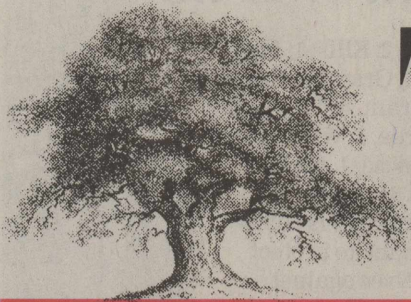


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OUR ROOTS RUN DEEP & STRONG • COVERING THE NEWS IN SONORA AND SUTTON COUNTY SINCE 1890



Wrapping up a week of Vacation Bible School, children and youth volunteers sing and dance during the program finally on Friday, June 10th, at First Baptist Church. More than 100 children ranging from kindergarten through fifth grade participated in the annual summer event. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Kids Dive Deep into VBS

Scuba Scott Gaskill stood in the baptistry welcoming everyone making their way into an underwater themed sanctuary teeming with youngsters waving and bouncing to music Friday, June 10th at First Baptist Church.

While crepe paper seaweed, colorful water noodle coral wreaths and Styrofoam sea creatures set the stage, more than one-hundred children ranging from kindergarten to fifth grade entertained the congregation with a variety of songs and dance that they learned during the annual Vacation Bible School.

"This year's theme, 'Submerged' encourages kids to dive deep into God's word," said Beverly Smith.

Smith, director and organizer of the annual event teamed up with Emily Rodgers to ensure a week of fun, learning and worship. Together the two have been planning the event since January.

"It's truly a church wide effort," Smith said. "Everyone gets involved, helping however they can."

Smith added that a list of needs ranging from snacks to decorations is fulfilled by church members and people in the community. Further, Sonora residents always step up, helping in a variety of ways, to take care of the children.

Children from the local community, church members and those undecided, participated

in the week-long Vacation Bible School voyage of crafts, recreation and Bible lessons.

Pastor Matt Killough said VBS is an opportunity for the church as a whole to touch lives in the community and share God's word.

"Forty nine to fifty weeks out of the year church is mostly for adults," Killough said. "But the two to three weeks surrounding VBS are completely focused on the kids- it's a special time."

As if diving deeper into the sea, the sea of learning about God, Killough traversed the hallways in-between classrooms where children participated in a variety of activities including crafts, tithing and Bible study.

In the craft room, Ileana Baker, age 10, and Jayla Williams, age 9, displayed their bottled jellyfish.

Other children perfected a variety of sea life creations made throughout the week.

Aside from learning about Zacchaeus and Nicodemus and the ABC Submarine, Williams said making crafts was her favorite part of VBS.

Elijah Sanmiguel agreed. He said making and learning about all of the different sea creatures helped him understand how God love's everyone.

"Even if you don't make sense, God still loves you," Elijah Sanmiguel declared.

VBS is one of - if not the biggest week for the church according to Youth Minister, Scott



Ileana Baker and Jayla Williams show off their bottled jellyfish, one of several crafts they completed during their week of Vacation Bible School, at First Baptist Church. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Gaskill.

He said every kid who participates in the week-long event leaves knowing that Jesus loves them for who they are.

"Everybody contributes," Gaskill said. "It's an opportunity to invest in the importance of showing kids that they are loved."

Erica Yearout is one of about sixty volunteers who offered to help during the week. Like all of the volunteers, she came out because she believes in giving children the opportunity to experience unconditional love and understanding. Yearout enjoys being a part of the community and serving God.

Although VBS has come and gone for another year, church members, staff and volunteers continue offering activities like a mid-summer fishing excursion to keep kids involved in fellowship and learning.

"They are getting Jesus everywhere," Beverly Smith said.

SC Hospital Board of Directors Approves Hall Settlement

The Devil's River News Files Open Record Request, Seeks Details of Agreement

The Sutton County Hospital District, board of directors went behind closed doors immediately following the call to order of the regular meeting on Monday, June 13th.

Following the executive session, the board approved a confidential settlement of the lawsuit brought by Dr. Chris Hall against the hospital district and Administrator John Graves.

Details of the settlement were not released and The Devil's River News was told that there is a non-disclosure agreement in place involving the settlement.

The newspaper has filed a request seeking details of the settlement under provisions of the Texas Open Records Act. By law, the district is required to release the information promptly or provide a reference to the law

that allows the information to be withheld from the public.

At press time, The Devil's River News has not received the information.

In Texas, public entities that seek to withhold the release of public information are required to notify the Texas Attorney General's Office of the decision and request a AG's opinion on the validity of the denial, as provided by the Texas Open Records Act. At press time, no such request had been filed with the Office of Attorney General.

In other business Monday evening, the trustees considered the presentation and recommendations of Deborah Whitley, CPA regarding the district's 2015 financial audit.

Information and graphs presented showed a deficit of

\$850,000 to \$900,000 when compared to the previous year.

Whitley suggested to the board a review of the rural health clinic, including operational changes in order to avoid future issues relating to the affordability of providing rural health care in Sutton County.

Also, Whitley suggested to the board the utilization of Chronic Care Management as a means managing unnecessary patient care costs.

Among other business, board members discussed the present status of the Rocksprings Medical Clinic. John Graves agreed with those members present that the goal is to keep the clinic open. It was noted that the district intends to work together with Edwards County to provide

health care for area residents.

In hopes of easing the burden on Sutton County taxpayers an amendment is being explored to the contract between the hospital district and Edwards County. Similarly, the development of a business plan is intended to ensure that the delivery of health care continues in Rocksprings with Edwards County helping to bear part of the cost.

The board also approved a Pharmacy Report as a line item addition to the process improvements committee.

Trustees also approved the appointment of Mark Edwards, MD as Medical Staff Vice-Chairman for 2016-2018. And, they approved provisional consulting staff members for radiology and neurology.

In regular business, board

members approved the minutes of the May 16th regular meeting, financial report and May expenditures as presented.

With no further business or visitor comments the meeting adjourned.

Board President Sharon Holman presided over the meeting with board members Edward Earwood, Adelita Alvarez, Don Longoria and Mary Humphrey in attendance.

Humphrey joined the meeting in progress. John Henry Strauch and Lenora Pool were absent.

The next regular meeting of the Sutton County Hospital District, Board of Directors is slated for July 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the wellness center at LMH Memorial Hospital.

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Governors Confer about Containing Spread of Zika Virus

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on June 9 participated in a White House-hosted conference call for governors to discuss the Zika virus threat and what to do about it.

U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Burwell and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Dr. Tom Frieden led the call.

Frieden said no vaccine exists to prevent the Zika virus disease, and the way for individuals to prevent contracting the disease is to avoid getting bitten by mosquitoes.

"With the recent floods, and as we enter the height of mosquito season, I encourage Texans to take precautions to protect themselves from mosquito exposure and

heed all warnings and recommendations from health officials," Abbott said after the conference call.

While the Texas Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response and the Department of State Health Services finalize a plan to combat the spread of the virus, the most important thing Texans can do is to remain vigilant, including when traveling abroad to countries experiencing Zika outbreaks and eliminating standing water, Abbott added.

On May 13, the CDC gave states and territories until June 13 to apply for funds to fight Zika.

The CDC acknowledged the \$85 million in available funding is not enough to

support a comprehensive Zika response and can only temporarily address what is needed.

DSHS reports on Zika

The Texas Department of State Health Services on June 10 said Texas has had 41 reported cases of Zika virus disease.

