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## **Broncos Swat Down 'Jackets 28-14 Beneath Friday Night Lights**

It didn't take long for the 3A Sonora Broncos to show that they were ready for the challenge against the 4A Llano Yellow Jackets on Friday night, Septem-

On paper, it appeared that Llano might have the advantage as a larger school with a higher enrollment, but games are played on turf, not paper -- and, it was on the turf in Bronco Stadium that the Sonora team proved its worth.

"I am extremely proud of our kids and happy to be 2-0," Broncos head coach Coach David T. Sine said after the game.

Llano opened the contest with an onside kick, recovered the ball and quickly drove deep into Bronco territory. But, Sonora's defensive unit rallied to meet the challenge and denied the 'Jackets, who had a first-and-goal opportunity inside the 5-yard-line, forcing Llano to turn the ball over on downs.

"Defensively we played extremely well tonight," Coach Sine commented.

The Broncos moved the ball but were forced to punt after a couple of first downs. When the Yellow Jackets were unable to field the punt, the ball rolled down to the Llano 4-yard line.

Sonora's defense rose to the occasion again and, when the Llano punter mishandled the ball, he hurried the kick and it rolled only a few yards before

Cordell pounced on it for the Broncos at the 10-yard line.

The Broncos notched up the first points in the game a few seconds later when Jackson Jarrett followed his blockers around the right side and scampered 13 yards to paydirt. Carter Zook added the extra-point giving the Broncos a 7-0 lead with 1:33 remaining in the first quarter.

Sonora's swarming defense continued to wreak havoc and shut down Llano's next drive.

That's when Drew Buitron trapped 'Jackets punter in the backfield to force the ball over on downs at the Llano 7-yard line.

From there, Cordell carried the ball on two straight plays and dove into the end zone from a yard out to pad the Broncos lead. Zook added the PAT, making the score 14-0 in favor of Sonora.

Llano answered on its next possession when Mason Greenwood sprinted 15 yards to put the Yellow Jackets on the board.

The Broncos wasted little time in responding. On the next possession, Cordell scrambled to recover an errant snap, then launched a desperation pass to Noah San Miguel. Liam Yourgalite threw an epic block to spring San Miguel as the ran to paydirt to complete the 55-yard TD pass, catch and run.

Zook again added the extrapoint to give Sonora a 21-7 lead that would stand until the halftime intermission.

The two teams traded possessions back-and-forth in the third quarter until Cordell rolled right and zipped a pass to Walker Sine who carried it into the end zone to extend the Broncos lead. Zook added the PAT to make the score 28-7 with 2:28 left to play in the third.

"I was really concerned coming out at half time and I felt like we needed to put them away," Sine explained.

Although the offense scored the points that gave the Broncos the margin of victory, the defensive unit was just as impressive, stopping one Llano drive after another and forcing two turnover. Cordell recovered a pass and snagged an interception to put the ball back in the hands of the offense.

Llano found the end zone one last time before the game was over when Greenwood carried SEE BRONCOS ON PAGE 3



Liam Yourgalite breaks an attempted tackle by the Yellow Jackets defense on a run down the home side of the field during the game between Sonora and Llano on Friday, September 2nd, at Bronco Stadium.

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## Lady Broncos Take Gold in Home Tourney

The Sonora Lady Broncos set the tone for their home tournament with a win in their first bracket game against the Paint Rock Maidens on Thursday, September 1st, the first day of the

Sonora tourney.

The Lady Broncos won the best 2 out of 3 sets against the Maidens scoring 25-3 in the first

set and 25-5 in the second.
Sky Jennings impressed the fans with 19 assists, 1 block, and 2 kills.

Carly Brown led the team kills with a total of 9 and Delaney Ramsdell delivered 4 kills.

Savannah Castro served 4 aces and completed 3 kills. Mary Kyle Johnson had 3 kills and Claire Thiebaud had 2 aces.

On Saturday, September 3rd, the second and final day of the tourney, the Lady Broncos volleyed against Comstock in the best 2 out of 3 in their second bracket game.

They scored 25-11 and 25-12. Johnson led the team in delivering 13 kills.

Brown had 8 kills, Ramsdell had 4 kills and Castro had 3 kills. Lane Cahill added to the

score with 2 kills. Sky Jennings backed her teammates with 26 assists.

In their final championship match, the Lady Broncos played the best 3 out of 5 scoring 25-18, 25-27, 25-20 and 25-19. Johnson completed 14 kills, 3

aces and 1 block.

Brown executed 11 kills and 5 blocks adding to Castro's 7 kills and 3 aces.

Ramsdell completed 9 kills, 2 aces, and 2 blocks and Cahill added 2 kills and 1 block.

Sky Jennings accomplished an outstanding 44 assists and 2 kills, Thiebaud had 4 aces and Riley Walker had 10 digs.

Coaches Awards:
Tournament MVP:
Mary Kyle Johnson
Outstanding Hitter: Carly Brown
Outstanding Setter

Sky Jennings Outstanding Defensive Player: Riley Walker



Bob Brockman (L) takes an oath to fulfill the duties as Sutton County Commissioner Precinct 2, as presented by Judge Steve Smith (R) on Tuesday, September 6th, at the County Court Annex.

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Carly Brown makes a kill during the match between the Lady Broncos and the Maiden on Thursday, September 1st.

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## **Brockman Takes Oath of Office**

Raising his right hand, Bob Brockman pledged his oath to uphold the position of Sutton County Commissioner Precinct 2, on Tuesday, September 6th.

Before a small audience, Sutton County Judge Steve Smith swore in Brockman as the replacement for Commissioner John Wade during a special ceremonial meeting in the County Annex Courtroom.

Brockman will begin fulfilling his duties on the Commissioner's Court immediately

Brockman is a local rancher and also serves as Chairman of the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District. He is active with several groups including the Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board, Texas Sheep and Goat Raiser Association, Texas Livestock Committee, Texas Animal

Damage Control Association and the Hudspeth Hospital Ranch Board of Directors.

He brings a wealth of knowledge and understanding of the land, farm and ranching equipment, and fiduciary responsibilities. Although he doesn't consider himself a replacement for John Wade, Brockman said he looks forward to serving the citizens of Sutton County.

Wade resigned his commission on August 31, 2016 after serving on the court as Commissioner Precinct 2 for 23 years.

Judge Steve Smith presided over the meeting. Commissioners Fred Perez and Mike Villanueva were present. Carl Teaff was absent.

A special meeting of the County Commissioners is slated for Friday, September 9th at 9 a.m. in the County Annex.

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## Education Chief Announces Fines Assessed to Testing Service

AUSTIN — Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath on Aug. 23 announced the Texas Education Agency will fine the company that delivers and administers STAAR® — the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness — with \$5.7 million in liquidated damages.

Morath also directed the company, Austin-based Educational Testing Services, to invest \$15 million for a total of \$20.7 million. The \$20.7 million, according to the TEA, "addresses various logistical issues encountered by students and school systems during statewide STAAR administration in the 2015-2016 school year.'

"I believe this combination of liquidated damages with an additional financial

commitment from ETS reflects the correct balance of accountability for the recent past and safeguards for the future," Morath said in an Aug. 29 news release.

ETS holds the state contract for the administration of high-stakes testing for grades 3 through 8 and high school STAAR end-of-course exams. That contract was awarded in 2015.

Rep proposes alternatives

State Rep. Jason Isaac, R-Dripping Springs, on Aug. 29 called for reform "in light of more bad news about Texas' standardized testing system, the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness."

