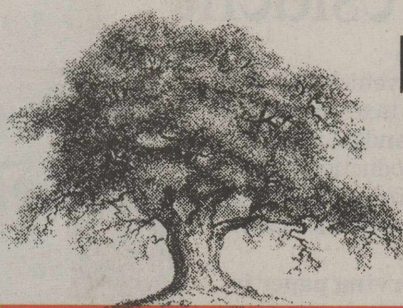


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Local Voters Decide City, Hospital, School Board Elections

The final count from the May 7th election shows Sonora City Council candidates Norm Rousselot and Juanita Barrera as the top finishers.

Additionally, running unopposed, Wanda Shurley remains the acting Mayor of Sonora. Shurley acquired 383 votes.

Sutton County Hospital Board member at large, Don Longoria finished above his opponents, Lance Castro and Preston Farris.

As well, Sutton County District Hospital Board Member,

Precinct 1, Adelita Alvarez was elected ahead of Cody Bush. Board member and Precinct 3 Edward Earwood was elected over incumbent Sandy Glover.

Proposition No. 1 encompassing a request, by petition, for the City of Sonora to de-annex the Loma Alta subdivision passed with 295 votes.

Proposition No. 2 consisting of a request, by petition, for the City of Sonora to de-annex the Sinaloa subdivision passed with 288 votes.

Early voting totals showed a

turnout of 1,273 voters compared to the 362 votes cast on election day, according to information received from the City of Sonora.

Results: (Unofficial until canvassing on May 16th)

Mayor: Wanda Shurley, 383
Council Member, Ward 1:
Norm Rousselot, 192 votes.
Faye Deel, 71 votes.

Michael Ramirez, 55 votes.
Jadi Derinda Vaughn, 18
votes.

Council Member, Ward 2:
Terri C. Johnson, 55 votes.
Juanita Barrera, 162 votes.

Proposition No. 1 calling for the City of Sonora to de-annex the Loma Alta subdivision: 295 votes FOR, 240 votes AGAINST.

Proposition No. 2 calling for the City of Sonora to de-annex the Sinaloa subdivision: 288 votes FOR, 262 votes AGAINST.

Sonora Independent School District Trustee, Precinct 2:
Amber Killough, 100 votes.
Kristy D. Edwards, 66 votes.
Chase Moore, 64 votes.
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District Trustee, Precinct 4:
Cynthia A. Perez, 93 votes.

Sutton County Hospital District Board Member At Large:
Don Longoria, 331 votes.
Lance Castro 164 votes.
Preston Farris, 225 votes.

Sutton County Hospital District Board Member, Precinct 1:
Adelita Alvarez, 80 votes.
Cody Bush, 74 votes.

Sutton County Hospital District Board Member Precinct 3:
Sandy Glover, 59 votes.
Edward A. Earwood, 154 votes.



Area ranchers and ropers participated in team roping and goat roping during the Rope for Warriors event on Saturday, May 7th at the Consuelo Ranch in Sonora. The annual event benefits Combat Marine Outdoors, an organization that provides funding to veterans for the purpose of participating in a variety of outdoor activities.

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'Rope for Warriors' Honors Veterans During Annual Event and Fundraiser

It takes community and events like 'Rope for Warriors' to help ensure that Combat Marine Outdoors is able to provide a variety of lifetime outdoor adventures for severely wounded Marines, Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors and Navy Corpsmen to participate in and enjoy, throughout the United States.

On Saturday, May 7th, Doug and Suzanne Huddleston offered their ranch facilities, Consuelo Ranch, to the public for a roping competition to benefit veterans.

Doug Huddleston, owner and rancher, said this is the 13th year that they have hosted the event.

"We just want to help recognize and show our support for these men for their service to our country," Huddleston said.

Fellow ranchers, ranch hands, family, friends and volunteers alike came out to help make the event a success.

MGySgt Arturo Garcia accompanied a handful of service men helping them embrace a variety of ranch activities ranging from loading cattle into the chute to helping ready horses for team roping, in hopes that they may find a connection to something new, interesting and fun.

Garcia, a veteran Marine, referred to as Master Guns, by fellow veterans and event goers,

is the director of Outdoor Activities, Combat Marine Outdoors.

He has been involved with CMO since its inception in 2005.

Garcia said exposure to the outdoors is vital to a productive life after service. In addition to events like team roping and hunting, it is important for veterans, according to Garcia.

He said it is only through fundraisers, donations, and support of communities, as well as, media exposure that these opportunities are affordable.

Throughout the year, CMO, with the help of people like the Huddlestons and special events like 'Rope for Warriors' pays expenses associated with travel and participation so that veterans may take part in and benefit from therapeutic behaviors to help them rebuild their lives and become active members of society.

"The benefits far out weigh the expenses," Garcia said. "It is our hope that our outdoor

fellowship will aid in their vision for an exciting future."

These men need the experience and accomplishment of acquiring a trophy deer or other animal to hang on the wall in their homes, according to

their disability to their accomplishment as a hunter," Garcia said.

The men and women who serve our country often feel isolated when they return home, according to Garcia.



Veterans Jessie Medina and Johnny Montez help corral steer into the chute for the team roping competition during the Rope for Warriors event on Saturday, May 7th at the Consuelo Ranch in Sonora. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Garcia.

"When someone visits their home and sees their taxidermy animal hanging on the wall the focus changes from them and

The outdoor activities and experiences made available through Combat Marine Outdoors helps them rebuild and rejoin their life following

discharge from the service.

With a wide grin, Sgt. Ramiro Carrasco said he is thankful for the opportunity to participate in this event. Carrasco, an Army veteran who served 22 years and native of El Paso, said he owes the experience to Master Guns and the people in the community who helped make it possible.

"There is no place like Texas and I truly appreciate the warm hospitality of its people," Carrasco said.

Also, happy to be a part of the day's events, Veterans Jessie Medina and Johnny Montez joined in the wrangling of young steers, directing them into the chute to wait for roping.

In addition to roping, everyone enjoyed, socializing, food and entertainment.

As well, a dinner, to welcome veterans was held on Friday evening prior to Saturday's event.

Entry fees for roping were collected as well as donations during the event. All of the proceeds are paid directly to CMO to help offset the costs of making opportunities like these and others available to former service men and women.

"This is a fundraiser," Huddleston said. "I give all of the money to CMO at the end of the day."

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Broncos Baseball



Above: Adrian Garcia keeps his eye on the ball and a foot on the base to ensure an out on Ballinger during the Broncos Bi-district game on Friday, May 6th in San Angelo.



Left: Henry Ramos, catcher, gets side swiped by a Ballinger Bearcat crossing home plate. The Broncos fell 9 to 2 on Friday and rebound with a 4-0 shutout in Game 2 on Saturday. Game 3 on Saturday resulted in an 8-1 Broncos loss.

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All-State Golf



Darby Ramsdell was named to the 2015-2016 Academic All-State Golf Team, Awarded By The Texas Girls Coaches Association. | COURTESY PHOTO

SONORA ISD ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 18
NHS Inductions @ 12:45 pm
Academic Awards @ 1:45 pm

May 25
Baccalaureate @ 6:00 pm
High School Auditorium

May 27
Graduation @ 7:30 pm
High School Gymnasium

Coach Deborah Ramon
Sonora High School
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2015-16 Golf Coaches of the Year
by the Texas Girls Coaches
Association

PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION DATES

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Early Voting	May 16 – May 20	8:30am – 4:30pm	FIRE STATION All Precincts
Election Day <small>*PRECINCTS CONSOLIDATED BY ORDER OF THE SUTTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT APRIL 11, 2016</small>	May 24 th	7:00am – 7:00pm	*101 – Fire Station *201 – Hospital Foyer *301 – Hospital Foyer *401 – Fire Station

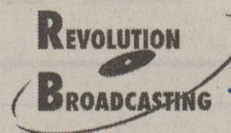
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May 1-10	0.02 in.	May 1-10	0.01 in.
April	2.58 in.	April	2.95 in.
March	3.39 in.	March	2.62 in.
February	0.77 in.	February	1.04 in.
January	0.36 in.	January	0.38 in.
2016 Year-to-Date TOTAL	7.12 in.	2016 Year-to-Date TOTAL	7.00 in.
2015	23.87 in.	2015	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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Soy una ciudadana dedicada, siempre dispuesto a echar una mano:

- Apoyar niños en edad escolar durante la recaudación de fondos
- Voluntarios con "Toys for Tots"
- Miembro del Club de Leones
- Miembro del Club de las Mujeres de Sonora
- Ayudó a las víctimas del crimen del Distrito 112 de Texas
- Servido a nuestro país en el empleo civil en USPS, el USDA y el Departamento de Defensa.

