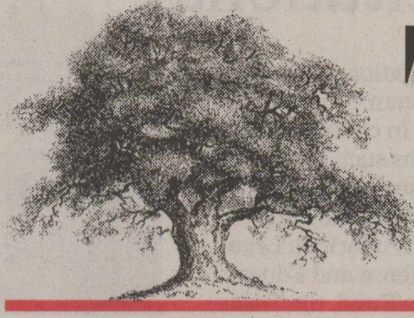


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Zook Brings Home Gold for Broncos at UIL State Track Meet



Carter Zook reacts with a yell after winning first place in the 300 Hurdles at the 2016 UIL State Track Meet in Austin on Friday, May 13th. Zook is one of five Sonora athletes competing at the State track meet. Ryan Martinez, Wesley Dutton, Drew Buitron, Abel Cruz and Zook all improved through the season advancing to the State competition.
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Sonora presented five of its finest athletes at this year's 2016 UIL State Track Meet.

When it was all said and done, the Bronco Track Team placed 20th overall competing against in a tough arena.

Ryan Martinez represented Sonora in the discus, Carter Zook in the 300 Hurdles and the team of Wesley Dutton, Drew Buitron, Abel Cruz, and Carter Zook in the 4 X 400 Meter Relay.

Carter Zook brought home the gold for Sonora securing his win after clearing the sixth hurdle.

Zook showed up to compete coming in with the third best time, assigning him to the ninth lane.

"Most track coaches will tell you that's the worst lane but we were kind of excited about the lane, Coach A.J. Valdez said.

A veteran at the State Track meet, Zook has triumphed running in lane seven at the Angelo Relays and lane eight at the Regional Meet in prelims winning his heat. As a freshman, Zook was the first leg of the 1600 Meter Relay that won gold, and last year he ran the 300 hurdles, placing sixth.

From the sound of the gun, he took control of the race and the field couldn't keep up.

"After hurdle number six there was not a competitor in sight, Valdez said.

Zook earned his second gold medal from the State Track Meet with a time of 38.01.

Although the season is at a close the remembrance of hard

work and accomplishment continue. All of the middle school and high school athletes, especially state qualifiers representing Sonora, deserve commendation for their endurance and perseverance marking another successful season.

Throughout his senior year, Martinez improved his distance by more than 20 feet. Martinez came into the State Track meet with a throw of 155'06". He finished with a throw of 140'07", 140'08" and 139'02".

"I was proud of Ryan because he began throwing 90' as a freshman," Coach Valdez said. "His hard work propelled him into the big stage and placed 7th best of all throwers in AAA for the State of Texas."

The 1600 meter relay placed eighth at the State Track Meet with a time of 3:24.99.

"This group of young men has also come a long way from the beginning of the year, Valdez said. "I believe they started with a time of 3:38 at the beginning of the year and ran a personal best of 3:23.62 at the Regional Meet."

Dutton improved throughout the season and ran a great leg at the meet.

Buitron improved at every meet running his best time at the State Track meet.

Cruz also achieved some great times throughout the season, improving with each competition.

Zook championed throughout the season, performing his best this season, earning the win for the Broncos.

Where Were You in '62?

54 Years Later, Bronco and Eagle Relay Teams Gather to Reminisce

Back in the good ol' days of District 8A, runners from Sonora and Eldorado were tearing up the track and showing the way for their contemporaries around the state. There is perhaps no better example than the Mile Relay teams from Sonora and Eldorado who captured the gold and silver medals at the State Track Meet.

Track was the spring sports event since baseball and tennis had not yet developed into major high school sports. It was the era before the University Interscholastic League (UIL) began expanding and extending districts and schools remained in the same district for many years. Consequently, area athletes competed against their neighbors week after week and strong rivalries developed. So did lasting friendships.

In the Spring of 1962 the mile relay teams from Sonora and Eldorado took turns placing first and second at a series of track meets that culminated in the State Meet in Memorial Stadium on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin.

Sonora's team was made up of Buck Bloodworth, Primo Gonzalez, Danny Rutherford and Julio Samaniego.

Eldorado's team consisted of Ray Lewis Ballew, Lynn Meador, Jim Runge and Richard Self.

Rutherford had run for Eldorado in 1960 and switched teams after moving to Sonora. He later joined the Marine Corps and was killed in Vietnam at the battle of Quang Tri on July 20, 1966.

The surviving seven members met recently on the track in Eldorado where they posed for a photo and proudly displayed a U.S. flag to represent Danny Rutherford.

It is difficult to overstate what

a powerhouse District 8A was in track and field during that era and teams competed in a series of meets leading up to the district meet. Often times the teams would set up tents on the infield during the meets where they would visit with one another about a wide range of topics — not just track.

In those days the track circuit began with the Comanche Relays in Fort Stockton, followed by the Mason Relays, Ozona Relays, Sonora Relays, San Angelo Relays and the Plateau Relays in Eldorado. There were a couple of other meets sprinkled in at which some, but not all of the District 8A teams competed.

The odd thing about the 1962 season was the back-and-forth nature of the results, especially in the boys mile relay.

Sonora won the first week, Eldorado won the next. That continued week after week. At one point, the Sonora team was placed in one heat while Eldorado was placed in the other and the winner was determined strictly by time with the two teams not running against one another. Sonora won that one, but Eldorado won the following week.

The night before the Plateau Relays were run in Eldorado some of the Eagle runners came to Sonora and ran a flag up the school's flagpole. It read, "Same heat this time, Joe!" and was directed at Sonora Coach Joe Turner. The insinuation was that Sonora only won because of the decision not to let the teams compete head to head.

The stunt backfired, however, as Sonora's mile relay team won the Plateau Relays and some Bronco fans went on the field to drape the flag over the head of Jim Runge, who ran the anchor leg for the Eagles.



The two best mile relay teams in the State of Texas in 1962, met recently on the track in Eldorado to recall their epic battles from 54 years ago. They include (L-R) Jim Runge, Richard Self, Ray Ballew and Lynn Meador of Eldorado and Buck Bloodworth, Julio Samaniego and Primo Gonzalez. Danny Rutherford, who ran with the Sonora team in 1962 was killed in Vietnam four years later and was represented by the U.S. flag.
 KATHY MANKIN | THE ELDORADO SUCCESS

The district meet was held in Ozona that year and Runge took the lead for Eldorado on the final lap. He remembers turning to the Sonora runner and saying, "See you at Regional!"

It was a different story, however, at the Regional Meet in Lubbock when Runge couldn't catch Buck Bloodworth on the final leg.

Still, both teams advanced to the State Meet and the showdown was set.

As the seven aging tracksters gathered two weeks ago in Eldorado, none of them could pinpoint why the two teams alternated victories. They agreed

that none of the races were all that close with one team and then the other taking home clear victories.

The same could not be said for the finals run at the State Meet in Austin. It was one for the ages as the two teams battled back-and-forth through four quarter-mile legs and three baton exchanges. But at the finish line, it was Runge ahead of Bloodworth by a nose and Eldorado took the gold medal.

The crowd in the stadium gave both teams a rousing reception and marveled at how the two towns, just 21 miles apart could be so evenly matched.

To this day, the seven runners look back fondly on the good ol' days when West Texas thin-clads showed the rest of the state how it was done.

The memories are tempered however by the knowledge that Danny Rutherford, a friend to them all, died at such a young age. Many of them attended a memorial in 2013 marking the 50th anniversary of Rutherford's graduation from Sonora High School. The 50th anniversary of his death will be marked on July 20th of this year. Rutherford is remembered in both towns every Memorial Day as a favorite son who gave his life for his country.

High Court Rules School Finance Method is Constitutional

AUSTIN — The current method devised by the Texas Legislature in 2011 to fund public education does not violate the state constitution, the Texas Supreme Court unanimously ruled May 13.

The lawsuit challenging the state's education-funding method originally was brought in 2011 by more than 600 school districts identifying themselves collectively as the Texas Taxpayer and Student Fairness Coalition. Lawyers for the coalition argued that the state falls short of the constitution's imperative of equitable funding by failing to provide enough money for school districts' classroom instruction, maintenance and operation and other

critical budget areas.

Article 7 of the constitution says: "A general diffusion of knowledge being essential to the preservation of the liberties and rights of the people, it shall be the duty of the Legislature of the State to establish and make suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an efficient system of public free schools."

In a 100-page ruling, the court said the current system ensures that "all Texas children have access to a quality education that enables them to achieve their potential and fully participate now and in the future in the social, economic, and educational opportunities of our state and nation." The

court agreed that the current funding system, while imperfect, is "good enough" to satisfy the constitutional mandate, and going forward, it is up to the Legislature, not the courts, to amend the funding formula.

Gov. Greg Abbott called the ruling "a victory for Texas taxpayers and the Texas Constitution." Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, House Speaker Joe Straus, Attorney General Ken Paxton and many Republican lawmakers joined the governor in welcoming the ruling. Paxton echoed the ruling in saying school finance "must be debated and shaped by the Texas Legislature, not through decades' worth of ongoing

litigation in the court system."

In contrast, organizations such as the Texas Association of School Boards, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, the Texas Democratic Party and a number of Democratic lawmakers expressed disappointment over the nine-member, all-Republican court's ruling.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

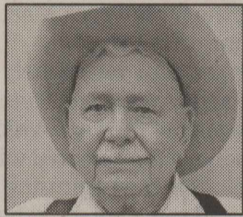
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Lack of Communication

This tale could be called "lack of communication" because of the way it went down. A truer tale could not be told as there were many witnesses to this happening.

The time was 1975 and I had a small ranch leases from Allan Construction Co. of San Antonio. This place was 6,000 acres in eastern Brewster County. The nearest town was Sanderson and it was in Terrell County.

It Happened Out West



by Joe N. Brown

Now, Bill Allan had another place at Dryden in Terrell County where he had an old foreman in charge.

Now, I lived in Sanderson where my wife had a restaurant named the 'Kountry Kitchen' on Main Street.

Now, we are at the time and place of this tale.