Isaac pointed to the \$20 million fine assessed to Educational Testing Services by the Texas Education Agency, which he said is "possibly the largest such fine in Texas history.'

"I'm pleased that the Texas Education Agency has taken significant steps to improve STAAR, but it's clear there is still more work to be done. School districts should not be hampered by an inefficient and ineffective system. Adding a dose of free-market philosophy to education by allowing a variety of standardized test options can only drive down costs and improve quality.

"I hope my colleagues will join me when the 85th legislative session convenes in seeking transformational changes that will ensure that testing is a benefit, not a

burden, to Texas' students, teachers, and families," Isaac added.

Zika testing recommended

The federal Food and Drug Administration, in response to requests by U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Texas, and a group of other members of Congress, last week

announced it would recommend widespread testing of blood donations for the

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HIGHLIGHTS

W By Ed Sterling

## **One Stormy Night**

It started with an unexpected flash in the wee hours of the morning. Not long after, a crack of thunder pulled me from sleep as the clouds opened up to share their aqualicious bounty with the earth.

The torrent began rapidly, and continued with a consistent barrage. I could

Slices of Life



By Jill Pertler

hear it outside pelting the pavement. Bursts of wind swept through the open windows above the bed and my head.

Once, but only once, a light spritz of raindrops blew in through the

screen and hit my cheek. It was a pleasant sensation, on a warm night with the cool wind blowing through. I waited for a second spritz, anticipated and almost willed it, but none came.

I thought about getting up, to look outside at the downpour and watch for streaks of lightning shooting across the sky, but I stayed put. The covers were cozy.I was warm and dry.

A strike of lightning lit the room for a moment illuminating a silhouette of my cat who had come into the room to make sure I was fully awake and to provide solace against the manifestations of the storm. Not more than a second later, lightning's thunderous companion reverberated through the airwaves startling both me and the feline. We were in the heat and heart of the squall.

Instinctively the cat jumped up and nuzzled under the covers with her head on my husband's arm. Thank goodness she was there to comfort me.

I closed my eyes, listening to the ruckus, under the cool sheets on the bed, under the cool sheets of rain falling outside - finding peace and contentment in the unyielding strength of Mother Nature.

I've always loved a summer storm, especially in the middle of the night, when you can lie still and safe in the calmness of your bed under a sturdy roof while around you the world reacts with intense energy, strength and power.

It makes me feel small and insignificant, but somehow in a good way. There's comfort in knowing Mother Nature is in control and can cleanse the earth, water the garden, fill birdbaths and make mud puddles all in one fell swoop - it's multitasking by the master.

I guess there's a certain amount of relief in realizing you are a tiny cog in the overall scheme of the universe, and power and control are in the hands of something much bigger and grander than yourself. It sort of takes the pressure off.

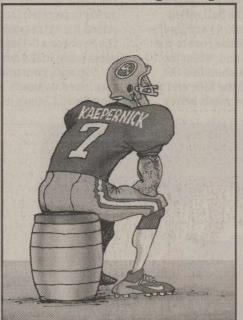
That, and it relieves you from the duty

of having to water the garden this week. The rain continued in a steady stream while I lay listening and thinking about everything and nothing the way one can do sometimes in the wee hours of the morning. I may have dozed off mid-storm (one can never be sure of dozing). When I checked the clock the storm had been brooding for over an hour. By this time the thunder and lightning had abated, but the rain maintained a firm presence as night prepared to hand the reigns over to

The sun rose and the rain finally subsided into something slightly more than a sprinkle and then, finally, into something slightly less. The storm had passed and it was time to get up and get started with the day. As I did, I gave thanks - for summer storms, the wind, time to ponder, Mother Nature, comfy beds, pillows, rooftops, husbands and, of course, kitties that jump up in the night.

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#### Sitting During the National Anthem





## No Respect for National Anthem Haters

The Black Lives Matter movement is two years old, so it's a little odd that San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick has suddenly become a convert. He must certainly be pleased that everyone knows he refused to stand up during the national anthem at a preseason game against the Green Bay Packers.

Kaepernick announced: "I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color. ... There are bodies in the street and people getting paid leave and getting away with murder." Now, photos show him wearing socks in training camp featuring pigs with police

by L. Brent Bozell hats on them. Like so many leftists, this disgraceful ingrate is nowhere to be found when there are a thousand times more "bodies in the street" as casualties of drug dealers or gang-bangers. Almost 500 people have been killed this year in Chicago, Illinois, alone. Seventy-nine police officers have been killed in the line of duty this year. It's unclear if this means a thing to Kaepernick.

But what's even more disturbing is how so many Americans feel the need to express respect for his right to speak freely. On ABC, Sen. Tim Kaine lectured, saying, "You got to respect people's ability to act according to their conscience." No, you don't have to respect that. Nor should you, Sen. Kaine.

How dare this man dishonor all the men and women who gave their lives for that flag? How many men and women pine to throw a football, but are missing hands? Or want to run on the field, but are missing legs?

To many on the left, denouncing America and its flag is a precious right, even an act of courage, when they should not just object, but call that protester an ungrateful jerk. Sen. Kaine is speechless when Kaepernick wears Fidel Castro on a T-shirt as he stands for free speech. Leftist agitator Kareem Abdul-Jabbar praised Kaepernick as a patriot in the Washington Post, and mocked critics for their "traditional all-American Forrest Gump values of patriotism."

So most Americans are as dumb as Gump for loving their flag.

Since his team is from San Francisco, it's not surprising that it issued a mealymouthed statement. The anthem is a "special part" of the pre-game ceremony, the 49ers said, but "we recognize the right of

an individual to choose and participate, or not, in our celebration of the national anthem." Blah, blah, cowardly blah.

Just how tolerant is the National Football League, anyway? The NFL does pressure all players to wear bright pink on their uniforms for the entire month of October to build awareness for breast cancer. So what if some player refused on

the grounds that he could care less about the issue? Or he demanded equal time devoted to prostate cancer awareness? Would ESPN rush to celebrate his right to free speech, or denounce him as a jerk?

The NFL doesn't believe in religious freedom. It came out publicly against a Georgia bill that said no pastor can be

forced to perform a same-sex wedding ceremony, no individual can be forced to attend one, and no church or religious group would be forced to allow its facility to be used for an event it finds morally objectionable. A league spokesman denounced that exercise of free expression with appropriate Orwellian lingo. saying, "NFL policies emphasize tolerance and inclusiveness."

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell openly opposed North Carolina's House Bill 2, which stated that people should use the bathroom of their biological gender. He said: "Anything that discriminates, we oppose. We will continue to fight that. We have a franchise here. The Carolina Panthers play here, they operate here, and we want to work with the community. We're not going to threaten a community." Which is exactly what Goodell was doing.

And the NFL opposed the Dallas Cowboys putting an "Arm in Arm" sticker on their helmet expressing support for the local police after five cops were shot dead in Dallas, Texas. No one on the left could manage to find anything worth respecting in that attempt to honor bravery.