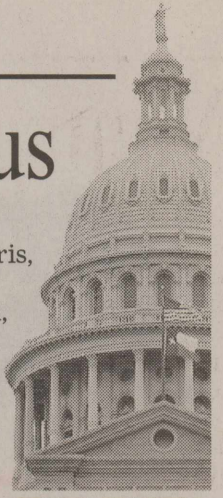
Of those cases, 40 were in travelers who were infected abroad and diagnosed after they returned home; one of those travelers was a pregnant woman. One case involved a Dallas County resident who had sexual contact with someone who acquired the Zika infection while traveling abroad.

The DSHS posted this list of Zika cases by county: Bexar, 6; Collin, 1; Dallas, 6;

Denton, 2; Ellis, 1; Fort Bend, 2; Grayson, 1; Harris, 13; Tarrant, 4; Travis, 2; Val Verde, 1; Williamson, 1; and Wise, 1, for a total of 41 cases.

The DSHS is advising Texans to protect themselves against Zika by applying EPA-registered insect repellents; wearing pants and long-sleeved shirts that cover exposed skin; using screens or closing windows and doors to keep mosquitoes

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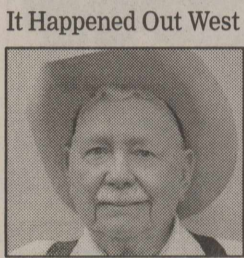


STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Hand Signals

In the 1990's, I was working on the upper Rousselot Ranch in Schleicher County. This was an excellent ranch with cleared land, water in every pasture, and good fences. The foreman was a good rancher and easy to work for as to work requirements. The livestock consisted of cross-bred cattle, Spanish goats and deer hunters. A real good combination for this topography.



by Joe N. Brown

We were late in marking calves this year due to the rains. This made these big cross-bred calves weighing from 300 to 400 pounds each. So, they were very hard to take down for branding, vaccinating and castrating. The foreman hired some younger day hands and we saddled up and went to the Willow pasture in the fog. Here, we spread out and began to gather cattle.

After reaching the south gate and counting the gather, it was agreed that we had all the cattle. We then drove the herd over the hill to the working pens. After penning and sorting calves, from cows, we took a break to get a drink of water.

Going back to work, the foreman decided to separate the bulls from the heifer calves. When this chore was accomplished, he suggested that we work the bull calves first while the crew was still fresh. All the crew agreed.

Now, we get to the point of our real story. The bull calves were thrown down and held for castration, branding and vaccinations. My part on this operation was to vaccinate each calf before he was turned loose. Things went fine as this crew knew their job and went right to work.

After working on a pen of calves, we started to turn them back to the cow herd. At this point a large freshly castrated and mad steer broke back down the alley. I stepped in front of him and threw up my hand to stop him. He failed to stop and butted my right hand against the gate post at full speed.

With much pain, I thought my hand was broken and mangled. The foreman saw what happened and suggested we go to his truck and get a first aid kit. Which we did, rapidly.

At this time, he and I saw that my right hand was split showing the bones. Putting the first aid kit away, he said get your wife to drive you to the hospital in town. We will finish here and unsaddle your horse.

My wife drove me to town to the emergency room at Hudspeth hospital. The doctor was called and he ordered x-rays to see about a broken bone. After checking and deciding there were none, Dr. Pajeska began sewing up my hand.

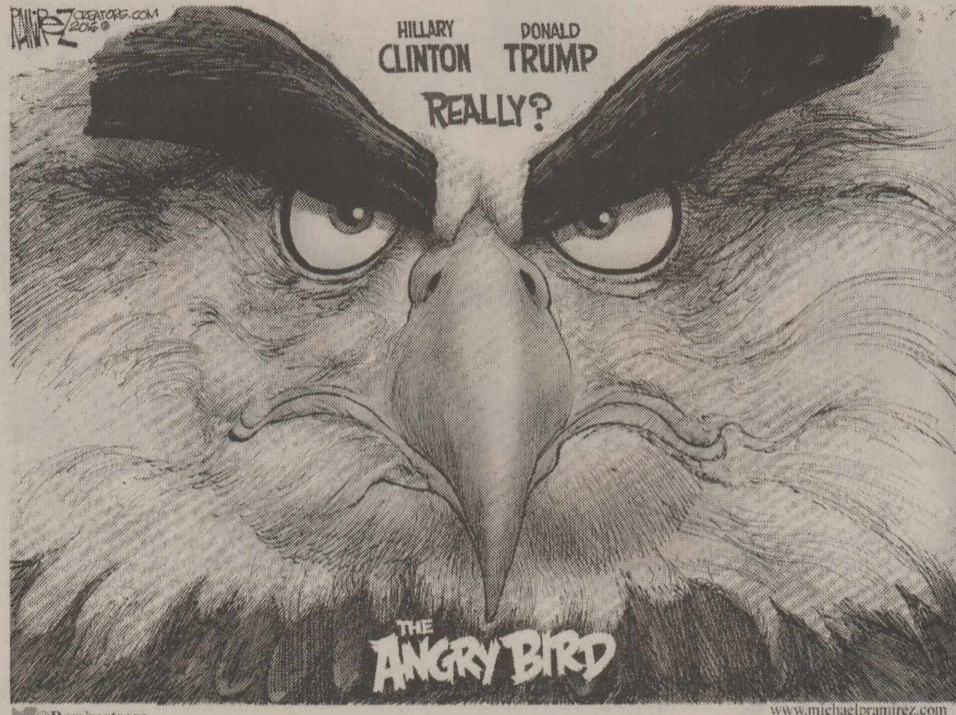
I assumed it was deadened but the pain was intolerable. When he completed, he ordered the nurses to clean and bandage.

The doctor said, "Don't work with this hand for at least a week and come back to remove the stitches. OK?"

My wife drove me home with my hand resting on a pillow. Very painful.

To finish this tale, that afternoon, when finished with the cattle, the foreman came to check on my condition. At this point, we agreed that steers don't understand or obey hand signals.

This happened out west.



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Crosses in America

Rick Vanderpool of Lubbock doesn't hesitate to follow up on his brainstorm, no matter how bizarre they might seem or how far he will have to travel to make them happen. He is a photographer and finds fascinating ways to make a living with his camera.

Rolling Along

by Tumbleweed Smith

name Columbus and did a photographic display.

You've probably seen some of his posters. They're 18 by 24 inches and cover all kinds of topics: wildflowers, hamburger and barbecue joints, the word Texas, stars, birds, windmills and so forth. He has done 34 of them. Numbers 33 and 34 of his photographic montages are pictures of crosses.

In May of last year, Rick set out to photograph crosses in America. "I think I was only traveling 8 weeks over a 4-month period," he says. "By the first of September last year I had logged right at 27,000 miles, had taken 8,000 plus photographs and had visited all 48 contiguous states. I made arrangements with two friends to photograph for me in Alaska and I came up with 2 shots in public domain records that I needed for the two earliest churches in Hawaii. Of course I did the research and wanted a cross to represent each Christian denomination. I was looking for the original site of Christian activity state by state. With Christianity originating in this county on the east coast in San Augustine, Florida and up in New England where the first Christian pilgrims settled, those states have quite a few more than one example."

He framed 20 of his photos and exhibited them at the Legacy Event Center in Lubbock. "The facility was once a Presbyterian church. How appropriate is that? It's the first exhibition of the project. It wasn't easy to edit 8,000 photographs down to 20. I gritted my teeth and wanted the collection to be as dramatic as it could be. I'm honored to be in this venue. It's stellar. Everybody in Lubbock knows it well. There are lots of weddings here."

The two posters he created sell for \$24.95 each. "There are about 135 photos on each one," says Rick. "There are just a shade under 300 of the crosses that I photographed selected for the posters. I actually visited 165 different sites. There are at least two images from each state."

Rick gives programs on the crosses. "I put together a slide show and have a rambling narrative about the project. I can tailor it to any age group, any Christian activity, any travel group, any photography group, or any writing group. Churches and schools have shown interest in having me do a program. Usually when I do those, I give a slight discount on the price of the posters."