Bill Allan wanted me to improve this Brewster County ranch that he owned. He asked if I would lay water lines and put in water troughs over this place. This would mean burying 18,000 feet of pipe and putting in nine water troughs. I agreed to do this work to pay my lease if Bill would furnish all the material and equipment to do the work. All I would furnish was my expertise and labor.

This was an excellent deal as it would furnish more watering for my cattle too.

Bill agreed and stated, "I have a caterpillar maintainer at the Dryden ranch that you can use to dig ditches and cover up the water lines. Go down to Dryden and get the grader, use it till you get through, and then return it to Dryden."

Agreed. Later, I got a friend of mine, Hewitt Bauguess, and old retired ranch foreman, to go with me and drive my truck back home.

We went to Dryden, found the grader, I checked the diesel and oil and found both in good shape. I star ted the machine and drove it out onto Highway 90 to Sanderson at about 20 mph all the way there.

Arriving at Sanderson, at noon, I parked the maintainer on the parking lot and told Bauguess we would eat lunch at my wife's cafe. We went in, sat down, and ordered coffee and lunch.

About that time the Terrell County sheriff "Boss Hogg" charged through the front door and shouted, "Who is driving that grader across the street?!"

I spoke up and answered him that I was.

He stomped down to our table and stated in a loud voice, so that everyone would hear, "You are under arrest for stealing that machine!"

I asked what this was all about and he said the ranch foreman at Dryden called to tell him the grader was gone and obviously stolen.

My answer was to the effect that I had borrowed the machine from Bill Allan and if he would call Bill would confirm this statement. Sheriff Hogg said he would make the call but not to leave town. I agreed and he left the cafe.

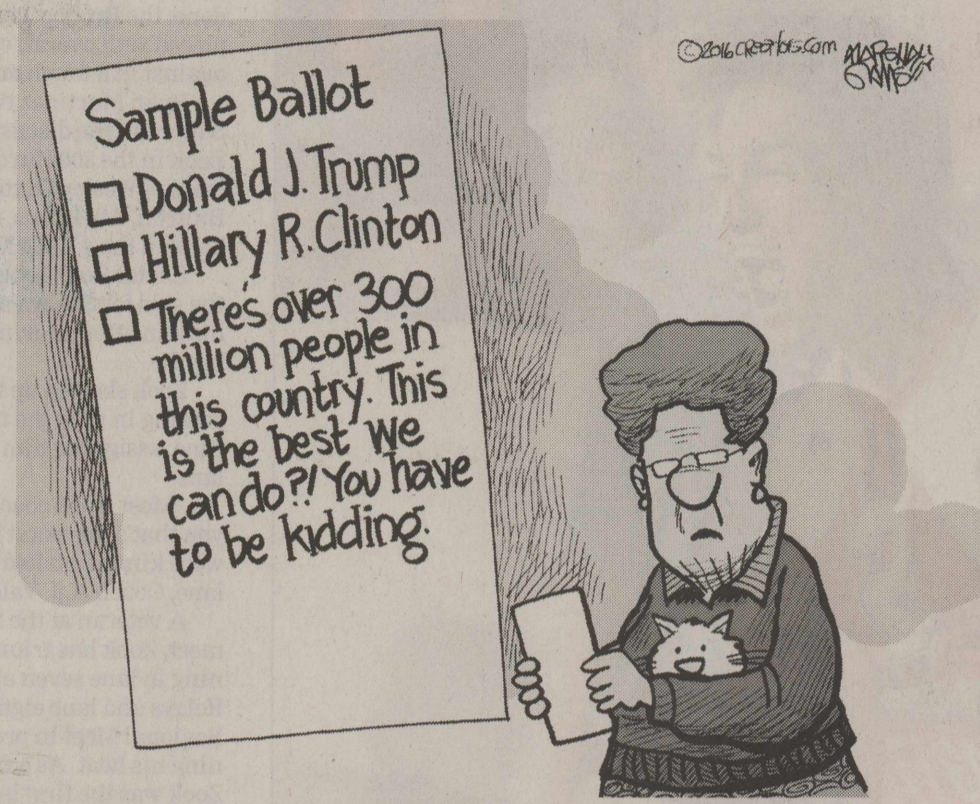
About 30 minutes later he came back and said, "Bill verified your story so you can leave."

I did not thank Sheriff Hogg as he had embarrassed me in front of all the cafe customers.

I used the tractor till I got through with the job. About every two weeks the foreman at Dryden would call asking me to bring his tractor.

I told him I would bring it back when I got good and ready and I told him to quit calling it, "my grader."

This happened out west.



Battle Zika Virus Without New Debt

Over the past few months the Zika virus has spread in countries across the Caribbean and Latin America. Although the symptoms can be minor, the virus can cause severe birth defects in children.

In places where Zika has hit particularly hard, like Brazil, experts have found alarming rates of infants born with microcephaly, or incomplete brain development, to mothers who had been infected with the virus.

As the weather continues to warm, more and more Texans are rightly concerned about the continued spread of the virus in our state. Fortunately, Texas's top research and medical facilities have been working on ways to prevent the spread of Zika and protect Texans against its symptoms.

A few months ago, experts at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston briefed me on their extensive work in Brazil studying the virus. Above all, they stressed the urgent need for the United States to proactively do all that we can to mitigate the spread of the virus. And in April, I visited with researchers at the Texas Medical Center to hear about their ground-breaking work to create a rapid test for the virus and strengthen mosquito control in potential hotspots. They, too, urged congressional action so that our country can be prepared to handle this potential health crisis.

After briefings like these, as well as with the secretary of Health and Human Services and the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there's no question that we need to act with urgency to avert what could become a public health crisis. And because of our warmer climate and closer proximity to areas where mosquitoes currently carry the Zika virus, states like Texas will act as the first responders to Zika in the United States this summer. Here's

the bottom line: Congress can't sit back and do nothing; we have to do our part to make sure that organizations on the frontlines of Zika research and prevention efforts have the resources they need to get the job done.

Fortunately this week, the U.S. Senate will vote on several pieces of legislation to provide additional federal funding so public health professionals can proactively tackle this threat head-on.

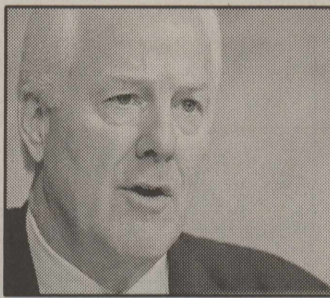
The first funding package is President Obama's spending request — a nearly \$2 billion partisan proposal that isn't paid for and provides few details about how the Administration would put that money to use. The second measure is a compromise package that would provide \$1.1 billion in funding and was negotiated between legislators from both parties in a common-sense way.

The third proposal, which I've introduced, is nearly identical to this one but with one important distinction. My legislation would provide the same compromise of \$1.1 billion in federal funding. The difference is my proposal is fully paid for by using funds from the Affordable Care Act's Prevention and Public Health Fund — resources made available for just this type of scenario.

Most importantly, my legislation will still provide health professionals and local officials in Texas and across the country the resources they need to help protect against the spread of the Zika virus in a targeted way, without adding to our debt.

The Zika virus is a real threat with real public health consequences. It's already impacted a generation in Brazil and other Latin American countries. And with the Summer months ahead of us, no one doubts that Zika will continue to spread in the United States. There is no reason why Congress can't give those on the ground the tools they need to proactively address this threat without sinking our country further into debt. The time to act is now.

In My Opinion



By Senator John Cornyn

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Another Movie from Big Spring

Big Spring has made some movie history. The city has produced two movie stars: Jean Porter, who was popular in the 1940s and Betty Buckley, who had a career in movies and television.

The opening scenes of *Midnight Cowboy*, starring Jon Voight (his first movie) and Dustin Hoffman (his second movie), were filmed in Big Spring. Jon Voight was a popular figure around town and the moviemakers dropped a lot of cash in local stores.



by Tumbleweed Smith

Rolling Along

Hangar 18, a movie about a spacecraft crashing to earth, was also filmed in Big Spring and starred Gary Collins, Robert Vaughn and James Hampton. A bunch of local 25-year olds made a movie in the 90's about reincarnation titled *Hell is Texas*. You can buy a DVD copy on Amazon for three dollars.

The latest movie from Big Spring is titled *Project Mone't*. It is about the enthusiasm of youth (applies to the filmmakers, both in their 30's) and the power of art (applies to the girl who is the subject of the movie.)

Desiree Mone't Ripple was born into a fractured family and was physically and sexually abused. She became homeless at age 14 and stayed in school for one reason; she could get food. She worked hard and graduated from Brewer High School in White Settlement at the age of 16. Within a few years she had left a bad marriage, had two kids and lived in a pickup.

Suddenly things began to change. "When my daughter got sick, I was angry at God for the horrible life I was living," she says. "I told him if he would spare my child's life I would give him mine."

She moved to Big Spring and enrolled in welding classes at Howard College. One night she had a dream that gave her explicit instructions on how to create a metal sculpture. Using scraps of metal from junkyards and dumps, she carefully fused the pieces together, each one representing a terrible incident in her life. When the work was finished, she felt a great sense of relief.

She decided to tell her story in hopes it would help someone who was having difficulties. She put a notice on facebook asking for a videographer to record her story and put it on the social network.

James Fite and Brandon Johnson, two Big Spring young men with aspirations of doing action movies, contacted Desi and interviewed her for five hours. Both men decided her story deserved more than just a video of an interview on facebook. They spent a year making the movie at their own expense. It premiered a couple of weeks ago to a packed house.

When the movie ended, there was stunned silence. The music, narration, interview and images of Desi making the sculpture formed a moving documentary. *Project Mone't* is a story that is told well.

Desi now has a good job, a boyfriend, lives in a real home with her two children, and has an education and a bright future as an artist.

At the premiere, Desi was dressed in a formal gown and looked like a movie star. She couldn't believe the attention she was getting. The lobby had a display of some of her artwork. Before the film started, she broke down in tears and told a friend, "Not too long ago I was homeless, getting food from a dumpster."

