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Sonora Police, Sheriff and DPS officers as well as EMS responded to a crash at the intersection of Hwy 277 and I-10, in front of Road Ranger Friday afternoon, September 23rd. The crash involving three vehicles slowed traffic in the area for about an hour.
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No Injuries in Three-Vehicle Crash Near Road Ranger

A three vehicle crash in the 600 Block of US Hwy 277 North near the Road Ranger Travel Center slowed traffic around the intersection Friday afternoon at about 1:43 p.m., September 23rd. The driver of a 2013 gray Ford Fusion was on the North Service Road at the stop sign after exiting Interstate Highway 10 (Exit 400) and failed to yield to the driver of a black 2006 Ford truck traveling south on US Hwy 277 from the area of Schleicher

County and struck the vehicle, according to a police report. The driver of a white 2012 FORD F550 was stopped at the stop sign on the west side of North Service Road by the Road Ranger Travel Center. The impact caused the black Ford truck's back right area to hit the front of the white Ford F550. After the second impact, the black 2006 Ford truck went down a small embankment near the

area of the west side North Service Road and the intersection of US Hwy 277. DPS officers directed traffic while Sonora Police investigated the crash. A Sutton County Sheriff deputy and EMS were also on scene. No injuries were reported. All three vehicles were towed from the scene. A citation was issued to the driver of the Ford Fusion for failure to yield to a vehicle in an intersection, according to the report. Sonora Police Chief William Dudley said the intersection is becoming more dangerous due to the increased number of trucks and other vehicles entering and exiting the Road Ranger Travel Center. "I have asked TxDOT to place additional signage such as "Slow Truck Crossing," to warn drivers as they approach the entrances and exits to the Road Ranger," Dudley said. Recently, TxDOT replaced signage indicating the 45 MPH speed limit on Hwy 277 coming into Sonora.



A Ford pickup truck rests in the embankment above the Dry Devil's River following a crash involving three vehicles Friday, September 24th. The driver of the pickup was uninjured. A riding mower was ejected from the back of the truck and landed on the sidewalk in front of the bridge.
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Homecoming 2016 #chase4seis

The Sonora Broncos will host the Iraan Braves this Friday night at Bronco Stadium for their Homecoming game on Friday, September 30th. This year's Homecoming theme is "#chase4seis." The Broncos hold a 5-0 season record and the stakes are high for a sixth win. The goal is to secure a sixth state championship for the Broncos. A variety of Homecoming activities will take place throughout the week including Homecoming Olympics and a Scavenger Hunt at the high school. Traditional homecoming activities begin Wednesday night with the annual lighting of the Letter "S" and a pep rally. The event will take place in the Stadium field house parking lot at 7:30 p.m. Additionally, on Thursday, the Bronco Booster Club will award the first place prize for the best decorated business helping celebrate this year's homecoming. All Sonora ISD campuses will have early release at 12:00 p.m., Friday, September 30th in preparation of the parade, pep rally and football game. Line-up for the parade begins at 1:00 p.m., in front of the

Elementary School, on Concho Street. All participants must sign up their float in advance at the Chamber of Commerce. Floats are judged for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes. The parade takes place at 2:00 p.m. Participants and floats will make their way down Concho Street to Main Street where they will proceed to the Sutton County Court House to enjoy a pep rally on the court house lawn. Kickoff begins 7:30 p.m. Friday evening, in Bronco Stadium. Crowning ceremonies will take place at half-time with the announcement of queen candidates and class duchesses. One special senior candidate will be crowned Homecoming Queen during the half time events. Fans are asked to remain in the stands during the half-time festivities. Queen candidates and duchesses were chosen by their peers last week. Votes were cast this week on their choice for the 2016 Homecoming Queen. Senior queen candidates include: Sky Jennings, Jessica Paredes, Holly Sparks and Jasmine Talamantez. Class Duchesses: Junior class, Carly Brown, Sophomore class, Mary Kyle Johnson and Freshman class, Jordan Paredes.

Countywide Burn Ban Has Been Lifted

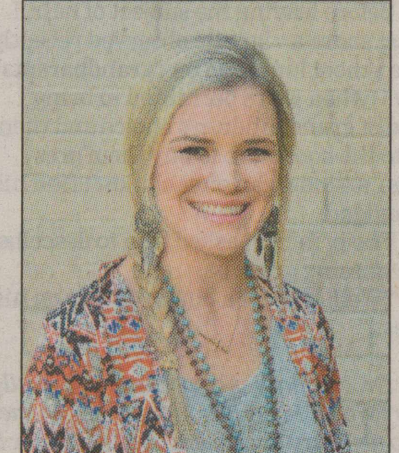
Sonora Broncos 2016 Homecoming Court

Jessica Paredes
 Senior Queen Candidate



Jessica Paredes was chosen as a Senior Homecoming Queen Candidate for 2016. Jessica is the daughter of Jessie and Cindy Paredes. Her extra-curricular activities include UIL, National Honor Society, Spanish Club, FCA, FCS, Ladies Lunch, cheerleading, Powerlifting, Student Council, and St. Ann's youth group. Jessica enjoys cooking, working out, shopping, writing, dancing, mermaids, and all things Jessie James Decker.
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Holly Sparks
 Senior Queen Candidate



Holly Sparks was chosen as a Senior Homecoming Queen Candidate for 2016. Holly is the daughter of Randy & Janell Sparks. Her extra-curricular activities include Fellowship of Christian Students, Student Council, National Honor Society, member of the 3-time State Championship Golf team and 2016-2017 Lion's Club Queen. Holly enjoys spending time with friends and family, playing golf, and putting a smile on

Jasmine Talamantez
 Senior Queen Candidate



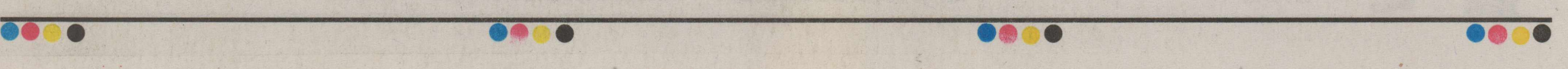
Jasmine Talamantez was chosen as a Senior Homecoming Queen Candidate for 2016. Jasmine is the daughter of James Talamantez and Lisa Ramirez. Her extra-curricular activities include softball, student trainer, National Honor Society, and St. Ann's church youth group. Jasmine enjoys spending time with family and friends. Jasmine's most memorable times at Sonora High School is

Sky Jennings
 Senior Queen Candidate



Sky Jennings was chosen as a Senior Homecoming Queen Candidate for 2016. Sky is the daughter of Larry & Kate Jennings. Her extra-curricular activities include Volleyball, Tennis, National Honor Society, Student Council, FCS, and FCA. Sky enjoys playing sports with friends and being with her family. Her most memorable time at Sonora High School is winning State Tennis with Tyler.
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State of Texas May Withdraw from Federal Resettlement Program

AUSTIN — Texas officials said the state will withdraw from the federal refugee resettlement program if the U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement does not approve the Lone Star State's refugee plan by Sept. 30.

In a Sept. 21 letter to the Office of Refugee Resettlement, State Refugee Coordinator Kara Crawford gave official notice of Texas' intention to withdraw from the program. A news release from the governor's office said the letter was in response to the federal government's "unwillingness to approve Texas' updated state refugee plan, which would require national security officials to ensure that refugees do not pose a security threat to Texas."

If Texas withdraws, the state's role in

the program would end effective Jan. 31, 2017, which is 120 days after the Sept. 30 deadline.

"Empathy must be balanced with security," Gov. Greg Abbott said in explaining the state's position. "Texas has done more than its fair share in aiding refugees, accepting more refugees than any other state between October 2015 and March 2016. While many refugees pose no danger, some pose grave danger, like the Iraqi refugee with ties to ISIS who was arrested earlier this year after he plotted to set off bombs at two malls in Houston."

"Despite multiple requests by the State of Texas," Abbott continued, "the federal government lacks the capability or the

will to distinguish the dangerous from the harmless and Texas will not be an accomplice to such dereliction of duty to the American people. Therefore, Texas will withdraw from the refugee resettlement program. I strongly urge the federal government to completely overhaul a broken and flawed refugee program that increasingly risks American lives."

Texas' refugee program currently provides:

— Temporary cash assistance for refugees who have lived in the U.S. for eight months or less.

— Medical assistance for refugees who have lived in the U.S. for eight months or less; and

— Social services to eligible refugees who have lived in the U.S. for five years or less.

While the Texas Office of Immigration and Refugee Affairs distributes funds to help refugees become employed, learn English and adjust to cultural differences, it is local agencies working with the U.S. Department of State that do the hands-on work in resettling refugees. There

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

A Cold Sheep Drive

Back in the 1990's my ranching operation needed some more sheep. This was in the lower end of Pecos County. I began searching for some quality ewes to buy by calling area sheep ranchers.

I also visited local coffee shops and left word that I was wanting to buy some good aye ewes. For a while this produced no results.

It Happened Out West



by Joe N. Brown

As it began to get late in the fall, I began to worry about getting some ewes bred-up for lambing in the coming spring. Hunting season went by, Thanksgiving passed and Christmas was

approaching - no sheep!

One December night my friend Pinkie Carruthers called and asked if I was still looking for sheep to buy? Now Pinkie is a large operator and had several ranches leased besides his home place in Terrell County. I assured him I needed 600 solid mouth ewes to make my operation work.

Pinkie came back with me with "I have 600 four-year old Rambouillet ewes that are bred for March, what would you give for them?"