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## **Huckeberry Days** in Northern Idaho

Yes, there are such things as huckleberries. They grow wild in Northern Idaho and during the short time they are ready for harvest (mid to late July), the state celebrates the small purple berry



by Tumbleweed Smith

in all sorts of ways. Bars offer huckleberry beer or wine. Restaurants offer huckleberry ice cream. Stores (like Huckle-

berry Thicket in Post Falls) have dozens of items like huckleberry candy and jam. The berry is about the size of a pea and has a distinctive taste that is similar to a blueberry, but more tart and bold. Bears love them and compete with human

We went to Coeur d'Alene (pronounced core da lane) to visit our friends who recently bought a home there. Their yard has hundreds of flowers and shrubs. which were all in bloom when we were there in mid-July. The neighborhood has the greenest well-kept lawns and cleanest streets. People take extra good care of their cars.

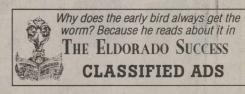
There are 55 lakes within 50 miles of CDA (as the natives call their city), some of them so deep that the US Navy tests submarines at its base at Bayview where Lake Pend Oreille (pronounced Pondoray) is more than 1,000 feet deep. Most of the lakes are surrounded by thick forests of fir and pine. Nestled among the trees are elaborate homes, many of them owned by movie stars and sports figures. One of five homes is a permanent residence. The rest are used by the owners for get-aways.

Towering over Lake Coeur d'Alene is a resort that features the only floating golf green in the world. Golfers tee off on the mainland and are taken by boat to the green. Boating, swimming, parasailing and water skiing are popular activities on the lake. Some folks surf without a rope in the boat's wake. We toured the Stancraft wooden boat factory that turns out beautiful water vehicles.

Hanging baskets of flowers are everywhere and the snow-capped mountains in the background give the visitor an experience that goes right to the soul. We took a drive along the Selkirk Loop, a 280 miles route that offers scenic beauty punctuated by waterfalls, footbridges and lighthouses. The drive is along rivers and lakes and has inviting places for picnics. The loop goes through Idaho, British Columbia and Washington, past picturesque mining towns with unique hotels and cafes. There's a free ferry ride from Kootenay Bay to Balfour. At Nelson, BC we stayed in the Hume Hotel, which offered an evening of soft jazz in the bar, played by experts on guitar and violin. The next morning we went to a street market that had beautiful fruits, vegetables, furniture, clothing and jewelry. Nelson is known as the best small art town in Canada.

Perhaps the most unusual thing we saw was a beautiful house near Boswell, BC made of empty embalming bottles. The builder collected more than 600,000 bottles and used them like bricks. He kept the caps on for insulation. He was an undertaker and spent ten years building his house. It is comfortable with all the modern conveniences. The grounds are maintained in typical Canadian fashion with bright colored flowers, green grass, shade trees, patios, observation decks and walkways.

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the ball in from three yards out to round out the scoring. That made the final score 28-14 in favor of the Broncos.

Broncos wide receiver Kade Creek said after the game that the victory over the 4A Yellow Jackets was a tough and valuable experience. "We are 2-0 and we can't complain about that," Creek said.

Bronco Michael Solis said he was happy about the win despite a lot of "mental mistakes" that kept the team from putting up more points.

Liam Yourgalite agreed saying that he and his teammates need to continue to work and improve.

As for victory, Yourgalite said that it felt good to beat a 4A team. "I know some people thought we would lose this game because we are a 3A school," he said.

"I'm glad we got to show them that even a small 3A school can be fierce," Yourgalite added.

Coach Sine notes that his team will continue to work and improve but adds that the good news is that the Broncos are 2-0.

"We travel to Junction next week and that's another rival game that we need to be prepared for," the coach added.

The Broncos have turned their attention to the Junction Eagles who they will face on Friday evening in Junction. Kickoff is slated for 7:30 p.m. and everyone is encouraged to make the trip and support the Broncos.

For those who can't make it to the game, it will be carried live on KHOS with Virgil Burge and Craig Leonard bringing

you all the action from the press box in Eagle Stadium.

**SCORE BY QUARTER** LLANO 00-07-00-07=14 SONORA 07-14-07-00=28 FIRST QUARTER

SONORA — Jarrett Jackson 13-yard run (Carter Zook kick) 1:33 SECOND QUARTER SONORA - Kaden Cordell 1-yd run (Zook kick) 10:30 LLANO — Mason Greenwood 15-yd run (Josh Soliz kick) 7:42 SONORA - Noah San Miguel 55-yard pass from Cordell (Zook kick) 7:04 THIRD QUARTER SONORA — Walker Sine 15- yard pass

from Cordell (Zook kick) 2:28 **FOURTH QUARTER** kick) 3:20

INDIVIDUAL STATS RUSHING SONORA — Cordell 5-48-1td, Jackson 9-47-1td PASSING

SONORA - Cordell 12-23-178yds-2td-1int; Solis 1-1-38yds RECEIVING SONORA - San Miguel 3-67-1td; Jackson 4-54; Sine 2-52-1td; Kade

Creek 2-17; Liam Yourgalite 1-16;

**Sonora Broncos Players of the Week** 

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Hit of the Week: Liam Yourgalite Sponsored by Leonard Livestock

Defensive Player of the Week: Isiah Lira Sponsored by Virgil Burge Offensive Player of the

Week: Kaden Cordell Sponsored by Sonora Knights of Columbus Scout Team Player of

the Week: Alex Lozano Sponsored by Just Bling It Rita Gonzales Trainer of the Week:

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Coach Jeff Cordell Sponsored by Buck N Bass-Terry Johnson

Kaden Cordell looks for a pass opportunity during the game

between the Broncos and the Yellow Jackets on Friday, September 2nd, at Bronoc Stadium. Cordell completed a TD for the Broncos, on a 1-yd run, and hurled a 55-yd pass to San Miguel for a TD in the second quarter. He also sent a 15-yd pass to Sine for a TD in the third

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Noah San Miguel hauls in a touchdown on a 55-yard pass from Kaden Cordell as the clock winds down in the second quarter of the game between Sonora and Llano on Friday, September 2nd.

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Jarrett Jackson skips over a Bronco on a run down the home side of the field during the game between Sonora and Llano On Friday, September 2nd. Jackson completed the Broncos first TD of the game on a 3-yard run in the first quarter.

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Broncos fans fill the stands and show their support during the game KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS at Bronco Stadium.

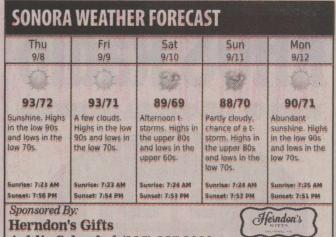


Walker Sine glides across the field on a reception during Friday's game on September 3rd, at Bronco Stadium.

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Jarrett Jackson lands a touchdown on a 13-yard run with 1:33 left on the clock during the first quarter between 3A Sonora and 4A KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS Llano on Friday, September 2nd at Bronco Stadium.