The movie has been submitted for entry in 43 film festivals.

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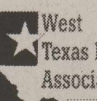
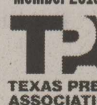
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Louie Castro attempts a slide to third base after stealing second during the bi-district playoff game, Saturday, May 7th between Sonora and Ballinger, in San Angelo. | COURTESY PHOTO BY RAY GLASSCOCK

Broncos Close Season with Bi-District Loss

It's been a season of ups and downs for the Sonora Broncos baseball.

And falling to Ballinger after a three game bi-district set may have broken their season but not their spirits.

The Broncos jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first, dropping the ball for the next six innings suffering a 9-2 loss on Friday, May 6th at Lakeview Chief's Stadium.

At the top of the game set, Sanmiguel gave it his best to will the Broncos to a win. But, he only lasted three innings.

Sanmiguel got a hit in each of his three at bats. He singled in the first, fifth, and seventh innings.

Stepping in, Louie Castro handled the Wildcats with ease, racking up four strikeouts. Over four innings he allowed three

earned runs on four hits and one walk.

Neither one could match up against the Bearcats' pitcher who allowed only two runs over seven innings, struck out five, walked two and gave up four hits.

The Broncos returned to the field on Saturday, May 14th with a spark.

Sonora never trailed after scoring one run in the first on an RBI single by Michael Campos. They built upon their lead with two runs in the second.

Sanmiguel went 0-1, igniting the Broncos to a 4-0 victory in seven innings over Ballinger.

Caleb Galvan kept Ballinger off the scoreboard for all seven innings he was on the bump. He pitched a shut-out, allowing no opposing players to cross the plate on three hits while ringing up

three.

In their final game, the Broncos again collapsed, falling 8-1 to Ballinger.

Sonora scored its only run in the first inning on a single by Wesley Dutton.

During their three game set the Broncos scattered five hits on Saturday, but they just weren't able to push enough runs across for a win. Sanmiguel felt the blow allowing eight runs in six innings while on the mound.

Giving it a go and coming up short, the Broncos now set their sights on celebrating this season's accomplishments and look forward to the next season of Bronco baseball.

SISD School Board Trustees

Swear in New Members

Sonora ISD trustees canvassed election returns from the May 7th local election bidding farewell to former board member Delyse Jaeger, welcoming new trustee Amber Killough and returning trustee Cynthia Perez during their meeting held on Monday, May 16th at 12:00 noon.

Trustees unanimously approved an Order Declaring Results of Election and Greta Ramsdell administered the Oath of Office to Killough and Perez.

Additionally, Trustees tabled Student Recognition for State Competitions including Golf, Tennis, Track, and UIL Academic until the June 11th board meeting.

Jennifer Nichols, school counselor, presented the annual School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Report. She delivered a presentation of student activities throughout the school year including Family Day and the Walk Across Texas Program emphasizing the need for programs like these to continue and grow in the future. Nichols highlighted continued efforts to uphold current district policies and programs as well as improvements for the future for the benefit of all students.

Ross Ashenbeck reported on the summer schedule, school offices are open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and closed on Friday with the exception of summer school. The administration office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday with the exception of summer school.

Aschenbeck reported on the status of Board training at Summer Leadership in San Antonio. All board members are registered to attend.

He commented on the 2016 Estimate of Appraisal Values and the decline of approximately one-million-dollar deficit from last year's estimate. Sonora is moving from a Chapter 41 district to a Chapter 42 district due to the decline, according to Aschenbeck.

Before closing his report, Aschenbeck reported on STAAR results. Fifth grade reading results reflected 80 percent and eighth grade reading results reflected 80 percent. Re-test is pending. Awaiting final notification, the fifth grade math results reflected 97 percent, according to Aschenbeck and eighth grade math results indicated 70 percent. Re-test is pending.

In regular business, board members approved financials as presented including the Business Manager's report, consent agenda and Tax-Assessor Collector report.

Additionally, the board approved the minutes of the April 13th meeting as presented and amended board member stations.

Trustees went behind closed doors to discuss assignment, reassignment, resignation, and employment of professional staff including Athletic Trainer.

Following executive session, Shanna Petty-Castro made a motion to allow the superintendent to accept resignations and employ professional staff on behalf of the board as necessary from May 16, 2016 through August 1, 2016. Cynthia Perez seconded the motion and the vote carried.

Trustees approved a contract for Michael Hailey for Athletic Trainer, as presented.

Trustees offered contracts to Kayla Lindemann, Dallas "Caleb" Perez, and Troy "TW" Wellmann, Kayla Ballew, Melissa Hernandez, Kairos Powell and Cecilia Lopez as presented.

Dawn Cahill, board president presided over the meeting.

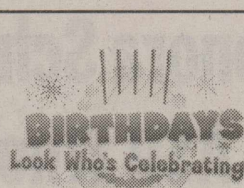
Board members Cynthia Perez, Delyse Jaeger, Bustamante, Brady Johnson and Shanna Petty-Castro were in attendance. Trustee Jerry Jiminez was absent.

The next regular meeting of the Sonora Independent School District School Board is slated for June 11th at 5:30 p.m. in the Vocational Building, 805 Prospect.

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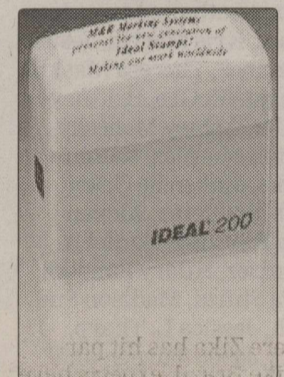
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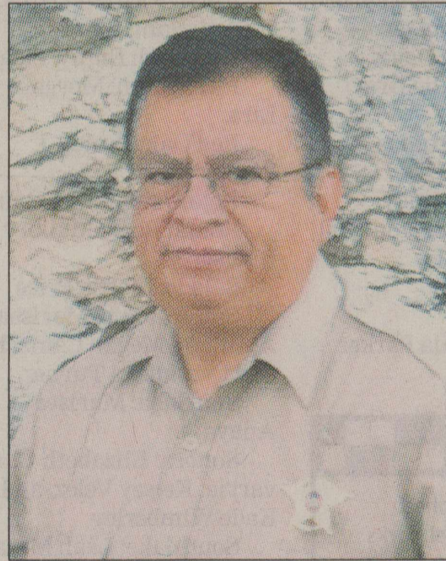
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US Veteran • Attended NCO Leadership Academy • Squad Leader/Track Commander • K9 Handler and Trainer • Assist the Catholic Church • 4th degree Knight with Knights of Columbus • Have assisted with conducting law classes at the high school • Assisted cross guards at elementary school • Hold Master's Certificate handed down by the State of Texas for Law Enforcement Officer

Goals:

1. Education for the officers because training makes an officer.
2. D.P.S. is not strong (in Sutton County) as it used to be and I think the highways need to be better patrolled East and West of Sonora.
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.

"I was in High School at Sonora High when Oscar Chavez came to Sutton County.

Oscar Chavez has been a family friend for 23 years.

Deputy Oscar Chavez has served our community with honor and integrity.

Deputy Chavez has experience and vision to bring our community into the next generation of Law Enforcement.

I have worked with Deputy Chavez since 2012 and I know he works well with all members of the community and is not afraid to take enforcement actions where it is needed.

I feel Deputy Chavez will be fair and honest with the community as Sutton County Sheriff.

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."

Political Ad Paid for by Oscar Chavez Campaign

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for Sheriff

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Most experienced candidate

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Sonora Scholars Named to ASU Who's Who List

The 2016 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in America's Universities and Colleges" includes 142 Angelo State University students being recognized as outstanding campus leaders.

The students will be honored during a ceremony and reception from 2-4 p.m. Friday, May 13, in the C.J. Davidson Conference Center inside the Houston Harte University Center, 1910 Rosemont Drive.

ASU faculty and staff members and student organizations can nominate students for "Who's Who," and a university committee makes the final selections. Students are chosen for their excellence in the classroom, campus and community service, and leadership in extracurricular activities. Honorees for the 82-year-old annual list come from 2,842 institutions of higher education in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. ASU has participated in the "Who's Who" program since the early 1970s.

The ASU honorees, listed by hometown, include:

San Angelo: William Brown, Laura Childs, Karyn Cummings, Maigan Dunlap, Devin Dunn, Jose Duran, Angel Enriquez, Theresa Freitag, Stephen "Jake" Gonzales, Hayden Harris, Alex Holguin, Alexis Latham, Mercedes Lopez, Kris Martin, Jesus Martinez, Theresa Maskill, Reagan McGee, Brittney Miller, Ashley Molesky, Bolton Morales, Nathan Nicks, Makenzie Ocker, Catalina Perez, Alexandria Ramirez, Daniel A. Ramirez, Hilary Sanders, Sara Shirai, Madison Suduth, Jessica L. Sharp, Gary Jason Turner, and Michael Wren

Abilene: Elizabeth Rapstine
Albany: Kamie Norton
Amarillo: Abbie Lynn
Arlington: Jasmine Hobbs and Elizabeth Rodriguez
Austin: Napoleon Onyeje and Barton Schroeter
Azle: Tristan Davis
Ballinger: Julie Gray and Blake Holle
Big Lake: Veronica Perez
Big Spring: Mindy Ralston, Taylor Seaton, and Dillon J. Bagnall
Blanco: Jacob Hallenberger
Borger: Keshia Parker

Brady: Alfredo "Freddy" Felipe
Brenham: Akujiuba Inyanma
Bronze: Benjamin Adams and Chelsea McGinnis
Buffalo Gap: Amber Sullivan
Caldwell: Hannah Robertson
Carlsbad: Jonathan Hood
Castroville: Sara Currie
Cedar Creek: Haley Mendel
Colorado City: Kathrine Plagens
Crane: Sarah Harrelson and Kaylee Morgan
Crosby: Samuel Fowler
Dalhart: Skyler Wilt