• Si soy elegida, confío en mi capacidad de recibir la certificación requerida para esta función, y mantener los requisitos de educación continua.

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Local 4-H students bring home awards earned during the District Judging Contest on April 27th in Junction. (L-R Front) Koda Davis, Cassia Hernandez, Corben Crenwelge, Weston Fisher, Owen Jones, Aiden Leamon, and Kadee Petty. (L-R Back) Madalyn Fisher, Tate Shannon, Cara Hernandez, Catarina Hernandez, Christina Hernandez, Kodi Davis, & Reagan Owen. | COURTESY PHOTO

Area 4-H Awarded for Outstanding Efforts

Submitted by Jessica Stapper
On April 27th, 2016 Sutton County 4-H'ers traveled to Junction for the District Judging Contest. Sutton County youth were well represented in every event. Team members and their age categories include Juniors Aiden Leamon, Cassia Hernandez; Owen Jones, Corben Crenwelge, Weston Fisher and Koda Davis. Intermediates include Reagan Owen, Catarina Hernandez, Madalyn Fisher, Kodi Davis and Kadee Petty. Seniors include Christina Hernandez, Tate Shannon and Cara Hernandez.

Contest results include:
Range Evaluation

Juniors: Aiden Leamon, 1st, and Cassia Hernandez, 3rd.
Sutton County, 1st place team, (Aidan Leamon, Cassia Hernandez, Owen Jones and Weston Fisher).
Intermediates: Catarina Hernandez, 2nd.
Seniors: Cara Hernandez, 4th.
Sutton County, 2nd place team, (Christina Hernandez, Cara Hernandez and Tate Shannon).
Mohair Judging
Juniors: Koda Davis, 1st, Owen Jones, 4th and Aiden Leamon, 5th.
Sutton County, 2nd place team, (Koda Davis, Aidan Leamon, Weston Fisher and Owen Jones).

Intermediates: Madalyn Fisher, 2nd, Kadee Petty, 3rd.
Sutton County, 2nd place team, (Madalyn Fisher, Kodi Davis and Kadee Petty).
Wool Judging
Juniors: Koda Davis, 5th, Sutton County, 3rd place team, (Koda Davis, Aidan Leamon, Weston Fisher and Corben Crenwelge).
Intermediate: Kodi Davis, 3rd.
Sutton County, 3rd place team, (Kodi Davis, Kadee Petty and Madalyn Fisher).
All participants deserve commendation for their hard work and outstanding performance.

Teams Compete for Miles in Walk Across Texas Program

Submitted by Jessica Stapper
Teams of eight joined together in friendly competition to complete the most miles, one step at a time, during the Walk Across Texas program sponsored by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.
Five teams of walkers representing Sutton County, including Sonora ISD fifth graders, kept up their pace for the past eight weeks in hopes of achieving exercise, better health and fun.
Together, the teams walked a total of 7,659.64 miles.
Fifth graders walked a total 1,088 miles during school hours.

Walkers were honored for every step during a special celebration on May 3rd at the Civic Center.
Every contestant received recognition and appreciation for taking part in the program.
Team We Got Sole was awarded 1st place for walking total of 2,401.17 miles. Team members included Nancy Glasscock, Ray Glasscock, Mary Jean Sims, Elizabeth Wallace, Melissa Teaff, Carl Teaff, Maray Cearley and Jan Stephens.
Team Step Squad completed 2,361.22 miles. Members included Marrisaa Faz, Santiago Faz, Paul Faz, Juanita Gomez, Anthony Sanchez, Adriana Faz, Nydia Valdez and Loretta Herrera.
The Walking Dead covered 2,147.99 miles. Participants included Santiago Faz, Patsy Velez, Ivan Murillo, Yolanda Murillo, Jaron Guerra, Rhett Guerra, Catherine Herrera and Roger Velez.
House Divided walked a total of 401.52 miles. Contestants included Elizabeth Galindo, Danielle Galindo, Makayla Snyder and Jessica Stapper.
Team STX completed 145.35 miles by team member Cody Gann.
Solo Walkers included Toni Gallegos, Amanda Gann, Debby Murphy and Anita Spiller.
The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension acknowledged Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, with a special "Thank you" for their part in helping carry out the Walk Across Texas program.

Broncopolooza Slated for May 26th

The Sonora ISD announced that the 7th semi-annual Broncopolooza golf tournament is scheduled for Thursday, May 26th at 2:30 p.m.
"This year, we will try to have 4 person teams to speed things up because we have to be off the course by 5:30 before the scramble starts," Brandon Duncan, Principal, said.
Non-school employee spouses are welcome to participate.
An entry questionnaire must be completed and returned to Duncan as soon as possible.
Additionally, information regarding the handicap for each team member is required to determine the format for each individual team.

"If you do not know your handicap, then take a guess, Duncan said. "If you have no clue what a handicap is, then start at 90 and subtract the # of rounds of golf you have played in your lifetime (you can include putt-putt, Tiger Woods on the Wii, etc.)."
Green fees are expected to be waived as in years past, according to Duncan. However, cart fees are to be paid by individuals.
Things to keep in mind when organizing a team include kids are welcome, but will not be allowed to participate.

No free agent deadlines or cap restrictions are accepted.
Trades or drafts can be made up until tee time.
Please inform of any team changes. Failure to do so will result in a penalty.
"The main thing is that we go out and have fun as a group, Duncan said. "Don't worry about getting made fun of because you will have plenty of chances to make fun of others and that is golf."
FMI: Contact Brandon Duncan, Principal, Sonora Middle School at (325)387-6948.

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ACROSS

1. Itsy-bitsy bits
6. Poet Khayyam
10. Furrowed part of the head
14. Immature insects
15. Beehive, e.g.
16. Bart Simpson sister
17. Hobo
18. New Mexico resort
19. Roundish
20. Utterly squashed
23. Come across as
24. Italian numero
25. Angeles
26. Hotshot
29. Bygone Russian leader
31. Beast of burden
33. Cup at a frat party
35. Blast furnace input
37. Claw
41. Cry to a DJ, perhaps
44. Display
45. Rani's wear
46. ___ out (manages)
47. Pound sound
49. Dust jacket bits
51. Tonsillitis M.D.
52. Abate
55. The Halos, on sports tickers

DOWN

1. Prone
2. Gang's domain
3. October birthstone
4. ___ boy
5. Beethoven work in E flat
6. Tricks
7. Film rating org.
8. Take as one's own
9. Beads for the prayerful
10. Voting group
11. Play against
12. Expo '70 site
13. Dylan Thomas's home
21. Fable writer
22. "Peachy!"
26. Nile slitherers
27. Masterstroke
28. Ticklish one
30. Kind of center
32. Moolah
34. Grand Ole ___
36. Broadcast in installments
38. Gospel writer
39. Doomsayer's sign
40. Catbird seat?
42. Serviceable
43. Kind of concerto
48. Pal, in slang
50. Put in stitches
52. Wading bird
53. Adrien of "The Pianist"
54. Place to wash up
56. "West Side Story" girl
58. High hat
60. Go out with
61. Word on a gift tag
62. Chemistry Nobelist
63. Dork
67. Sushi ingredient

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Choosing A Career After High School

Today we'll discuss the second installment regarding high school students, graduation, and career choices.

Whether you know someone who will be graduating soon or just starting high school, it's worth asking them to consider life after high school.

You might look at these points with them.

Attending high school with a career in mind can help you better tailor your school experience towards college preparation.

Regardless of whether you plan to attend a college, technical school, or university, you will need to acquire a level of education that can help meet your career goals.

The classes you take and activities you do in high school play a role.

Whether or not you plan on attending college, high school is a good time to begin to look at your aspirations, experiences, strengths (and weaknesses), and start to figure out what sorts of things you might like doing when you graduate.

High school students should research potential career interests and find out the requirements for college programs you may want to pursue.

Set goals regarding grades, standardized test scores, and involvement.

Also, begin searching out experiences related to jobs you might want to do or subjects you might want to study. Clubs at school, job prospects in town, and volunteer activities in the community can all help you better explore your interests.

If you graduate and still

don't have a career choice, it's okay to wait until college.

Try various classes in the first year or two of college before deciding what field of study is most appealing.

However, DON'T wait too long! College is expensive and you don't want to waste too much time. Students and parents should ask if the college offers any assessment tools that help you find a major that suits you.

You can also speak with the career services offices and the departments themselves to learn as much as you can about the major before you commit.

It's likely that after students have had time to explore various fields of study, they'll find an academic AREA that appeals to them.

Be aware of the exceptions to these rules: Students who want to attend medical school will need to make that decision as early as possible. It's been true for a long time that students need to plan out pre-med classes well in advance. Engineering, physical therapy, and nursing, etc. also require jumping into the field of study immediately and carefully planning your college curriculum.

