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Sonora High School 2016 graduates toss their caps into the air at the closing of the Commencement ceremony on Friday, May 27th. Sixty young scholars received their diplomas during the celebration.

Top Scholars Recognized During Sonora High School Commencement

Every student has a unique story to tell about their journey bringing them to graduation day and there is no greater way to celebrate their achievements than a high school graduation.

Sonora ISD graduated sixty students during its commencement ceremony on Friday, May 27th, in the Bronco gymnasium.

Graduates receiving a diploma include: Joseph Taylor Absher Victoria Nicole Acosta McKinsey Nikole Anderson Rosa Eva Rebecca Araujo John Andrew Arredondo Shelby M'Lynn Aschenbeck Bryan Patrick Brown Jillian Catrina Buitron Joe Michael Campos II Daniel Edward Castro Louis Castro Jr Daniel Ozuna Coronado Kristen Noel Fierro James Grady Freeman Julian Dominic Gallardo Juan Miguel Gamez Adrian Garcia Alexis Selena Garza Damian Alexander Garza JuanDavid Garza Lisa Renee Garza Kevin Alejandro Castaneda

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Oscar Jaime Herrada Dionne Ashley Hinojosa **Dustin Ray Holmes** Garett Wells Jaeger Sierra Chevenne Kimbrei Arturo Duran Lopez Kaitlyn Leigh Lopez Maggie Ann MacNaughton Jonathan Andrew Martinez **Kevin Matthew Martinez** Ryan Matthew Martinez Octavio Alejandro Mendez Briana Nelly Palacios Daniel Crane Pechacek Julia Cloudt Pope Darby Elizabeth Ramsdell Paulo Rivas Susan Robles Straton George Rushing Mauro Santana Jr Misae Keelev Smith Sergio Eric Solis Maribel Cipriana Tobias David Anthony Torres Sylvia Janelle Vasquez Zelenia Danielle Vasquez Maritzza Villanueva Jerrad Michael Willey

Skyler Sage Wood Welcoming the students and audience, Principal Ken Wimberley opened commencement with a proud smile and words of endearment.

Darby Ramsdell, Valedictorian and Kaitlyn Lopez, Salutatorian delivered commencement speeches to their fellow graduates and the audience.

Thanking family, friends, faculty and distinguished guests, Lopez said she is most appreciative of the teachers who have

been apart of her life the past twelve years and helped prepare her for the future.

"I'm never gonna use half of the stuff I ve learned, ever again, Lopez said. "But I know working through all of the academic challenges has helped prepare each of us for real world problems."

Reminding them that they will forever be a part of each others lives, Lopez encouraged her peers to trust in themselves and love themselves.

"Don't be afraid to take risks and don't be afraid to fail," Lopez said. "You are capable of greatness.'

Calling out their names, one by one, Wimberley recognized each of the 2016 honor graduates. They are as follows.

Principal's Excellence

Award: McKinsey Anderson Straton Rushing Cum Laude: Alexis Garza Adrian Garcia James Freeman Garett Jaeger **Mribel Tobias** Summa Cum Laude: Shelby Aschenbeck Edgar Hernandez Magna Cum Laude:

Ramsdell Salutatorian, Kaitlyn Lopez Darby Ramsdelle, Valedictorian, congratulated her fellow graduates reminding them of the laughter, accomplishments,

Valedictorian, Darby



Salutatorian Kaitlyn Lopez and Valedictorian Darby Ramsdelle met with fellow graduates in preparation for Friday's commencement.

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setbacks and tears that they have shared throughout the years.

"You may go to the ends of the earth, Ramsdell said. "But, you will always be from Sonora High School."

Ramsdell said she believes that each of them makes a difference in the world. Like a butterfly they are all capable of making changes.

"Go forth and show your greatness," Ramsdell said.

Crossing the stage, shaking hands and grasping their

diplomas each students stopped to hug Wimberley and pass off a shot gun shell as a token of affection and remembrance.

In closing, Wimberley reminded each student, as each one goes out into the world they are not alone and should remain faithful and strong.

Most of all, I want you to remember to be faithful and strong in a world where many walk in fear," Wimberley said. "Love you guys."

Mediation Scheduled in Doctor's Lawsuit Against Hospital District

A mediation hearing is slated for June 8th in Austin in the lawsuit brought against Sutton County Hospital District by Dr. Chris Hall.

The lawsuit, filed by Dr. Hall on September 1, 2015, alleges that Hospital Administrator John Graves and the district's board of directors conspired to violate the Texas Open Meetings Act by communicating among themselves outside of a properly posted public meeting.

The further accuses the defendants of terminating the doctor's employment after he reported the alleged Open Meetings Act violation to District Attorney Laurie English of the 112th Judicial District.

Hospital Administrator John Graves declined to comment on the specifics of the case but did confirm that a mediation hearing is planned.

Dr. Hall's attorney, Brian Carney of Midland, did not

return a call from The Devil's River News on Tuesday.

The lawsuit was moved from State District Court to U.S. Federal Court at the request of the hospital district.

Dr. Hall is seeking \$200,000 in damages as well as \$300,000 in salary plus health and other benefits. He has asked for a jury trial.

If there is no settlement in the case, it is tentatively slated to go to trial in Federal Court in San Angelo next April.

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10 States Join Texas AG in Lawsuit Over School Bathrooms

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on May 25 filed a lawsuit against the heads of the federal Department of Education, Department of Justice, Department of Labor, Equal Opportunity Commission and other entities for issuing directives that would require public schools to open up restrooms and locker rooms to both sexes.

Joining Texas in the lawsuit are the states of Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Louisiana, Maine, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah, West Virginia and Wisconsin. Plaintiffs also include a diverse coalition of top state officials and local school districts, including the Harrold (Texas) Independent

School District.

"Defendants have conspired to turn workplaces and educational settings across the country into laboratories for a massive social experiment, flouting the democratic process and running roughshod over commonsense policies protecting children and basic privacy rights," Paxton said in the complaint.

In a long list of reliefs sought, the plaintiffs are asking the court for "a declaration that the defendants' new rules, regulations, guidance and interpretations are unlawful and must be set aside as actions taken 'without observance of procedure required by law' under the federal Administrative

Procedure Act."

The lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, Wichita Falls Division.