DeSoto: Shelby N. Sanders
Double Oak: Kelly Johnson
Eagle Pass: Andrea Chavarria
East Bernard: Grant Aschenbeck
Eldorado: Kayla Ballew
Ferris: Sarah Hartman
Flower Mound: Charles Wright
Forney: Luis Perez
Fort Worth: Cynthia Andrews and Amber Bohr
Frisco: Ryan Glover
Georgetown: Joe Hauser
Graham: Travis Whitehead
Haskell: Maci Colley
Hays: Dallas Kaiser
Hereford: Allison Romo
Highland Village: Ryan Burge
Houston: Charles Bennett and Cameron Niblock
Kerrville: Cecily Real
Lampasas: Samatha Jones
Leander: Corina Rodriguez
Llano: Dustin Dodson
Lometa: Martin Jaso-Perez
Longview: Danielle Patillo

Loraine: Lusia Rico
Lubbock: Jacqueline Dowell and Hunter Spear
Mansfield: Rachel Dahl and Taylor McDermott
Marfa: Jarett Lujan
Merkel: Shannon Heinz
Midland: Haley Rhodes
Miles: Cadyn Heinze
North Richland Hills: Tiffany Dang
Pearland: Emily Vidal
Pleasanton: Morgan Lira
Red Oak: Dundy J. Walker
Rotan: Adam Coffman
Round Rock: Mallory Blauser
Salado: Mattie Price
San Antonio: Marissa Aguilera, Megan Camacho, and Cassandra Turner
San Saba: Marissa Anaya
Sonora: Elizabeth Chavarria, Kelsey Velez, and Kade Wimberley
Southlake: Leah Meza
Tomball: Barrett Pace
Universal City: Brandi Washington
Valera: Stephanie Bledsoe and Mary Tapia
Van Alstyne: Kristy O'Keefe
Waco: Vincent Salazar
Weatherford: Melissa Hawkins
Wichita Falls: Tina M. Griffith

CORRECTION

The Sonora Medical Clinic, owned and operated by the Sutton County Hospital district, partnered with Physicians from San Angelo and West Texas Medical Associates to provide no cost physicals to Sonora High School students on May 5th.

WEST TEXAS REHAB BENEFIT JUNE 18TH

Featuring Son of Jerry Lee Lewis

West Texas Rehabilitation Center (WTRC) is hosting a benefit at the Ballinger High School Auditorium on June 18th.

The featured entertainer is the son of Jerry Lee Lewis, Jason D. Williams. Jason D. Williams is a long-time rock-n-roll entertainer whose style and performance is reminiscent of 50s and 60s rock-n-roll.

Jason brings his piano and travels with his band, and his 75-minute show will include his own songs and hits from legendary performer Jerry Lee Lewis.

For more information, including videos, about Jason D. Williams visit www.rockinjasondwilliams.com

The benefit concert on June 18th will benefit WTRC. WTRC was founded in 1956 and provides extraordinary outpatient services to 32 counties in

the Concho Valley and the Big Country.

Every day 500 patients walk through the doors of our centers in Abilene, San Angelo, and Ozona and they are taken care of, regardless of their ability to pay.

WTRC's mission is to serve our family, friends, and neighbors with the best quality outpatient services that they can get.

WTRC provides services to adults and children in the areas of: physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, audiology, orthotics and prosthetics, and family support services.

For more information about WTRC visit www.westtexasrehab.org.

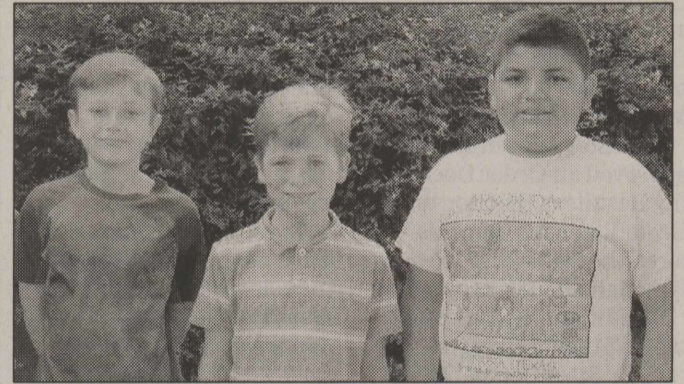
Tickets for the show will go on sale May 18th.

For more information about the show, Rehab, or Jason D. Williams you can call WTRC at 325-223-6364.



Sonora Elementary Students of the Week - Tyler Goins, Pre-K, Gabriella Castro, K, David Haggerton, 1st, Jennifer Garcia, 2nd. | COURTESY PHOTO

Elementary and Intermediate Students of the Week



Sonora Intermediate School Students of the Week - Owen Jones, 3rd, Colton Sorrell, 4th, Alfredo Salas, 5th. | COURTESY PHOTO

ESL Summer School

Sonora Elementary is offering an ESL (English as a Second Language) Summer School Program.

This program is offered to limited English proficient students who will be eligible for admission to Kindergarten and First Grade at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year.

This program will be offered from June 6 - July

15 from 8:00 - 12:00, Monday thru Friday.

If you would like for your child to participate, please contact the elementary office by Thursday, May 26.

In order to provide this program, we must have at least 10 children sign-up to attend.

If you have any questions, call the Elementary School office at 387-6951.

Escuela de verano de ESL

Escuela primaria de Sonora ofrece un programa de escuela de verano de ESL (inglés como segundo idioma).

Este programa se ofrece a los estudiantes competentes inglés limitados que serán elegibles para admisión a Kindergarten y primer grado al comienzo del año escolar 2016-2017.

Este programa se ofrecerá desde el 6 de junio

- 15 de julio de 8:00 - 12:00, lunes a viernes.

Si desea que su hijo / a participar, póngase en contacto con la oficina primaria por jueves, 26 de mayo.

Para este programa, debemos tener por lo menos 10 niños Registrados para asistir a.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta, llame a la oficina de la escuela primaria en 387-6951.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

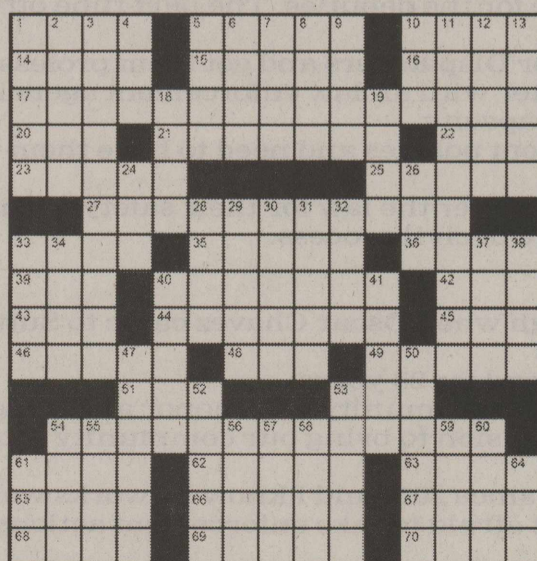
ACROSS

- Gulf state
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- "Don't be ____"
- Butter alternative
- Meals on wheels provider?
- More than -er
- Turpentine, e.g.
- Partner, with "the"
- Back in?
- Inedible orange
- Meals on wheels providers?
- Frost lines
- Inflate
- Romance lang.
- Globe
- Better
- Big time
- Action film staple
- Not for free
- Relieve
- Carryalls
- Perfect rating
- English paper
- Animation unit

DOWN

- Harmony
- Code creator
- Somewhat
- Ariz. neighbor
- S.A.T. section
- "Look who's here!"
- Yep's opposite
- Poverty-stricken
- Winter hazard

MEALS ON WHEELS



See solution on Page 8

- Triumphed
- Classical works
- Corp. shuffling
- Search for water
- Berkshire school
- '80s muscle car
- Daiquiri base
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- Snare's kit-mate
- Hint
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- Make a face
- Soup pasta
- Met song
- Disney dog
- Oil holder
- Nook reading
- Cream puff
- Pacific
- Leans
- "Halt, salt!"
- Gambling city
- Aware of
- Newsman Conan
- Heredity carrier
- Young 'un
- Every which way
- "Holy moly!"
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- Senator Cruz

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The Sonora Independent School District is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

Meals will be provided at the sites and times as follows:

Sonora Elementary School Cafeteria 907 S. Concho Sonora, Texas 76950 June 6 - June 23, 2016 Monday - Friday Breakfast 8:30 - 9:30 am. Lunch 11:30 am - 12 pm	Sonora Middle School Cafeteria 408 E. 1st Sonora, Texas 76950 June 6 - June 23, 2016 Monday - Thursday only Breakfast 8:30 - 9:30 am. Lunch 11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Sonora Middle School Cafeteria 408 E. 1st Sonora, Texas 76950 June 27 - July 21, 2016 Monday - Thursday only Breakfast 8:30 - 9:30 am. Lunch 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
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Monday July 4, 2016 is a Holiday. No services will be provided.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form (AD-3027), found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992.

Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
 - (2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
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79th Annual Wool and Mohair Show Slated for June 14-16 in Sonora

The 79th Annual Wool and Mohair Show is set for June 14-16 in the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center in Sonora.

It is held in conjunction with the 56th National 4-H Wool Judging contests and other ranch-related youth judging competitions during the three days.

The events will be conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in cooperation with the Sonora Lions Club, Sonora Wool and Mohair Company and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

Pascual Hernandez, AgriLife Extension agent in Sutton County, said the contests are meant to promote profitable livestock production, knowledge of

rangeland vegetation, and proper wool and mohair fleece preparation.

"We try to make these events not only fun, but educational as well," Hernandez said. "It is our aim to give the contestants an appreciation for the ranching practices typical in our area."

Hernandez said events will begin with the weighing and tagging of wool and mohair fleece entries at 10 a.m. on June 14.

All fleeces must be turned in by 3:30 p.m. that day.

Invitational judging contest registration will start at 7 a.m. June 15.

Livestock judging competition will begin at 8:15 a.m. that day, as will judging of the junior wool and

mohair entries.

Range judging participants will depart from the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center at 10 a.m.