The military is also a good option for some. There is risk and reward involved, and you will be serving your county. You can also learn useful skills and earn money for further education.

Regardless of the path you choose, advancement comes to those who are best prepared with both education and experience. As we said last week, students should start by visiting with a school counselor for discussing options.



Pascual Hernandez

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Preserve History

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receive a Save Texas History kit that includes a limited-edition t-shirt bearing the phrase, "I saved Texas history."

The Texas General Land Office maintains an archive of more than 35.5 million documents and 45,000 maps dating back to the year 1561 and tracing the history of Texas' public lands. But, Bush said, because no general revenue from the Texas Legislature is appropriated for conservation of the documents and maps, that conservation depends on private donations, map purchases and corporate sponsorships.

Donations to the Save Texas History program are tax-deductible and can be made at SaveTexasHistory.org.

Buckle-up program is set

The Texas Department of Transportation on May 3 promoted its annual "Click It or Ticket" campaign, reminding Texans that properly fastened seat belts save lives.

Police departments across the nation will step up enforcement efforts from May 23 through June 5. In Texas, the law requires everyone in a vehicle to buckle up or face fines and court costs up to \$200. Children younger than eight must be in a child safety seat or booster seat unless they are taller than 4 feet, 9 inches.

"With Memorial Day weekend and the summer vacation season approaching, we're urging people to buckle their seat belts every time they get in their vehicle," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "Every person in a vehicle — front seat or back seat — needs to buckle up. Not only is it the law, but seat belts save lives."

Alert: Post-flood car sales

The Texas Department of Insurance on April 28 posted a consumer-protection message telling Texans: "There's a reason why insurance companies usually declare flooded vehicles a total loss. Once an engine gets waterlogged, it's almost impossible to ever make it right."

Unfortunately, some unscrupulous sellers will try to buy these cars at auction and resell them to unsuspecting buyers."

The department suggests that shoppers look for the signs and smells of water damage, such as dirt or debris in the vehicle and the smell of cleaner or disinfectant applied to cover up odors. Also, the department suggests that a potential buyer check the vehicle's title and vehicle identification number (VIN), have a trusted mechanic inspect the vehicle and buy from a reputable dealer. For more information, Texans may call the department's consumer help line, 800-252-3439.



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Norman Rousselot

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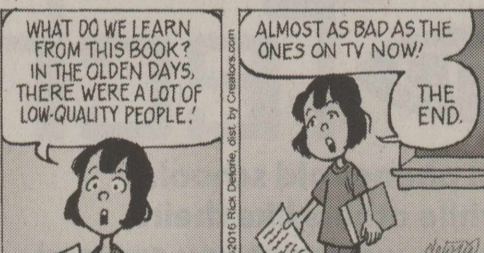
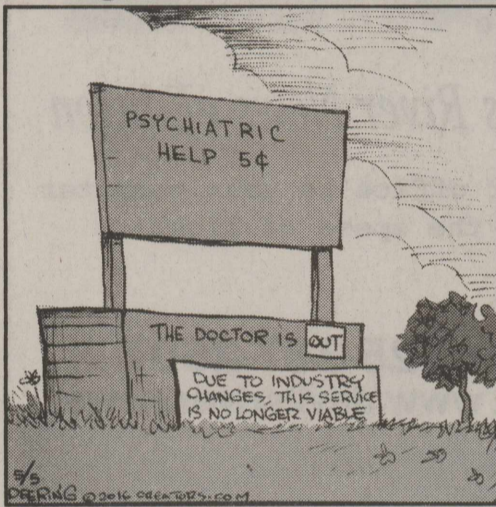


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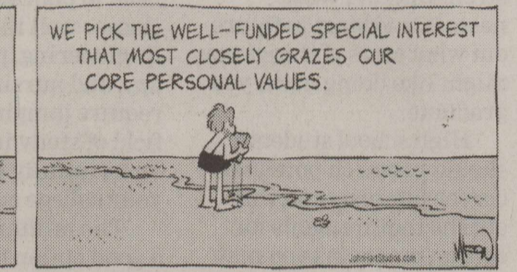
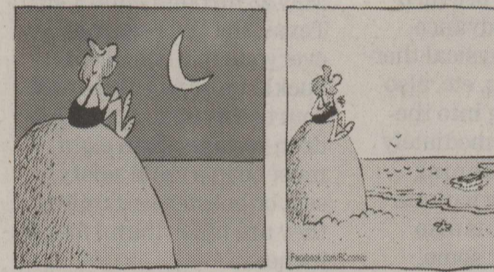
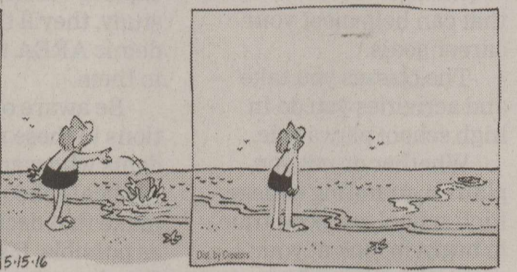
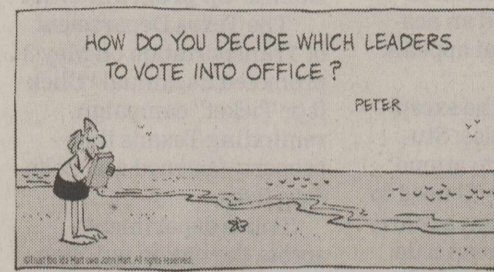
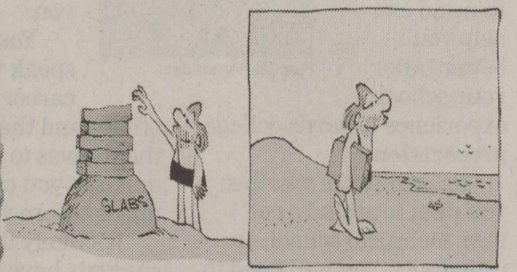
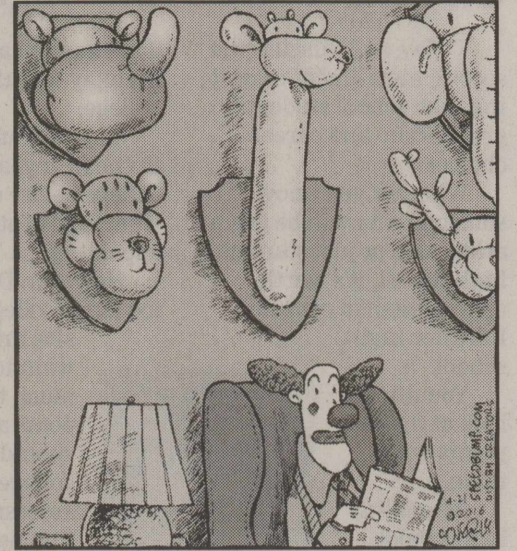
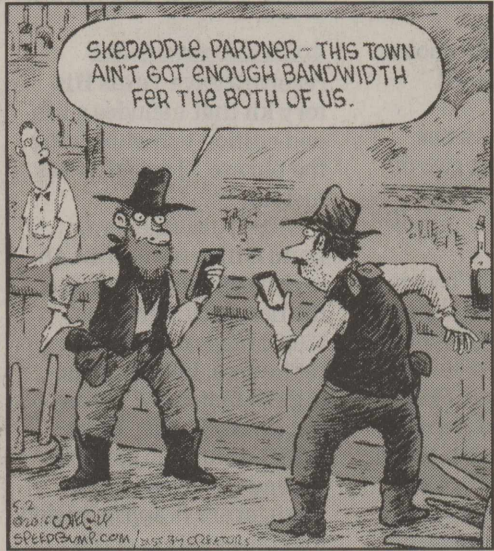


