in.	January	0.38 in.
2016 Year-to-Date TOTAL	4.52 in.	2016 Year-to-Date TOTAL	4.04 in.
2015	23.87 in.	2015	25.31 in.
2014	14.32 in.	2014	12.72 in.
2013	25.12 in.	2013	25.00 in.
2012	16.06 in.	2012	17.82 in.
2011	11.50 in.	2011	10.49 in.
2010	20.37 in.	2010	17.94 in.
2009	21.67 in.	2009	28.44 in.

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It Happened Out West

'Bull Durham' Goat Sheering

By Joe N. Brown

I'm not sure of the year this story happened, but time does not affect the outcome at all.

We were ranching in the very southern tip of Pecos County where Pecos, Brewster and Terrell counties meet.

This is rough, mean old country with rocky hills, deep canyons and very little water. Typical Chihuahua desert suited for sheep and goat production.

The road through our country went to a neighbor's ranch, south of us.

This old rancher controlled about fifty sections of land with what we called a "Winchester" title.

His reputation was such that no one challenged him.

Rumor was that he had ridden with the "wild bunch" in the early days. His brother-in-law was killed while robbing the train west of Dryden.

At the time of this true story, he was probably eighty-five years old.

Now, here we have both location and central character of this true story.

It was customary to shear sheep and goats in the fall, usually in September.

I saw a shearing crew go down the road one afternoon and decided I would wait one day before going down to check for strays. The custom in this area was to notify your neighbors of your roundup.

This had not been done at this time.

No one had notified me, intentional or not, who knows.

After waiting one day, I

drove down to the old gentleman's headquarters and shearing pens.

Here, I found the crew at work shearing sheep and the old rancher sitting on a wool bag, smoking a Bull Durham cigarette.

We howled and I asked about strays. The old rancher said, "Yes, there are about one-hundred head of goats in the back pen and they were strays and I could check to see if they were mine."

I walked back through his pens to the very back one. Here, I found about one-hundred of my Angora goats, freshly shorn.

These goats had my ear mark, my ranch tag and a small "X" branded on their nose.

Very obviously my goats.

I went back to the shearing pen where my old neighbor was still sitting.

I informed the old man that these were my goats and easy to prove if necessary.

The old rancher rolled another "Bull Durham" smoke and agreed that they were my goats and I was welcome to take them back to my ranch.

I told him I would go and get my ranch hands to drive the goats home.

Things went south after that because I asked the old man where was the mohair off of my goats?

Now, this was a man that no one challenged about anything.

Very slowly he knocked the ashes off of his cigarette, then told me very plainly, "Son, just you consider that my pasturage fee!"

End of conversation.



Joe N. Brown

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Debt Scam

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security features, such as cameras or checkpoints.

Debt collection scam

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on March 21 issued an alert to Spanish-speaking consumers, alerting them to scam perpetrators posing as debt collectors calling on behalf of government entities.

According to a news release from Paxton's office, in recent cases, a caller claims to represent the Texas Supreme Court and demands payment of outstanding debts supposedly incurred by consumers sometime in the past.

According to complaints, the person calling says the consumer can either appear in court and pay the alleged debt — which varies from \$1,000 to \$7,000 — or resolve the matter immediately by sending funds directly to the scammers. How the debt was incurred is never explained. The form of payment requested by the caller is either through prepaid cash cards or wired funds through Western Union.

"Every day, Texans unfortunately lose money to scams and frauds, and my office is committed to protecting consumers by spreading the word about such fraudulent activity, and informing them about what to do if they fall victim," Paxton said. "The first line of defense against scammers and con artists is education and a wide variety of important topics are addressed in the consumer protection section of our website."

Wait times too long at VA security features, such as cameras or checkpoints. U.S. Sens. John Cornyn and Ted Cruz, both R-Texas, and Gov. Greg Abbott on March 17 sent a letter to U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert McDonald urging him "to address the improper scheduling practices and extended wait times" for veterans seeking health care across Texas.

On March 8, the Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General released 12 reports on VA Health Care Systems in Texas, seven of which revealed instances of scheduling mismanagement that led to extended veteran wait times. According to the governor's office, the reports concluded that poor training, lack of supervision and non-centralized scheduling are the primary causes of data manipulation and that improper scheduling is systemic throughout the VA Texas Health Care System.

25 Zika cases confirmed

The Texas Department of State Health Service on March 22 reported that to date, Texas has had 25 confirmed cases of the mosquito-borne Zika virus disease.

Some 24 of those cases were in travelers infected abroad and diagnosed after they returned home. One case involved a Dallas County resident who had sexual contact with someone who acquired the Zika infection while traveling abroad.

According to DSHS, Zika virus case counts by county were as follows: Bexar, 3; Dallas, 4; Fort Bend, 2; Harris, 10; Tarrant, 3; Travis, 2; and Wise, 1.

AgriLife Extension sets April 4 Aquaponics Program in Brownwood

BROWNWOOD — The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct a landscape aquaponics program at 6 p.m. April 4 in the AgriLife Extension Brown County office, 605 Fisk Ave. in Brownwood.

Scott Anderson, AgriLife Extension agent in Brown County, said aquaponics is usually a fish-plant system in which the fish waste supplies nutrients for garden plants raised hydroponically.

The plants, in turn, purify the water, which is returned to the fish. He said

the water can also be used in the home landscape or vegetable garden.

"Aquaponics can be a new addition to home landscapes," he said. "This program is meant for the homeowner interested in learning more about this growing technology."

"Peter Woods, AgriLife Extension program specialist from Bay City, will present the program."

Individual registration is \$10 due upon arrival.

For more information, contact Anderson at 325-646-0386.