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May	2.70 in.	May	5.31 is
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March	3.39 in.	March	2.62 ii
February	0.77 in.	February	1.04 i
January	0.36 in.	January	0.38 i
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2009	21.67 in.	2009	28.44 i

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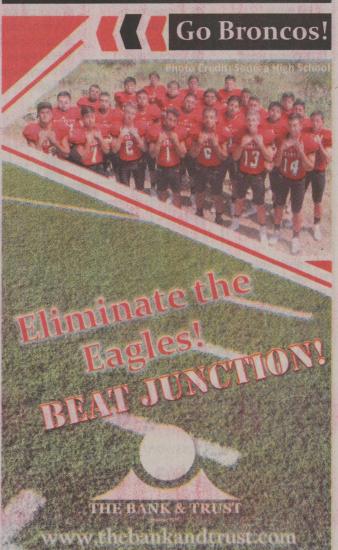
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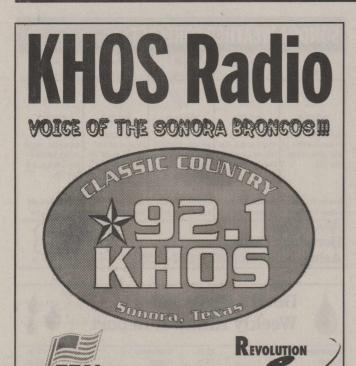
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## DEATH NOTICE

Ernestina C. Perez, 85 of Sonora died Thursday, September 1, 2016 in

Funeral services were held Saturday, September 3, 2016 at 2:00p.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband Francisco Perez of Sonora, sons Hermin Perez

of Austin, Juan Perez of Arlington, and Joe Perez of Kemah, and daughters Ada Catilleja of Sonora, Olinda Jimenez of Sonora, Maria Perez of San Angelo, and Maribel Perez of Sonora,

Survivors also include her sisters Dominga Rivera of DeHanis, Alvina Salas of Bracketville, and Maria Sainz of San Antonio.

### **USDA Rural Development Announces Lower Interest Rate, Effective September 1, 2016**

Texas USDA Rural Development has announced the implementation of an interest rate decrease for the Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program effective September 1, 2016.

The new rate of 2.875% will be at an all-time low.

"USDA Rural Development is pleased to assist rural Texans in meeting their housing needs, a critical goal to the long term sustainability of our communities," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development State Director.

This program assists low- and very-low-income applicants obtain decent, safe and sanitary housing in eligible rural areas by providing payment assistance to increase an applicant's repayment ability.

Payment assistance is a type of subsidy that reduces the mortgage payment for a short time.

The amount of assistance is determined by the adjusted family income.

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

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

Further information on this program is available by visiting USDA's web site at http://www.rd.usda.gov/

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

## Sonora ISD Trustees Adopt Lower Tax Rate

The Sonora ISD board of trustees held their annual public hearing to adopt the budget and set the tax rate on Monday, August 29th.

The adopted tax rate is \$.01 lower than last year. The district will use the I&S fund balance to lower the I&S rate, according to SISD Superintendent Ross Aschenbeck.

On the 2016-2017 revenue side of the budget, SISD will lose \$800,000 in local revenue, but will pick up \$400,000 more in state revenue.

"We were able to manage the \$400,000 net loss in revenue by absorbing eight teaching or instructional aide positions," Aschenbeck said. "The long range plan is to continue to absorb positions according to the revenue we will receive and the number of students in each classroom. SISD is still moving forward with a onetime stipend for teachers and staff with the goal being to make this a permanent raise in the future, including the teachers on steps 21-25 years."

Additionally, Ashenbeck reported the SISD's official accountability ratings will not be available until September 16th but he is pleased with the preliminary results.

One of the areas that Sonora excelled in was "student progress" or Index II.

In this category Sonora had 65 percent of students that met or exceed progress.

Aschenbeck said the

progress measure is beneficial because it allows the district's educators the ability to predict that students are on track to be successful.

'The goal is to move all students to the next level and we are so blessed with great teachers and staff," Aschenbeck said. "If we continue to provide our teachers with time and resources our students will succeed."

Aschenbeck also said when the legislative session begins in January he hopes that they make education the number one priority and the district does not lose any additional funding.

Many districts, including Sonora ISD, could lose up to 30 percent of revenue, according to the state funding formula set back in 2006-2007.

The tax rate was lowered from \$1.50 to \$1.04 and districts received additional state aide for tax reduction or ASATR.

Aschenbeck said he remains optimistic and hopeful that the state will not remove the additional state aide for the many districts that are currently utilizing it.

Student excellence and a positive learning environment are the focus of the SISD.

"I am extremely pleased with the start of the 2016-2017 school year and look forward to another year of academic progress," Ashenbeck said.

### Congratulations and best wishes!

BROADCASTING

After 13 years of service, BECKY ALLISON, customer relationship associate in the Sonora office, has retired. We thank and congratulate her on this milestone and announce new office hours beginning September 1, 2016.

#### **THURSDAYS**

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#### Weekly Crossword Puzzle

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1. Hits hard 6. Edison's middle 10. In a sec 14. Words to live by 15. PM Golda 16. Hardly believable 17. Nametag word 18. Back to school supply #1 20. Tax shelter 22. Shoot the breeze 23. Drunk

**ACROSS** 

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57. Besides 58. ... #5 62. Dust Bowl-ers 66. Justice's garb 67. Gag reaction

68. Bit of color 69. Catchall abbr. 70. Put down

71. Bulrush, e.g.

9. Poet's land 11. Collars

**BACK TO SCHOOL** 

19. D.D.E. 2. Dismiss 3. Zippo 24. Ran on 4. Ape

5. Campfire treat 6. Rock blaster 7. Author Harper 8. Certain plastics 10. Everything

21. Fragrant oil 25. Should, informally 26. Bordeaux product

27. Done, in Dijon 28. Comedy club night 29. Bridle part 33. Time-stamp anew 34. "Well!"

12. "Typee" sequel

13. Counter call

35. Gold units 37. L-1011, e.g. 38. Meet 40. Quiz 41. Starting point 42. Goat's cry

> 47. Writer Christie 48. Of a son 49. Chicago suburb 51. Dolt 52. Genealogy 53. Grimm beast

54. Connive 55. Big brass 59. Moray, e.g. 60. Sorority letter 61. Actress Dennings 63. Hoosier st.

roll 65. "I told you so!" See solution on Page 8

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#### Sonora ISD Menu

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

Menu Subject to Change **Monday-September 12th** 

Pancakes w/ Sausage Or Cereal / Toast, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch Spaghetti Bowl w / Breadstick or French Bread Pizza

Garden Salad California Blend Vegetables, Peaches, Chocolate or Vanilla Pudding, Milk Variety **Tuesday-September 13th** Breakfast Breakfast Pizza Or Cereal / Toast,

100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk Variety Lunch Steak Fingers or Breaded Pork Chop

Roll, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrot Coins, Strawberries & Bananas, Milk

Variety Wednesday-September 14th Breakfast

Biscuit, Egg Pattie, Sausage Or Cereal /Toast, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Mexican Combo Plate or Chicken Quesadillas Mexicali Corn, Charro Beans,

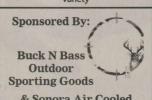
Salsa, Lettuce & Tomato Garnish, Cinnamon Applesauce, Milk Variety **Thursday-September 15th Breakfast** 

Sausage Kolache/Yogurt Or Cereal/ Toast, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk Variety Lunch Teriyaki Beef Sliders w/ Baked Potato Chips or Texas Chili w/ Cornbread

Broccoli Bites, Tiny Tomato Cup, Orange Smiles, Milk Variety Friday-September 16th **Breakfast** 

Breakfast Club Or Cereal/Toast, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk Variety Lunch Popcorn Chicken w/Roll or Sloppy Joe Sandwich

Oven Fries, Cucumber Dippers, Fresh Seasonal Fruit, Cookie, Milk Variety



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## **Open Enrollment Now Underway** in Texas Tuition Promise Fund

(AUSTIN) - Open enrollment in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund. the state's prepaid college tuition program, begins today, Sept. 1, and runs through Feb. 28, 2017. Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds families that the **Texas Tuition Promise** Fund offers parents and loved ones the chance to prepay a child's education at Texas public colleges and universities at today's

"Giving your child the opportunity to pursue a college education is one of the most important decisions you can make for your family," Hegar said. "A Texas **Tuition Promise Fund** account is a good way to start paying for future college expenses. The sooner you start, the more affordable a Texas public college education can be."