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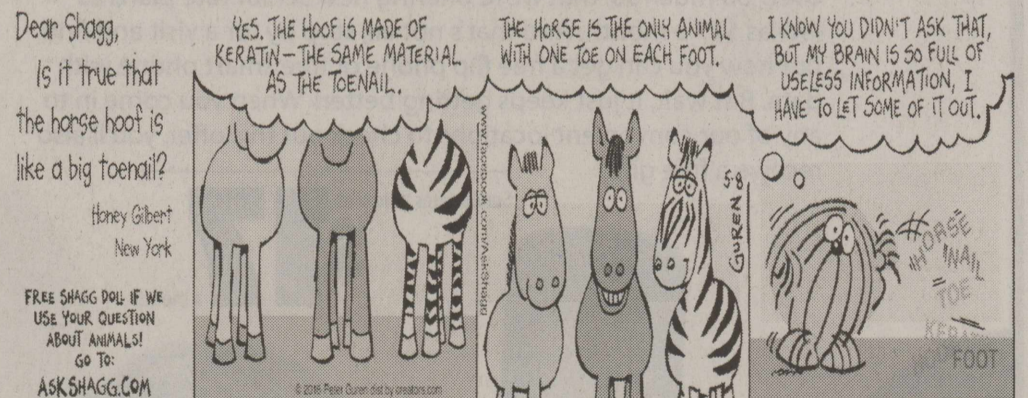
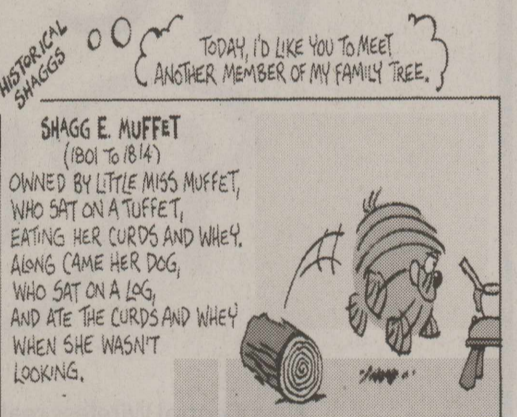
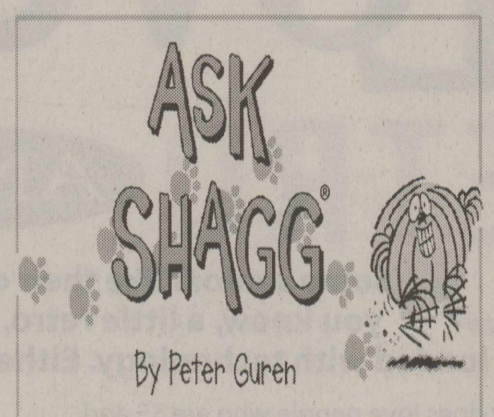
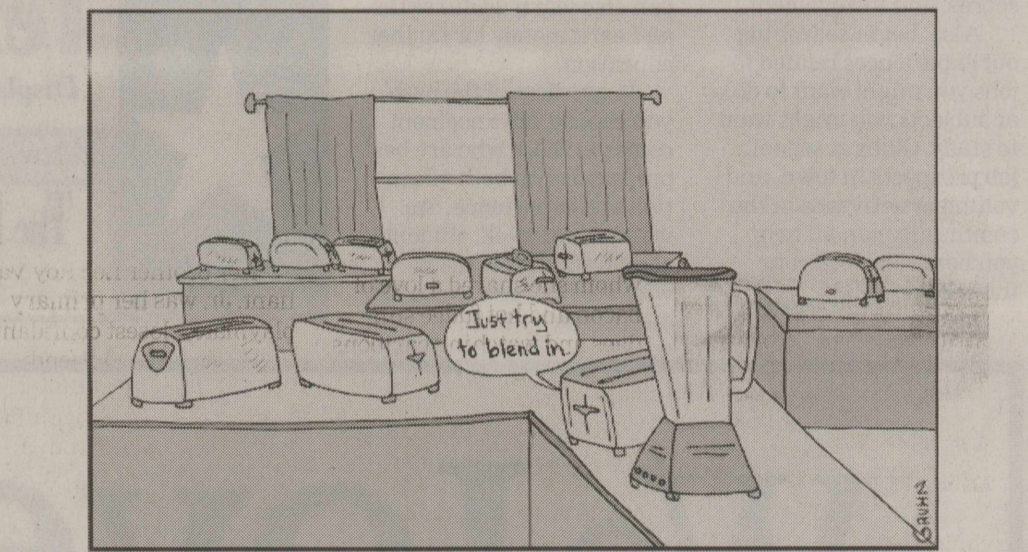
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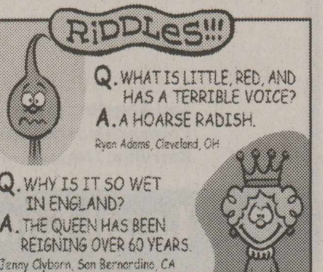
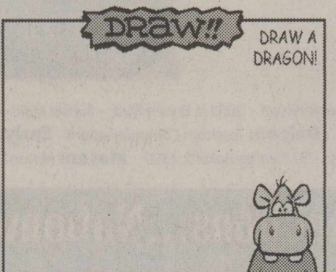
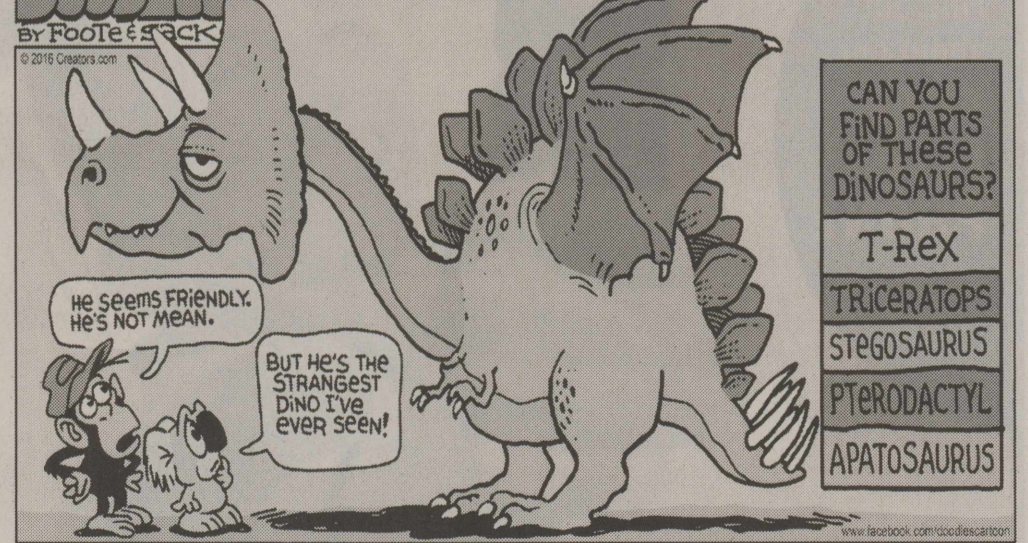
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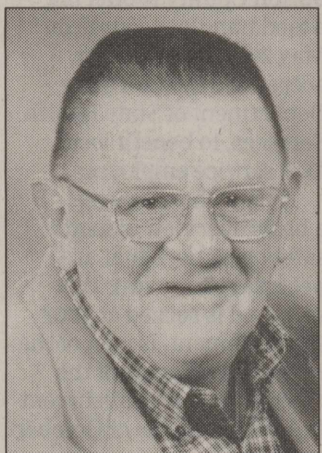
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OBITUARIES

Daniel "Danny" Joseph Meyer, Sr. May 23, 1938 - May 4, 2016



Danny Meyer, Sr., 80, entered eternal life Wednesday, May 4, 2016.

Danny was born to the late Philip and Mary Meyer in Louisville, KY. A true public servant and a true statesman, Meyer was respected in his community and state.

During the 1970's Danny served the 8th Ward as an Alderman for the City of Louisville.

Moreover, he held the office of State Senator for the 38th District from 1978 until his retirement in 1994.

In addition to holding office, Meyer retired from International Harvester and served on the Jefferson County School Board.

Devoted to his faith, country and family, Meyer was a member of St. Elizabeth of Hungary and a U.S. Army

Veteran. Meyer is preceded in death by his parents and infant daughter, Mary Theresa Meyer.

Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife, Patty Feeley Meyer; sons, Danny Meyer, Jr., and wife, Kimberley, Marty, and wife, Tracie, Tim, and wife, Valerie, and Mike, and wife, Trish.

He is also survived by his grandchildren, Nichole, Dominic, Jessica, and husband, Dustin, Janna, and husband, Jason, Max, Ben, Dalton, Isabelle, Shelby, and Holly. As well, great grandchildren, Eric and Suvi.

A visitation was held on Monday at Ratterman and Sons Funeral Home in Louisville, KY.

A Mass of Christian was held on Tuesday morning at St. Elizabeth of Hungary.

A burial followed at St. Michael Cemetery.

The family asked form-Memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, be made to Bluegrass Center for Autism, 1250 Bardstown Road, suite 15, Louisville, KY 40204 or Colon Cancer Prevention Project 10351 Linn Station Road, Louisville, KY 40223.

Online condolences are available at www.Ratterman.com.

Louise Briscoe Glasscock December 7, 1921 - May 1, 2016



Louise was born in Sonora, Texas, on December 7, 1921, to parents Thelma Irene Briscoe Phillips and William Robert Briscoe.

Her amazingly full life can best be described as a fine collection of stories, the kind you return to again and again and keep with you wherever you go.

The kind with some coffee stains on the cover, discolored edges from a dunk in the river, and pages stuck together by lemon pound cake crumbs.