My answer was "I would have to see these sheep then we will settle on a price per head, by the way where are these ewes?"

"They are on the Stumberg Ranch I have leased near you in Pecos County, why don't you meet me there tomorrow about 9:00 o'clock and I'll show you these ewes, OK?"

"I'll be there."

The next morning I met with Pinkie at the Stumberg headquarters at 9 o'clock. We drove down a wide canyon and saw bunch of 25 to 30 sheep. The sheep were of excellent quality, in good shape and heavy bred. I agreed they were what I wanted and we agreed on price per head. Then came the problem of moving this herd of heavy bred ewes from his ranch to mine, a distance of about 15 miles.

Both of us being sheep men knew that these heavy ewes could not be loaded and hauled in their condition. After much discussion, we agreed to drive this head cross country to my ranch. There were a couple of problems with this - we would have to cross highway 90 and the SP Railroad at Longfellow.

Agreeing that we could handle that, we set a date for delivery. Pinkie and his men would drive the herd to Longfellow and help put them across the highway and tracks, then my men would take the herd over the mountain to my ranch. Good plan - WRONG!!! Mother nature did not cooperate at all.

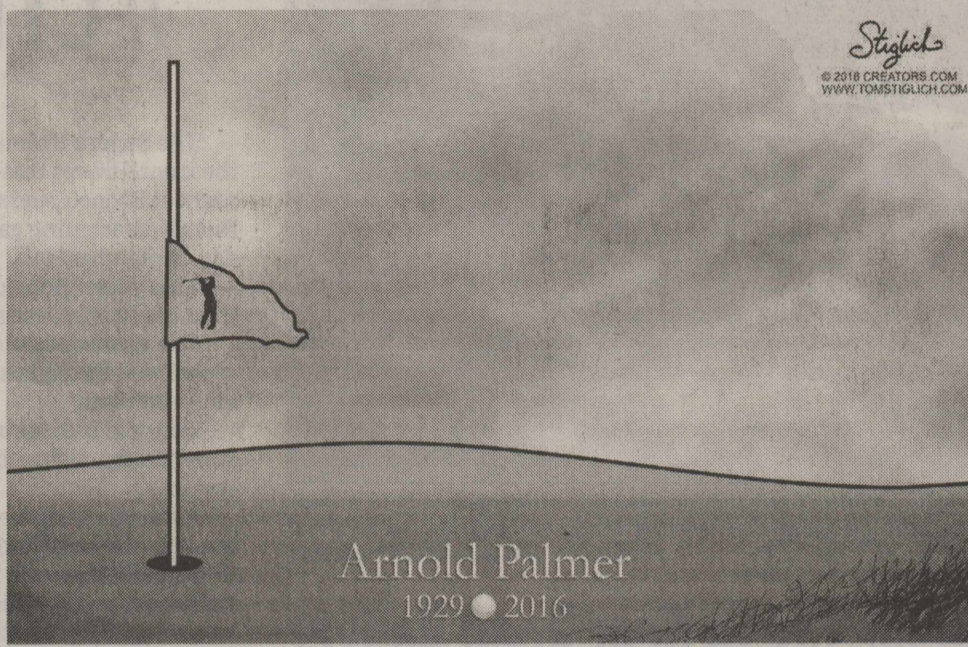
I had three imported ranch hands plus myself, so I called my friend Bob Hunn, a Dryden rancher to come help drive this herd home for me. He agreed to be at Longfellow with his horse on the date. I had to get permits to cross the R.R. tracks that day at 10 o'clock. I did that.

Delivery morning came with a blue northern blowing. No way to back out now. I called Pinkie and he said the sheep are on their way. I loaded my men and horses and drove to Longfellow. Bob Hunn was waiting there and not a happy camper!

The sheep arrived at 10:30 but a R.R. flag man told us we had to wait until a scheduled train went through. We held the head on the north side of the highway in the miserable cold till 11 o'clock when the train passed. We had no problem crossing the sheep as they wanted to travel.

Pinkie took his crew home and we started this herd over the mountain about 12 o'clock. Cold, miserable, hungry, and wishing for a cup of hot coffee. We drove sheep to my ranch. We arrived about 5:00 p.m., put the ewes in the house pasture, unsaddled and went to the house.

Bob Hunn and I went to the ranch house and began to thaw out by the stove. We both had a good shot of Kentucky bourbon to ward off the cold of course. At this point Bob Hunn told me never to call him in the winter time again. I agreed that this was a one time thing and would never happen again.



Arnold Palmer
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Attention Men: Guinness Record is Within in Reach

Samsung scientists who packed too much charge into the latest smartphones may be graduates of the "Duracell School of Battery-Making." Who knows what happened, but my Uncle Mort-reaching into the deepest crevice of his unbounded wisdom-believes some of 'em want to both "burn something as well as start something."

The 104-year-old denizen of the thicket in East Texas continues to be amazed about the far-reaching news topic making big splashes in public and social media.

Company leaders now are recalling Samsung Galaxy Note 7s. Mort believes they'd call the battery folks on the carpet if not for fear of their setting it on fire....

Mort's not saying the Samsung folks are grandstanding. "This is a serious matter, and people who would quickly settle for '15 minutes of fame' could wind up facing '15 years of law suits.'"

Mort has dealt with multiple dozens of so-called "inventions" that shook his work shop to numbers just short of the Richter Scale.

"There are safer ways to make the Guinness Book," he claims. "Just the other day, an 81-year-old guy in China had eye brow hair measuring 7.2 inches." ...

Guinness believes this to be a world record, but this heralded bunch of record-keepers had best take note: Guys around the world will challenge this record, figuring it would involve no exercise, no money and no great thought.

During my college years, I spent summers editing a small weekly newspaper called The Brown County Gazette. It fell on hard times later, and is now defunct. It was published in Bangs, TX, something of a "Mayberry" community, where weekly headline stories were sometimes hard to come by.

One week, a farmer showed up with what he called "the largest watermelon ever grown in Brown County." I repeated his claim in the caption under a photo that made the front page on a sleepy summer day....

Woe was me! As the weeks rolled by, other farmers delivered melons, each claimed to be still bigger.

In those days, running newspaper

photographs involved engraving costs, and the publisher was hesitant to expend such funds, except maybe to run with an obituary.

And even then, whether a photo ran sometimes rode on whether the person was a luminary, but that's another story....

Think of the possibilities if efforts to cultivate long eye brow hair catches on. Men long since bald have new hope. Many, no doubt, have abandoned hope.

Mort figures this to be the perfect time for him to set out on developing a "potion" to spur eye brow growth, with this leading to

new hair styles. "We'll have guys trying 'comb-backs' instead of 'comb-overs,'" he cackled.

And he has strong advice for people holding stock in companies that manufacture hair pieces. "Sell now," he advises....

Mort mentioned participants eager to participate can do so no matter their age or no matter their station. "Rich or poor, at home or in care centers, guys with no head hair will be welcome," he bragged.

He warned, though, that if the eye brow rage catches hold, we may have to consider furrowing other parts of the body, since brows will be busy.

I guess we can't have it both ways. Maybe some guys with heads absent of hair will have to decide whether to content themselves in being bald or reveal worry in some other manner....

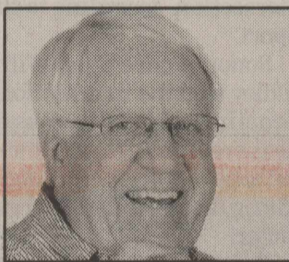
Before leaving the subject of hair, I must share a vignette observed recently. At a school luncheon on "grandparents' day" (when we're permitted to bring food of grandchildren's choice and then go to the bookstore to buy them presents), a kindergartener couldn't find his granddad.

The principal asked him to describe the missing grandpa.

"Well, he's got a bunch of hair on his chest."

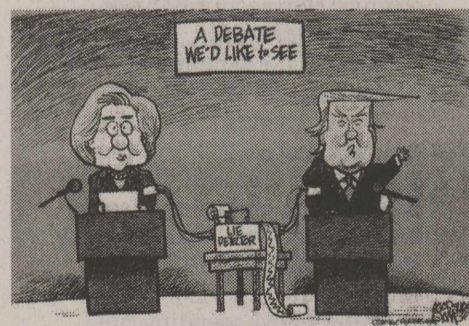
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Anita Has Some Real Treasures

Some of the items you find in Anita Farcinade's antique store in Sulphur Springs are the same things you find in the Library of Congress or the Smithsonian.

"People want to see the antiques," she says, "but I'm really very much a historian and am big on preserving historical items. I have coins in here dating back



Rolling Along

by Tumbleweed Smith

to the fifteen hundreds. I have a George Washington inaugural pin, the type you would pin on your lapel to show your support for a political candidate. There were only 500 of these made. I happened to find this one in a box of buttons and didn't realize what I had until I saw one on the TV show Pawn Stars. So I'm much more than just an owner of antique store. I have a lot of history here. I'll be happy anytime to stop what I'm doing and give you a real historical tour."

She has been involved with antiques for more than forty years. History was her favorite subject in school and when she married a man who dealt in antiques, she felt right at home.

"We buy the entire contents of a farm or a barn or a house. We don't just go in and say I'll take this or that. But I'm constantly going in these homes that have been boarded up for ten years or more while the kids are fighting over the estate. Finally the real estate agents call me in and we do the cleanout. It's always interesting because nearly everybody collects something. But I don't sell things just to get rid of them. They need to go where they belong."

She has newspapers from 1817 and a map from 1637.