He calls his project CROSSIN AMERICA. "I was crossing America but I dropped the 'g' because I was also looking for the cross in America. It was a different type of project for me. I hope I have been as reverent as necessary considering the subject."

www.tumbleweedsmith.com

Zika Virus - What You Need to Know

People in Texas are understandably concerned about Zika and the fever that victims can contract when exposed to the virus. The impact it can have on unborn babies is especially distressing, as it can lead to birth defects that can be physically and cognitively debilitating.

When a potential health crisis like this is facing our nation, there is no time to play politics or point fingers. It is time to stay calm, get informed and make good decisions.

First, it is important to know what Zika is, how it is spread and how you can protect your family. A virus similar to dengue, Zika is primarily spread by the bites from infected mosquitos. While the type of mosquito that could carry the Zika virus is found in North America, no mosquito infected with Zika has been found in the United States to date. The type of mosquito that can carry Zika lives only a few weeks, and doesn't stray more than 100 yards from where it hatches. All of the current Zika patients in the United States contracted the disease while traveling to an infected area or through sexual contact with someone who recently traveled. No patients contracted Zika by being bitten by a mosquito in the United States.

Zika fever is usually very mild and could include fever, a mild rash, sore eyes, a headache and joint pain. There is currently no treatment for Zika fever, but death is extremely rare.

However that doesn't negate the danger to the unborn babies whose mother's contract the virus, as it is thought to lead to microcephaly. An infant with microcephaly has a below-average size head, often caused by the failure of the brain to grow at a normal rate while in the womb. Some babies do not survive because the brain is too underdeveloped to regulate vital organs. The babies that do survive can face severe disabilities.

The best way for Americans to avoid contracting Zika is to limit travel to any countries that currently have infected mosquitoes and to avoid unsafe sexual contact with anyone who has recently returned from one of these countries. If you are required to travel, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that you use insect repellent, cover as much exposed skin as possible and avoid exposure by staying in places that have good windows and screens to keep insects out. You can learn more at <http://www.cdc.gov/travel/page/zika-travel-information>. You can also reach the CDC at 1-800-232-4737 or the Texas Department of Health at www.TexasZika.org or 1-888-963-7111.

Because of the dangers posed to unborn babies who might be exposed, it is

important to find a cure for Zika. Congress has been working toward that end in several ways. In February, House Members encouraged the Obama Administration to respond as rapidly as possible by using unobligated funds that had previously been provided for Ebola research. In April, the administration heeded that advice, reprogrammed \$589 million for Zika and began spending it. How much has been spent so far is not clear, as the Administration has not released those numbers.

Also in April, the House passed and the President signed into law S. 2512, a bipartisan bill that will make it easier to conduct the research necessary to develop treatments for Zika, and ultimately a vaccine. The House acted again when it passed H.R. 5342, the Zika Response Appropriations Act, which allocates an additional \$622 million, bringing the total amount appropriated by Congress to be used this fiscal year to combat Zika to \$1.2 billion. The Zika Vector Control Act, H.R. 897, was also passed by the House and removes regulatory burdens on mosquito control. Both pieces of legislation are currently being worked out with their Senate companion bills and the final versions are expected to be sent to the President for his signature very soon.

Experts at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) have indicated that trials of a Zika vaccine may start as early as September and that it is possible a vaccine might be ready by the beginning of 2018.

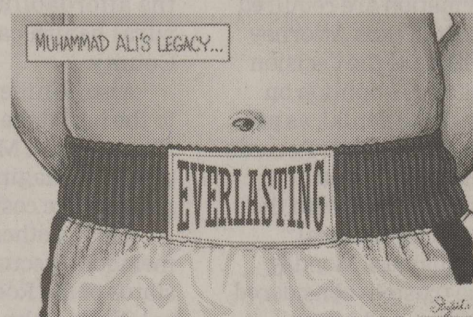
Recently I arranged a phone call with local elected and health officials, so that they could hear directly from the CDC and learn more about resources available to local entities to prevent and treat Zika, as well as look for ways to cure it. The state of Texas is eligible for over \$1.5 million in local funding and is actively coordinating with the CDC and local health departments.

Congress has been acting in a bipartisan manner to combat Zika and we will continue to work to ensure that the resources necessary are available. The lives and health of unborn children are too important to put at risk.

Hurd on the Hill



by U.S. Rep. Will Hurd



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Naming of 2016 Miss Sutton County Continues Forty Year Tradition

Every year a select few of Sonora's finest young ladies lobby for the coveted title of Miss Sutton County.

However, only one is crowned to carry out the community's tradition.

For more than four decades, local high school girls have competed for the

crown, campaigning weeks before the annual Sutton County Days and Outlaw Pro Rodeo celebration.

Candidates sell rodeo tickets, collect donations and interview in hopes of winning the special title.

Beginning in the 1970's, the winner was chosen

based upon the total money she raised.

During the 1980's, interviews and judges scores factor into their victory.

Today contestants compete by selling rodeo tickets, collecting donations for the Outlaw Pro Rodeo and interviewing before a

panel of judges.

Each year, Miss Sutton County and her runner-up receive a scholarship.

Additionally, prizes are awarded for Miss Congeniality and Most Photogenic.

Funds raised by the contestants and local sponsors contribute in large to the

overall success of the rodeo.

"Summer time and hot weather means rodeo, reunions and royalty," Julie Martin, Sutton County Days board member said.

As the presiding queen, Kylie Reiner, prepares to pass on her tiara, the 2016 candidates Kristin Garrett,

Summer Hall and Felicia Farley take to the streets peddling tickets and collecting donations.

"I think it takes alot of hard work and dedication and I am willing to go the extra mile," Kristin Garrett said. "It would be an honor to be Miss Sutton County."

Kristin Garrett



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Felicia Farley



Felicia Farley JANELL SPARKS | COURTESY PHOTO

Summer Hall



Summer Hall BROOKE GULLEY | COURTESY PHOTO

Kristin Garrett, a sophomore at Sonora High School, is the daughter of Scot and Donna Garrett.

She is the granddaughter of Don and Roberta James, Jim and Margaret Garrett and Nancy Short. Garrett wants to be Miss Sutton county because she thinks it is a great honor to represent her community.

"Sonora means home to me," Garrett said. "I love how the community comes together with every situation."

Garrett said the most influential person in her life is her GranGran because she is a cancer survivor and the toughest person she knows.

"She always has a positive outlook on life," Garrett said.

Garrett is a member of the area marching band and area UIL calculator.

Also, she is a varsity softball player and one of the newest members of the National Honor Society.

In addition to hanging out with friends and family, Garrett enjoys going to the lake, traveling and participating in youth mission trips.

Following high school graduation, Garrett plans on attending Lamar University in Beaumont and becoming a teacher for deaf children.

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Felicia Farley is the daughter of the late Scott Farley and Tamara Farley.

Also, she is the granddaughter of Robert and Barbara Farley and Regis and Patricia Russell.

Farley, a sophomore at Sonora High School, wants to be Miss Sutton County because she believes it is an honor and privilege to represent Sutton County and the Outlaw Pro Rodeo Association.

"Sonora is a safe have and a hidden gem to all of West Texas," Farley said. "The friendly residents and unconditional support of the youth is why I am proud to call this small town home."

Farley's father, Scott Farley, remains the most influential person in her life because he instilled honesty, hard work and a caring heart for others.

"Although he is gone, I look to him and the Lord for advice every day," Farley said.

Farley is a varsity cheerleader, a two-year varsity girls golf veteran and one of the newest members of the National Honor Society.

In addition to her love of playing golf, Farley enjoys reading, outdoor activities and spending time with family and friends.