The day's wool and mohair judging contest will begin at 1:30 p.m. June 15 at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center.

The national 4-H and FFA wool judging contests begin at 8 a.m. June 16, also at the civic center.

The three days of events will conclude with an 11:30 a.m. awards luncheon June 16 sponsored by the Sonora Lions Club and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at the civic center.

For more information, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Sutton County at 325-387-3101, or <http://sutton.agrilife.org>.

City of Sonora



Senior Center

MONDAY May 23rd

Chicken Drum Sticks, Macaroni and Cheese, Mix Greens, Cornbread, Cherry Jell-O, Milk.

TUESDAY May 24th

Tuna Pasta Salad, Pea Salad, Crackers, Fresh Fruit, Banana Pudding, Milk.

WEDNESDAY May 25th

Beef Tips w/Gravy, Steamed Rice, Green Beans, Roll, Cucumber and Tomato Salad, Peach Cobbler, Milk.

THURSDAY May 26th

BBQ Riblet on a Bun, Sliced Onions, Coleslaw, Pinto Beans, Applesauce, Milk.

FRIDAY May 27th

Santa Fe Chicken, New Potatoes, Parsley Carrots, Cornbread, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Milk.

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

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Congratulations Seniors!

Graduate Selections:

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Shelby Aschenbeck	Dustin McCain
James Freeman	Briana Palacios
Julian Gallardo	Daniel Pechacek
Trenton Harris	Darby Ramsdell
Megan Hernandez	Straton Rushing
Dustin Holmes	Maribel Tobias
Garett Jaeger	Maritza Villanueva
Kaitlyn Lopez	Jerrad Willey
Arturo Lopez	Julia Pope
Quealy Luerra-Shain	Sierra Kimbrell
Maggie Macnaughton	Adrian Garcia

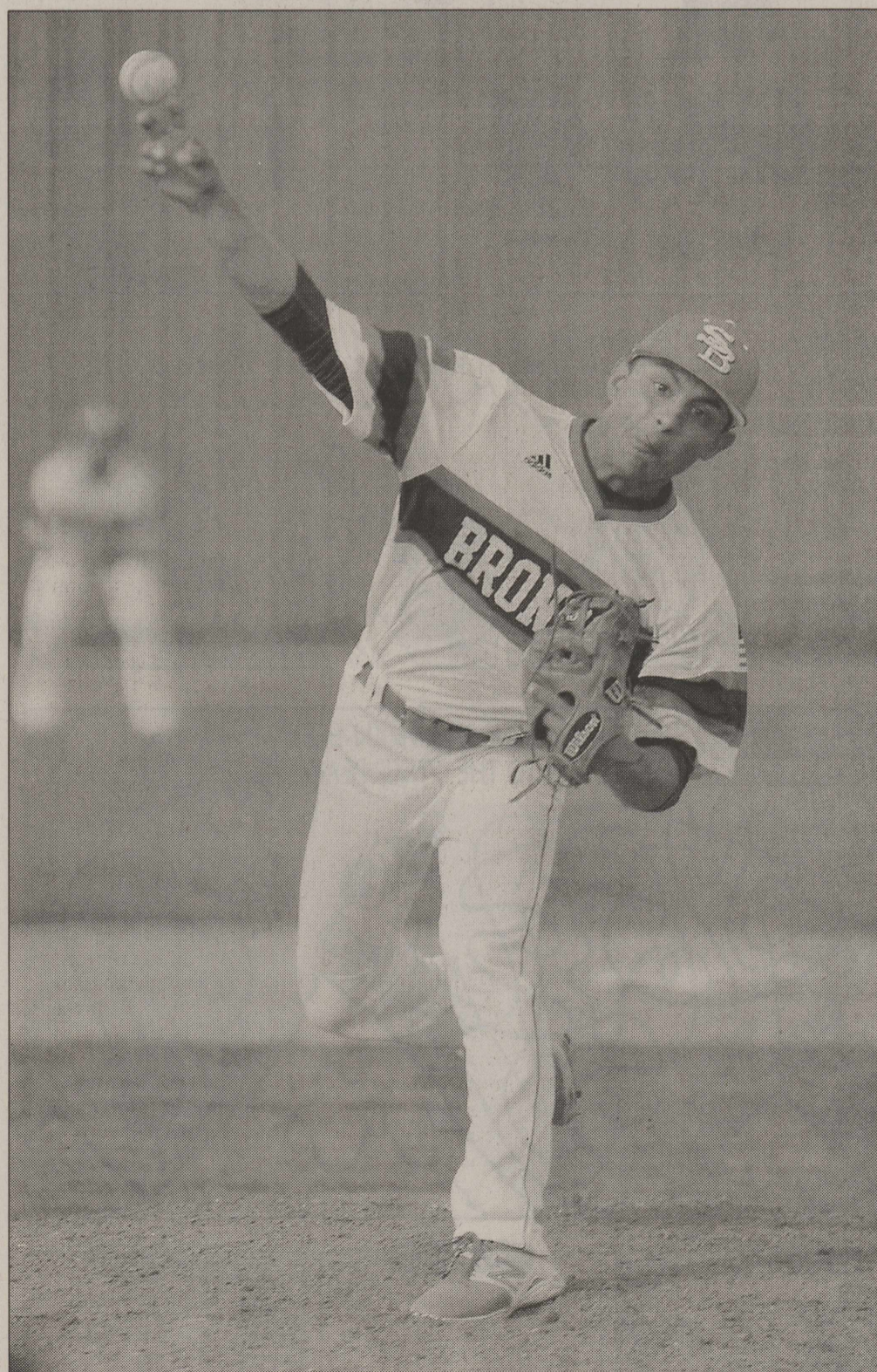
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Junior Combine



Noah Sanmiguel was selected by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association to participate in the 1st Annual Junior Combine on June 16th in San Marcos. **KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS**

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Early Voting:
May 16th thru 20th

Election Day
May 24th!

Kathy Sanchez Marshall
for **Sutton County Tax Assessor-Collector**



To all Sutton County voters:

I am asking for your vote during the Run-Off Election for Sutton County Tax Assessor-Collector. I am a Service-connected US Army Veteran with an Honorable Discharge. I am proud to have served my country as a Military Intelligence Analyst with a Top Secret Clearance (Sensitive). If elected, I would be honored to serve the citizens of Sutton County.

I am a dedicated citizen, always willing to lend a helping hand:

- Support school children during fundraisers
- "Toys for Tots" Volunteer
- Food Pantry Volunteer
- Member of the Lions Club
- Member of the Sonora Woman's Club

• Assisted Crime Victims of the 112th District of Texas

• Served our country in Civilian Employment at USPS, USDA, and Department of Defense

• If elected, I am confident in my ability to receive the required certification for this office, and maintain the continuing education requirements.

I am committed to provide reliable Sutton County. I would be honored to

and courteous service to all the citizens of receive your vote.

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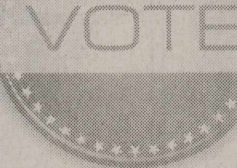
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Para todos los votantes del Con-

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Estoy pidiendo su voto durante
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- 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.