"We just had this estate sale here in Sulphur Springs and they were cleaning out a house and we found old photos of the Melody Highway Boys from the local radio station, KSST."

Her store, Sulphur Springs Antique Gallery, opened in April of this year. It's a giant warehouse. Anita used to have a pipe museum in northern California called Puffin' Stuff.

"My husband smoked a pipe so we started collecting them. We had over four thousand pipes on display and they included some Chinese opium pipes from the twelve hundreds. We had long clay pipes that were full of tobacco ready to smoke. They were sold in taverns and men passed them around to share the smoke. It was very interesting to have the pipes. We had them from all over the world. You know it's a fun field to be in. And when you're into history like I am, you're always doing research because you can't know everything. But between my husband and me we have a pretty broad knowledge of things. It's always interesting and there's always new stuff coming in and that's what makes it fun."

She found a flag in Kentucky and didn't know anything about it until she did the research on it.

"There are only three of these flags known. One is in the national archives, one is owned by a man who works for the national archives and this is the third one. It's a 1788 commemorative Maryland flag when Maryland joined the union. This flag has seven stars on it to denote the seven states."

Anita has been on national television shows with her merchandise.

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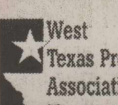
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Broncos Trounce Crane 68-7 for 5-0 Record

The Broncos high powered offense was on display Friday night, September 23rd in Crane, especially in the third quarter when they scored an amazing 43 points as they claimed their fifth win of the season over the Golden Cranes by a score of 68-7.

Crane managed only one touchdown, which came in the second quarter, as Sonora's defense grounded their opponent and accomplished four turnovers on the evening.

Just seconds into the first quarter, the Broncos intercepted the ball forcing their first turnover of the night.

Kaden Cordell put the

Broncos on the scoreboard early in the first quarter with a 14-yard run, 6:09 on the clock. Liam Yourgalite found paydirt with 2 minutes left in the quarter.

Midway through the second quarter, Michael Solis completed a second turnover.

The Golden Cranes answered back and minutes later Kolton Sena put Crane on the scoreboard 5:06 mark.

Finally, Jarrett Jackson notched the score six points late in the second stanza with a 3-yard TD at the 1:00 mark.

Surprisingly, the team scored only 18 points in the first half.

"I took complete blame for not having them ready to start the game," Coach David T. Sine said. "We were very sluggish and our pow wow worked wonders. In the second half we picked up the tempo a little and spread the ball around. It was a great second half and probably the best second half I've been involved in 24 years."

But, the Broncos found their momentum following an intermission pep talk in the locker room.

"Unfortunately, that was our mentality going into the game," Michael Mungia said. "After the locker room, we came back and did our job."

Less than a minute into the third stanza the Broncos scoring frenzy began when Cordell connected to Noah San Miguel who scored on a 58-yard run at the 11:16 mark. The two point conversion was good.

Jackson added another TD at the 8:04 mark. The PAT was good.

Yourgalite, Jackson and Solis teamed up for four TDs in a four-minute span in the third quarter.

Yourgalite scored a TD on a 37-yard pass from Cordell at the 5:34 mark.

Cordell, again, connected with Jackson for a 43-yard TD at the 3:51 mark.

Solis scored on a 34-yard pass from Cordell at the 1:48

mark. Jackson added a sixth TD at the 1:32 mark before the magical quarter expired.

The Broncos forced two more turnovers on the night.

Juan Villanueva added the final score with a 33-yard fumble return for a TD in the fourth quarter to give the Broncos the 68-7 margin over the Cranes.

"Last week was our best defensive performance but tonight was outstanding," Sine said. "We got four turnovers on defense and anytime you can win the turnover battle you've got a great chance of winning."

Looking ahead, Sine said next week's game against the Iraan Braves will be an exciting one.

"It pits two 5-0 teams together," Sine said. "It will be the biggest game in West Texas. So, get your popcorn ready because it will be fun."

The Broncos host The Braves for their Homecoming game on Friday, September 30th at 7:30 p.m.

Players of the Week
Special Teams Player of the Week: Brandon Martinez Sponsored by Eddy Smith KHOS FM 92.1

Offensive Lineman of the Week: Julian Guerra Sponsored by Kirk Joy

Hit of the Week: Michael Solis Sponsored by Leonard Livestock

Defensive Player of the Week: Bronco Nation D and Defensive Staff Sponsored by Virgil Burge

Offensive Players of the Week: Kaden Cordell and Jarrett Jackson Sponsored by Sonora Knights of Columbus

Scout Team Player of the Week: Brian Van Winkle

Sponsored by Just Bling It Rita Gonzales

Trainer of the Week: Breanna Johnson Sponsored by Mungia Southwest Heating and AC

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7th Grade POTW: Ivan Fuentes

8th Grade POTW: Preston Gonzales

JV White: Ty Perez
JV Red: JV Red Defense With 53-0 Shutout

SCORE BY QUARTER
SONORA 12-6-43-7=68
JUNCTION 00-7-00-00=7

FIRST QUARTER
SONORA — 6:09 Kaden Cordell 14 yd (PAT Failed)
SONORA — Liam Yourgalite 5 yd pass from Kaden Cordell (PAT Failed)

SECOND QUARTER
CRANE — 5:06 Kolton Sena 3 yd (PAT Good)
SONORA — :57 Jarrett Jackson 2 yd (No Conversion)

THIRD QUARTER
SONORA — 11:16 Noah San Miguel 58 yd on pass from Kaden Cordell
SONORA — 8:04 Jarrett Jackson 2 yd (Martinez PAT)
SONORA — 5:34 Liam Yourgalite 37 yd on pass from Kaden Cordell (Martinez PAT)
SONORA — 3:51 Jarrett Jackson 43 yd on pass from Kaden Cordell (Martinez PAT)
SONORA — 1:48 Michael Solis 34 yd on pass from Kaden Cordell (Martinez PAT)
SONORA — 1:32 Jarrett Jackson 25 yd (Martinez PAT)

FOURTH QUARTER
SONORA — 11:14 Juan Villanueva 33 yd Fumble Return (Martinez PAT)

INDIVIDUAL STATS
RUSHING
SONORA — Jarrett Jackson 11-77; Noah San Miguel 1-5; Michael Solis 2-(-5); Kaden Cordell 9-12; Brandon Martinez 4-10; Liam Yourgalite 1-2; Carter Zook 1-(-1); Jose Hernandez 1-5; Raully Ojeda 1-(-2)
PASSING
SONORA — Kaden Cordell 23-32-372 yds
RECEIVING
SONORA — Noah San Miguel 4-89; Michael Solis 6-67; Wesley Dutton 1-(-3); Walker Sine 2-17; Liam Yourgalite 3-54; Kade Creek 3-54; Jose Hernandez 1-11; Jarrett Jackson 3-83



Wesley Dutton, Michael Mungia, Kade Creek and Juan Villanueva earned the turnover belt during the game Friday against the Golden Cranes. The Broncos cruised to a 68-7 victory over Crane for their fifth win of the season.. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Sonora JV White and TLCA Draw 6-6

By Caleb Perez

Finishing with a stalemate, the Sonora JV White and TLCA game ended with a score of 6-6 on Thursday, September 22nd.

Quarterback Ethan Hamm led the offense.

Ty Perez, Thomas Talamantez, Jesus Gaytan, Christian Castilleja, and Dakota Love headed the offensive line.

Oscar Gutierrez ran in the only touchdown for the Broncos.

Eddie Infante also displayed great runs throughout the challenge.

The Broncos defense ruffled the Eagles keeping them from scoring until the fourth quarter. They evened the points on a bad snap during the punt.

Talamantez, Garrett, Love and Jesus Gaytan fronted the defensive line.

Garrett held the most tackles for the defense which continued to pressure TLCA's offensive line and quarterback.

Perez and Joe Angel Torres displayed impressive skill at the linebacker position by stopping the run and the pass away from TLCA.

The Broncos steadfast determination affected the game outcome keeping the score at a low point draw.

The JV White and JV Red teams travel to Ozona to take on the Lions in a collaborative game Thursday, September 29th.

Game time is set for 4:30 p.m.



Daniel Gonzales scored the first touchdown for the Broncos during their home game against Crane on Thursday, September 22nd. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

JV Red Continues Winning Streak

By Cannon McWilliams

Upholding their perfect record, the Broncos JV Red team shut out the Golden Cranes 58-0 on Thursday, September 22nd at home.

The strong defensive line of Alex Lozano, Noe Estrada, Jansen Morris, Juan Baez, Dominic Solis and Logan McDonald grounded the Cranes preventing them from scoring.

This leading line of defense continues to show improvement each week helping the rest of the line perform well.

Dylan Taylor added another interception to his stat sheet while Brock Aschenbeck and Jon Deleon kept any of the Crane offensive members from breaking any long runs.

It was a well-rounded defensive effort.

The Broncos offense continues to rack up points adding to their season total.

Brian Van Winkle was

razor sharp continuing to distribute the ball among his teammates.

Van Winkle threw for five touchdowns connecting with Slade Dermody, Dylan Taylor, Marcos Talamantez, Daniel Gonzales and Evan Shannon who found paydirt.

The Broncos running backs continued to pound the ball behind the dominating offensive line consisting of Dominic Solis, Alex Lozano, Juan Baez, Logan McDonald, Noe Estrada and Jansen Morris.

Running backs Wilson Johnson, Brock Aschenbeck and Dylan Taylor notched the score with three additional touchdowns on the ground to go with the assault through the air.