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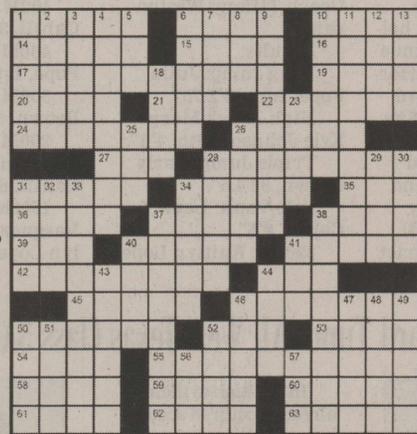
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- Hatfield feud
- "It's my turn to bat!"
- Not fully closed
- Brunch serving
- See 34-Down
- Let go
- "Journey to the Center of the Earth" author
- "Sounds good to me!"
- Valhalla V.I.P.
- Nonclerical
- Textile factory container with coloring
- "None of your ___!"
- String quartet member
- Spoon-___
- Piece of scenery
- Cheap hotels, for short
- Hindu class
- Dr. Dre's old group
- Love personified
- "The Two ___" (Nicholson movie)
- New driver, typically
- Lodge
- Tennis ace Monica
- Rendezvous
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DOWN

- Low-level position
- Unrefined
- "The Color Purple" role
- Precedes at a concert
- Word on a Ouija board
- Mountaineer's tool
- Name repeated in a nursery rhyme
- Mantel piece
- Actress Russo
- Slapstick falls

J.V. TEAM



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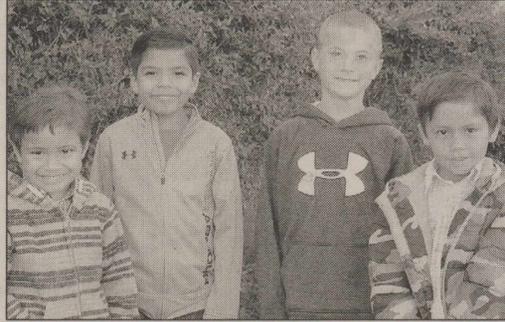
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Broncos Earn Silver in Crane Relays

The Broncos showed up to challenge some of the best competition during the Crane Relays on Thursday, March 24th. Sonora ranked second for the day with a total of 94 points overall.

Results:
 Long Jump: Drew Buitron, 6th, 19'5"
 High Jump: Kaden Cordell, 5th, 5'08"
 Pole Vault: Dustin Holmes, 3rd, 12'00" and Carter Zook, 4th, 12'00"
 Shot Put: Edgar Hernandez, 6th, 9'09"
 Discus: Michael Solis, 1st, 37'06", Ryan Martinez, 3rd, 131'01" and Sergio Solis, 4th, 23'09"
 3200M: Evan Shannon, 3rd, 10:53.49
 1600 M: Raully Ojeda,

3rd, 4:57.02.
 800 M Dash: Carter Zook, 2nd, 2:04.86 and Raully Ojeda, 4th, 2:07.17.
 300 Hurdles: Carter Zook, 1st, 40.99 and Willie Munoz, 6th, 44.91.
 200 M Dash: Drew Buitron, 4th, 23.33.
 800 M Relay: 4th, 1:34.16 (Kade Creek, Drew Buitron, Abel Cruz, Michael Solis).
 1600 M Relay: 2nd, 3:34.38 (Abel Cruz, Michael Solis, Drew Buitron, Carter Zook).
TEAM STANDINGS:
 Fort Stockton 95, Sonora 94, Alpine 88, Crane 58, Kermit 56, Wink 41, Rankin 40, Presidio 37, Iraan 35, Pecos 31, Stanton 22, Reagan Co. 08, Ozona 08, Marfa 04, McCamey 02.



Sonora Elementary Students of the Week - Ian DeLuna, Pre-K, Allen Smith, K, Ignacio Mendoza, 1st, Hagen Surber, 2nd.

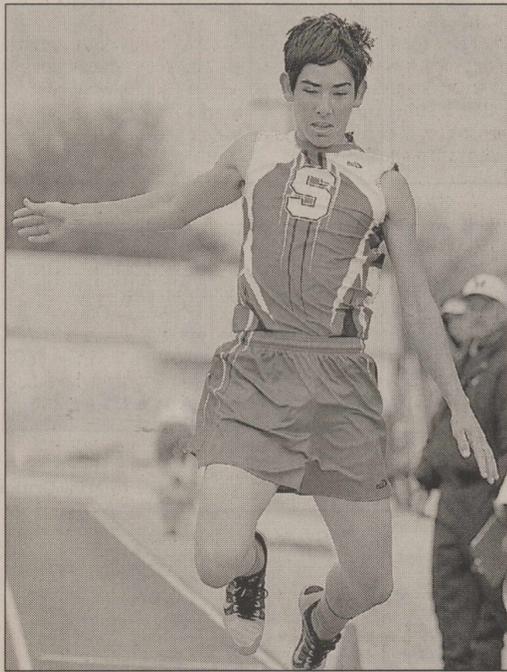
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Elementary and Intermediate Students of the Week



Sonora Intermediate School Students of the Week - Naylana Estrada, 3rd, Cihltaly Delgado, 4th, Abby Rodriguez, 5th.

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Willie Munoz participated in multiple field and running events during Thursday's track meet in Crane on March 24th.

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Dermondy Sets New Record at Reagan County Meet

Slade Dermondy set a new 8th grade boys meet and stadium record with a time of 2:14.65 in the 800 M dash during the Reagan County Meet on Tuesday, March 22nd.

In girls, Clarissa Rodriguez tied the 7th grade girls meet and stadium record with 7'0 in the Pole Vault.

All Broncos and Lady Broncos athletes deserve recognition for their hard work and endurance during the meet.

Individual Results:
 100 M Dash: Levi Garrett, 2nd, 13.38, Aldo Deluna, 4th, 13.74 and Ty Perez, 6th, 14.25.
 200 M Dash: Blaze Sykes, 6th, 28.41.
 400 M Dash: Jalen Lopez, 2nd, 60.70 and Manuel Fuentes, 3rd, 61.19.
 800 M Dash: Slade Dermondy, 1st, 2:14.65, Brock Aschenbeck, 4th, 2:33.05 and Leo Alviso, 5th, 2:38.56.
 110 High Hurdles: Jansen Morriss, 2nd, 19.61 and Joshua Barrera, 5th, 51.30.
 300 Intermediate Hurdles: Jansen Morriss, 1st, 46.91 and Joshua Barrera

5th, 51.30.
 1600 M: Manuel Fuentes, 3rd, 5:45.92.
 Long Jump: Jalen Lopez, 3rd, 17'7.5"
 Triple Jump: David Delgado, 1st, 38'05.75", Jalen Lopez, 2nd, 35'11" and Manuel Fuentes, 5th, 32'04".
 Discus: Jansen Morriss, 1st, 96'03"
 Shot Put: Ty Perez, 1st, 39'05", Aldo Deluna, 2nd, 37'05" and Thomas Talamantez, 3rd, 36'00".
 Pole Vault: Slade Dermondy, 1st, 8'06", Tully Flanagan, 4th, 7'0" and Jacob O'Bannon, 5th, 7'0".
 High Jump: Blaze Sykes, 3rd, 5'04".
 400 M Relay: 2nd, 50.91, (Levi Garrett, Slade Dermondy, Aldo Delgado, Jalen Lopez).
 800 M Relay: 3rd, 1:48.17, (Levi Garrett, Aldo Delgado, Blaze Sykes, David Delgado).
 1600 M Relay: 3rd, 3:58.71 (Jalen Lopez, Blaze Sykes, Slade Dermondy, David Delgado)
Team Results
 Ozona- 197, Sonora 192, Crane 113, Stanton 55, Reagan County 36 St. Mary's-0.