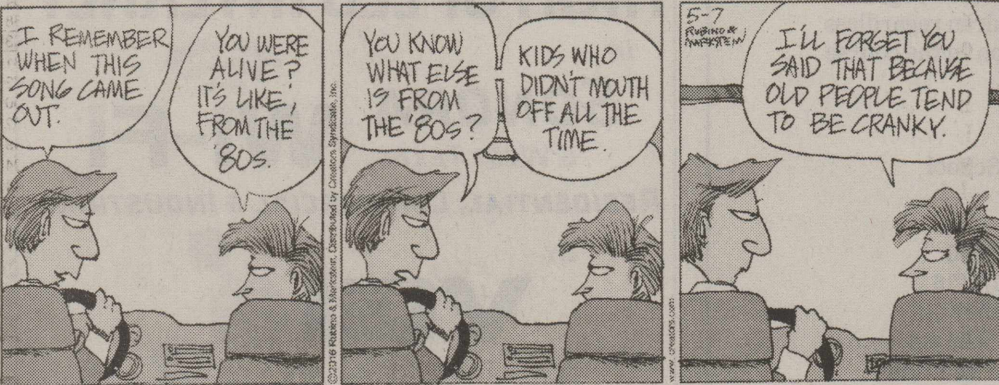
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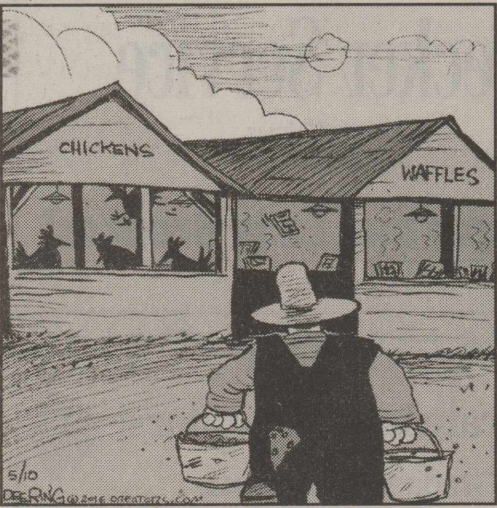
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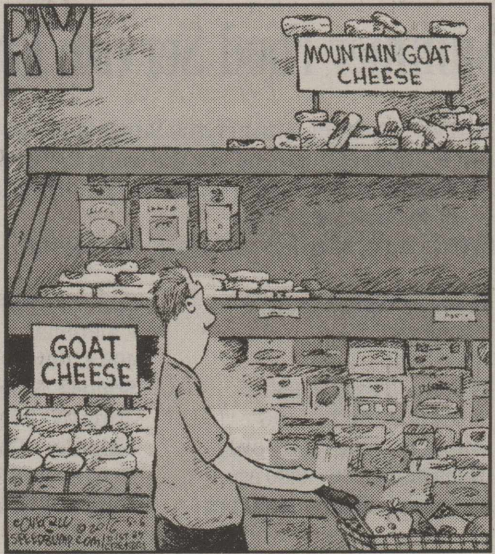
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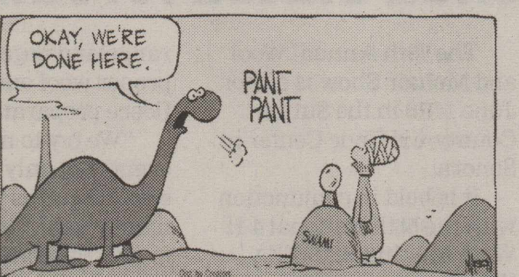
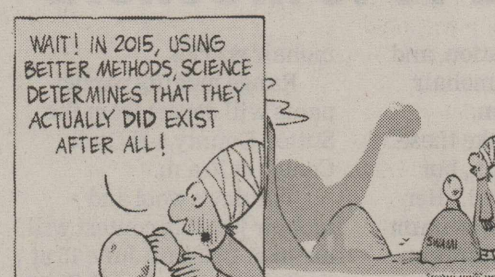
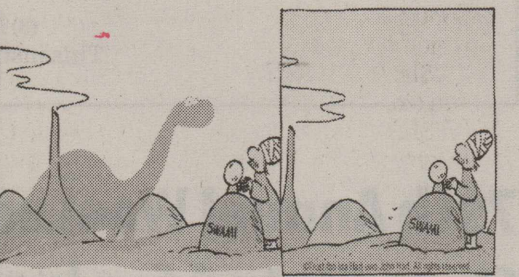
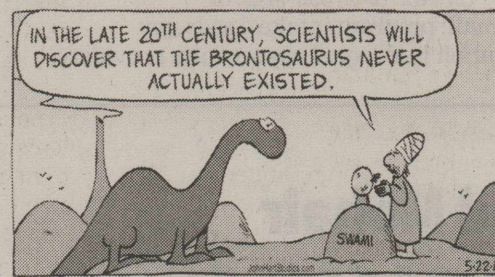
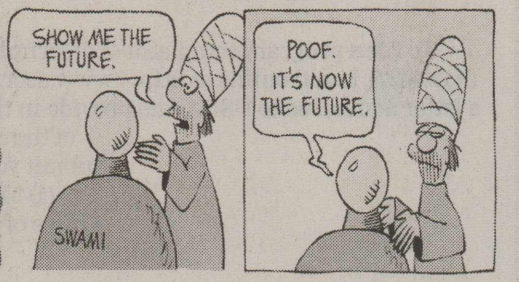
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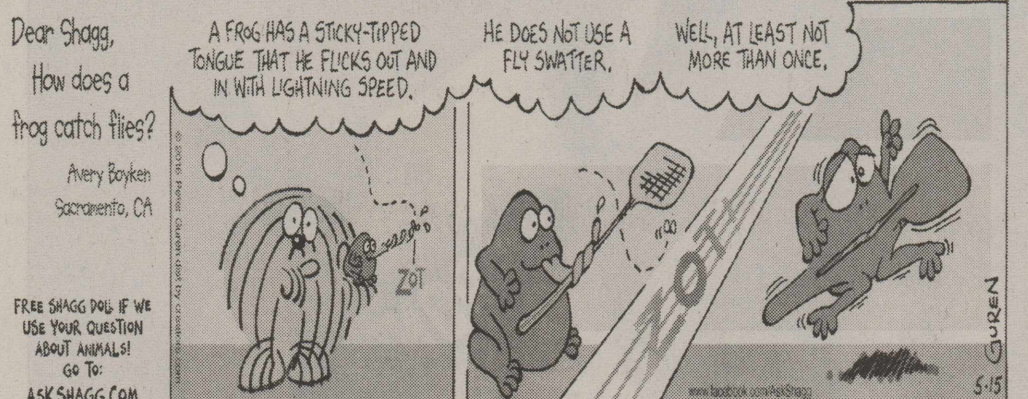
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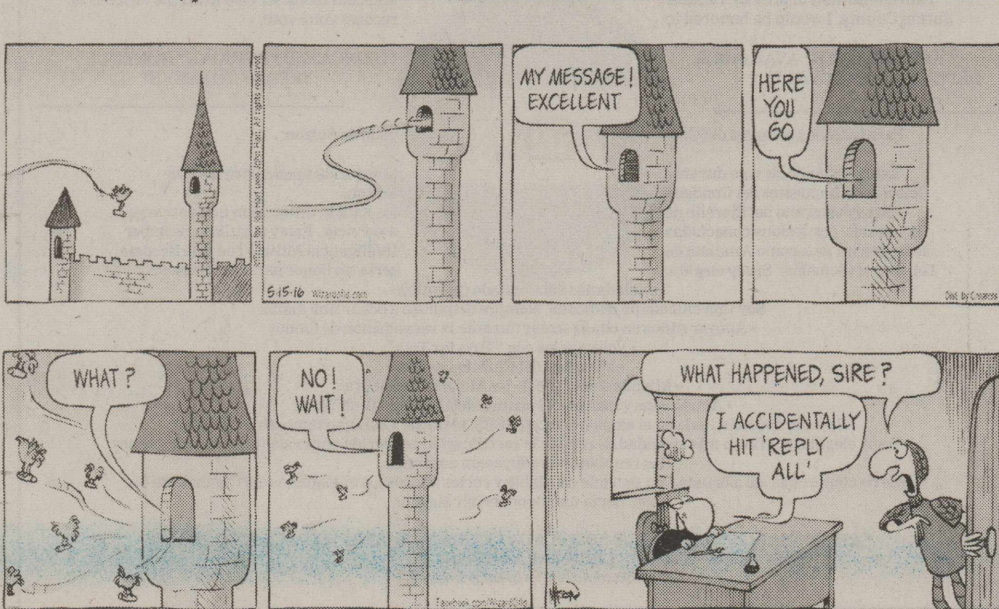
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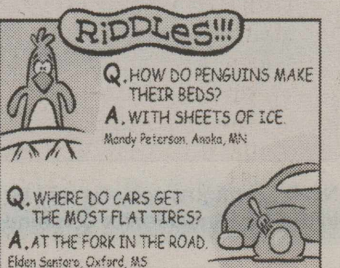
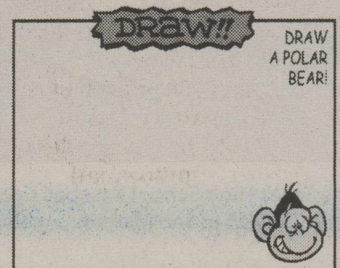
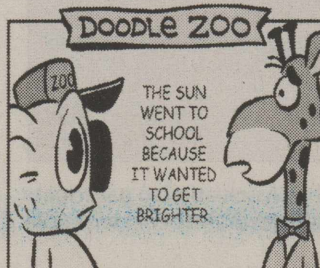


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OBITUARIES

Raquel (Rachel) Ramos
November 30, 1971- April 22, 2016



Raquel (Rachel) Ramos 44, passed Friday, April 22, 2016, at home peacefully surrounded by family.

Rachel, as everyone knew her by, was born November 30, 1971 in Sonora to Rodolfo (Fito) and Amelia Ramos.

She moved to San Angelo, TX and worked for Shannon Clinics, Dr. Duarte's office, Community Clinic and Dr. Carrisales' office for over 15 years altogether.

She later moved back home to her hometown and was very active at her new business she had recently started.

Rachel never met a stranger and she was always ready to give anybody a helping hand.

She had a beautiful smile on her face all the time. She will be so greatly missed.

Survivors include one son, Abraham Manuel Navarrette, Laura, and one grandson Manuel Enrique, whom was Gemmas pride and joy; one daughter Isela Nicole Navarrette and their father Al Navarrette all of Grape Creek, TX; mother, Amelia Ramos, Sisters: Gloria Ramos, children Chris, Gabby, Jessica, Jose and their father Sergio Gutierrez, Connie Castilleja, Armando, children Armando Jr, Andres, Angel, Sulema, and Felicity; Diana Virgen, Victor, and

daughter Savannah; Brothers: Rodolfo Ramos Jr., Ruth, and children Zack, Issac, and Caleb; Fernando Ramos children Shaun and Derek and their mother Anna Agüero; Esequiel (Zeke) Ramos, and daughter Lissandra and mother Laura and numerous family and friends.

Rachel was preceded in death by father, Rodolfo (Fito) Ramos, brother; Jericho (JJ) Ramos, Niece; Amanda Marie (Mandy) Castilleja, Nephews; Fernando (Fernie) Ramos and Victor (baby Vic) Virgen Jr.

Pallbearers were her nephews; Chris Gutierrez, Andres and Angel Castilleja, Shaun and Derek Ramos, uncle Jose Ramos, brother-in-law Sergio Gutierrez, and son Manuel Navarrette.

Rachel requested in lieu of flowers to make a donation to the Colon Cancer Centers adding "No child should have to go through the pain and suffering endured by the disease."

A visitation was held with family present at Kerbow Funeral Chapel.

Funeral mass was held at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Father Lionel officiating.

A burial followed the mass at Sonora Cemetery, directed by Kerbow Funeral Home.

The family wishes to extend a very special "Thank You" to Hospice and her nurse Jennie, for all the little extras you added to spice up her world and to Dr. Cummings and the team of doctors from Shannon Hospital and the Cancer Treatment in San Angelo, Dr. Fleishmann, Dr. Coyle and the Cancer Treatment Center of Dallas, TX we say "THANK YOU" for all your loving and caring ways of treatment extended to our Rachel.

Card of Thanks

The family of Rachel Ramos would like to take the opportunity to express heartfelt gratitude to family and friends during the most difficult times of sorrow.

To all the wonderful doctors, nurses, caregivers, staff, volunteers and Cancer Treatment Centers whom helped Rachel fight the illness with grace, strength, and unfailing courage.

To Hospice Care and nurse Jennie for helping make her journey more comfortable and with all the little extras you did for her.

Thank you for your kindness, loving, and caring ways toward Rachel and the family are greatly appreciated.