The JV Red and JV White will travel to Ozona to take on the Lions in a collaborative game. Game time is set for 4:30 Thursday, September 29th.

Local Nature Center to Host "FALL CLEANUP"

The Eaton Hill Nature Center & Preserve will be hosting a FALL CLEANUP DAY on Saturday, October 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The EHNC&P will be providing a free lunch to all who participate.

Tasks include:
• Litter collection, weed-eating, and limb pruning on the Preserve trails
• General cleanup of the Nature Center

Since its inception, thousands of individuals

have enjoyed the preserve with its trail system covering over two miles, providing bird blind, canopied trails, and opportunities to observe wildlife in a native setting.

If you'd like more information about this event, or to schedule an interview with the Executive Director, please contact:

Michael Price at 325.387.2615 or email Mr. Price at director@eaton-hillnaturecenter.com.



Ethan Hamm connects with Oscar Gutierrez for a TD during the game between Sonora and TLCA on Thursday, September 22nd at Bronco Stadium. The Broncos and Eagles walked away with a tie 6-6. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

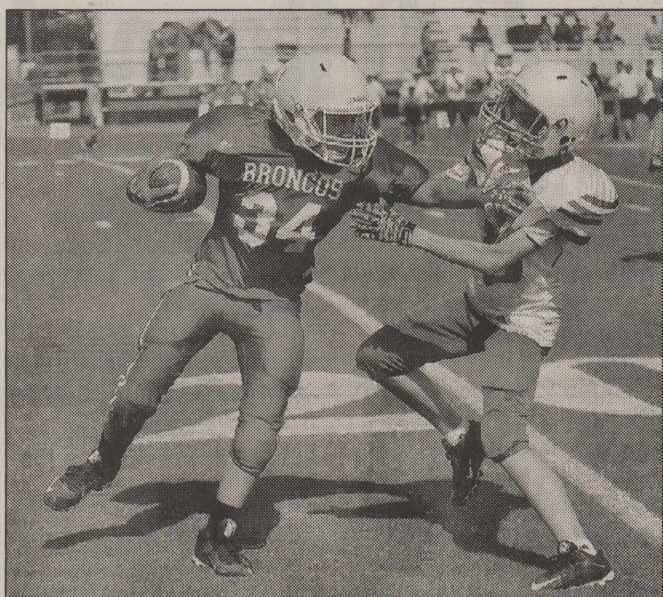
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Mario De La Fuente fights off a Jim Ned Indian during the game on Thursday, September 15th at home. Despite their efforts, the Colts fell 22-6 to the Indians. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

8th Grade Colts Fall to Indians 42-0

By Bucky Nance

Falling to the Jim Ned Indians 42-0 was not what the Sonora Middle School Colts had hoped for in their season opener on Thursday, September 15th.

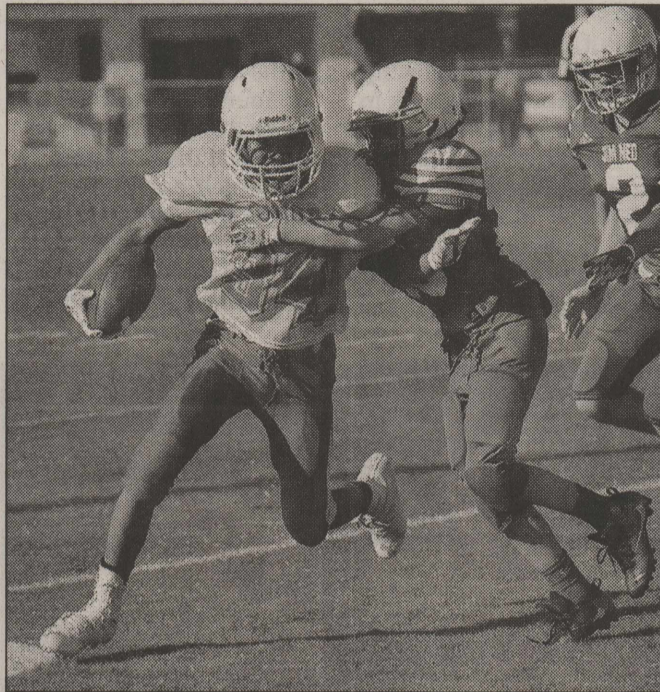
The Colts faced a very tough foe in the Indians as Jim Ned was able to score on its first three possessions.

A strong defense,

coupled with speed, enabled the Indians to pressure the Colts.

Quarterback Michael Creek, QB, Preston Gonzales, WR and Kevan Flores, RB found it hard to get in the end zone.

The Colts next traveled to Crane to take the field on Thursday, September 22nd in hopes of recovering their loss record.



Kevan Flores breaks a tackle by a Jim Ned Indian during the game on Thursday, September 15th. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

7th Grade Colts Defeated by Indians 22-6

By Guy Barnett

Despite their efforts, the 7th grade Colts lost 22-6 to the Jim Ned Indians on Thursday, September 15th.

Fernando Gonzalez came away with the only touchdown for the colts running it in from 5 yards out. Gonzales also intercepted a pass at the goal line.

Lane Taylor caught a couple passes from Sean

Mungia over the middle to keep drives alive.

Defensively, Mario De La Fuente, made a difference with a few key tackle for losses.

Although, they didn't come away with the win, the Colts dominated in their fight.

The Colts next traveled to Crane to take the field on Thursday, September 22nd.

Colts Improve Despite 22-8 Loss to Crane

By Luke Sheets

The 7th grade Colts traveled to Crane on Thursday, September 22nd, to take the field against the Golden Cranes.

Although they gave it their best effort, the Colts came up short suffering the loss 22-8.

Ivan Fuentes was named player of the game for his outstanding performance blocking on the offensive line. He also completed a sack and several tackles for loss in the.

Mario De La Fuente scored the Colts only

touchdown of the game as well as the two-point conversion.

Defensive ends Alex Renteria and Sean Mungia provided constant pressure to Crane's offense.

Mario Del La Fuente and Lane Taylor provided sure tackling at the Line-backer spot.

Continuing the improve each week, the Colts look forward to their next challenge.

Next, the Colts will play in the Colt Bowl on Thursday, September 29th at Bronco Stadium.

8th Grade Colts fall to Crane 6-26

By Jay Immel

Despite a strong defensive effort, the 8th grade Colts couldn't stop the Golden Cranes from scoring during the game on Thursday, September 22nd in Crane.

The Colts fell to the Cranes 6-26.

Kevan Flores, Reagan Owen, Phillip Dehoyos, and Saul Bermea led the Colts defense with some big stops against the Crane Offense.

Michael Morales and Elias Perez also completed huge interceptions during the game.

Kevan Flores put the Colts on the scoreboard with a rushing Touchdown. It was the Colts only TD of

the game.

Preston Gonzales also contributed several nice runs.

Additionally, Michael Creek completed good passes to Elias Perez.

Looking ahead the Colts will compete in the Colt Bowl on Thursday, September 29th at home.

Lady Broncos Cut off Lady Horns in 3-0 Victory

The Lady Horns were louder but the Lady Broncos were better, taking the 3-0 win over Early during their home non-conference match on Tuesday, September 20th.

The Lady Broncos played with confidence as they took the win in each of the three sets with scores of 25-17, 25-16, 25-23.

Sky Jennings made a total 30 assists, 3 aces, 1 kill and 1 dig to help with the win.

Carly Brown made a great effort helping the Lady Broncos with 10 kills, 1 block, and 6 digs.

Mary Kyle Johnson added to the win with 1 ace, 6 kills, 2 blocks, and 6 digs.

Savannah Castro had 3 aces, 4 kills, 1 block, and 3 digs and Claire Thiebaud had 1 ace and 3 digs.

Lane Cahill delivered 3 kills, Riley Walker completed 1 kill and 6 digs and Delaney Ramsdell added 5 kills and 2 digs to secure the win.

"Early had improved a lot in a week, Coach Kayla Perez said. "They had some strong blockers, but our girls made adjustments to be successful. It was a good warm up for district play that starts Tuesday."

The Lady Broncos Freshman team fell to the Lady Horns in two close games.

However, the Junior Varsity ladies rallied for a 3-0 victory over Early.

Taking the weekend off, the Lady Broncos gear up for a neutral conference match against the Wall Lady Hawks on Tuesday, September 27th in Sonora.

1st Annual Colt Bowl, Sept. 29

Bronco Nation is hosting the first annual Colt Bowl on Thursday, September 29th at 5:00 p.m.

The 7th and 8th grade Colts football players were drafted on September 25th to participate in the Colt Bowl.

The Colts will play against each other in Sonora on Thursday at Bronco Stadium.

Additionally, the JV

White and JV Red football teams combined this week and they will travel to Ozone to take on the JV Lions' also on Thursday. Kickoff is set for 4:30 p.m..

The West Texas Game of the Week takes place Friday Night in Sonora as the 5-0 Iraan Braves take on the 5-0 Sonora Broncos.

Kickoff is set for 7:30.