Debate Team Heard at State

Sonora High School debate team members, Amber Vasquez and Christina Hernandez, took the debate stage during the CX State Debate Meet in Austin on March 14th and 15th.

Carly Brown and Hazel Kent were also present as alternate qualifiers.

In their first year of debating, the young speakers spoke up in their first meet, in January, in Ozona.

Shaking off their early stage jitters, the young debaters pressed through multiple meets.

Debaters Vasquez and

Hernandez earned second place for their team work, qualifying them for state competition.

Kent and Brown earned third place and Kristen Garrett and Elyssa Prieto received fifth place during the district meet in February.

Although they sputtered at state, Instructor Kaci Chavarria said all of the students deserve applause for their hard work.

"Everyone is already fired up and ready to compete next year," Chavarria said.

Sutton Co. Company Receives Texas Mutual's Top Honor

Sutton County, Texas— Today, Texas Mutual Insurance Company announced that JMC Transport Service LLC from Sutton County has been awarded the company's top honor for workplace safety.

Texas Mutual, the state's leading provider of workers' compensation insurance, recognized this company for its dedication to workplace safety.

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compensation losses.

"At Texas Mutual we focus heavily on promoting workplace safety and educating employers about safe work practices," Richard Gergasko, president and chief executive officer of Texas Mutual Insurance Company, said. "These awards recognize companies for their dedication to workplace safety and their commitment to the safety of their employees."

This year, Texas Mutual distributed 200 safety awards to policyholders throughout the state who have exemplary safety records and exceptional safety programs.

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DRN Comics

Daddy's Home

by Tony Rubino and Gary Markstein



Dogs of C-Kennel

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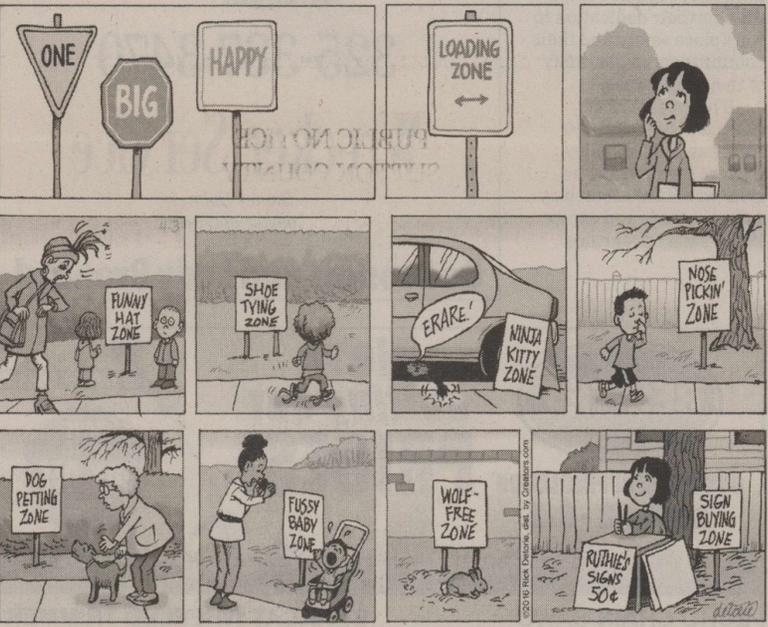
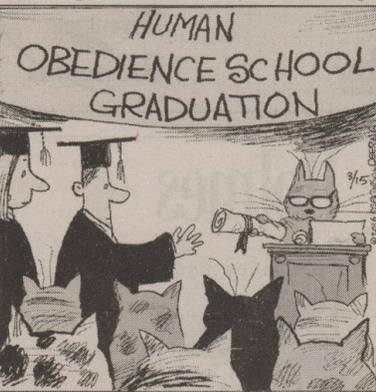


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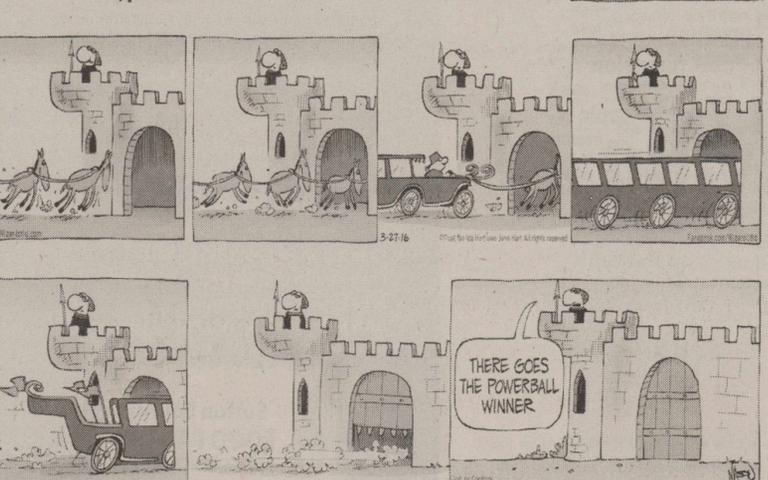
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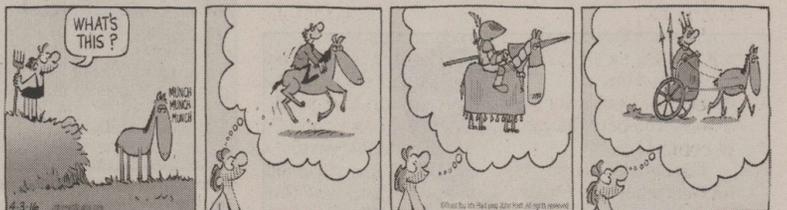