Farley plans to attend Texas State University in San Marcos and study Communication design and business. She hopes to one day own her own graphic design company.

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Summer Hall is the daughter of Stephen and Susan Hall.

Hall, a Sonora High School varsity cheerleader and state cross country qualifier is a member of the National Honor Society.

Also, Hall is the vice president of the local 4-H and FFA organizations.

Hall wants to be Miss Sutton County because she loves children and aspires to be a good mentor.

"What better way to be the perfect mentor to the children of our community than being Miss Sutton County," Hall said.

Sonora is home and means everything to Hall.

"It is where I have been raised, thank goodness they got me out of Houston," Hall said. "I have learned so much about this community through friendship and my amazing family."

Showing Angora goats, babysitting and anything top the list of Hall's pastimes.

Hall said the most influential person in her life is Shea Fisher Durfey because she is an entrepreneur and lives in the rodeo world just as Hall wishes to do.

Hall hopes to graduate Valedictorian of her class in 2018 and study medicine at Texas Tech University.

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CORRECTION:

The 2016 Miss Sutton County will be crowned on Saturday, June 25th, during the rodeo performance.

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9:00 a.m.- "Keep Calm & Rodeo On" Parade
10:00 a.m.- Opening Ceremony
10:15 a.m.- Little Mr. & Little Miss Sutton County Contest
11:00 a.m.- Introduction of 2016 Miss Sutton County Queen Contestants
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.- Loteria (Bingo) in Civic Center
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.- Aaron Kothmann
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5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.- Dee Ora Masonic Lodge Catfish Scholarship Dinner- Sutton County Civic Center

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Devil's River News Weekly Rainfall Report

June 1-14	1.99 in.	June 1-14	2.62 in.
May	2.70 in.	May	5.31 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	11.79 in.	2016 Year-to-Date TOTAL	14.92 in.
2015	23.87 in.	2015	25.31 in.
2014	14.32 in.	2014	12.72 in.
2013	25.12 in.	2013	25.00 in.
2012	16.06 in.	2012	17.82 in.
2011	11.50 in.	2011	10.49 in.
2010	20.37 in.	2010	17.94 in.
2009	21.67 in.	2009	28.44 in.

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DPS Consolidating CDL Skills Test Sites to Comply With Federal Testing Requirements

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will be consolidating CDL skills testing locations July 1 in order to comply with federal regulations that will be taking effect in Texas in the fall. Based on existing resources, CDL skills testing will be only administered at 25 locations to meet the federal mandates for larger testing areas to accommodate backing maneuvers, equipment inspections and a standardized layout. During the 2017 legislative session, DPS will request funding to help improve the availability of CDL skills testing in Texas.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) enacted rules in 2011 requiring all states to test CDL applicants using a single national testing standard. States are required to be in compliance for commercial driver licenses to be valid for interstate commerce.

In 2015, the 84th Texas Legislature passed enabling legislation necessary to implement the new federal requirements. Based on existing resources and the significant cost to acquire, equip and staff the new testing sites, DPS determined that the most cost-effective approach – while minimizing the impact to CDL customers – was to consolidate skills testing to the 25 locations that meet the new space requirements. In choosing the designated testing sites, DPS also factored in whether a location provided safe conditions for test administrators and applicants.

For a list and map of the new CDL skills testing locations, visit <http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/documents/cdlNotice.pdf>.

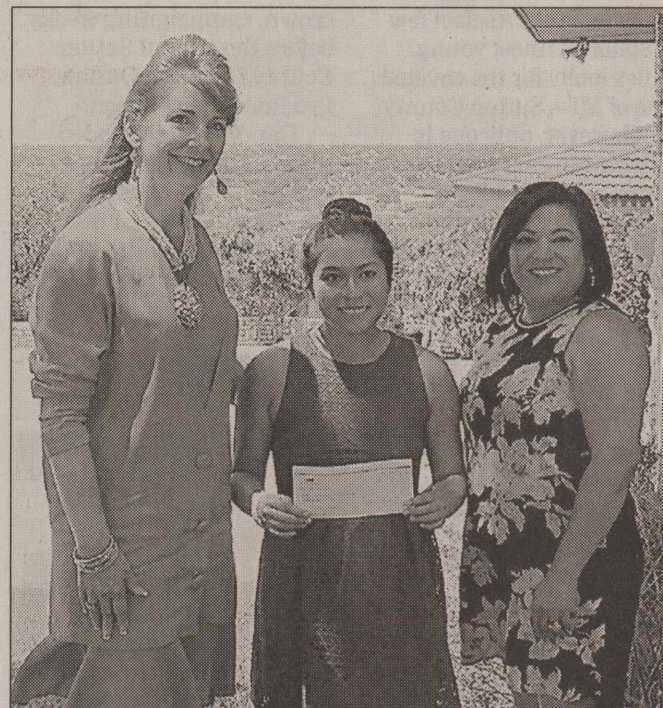
It is important to note that all other commercial driver license services (written tests, renewals, duplicates and address changes) will continue to be available at any driver license office in the state.

Approximately 92 percent of CDL skills tests administered during 2014 and 2015 were within a 50-mile radius of one of the

25 designated testing sites. In addition, the department is providing government entities, local fire departments and independent school districts the option of requesting CDL skills testing at their facilities – if they are located outside the 50-mile radius of one of the 25 testing sites. In order for a remote location to be considered, the testing site must be capable of accommodating CDL testing in accordance with the new federal requirements. DPS has also been communicating with affected constituencies and industry organizations in advance of this consolidation.

For more information regarding the new requirements, which applicants will be affected and general commercial driver license information, visit <http://dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/CommercialLicense.htm>.

SWC Scholarship



Kaitlyn Lopez (center) stands with Sonora Women's Club President Susan Hall and her mother Maribel Perez while displaying a \$1,000 scholarship check. Lopez received the first ever scholarship from the Sonora Woman's Club. Lopez plans to attend The University of Texas at Austin in the fall, studying Business and Psychology. Also, Lopez plans to attend medical school and become a surgeon.

COURTESY PHOTO

Foul Ups Prompt State to Scrap School Test Scores

By Kia Collier, Texas Tribune

Fifth and eighth graders who failed STAAR exams this year won't be held back a grade or be required to retake later this month, Education Commissioner Mike Morath announced late Friday, citing "ongoing reporting issues" with the state's new testing vendor.

"I apologize for the continuing problems our students and staff are being forced to deal with because of ongoing reporting issues with our testing vendor," Morath said in a statement. "Kids in the classroom should never suffer from mistakes made by adults. We intend to hold the vendor, Educational Testing Service, accountable."

This past school year was the first that the New Jersey-based company known as ETS developed and administered the State of Texas Assessment

of Academic Readiness exams, which 5th and 8th graders and high schoolers are supposed to pass before they can move on to the next grade or graduate. State law allows Morath to waive the requirement whenever necessary, the Texas Education Agency noted in a news release.

School districts have reported dozens of logistical and technical issues during the various spring administrations of the state-required exams.

Problems first surfaced in March, when school districts reported problems with online tests that caused students to lose answers. The computer glitch impacted more than 14,000 exams. Several other issues have surfaced since, including — most recently — claims from

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JUNE

16th Cynthia Ward, Joyce Casparis, Brigitte Rogers
17th Sterling Hall, Sydonia Wilson, Suzanne Huddleston, Emmalee Mata
19th Gunter Pennington, Rocky Jones, Ricky Solis
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Fort Lancaster Hosts Special Guided Tour

Visit Fort Lancaster State Historic Site on Saturday June 18 for a special guided tour of the historic fort ruins followed by a hands-on history display with period weapons, uniforms, and soldier equipment.