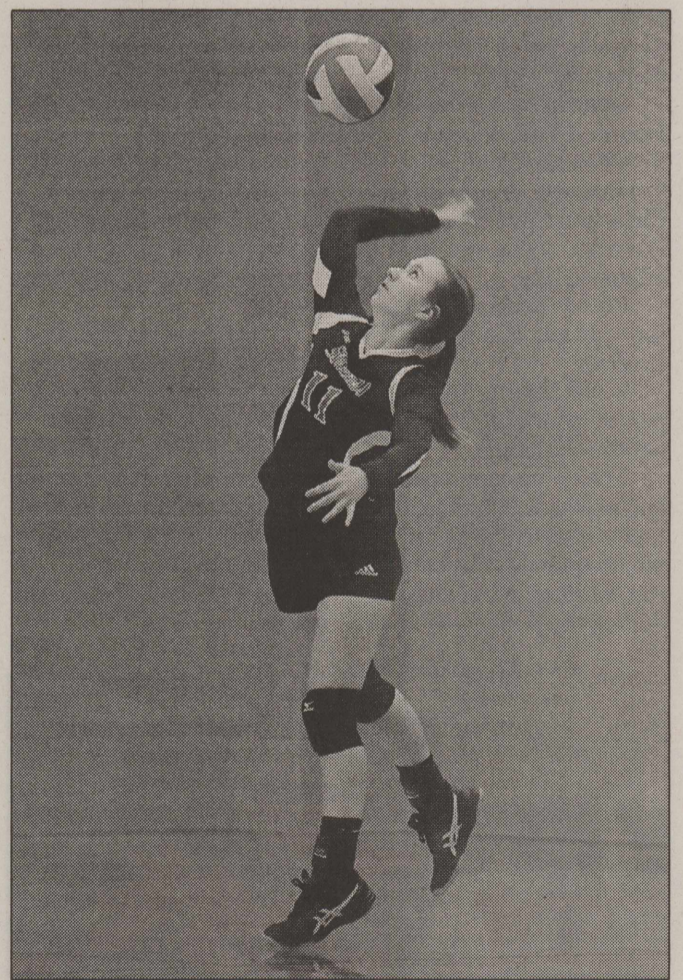
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Tuesday-October 4th Breakfast
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Lunch
Country Fried Steak w/Gravy, Meatloaf or Chef Salad
Mashed Potatoes, Savory Green Beans, Strawberry Cup, Roll, Milk Variety
After School Program
Fruit, Raisins, Milk
Wednesday-October 5th Breakfast
Cinnamon Roll w/Bacon Or Cereal/Toast, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk Variety
Lunch
Chicken Spaghetti w/ Breadstick, Pizza or Santa Fe Salad
Garden Salad, Vegetable Medley, Orange Smiles, Milk Variety
After School Program
Baked Chips, Juice
Thursday-October 6th Breakfast
Waffles & Sausage Or Cereal / Toast 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk Variety
Lunch
Soft Tacos, Frito Pie, or Crispy Chicken Salad
Baby Carrots, Mexicali Corn Salsa, Lettuce & Tomato Garnish, Peaches, Cookie, Milk variety
After School Program
Crackers, Cheddar Fish, Juice
Friday-October 7th Breakfast
Breakfast Pizza Or Cereal / Toast, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk Variety
Lunch
Chicken Strips - Texas Toast / Gravy, Hamburger/CH. Burger, or Tuna Salad
Hamburger Garnish, Coleslaw, Sweet Potato Fries, Apple Slices, Milk Variety
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Haley Smith delivers a blockbuster serve during the Lady Broncos Freshman Volleyball game against the Lady Horns on Tuesday, September 20th on their home court. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Olympic symbol
6. Sharp sound
11. Inexperienced
14. Steel girder
15. Island west of Maui
16. "You ___ here"
17. Proposal prop
19. Kind of party
20. Cry out
21. Coastal raptors
22. It's an honor
24. Memo letters
26. Et ___
27. On-site journalist
33. Halt
35. Casting choices?
36. Diminutive suffix
37. Essence
38. Imitates a hot dog
39. Queens place
40. NBA great
41. Cavalry weapon
42. Promise
43. Play with fire
46. Takes care of
47. Keats piece
48. Joplin's Bobby
50. Chow
53. Darlings
57. Compact weapon

58. Propose a story
61. Whup
62. Soup server
63. Tack on
64. A little work
65. Result
66. Second best effort

DOWN
1. Like some sums
2. "Rent" award
3. Not made up

4. Scout warmer
5. Med. care provider
6. Shortening online letters
7. Alert
8. Spanish liqueur
9. Bread served with korma
10. Ladies' men
11. Pest controller
12. Province
13. Become tiresome

18. Armstrong
23. Word said with a salute
25. Nevertheless
26. Big galoots
27. Sentencing prior to a trial
28. Abu ___
29. Clair and Coty
30. Seconds
31. Parmenides' home
32. Behind
33. Flexible, electrically
34. Staten Isl., e.g.
38. Stationer's stock
39. Cleaning job
41. Church part
42. Benchmark: Abbr.
44. Lobster coral
45. Slammin' Sammy
48. Silent
49. Mogul
50. LAX info
51. Rights grp.
52. Quaker's "you"
54. Irish novelist O'Brien
55. Overbrim
56. Old German duchy name
59. Publisher Ballantine
60. Collar

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The Junior Varsity Lady Broncos celebrate their 3-0 victory over the Lady Horns on Tuesday, September 20th at home. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Sonora Runners Earn 5th Place Compete in Harper XC Meet

After one home meet and one rainout the Sonora Broncos and Lady Broncos found themselves trailing behind their competition during their second cross country meet on Saturday, September 17th in Harper.

Both High School teams, including 133 boys and 108 girls, completed the course with fifth place finishes.

The 7th grade girls brought home a bronze medal. Being the only middle school group to compose a team, the 7th grade girls brought home a bronze.

The top 25 runners in each group earned a medal.

The Broncos and Lady Broncos next traveled to Ballinger to compete on Thursday, September 22nd. Varsity teams competed on Saturday, September 24th in Lubbock.

Broncos:

- 14th Raully Ojeda
- 29th Evan Shannon
- 46th Jalen Lopez
- 50th Marcos Talamantes
- 62nd David Delgado
- 74th Willie Munoz
- 76th Josh Barrera
- 80th Chuy Fuentez
- 100th Leo Alviso
- 106th Ariel Salazar

- 119th Jake O'Bannon
- 129th Kole Gann

Lady Broncos:

- 20th Mary Kyle Johnson
- 23rd Angela Gonzalez
- 37th Aleasha Smith
- 45th Lesli Ramirez
- 46th Analy Palacios
- 49th Christina Garza
- 64th Traci Vickers
- 75th Harley Daniels
- 83rd Rivers Martinez

7th Grade Girls:

- 3rd Jocelyn Rodriguez
- 12th Jessica Campa
- 14th Yalin Dominguez
- 19th Vitoria Regino
- 31st Alisa Paredes
- 33rd Laci Ramirez
- 35th Abby Duncan
- 37th Jaque Torres
- 48th Sophia Gutierrez
- 49th Alexis Ramirez
- 52nd Tais Gaytan

7th Grade Boys:

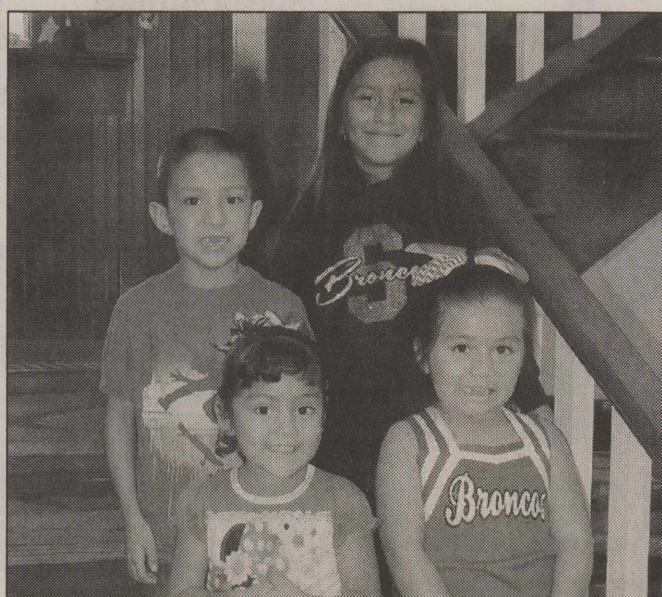
- 17th Fernando Gonzalez
- 34th Rino Hernandez
- 39th David Adams

8th Grade Girls:

- 15th Carla Mota
- 30th Harmony Ramirez
- 33rd Miranda Renteria

8th Grade Boys:

- 20th Elias Perez
- 25th Zachary Joffrion
- 27th Preston Gonzalez
- 29th Calvin Hernandez



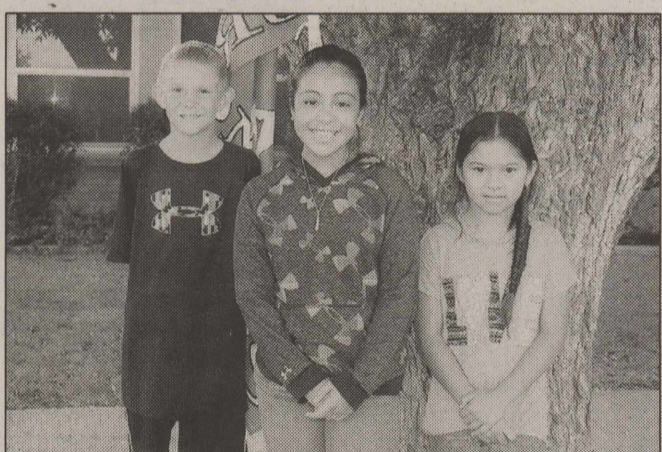
Elementary School Students for the week of September 26th - 30th, Maria Fernandez, Pre-K, Adrialys Mata, K, Nathan Rivas, 1st, Madison Noriega, 2nd.