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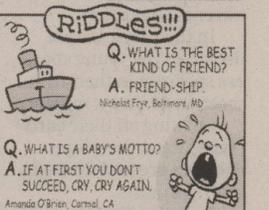
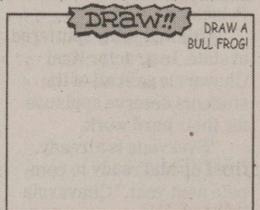
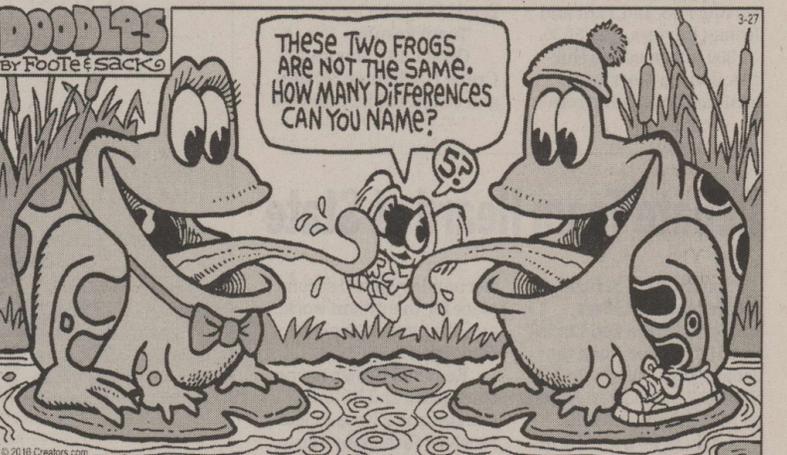
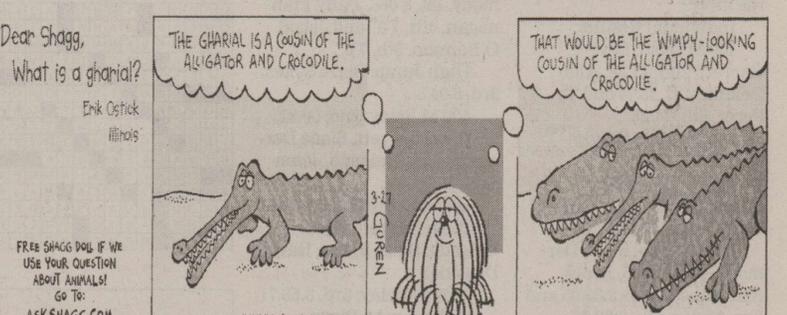
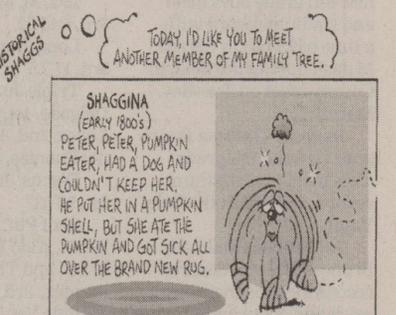
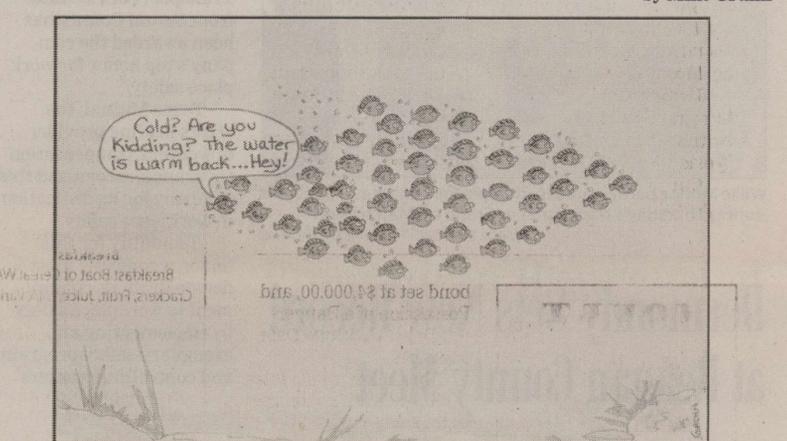
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OBITUARIES

Carolyn Ann Sorenson December 18, 1944 - March 21, 2016



Carolyn Ann Sorenson, 71, returned to her heavenly home unexpectedly on March 21, 2016 in Irving TX.

She was diagnosed with COPD shortly after she retired but was determined not to let the disease rob her of her joy or control her life.

Carolyn was born on December 18, 1944 in Stamford, TX to D.E. and Edith M. Livengood.

She was the oldest of four kids and never lost her love of being the boss. Carolyn graduated as salutatorian from Paint Creek High School where her first love was basketball. She was offered a scholarship to play at Mary Hardin Baylor, but she chose marriage and kids.

She was an independent, loving mother who sacrificed her life for her children.

Her greatest joy was her grandchildren-Nathan, Emily, Cooper, Wesley, Rachel and Lanie.

Carolyn loved the lake, especially fishing. Her

later years were spent traveling with her beloved sisters.

She loved watching all sports, especially if they involved her grandchildren.

Carolyn was our family's biggest fan and we could always depend on her for anything.

She loved life and was always happy and positive and never lacked for an opinion.

We all loved her dearly and our loss is heavens gain.

Until we see her again, we will celebrate all that she was and all that she meant to us.

Carolyn is survived by her children and their spouses: Dr. Marney & Paula Sorenson; and Carrie & Todd Rodgers.

She is also survived by her siblings and their spouses: Melanie & Dennis Rueffer; Don & Teresa Livengood and brother in law, John Mack.

As well, she is survived by her grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents and sister, Mary Mack.

A memorial and celebration of life service will be held on April 1, at 1:00 p.m. at Cross Timbers Community Church in Argyle, TX.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Lung Association.

All arrangements are being handled by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home in Irving TX.



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.

ARRESTS

MARCH 24 • Lozano, John David, 33 year old male from Sonora, arrested for Resisting Arrest and Public Intoxication.

INCIDENTS

MARCH 21 - 5:09 AM • Caller reported a suspicious person on the 400 block of Rock Avenue. Officer responded.

7:30 AM • Caller reported loud music on the 300 Block of Ben Juarez. Off-

icer responded.

7:48 AM • Agency requested assistance on 601 US HWY 277 N. Officer responded.

2:45 PM • Agency requested assistance on the 1900 block of Tayloe Avenue. Officer responded.