Participants in the **Texas Tuition Promise** Fund purchase prepaid "tuition units" that can later be used toward undergraduate resident tuition and schoolwide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities. Prices are based on 2016-17 academic year costs for the state's public colleges and universities.

Type I units, priced for undergraduate resident tuition and schoolwide required fees at the most expensive Texas public four-year university, cost \$135.22 per unit.

Type II units, based on the weighted average cost of undergraduate resident tuition and schoolwide required fees across all Texas public four-year schools, cost \$94.66 per unit.

Type III units, priced at the weighted average cost of in-district tuition and school-wide required fees across all Texas public twoyear community colleges, cost \$23.89 per unit.

Under the plan, 100 units equal roughly one academic year consisting of 30 semester hours of undergraduate

resident tuition and schoolwide required fees at the Texas public school that most closely matches the unit's pricing base. Participants can purchase up to 600 Type I units - approximately six academic years — or the dollar equivalent

of Type II or III units. The plan's payment options include lump sum payments, installment payments that include 8 percent interest or a pay-as-you-go option that allows participants to gradually add more units when the family budget allows. Payments can be as low as \$15 after an account is established by purchasing at least one unit. Enrollment requires a one-time application fee of \$25.

For more information about the prepaid college tuition program, including a calculator that provides information on the type and number of units currently needed for any Texas public college or university, go to TuitionPromise.org or call 1-800-445-GRAD (4723), Option 5.

Purchasers should carefully consider the risks, administrative fees, service and other charges and expenses associated with the contracts, including plan termination and decreased transfer or refund value. The Plan Description and Master Agreement contains this and other information about the Plan and may be obtained by visiting the website or calling 1-800-445-GRAD (4723), Option 5. Purchasers should read these documents carefully before purchasing a contract. Participation in the plan does not guarantee admission to any college or university.

Comments or complaints may be forwarded to the Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Program, Office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts at P.O. Box 13407, Austin, Texas 78711-3407, or by calling 512-936-2064.

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## **Broncos JV Red Down** the 'Jackets' 22-18

Submitted by Coach Blake Weston A rocky start didn't stop the Broncos JV Red from overcoming the Llano Yellow Jackets 22-18, on Thursday, August 31st, in Llano.

Rebounding, from a 12-0 deficit, the Broncos pulled out a victory over the Yellow Jackets.

Behind the big offensive line of Noe Estrada, Alex Lozano, Dominic Solis, Juan Baez, and Jansen Morris, the Broncos were able to gain key yardage on the ground and through the air. Brian Van Winkle led

the passing attack.

He was 13 of 18 with 184 yards and two touchdowns (one running and one passing).

On the receiving end of the touchdown pass was Wilson Johnson who put the Broncos ahead for the long haul.

Submitted by Coach David Gallegos

Despite their great

White couldn't hold back

the 4A Llano Yellow Jack-

ets during their game on

Thursday, August 31st in

early in the game proved

costly to the Broncos leav-

ing them behind from the

find their momentum, the

Broncos offense had some

key plays from Quarterback

Ethan Hamm, Wide Receiv-

ers Tully Flanagan, Oscar

Gutierrez, David Delgado,

A number of mistakes

Although they couldn't

effort, the Broncos JV

The Bronco ground game was led by John Deleon who ran around and through Llano's defenders.

On fourth and twelve Van Winkle completed a key pass to Evan Shannon sealing the deal for the

The Broncos Defense, led by Brock Aschenbeck, came to play stomping the Yellow Jackets attempts at scoring.

Just before the half, another key play on defense from JR Velasquez tipped the pass and was intercepted by John Deleon.

It was a huge momentum booster going into half time for the Broncos.

Next the undefeated Broncos, host the Junction Eagles on Thursday, September 8th beginning at 6 p.m., at Bronco Stadium in Sonora.

Rising to the occasion,

the Linebackers Ty Perez,

Joe Michael Hidalgo, Blaze

Sykes, and Dylan Hazelton

led the outstanding defen-

Manuel Fuentes, Josh O'Bannon and Jacob

O'Bannon headed the Sec-

ondary with interceptions.

**Thomas Talamantez** 

and Dakota Love managed the Frontline plays.

The Broncos JV White

Everyone is encouraged

will play Jim Ned on Thurs-

day, September 8th at 7:30

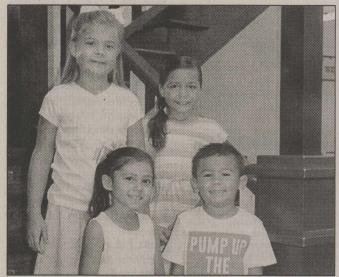
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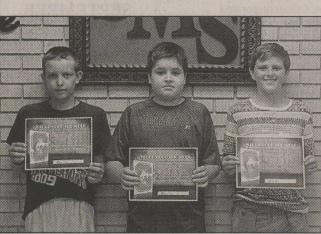
## Sonora ISD Students of the Week



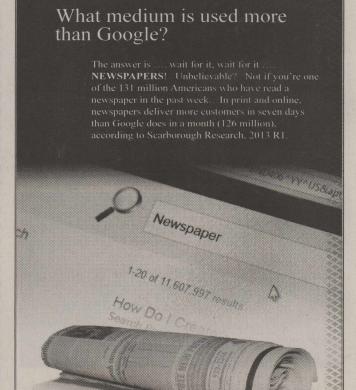
Intermediate School Students for the week of September 5th - 9th,



Brody Bryan, 3rd, Luke Nichols, 4th, Luis Rivas, 5th. | COURTESY PHOTO



Middle School Students for the week of September 5th - 9th, Kyler Lux, 6th, Seth Davis, 7th, Michael Creek, 8th.



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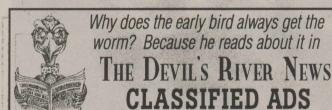


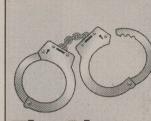
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#### The Blotter

The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Sonora Police Departnent. 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 until proven guilty in a court of law.

#### ARRESTS

AUGUST 30 · Romero, Pedro, 44 year-old male, arrested for theft of property.

SEPTEMBER 2 • Guadarrama Jr., Jessie Lomeli, 32 year-old male, arrested for public intoxi-

#### INCIDENTS

**AUGUST 29 - 1:29 AM • Alarm** call on 100 block of Main. Officer responded.

5:19 PM · Suspicious vehicle reported on 300 block of W 5th. Officer responded.

9:44 PM • Agency requested assistance at 277 S 4 miles out. Officer responded. 10:07 PM · Theft reported at

Road Ranger. Officer respond-11:40 PM • Public service call at Road Ranger. Officer respond-

AUGUST 30 - 11:08 AM • Theft reported on 1400 block of Tay-

loe. Officer responded. 6:03 PM · Alarm call on 100 block of Tres. Officer responded. 10:36 PM • Disorderly conduct

cer responded. AUGUST 31 - 10:57 AM . Animal reported at 300 block of S. 2nd. Officer responded.

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8:25 PM • Agency requested assistance on 800 block of St. Ann's. Officer responded.