"The special tour will allow visitors to imagine what it must have been like to live and work at Fort Lancaster during the mid-1800s," said Jefferson Spilman, Fort Lancaster Site Manager.

Upon arrival, a soldier will greet visitors and serve as their tour guide. Visitors can walk the trails around the ruins of Fort Lancaster learning about the site's fascinating history and stories.

The tour begins at the visitors center at 10 a.m., visitors are asked to arrive a few minutes early. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 per child.

Fort Lancaster State Historic Site, a Texas Historical Commission property, spans 82 acres and commemorates the remnants of a fort built in the 1850s to protect the road between San Antonio and El Paso.

The site contains the ruins of what once constituted a sizable military installation as well as an interpretive trail.

The site 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 introductory video.

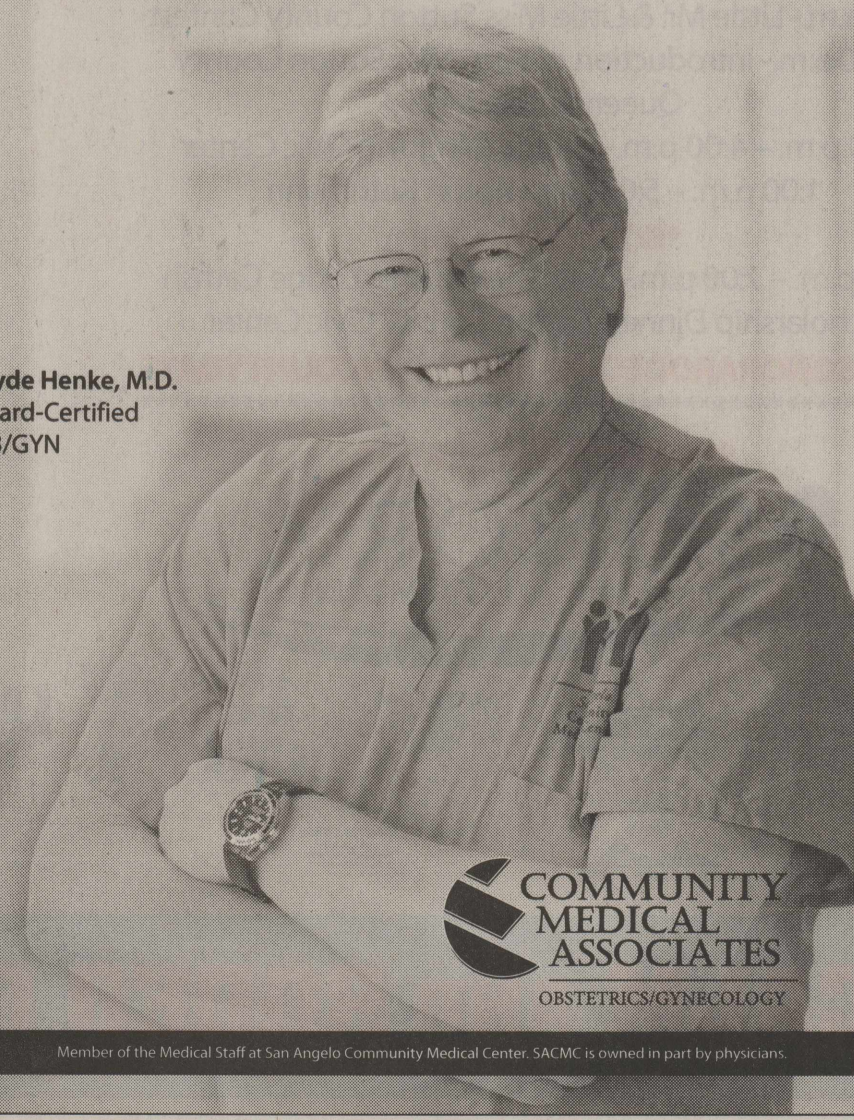
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New Discovery May Improve Future Mosquito Control

Major rainfall across most of Texas triggering hordes of mosquitoes coupled with seemingly constant mosquito-related Zika virus media reports from around the globe may have set the stage perfectly for what one researcher deems as a very significant discovery in man's war against earth's leading human disease carrier.

Dr. David Ragsdale, head of the entomology department at Texas A&M University, College Station, credits Dr. Patricia Pietrantonio, a Texas A&M AgriLife Research Fellow in the entomology department at College Station, along with her students and colleagues from other institutions, with discovering a receptor on the legs of mosquitoes that when activated, keeps female mosquitoes from taking a sugar meal and makes them fly away.

"This finding could lead to novel mosquito repellents," Ragsdale said. "This is really a big deal, a major achievement." Ragsdale said Pietrantonio has just had the article, "Leucokinin mimetic elicits aversive behavior in mosquito *Aedes aegypti* (L.) and inhibits the sugar taste neuron," on the work published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. To view the work and its authors go to <http://www.pnas.org/content/early/2016/06/01/1520404113.abstract>.

"What makes this even more compelling is the work was with *Aedes aegypti*, the mosquito species responsible for spreading Zika, dengue, yellow fever and Chikungunya

viruses," Ragsdale said. "This work is the culmination of over five years of study by Dr. Pietrantonio, her students and collaborators. With Zika a looming threat, this is a timely discovery."

Pietrantonio said after mating, *Aedes aegypti* females immediately search for a blood meal from a human host.

"They are highly anthropophilic, meaning they are attracted to humans," Pietrantonio said. "They may even follow people indoors. If female mosquitoes are infected with viruses they may transmit them to humans when they acquire a blood meal."

The blood meal supplies the protein source female mosquitoes require to produce eggs, she said.

"However, in the field, if human hosts are not present, females will feed on sucrose solutions such as nectar from flowers, though they prefer a blood meal to a sugar meal but male mosquitoes feed only on nectar. Certainly sugar feeding is one of the two feeding modalities for adults of this species."

"We found that a synthetic peptide that was designed to mimic a peptide naturally present in mosquitoes triggers an aversive fly away, walk away or jump away behavior in female mosquitoes."

If the same aversion could be tied to a blood meal, she said a totally new and effective mosquito feeding deterrent may be in the offing, one that

SEE MOSQUITO ON PAGE 5

OBITUARIES

Eulogia Gonzales Samaniego January 5, 1927 - June 12, 2016

Eulogia Gonzales Samaniego went to be with our Lord on June 12, 2016. She is preceded in death by her husband Julio R. Samaniego Sr., parents Evaristo & Virginia Gonzales, a sister Feliz Guajardo, a brother Samuel Gonzales & a great granddaughter Analesa Samaniego. Also, Eulogia is survived by a daughter Yolanda Martinez and three sons Julio R. Samaniego Jr. (Margaret), Ricardo Samaniego, Daniel Samaniego (Marcie), two brothers Miguel Gonzales (Maria) & Ismael Gonzales

(Carla). Also Eulogia is survived by eleven grandchildren, twenty great grandchildren, seven great-great grandchildren, numerous nephews, nieces and very special friends Rudy and Ervenia Perez. A visitation and Rosary were held on Tuesday, June 14th. A mass and funeral services were held on Wednesday, June 15th, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Sonora. Burial followed at Sonora Cemetery. Services were provided by Kerbow Funeral Home.

MOSQUITO:

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4 perhaps would cause the mosquito to pass up the required blood meal needed to lay eggs. Doing so would either disrupt the life cycle and/or reduce disease transmission.

However, this is far from being accomplished, she said.

"One of our team designed a peptide mimetic of the kinin peptides, which are diuretic hormones in mosquitoes, to be resistant to enzymatic degradation," Pietrantoni said. "These mimetics are more potent than those found naturally, because they take longer to be degraded by the insect. These diuretic hormones make mosquitoes lose water after a blood meal, but we also found the peptidomimetic blocked sugar perception. This is a completely new and unexpected discovery."