6:03 PM • Caller reported disorderly conduct on the 700 block of Sutton Drive. Officer responded.

7:31 PM • Caller reported a skunk on the 1100 block of Tayloe. Officer responded.

9:26 PM • Caller reported an animal on the 1900 block of Tayloe Avenue. Officer responded.

10:28 PM • Caller requested an officer on 601 Hwy 277 N. Officer responded.

MARCH 22 - 8:50 AM • Caller reported a vehicle accident at the Stripes Subway Store. Officer responded.

9:04 AM • Agency requested assistance at Sonora High School. Officer responded.

7:22 PM • Caller requested officer for assistance near Golf Course Road. Officer responded.

MARCH 23 - 9:38 AM • Caller reported suspicious circumstances near the Stripes on N. Crockett Ave. Officer responded.

MARCH 24 - 1:11 AM • Caller re-

quested officer assistance at the Sutton County Jail for combative individual. Officer responded.

9:18 AM • Agency requested assistance on the 1900 block of Tayloe Avenue. Officer responded.

4:20 PM • Agency requested assistance on the 300 block of Ben Juarez. Officer responded.

7:45 PM • Caller reported a dog bite on the 300 block of Hudspeth. Officer responded. ACO Contacted.

9:26 PM • Caller reported a harassment on the 400 block of E. Oak. Officer responded.

10:16 PM • Caller reported suspicious circumstances near the 100 block of E. Chestnut. Officer responded.

MARCH 25 - 11:37 AM • Caller reported a disturbance on the 400 block of W. Oak. Officer responded.

12:17 PM • Caller reported disorderly conduct on the 400/500 block of W. Oak. Officer responded.

2:16 PM • Agency requested assistance on the 1000 block of Tayloe Ave. Officer responded.

4:30 PM • Caller reported an animal on the 100 block of Deerwood. Officer responded.

6:56 PM • Caller requested traffic control for St. Ann's Church Stations of the Cross Procession. Officer re-

sponded.

9:06 PM • Caller reported criminal mischief behind Gypsy Chicks. Officer responded.

MARCH 26 - 11:08 AM • Caller requested officer to meet with complainant regarding criminal trespass request at the Sheriff's office. Officer responded.

12:33 PM • Caller reported illegally parked cars on the 100 block of Uno Street. Officer responded.

2:50 PM • Caller reported a welfare concern on 1400 block of Tayloe Avenue. Officer responded.

10:20 PM • Caller reported reckless driving near the Holiday Host. Officer responded.

MARCH 27 - 3:44 PM • Caller requested officer at the 400 block of Glasscock. Officer responded.

4:40 PM • Caller reported a vehicle accident at the Stripes on 610 S. Crockett. Officer responded.

6:31 PM • Caller reported an animal on the 1900 block of Tayloe. Officer responded.

6:40 PM • Caller reported a dog bite at the LMH ER. Officer responded. ACO was contacted.

11:26 PM • Caller reported a reckless driver 3 miles south on 277 Hwy South. Officer responded.

Sonora ISD Menu

PK-5th : Free Breakfast & \$2.45 lunch
Middle & High School: \$1.95 Breakfast & \$2.85 lunch
Choice of 1 of 2 entrees or salad
Menu Subject to Change

Monday - April 4th Breakfast

Sausage and Biscuit or Cereal W/ Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk Variety

Lunch

Chicken Nuggets or Steak Fingers

Mac- N- Cheese, Savory Green Beans, Apple Slices, Crispy Cereal Treat, Milk
After School Meal: Cereal, Milk

Tuesday - April 5th Breakfast

Dutch Waffle and Bacon or Cereal W/Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk Variety

Lunch

Chili Cheese Combo or Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich

W/Potato Rounds, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fresh Fruit, Pudding, Milk
After School Meal: Fruit, Raisins, Milk

Wednesday - April 6th Breakfast

Breakfast Boat or Cereal W/ Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk Variety

Lunch

Hamburger/Cheeseburger or Corn Dog

Hamburger Garnish, Oven Fries, Baby Carrots W/Ranch, Sliced Peaches, Milk
After School Meal: Baked Chips, Juice

Thursday - April 7th STUDENT HOLIDAY

Friday - April 8th STUDENT HOLIDAY

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COURT CASES

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bond set at \$4,000.00, and Possession of a Dangerous Drug. Continue Date 5/09/2016.

Shuel, Emma Kristen • Offense: Traffic, bond set at \$600.20. Continue Date 4/25/2016.

Hayes, L. Bob • Offense: Traffic, bond set at \$600.20. Continue Date 4/25/2016.

Nguyen, Minh Dylan • Offense: Traffic, bond set at \$400.20. Continue Date 4/25/2016.

PRE-TRIALS

March 28, 2016 Salido, Alberto Joel • Offense: Driving while operator's license invalid, bond set at \$2,000.00. Continue Date 4/25/2016

Perez, Maribel • Offense: Driving while intoxicated, bond set at \$4,000.00. Plea Date 5/23/2016.

Ernest, Ruiz • Offense: Driving while operator's license invalid, bond set at \$2,000.00. Offense: Terroristic Threat, bond set at \$4,000.00. Offense: Driving while intoxicated, bond set at \$10,000.00. Plea Date 4/18/2016.

Soto, Alejandro • Offense: Driving while intoxicated, bond set at \$4,000.00. Continue Date 4/25/2016.

Medrano, Marcos Eduardo • Offense: Driving while intoxicated, bond set at \$4,000.00. Plea Date 4/18/2016.

GUILTY PLEAS

March 28, 2016 Lawhon, Anne Britany • Offense: Possession of marijuana.

Hankins, Russel James • Offense: DWI/DUID and Prohibited Weapon.

Pagua, Gomez Audiver • Offense: DWI/DUID.

Lopez-Vasquez, Luis Jose • Offense: DWI/DUID.

Park, Lynn Cheryl • Offense: Possession of Marijuana.

HEARINGS

March 28, 2016 Reed, Jamar Darryl • Offense: Possession of marijuana, bond set at \$500.00. Continue Date 4/25/2016.

Gerlach Jr., Richard Charles • Offense: Driving while intoxicated, bond set at \$2,000.00. Continue Date 4/25/2016.

Brunell, Raymond Kevin • Offense: Possession of marijuana, bond set at \$2,000.00. Continue Date 4/25/2016.