SEPTEMBER 1 - 7:30 PM • Caller had welfare concern on 1000 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

10:29 PM · Agency requested assistance on 800 block of Mesquite Ave. Officer responded. 10:46 PM • Suspicious vehicle reported near High School. Officer responded.

**SEPTEMBER 2 - 10:42 PM •** Intoxicated person reported at Bronco Stadium. Officer responded.

11:51 PM • Agency requested assistance at Days Inn. Officer responded.

**SEPTEMBER 3 - 12:14 PM •** Caller reported criminal mischief on 100 block of Dollie. Officer responded. 1:16 PM • Funeral escort re-

quested. Officer responded. SEPTEMBER 4 - 2:52 PM · Criminal trespass reported on 700 block of S. Water. Officer re-

8:24 PM • Caller had welfare concern on 800 block of Crocket. Office responded.

9:55 PM · Disturbance call on 100 block of Deerwood. Officer responded.



#### **SEPTEMBER**

9th Melissa Murr, Wilson Wallace, Kristin Garrett, Reagan Owen, Mikey Martin, Petra Gonzales 10th Ray Glasscock, Shalayne Mayfield, Rick Cearley 11th Jan Stephens, Adrian Mata, Shelly Shannon 12th Tyler Creek,

Sky Jennings, Adam Galindo, Dustin Duhon 13th Logan Smith 14th Larry Jennings, Goldie Brown, Yolanda Ozuna 15th Loretta Webster, Amy Sykes, Venetta Smith

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## Silverleaf Plant Can Prove Deadly

Pascual Hernandez

Silverleaf nightshade is a serious weed of pastures, rangeland and disturbed soils.

It is a spiny warm-season perennial of the potato family. This plant has reportedly poisoned horses, sheep, goats, cattle and humans. Its pres-

ence can indicate disturbed land.

What does it look like? Silverleaf Nightshade is a prickly plant whose flowers can be purple, violet or nearly white. It grows 1-3 feet tall and its leaves are 1 ½ to 6 inches

long and can have straight to wavy edges. The stems and parts of the leaves have spines.

The toxic agent is solanine. The leaves and fruit are toxic at all stages of maturity. There are reports of animals being poisoned by eating 0.1 to 0.3 percent of its weight in silverleaf nightshade. The toxin can cause two types of consequences: nervous effects or gastrointestinal irritation.

Nervous effects include incoordination, excessive salivation, loud breathing, trembling, progressive weakness, and nasal discharge.

Gastrointestinal irritation includes nausea. abdominal pain, vomiting, and diarrhea. In some cases, postmortem examinations reveal yellowish discoloration of body fat.

Veterinarians do have some treatment options, and land managers can incorporate chemical control or management alternatives. As silverleaf nightshade is relatively unpalatable, problems usually occur after severe

overgrazing or if its baled up with hay.

Is there any value to the plant? Well, the fruits are eaten by feral pigs, javelinas, and white-tailed deer. The seeds are consumed by bobwhite quail. I have read

that Pima Indians added crushed fruits to milk in to make cheese. Kiowa Indians ground the seeds with brain tissue and used it for tanning hides.

If you'd like to learn more about range plant toxicities, livestock poisoning symptoms, and control measures, make plans to attend our Toxic Range Plant Workshop at 8:30 a.m. on September 22nd at the Sutton County Civic Center.

Cost to attend is \$20 by September 16 and includes lunch. The event also offers 3 continuing education units (CEUs) for those with a pesticide applicator license. Presenters include veterinary and range specialists.

For registration or information, call the Sutton County Extension Office at 387-3101.

### CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Zika Testing

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2 Zika virus.

Doggett, a senior member of the powerful House Ways & Means Committee. pointed out that Congress still needs to achieve "a bipartisan answer to provide all the funding that the Centers for Disease Control and the National Institutes of Health need to fight the virus and develop a vaccine."

Nelda Laney laid to rest

Nelda McQuien Laney, 73, wife of former Texas House Speaker James E. "Pete" Laney, died Aug. 24, after a battle with an inoperable brain tumor. Burial was in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin on Aug. 30.

Mrs. Laney is widely remembered as a driving force and champion in everything she undertook in her many private and official roles.

Revered lawmaker dies

William McKinnie "Bill" Sims, 84, died Aug. 29. Sims, of Paint Rock, was first elected to the Texas Senate in 1983 and held office until

His Senate District 24 covered as many as 37 Central and West Texas counties and portions of others. He was considered a champion of farmers and ranchers. He served as president pro tempore of the Senate in the 72nd session of the Texas Legislature.

Grant money is available

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on Aug. 26 announced the agency will accept grant applications for the Texas

Clean Vehicle Fleet Program through Oct. 18.

The grants encourage businesses, governments and other entities to replace their large fleets of dieselpowered vehicles with alternative fuel or hybrid vehicles. Up to \$5.9 million is available to those that qualify.

Grant applicants must commit to replacing at least 20 diesel-powered vehicles with hybrid or alternative fuel vehicles. More information is available at terpgrants.org.

Salvinia campaign underway

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department on Aug. 26 promoted Lake Dudes, a new, animated video series launched to capture the attention of boaters and enlist their help in stopping the spread of giant salvinia, an invasive waterweed that threatens to take over Texas lakes.

Lake Dudes is part of a campaign designed to remind boaters to "Clean, Drain and Dry" their boats, trailers and gear before traveling from one lake or river to another, because boats are the main way aquatic invasive species are

The campaign also includes online and radio ads, billboards, gas station advertising, emails and social media as conduits.

In 2015, the Texas Legislative appropriated \$6.3 million to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the 2016-2017 biennium to manage aquatic invasive species, an increase from \$1.1 million in the previous two-year funding cycle.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOR JO BESS JACKSON.

Tuesday, September 20th 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm 102 E. Main St. - Sonora, Texas

Jo Bess Jackson is retiring from the Sonora Bank Board of Directors after thirty years of valuable service.

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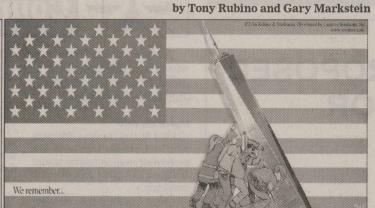


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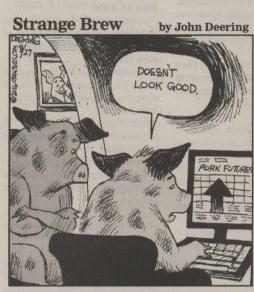
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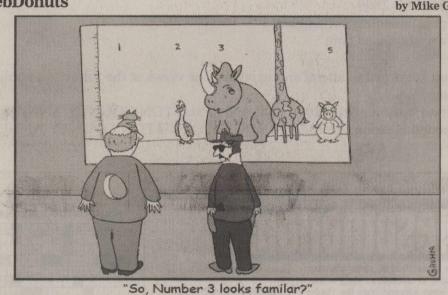


















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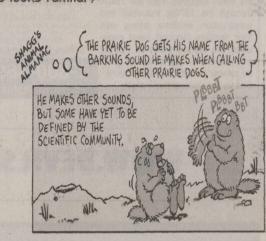


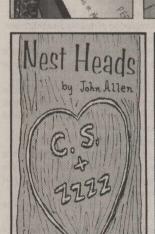
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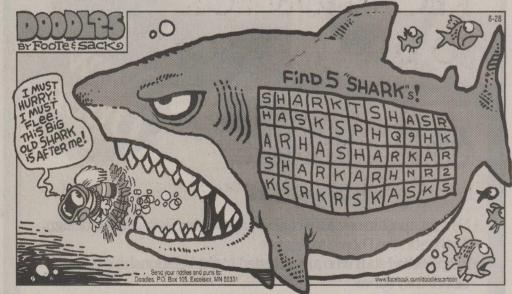
















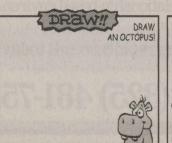












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### **NOTICE OF 2016 TAX YEAR PROPOSED** PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR

### **Sutton County**

A tax rate of \$0.680127 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Sutton County. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of Sutton County proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of OPERATION & MAINTENANCE.