The research team localized these receptors in the feet and mouthparts of mosquitoes. What is really new, they said, is that this type of receptor proteins known as GPCRs, were not previously considered to be important for "taste" in insects and further, contact with the peptidomimetic made the mosquitoes fly away.

"In sum, we unequivocally verified this kinin receptor is present in the taste organs of the legs and labella, the pair of lobes at the tip of the proboscis." Pietrantoni said their observation that the peptide blocks sugar perception is interesting because the

peptide is insect-specific, therefore, the receptor represents a target for further applied research to find ways to diminish the ability of female mosquitoes to feed. Doing so would likely reduce their lifespan or reproductive capacity.

"We had a lot of fun doing this research within the frame of an international, multi-institutional and multidisciplinary collaboration," she said. Institutions involved along with Texas A&M were the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agriculture Research Service, Iowa State University and Université Paris-Saclay, France.

Pietrantoni said the team will continue to study the system in the hope of developing an effective mosquito feeding deterrent in order to stop what is arguably the greatest foe to mankind on earth.

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Zika Report

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2 out; removing standing water in and around the home; and covering trash cans or containers where water can collect.

West Nile is here, too
On June 7, the DSHS posted information about the mosquito-borne West Nile virus, known to be active in Texas.

The agency said the state's first case of the nervous system-attacking disease was diagnosed in a person from El Paso County. In 2015, some 275 human cases of West Nile illness were reported in Texas, reportedly causing 16 deaths.

Hurricane drill is held
The Texas Department of Public Safety on June 8 posted information about a multi-agency exercise in which a mock "Hurricane Tejas" led to the evacuation of a sample group of 300 people.

The agency's Texas Division of Emergency Management coordinated the exercise with local, state, federal and private sector partners, moving volunteer "general and medical evacuees" from the lower Rio Grande Valley to the sheltering jurisdictions of San Antonio, Austin, Fort Worth and Irving.

DPS Director Steven McCraw said, "Protecting Texans from natural disasters demands vigorous preparation, and exercises like this keep our emergency management system honed and ready to assist our local partners should a significant storm

threaten Texas."


Tax allocations are lower
Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on June 8 announced his office will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$618 million in local sales tax allocations for June, 1.8 percent less than in June 2015.

These allocations are based on sales made in April by businesses that report tax monthly. "Energy-centric cities such as Midland, Odessa and Corpus Christi continued to see decreases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. "Meanwhile, other areas of the state helped offset those losses as Austin, El Paso and Irving saw moderate increases in allocations."

Waterway gains status
The U.S. Department of Transportation has granted the Texas Department of Transportation's application to designate the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway from Brownsville to Port Arthur as Marine Highway 69, TxDOT announced June 8.

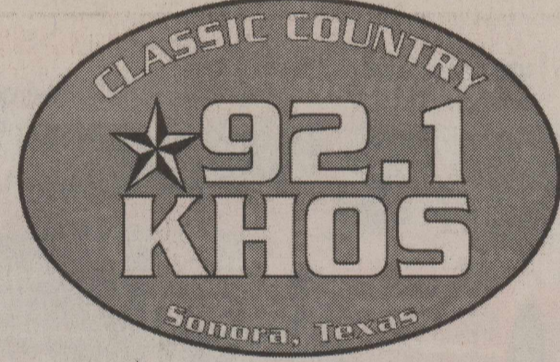

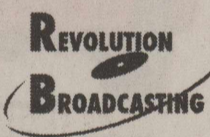
According to TxDOT, the designation clears the way for federal grants to ports for projects along the waterway that would help relieve roadway congestion.

Texas Transportation Commissioner Jeff Moseley said, "We are now better positioned to shift freight from our congested roads to Marine Highway 69's waterborne freight system, where it can be more efficiently transported."

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Texas 4-H State Roundup Results

By Jessica Stapper Sutton County was well represented this past week in College Station, TX for State 4-H Roundup.

This event is a competition between all the District winners across the State of Texas in different categories.

The Sutton County 4-H Club had a Range Evaluation Team, Share-The-Fun Solo/Band Contestant, & a Scholarship Recipient.


Range Evaluation Team Placed 3rd

Members: Cara Hernandez, Christina Hernandez, & Tate Shannon
Coach: Pascual Hernandez

Share-The-Fun Solo/Band Placed 4th
Contestant: Delaney Ramsdell

Scholarship Recipient Darby Ramsdell
Congratulations to everyone! Job well done!

Thank you to all the coaches and parents who helped these individuals at the State level.


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Angelo State Announces 2016 Spring Dean's List

Angelo State University has announced students receiving the Dean's List designation for the 2016 Spring Semester.

To be eligible for the ASU Dean's list, full-time students must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Sonora Students include:
Morgan Christine Badgett, Hilary Denise Borrego, Adriana Ysenia Faz, Kory Belle Humphrey, Logan N. Smith, Kade Harrell Wimberley and Megan Ray Yourgalite.

City of Sonora

Senior Center Meals

MONDAY June 20th
Beef Steak Fingers w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, Wheat Bread, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk.

TUESDAY June 21st
Tuna Pasta Salad, Pea Salad, Fresh Fruit, Crackers, Banana Pudding, Milk.

WEDNESDAY June 22nd
Beef Tips w/Gravy, White rice, Green Beans, Bread, Cucumber and Tomato Blend, Peach Cobbler, Milk.

THURSDAY June 23rd
BBQ Riblet on a Bun, Sliced Onions, Coleslaw, Pinto Beans, Applesauce, Milk.

FRIDAY June 24th
Santa Fe Chicken, New Potatoes, Parsley Carrots, Cornbread, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Milk.

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

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS	45. "Seinfeld" uncle	64. Programs, briefly	9. Feeling of pity
1. Lose oomph	46. Status ____	65. Go after, in a way	10. Everglades wader
4. Jewish holy man	47. Church area		11. Crowd sound
9. Menace	50. Unedible diner food	DOWN	12. Business mag
14. Tijuana gold	56. Low spirits	1. Sound in German?	13. Alkaline liquid
15. Roundish	58. Scarlett ____	2. Deck out	21. Nine-day ritual
16. Suffering	59. Bond rating	3. Say publicly	22. Opposable digit
17. To's partner	60. Blood line	4. Drift	26. Woodworker's tool
18. French town	61. Bluffer's game	5. Enthusiastic	27. Pop star Paula
19. Tiny amount	62. Patriot's org.	6. Type of weevil	28. Lofty
20. Prepared hides	63. Collect slowly	7. Digestion aid	29. Hat trick trio
23. Spinner		8. Guess	30. Addis Ababa folk
24. Trendy			31. Carolina college
25. Actress			32. Mirth
Longoria			33. Wall St. hires
27. Black cattle breed			34. Chichi
30. Hosp. readout			36. "That's no lie!"
33. Blinded painfully			38. Prod
35. Loud sound			39. Big inits. in fashion
36. "____ have to do"			44. "____ Flint"
37. Fancy infant keepsake			46. Share
40. Gillette razor			48. Mix-up
41. Deceive			49. French equivalent
42. Lowlife			50. Yawner
43. Old cartoonist Hoff			51. The best
44. Makes eyes at			52. "Well, alright then"
			53. Mountebank
			54. Mr. Flinstone
			55. Rabbit ____
			56. Kind of order
			57. Chat room abbr.