The kind with grocery lists in the margins and phone numbers on the back fly leaf.

The kind with a bluebonnet and a night-blooming jasmine tucked between its pages. The kind with a postcard of Mesa Verde marking the middle of a chapter and a photo of a favorite dog behind the dust jacket.

The kind you treasure in private but are moved to share so her story will continue to make its way in the world.

Some of her stories followed formal patterns—her education at Sonora High School and San Angelo College, her marriage to Wilburn Andrew "Bud" Glasscock.

Some were wildly unstructured—running a 40-section ranch in the wilds of West Texas as a young bride, raising three daughters on an island in a river in the jungles of Mexico as an experienced mother.

Some of her stories were short and joyful—a picnic organized in high school, a late-night barn dance a county away, a journey to the Holy Land.

Some were short and sorrowful—the loss of her infant son Willie and later loss of daughter Bonnie. Some of her stories were long and as richly textured as novels—her love of and

constant connection with her daughters Merry and Bobbie Jo, her Colorado adventures and breakfast-for-dinners with granddaughters Ashley and Sally, and her late-in-life delight in great-grandson Will with whom she shared a love of bacon and hot fudge sundaes and watching cartoons in pajamas.

Louise's life stories came bound with a strong, well-made binding that never broke.

She was a quiet Christian and a long-time member of Tarrytown United Methodist Church in Austin.

She was fond of blue Lincoln Continentals, chili cook-offs, paperback novels and ancient civilizations.

She knew how to run hurdles, keep the company books and play a mean hand of bridge. She never met a water hose she didn't like and could make anything grow, especially her roses which were known to stop traffic.

She made a point of immersing herself in the world and seemed to always have a bag packed and ready. She was equally at home on a cruise ship as she was at a roadside park with her yellow Igloo cooler. She had a keen eye for a good story and relished in incorporating the stories of the people she met and the places she saw into her own narrative just as the people who met her and loved her, some even just briefly, will continue to tell Louise's stories for generations to come.

She spent the final days of her life surrounded by orchids and dove song and the love of her family.

She leaves behind daughters Merry Louise Gibson and Bobbie Jo Glasscock; granddaughters Ashley Lynn Gibson and Sally Trapp together with their husbands Haidar Khazen and Bobby Earl Trapp, Jr.; great-grandson William T. R. Khazen; brother and sister-in-law Harold and JoElla Briscoe; and numerous treasured cousins, nieces and nephews.

If you'd like to honor Louise's life with a memorial, the family asks that you support your local gardening group or First United Methodist Church, Sonora.

Or simply plant a rose in your own yard. Her favorite was Peace.

Martha Jean Valliant McLain May 23, 1938 - May 1, 2016



Einstein once wrote, "It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge."

First and foremost, Marti McLain was a teacher. Though she taught speech, drama, and English as a professional, she also excelled in teaching history, citizenship, grammar, and common sense to all who came into her presence. She was deeply proud of her students and many credited her with a significant impact.

Marti was born on the family ranch in Sutton County during the Great Depression.

She always thought it a supreme act of courage that her parents chose to have children during this difficult time.

Her early years on the ranch and in school in Sonora were happy times. Her father, Lee Roy Valliant was 44 years old at her birth, a veteran of World War I, and a genuine Texas rancher who spent much of his early life in the saddle.

The roughness of ranch life was softened by the presence of her mother, Lotia Lorene Cozby, class poet for Mary Hardin Baylor in 1923 who nurtured Marti's love of literature, education, and the arts.

Her brother Lee Roy Valliant, Jr. was her primary playmate, closest confidant, and most beloved friend. Lee Roy died in 2010.

She began her love affair with the theater through her high school speech teacher, Dan Blocker, who later starred on "Bonanza."

Marti majored in speech and drama at the University of Texas at Austin and loved college life living at Scottish Rite Dormitory.

She first taught speech and drama at Perryton High School at the top of the Texas panhandle, then English at Perryton Junior High and English as a Second Language at Midland High in Midland.

She was particularly skilled at cutting plays for one-act play competitions and her students brought home many trophies from UIL contests and debate

tournaments. When Marti married Delbert Dean McLain in 1961, she found a partner in life and theater.

Together they produced, directed, acted, and even wrote plays and musicals for community theater in Perryton, Midland, Sonora, and San Antonio with most of her original work focused on Texas history.

Marti was delighted that her daughter Melinda continues this family tradition through her latest work, an opera libretto about Dean's family during the Dust Bowl entitled, "The Broken Land".

Dean and Marti also loved travel, parties, and a wide circle of friends.

After Dean's death in 1999, Marti moved to Austin where she enjoyed being near Lee Roy's granddaughter Tavia Valliant Conkling, her husband John, and their two children Julia and Jack.

In recent years, she devoted herself to duplicate bridge, nearly achieving Life Master while making many wonderful friends.

She was active in a variety of organizations and loved presenting humorous programs including her raucous and humorous salute to Texas history entitled "Wild Women of the Old West."

Her survivors include her only daughter Rev. Dr. Melinda Valliant McLain and her wife Colleen Rodger of El Sobrante, CA; Lee Roy's wife Beverly Valliant; and their son Tom E. and Brenda Valliant of Sonora; their children: Tavia Valliant Conkling, John, Julia, and Jack Conkling of Austin; Victoria Valliant Powers, Houston and Sam Powers of Sonora; Tom "Trapper" Valliant of Oroville, CA; and Travis Cozby Valliant of San Antonio.

A celebration of the life of Martha Valliant McLain will be held at Westwood Country Club, Austin on Sunday May 15 at 3:30-6p with light food, drinks, and live music by the Melancholy Ramblers.

Come in casual dress prepared to share your favorite Marti stories.

A smaller gathering for family and childhood friends will be held in Sonora, TX at a later time.

Marti was a very generous person and she would be greatly honored by donations to your favorite charity or to the development of your own art or education.

Obituary and memorial guestbook available online at www.wcfish.com.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home.

DEATH NOTICES

Rosa Dixon DeHoyos

SONORA — Rosa Dixon DeHoyos, 80, of Sonora died Sunday, May 8, 2016 in San Angelo. Funeral services will be held Friday, May 13, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Sonora Cemetery. Survivors include sons Albert DeHoyos, Jr. of Gresham, Oregon, Felipe DeHoyos of Sonora, and Thomas Edwin DeHoyos of Keni, Alaska; daughters Irma A. DeHoyos of Sonora, and Rosemary Dunn of Desoto; brother John Henry Dixon of Portland, Oregon; and sisters Julia Byrd of San Angelo and Rosetta Perkins of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

SONORA WEATHER FORECAST

Thu 5/5	Fri 5/6	Sat 5/7	Sun 5/8	Mon 5/9
87/59 Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	86/61 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.	84/62 Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.	87/61 Morning clouds followed by afternoon sun. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	87/59 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 50s.
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TUESDAY May 17th
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WEDNESDAY May 18th
Chicken Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Salsa, Vanilla Pudding, Milk.

THURSDAY May 19th
Herb Meatballs, Brown Gravy, Egg Noodles, Green Peas w/Pimentos, Wheat Roll, Ambrosia Cup, Milk.

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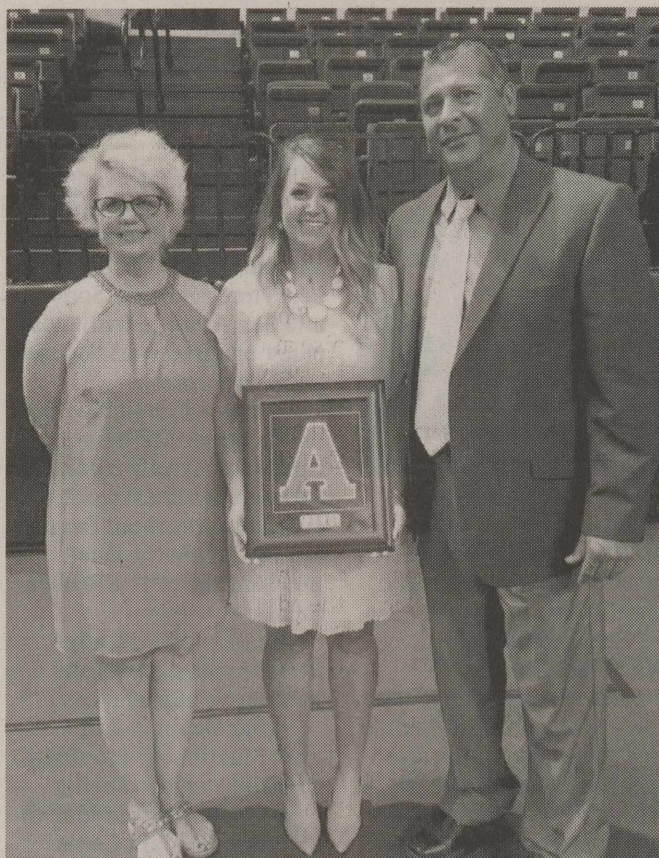
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Sonora ISD Menu