Barber, Edward Chance • Offense: DWI/DUID, bond set at \$2,000.00. Continue Date 4/25/2016.

Rivas-Dominguez, Norberto Jesus • Offense: Evading Arrest Detention, bond set at \$4,000.00. Continue Date 4/25/2016.

Gandar, Arturo • Offense: Assault, Bond set at \$5,000.00. Continue Date 4/25/2016.

Cerna, Lea Sallie • Offense: DWI/DUID, bond set at \$2,000.00. Continue Date 4/25/2016.

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Moody, Glen Colby • Offense: Indecent Exposure, bond set at \$2,000.00. Continue Date 4/25/2016.

Creek, Brian David • Offense: Possession of a Controlled Substance,

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INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR DEPOSITORY OF OPERATING FUNDS OF THE CITY OF SONORA, TX

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Sonora, Texas will receive bids for depository of the City's Operating Funds for the period commencing on the 1st day of June, 2016 through the 31st day of May, 2018. Any banking organization, qualifying under the laws of the State of Texas to act as depository of municipal funds, which desires to act as such depository for the City of Sonora shall submit written application thereof, on the forms supplied by the City, sealed and marked on the outside, "APPLICATION FOR DEPOSITORY OF CITY FUNDS, DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 15, 2016. Such application will be received in the office of the City Manager, Sonora City Hall, 201 E. Main St., Sonora, Texas 76950, no later than 10:00 a.m. on the 15th day of April, 2016 at which time such applications shall be opened publicly and read aloud.

All terms, conditions, specifications and requirements for such applications are available upon request made to the City Manager.

The City Council will review and take action on bids on April 18, 2016 and shall have the right to accept the application which offers the most favorable terms and conditions for handling of such funds and shall have the right to reject any or all applications and to waive informalities.

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REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS

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

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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.

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Cracking The Tomato Codes

When you're shopping for tomatoes, did you ever wonder what those cryptic letters by the descriptions mean? Codes like "VF", "VFFA", and "VFNT" can be somewhat mysterious. If you have had problems growing tomatoes, you may be interested.

There are disease-resistant varieties and hybrids. The capital letters that follow the names of some tomatoes depict what disease resistance that variety has. Let's look at a few

"V" indicates the plant is resistant to the fungi that cause Verticillium wilt. Symptoms don't usually appear until the plant is bearing fruit or it experiences a dry period. Signs include V-shaped lesions on the leaves.

"F" or "FF" means the plants are resistant to the Fusarium oxysporum fungi that cause Fusarium wilt. This is a serious disease that manifests itself in the wilting and yellowing of leaves starting at the base of the plant. Left unchecked, Fusarium wilt can kill tomato plants well before harvest time. Some Fusarium fungi have overcome the initial "F" resistance tomatoes. Today, newer cultivars have been bred to be resistant to secondary fusarium strains - thus the "FF" and "FFF" designations.

"N" means that the tomatoes are resistant to nematodes, the parasitic round worms, that often lie dormant in the soil. Symptoms of nematode infestation include root galls that are up to an inch in diameter. Afflicted plants are less

vigorous, do not respond to fertilizer, and tend to wilt more easily in hot weather.

"A" indicates resistance to the Alternaria alternata fungus that causes Alternaria stem canker. Tomato stems, leaves and fruit are afflicted with cankers that range from dark brown

to black. If the cankers appear on the stem they can be accompanied by brown streaks. Stem cankers can girdle and kill a plant before harvest.

"T" means that the plants are resistant to the Tobacco Mosaic

Virus (TMV). TMV causes a mottled appearance in tomato leaves and reduced tomato size and yield. Sometimes unripe fruit of plants afflicted with TMV will brown.

"St" designated plants are resistant to Stemphylium or gray leaf spot. Afflicted plants develop brown to black spots on older leaves. As the disease progresses, the spots get bigger while the center become gray. The gray centers eventually drop out, leaving behind small holes. The Stemphylium solani fungus causes gray leaf spot.

There are more. Just remember that resistance is not the same as immunity. Tomatoes can still be infected, they just won't be as susceptible to damage as non-resistant varieties.

Finally, do NOT re-incorporate diseased plant matter into the soil at the end of the season - compost from a diseased plant will just infect your next crop, so it is best to either discard or burn it.



Pascual Hernandez

County Commissioners Approve Retaining Civic Center Fire Lane

Sutton County Commissioners approved to retain the existing fire lane as constructed at the Sutton County Civic Center during their regular meeting on Monday, March 28th.

Concerns from resident Glen Fisher were heard during the regular meeting held on March 14th.

A lengthy discussion followed and subsequent actual look at the property and fire lane.

The item was tabled pending further study.

Information, including comments from Sonora Fire Chief, T.J. Thorp, persuaded commissioners' approval to retain the existing fire lane.

No changes to the fire lane will be made at this time.

However, all commissioners agreed to consider changes in the future if circumstances warrant such action.

Judge Steve Smith opened the meeting with the review of Rules of Procedure, Conduct and Decorum at Meetings of the Sutton County Commissioners Court.

A review and implementation of the Rules is necessary because of recent circumstances and behaviors during regular meetings, according to Smith.

In regular business, commissioners approved the accounts payable report, auditor's report, and county clerk's report as presented.

No sheriff's report was presented.

No library report was presented.

Judge Smith acknowledged the hiring of a cemetery employee and the court approved a starting salary set at thirty-one thousand dollars per year.

Police Chief William Dudley informed the court and visitors about his concerns speed limit signs posted along U.S. Hwy-277

near the new Road Ranger.

He requested that commissioners draft a letter to TX-Dot requesting new, larger signs to replace the existing signs. As well, Chief Dudley requested a truck crossing sign to be posted in the area.

Chief Dudley also requested signage indicating two-way frontage road traffic to be posted at the U.S. Hwy 277 and I-10 on ramps on both sides.

Speaking on behalf of the Sutton County Pro Rodeo Association, Johnny Van Court requested that commissioners waive rental fees for the use of the Civic Center facility, arena and pavilion during the upcoming Sutton County Days.

In addition, Van Court requested commissioners consider charges for only electricity metered during specific dates of use and dirt plowing provided by Sutton County Road & Bridge personnel.

Commissioners approved the requests.

In new business, Commissioners opened Depository Bids for Sutton County. Bids including First National Bank of Sonora and Bank and Trust.

Action was tabled and a Special Meeting slated for April 4th was set to review the bids.