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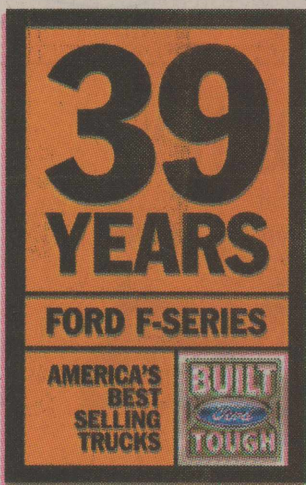


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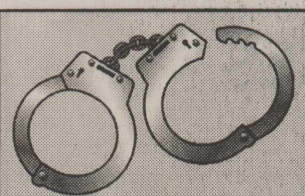
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ARRESTS

JUNE 7 • Botello, Adriana, 27 year old female from Sonora arrested for assault causes bodily injury family violence.

JUNE 9 • Gutierrez, Sergio Jose, 22 year old male from Sonora arrested for driving while license invalid with previous conviction/ suspended without financial responsibility and for evading arrest.

JUNE 10 • Lennon, Jeremy Tyler, 29 year old male from Austin arrested for driving while license invaled with previous conviction/ suspended without financial responsibility.

JUNE 12 • Abalos, Daniel, 55 year old male from Sonora arrested for DWI 2nd.

INCIDENTS

JUNE 6 - 8:18 AM • Truancy call 1000 block of S. Crockett; Officer responded.

8:31 AM • Truancy call 1300 block of Mesquite; Officer responded.

11:13 AM • Animal call 300 block of S. Crockett, officer responded.
JUNE 7 - 4:23 PM • Suspicious person call Railroad and Glasscock; Officer responded.
7:02 PM • Family violence call 700 block of Rock Ave; Officer responded.
JUNE 8 - 2:41 PM • Shots fired call 100 block of Deerwood; Officer responded.
JUNE 9 - 8:44 AM • Welfare check call 100 block of Edgemont; Officer responded.
10:23 AM • Officer assist call East Plum/County Yard; Officer responded.
4:14 PM • Traffic control call 600 block of S. Crockett; Officer responded.

7:58 PM • 9-1-1 open line call 600 block of Mernard; Officer responded.
JUNE 10 - 8:17 AM • Criminal Trespass call 600 block of S. Crockett; Officer responded.
10:39 AM • Reckless conduct call 100 block of Deerwood; Officer responded.
JUNE 11 - 9:56 AM • Disturbance call 100 block of Plum; Officer responded.
10:28 AM • Burglary call 700 block Tom Green; officer responded.
3:07 PM • Hit and run call Road Ranger; Officer responded.
JUNE 12 - 7:59 AM • 9-1-1 drops calls 800 and 700 block of N. Crockett; Officer responded.

1:08 PM • Suspicious circumstances call 300 block of W. Chestnut; officer responded.
5:58 PM • Reckless driver call 500 block of HWY 277 North; Officer responded.
8:05 PM • Lost cell phone call Stripes; Officer responded.
8:24 PM • Civil matter call 1100 block of Glasscock Ave; Officer responded.
JUNE 11 - 9:56 AM • Disturbance call 100 block of Plum; Officer responded.
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Ombudsmen



Brigitte Rogers and Jim Brisbin.

COURTESY PHOTO

Certified Volunteer Ombudsmen of The Hill Country Care Center receive the Excellence Award

Submitted by Amanda Sedeno
 On Thursday June 2nd, 2016, Brigitte Rogers and Jim Brisbin were recognized in appreciation of their dedication and volunteer contribution through the Concho Valley Ombudsman Program.

Ombudsmen advocate for quality of life and care for residents in nursing

homes and assisted living facilities.

Ombudsmen investigate and resolve complaints made by, or on behalf of, residents.

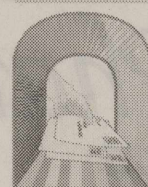
They also provide services to help in protecting resident's health, safety, welfare and rights.

Brigitte and Jim reside in Sonora, TX and have

volunteered at the Hill Country Care Center in Junction, TX for approximately 5 years.

Thank you Jim and Brigitte for all that you do!

To learn more about the Long-term Care Ombudsman program or to find out how you can volunteer, Contact Amanda Sedeño at (325)223-5704.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Urges Readers to Wake Up

Sonora WAKE UP!

You have two young well trained doctors, Mark and Kristy Edwards.

We (Sonora and the surrounding area) are at risk of losing them by someone's agenda.

Hospital administrators are a dime a dozen, they come they go.

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I don't know if it's conflict of personalities, power struggle or what is happening but do you want the administration wrapping wounds and giving prescriptions, cause that is what will happen.

Young trained doctors are not jumping to come to rural Texas.

These are English speaking and raising family and plan to stay in Sonora.

Please find out what is going on and stop it.

Hospital losing money, look at outside billing.

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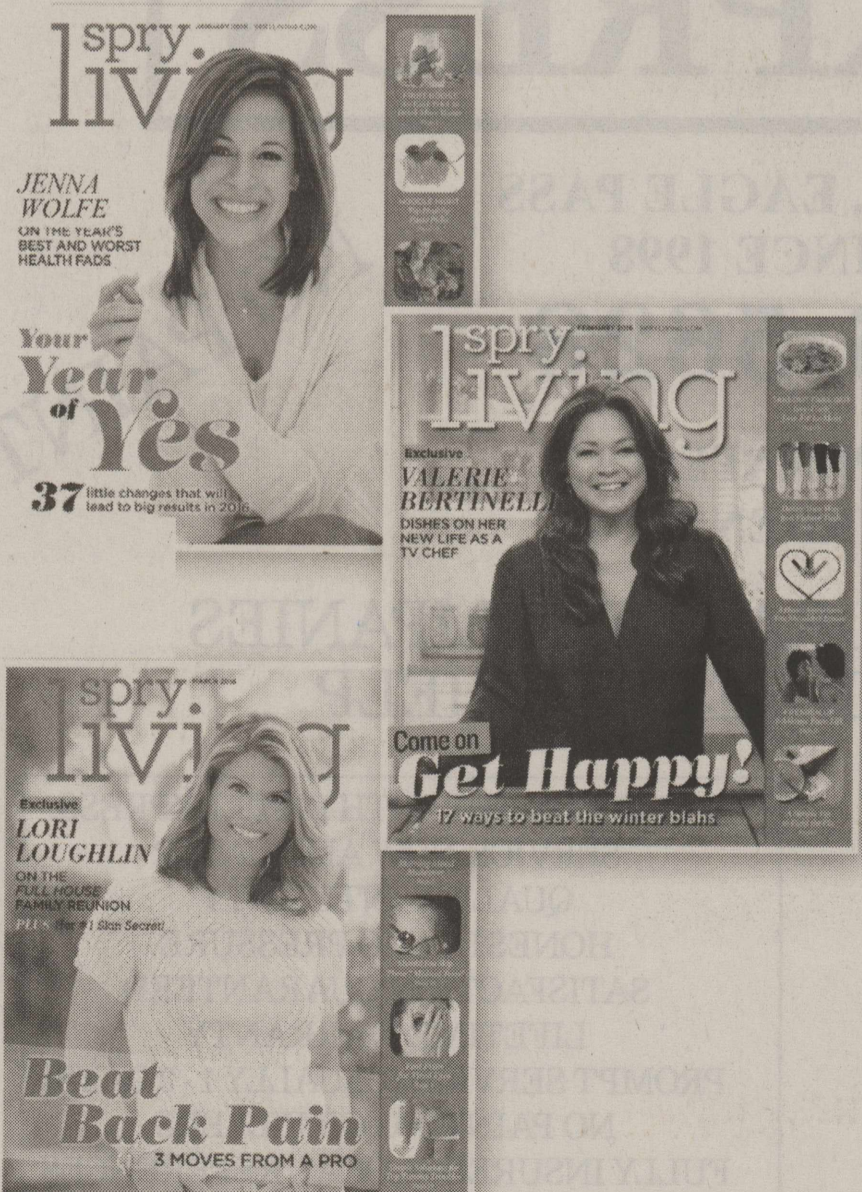
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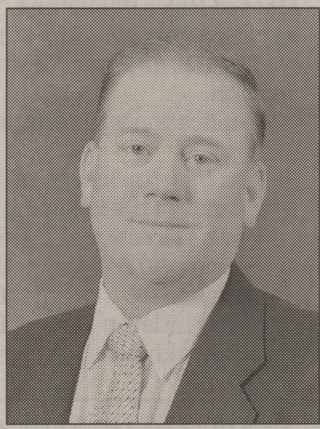
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Angelo State University Hosting National Agriculture Conference

More than 700 attendees are expected for the American Meat Science Association's (AMSA) 69th annual Reciprocal Meat Conference hosted by Angelo State University's Department of Agriculture June 17-22 on the ASU campus and at various locations around San Angelo.