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 - May 16th Breakfast
Sausage and Biscuit or Cereal w/ Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk Variety
Lunch
Chili Cheese Combo or Philly Cheese Sandwich
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Potato Rounds, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruit, Pudding, Milk
After School Meal: Muffin, Milk

Tuesday - May 17th Breakfast
Dutch Waffle and Bacon or Cereal w/ Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk Variety
Lunch
Hamburger/Cheeseburger or Corn Dog
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Hamburger Garnish, Oven Fries, Baby Carrots w/Ranch, Fruit, Milk
After School Meal: Fruit, Raisins, Milk

Wednesday - May 18th Breakfast
Breakfast Boat or Cereal w/ Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk Variety
Lunch- FIELD DAY
Sack Lunch
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Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Baked Chips, Carrots, Orange Smiles, Milk
After School Meal: Baked Chips, Juice

Thursday - May 19th Breakfast
Pancakes and Bacon or Cereal w/ Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk Variety
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After School Meal: Chex Mix, Juice

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AgriLife Ext. Offers Food Handler Certification Course

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Sutton County is offering a food handlers course on May 26th and May 31st, accredited by the Texas Department of State Health Services, to benefit local food service employees. The 1-2 hour course, a basic overview of food safety practices that are necessary to ensure that safe food is served at your establishment, is part of the revised guidelines of the "Texas Food Establishment Rules (TFER)" as of October 11, 2015.

A major change in the revision now requires all food employees to complete an accredited food handlers training program within 60 days of their employment start date.

The course offers necessary information and training, including good personal hygiene, cross contamination, and time and temperature abuse.

The training is now required for all food service employees to help promote the service of safe food.

Course certification is valid for two- years and is accepted anywhere in the State of Texas.

The course, Food Safety: It's In Your Hands, is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Extension office at 1700 North Crockett Street, Sonora, TX 76950.

To register in advance call the Extension office at 325-387-3604 or register in-person on the day of the course.

A fee of \$20.00 per person must be received prior to participation in the class.

Additionally, individual with disabilities who require auxiliary aide service or accommodation in order to participate are encouraged to contact our office within five working days prior to the program.

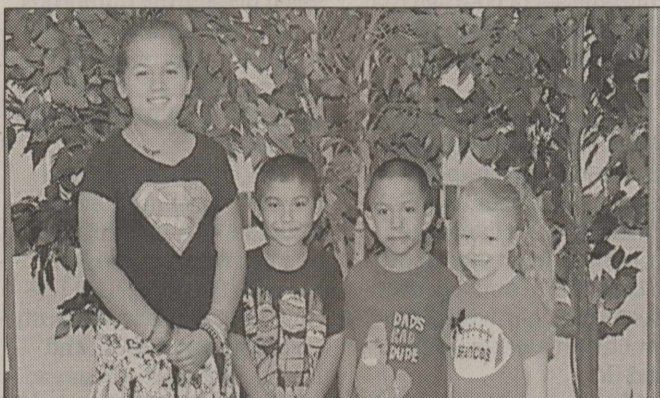
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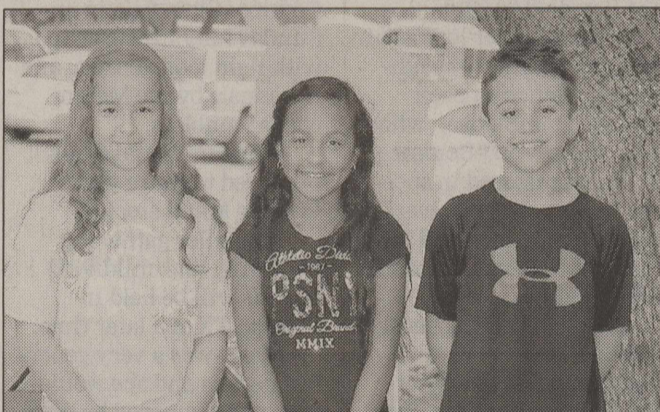
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County Commissioners Discuss USDA Rural Development Options Available to Sutton County Residents

County Commissioners discussed the endorsement of USDA Programs presented by Jason Luna, Area Specialist for USDA Rural Development during their regular meeting on Monday, May 9th.

Programs discussed included a 306c Water and Waste Water Disposal Program available to some residents based on age and income. This program provides funds through a grant that helps pay for necessary plumbing repairs that they would not otherwise be able to afford.

Other programs introduced included a Water and Waste Water Disposal (loan/grant) Program designed to offset infrastructure repair costs. As well, a Community Facilities (loan/grant) Program designed to help pay for necessary repairs to non-profit and public facilities including emergency and first response vehicles.

The court will discuss these programs and their potential benefit to Sutton County during their next meeting on May 23rd. At that time the court will decide on designation of the programs by Judge Steve Smith.

Additionally, Commissioners approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Sutton County and MOU with MorphoTrust to use the County Annex Court Room as well as the Sutton County Civic Center for the purpose of collecting official fingerprints. MOU will pay a stipend of \$100 each month to use the facilities on a regular basis of twice a week, two weeks each month.

Further, the court approved the planting of six new trees within the cemetery grounds for Arbor Day on May 12th. The trees, purchased by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension will be planted by Sonora

ISD 5th graders under the direction of Susan Hall.

In regular business, commissioners approved the minutes of the April 11th and April 25th meetings as presented.

The commissioners also approved the accounts payable report, Treasurer's report, JP's report, County Attorney's report and the County Clerk's report.

No reports were submitted for Auditor and commissioners.

The court approved the advertisement for ACS Asphalt. No bids were received following recent advertising.

Approval to hire Augmentees was tabled until the next regular meeting pending the discovery of further information.

Florie-Frankie Gonzales reported on additional donations to the Sutton County Library provided by the Sonora Woman's Club. She received computer lab chairs, a cabinet for story

time and summer reading materials storage as well as funding to afford a magician for the summer reading program.

In addition, the court approved advertising for two seasonal employees to work in the library during the summer.

No report was available for the Tax-Assessor Collector. However, Erica Berry, Sutton County Tax-Assessor Collector reported on recent voter complaints regarding voting precincts.

Berry explained, in 2011, Sutton County had new precinct lines approved by the Department of Justice (DOJ). These precincts determine where residents may vote and who residents may for. An Application including a home address is required to be completed by each person registering to vote. This is a legal document and this address determines

what precinct a resident may vote. Home addresses are assigned based on map coordinates. Only an owner or designated agent may change the information per the Texas Election Code.

Berry suggested that questions or concerns regarding precincts or the addresses designated on a voter card be directed to the Sutton County Tax Assessor-Collector/Voter Registrar, Erica Berry, 325-387-2342 or the CVCOG 325-944-9666.

Commissioners approved waiving the fee for the rental of the Sutton County Pavilion by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce to host a Rodeo Dance on Friday, June 24th.

The agriculture extension office report was heard and approved. Pascual Hernandez informed the court of upcoming events including the Rancher's Round-up on Friday May 13th. Jessica

SEE COMMISSIONERS ON PAGE 10

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF SONORA

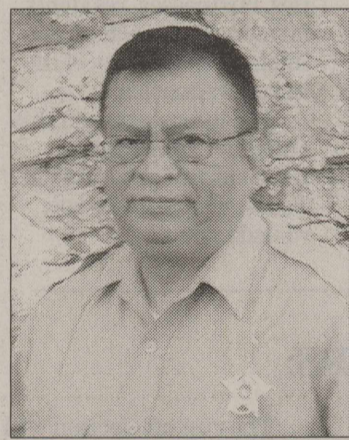
ORDINANCE NO. 2016-0-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SONORA, TEXAS, REGULATING "OFF-STREET PARKING" OF HEAVYTRUCK PARKING; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF: April 25, 2016

Any person, firm or corporation who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with or who resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for all violations involving zoning, fire safety, or public health and sanitation, including dumping or refuse, and shall be fined Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for all other violations of this ordinance. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

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3. The Sheriff Department and jail are both aging and have to be more progressive in safety features for the Sheriff's Department as well as modernizing the jail and equipment. The money is available at no expense to the tax payers.
4. I will be more aggressive in finding supplies for the jail and officers at a better price.
5. There is one Deputy Slot that hasn't been filled for years and needs to be filled in order not to have so much overtime for the deputies. The part-time officers will be better utilized.
6. I intend to make it a safer place for Dispatchers and get them professionalized.
7. Make a greater effort to work better with all law enforcement agencies where we can help one another to a greater capacity.
8. Currently, there are not department policies and need to have them to make it a more professional agency.
9. All Citizens will be treated equal under the law for their safety when enforcing criminal law as well as taking care of civil process.