Court hears voter ID case

The Texas Attorney General's Office on May 24 defended the state's Voter ID law before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in New Orleans. The case was heard en banc, that is, all 15 of the court's

Texas' voter ID law was passed by the Legislature in 2011. It requires voters to present a valid driver license or one of several other accepted forms of official photo

identification, in addition to their voter registration. Plaintiffs say the law has discriminatory effects that violate the U.S. Voting Rights Act.

At a previous hearing, the U.S. Supreme Court ordered the STATE CAPITAL Fifth Circuit to decide **HIGHLIGHTS** the case by July 20. By Ed Sterling

Runoff results

The Office of the Secretary of State posted May 24 election night returns for

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I have written quite a bit about my family but this is where the stories and legends are and they need to be recorded before they disappear forever.

It Happened Out West



So, I will begin by reiterating the background and characters of this family legend.

My old German grandmother and my mother lived together on my mother's ranch in southern Pecos County.

Now, both of

these women were widows and owned ranches that were leased.

They lived in the old headquarters house. At this time, they had a garden, fruit trees and a milk cow.

Mother raised chickens for meat and

Grandmother raised turkeys to sell. This situation was good and suited everyone involved.

Now, comes the villain of this legend. Proceed with the story.

Grandmother had a turkey hen that had stolen her nest out in the brush west of When she came to water grandmother

was going to follow her to the nest so she could bring the new turkey poults when they hatched. I neglected to mention by name a male

peafowl that had been given to mother by another rancher. Absolutely worthless, but a member

When the hen came in to water one day, grandmother dressed in her gingham dress, with her apron, gimmie cap and tennis shoes and got ready to follow her.

She also carried her single shot .410 shotgun for rattlesnakes.

As she followed the hen back in the brush, the large male peafowl followed her. When she discovered the nest full of

turkey eggs, the hen ran away. At this point, the peafowl jumped on the hidden nest and broke up the eggs.

Grandmother tried to run him off and succeeded in making him fly back to the barn where he lit on the car port.

As grandmother started back to the barn, the peafowl began to scream loudly. The further grandmother walked, the madder she got.

Due to the loud screaming, mother came out of the house to see what was going down.

When grandmother got within range of this loud squawking bird, her temper took control and revenge came into play.

Now, we have mother watching from the yard, grandmother, who by the way was approximately 85-years at the time, walking back to the barn, and the peafowl was squawking loudly from the carport.

Reaching probable range, grandmother cocked her :410 and blew the loud peafowl off of the carport.

Mother came out of the yard and screamed at her, "Mother, why did you kill

my peafowl?!' Grandmother very calmly broke open her shotgun and loaded another shell.

Then turned and pointed the shot gun at mother and said, "Because, by God, I wanted to!'

Very wisely, Mother turned and ran in the house and it was never mentioned

This happened out west.





Rick Monday's Patriotic Act Worthy of Praise 40 Years Later

OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

Just over forty years ago, on April 25, 1976, Rick Monday, an outfielder for the Chicago Cubs, prevented a 36-year-old Los Angeles man and his son from burning an American flag in

the outfield of Dodger Stadium.

The Cubs had ended their turn at bat and were taking the field when a man named William Thomas and his 11-year-old son climbed over the fence and raced to center field where they spread an American flag on the ground and began soaking it with lighter

The whole thing was caught on camera and, Vin Scully, who continues to broadcast the Dodgers'

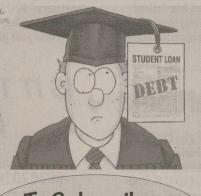
games to this day, described the action for radio listeners at home. "I'm not sure what he's doing out

there," Scully said. "It looks like he's going to burn a flag.' Monday, who later worked as a broadcaster for the Dodgers, said he knew

instantly what the pair intended to do and, thinking that he might have time to tackle them, he sprinted in their direction. But it was a long way to run and they managed to strike a match before he got there. Thankfully, the wind blew out the match giving Monday the extra seconds he needed to race in and snatch the flag

Monday says it was saturated with lighter fluid and felt cold on his arm. Only then did he think to check and see if he and the banner was on fire.

Instantly the man and his son were surrounded by other ball players, stadium security guards and the Dodger's third base coach, Tommy Lasorda, who had also raced into the outfield intent on stopping the desecration.



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Thomas was arrested and fined \$60 for disturbing the peace. Neither he nor his son ever spoke publicly about why they wanted to burn the flag.

Maybe, just maybe, they were shamed by the very public reaction to Monday's intervention.

The Cubs outfielder simply handed the flag off to one of the Dodgers in their 3rd base dugout and started jogging back to his place in the outfield as if the whole thing were "no big deal."

But, to the fans in Dodger Stadium that day it was a very big deal.

Softly at first, then louder and louder from every corner of

the ballpark, the crowd began singing "God Bless America."

Then on the scoreboard in center field flashed the words. "Rick Monday...You Made A Great Play!"

Dodger Stadium erupted in applause. "The world has changed," Monday says now. "We weren't that far removed from Vietnam at the time. But what they were trying to do in 1976 was wrong. It's still wrong today. That little piece of cloth represents a lot of rights and freedoms that people have given up their lives to

Monday's selfless action was recognized by Major League Baseball when the Hall of Fame chose it as one of the top on hundred moments in the history of baseball.

He says he still gets calls and letters from people, usually military veterans or the families of servicemen, offering their thanks. It's a little embarrassing, he says, since he claims he doesn't know a single person who would not have done the same

Monday says he still has the worn and tattered flag, locked up securely in a safedeposit box. He has resisted every attempt to purchase the flag, even turning down a million dollar offer

"What this flag represents, you can't buy," Monday said.

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Traffic on the Bankhead is Increasing

The Bankhead Highway is the first all-weather transcontinental highway in The United States. It stretches from Washington, D.C.

to San Diego,

California. It is

Representative

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John Hollis

Bankhead of

Alabama, a



by Tumbleweed Smith

leader in the national road-building project. He was responsible for the Federal Aid Road Act of 1916, which created the Bankhead Highway along southern states.

In 2009, the Texas legislature designated the Bankhead a Texas Historic Highway because some lawmakers felt the highway was in danger of being forgotten. The highway covers 850 miles in Texas, all the way from Texarkana to El Paso. The State Historical Commission began a series of projects to promote the cultural and economic benefits of the highway to

cities along its route. To get things rolling to celebrate the Bankhead's 2016 centennial, Dennis Boots of Denton commanded a convoy of vintage military vehicles along the entire route, from DC to San Diego. It was a project of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association and took three years to plan. A total of 45 vehicles made the trip along with half a dozen support vehicles. They stopped in several Texas cities to cheering crowds, flag-waving students and appre-

ciative veterans. Sisters On The Fly, a group of fun-loving women who travel around the country pulling tiny trailers, crossed Texas on the Bankhead in April.