The Ramos Family & The Navarrette Family

Integrated Mosquito Control

Submitted by Suzanne Whitworth

The City of Sonora is asking residents to help with mosquito control by following a few simple steps including ridding their private property of old tires or other containers that hold water.

Presently, Sonora controls mosquitos by using a larvicide, such as B.T.I. and Gambusia Minnows.

Pesticides and sprays are not used to control mosquitos. A spray truck is not efficient in killing all of the mosquitos in one area.

To get control with a spray truck, the spray must come in contact with the mosquitos so that spray trucks arent killing many, only about 30 percent or less.

Additionally, serving with a spray truck does not control the mosquito larvae, which is crucial to a good mosquito program.

Currently, the city is using a CDC Gravid trap. This trap is used to determine the species of mosquitos, the current population

of mosquitos, any problem areas and detecting the presence of any arboviral diseases in mosquitos.

The Gravid trap is used to monitor any West Nile virus in mosquito populations, especially in culex mosquitos.

Maintaining swimming pools is crucial in controlling Culex mosquitos; the primary mosquito involved in transmitting West Nile virus to humans.

Often times a complaint about mosquitos will be biting midges (no see ums) or high populations of knats.

An over the counter spray can help with these, just follow the label.

With the recent rains, expect some floodwater mosquitos.

These mosquitos are considered to be nuisance mosquitos and have a very short life span.

About 30 percent of these mosquitos die.

If you have a problem with mosquitos call the Animal Control at 325-387-3888.

SC Hospital Board Approves 15 Incoming Provisional Staff

Swearing in new board members and warding off misadventures topped the agenda of the Sutton County Hospital District, Board of Directors on Monday, May 16th.

The board welcomed incoming trustees Don Longoria, Edward Earwood and Adelita Alvarez.

Additionally, trustees approved fifteen incoming provisional staff as recommended by the Medical staff.

All members received an updated binder consisting of reference documents including current bylaws, policies and state and local laws applicable to rural healthcare facilities.

In regular business, the board approved the minutes of the April 11th, the May 9th special meeting and the financial reports including April expenditures as presented.

Col. Pete Bradley spoke during public comments suggesting that board members brush up on current laws regarding how to run a rural health care facility as well as familiarizing new members on relevant laws and policies.

Trustees went behind closed doors to discuss medical staff, nursing committee and PI committee reports.

Before adjourning, trustees approved the regular board meeting to

remain on the 2nd Monday of each month.

Board Members present included Sharon Holman, Lenora Pool, Edward Earwood, Mary Humphrey, John Henry Strauch and Adelita Alvarez and Don Longoria.

The next regular meeting of the Sutton County Hospital District, Board of Directors is slated for June 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the wellness center at LMH Memorial Hospital.

The meeting agenda and approved board minutes will be posted on the hospital website www.sonora-hospital.org on the Board of Directors tab.

Devil's River News Weekly Rainfall Report

May 1-17	0.52 in.	May 1-17	2.34 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	7.62 in.	2016 Year-to-Date TOTAL	9.33 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.
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Sunrise: 6:45 AM Sunset: 8:33 PM	Sunrise: 6:45 AM Sunset: 8:34 PM	Sunrise: 6:44 AM Sunset: 8:34 PM	Sunrise: 6:44 AM Sunset: 8:35 PM	Sunrise: 6:43 AM Sunset: 8:35 PM

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Lunch
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After School Meal: Manager's Choice

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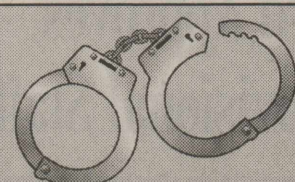
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ARRESTS
MAY 10 • Mayfield, Cara, 35 year old female from Sonora, arrested on a probation violation warrant.
INCIDENTS
MAY 9 - 11:10 AM • Caller reported suspicious activity at the Road Ranger. Officer responded.
4:45 PM • Caller reported a troubled individual. Officers responded.
MAY 10 - 8:42 AM • Caller reported an animal near bronco stadium. Officer responded.

AgriLife Extension names new integrated pest management agent

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has named Joel Webb as the integrated pest management agent for Runnels, Tom Green and Concho counties.
 Dr. Charles Allen, AgriLife Extension state integrated pest management coordinator at San Angelo, made the announcement.
 Webb will start June 1 and be headquartered at 608 Sealy Avenue, Suite A in Ballinger. His office number will be 325-365-2219.
 "I, Joel's new AgriLife Extension colleagues and the farmers he will be working with are looking forward to his arrival on the job," Allen said.
 Webb previously worked with Dr. Wayne Keeling, Texas A&M AgriLife Research weed scientist, on field crop weed management and with Dr. Russ Wallace, AgriLife Extension vegetable specialist, on vegetable and horticultural crops at Lubbock.
 "Joel was raised at

10:00 AM • Agency requested assistance at the Adult Probation office. Officer responded.
11:20 AM • Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Eaton Hill. Officer responded.
5:15 PM • Caller requested officer at the LMH. Officer responded.
8:46 PM • Suspicious caller from 7-11. Officer responded.
MAY 11 - 3:00 PM • Caller reported a bee attack on the 100 block of North Water Avenue. Officers responded.
MAY 12 - 1:13 PM • Caller reported that personal property was not being returned. Officer responded.
4:20 PM • Caller reported a child left unattended running in the street and throwing rocks on the 300 block of W. Chestnut. Officer responded.
8:40 PM • Caller reported a theft at the Lowe's grocery store. Officer responded.
9:22 PM • Caller reported a reckless driver in the parking lot of the Senior Apartments. Officer responded.
11:58 PM • Caller reported disorderly conduct at the Road Ranger. Officer responded.

MAY 13 - 9:32 AM • Caller requested a funeral escort. Officers responded.
4:21 PM • Caller reported a suspicious person at the Dollar General. Officer responded.
5:30 PM • Caller reported unauthorized use of motor vehicle. Officer responded.
7:54 PM • Caller reported a suspicious person at the Lowe's grocery store. Officer responded.
11:44 PM • Caller reported an harassment on the 100 block of Deerwood. Officer responded.
MAY 14 - 12:35 AM • Caller reported a welfare concern on the 400 block of W. Chestnut. Officer responded.
8:45 AM • Caller reported an animal on the 500 block of Menard. Officer responded.
11:45 AM • Caller reported fallen cable or telephone lines on Glasscock and Railroad. Officer

responded.
12:23 PM • Caller requested officer at the Senior Apartments. Officer responded.
8:58 PM • Caller reported an animal on Oak and Mulberry. Officer responded.
11:19 PM • Caller reported loud music in the Sinolua area. Officer responded.
MAY 15 - 10:24 AM • Officer was requested to meet with complainant at the Sheriff's Office. Officer responded.
6:47 PM • Caller reported loud music on the 1200 block of Tayloe. Officer responded.
8:08 PM • Caller reported an unknown trailer that was parked on the residence property on Water and 2nd Street. Officer responded.
10:49 PM • Caller requested officer to patrol 7-11 while attendant closes and exits the store. Officer responded.

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: School Funding

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2
 Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, said, "The Texas Supreme Court's ruling held that the state's school funding system met 'minimum constitutional requirements,' turning a cold shoulder to at least two-thirds of Texas school districts that were desperately seeking relief from an inequitable, inefficient and unsustainable school finance system that Texas courts had previously labeled unconstitutional."
 Rep. Carol Alvarado, D-Houston, said, "Our children deserve more than a minimal education and the Legislature should do all they can to ensure we repair this broken system. Over five million public school students are counting on us."
 Speaker Straus acknowledged "there is ample room for improvement" in school funding and said the Texas House "will continue working to deliver value for taxpayers and provide an outstanding education for our students."


It is 1.1 percent more than allocated in May 2015.
 "The cities of Dallas, San Antonio, El Paso and Fort Worth saw noticeable increases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. "Energy-centric cities such as Houston, Odessa and Midland continue to see decreases in sales tax allocations."

Blaze ruled intentional
 The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms on May 11 announced its research laboratory's finding that the April 17, 2013, fire at the West Fertilizer Company plant in the town of West, Texas, was intentionally set.
 Fifteen people died and some 160 were injured in the fire and explosion.
 "We will gladly assist in any way possible in the days ahead to expose the criminals behind this heinous crime," said David Maxwell, director of law enforcement for the Texas attorney general's office.

GOP meets; Dems are next
 The Republican Party of Texas held its state convention May 12-14 at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center in Dallas. The final party platform is available online at texasgop.org.
 The Texas Democratic Party will hold its state convention June 16-18 at the Alamodome in San Antonio. The party platform is available online at txdemocrats.org.

Revenue is up slightly
 Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on May 11 announced his office would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$767.7 million in local sales tax allocations for May.
 The total was based on sales made in March by businesses that report tax monthly, plus sales made in January, February and March by quarterly filers.

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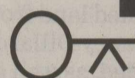
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Sonora 5th graders (front) Giovanni Gamez and Jonathan Lozano loosen the dirt around the roots of a Redbud tree before planting it in the Sutton County Cemetery on May 13th as part of Arbor Day. Students followed a list of steps to help them learn the proper way to set trees when transplanting them.

2016 Arbor Day Theme 'Trees are Terrific and Energy Wise' Encourages Kids to Plant Trees

Sonora 5th graders got their hands dirty digging and planting in celebration of Arbor Day on May 13. About sixty students participated in the annual tree planting, setting seven Red Bud trees in the Sutton County Cemetery. Susan Hall, SISD teacher, said the annual event begins with a poster contest and program, each year features

a different theme, to teach kids about the importance of trees in the environment. This year's theme is 'trees are terrific and energy wise'. For the past thirteen years, Hall has coordinated the Arbor Day program for Sonora. Collaborating with the Sutton County Ag Extension, Sonora ISD is able to obtain trees to plant in the

community continuing a practice that began thirteen years ago. Divided into groups of seven, students followed a set of guidelines for properly setting each tree. The guidelines included digging as hole deep enough to loosen the roots and place the tree. Next, covering each tree with dirt, they constructed a border to hold

the irrigation water. Each 5th grader wore a t-shirt embellished with a design by Jonathan Lozano. Lozano was awarded first place in this year's Arbor Day poster contest. Happy to be the winner, Lozano said it was a surprise and it felt great. "It wasn't just a picture it is for the plants," Lozano said.