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As a Police Officer with 11 years experience in law enforcement, I feel Deputy Chavez is the best candidate running for Sutton County Sheriff.

Deputy Chavez is my choice for Sutton County Sheriff, and I encourage the citizens of Sutton County to make a positive change when they vote for our next Sheriff.

I, Cody Gann, will be casting my vote for Oscar Chavez."

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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 June 13, 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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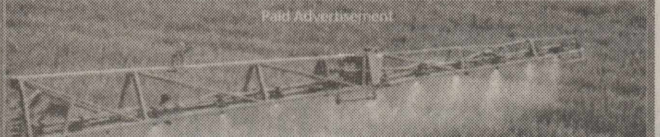
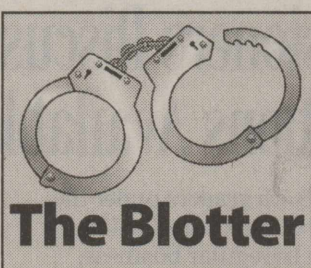
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The Blotter

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ARRESTS
MAY 2 • Velasquez, Fred Anthony 37 year old male from Sonora, arrested for public intoxication and injury to a child.
MAY 3 • Volpe, Andrew David 19 year old from Kerrville, arrested for reckless driving and no driver's license.
MAY 6 • Badineaux, Paul 60 year old from El Paso, arrested on a warrant from Pecos County.
MAY 7 • Euresti, Ivan Martin 20 year old from San Antonio, arrested on a warrant from Maverick County.
MAY 8 • Sanchez, Daniel 24 year old from Roma, arrested on a warrant from Nueces County.

INCIDENTS
MAY 2 - NO CALLS FOR SERVICE
MAY 3 - 12:28 PM • Caller reported a civil standby on the 1200 block of Orient. Officer responded.
1:23 PM • Agency requested assistance on the 1200 block of Glasscock. Officer responded.
4:42 PM • Caller reported a reckless driver on the 600 block of Tayloe. Officer responded.
7:32 PM • Caller requested close

patrol of a residence on the 600 block of Glasscock. Officer responded.
9:59 PM • Caller reported an accident/wreck involving a deer at Road Ranger. Officer responded.
MAY 4 - 1:24 PM • Caller requested a funeral escort. Officer responded.
3:50 PM • Caller reported a suspicious person at the Dollar General. Officers responded.
MAY 5 - 9:14 PM • 9-1-1 Agency requested assistance on the 900 block of E. 2nd. Officer responded.
MAY 6 - 9:53 AM • Caller requested an escort for the Sonora Baseball Team. Officer responded.
10:41 PM • Caller reported shots fired on the 300 block of Ben Juarez. Officer responded.
MAY 7 - 11:40 AM • Caller reported concern for animal welfare on the 300 block of W. Poplar. Officer responded.
2:28 AM • Caller reported unauthorized vehicle use on the 100 block of Deerwood. Officer responded.
3:46 AM • Caller requested officer back to the 100 Block of Deerwood. Officer responded.
2:14 PM • Caller reported a swerving vehicle 4 miles down HWY 277 S. Officer responded.
10:41 PM • Caller requested officer at Pilot Fuel Pump Station. Officer responded.
MAY 8 - 12:14 AM • Caller requested a welfare check at the Economy Inn. Officer responded.
4:17 AM • Caller reported a disturbance on the 300 block of W. 5th. Officer responded.
2:02 PM • Caller reported a disturbance on the 700 block of Calle Real. Officer responded.

Mohair Producers Board Announces Biennial Elections For Four Board Seats And Opens Nomination Process

The Mohair Producers Board announced that elections will be held in four of its twelve voting districts to elect four board members where current members' seats are expiring.

The election will be conducted by voting districts and will be held from July 11, 2016 through July 29, 2016.

There is one seat open for election in voting district three, which consists of Edwards County.

There is one seat open for election in voting district four, which consists of Sutton County.

There is one seat open for election in voting district ten, which consists of Bell, Travis, Llano, Comal, Williamson, Hays, Burnet, Blanco, Coryell and Lampasas Counties.

There is one seat open for election in voting district eleven, which consists of San Saba, Hamilton and Mills Counties.

A person is eligible to vote in this board election if he or she is currently a producer of mohair, or for at least one production period during the two years preceding the date of this election (May 31, 2014), has been a producer of mohair or has caused mohair to be produced for commercial purposes including owners of ranches and their tenants.

Any person qualified to vote is also qualified to seek nomination for election to the board as a Director.

Nomination applications must be submitted to the Mohair Producers Board

signed by the applicant and ten other eligible voters in this election.

Nomination forms are available at each County Extension office in each of the 15 counties listed above in the four voting districts where elections are to occur, or they can be requested by mail directly from the Mohair Producers Board, P.O. Box 5337, San Angelo, Texas 76902.

Anyone requesting a nomination form by mail from the Mohair Producers Board should include his or her county of residence with the request.

Nomination forms will be publicly available from County Extension offices or by mail from the Mohair Producers Board office beginning May 20, 2016.

For a nomination form to be valid, it must be signed by an eligible applicant for nomination and ten other eligible voters and must be mailed to the Mohair Producers Board, P.O. Box 5337, San Angelo, Texas 76902 and received by the close of business July 5, 2016.

Nomination forms received after July 5, 2016 will not be valid.

The Mohair Producers Board is a research, education, and promotion program for mohair funded by a uniform mohair check-off, collected on a refund basis, from mohair producers in fifty-six counties in Texas.

This election in four of the Mohair Producers Board voting districts is the biennial election required by the Texas Commodity Referendum Law.

Hog Tails Bring Funding to Sutton County Landowners

Submitted by Sharon Holman

May is 'Hog Out month' and Sutton County needs your feral hog tail.

In addition to eradicating these destructive predators, Sutton County is eligible to receive a grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture. The grant ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000 helps pay for hog abatement in the county.

To qualify, and compete for this competitive grant, hogs must be killed in Sutton County during the month of May.

If awarded to Sutton County, funding will be used to harvest feral hogs free of charge to landowners.

Hunters are required to bring all hog tails to the Sonora Woolhouse, for an accurate count, and qualification for the contest.

Additionally, obtained hog tails qualify hunters for the Sutton County Predator Management Association.

Contest and prize details are available at the Sonora Woolhouse.

Home Repair Funds Available Through USDA Rural Development

Texas USDA Rural Development has announced funding is available for the purpose of repairing homes in eligible rural areas.

The funds are available through Rural Development's 504 Home Repair loan and grant program.

The program is available to low income recipients to make essential repairs to modernize and repair homes, and to remove health and safety hazards.

times repairs will be funded with a combination of loan and grant.

One percent loans up to \$20,000 will be on a repayment term of up to 20 years and will require low monthly payments.

Further information on the program is available by visiting USDA's web site at <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-repair-loans-grants/tx>.

For local information, verification of area eligibility and application assistance, determine your local office by visiting <http://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices/tx> or call the Texas State Office at (254)742-9770.

Most repairs completed under the program are for roof, window and door replacements, as well as electrical, plumbing and air conditioning upgrades as well as other repairs needed to increase the home's energy efficiency and overall comfort and quality.

Renovations to make a home wheelchair or handicap accessible are also considered.

To qualify for the program, applicants must own their home, and fall within Rural Development's income guidelines, defined as below 50 percent of the area median income and unable to obtain affordable credit elsewhere.

Homeowners, at least 62 years old, may qualify for a grant.

Grant funding up to \$7,500 is limited and many

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a national network of state and local offices.

Rural Development programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America.

For information on this and other USDA Rural Development programs in Texas, visit <http://www.rd.usda.gov/tx>.

COMMISSIONERS:

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Stapper reported on the awards earned by the Sutton County 4-H students, the results of the Walk Across Program and the upcoming Food Handlers Certification Course offered on May 23rd and May 26th.

Judge Smith brought to the courts attention the necessity to address issues at the Civic Center including, electrical, plumbing and heating.

A Texas Wildlife Services report has been made available to review and the Texas Highway Department agreed to replace road signage located on Caverns Road.

Judge Smith reminded the court that early voting begins on May 16th and ends May 20th. Votes will be cast in the Sonora Fire Hall.

The run-off election will be held on May 24th.

A Ports-to-Plains meeting is slated for Monday, May 16th, in Sonora.

Additionally, the burn ban remains NOT in effect, open controlled burning is allowed until further notice. The sale of fireworks is allowed during the Memorial Day holiday.


Without further discussion, comments or concerns, the meeting adjourned.

Judge Steve Smith presided over the meeting.