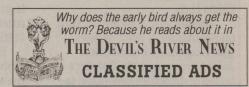
That same month owners of antique vehicles took a four-day Bankhead drive from Texarkana to Odessa. Fifty vehicles left Texarkana and half of them make it all the way. Members of the Antique American Independent Auto Association own the vehicles. Dale Truitt of Commerce organized the trip. "These drivers come from Louisiana, Oklahoma and all over Texas," he says. "The trip has been an action-packed riot. We've had high school bands, flag corps, refreshments, kids jumping up and down and all kinds of welcoming ceremonies in cities along the way. It's like the 4th of July every day. We've got cars from the teens through the fifties. Some of these cars people have never heard of. I drive a 55 Studebaker."

All the vehicles are in pristine condition. They're beautiful. Kelly Sullivan of Texarkana was in a 1940 Oldsmobile coupe with 53,000 actual miles. "I'll never forget this experience," she says. "When I talk about my fondest memories, this is going to be one of them. The receptions we have had in small towns have been phenomenal."

Perhaps the most unusual car making the journey was a 1932 Graham. "Drives like a brand new car," says the owner. The oldest and largest vehicle was a 1915 Packard, a 7-passenger touring car.

"Before the Bankhead, we were driving on dirt and dust," says Dale. "After the highway was established, we were seeing roads made of brick and concrete. The Bankhead Highway was a tremendous boon to cities along the highway."

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Tate Shannon Earns Bronze at UIL State Academic Meet

Submitted by Angie Kissire Tate Shannon brought

home the Bronze medal in Literary Criticism from the State UIL Academics meet Tuesday, May 24th.

More than 515 students in the state's 3A schools competed in Literary Criticism this year, with only 24 individuals and 5 teams earning their way to the State contest via district and regional competitions.

The UIL Literary Criticism Contest is a 90-minute test in which the student's familiarity with the concepts associated with literary analysis, authors, and works that represent English-language literary history, as well as some of its classical and international influences, is assessed.

Three sections constitute the scored part of the test; a required tie-breaking essay that invites the student to exercise his or her skill in literary analysis completes the test:

Part 1: Knowledge of Literary Terms and Literary History (30 one-point items) Part 2: The UIL Reading

two-point items) Part 3: Ability in Literary Criticism (15 two-point

List - differs year to year (20

items) Part 4: The Tie-Breaking

Shannon placed first in our district, and his score earned him the number six spot statewide.

The SHS team-Shannon, Darby Ramsdell, Danny Pechacek, and Dalton Morris-also did well, winning the district championship and placing us as the number thirteen team in the state. Ramsdell was second as an individual, Morris was seventh, and

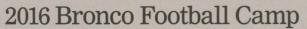
Pechacek was thirteenth. At Regionals, Shannon was awarded the silver medal and a berth at the state competition as an individual. Morris earned sixth place, and Ramsdell placed thirteenth.

As a team, Sonora earned third place, missing a gold medal by only four points out of a possible three hundred points.

The State contest was close: Shannon earned a seventy-four and his bronze medal, missing the silver by only one point.

Shannon deserves commendation on his outstanding accomplishment.

For more information about Literary Criticism, go to the UIL website http://www. uiltexas.org/academics/ literary-criticism.



The 8th Annual Sonora Broncos Football Camp is scheduled for July 26th, 27th, 28th at Bronco Nation Stadium.

Camp times are set from 9 am to noon each day.

The cost is \$30 for the three day camp if paid prior

to July 1st. After July 1st the cost is \$40!

All checks are made payable to Sonora ISD.

This is a camp designed to be FUN with a memorable learning experience

for our young developing football stars of tomorrow.

The camp is available for players 6-14 years old.

Anyone who has completed his/her freshman year of high school is not eligible to attend.

Camp Staff David T. Sine - Camp Director

Athletic Director Sonora **High School**

Camp instruction will be provided by the Sonora High School Bronco Coaching Staff.

2016 Sonora Bronco Varsity Schedule

August 12	Mason Scrim.	Away	TBA
August 18	Brady Scrim.	Away	TBA
August 26	Ozona	Away	7:30
September 2	Llano*	Home	7:30
September 9	Junction	Away	7:30
September 16	Jim Ned 7 on 7	Home	7:30
September 23	Crane	Away	7:30
September 30	Iraan**	Home	7:30
October 7	Open		
October 14	Alpine	Home	7:30
October 21	Reagan County	Away	7:30
October 28	Ballinger ##	Home	7:30
November 4	TLCA	Away	7:30

*Lil Bronco Night ** Homecoming ## Senior Night

Sonora Softball and Baseball Camp Offered June 6th and 7th

The Sonora Bronco softball and baseball staff will be hosting a softball/

The camp is available for players 6-14 years old.

Anyone who has completed his/her freshman year of high school is not

to attend our camp, obtain a registration form from Coach Valdez or Coach Sandy Wellmann. Drop off the with payment at the football field house or mail in the form and payment.

The cost is \$30 if paid prior to June 2nd. After June

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provide their own cleats/ shoes, glove, bat, and helmet (if possible).

Athletes are also advised to bring their own

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13. Free radio ad

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baseball camp on June 6th

eligible to attend.

If your child would like

2nd, the cost will be \$40.

All athletes will need to

water bottle and sunscreen.

we look forward to working



with each and every athlete and hope to provide a fun and memorable experience.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Coach Valdez at jay.valdez@sonoraisd.net or Coach Wellman at sandy.wellmann@sonoraisd.net.

City of Sonora



Senior Center Meals

MONDAY June 6th

Hamburger on a Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Onions, French Fries, Baked Beans, Melon Mix, Milk. **TUESDAY June 7th**

Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Mix Veggies, Toss Salad, Wheat Roll, Jell-O w/Fruit, Topping, Milk. **WEDNESDAY June 8th**

Pork Chop, Sweat Potato, Buttered Beans, Pound Cake w/ Fruit, Wheat Bread, Milk.