Additionally, the court will discuss a start date to begin renting the pavilion at the time.

No further comments were voiced following the Judge's report and the meeting adjourned.

Sutton County Judge Steve Smith presided over the meeting. Commissioners Carl Teaff, Mike Villanueva, John Wade and Fred Perez were in attendance.

A special meeting is slated for April 4th at 9:00 a.m., and the next regular meeting is slated for April 11th at 9:00 a.m. in the county courthouse annex.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUTTON COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the registered voters of Sutton County, Texas:
 (A los votantes registrados Condado de Sutton, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 7, 2016, for voting in a general election to elect trustees precinct 2, precinct 4, Sonora ISD.
 (Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales situadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 7 de mayo de 2016 para votar en la Elección General para elegir la mesa directiva de Sonora ISD recinto dos y cuatro)

On Election Day, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote. (El Día de Elección, los votantes deberán votar en su precinto donde están inscritos para votar.)

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 (Para Votación Adelantada, los votantes podrán votar en cualquiera de las ubicaciones nombradas abajo.)

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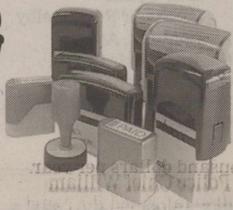
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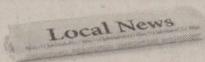
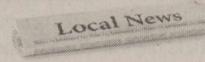
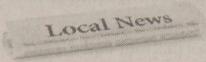
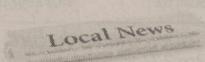
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Up in the Air



Tyler Hampton serves the ball during tennis action in Big Lake on March 19th. She and her partner Sky Jennings won the gold medal the Girls Singles division of the Reagan County Tennis Tournament. J.L. MANKIN | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

UIL Academic Scholars Advance to Regionals

Fifty-five of Sonora's top young scholars participated in the UIL District meet on Wednesday, March 23rd in Reagan County.

About a dozen individual students were awarded first place and more than six teams earned first place.

From here, UIL competitors are moving on to the Regional competition.

All students and their coaches deserve commendation for their hard work.

Keeping their skills polished, the students are ready for the upcoming Regional meet in Abilene on April 23rd.

Results are listed below:

Accounting

- 1st - Tyler Hampton
- 7th - Alexis Garza
- 8th - April Fraire
- 9th - Nydia Rodriguez

2nd place team

Calculator Apps

- 1st - JD Garza
- 3rd - Jill Buitron
- 7th (tie) - Henry Ramos
- 7th (tie) - Kristin

Garrett

1st place team

- Computer Apps**
- 2nd - Felicia Farley
- 7th - Alexis Villanueva
- 9th - Summer Hall

Current Events

- 2nd - Juan Gamez
- 4th - Briana Palacios
- 5th - Danny Pechacek
- 10th - Julia Pope

2nd place team

Computer Science

- 1st - Tate Shannon
- 2nd - Sky Jennings
- 3rd - Kristy Sanchez
- 5th - Kaden Cordell

1st place team

Editorial

- 5th - Zelenia Vasquez
- 7th - Melanie Acevedo
- 8th - Noel Fierro

Feature Writing

- 3rd - Shayna Edwards
- 7th - Sierra Kimbrell
- 8th - Mollie Taylor

Headline Writing

- 1st - Kristy Sanchez
- 7th - Jessica Paredes

Informative Speaking

- 2nd - Autumn Ayala
- 3rd - Juan Miguel Jimenez

5th - Julia Pope

LD Debate

- 2nd - Bailey Gonzales
- 3rd - Kaitlyn Gann
- 5th - Iris McAfee

Literary Criticism

- 1st - Tate Shannon
- 2nd - Darby Ramsdell
- 7th - Dalton Morris
- 12th - Danny Pechacek

1st place team

Mathematics

- 1st - JD Garza
- 4th - Kaden Cordell
- 5th - Tate Shannon
- 7th - Garrett Jaeger

1st place team

Number Sense

- 1st - Kaden Cordell
- 2nd (tie) - JD Garza
- 2nd (tie) - Tate Shannon
- 5th - Cip Tobias

1st place team

News Writing

- 1st - Zelenia Vasquez
- 3rd - Noel Fierro

Persuasive Speaking

- 1st - Amber Vasquez
- 3rd - Dakota Castro
- 5th - Elyssa Prieto

Poetry

- 1st - Straton Rushing
- 2nd - Layla Burke

4th - Hazel Kent

Prose

- 1st - Shayna Edwards
- 4th - Kaitlyn Lopez
- 6th - Autumn Ayala

Ready Writing

- 2nd - Delaney Ramsdell
- 3rd - Kristy Sanchez
- 5th - Morgan Anguiano

Science

- 15th (tie) - Adrian Garcia
- 15th (tie) - Kristy Sanchez

18th - Kaitlyn Gann

- 19th - Keegan McCollum
- 23rd (tie) - Edgar Hernandez

23rd (tie) - Layla Burke

Social Studies

- 2nd - Dalton Morris
- 4th - Danny Pechacek
- 5th - Juan Gamez
- 11th - Julian Gallardo

1st place team

Spelling

- 1st - Christina Hernandez
- 3rd - Cara Hernandez
- 8th - Samantha Castro
- 15th - Jasmine Talamantez

1st place team

Sonora High School Honor Roll

9th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Lane Cahill, Wesley Dutton, Kayla Grace Edwards, Carla Hernandez, Mary Kyle Johnson, Vidhi Kumar, Avery Leamon, Carlos Mendoza, Keeley Moore, Bebeckah Owen, Evan Shannon, Sterling Smith, Dylan Taylor.

"AB" Honor Roll: Viviana Arellano, Jacqueline Baez, Juan Baez, Scarlot Banfill, Trista Bush, Alex Castilleja, Brittney Contreras, Payton Dawson, Joe Espinosa, Noe Estrada,

Kayla Gee, Adriana Gonzalez, Zayda Gutierrez, Araceli Marin, Rivers Martinez, Lesli Ramirez, Sabian Robles, Ana Salas, Perla Salazar, Walker Sine, Jackilyn Sykes, Sheridan Walther.

10th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Christopher Adkins, Savannah Castro, Kaden Cordell, Summer Hall, Christina Hernandez, Delaney Ramsdell.