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Sonora ISD Students of the Week

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Intermediate School Students for the week of September 26th - 30th, Fernanda Arredondo, 3rd, Lane VanVeghel, 4th, Nayelli Aguero, 5th.

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Middle School Students for the week of September 26th - 30th, Brandon Torres, 6th, Fernanda Lozano, 7th, Osbel Deluna, 8th

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Sonora Broncos Earn Gold in Ballinger XC Meet

The Sonora Broncos and Lady Broncos participated in the Ballinger Cross Country Meet on Thursday, September 22nd for the District Course Preview.

The JV Boys team finished in first place and the Varsity Boys team earned second place. The Ladies Varsity team was awarded fifth place.

On Saturday The Varsity Lady Broncos, 142 runners, trekked the Regional Course Preview in Lubbock.

One hundred thirty six Varsity Broncos competed for top place as well.

Next, the Broncos and Lady Broncos compete in the Wall XC Meet on Saturday, October 1st at 8:30 a.m.

The course is located in Grape Creek at the North San Angelo State Park.

Teams will leave Sonora at 6:30 a.m.

Ballinger Results:

Varsity Boys:

- (Second place team)
- 5th Raully Ojeda
- 8th Evan Shannon
- 10th Jalen Lopez
- 14th Marcos Talamantes
- 16th David Delgado
- 21st Willie Munos
- 28th Chuy Fuentez

JV Boys:

- (1st place team)
- 4th Josh Barrera
- 7th Leo Alviso
- 9th Jake O'Bannon
- 10th Ariel Salazar
- 14th Kile Gann

Varsity Girls:

- (5th place team)
- 14th Angela Gonzalez
- 17th Aleasha Smith
- 41st Analy Palacios
- 42nd Traci Vickers
- 50th Christina Garza
- 52nd Lesli Ramirez

JV Girls:

- 18th Rivers Martinez

Lubbock Results:

Varsity Girls:

- 42nd Mary Kyle Johnson
- 56th Angela Gonzalez
- 68th Aleasha Smith
- 69th Analy Palacios

Varsity Boys:

- 21st Raully Ojeda
- 52nd Jalen Lopez
- 90th Evan Shannon
- 96th David Delgado
- 109th Willie Munoz
- 110th Chuy Fuentez

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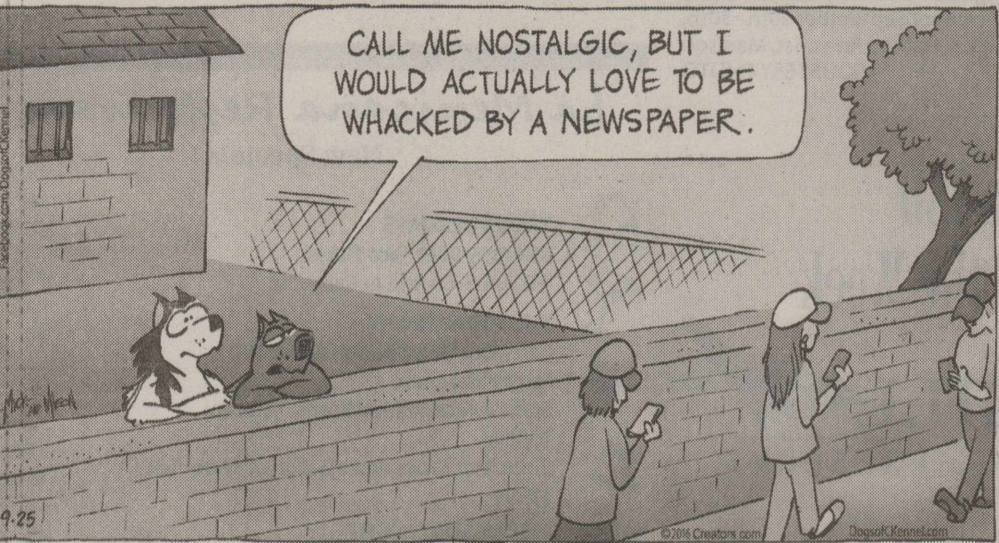
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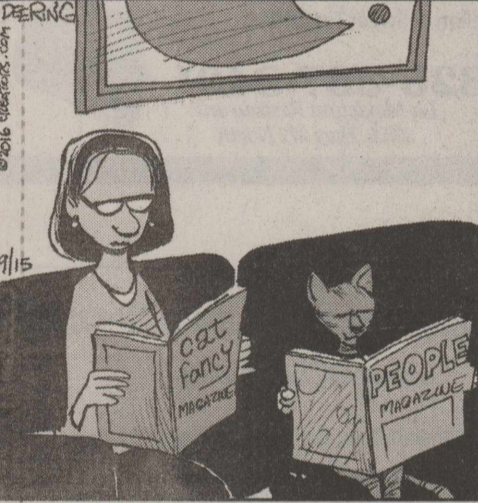
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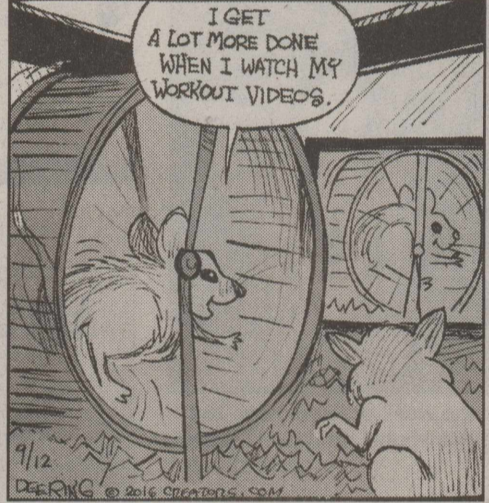
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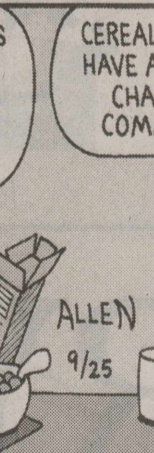
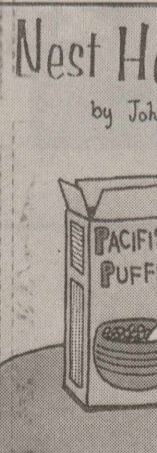
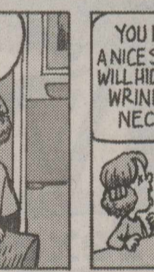


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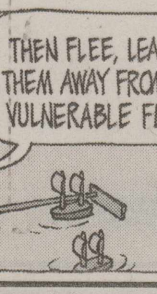
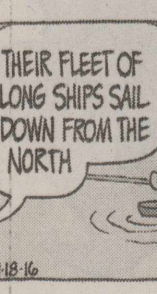
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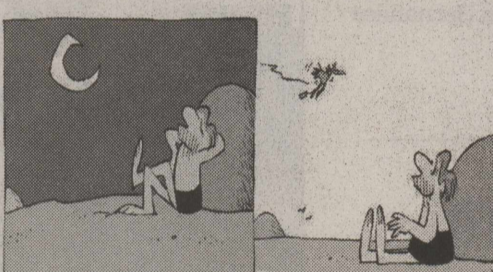
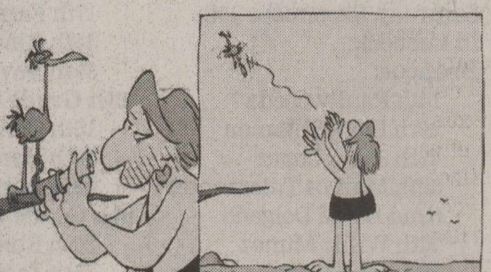
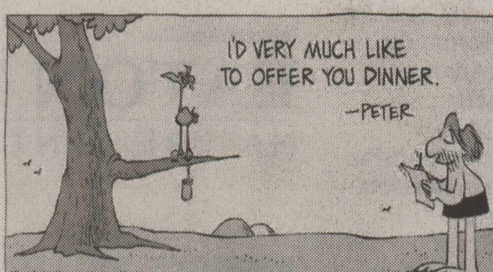
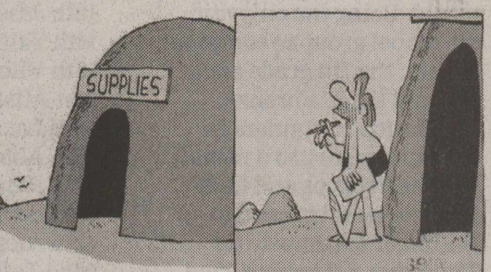
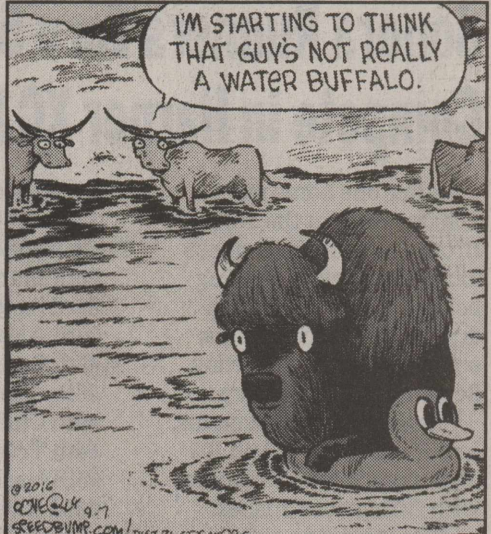
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Peter Shively, Los Angeles, CA

Q. WHERE WAS THE U.S. CONSTITUTION SIGNED?
A. AT THE BOTTOM.

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CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Resettlement

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are more than 20 private refugee-assisting charities in Texas, located in cities including Abilene, Amarillo, Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio.