THURSDAY June 9th Turkey Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato, Veggie Soup, Carrot Sticks, Pineapple w/Cottage

Cheese, Milk. **FRIDAY June 10th** Smothered Chicken, Wild Rice

Blend, Broccoli and Cauliflower, Wheat Roll, Wheat Bread, Milk.

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5. Java is in it

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7. Author Morrison

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51. Swagger

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52. Highest honors

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60. Russian orbiter

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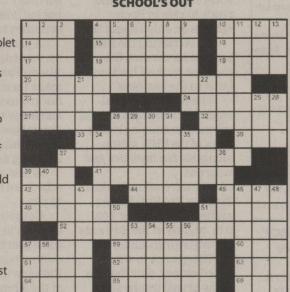
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28. High-tech tablet 32. Track event 33. Hunting dogs 36. Before, poetically

37. Academic cap 39. Ming of the Basketball Hall of Fame 41. Football's "Bald Eagle" 42. Ballade ending

44. Lighten 45. Combines 49. Novelist Ernest



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43. Praying figures. 46. Rally, as support 47. Weekend cowboylike 48. Sound investment? 50. Witch's place 51. Was out 53. Prime 54. Stopper 55. Bator 56. "La Bohème" heroine 57. Mouse catcher 58. Farm cry

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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	9.80 in.	2016 Year-to-Date TOTAL	12.30 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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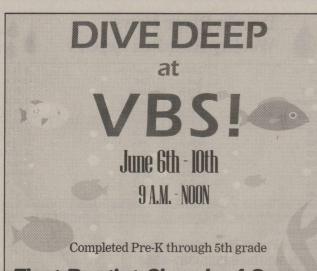
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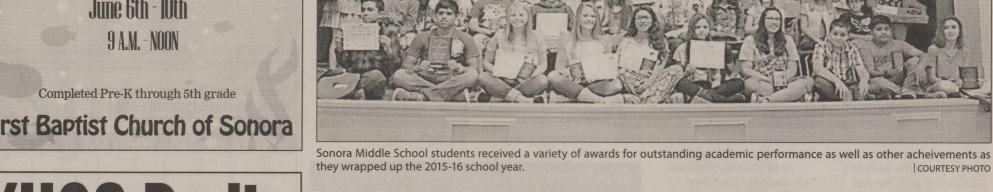
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Sonora Middle School Students Earn Awards for 2015-16 School Year

Sonora Middle School students earned a variety of accolades ranging from academic to citizenship during an awards ceremony on Wednesday, May 25th.

Awards and recipients are include:

Tech-Apps Outstanding Award:

Abby Fuentes, 6th, Harmony Ramirez, 7th. Catarina Hernandez, 8th Spanish Outstanding

Award: Jessica Campa, 6th, Kaylynn Alvarez, 7th, Kami

P.E. Outstanding Award: Ivan Fuentes, 6th, Joselyn Rodriguez, 6th,

Health Outstanding Jina Dooley, 6th, Angel Hernandez, 7th, Samantha

Escamilla, 8th Art Outstanding Award: Skylar Mogford, 6th, Brianna Ramirez, 7th,

Aleasha Smith, 8th 6th grade Social Studies: Seth Davis

7th grade Texas History: Davis Reagan Owen 8th grade US History: **Analy Palacios** 6th grade Math: Kodi Davis 7th grade Math: Jaci Dutton 8th grade Math: Kami Lux 8th grade Algebra: Wilson Johnson 6th grade Science: Abigail Duncan 7th grade Life Science: Rashel De Luna 8th grade Earth Science: David Delgado 6th grade ELA: Diya Kumar 7th grade ELA: Aislin Nixon 8th grade ELA: Deborha Hernandez Smith Neal Writing

2015-2016: Catarina Hernandez 6th grade Citizenship:

Sophia Gutierrez, Seth

2015-2016: Kaylynn Alvarez Jo Ellen Neal Reading

Most Improved 8th grade Student: Aldo Deluna 6th grade Super Colt Award: Carson Cahill, Kodi Davis, Abigail Duncan,

7th grade Citizenship:

8th grade Citizenship:

Katy Jo Wardlaw, Joe

Ricardo Ramirez,

Esmeralda Salazar

Angel Torres

Sophia Gutierrez 7th grade Super Colt Award:

Jaci Dutton, Ricardo Ramirez

8th grade Super Colt Award:

Catarina Hernandez, Wilson Johnson, Blayze Sykes **Highest Ranking**

Students: Isabella Samaniego, Catarina Hernandez. Blayze Sykes

Understanding Water Test Results

It's a good idea to test well water annually. This week, I thought it would be good to sum up common information that is provided in water test results. We'll see terms such as water hardness, pH, and total dissolves solids, but

what do they mean?

Water hardness refers to water with a high mineral content. The source is naturally dissolved calcium and magnesium. 0 to 75 mg/L is considered soft

water, 75-150 mg/L Pascual Hernandez is moderately hard water, and 150-300 mg/L is hard water. Over 300 mg/L is considered Very hard

water. The symptoms are soap deposits, scaly deposits in plumbing and appliances, and decreased cleaning action of soaps and

detergents. Another figure given is pH. It is a measure of the hydrogen ion concentration of a solution and indicates acidity or alkalinity. Drinking water standards require water utilities to maintain pH value within the range of 6.5 and 8.5. When the pH value is below 7.0, water tends to be corrosive and can damage metal pipes carrying the water.

Alkalinity of water may be due to the presence of one or more of a number of ions. These include hydroxides, carbonates and bicarbonates. Hydroxide ions are always present in water,

even if the concentration is extremely low. Bicarbonates are the most common sources of alkalinity. Up to 400 mg/L as calcium carbonate is not a health problem.

When salts and other inorganic chemicals dis-

solve in water, they break into tiny, electrically charged particles called ions. Ions increase the water's ability to conduct electricity. Common ions in water that

conduct electrical current

include sodium, chloride, calcium, and magnesium. Because dissolved salts and other inorganic chemicals conduct electrical current, conductivity increases as salinity increases (pure, distilled water is a poor conductor).

With all of that said, let's give some figures for Total Dissolved Solids (TDS). Less than 500 mg/L is considered fresh water, while 500-3000 mg/L is slightly saline. 3,000-10,000 mg/L is moderately saline, and 10,000-35,000 mg/L is very saline.