"AB" Honor Roll: Melanie Acevedo, Janet

Baez, Carly Brown, Mark Chavez, Abel Cruz, Felicia Farley, Sylver Galvan, Kristin Garrett, Bailey Gonzalez, Sierra Herrada, Breeanna Johnson, Hazel Kent, Ray Kimbrell, Iris McAfee, Keegan McCollum, Robin McGuffin, Audry Nolen, Kaytlan Noriega, Alondra Pena, Elyssa Prieto, Christian Ramon, Caleb Ritchey, Zavier Rodriguez, Marcos Talamantes, Noelia Tovar, Amber Vasquez, Dylan Vaughn, Alexis Villanueva.

11th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Shayna Edwards, Skyler Jennings, Kristy Sanchez, Tate Shannon, Claire Thiebaud.

"AB" Honor Roll: Bethany Agüero, Autumn Ayala, Grady Bush, Tanner Cain, Mayra Capuchina, Dakota Castro, Samantha Castro, Kade Creek, Netza Estrada, Bianca Fay, Josh Galindo, Gabriel Garcia, Juan Miguel Jimenez, Kate-lynn Lipham, Abby Lopez, Ryker Marshall, Blanca Mata, Meivelyn Medrano, Rafael Mendoza, Michael

Mungia, Marlene Ortiz, Jessica Paredes, Henry Ramos, Isela Rivas, Sydney Robles, Nydia Rodriguez, Sylvia Salazar, Holly Sparks, Mollie Taylor, Robert Zapata, Carter Zook.

12th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Shelby Aschenbeck, Adrian Garica, Alexis Garza, Garrett Jaeger, Kaitlyn Lopez, Darby Ramsdell, Cip Tobias.

"AB" Honor Roll: Victoria Acosta, Kinsey Anderson, Jillian Buitron, Noel Fierro, James Freeman, Julian Gallardo, Juan Gamez, Damian Garza, J D Garza, Felix Guerra, Trent Harris, Tyler Hampton, Jonathan Hazelton, Edgar Hernandez, Sierra Kimbrell, Arturo Lopez, Ryan Martinez, Susana Robles, Straton Rushing, Mauro Santana, Misae Smith, Sergio Solis, Zelenia Vasquez.

BLM Seeks Bids for Off-Range Pastures to Care for Wild Horses

The Bureau of Land Management is seeking proposals from contractors who can provide humane care for a minimum of 200 wild horses in a free-roaming pasture setting on an annual basis. This is a perfect opportunity to diversify a ranching operation. The deadline is April 29, 2016.

Proposals must show that the pastures are located in one of the following states: Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon (excluding west of the Cascade Mountain Range), South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington (excluding west of the Cascade Mountain Range), and Wyoming.

Each proposal must include documentation to support the land's carrying capacity and the contractor's required per head/day cost. In addition to providing a quality pasture, the contractor is required to provide supplemental feed during the dormant months. The contracts are for a one-year period, with a renewal option for a four-year or nine-year period.

To review the solicitation: (1) go to www.fedconnect.net; (2) click on "Search Public Opportunities"; (3) under Search Criteria, select "Reference Number"; (4) put in the solicitation number "L16PS00305"; and (5) click Search" and the solicitation information will appear. The solicitation form describes what to submit and where to send it for consideration.

Applicants who have never conducted business with the Federal

government must first obtain a Duns and Bradstreet number at www.dnb.com before registering at www.sam.gov/. There is no fee involved in registering with sam.gov.

For assistance, visit www.blm.gov/whb to review the resource page or contact Kemi Ismael, 202-912-7098 (kismael@blm.gov) or Michael Byrd, 202-912-7037 (mbyrd@blm.gov). These contacts can assist with general questions and coordinate a meeting for an applicant with a BLM small business specialist. Contractors may also visit the Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) website, which provides assistance to applicants for government contracts. Most assistance is free to little charge.

Under the authority of the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act, as amended, the BLM manages and protects wild horses and burros while working to ensure that population levels are in balance with other public rangeland resources and uses. The current free-roaming population of BLM-managed wild horses and burros is estimated to be 58,150, as of March 1, 2015, which exceeds by more than 31,435 the number determined by the BLM to be the appropriate management level. The BLM is applying population growth-suppression (PGS) measures and is supporting research to improve existing and develop new PGS tools.

For general questions about the BLM's Wild Horse and Burro Program, please contact 866-468-7826 or wildhorse@blm.gov.

Please join us for the Sonora/Rocksprings Experiment Station (Sub-Station 14) 100th Anniversary Celebration...

The Next 100 Years - **YOU** Be Involved

Saturday April 23, 2016 ~ 8:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M.*

Schedule of Events

- 8:30 AM Registration
- 9:30 AM Welcoming Comments, Introductions & Program Overview
- Texas A&M System Welcome
- History of Substation 14
- Grazing Management
- Plant Ecology and Watershed Management
- Prescribed Fire

Morning Break

- Animal Health
- Looking Towards the Future
- Recognition of Families of Sub-Station 14 Founders

Catered Lunch

- Sonora Endowment Auction
- 10 Super-Juniper Eating Goats
- Sonora Station Sign
- Educational Field Tour
- Rancher Panel
- Social Time and lamb cooking demonstration
- * 6:00 PM Participant Appreciation Dinner & Dance

Texas A&M AgriLife Research Station at Sonora Marks 100 Years

Texas A&M AgriLife Research will mark the 100-year anniversary of the agency's AgriLife Research Station at Sonora with a full day of events on April 23 beginning with registration from 8:30-9:30 a.m. The station is located on State Highway 55 between Sonora and Rocksprings. The morning program will include presentations on valuable research conducted at the station over the years. In the afternoon there will be field tours of the station, the first-ever auction of 10 Super Juniper Eating Goats at 1 p.m. and other educational and social activities throughout the day.

In the old days when folks came to field days at the station, they often stayed two or three days, because it took so long for many people to get

there. They always had dances and entertainment, so we are going to recreate that; we want people to just have a really good time. It's going to be a fun, educational day and a good chance to meet up with old friends and maybe make some new ones. The main thing though, is that we want everybody to come out and help us celebrate this historic occasion.

This event is free to the public, but please register online at <http://sonora.tamu.edu/100-years-of-sonora/100-year-celebration-event/sonorarocksprings-experiment-station-100th-anniversary-celebration/>

For more information, call 325-657-7333 or go to <http://sonora.tamu.edu/100-years-of-sonora/100-year-celebration-event/>.



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