PROPOSED TAX RATE

\$0.680127 per \$100

PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE

\$0.565355 per \$100

EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

\$0.640127 per \$100

ROLLBACK TAX RATE

\$0.691336 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Sutton County from the same properties in both the 2015 tax year and the 2016 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that Sutton County may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

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You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on proposed tax

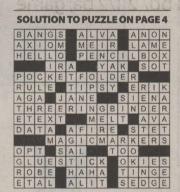
First Hearing: 09/09/2016 9:00 AM at SUTTON COUNTY ANNEX Second Hearing: 09/13/2016 9:00 AM at SUTTON COUNTY ANNEX

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· James Russel Hankins, file date 9/01/2015, offense DWI/DUID and prohibited weapon (switch blade/ knuckles.) Plea guilty. Judgement of conviction.

· Audiver Gomez Pagua, file date 10/06/2015, offense DWI/DUID. Judgement of plea of guilty and order of probation.

· Jose Luis Lopez-Vasquez, file date 2/4/2016, offense DWI/DUID. Judgement on plea and order of probation.

· Cheryl Lynn Park, file date 2/11/2016, offense possession of marijuna. Judgement of conviction.

#### March 30, 2016

· Kristen Emma Shuel, date filed 2/22/2016, offense traffic. Notice of acceptance into pretrial intervention program. 6/30/2016 Motion to dismiss after completion of pretrial intervention.

#### **April 18, 2016**

· Ernest Ruiz, file date 10/04/2012, offense driving while operator license invalid, terroristic threat and drivers license invalid. Judgement on plea of guilty and order of probation.

· Alejandro Soto, file date 3/11/2014, offense driving while intoxicated. Plead guilty and voluntary agreement to participate in the pretrial intervention program waiver of a speedy trial.

· Marcos Eduardo Medrano, filed date 2/12/2015, offense driving while intoxicated. Judgement on plea guilty and order of probation.

#### April 25, 2016

· Darryl Jamar Reed, file date 12/10/2009, offense possession of marijuana. Order of adjudication.

· Brittany Anne Lawhon, file date 10/04/2014, offense possession of marijuana. Judgement of conviction. · Charles Richard Gerlach, Jr. file date 10-15-2014 offense driving while intoxicated. Voluntary to participate in pretrial intervention program. Waiver of speedy trial.

• Bryan Dowell Ray, file date 4/6/2016, offense traffic. Pretrail diversion.

 Matthew Warren Muggebee, file date 4/6/2016, (3) offenses traffic. Pretrial diversion.

#### May 5, 2016

• Bob L. Hayes, date filed 2/22/2016 offense, traffic. Pretrial diversion. 8/18/2016 completion of deferred adjudication. 8/19/2016 Motion and order to dismiss

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· Chance Edward Barber, file date 7/23/2015 offense, DWI/DUID. Voluntary agreement to participate in the pretrial intervention program waiver of speedy trial. Motion & order to dismiss. · Eric Alexander Schlein, file date

1/6/2015, offense possession of marijuana. Voluntary agreement to participate in the pretrail intervention program. Waiver of speed trial.. · Sallie Lea Cerna, file date 10/06/2015,

offense DWI/DUID. Voluntary agreement to participate in the pretrail intervention program. Waiver of speed trial. · Robert Alexis Hovish, filed date

3/21/2016, offense traffic. Notice of

#### acceptance into pretrial intervention program. May 17, 2016

· Coche Donye Cormier, file date 4/1/2016, (2) offense, traffic. Notice of acceptance into pretrial intervention

#### program.

May 23, 2016

· Alex Rodriguez, file date 1/8/2016 offense, Assault. Judgement of

conviction. • Colby Glen Moody, file date 1/8/2016 offense, indecent exposure. Voluntary

agreement to participate in the pretrial intervention program waiver of speedy trial. • David Brian Creek, date filed 2/18/2016

offense, possession of a controlled substance and dangerous drug. Agreed to voluntary agreement to participate in the pretrail intervention program waiver of speedy trial on both counts. May 23, 2016 Motion

#### and order to dismiss drug charge. August 26, 2016 Order and motion to dismiss controlled substance charge.

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· Cesar Resendez, date filed 12/18/2015, offense possession of marijuana. Judgement of conviction. Cesar Resendez, date 12/18/2015, offense DWOLI. Dismissed.

#### June 10, 2016

· Jessica Flores Pinales, file date 1/19/2016, offense traffic. Notice of acceptance into pretrial intervention program.

· Kevin Christopher Garcia, file date 4/6/2016, offense traffic. Notice of acceptance into pretrial intervention

· Alexander Joseph Ackerman, file date 4/6/2016, offense traffic. Notice of acceptance into pretrial intervention

#### June 13, 2016

· Antonio Gerardo Ybarra, file date 1/08/2016 offense, possession of marijuana. Judgement of plea of guilty and order of probation.

· Charles K Ladd, file date 4/6/2016, offense traffic. Notice of acceptance

into pretrial intervention program. Nathanel Taylor, file date 4/6/2016, offense traffic. Completion pretrial intervention program. Motion and

order to dismiss. · Eric Paul Arnold, file date 4/6/2016, offense traffic. Notice acceptance of pretrial intervention program. Motion

#### and order to dismiss June 16, 2016

· Salvador Castillo Truiillo, file date 10/06/2015, offense traffic. Notice of acceptance of pretrial intervention. June 17, 2016

· Salvador Castillo Trujillo, file date 10/6/2015, offense traffic. Notice of acceptance of pretrial intervention. June 27, 2016

· Maribel Perez, file date 7/5/2012, DWI. Judgement on plea of guilty and order of probation.

Eduardo Isaias Chapa, file date • 4/1/2016, offense traffic. Notice of acceptance into pretrial intervention program.

· Leroy Lopez, file date 4/1/2016, offense traffic. Notice of acceptance into pretrial intervention program.

#### June 30, 2016 · Diego F. Cardona Lopez, file date

4/6/2016, (2) offense straffic. Notice of acceptance into pretrial intervention program. July 11, 2016

#### Micheal Joseph Daugustine, date filed 12/18/2014, offense possession

of marijuana. Motion and order to dismiss July 18, 2016 · Alexania Villa, offense 5/10/2015,

#### offense possession marijuana. Plead guilty, motion to adjudicate. Paid fines

and court costs. July 25, 2016 · Chukwuma L. Amaefule, date filed 4/8/2015 offense traffic Notice of

acceptance of pretrial intervention. David Wayne Goff, file date 1/19/2015, offense traffic. Notice of completion

pretrial intervention program. Motion and order to dismiss August 10, 2016

· Dylon Minh Nguyen, file date 2/22/2016, offense traffic. Affidavit of completion of pretrial intervention program. Motion and order to dismiss August 11, 2016

· Joel Salazar Vazquez, file date 4/6/2016, offense traffic. Notice of completion pretrial intervention program. Motion and order to

#### August 18, 2016

dismiss

· Bob L. Haynes, offense traffic. Completion of deferred adjudication. August 19, 2016 order to dismiss. · Alfonso Gonzales Padilla, file date

11/4/2015, (2) offenses traffic. Charge moving violation and court costs. · Erik Zarate, file date 4/6/2016, offense traffic. Notice of completion pretrial

#### intervention program. Motion and order to dismiss August 22, 2016

#### · Joel Alberto Salido, file date 9/28/2011 offense driving while operator's license invalid. Order of deferred adjudication.