Paxton appeals Voter ID
Texas' voter identification law has been temporarily relaxed by a court order for the approaching Nov. 8 general election.

But Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, in hopes of having the law's photo identification requirements reinstated, on Sept. 21 filed a petition asking the U.S. Supreme Court to review the case.

If Paxton's petition is granted, the high court will review the summer decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, which remanded the case to a Corpus Christi U.S. District Court for a temporary fix. The Fifth Circuit found that the Texas law is discriminatory in effect, with Hispanic citizens twice as likely and black citizens three times as likely as white citizens not to have photo identification that would be accepted at voting polls.

On July 24 U.S. District Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos of Corpus Christi

signed an order stating that a voter may sign an affidavit and present either a valid voter registration certificate or current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document showing the name of the voter.

If a voter does not have one of those documents, the voter will need to provide his or her date of birth and the last four digits of his or her Social Security number as a part of the affidavit. Unless there is conclusive evidence of impersonation or an incomplete provisional ballot package, the provisional ballot will be counted.

Zika numbers updated

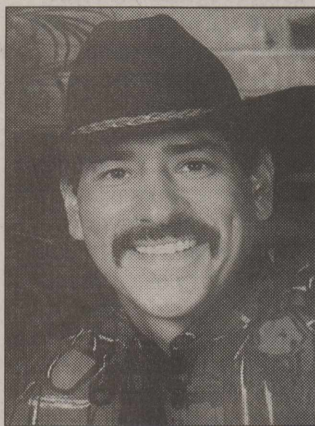
Statistics posted Sept. 21 by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control show that Texas so far has had 195 reported cases of Zika, the mosquito-borne virus that can cause illness and birth defects in humans.

Other states with the most case counts are New York with 715, Florida with 652, California with 243, New Jersey with 117 and Pennsylvania with 106.

Florida had 43 locally acquired cases. No other state has reported any locally acquired cases.

OBITUARIES

Danny Abalos July 27, 1960 - September 21, 2016



Danny Abalos, of Sonora, went home to be with our father September 21, 2016.

Danny was born July 27, 1960 in Rankin Texas.

He is the son of Willie and Mickey Abalos.

Danny is survived by his mother, Mickey Abalos of Odessa. He is also survived by sisters, Susie Ramirez and husband Fidencio of Sonora, Mariann Bagley and husband Jimmy of Odessa, brothers, Willie Abalos of Midland and Tony Abalos and wife Wuanice of Kennedale, Rudy Abalos and wife Sandy of Broaddus, Poly Abalos and wife Gloria of San Antonio, Jorge Abalos and wife Delvia of Artesia New Mexico, Ernest Abalos of Pueblo Colorado and Gilbert Abalos and wife Tawny

of Ennis Texas.

Danny is also survived by many nieces and nephews and lots and lots of cousins, aunts and uncles.

He is preceded in death by his father Willie Abalos. Grandparents Frank and Maggie Abalos, and Rito and Felipa Montanez.

Danny will always be remembered for his love of country music, dancing, and singing.

He enjoyed fishing and hunting, but also cooking out with his friends and family.

He will be forever missed by all his family that he loved and loved him. The Abalos dance contests will never be the same.

A visitation was held all day Friday, September 23, 2016 at the Shaffer Funeral Home in San Angelo.

A rosary followed that evening.

Funeral services were held Saturday, September 24, 2016 at Our Lady of Guadalupe church in Robert Lee.

Burial followed at Robert Lee Cemetery.

Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made at www.shafferpioneer.com.

SONORA WEATHER FORECAST

Thu 9/29	Fri 9/30	Sat 10/1	Sun 10/2	Mon 10/3
82/55	80/58	81/60	82/62	84/65
Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	Sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.
Sunrise: 7:35 AM Sunset: 7:29 PM	Sunrise: 7:35 AM Sunset: 7:28 PM	Sunrise: 7:36 AM Sunset: 7:26 PM	Sunrise: 7:36 AM Sunset: 7:25 PM	Sunrise: 7:37 AM Sunset: 7:24 PM

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Devil's River News Weekly Rainfall Report

Month	Rainfall (in.)	Month	Rainfall (in.)
September 1-29	5.78 in.	September 1-29	4.31 in.
August	1.74 in.	August	4.82 in.
July	.19 in.	July	.00 in.
June	3.16 in.	June	3.97 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	20.87 in.	2016 Year-to-Date TOTAL	25.40 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.

Rainfall data collected at LCRA weather station located 14 miles southeast of Sonora. Rainfall data collected at LCRA weather station located 17 miles east-northeast of Sonora.

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- TUESDAY October 4**
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- WEDNESDAY October 5**
BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Pudding, Milk
- THURSDAY October 6**
Goulash, Mix Veggies, Wheat Roll, Mandarin Orange Fluff, Milk
- FRIDAY October 7**
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Paredes:

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Her most memorable time at Sonora High School is her Sophomore year of cheerleading and cheering alongside her sister for her final year of high school.

Jessica is being escorted by her father Jessie Paredes.

Sparks:

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Her most memorable time at Sonora High School is winning 3 State Golf titles, being a part of the spirit squad and making life-long friends. Holly is being escorted by her father Randy Sparks.

Talamantez:

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traveling to away games with all the trainers and going to Big Springs for a softball tournament.

Jasmine is being escorted by her father James Talamantez.

Jennings:

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Sky is being escorted by her father Larry Jennings and her nephew Warren Jennings.

Rainfall Invigorates Soil Microbes

With the good rains, we expect our rangeland vegetation to be invigorated. However, we tend to overlook an important component- the soil microbes.

These are absolutely essential to good soil health and play a key role in helping keep plants healthy and productive.

The soil supports a large diversity of microorganisms.

Some are parasitic, meaning that they feed on the roots of plants. However, the vast majority are beneficial and help keep soils healthy.

Soil microbes are key to nutrient cycling and the decomposition of plant material.

They also influence plant health through their abilities to fix nitrogen, cause plant disease, inhibit the development of plant disease, and enhance plant nutrient uptake.

These microorganisms are part of an intricate system of tiny creatures which recycle vital plant nutrients and maintain the basic soil structure.

There are three major types of microorganisms. These three groups of microbes make up a major part of the food chain group called primary decomposers.

They are responsible for 60-80% of all chemical reactions in the soil.

The first group are the bacteria. Bacteria decompose a wider range of earth material than any other microbe group. Some bacteria can fix nitrogen into forms plants can use.

The actinomycetes are a specific type of fungi with an amazing ability to survive and function at extremely high soil temperatures.

They can also break down some very tough soil materials, such as the shells of insects.

One type, Frankia, help plants get nutrients needed from the air by breaking down nitrogen into ammonium that plants can use.

The final group consists of the other types of fungi.

They are great survivors and can tolerate dry soil conditions.

They decompose resistant materials and bind soil particles together with their rope-like filaments.

Fungi are able to break down resistant materials such as cellulose, gums, and lignin. They dominate in acidic, sandy soils and in fresh organic matter.

Microorganisms improve a soil's ability to absorb water and exchange air with the atmosphere.

As bacteria work in the soil, some of the products that they secrete act as a cement to hold soil particles together.

This process helps keep the pore spaces between the individual soil particles open for easy entrance of water and air.

Other tasks that microbes perform include buffering soil pH, helping make nutrients more available and lowering salt concentrations.

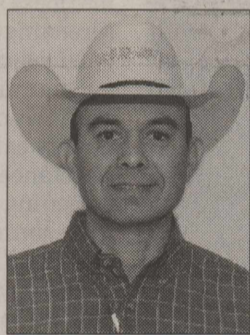
How quickly dead organic matter decomposes depends on soil temperature and soil moisture.

A moist, but not saturated, soil environment is ideal.

Without the microbes, compost and other organic litter like dead plant residue would end up as no more than sterile, lifeless trash.

Through their burrowing and feeding activities, earthworms and some insects can improve the aeration and drainage in soil.

Their actions indirectly enhance microbial activities due to creation of a more favorable soil environment.



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Accepting Bids Jail Project

Sutton County is hereby requesting sealed bids for Jail Project to replace the existing restrooms units in the county jail.

Project includes:

- 18 units - replacement of sink/toilet combination set units.
- 9 units - showers and controls with tempering valves/wall packs.
- All plumbing, pipes/valves necessary to install new sink/toilet and shower units for new systems.
- All materials/equipment for installation of project must meet standard jail confinement requirements.
- Work to be completed within 120 days, scheduled laid out by Jail Official. Vendor must furnish insurance and performance bond.

Sealed bids to be opened on **Monday, October 24, 2016**, at the Special Meeting of Commissioners Court at the County Annex Meeting room at 9:00 a.m.

All sealed bids must be mailed or delivered to County Judge Steve Smith, 300 E Oak Ste 4, Sonora, TX, 76950. For more details please contact Joe Fincher, County Sheriff at 325/387-5380.

Cervical Cancer and its Treatment

Submitted by Jessica Stapper

Cervical cancer is the easiest female cancer to prevent.

A Pap test, which screens for cervical cancer, can help prevent cervical cancer or find it early. It is one of the most reliable and effective cancer screening tests available.

With a Pap test, the doctor is looking for any cell changes on the cervix that might become cervical cancer if they are not treated appropriately.

For this reason, women should start getting regular Pap tests at age 21.

So, who should be screened and when should they be screened?