Fort Lancaster Visitors Center Celebrates Grand Reopening

A two-year project culminates Saturday May 21 at 1 p.m., as the Fort Lancaster State Historic Site, one of the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) 21 historic sites, celebrates the grand reopening of its new visitors center. This event is in conjunction with Fort Lancaster's free Annual Western Frontier Days (May 20 and May 21, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. each day). Fort Lancaster will come alive with soldiers, pioneers, Native American dancers, chuck wagons, cooking demonstrations, livestock, camels, a stage coach, and much more. The new visitors center and the Annual Western Frontier Days provide compelling visuals and interview opportunities with

participants and attendees alike. Other opportunities for coverage include appearances and comments by THC Commissioner Gilbert E. "Pete" Peterson, III, THC Executive Director Mark Wolfe, Crockett County Judge Fred Deaton, and others. Who: Texas Historical Commission officials, Fort Lancaster staff, as well as elected officials. What: With the end of the U.S. war with Mexico in 1848 and the discovery of gold in California, thousands of people journeyed west. One of the routes stretched from San Antonio to San Diego. Known in Texas as the Lower Road, it passed through Apache and

Comanche lands. The U.S. Army protected the route, which required soldiers and forts. Fort Lancaster played an important role in westward expansion by providing escorts for mail carriers, wagon trains, and settlers on the Lower Road. Spanning 82 acres and surrounded by the wide open spaces of West Texas, Fort Lancaster State Historic Site is located between Sheffield and Ozona in Crockett County. It commemorates the vestiges of one of the forts established in the 1850s to protect the route between San Antonio and El Paso. The THC recently completed a two-year renovation that includes a new visitors center built from

the original building with a substantial new gallery exhibit on the north side. The new exhibit presents the story of Fort Lancaster through artifacts, images, scale models, a life-sized camel replica, and an introductory video. To increase visitor comfort, a large outdoor canopy was built facing the fort ruins. This project marks the first major site improvement since the 1970s, and reflects the THC's commitment to protecting cultural resources while providing enjoyable educational opportunities for the public. When: Saturday May 21, 2016, 1 p.m. Where: 629 Fort Lancaster Road, Sheffield, Texas

It Came in After Deadline!

“Woo hoo the girls won state tennis!!!”
— David Sine

City Council Approves Rate Increase for Out of City Services

City Council members approved a 1.5 percent increase to current sewer, water and garbage rates for use outside the city limits. This increase does not affect residents within the city of Sonora. The increase is a result of the recent de-annexation of the Loma Alta and Sinaloa subdivisions. Sonora is still under or equal to neighboring cities costs for municipal services provided outside of the city limits, according to Charlotte McElwain. Trustees approved May 19th as National Peace Officer Memorial Day and a special program is scheduled for 12 noon on the Courthouse lawn. Trustees approved funding \$15,000 to assist with funding of the Dry Devil's River Music Flood, sponsored by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, the Council swore in Wanda Shurley, Juanita Barrera and Norm Rousselot. Shurley will continue to serve as the Mayor of Sonora, Barrera serves as council member Ward 2 and Rousselot serves as council member Ward 1. In other business, Trustees approved the Sonora Municipal Swimming Pool hours of operation. The pool is set to open part time starting Monday-May 23rd to Thursday 26th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Full time Monday, May 30th from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Wednesday and Saturday. Open only on Saturday for private parties. Council members approved two additional lifeguards and an employee assistant for Tammy Favila,

at the Sonora municipal pool. The council approved the notice of agreement to accept donated land from Mike and Janey Dillard with amended, as well as a notice of agreement to accept donated land from Stanley and Clara James with amended. The council approved a new income survey to determine if Sonora falls within the Median Household Parameters. Information from this survey will determine if Sonora is eligible for grant funding. Council members approved a motion to adopt resolution No. 2016-R-5A for the Sutton County Days Parade and granting a right of way on Crockett. Additionally, trustees approved the St. Ann's Catholic Church request for a procession on May 29, 2016. Sonora Tourism Committee's new members Michael Brice and Donna Garrett were approved. Council members approved appointing Todd Munn as Mayor Pro-Tem. In regular business, Council members approved the minutes from the April 25th regular meeting as well as the Sonora Senior Center and Police reports. A special Budget Workshop is slated for June 27th at 3:30 p.m. Mayor Wanda Shurley presided over the meeting. Council members present were Doug Chandler, Todd Munn, Juanita Barrera, and Norm Rousselot. The next meeting of the Sonora City Council is slated for June 20th at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Sutton County Hospital District: Tough Decisions Ahead

By John Graves, CEO
With the help of the CFO and staff department heads I am required to provide to the board for approval an "executable" annual budget with all the estimated revenues, obligations and expenses. The budget is typically approved each September for the following calendar year. The budget must be adhered to unless an amendment to the budget is submitted and approved by the board of directors. To ensure the district as a whole is meeting budget expectations the board is provided each month the most recent financial reports. Financial reports include the balance sheet, income statements and the previous month's expenditures. Anticipating the final audit due in June for calendar year 2015 the hospital district is expected to lose or decrease its net financial position over 100% of the previous year's position. The audit will mostly likely confirm the district's operational outcome will end with a net loss or negative margin for 2015. For the last few months a series of stoplight and financial indicators have been presented to the board of directors suggesting some hard decisions are necessary before I can present an appropriate

and reasonable budget this September. Economic downturn coupled with pending operational losses makes it impossible to provide a budget with positive expectations. More importantly, it is inappropriate and irresponsible to provide a proposed budget with a negative balance. So what does this mean? The Hospital District Board of Directors will need to make a number of decisions in the coming months as part of their sworn responsibility to ensure the district, as a public entity, is functioning appropriately in accordance with federal, state, and local public policies. Per Special District Local Laws Code, Title 3., Health Subtitle A., Hospital Districts, Chapter 1101., Sutton County Hospital District, Sec. 1101.101., the district has full responsibility for operating hospital facilities and for providing medical and hospital care for the district's needy inhabitants. The tough reality is how the District will support the mandate with declining financial resources. The board has the ultimate responsibility to manage, control, and administer the hospital system and district's money and resources. In response to a similar

article posted on the SCHD Facebook page, Colonel (retired) Pete Bradley stated, "Recommend you start with the mission and any service line that doesn't contribute should be a candidate for elimination." I wish it were this easy. The problem with this statement is with one exception all our service lines contribute to the core mission of the hospital district for taking care of its inhabitants. The one exception is the Rocksprings Clinic. In accordance Section 1101.113 of Title 3 (above) we continue to work closely with Edwards County to ensure Sutton County is made whole for the care we deliver. All revenue contributions are considered when reconciling revenues from direct care, ancillary and allied health services, to accommodate and balance the cost of running the clinic. In terms of the big picture the Board will need to assess how the district as an integrated system of multiple moving parts is performing. Major resources for the District are Clinic B or the Sonora Medical Clinic, Rocksprings Clinic, Home Health and Hospice, contracted specialty clinics, and the hospital, which provides ancillary and allied health services for laboratory, radiology, physical therapy, trauma

and emergency services, inpatient, observations, cardiopulmonary, swing bed, limited outpatient services, and wellness center. Although not part of the hospital district, Clinic A, or Dr. Pajestka's clinic, in a large way provides a valuable and tremendous service to the community. For 2015 Clinic A with no financial incentive or return contributed to the lion's share (57%) of ancillary orders and allied health referrals, or in financial terms over \$2.7M to the district for net patient service revenue. Comparatively speaking the Sonora Medical Clinic B, which is employed by the district, contributed less than 13%, specialty clinics 15%, and the remaining 15% from the emergency room, inpatient and hospital outpatient services. As disclaimer the last sentence is in no way intended to indicate non-performance as medical providers must meet medical necessity guidelines and policies before creating ancillary orders or referring patients to allied health professionals and specialists. How are service lines contributing to financial growth or net position? The last 12 months with cyclical influences suggests for 2016 hospital services will contribute 256,151 dollars, Sonora Medical Clinic

B negative (-) 316,932 dollars, and Rocksprings negative (-) 203,022 dollars. The system as a whole will have negative growth of (-) 263,804. Keep in mind these numbers assume each of these areas stand alone. It must be stated the system of healthcare delivery for Sutton County is integrated and one or more hospital services are directly impacted by the volume of orders and referrals from the clinics and specialty clinics. In other words, hospital revenue is mostly dependent on physician orders for laboratory and radiology plus referrals to allied health programs. I am concerned Clinic B, the district owned clinic, is struggling to survive even when aggregating its own net patient service, ancillary and allied health, and proportional tax revenues. Although some personnel changes in mid 2015 helped reduce the margin of loss for Clinic B it still wasn't enough of a change to move the clinic into a positive position. For Rocksprings the Board made the decision to open the clinic with the understanding and for several reasons it would generate positive revenue. Unfortunately, this did not happen. However, with major changes in late 2015 I am confident the Rocksprings

Clinic will turn itself around by the end of 2016. One indicator of future success is at the end of March 2016 the Rocksprings clinic had already experienced 73% of the entire volume of patients in 2015. It is our prediction the Rocksprings clinic will exceed 250% of 2015's volume of patient visits. How do we turn the negatives into positives? I will be presenting some options along with recommendations presented by individual board members. Options will and shall be supported by analysis and due diligence and conclude with positive financial outcomes. The Hospital District Board of Directors have a difficult time ahead of them as their decisions will no doubt have an impact on the staff and the community at large. I am requesting your patience and understanding as we move through what I feel will be difficult times ahead. We are a business and as a business we can no longer tolerate losses detrimental to the long-term sustainment and viability of the Sutton County Hospital District. I am interested in your opinion and suggestions of how we can improve our financial position. Please call me directly, 325-387-1200 or email me, ceo@sonora-hospital.org.