Each year, the Reciprocal Meat Conference serves as the AMSA annual meeting. It is conducted on or near university campuses and features an interactive program that is tailored to give attendees an inspiring educational experience. Attendees include meat science professionals in academia, government and industry, as well as undergraduate and graduate students in meat and food science fields at colleges and universities throughout the U.S.

"ASU is the first smaller regional university ever to host the AMSA Reciprocal Meat



Mike Salisbury
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Conference," said Dr. Mike Salisbury, chair of the ASU Agriculture Department. "This opportunity is a direct reflection on our quality meat science and other agriculture programs, as well as our excellent students and state-of-the-art facilities. Industry professionals and students from all over the country will get a first-hand look at our department, our campus and our community. It will also

be a great learning and networking opportunity for our students interested in meat and food science careers."

Student activities and contests will take place Friday through Sunday, June 17-19, including a Processed Meats Judging Contest on Friday and the Iron Chef Product Development Contest on Saturday at the ASU Management, Instruction and Research Center. Graduate and undergraduate Student Research Poster Competitions and the Undergraduate Meat Science Quiz Bowl Competition will take place Sunday in the Houston Harte University Center.

One of the highlights of the conference will be the Opening General Session on Monday, June 20, at 8 a.m. in the University Center that will feature U.S. Congressmen Mike Conaway and David Rouzer as the keynote speakers. Conaway represents Texas'

11th Congressional District and is chairman of the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture. Rouzer represents North Carolina's 7th Congressional District and is chairman of the House Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. Much of the remainder

of the conference will be made up of informational, technical and business sessions for the meat science professionals in attendance, but there will also be a softball tournament, golf tournament, country music concert, spouse and family tours of local and area

attractions, and an awards reception and banquet. The full conference schedule and list of events is available at www.meatscience.org/events-education/rmc/schedule-of-events.

Additional conference details are available at www.meatscience.org/rmc.

USGS Offers Seniors a Lifetime of Fresh Air

Did you know that the U.S. Geologic Survey, the government agency that focuses on the country's natural resources, offers seniors aged 62 and older a lifetime pass to more than 2,000 outdoor recreation facilities throughout the U.S. for just \$10.00?

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For example, go paddling on the Little Calumet River Water Trail in Porter, Indiana or visit Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park in Key Biscayne where you can go sunbathing,

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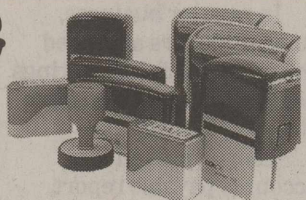
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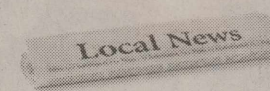
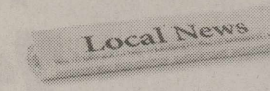
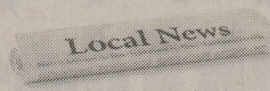
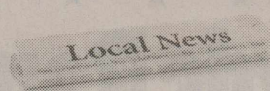
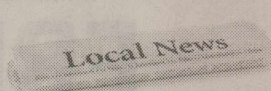
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TEST SCORES:

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a high-performing West Austin school district that ETS had lost all exams taken by 3rd through 8th graders that it shipped to the company.

ETS denied it had lost the tests. A spokesman did not immediately respond to an emailed request for comment late Friday.

The issues, which are not entirely unprecedented, have fueled an existing backlash against the state's testing and accountability system, the stakes of which many parents and educators believe are too high.

Morath's announcement marks a departure in opinion for the state education chief, who previously said there wasn't enough evidence to warrant scrapping

all statewide exams for the purposes of holding students accountable. Friday's announcement did not address whether exam scores, including those of 5th and 8th graders, would be used to rate schools under the state's accountability system.

But Morath did make it clear that districts still may hold 5th and 8th graders back — or make them go to summer school — if they deem it appropriate.

"Even though state requirements have been waived, districts are still encouraged to use local discretion to determine on an individual basis whether accelerated instruction should be offered to support students," the news release said. The problems also

have affected high school STAAR tests, but state law doesn't allow the education commissioner to waive graduation requirements.

The announcement is a victory for parents and educators who had urged Morath to discount STAAR scores.

Last month, a group of parents sued the state in an attempt to block it from using STAAR scores results to make grade promotion decisions for younger students, including grades other than 5th and 8th, or to decide whether they should attend summer school.

"A large part of the relief which we were seeking has been voluntarily given by the [Texas Education Agency]," said the parents' lawyer, Scott Placek, describing it as

"a good first step." "They know the administration of this year's STAAR is indefensible."

Further review of the announcement is needed before they can decide whether to drop the lawsuit, Placek said. It seems that the exam scores still will appear in students' records regardless of whether they are used to decide whether to promote them, he noted.

"They could completely toss the scores out, which in a way I think they're trying to do without doing it," he said, describing an ideal scenario.

This article originally appeared in The Texas Tribune at <http://www.texastribune.org/2016/06/10/citing-ongoing-issues-state-scraps-staar-scores/>.

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County Commissioners Support Hog Out Grant Application

Sutton County Commissioners approved a resolution for authorizing the Hog Out Grant application during their regular meeting on Monday, June 13th.

During the month of May, a total of 275 Feral hogs were eliminated in Sutton County.

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High numbers of feral hogs coupled with their lack of natural predators, fosters devastating damages incurred by landowners to their property, livestock, and crops.

The feral hog abatement grant provides landowners a means for long-term feral hog abatement resources and control methods.

Additionally, commissioners discussed a flat rental fee of \$50 and refundable deposit of \$100 for the use of the back end of the Sutton County Pavilion, including the restrooms. This fee is a response to recent issues regarding excess trash and clean-up following use by private organizations. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting on June 27th.

Further, commissioners approved advertising for one full-time Road and Bridge employee.

In regular business, commissioners approved the minutes of the meetings held on May 23rd and June 9th.

They approved the accounts payable report, auditor's report and treasurer's report as presented.

Additionally, the court approved the JP report, county attorney's report

and county clerk's report as presented.

Commissioners approved the library report including an increase in time of one hour per session, for the use of public computers located in the library.

An update on the summer reading program included about 40 participants and a book signing available in July.

Additionally, commissioners approved the use of public computers located in the library for the purpose of research and application of the Hunger Initiative Program.

The court recognized the absence of bids for AC5 Asphalt. They agreed to allow the purchase of asphalt not to exceed \$49,999.00, the acceptable limit without a bid.

Finally, upon the recommendation of Judge Steve Smith, the commissioners approved the June 20th budget workshop date.

Also, Judge Smith proposed the date of June 21 for a joint meeting between the commissioners and city personnel to discuss current issues.

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

Judge Steve Smith presided over the meeting.

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

The next regular meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners is slated for Monday, June 27th, at 9:00 a.m., in the County Annex Building.

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