More information is provided on sample results. Also remember that water analyses can only be accurate if the sample is taken correctly. For complete information, please visit the County Extension Office or the Underground Water **Conservation District** Office.

Congratulations Jeremy Doran



Bill and Valerie Doran wish to congratulate their son Jeremy Doran on his recent Collegiate accomplishments.

Jeremy, a Freshman at The University of Texas at Austin was inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars in March 2016 and welcomed as the newest member at UT Austin.

Also, Jeremy was named to the Spring 2016

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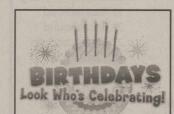
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Tickets can be purchased at the gate for \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12.

There is no better way

to celebrate America's Birthday than with thrilling bull riding and fun activities for everyone.

A parade is scheduled for Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Patrons may then make their way out to the fairgrounds for food, fun, and festivities including the annual goat cook-off, washing pitching contest, and shearing demonstration.

A new attraction is scheduled for Saturday at 12 p.m.

Get your ropes ready and join in the fun with some goat roping. As well, mutton bustin and Jr Bull Riding will be in full action at the Arena.

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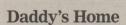
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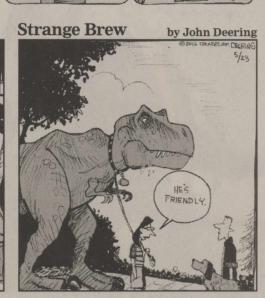


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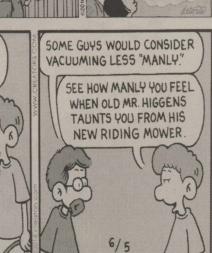


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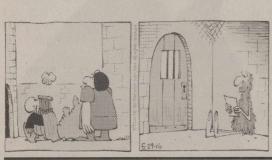
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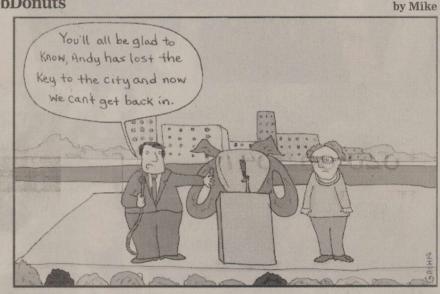


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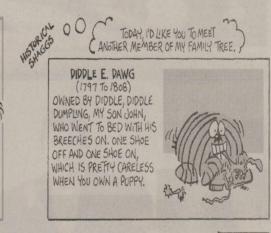


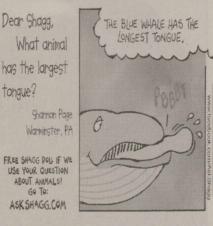


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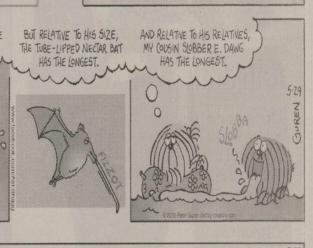


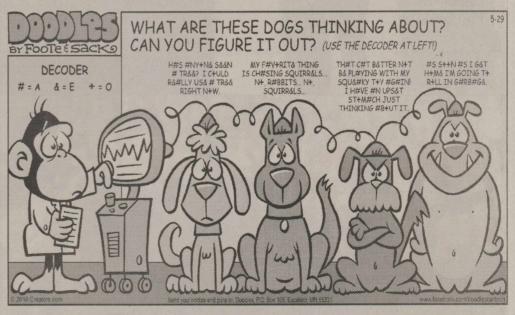




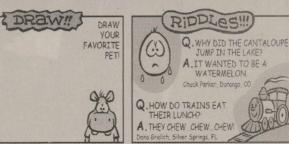


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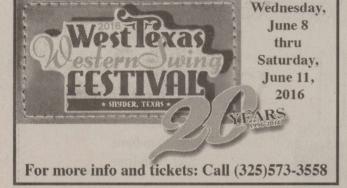
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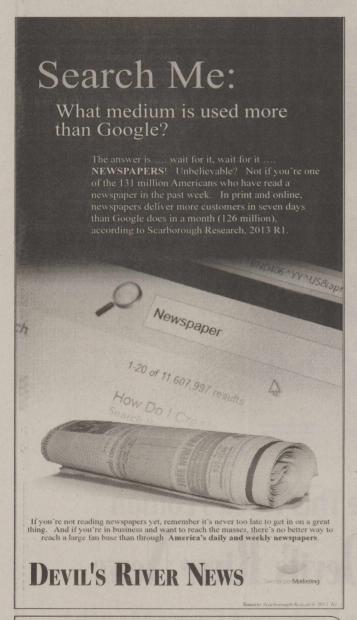
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Sonora Elementary School Names 2016 Kindergarten Graduates

The Sonora Elementary School named its 2016 graduates and returning royalty during a special ceremony on Wednesday, May 25th.

The graduates from Mrs. White's and Mrs. Hernandez' Kindergarten class include:

Rico Valdez, Hudson Surber, Juliet Scott, Victoria Lopez, Eliseo Garza, Rudley Bryan, Isaac Arredondo, Geneva Alvarado.

Also, Maegan Ramirez, Carlos Lopez, Ian DeLuna, Kaylin Alvarado, Jace Brayden, Ramberto Leija, Caleb Villarreal and James Solis.

Returning royalty

include Queen Lynette Leija, Queen Addison Ruiz, King Sylas Robles and King Tyler Goins.

Graduates from Mrs. Jimenez' and Mrs. Ramirez' class include:

Aaron De Luna, Adrialys Mata, Alison Lopez, Anahi Aguayo-Romo, Annslee Ramseyer, April Gonzalez-Marez, Burkes Kissire, Fernando Arredondo, Gillian Norrell, Gisell Fernandez, Jayce Carillo and Jocelyn Campa

Also, Justys Seaton, Maribell Ibanez, Miranda Padilla, Peyton Taylor, Sophia Garcia, Tiago De Luna and William Herrera.

One Man Dies in Tractor Trailer Crash on I-10 Near Sonora

A two vehicle crash in sutton county left one person deceased and another seriously injured on Thursday, May 26th.

According to a Department of Public Safety report the crash involving two eighteen wheel trucks occurred on interstate 10 about 32 miles east of Sonora at 2:58 p.m.

Eliezer Perez, of West Palm Beach, FL., Was driving a 2013 freightliner tractor truck when he entered the roadway from the access road traveling eastbound onto I-10.