Commissioners Carl Teaff, Mike Villanueva and Fred Perez were in attendance. Commissioner John Wade was absent.

The next regular meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners is slated for Monday, May 23rd, at 9:00 a.m., in the County Annex Building.

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Research Station Initiates Endowment Fund

Submitted by Glen Fisher

The 100 year celebration for the Sonora Research Station was an overwhelming success and reminded people that a group of four ranchers collected money 100 years ago to establish the Station.

The planning committee for the celebration decided

that an endowment fund was needed to continue the research work at the station. Initially, the Fund committee was made up by Glen Fisher and Bonnie Lou-Campbell, cochairs, Erika Campbell, Dr. Butch Taylor and Dr. John Walker

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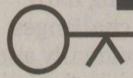
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EMPLOYMENT

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Sutton County is an equal opportunity employer.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The annual report of the John and Mildred Cauthorn Charitable Trust will be available to the address noted below, for the inspection during regular business hours, by any citizen who so request within 180 days after May 16, 2016.

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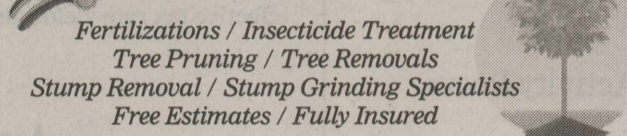
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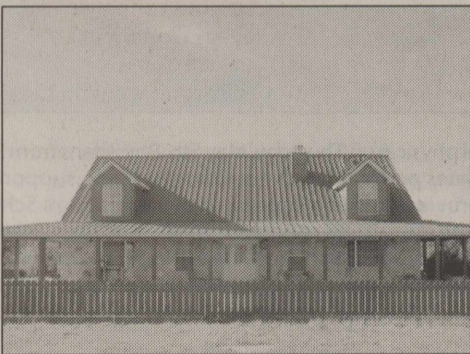


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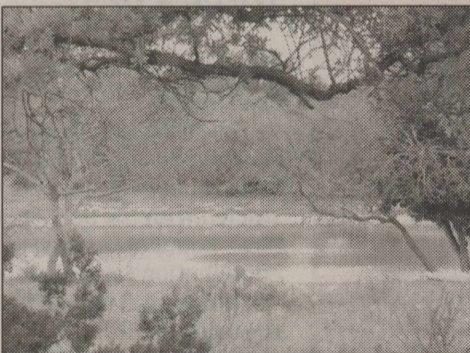
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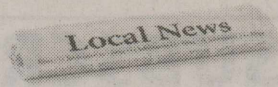
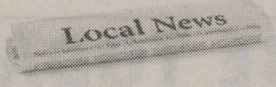
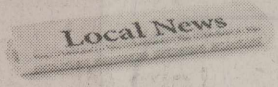
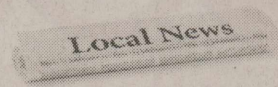
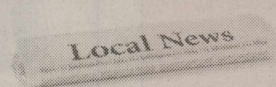
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Sutton County Hospital District Faces Common Challenges as Rural Health Care Facility

By John Graves, CEO

The Sutton County Hospital District (SCHD) is facing concerns no different than other rural health-care facilities around the country.

The number one concern, as with most rural health facilities, is financial security for the immediate and long-term.

There have been 72 rural hospital closures nationwide since 2010, ten of those in Texas.

There have been 10 closures already in 2016 and the expectation is up to 32 before the end of the calendar year.

One-third of rural hospitals are at risk for closure and 41 percent operated in the red.

Common concerns all over the country include increasing out-migration where people are choosing to get their primary care in urban settings that better align with immediate specialty care needs, declining economy, declining population, aging population, and

implications of the Affordable Care Act where people choose affordability over wellness needs when purchasing health insurance plans with lower premiums and higher deductibles, which the latter leads to higher patient bad debt ultimately turned over to collections.

Other challenges are decreasing reimbursements from commercial and government payers, decreasing government subsidies for uncompensated care, transitioning from fee for service to value-based initiatives completely overhauling how we are paid for the delivery of healthcare services.

All of this is confusing but the point is we are no longer living in the era of well funded healthcare for rural areas. All of rural health is looking for ways to improve revenue growth and cut costs to ensure financial solvency. All of this said how is it looking for Sutton County?

The good news is the

district's net financial position increased \$2.1M from 2012 to 2013, but only increased slightly over \$1M in 2014 amounting to a 54 percent decrease. The bad news is based on current data the net position for 2015 will shift downward 100 percent or more from 2014.

This is subject to the final audit for 2015 which will be presented to the SCHD Board of Directors in June.

I am hoping we have a better outcome so please stay tuned. The balance sheet indicates the SCHD is financially secure relative to assets, liability and equity. The balance sheet over time is ultimately impacted by the income statement (net income/loss). Net loss over time will impact the balance sheet as assets; particularly cash assets dwindle away to cover losses in the income statement.

The income statement for 2015 currently indicates the district is operationally insolvent where expenses

exceeded all sources of revenue.

For the non-accountant readers, cash in the bank does not mean an organization is operationally solvent.

Although the financials currently presented each month to the Board currently show cash balances, the reality is our net position is rapidly declining. It needs to be understood net position or statement of assets is defined as the representation of residual effect of all the elements presented in the financial statements.

The cash balance in and of itself does not accurately reflect the overall financial strength of the hospital district.

When the taxing district was created for generating non-operating income in the form tax revenues the purpose was to offset the cost of assisting the under or uninsured patients receiving necessary health-care services.

Due to healthcare reform associated with the Affordable Care Act one could argue the revenues are to help compensate for the balance of bad debt and charity care, which is hovering around 2.4 million dollars. The current effective tax rate yields just

above one million dollars leaving about 1.4 million dollars of bad debt and charity care.

It is in my opinion the utility of tax revenues, or how much of it is spent or left in the bank, is a good indicator of the financial health of the district.

For some years prior and up through 2013 one hundred percent of the tax dollars were deposited or invested in the future of the district. All but 69,204 dollars in 2014 were deposited or invested. In 2015 all tax revenues were expensed to cover operating costs. From a net income/loss discussion it is expected the final audit will reveal the district operated in the red for 2015.

I have provided information on the revenue side of the equation, how about the expense side? From 2012 through 2014 the district experienced a 10.1 percent or 891,957 dollars increase for expenses.

For 2015 and with some difficult decisions the expenses only increased .17 percent (less than 1%) or 69,204 dollars. Our auditor, BKD, was asked to present at the June 2016 Board meeting a comparative analysis between our district and other like districts with a

critical access hospital and rural health clinic specific to the annual cost report we are required to submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid.

The purpose is to assess how well we perform against our peers for revenue and cost; particularly the cost for each episode of care. Secondly, BKD will assess how we compare for the reported ratio of the individually reported physician and mid-level full time equivalents to outpatient visit standards. This review will allow us to see where we can make improvements for the long-term.

The above information is not provided to present a picture of gloom and doom but to educate the public things are not well for rural health; particularly those who rely on tax revenue for other non-operating income.

All rural health systems are working hard to resolve the challenges they face individually and collectively.

I will be providing more updates over time. In the meantime if there are any questions or comments please email me directly, ceo@sonora-hospital.org, or call me, 325-387-1200.

PUBLIC MEETING

Ports to Plains
Monday, May 16, 2016
4:00 p.m.

at Lillian M. Hudspeth Wellness Center Activity Room,
308 Hudspeth, Sonora.

The Ports to Plains Alliance is having a Town Hall Meeting in Sonora Town Hall Meeting to

provide an update on the Ports-to-Plains Corridor efforts, and will be available to answer any questions.

FMI: Contact Michael Reeves, President, Ports to Plains Alliance,
at 806-775-2338 office or 806-773-2286 ce ll.

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Athletic Physicals



Kaden Cordell (L), Sophomore, undergoes a seasonal physical on Thursday, May 5th. Physicians from San Angelo Community and West Texas Medical Associates partnered with the Edwards Clinic, supported by the Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital in Sonora, to provide no cost physicals to all Sonora High School athletes. Annual Seasonal physicals help to ensure the overall and continued wellness of the students. West Texas Medical Associates Orthopedic Surgeon, Joe Wilkinson examined Cordell giving him the go-ahead to lead his teammates as a Bronco Quarterback during the 2016 football season this fall.

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as members.

The professor at the station will be an advisor. The fund committee has contracted with the San Angelo Area Foundation to accept contributions and distribute funds with the advise of the committee.

Currently, the fund has approximately \$12,000 as a starter. But, it must grow to at least \$25,000 in the first year in order to remain in existence.

The committee is working on several opportunities to get the word out.

If anyone wants to keep the station going and add to the 100 years of research, then they should contribute to the fund.

Anything from \$1 to 1 million would be appreciated.

For more information please contact any of the committee members.

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