· Javiel Ernesto Jimenez, date file 2/4/2016, offense terroristic threat. Judgement of guilty and order of probation.



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## 'Dark Store' Lawsuits Filed Against Bexar County Appraiser

A chain of big-box stores in Texas is suing for big property tax markdowns. asserting that its buildings are comparable to empty stores.

The "Dark Store Theory," litigated successfully in several midwestern states, has landed in the Lone Star State.

Lowe's wants Bexar County to reduce the appraisals at its 10 San Antonio area stores, currently set at \$82 per square foot. Lawsuits are pending or threatened in Houston and other jurisdictions, seeking to cut valuations by half.

"If we lose, where does it stop?" asked Bexar County Chief Appraiser Mike Amezquita. "All big box stores will do the same thing. Then it will be apartment buildings, hotels and offices — all the dominoes will fall."

Big-box storeowners maintain their properties are so specific and unique that if they moved out, the structures would go vacant ("dark").

Using the state's "equal and uniform" property value guidance, Lowe's rival Home Depot recently settled for \$65 per square foot — less than appraisal districts' median "market value." Unofficially, Lowe's indicated it would be accept a median value of around \$50 per square foot.

"Even as local governments across the country continue to bend over backwards to attract and accommodate big-box development, these stores are consistently a terrible deal for the towns and cities where they locate," argues Olivia LaVecchia, researcher at the nonpartisan Institute for Local Self-Reliance.

Lowe's legal representatives did not respond to Watchdog.org's request for comment.

Bexar County says it has expended \$1.2 million in legal fees on the Lowe's cases so far, and Amezquita is not optimistic about the outcome.

"The proliferating dark store theory," he estimates, could cost Bexar County up to \$39 billion in "lost" commercial value over the next five years. That's 64 percent of the total estimated commercial market value.

With \$22 billion to \$25 billion in commercial property challenges through arbitration and the courts this year, Amezquita predicts the day is coming when local "bond ratings will be at risk."

"They're spending us into the poorhouse," he said of the rising tide of commercial litigation.

Notably, Texas school districts — which account for roughly half of local property tax bills - are protected from any "dark store" discounts. By law, property tax shortfalls for schools must be compensated by the state.

Dean Stansel, research associate professor at Southern Methodist University's O'Neil Center for Global Markets and Freedom, said, "ideally, the assessed value of a property accurately reflects the value of the highest bidder — the owner — not the value of the second highest bidder."

Stansel countered the notion that vacated big boxes stay empty.

"There's an increasing number of examples of old big-box stores being converted to alternative uses.

I've seen them turned into churches and schools, or broken into multiple individual shops. Just recently a cinema drafthouse in Dallas announced it would be buying an old grocery store to house its next location. The argument that these properties could never be sold is incorrect," he told Watchdog.

Additionally, Stansel noted the dark-store gambit "gives big corporations an advantage over small businesses, since the latter do not have the resources and political influence to get the same reductions in their taxes. Government should create a level playing field so all businesses are treated the same."

## **Texas DPS Offers \$1,250 Reward for Most Wanted Fugitive from San Angelo**

reward for Justin Lane Slatton Jr., 20, a Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive and this month's featured fugitive, has been increased to \$12,500 for information leading to his capture if the tip comes in during the month of September. Bell

County Crime Stoppers

**Crime Stoppers** are also offering rewards for information leading to his arrest. Slatton, who has ties to the Latin Kings gang, is wanted for murder and burglary of building.

and San Angelo

Slatton's last known address was in San Angelo, and he has ties to the area.

Slatton is a suspect in connection with an April 2016 shooting in Temple that left two Bell County men dead. His criminal history includes theft of a firearm, escape while arrested/ confined and burglary of a building. For more information or updates in the event of his arrest, see his wanted bulletin at: http://www.dps. texas.gov/Texas10Most-Wanted/fugitiveDetails.

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# JV Lady Broncos Overcome Competition Taking First Place in Sonora Tournament

The Lady Broncos took on district foe TLCA in their first bracket game on Thursday, September 1st in Sonora defeating the Lady Eagles in two sets with scores of 25-15 and 25-19.

Noelia Tovar led her team with 4 aces, 4 kills, and 3 digs. Katy Jo Wardlaw also had 4 aces, 4 kills, and 1 dig.

Next, the Lady Broncos faced Comstock for the second time this year and the second day of tourney competition on Saturday, September 3rd.

Looking for redemption after being defeated by Comstock in the championship game of last year's tournament, the Lady Broncos overcame their competition 25-6.

They didn't stop there. Comstock started off the second set with first serve, but Sonora was able to get a kill for a side out.

Jackilyn Sykes went to work serving 22 consecutive points in a row, bring the score to 23-0. Comstock recovered the point but the Lady Broncos prevailed

Sykes finished the game with 10 aces, 1 kills, 9 assists, and 1 dig.

Danyse Cantu helped Lady Bronco efforts by getting 4 kills and 1 assist. Wardlaw combined for a helpful 6 kills.

Setting their sights on first place, the Lady Broncos defeated the title against the Brackett Tigerettes 25-11 and 25-8 in the Championship match.

Tovar, Cantu, and Avery Leamon combining for 13 kills, 8 aces, and 5 digs helping their team advance.

Coaches All-Tournament Team Awards:

Jackilyn Sykes, 12 aces, 3 kills, 30 assists, and 5 digs. Danyse Cantu, 4 aces, 12

kills, 1 assist, and 1 dig. Noelia Tovar, 9 aces, 9 kills, and 3 digs.

Karah Martinez. 3 aces, 1 kill, and 15 digs.



Lady Broncos Varsity Volleyball players (FRONT L-R) Delaney Ramsdell, Lane Cahill, Sky Jennings, Mary Kyle Johnson, (BACK L-R) Coach Larry Jennings, Coach Sandy Wellmann, Savannah Castro, Riley Walker, Carly Brown, Bianca Fay, Claire Thiebaud and Coach Kayla Perez.



Among the Lady Broncos JV Volleyball players are(FRONT) Sylver Galvan, Noelia Tovar, Karah Martinez, Keeley Moore, (BACK) Danyse Cantu, Coach Sandy Wellmann, Avery Leamon and Kaitlyn Gann.



Lady Broncos Freshman Volleyball players (FRONT L-R) Danica Jimenez, Jordan Paredes, Dakota Morrow, Haley Smith Gabby Zapata, (BACK L-R) Shyanne Gamez, Ashley Zook, Coach Larry Jennings, Kathryn Wardlaw and Kadee Petty.







Mary Kyle Johnson was named Tournament MVP during the Volleyball Tourney hosted by Sonora on Thursday, September 1st and Saturday, September 3rd. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