He was struck by a freightliner truck tractor driven by Tracy Diggers.

Diggers, of Swainsboro, GA., was driving a 2014 freightliner truck tractor traveling eastbound on I-10 at highway speeds, cresting a high grade, when she struck Perez's freightliner truck and then struck a concrete wall on the overpass and catching fire.

Diggers was pulled from the burning vehicle, according to witnesses. She was wearing a seatbelt.

Larry Thompson, also of Swainsboro, GA., a passenger, was in the sleeper at the time of the crash and was unable to be removed.

Thompson was pronounced at the scene by Justice of Peace John Wilson. Thompson was not

wearing a seatbelt.

Perez was wearing a seatbelt and was uninjured according to a DPS report.

Neither weather nor road conditions were a factor in the crash according to a DPS report.

Next of kin have been notified.

Trooper Juan Solis, Highway Patrol, Sonora investigated the crash. Assisting officers included,

Trooper Christopher White, DPS Ozona, Trooper Scott Keane, DPS Big Lake, Trooper Nick Sanders, DPS Junction.

The Blotter

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

ARRESTS

MAY 24 • Abel Romero, 47 year old male from Sonora. Offense- Driving while License Invalid (DWLI). INCIDENTS

INCIDENTS
MAY 23 - 12:37 AM • Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on N. Crockett. Officer responded

11:55 AM • Caller reported a truck was blocking a business entrance on N. Crockett. Officer responded.
7:33 PM • Caller reported a welfare concern on Tayloe Ave. Officer re-

sponded.

11:10 PM • 9-1-1 caller on S. Crockett.

Officer responded to assist.

Officer responded to assist.

MAY 24 - 5:35 PM • 9-1-1 caller on
Tom Green and W. 2nd Street. Officer
responded to assist.

6:13 PM • Caller reported a disturbance on S. Concho. Officer responded.

6:54 PM • Caller reported a child was out in the roadway of Martin and Mesquite. Officer responded. **10:58 PM** • Animal call on W. 2nd St. Officer responded.

MAY 25 - 10:58 AM • 9-1-1 caller on Hwy 277 South. Officer responded to assist.

MAY 26 - 8:37 AM • 9-1-1 caller at Taco Grill. Officer responded to assist.

9:58 AM • Caller reported harassment on Tayloe. Officer responded.

12:13 PM • Civil matter call on Deerwood. Officer responded.
3:00 PM • 9-1-1 caller reported a vehicle accident on I-10 MM 431. Of-

ficers responded to assist.

5:24 PM • Caller reported a suspicious vehicle at the parking lot of Bank and Trust. Officer responded.

MAY 27 - 1:02 AM • Caller reported

block of Hwy 277 North. Officer responded.

10:40 AM • Animal call on Mata St. Officer responded.

a truck was blocking pumps on the

4:15 PM • Alarm call at City Hall. Officer responded, false alarm. **5:54 PM** • Caller reported a vehicle was on fire on W. Poplar St. Officer responded to assist.

MAY 28 - 2:42 AM • Caller reported a burglary on Orient. Officer re-

sponded.
5:48 PM • Caller requested an officer on East 2nd. Officer responded.

9:09 PM • Caller reported a vehicle accident on E. Poplar. Officer responded.

MAY 29 - 11:14 AM • Caller request-

ed someone to assist a motorist on Hwy 277 North and North Service Road. Officer responded. 11:35 AM • Caller requested an es-

11:35 AM • Caller requested an escort for St. Ann's Church procession through town. Officer responded.
2:19 PM • Caller requested an officer on Tayloe for a civil matter. Officer responded.

4:33 PM • Caller requested an officer for a civil matter on Tres. Officer responded.

5:12 PM • 9-1-1 caller on S. Crockett. Officer responded to assist. **6:10 PM** • Caller requested an officer in regards to a civil matter on Orient. Officer responded.

6:39 PM • Ministerial Alliance call to Road Ranger. Officer responded.
8:19 PM • Agency assist at Stripes 267. Officer responded.
10:48 PM • Caller reported a vehicle

10:48 PM • Caller reported a vehicle accident on Rock Avenue. Officer responded.





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OBITUARIES

John Ed Nevill May 5, 1940 - May 29, 2016



John Ed Nevill of Eastland, TX returned to his heavenly home on Sunday, May 29th following complications with pneumonia.

His devotion to his family and his firm belief in God supported him in his struggle and ultimately gave him peace.

A celebration of his life service was held on Wednesday, June 1st at First Baptist Church in Eastland.

A graveside burial followed.

A viewing was held at Edward's Funeral Home in Eastland on May 31st.

John was born May 5, 1940, in San Angelo, to Thomas "Tom" Nevill and Mercedes "Dee" Trainer.

He graduated from Sonora High School in 1958.

From there he attended TCU in Ft. Worth, but after a couple of years he decided to join the United States Navy where he served on the submarine USS Simon Bolivar.

During this time he married Nelda Hammett of

Carlsbad, NM on March 13, 1962.

They had 3 children.
After 7 years of service to his country he was honorably discharged and decided to move his family to Eastland, TX where he managed the TV cable offices in Eastland, Cisco and Ranger for several years.

Following that he continued working in cable TV and fiber optics.

John was very active in his community. He was a member of the First Baptist Church where he had served as deacon, RA director, Sunday School teacher, and Awana's listener.

In later years he served on the community's Economic Board.

He mentored many young men over the years as well and became known to them as their encourager.

John is survived by his three children, April Coronado of McKinney, Kellar Nevill and his wife, Deepika currently residing in Singapore, and Glenn Nevill and his wife, Carol of Southlake.

Southlake.

He is also survived by 7 grandchildren, Brielle, Brycen, Kiran, Zara, Rachel, Ashley and Jennifer; his brother Bob Nevill of Austin; his brother-in-law, Don Hammett of Carlsbad, NM and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dee Nevill in 1999, Tom Nevill in 2005, his wife, Nelda, also in 2005 and son-in-law, Edwin Coronado in 2013.

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Runoff Results

continued from PAGE 2 the 2016 Republican and Democratic parties' primary runoffs. In statewide contests:

— Wayne Christian of Center, a former state representative, won the Republican Party runoff against Gary Gates of Rosenberg for a seat on the threemember Texas Railroad Commission;

Commission;
— Grady Yarborough of
San Antonio won the Democratic Party runoff against
Cody Garrett of Austin for
a seat on the Texas Rail-

road Commission;
— Mary Lou Keel of
Austin won the Republican
Party runoff against Ray
Wheless of Plano for Judge,
Criminal Court of Appeals

Place 2;
— Scott Walker of Fort
Worth won the Republican
Party runoff against Brent
Webster of Georgetown for
Judge, Criminal Court of

Appeals Place 5;

— Keven M. Ellis of
Lufkin won the Republican Party runoff against
Mary Lou Bruner of Smith
County for State Board of
Education, District 9;

R. Dakota Carter of
 Houston won the Democratic Party runoff against
 Jasmine L. Jenkins of
 Houston for State Board of
 Education, District 6.
 Other notable races:

— State Rep. Bryan
Hughes, R-Mineola, beat
State Rep. David Simpson,
R-Longview, in the runoff
for Northeast Texas Senate District 1 to succeed
longtime Sen. Kevin Eltife,
R-Tyler, who chose not to
seek re-election.

— Dawn Buckingham of Austin beat State Rep. Susan King of Abilene in the Republican Party runoff for Texas Senate District 24, a Central Texas seat long held by Sen. Troy Fraser of Horseshoe Bay, who chose not to seek re-election.

Also:

— Incumbent state
Rep. Ron Reynolds of Missouri City beat challenger
Angelique Bartholomew
of Missouri City in the
Democratic Party's Southwest Houston-area House
District 27 runoff;

— Incumbent state Rep. Doug Miller of New Braunfels lost to Kyle Biedermann of Fredericksburg in the Republican Party's House District 73 runoff; and

— Incumbent state Rep.
Wayne Smith of Houston
lost to Briscoe Cain of Deer
Park in the Republican
Party runoff for West Houston-area House District 128.

Complete party primary runoff results are available online at sos.state.tx.us.

Zika numbers reported

The Texas Department of State Health Services on May 20 announced that Texas has reported to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control one confirmed case of Zika in a pregnant woman who traveled abroad to an area with Zika transmission.

There have been 12 additional pregnancies in Texas with laboratory evidence of Zika infection since tracking and testing for Zika began, but all of those 12 have come back inconclusive.

The agency said that in order to be reported as a Zika pregnancy case, a pregnant woman must exhibit a rash or fever plus at least one other symptom, and also have a positive Zika-specified test result.

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Intermediate Students Recognized for Excellence

Sonora ISD Intermediate students received awards of excellence for their academic acheivements through out the 2016-16 school year.

Recipients and awards include:

Accelerated Reader Award - 3rd Grade:

Naveah Aleman, Ollie Nurr, Owen Jones and Hollis Snyder.

Accelerated Reader Award - 5th Grade: Molly Friess and Mia

McGee. Super Bronco Award -

3rd Grade: Shay Boggs, Jonathan Cardenas, Sabrinah Castro, Lily Gallegos, Sicily Gutierrez, Luke Nichols,

Williams. Super Bronco Award -

Jezabel Pasillas and Jayla

4th Grade: Cassia Hernandez. Super Bronco Award -5th Grade:

Joe Ivan Abrego, Juan Alvarez, Koda Davis, Aidan Leamon, Madison Mayfield and Gage Owen.

Student Achievement: Students showing significant academic improvement this school year

include: 3rd Grade: Jaedyn Bailey, Dakoda Borders, Corbyn Crenwelge, Damian Hernandez, Jezabel Pasillas, Rylie Thorp and

Jerry Van Veghel. 4th Grade: Emily Banda, Cihtaly Delgado, Jolene Pasillas, Marcos Perez-Garcia and

Roberto Rodriguez. Academic Excellence -3rd Grade:

Sabrinah Castro, Juan Castillo, Ollie Murr and

Luke Nichols. Academic Excellence -

4th Grade: Cassia Hernandez. President's Award for Academic Achievement:

Ignacio Coronado, Christian Guerrero, Erika Infante, Kyler Lux, Edgardo Mendez, Makinna Price, Alfredo Salas, Gabriel Valdez and Shakira Villanueva.

Outstanding Academic Excellence Award:

Sophia Acevedo, Ashley Castilleja, Koda Davis, Montserrat De La Fuente,

Austin Figueroa, Molly Friess, Annika Galindo, Jonathan Galvan, Emilio Garcia, Sebastian Garza,

Nora Gaspar, Alexis Guerra, Kanen Henderson, Alexis Hernandez, Aidan Leamon, Jonathan Lozano, Trinity Luna, Madison Mayfield, Hunter O'Banon, Gage Owen, Jacob Perez, Juan-Torres-Alavarez and Justin Vasquez.

Outstanding Attendance: Aiden Trevino, 3rd, Ashton Bryant, 4th, Cassia Hernandez, 4th, Alondra Medina, 4th, Jonathan Lozano, 5th, Trinity Luna, 5th, Christopher Martinez, 5th, Agassi Rodriguez, 5th and Sofia Serrano, 5th.

Students receiving **Outstanding Attendance** Award must have only 1 absence, less than 3 tardies and less than 6 early outs.

Excellent Attendance: 3rd Grade - Shay Boggs, Juan Castillo, Naylana Estrada, Owen Jones, Jorge Leija, Christian Martinez, Jezabel Pasillas and Christopher (Slade) Phillips.

4th Grade - Joshua Lozano, Riella Knox, Luis Rivas and Jolene Pasillas.

5th Grade - Austin Figueroa, Sebastean Garza, Darian Reyes, Mia McGee, Edgardo Mendez, Juan Torres-Alvarez, Justin Prather and Shakira Villanueva.

Students receiving **Excellent Attendance must** have 0 absences, less than three tardies and less than 6 early outs.

Superior Attendance: Damian Hernandez, 3rd, Rylie Thorp, 3rd, Jayla Williams, 3rd, Madyson Wipff, 3rd, Johanna Dooley, 4th, Atalia Ruiz, 4th, Ashley Castilleja, 5th, and Emilio Garcia, 5th.

Students receiving Superior Attendance must have 0 absences, 0 tardies and 0 early outs.

Excellent Grade and Conduct Award:

Luke Nichols, 3rd, Koda Davis, 5th, Molly Friess. 5th, Aidan Leamon, 5th, Gager Owen, 5th and Juan Torres-Alvarez, 5th.

Students are recognized for maintaining a grade of 90 or above in every subject and did not receive a U or N in deportment.

Sonora ISD 2016 Elementary Student Awards

The Sonora ISD announced its 2016 Elementary School Student awards of excellence.

Awards included: **Excellent Attendance:** (0 absenses, 0 tardies, less than 6 early check outs)

Melany Fernandez Palacios, K. Evan Arredondo. 1st, Gael Duenes Sosa, 1st, Jaylen Lozano, Nayeli Rodriguez, 1st, Kielan Villasana, Kody Prather, 2nd and Steven Robles, 2nd.

Students received a Sonora Bronco Backpack, DQ chocolate dipped cone pass and a swimming pool

Perfect Attendance: (0 absenses, 0 tardies, 0 early check outs)

Aaron DeLuna, Pre-K and Burkles Kissire, Pre-K. Students received am

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Jocelyn Campa, Pre-K. Student received an

Accelerated Reader Awards:

Kindergarten Reading: Alfredo Gaspar, Melany Fernandez Palacios, Mariselda Parra Martinez, Alexander Portillo, Miranda Mata, Ryan Mungia and Nathan Rivas.

Sofia Garcia, Jesiah Martinez and Noah Pruneda. First Grade Reading:

Also, Armani Coronado,

Layla Coronado, Mario Hernandez, Thomas Ramirez, Brianna Sanchez, Bronson Schenkel, Emma Solis, Lane Trujillo, Kyndall Weston, Fernando Aguilar, Cason Day, Lottie Dehoyos, Jaylen Lozano, Mayci Grace McGuire and Jacob Ramirez.

Also, Mia Escamilla, Isaias Flores, Arriana Arredondo, Brynley Castilleja, Gael Duenes Sosa and Jayden Ortiz.

Second Grade Reading: Brody Bryan, Chase Day, Cruz Sanchez, Sergio Mata, Sinise Rodriguez and Audrina Tovar.

Also, Madison Galindo, Jose Guerra and Kellen Morrell.

Super Bronco Award - Kindergarten:

Jose Aguayo, Evelyn Campa, Donato Gonzalez,

Yarixa Gonzalez-Ozuna, Kaasi Gutierrez, Presley Mayfield, Miranda Montoya, Samantha Nichols, Brysa Parada, Ryder Phillips, Payten White, Caidin Cardenas, Brook Kasier

and Delilah Alonso. Also, Brailyn Galindo, Jack Rogers, Luke Snyder, Daniel Alviso, Kenzee Bryant, Jesus Garza, Richard Leal, Adele Pechacek, Eduardo Salazar and Masiela Valdez.

Super Bronco Award -1st Grade:

Eian Duncan, Milanni Lopez, Grace Moore, Madison Noriega, Gunner Routh, Kendall Thorp, Aliyah

Castilleja, Lynden Cearley, Layla Gamez and Elrey Silva.

Also, Evan Arredondo, Audrey Castilleja, Natalie Castilleja, David Haggerton, Jayce Martinez, Michael Martinez, Sydney Routh, Aaron Segura, Leston Self, Peyton Bailey, Alejandra Hernandez, Wyatt Killough, Emily Nichols, Rogelio Ruiz and Gentri Trainer.

Super Bronco Award -2nd Grade:

Gabriel Alviso, Conner Berry, Destany Castillo, Riley Chavarria, Jayden Guadarrama, Vivian Rivas, Slevin Solis and Cinthia Huerta.

Also, Mary Jane Cantu, Angel Castilleja, Evony Lopez, Avery Wardlaw, Reilly Wardlaw, Fernanda Arredondo, Diego Lopez and Carissa Ramon.

Each year students read thousands of books, earning points. As a campus, the students read a total of 19,904 books and earned a total of 8,636 points.

Students earning Top AR for the most points earned include:

Brailyn Galindo, K, 74.4

Rogelio Ruiz, 1st, 108.6

points Angel Castilleja, 2nd,

122.9 points.

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Texas Water Law at Work

Sumitted by Jim Polonis

In accordance with the Texas Water Code, Section 36.108 (d-2), per the Texas legislature, it is the responsibility of the groundwater districts within a groundwater management area to propose Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) for relevant aquifers in that area.

There are 16 groundwater management areas also known as GMAs.

Sutton County is in GMA-7; please see map

In this area there are four major aquifers and nine minor aquifers. The largest of these aquifers is the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau), which is beneath 25 of the 32 counties that comprise GMA-7.

Of the 32 counties, there are 21 counties with Groundwater Conservation Districts and 11 counties do not have districts.

To accomplish this task, the members of GMA-7 initiated a project in September 2014, with their consultant Dr. Bill Hutchison, the goal of which was to have proposed DFCs by the legislative mandated deadline of May 2016.

The DFC is a quantitative description, adopted in accordance with Section 36.108 of the Texas Water Code, of the desired condition of the Groundwater resources in a Management Area at one or more specified future times.

Establishing the desired future conditions required each groundwater conservation district to provide Dr. Hutchison data, which included rainfall, recharge, pumping allocations, water pumped from their respective aquifers, along with future activity that may further impact the aquifer.

This information was input into a hydrogeological model developed by Dr. Hutchison; the results were reviewed by the GMA-7 representatives, who then voted to propose a DFC.

In addition to the hydrogeological model, other considerations are necessary.

Senate Bill 660 adopted

by the legislature in 2011, changed the process by

which groundwater con-

area develop and adopt

servation districts within a

groundwater management

desired future conditions.

There are nine factors that must be considered before adopting a proposed desired future condition.

These have to do with aquifer uses, water supply needs, hydrogeological conditions, and socioeconomic factors.

The copies of the DFC and supporting materials, which include explanatory reports, technical memoranda, and groundwater availability model runs, are at the District Office.

For your convenience, these documents are posted on the District website at www.suttoncountyuwcd.

> If you have questions about this

information or have comments, please feel free to come by the office; we would be glad to see you. Or, you may e-mail your questions/ comments to Jim Polonis at sutuwcd7@ verizon.net.

Groundwater Management Areas (GMA's) throughout Texas.

Sutton County is in GMA-7 which includes four major aquifers the public and nine minor aquifers. The largest of these aquifers is the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau), which is beneath 25 of the 32 counties A date for hearing has not been set; however, when it is,

the date, time, and location will be posted at the District Office, the County Annex, and the District's website.

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