According to the American Cancer Society's guidelines, women between ages 21 and 29 should have a Pap test every 3 years.

The doctor may also suggest an HPV test if there are abnormal Pap test results.

For women between the ages of 30 and 65, it is

preferred that they have a Pap test plus an HPV test every 5 years, but it is also okay to have a Pap test alone every 3 years. If a woman is over age 65 and has had regular cervical cancer testing with normal results, she should not be tested for cervical cancer.

Once testing stops, it should not be started again.

However, women with history of a serious cervical pre-cancer should continue to be tested for at least 20 years after that diagnosis, even if testing continues past age 65.

If a woman's uterus and cervix were removed for reasons not related to cervical cancer and she does not have a history of cervical cancer or serious pre-cancer, she also should not be tested.

Women with a history of serious pre-cancer will need to visit with their doctor about their screening needs.

To help women have a better understanding of breast and cervical cancer and the best way to prevent these cancers, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Sutton County will conduct a Friend to Friend party on October 13, 2016 at the Civic Center from 12:00 -1:00 p.m. lunch provided.

The party will include a presentation on breast and cervical cancer by a medical professional.

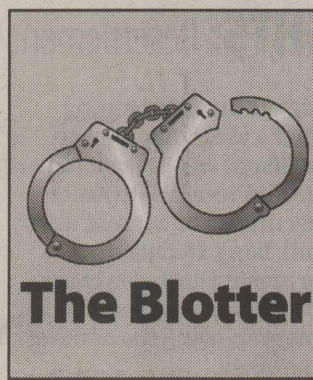
There will be a discussion of the obstacles women may encounter when trying to access mammograms and Pap tests locally.

Participants will have an opportunity to visit with exhibitors that conduct these screenings, and the exhibitors will have staff members available to make screening appointments for participants.

Information will be available on how those who qualify can access financial assistance if the cost of the screening prevents them from getting a screening.

Join other women for food, information, and fellowship at the Friend to Friend party.

For more information, contact the Sutton County AgriLife Extension office at 387-3604. Call to RSVP by Oct. 5th, 2016.



The Blotter

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

ARRESTS

SEPTEMBER 22 • Oscar Chavarria Lopez, 24 year-old male of Sonora, arrested for assault family violence/household member impede breathing/circulation.

INCIDENTS

SEPTEMBER 19 - 12:04 AM • Disturbance reported on 100 block of Lorene. Officer responded.

11:46 AM • Disturbance reported at 4th street and Menard. Officer responded.

1:19 PM • Accident/Wreck reported at 200 block of HWY 277 North. Officer responded.

6:04 PM • Officer requested for a civil matter on 100 block of W. Oak. Officer responded.

SEPTEMBER 20 - 6:15 PM • Agency requested assistance at 401 Mile Marker WB. Officer

responded.
7:51 PM • Caller reported shots fired on 700 block of St. Ann's. Officer responded.
SEPTEMBER 22 - 5:38 PM • Traffic control requested for AirMed at LMH. Officer responded.

9:58 PM • Ministerial Alliance call. Officer responded.

SEPTEMBER 23 - 1:43 PM • Accident/wreck reported at intersection near Road Ranger. Officer responded.

7:58 PM • Animal reported at LMH. Officer responded.

11:13 PM • Officer requested at 500 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

11:37 PM • Officer requested on 100 block of E. College. Officer responded.

SEPTEMBER 24 - 5:06 PM • Runaway reported on 800 block of St. Ann's. Officer responded.

7:39 PM • Family violence reported on 100 block of Deerwood. Officer responded.

10:25 PM • Caller reported loud music on 500 block of W. Main. Officer responded.

11:57 PM • Animal reported on 400 block of W. 2nd. Officer responded.

SEPTEMBER 25 - 12:37 PM • Criminal mischief reported on 100 block of Deerwood. Officer responded.

6:23 PM • Suspicious activity reported at Road Ranger. Officer responded.

10:57 PM • Suspicious activity reported at Family Dollar. Officer responded.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF CLINIC PRACTICE

Rocksprings Medical Clinic is terminating its practice effective October 28, 2016.

Rocksprings Medical Clinic providers, Dr. Mark Edwards and Steven Alexander, PA-C, will continue to provide services at Sonora Medical Clinic located at 301 Hudspeth St # B, Sonora, TX 76950.

Patients can obtain a copy of their medical records or transfer their medical records to another physician upon written request to Rocksprings Medical Clinic

Big October for Hill Country Sheep & Goat Organization

By Fran Dendy

BIG OCTOBER is coming.

The final general meeting of the year is October 3rd, at 9:30a.m., at St. James Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 23932 W US Hwy 290, Harper.

Bring all remaining silent auction and raffle items as well as raffle stubs for the 48th Annual Wool and Mohair Luncheon and Fashion Show. The style show begins at 9:30 a.m., at the YO Ranch Resort in Kerrville on October 25th.

For tickets, please contact Fran Dendy at 830-257-5942.

One hundred percent of the proceeds will be used for education/scholarships

from this 501 (C) (3) group.

On October 4th, 5th and 6th, members of the organization will be enlightening students on the joys of raising sheep and goats during Farm and Ranch Days at the LBJ Ranch.

Students will learn about products produced from the wool the mohair or the animal itself.

The HC Sheep and Goat Association will have also have a booth at the Fredericksburg Food and Wine Fest on October 22nd.

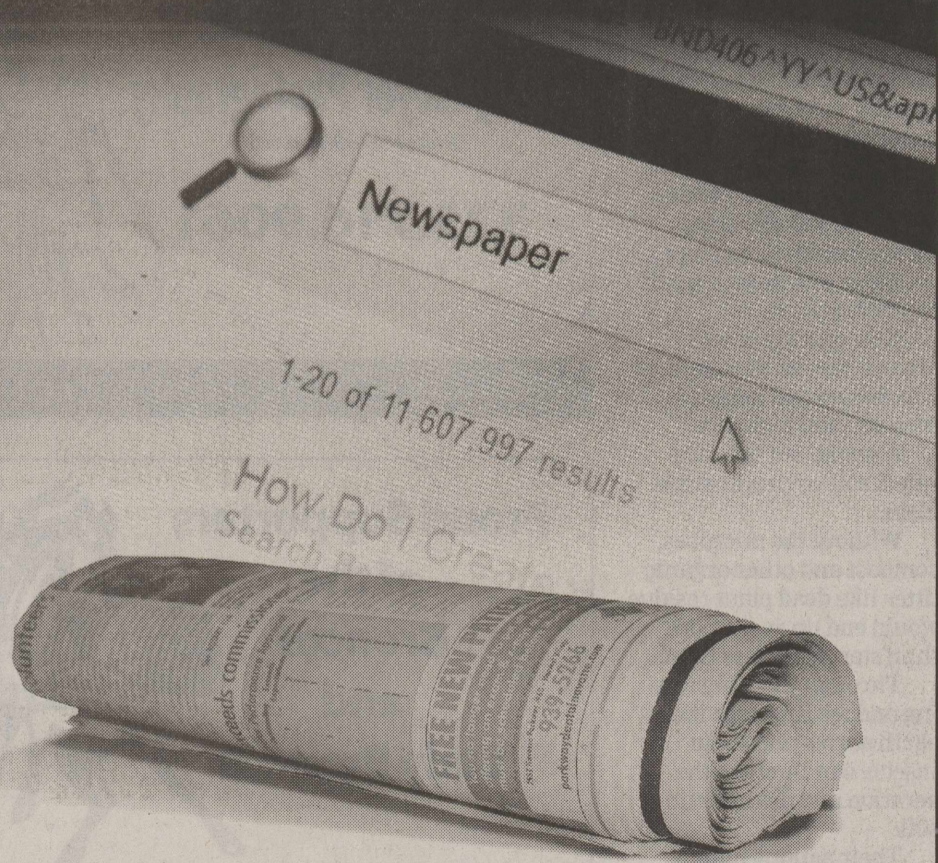
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The Daughters of the Republic of Texas to Celebrate 125th Anniversary

AUSTIN, Texas – The Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) announces its 125th anniversary celebration, which will be held at the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park in Johnson City on Saturday, November 5, 2016. The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the official program taking place from noon until 12:30.

The DRT is the oldest patriotic women's organization in Texas and one of the oldest in the nation. In 1891, Betty Ballinger and Hally Bryan formulated plans for an association to be composed of women who were direct descendants of the men and women who established the Republic of Texas.

Their ongoing mission has been to perpetuate the

memory and spirit of those who achieved and maintained the independence of Texas.

"Through our volunteer efforts, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas have worked since 1891 to preserve and tell the story of Texas," said Betty Edwards, M.D., president general of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. "Traces of our dedication are found across the state, and we are dedicated to continuing our commitment to the grandest of states."

Edwards continued, "The story of Texas and the story of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas have been intertwined from the beginning. We exist so that the next generation will understand the struggles of early Texans for freedom and independence. We think it is more important now than ever that Texans — and the world — understand our rich history."

Today the organization has grown to over 7,000 members. The DRT continues to play an important and significant role in propagating Texas history by maintaining tens of thousands of historical documents in the DRT Library

Collection, helping to educate today's students on the bygone eras of Texas, preserving various historical properties, operating the Republic of Texas Museum in Austin and much more.

The 125th anniversary festivities will include music by John Arthur Martinez, performances by the Pioneer Women, wine tasting from William Chris Winery and Hahne Estates Winery at the Texas Redback Saloon, a display on the history of the DRT, chuck wagon demonstrations, gifts for sale at the Austin Colony Mercantile/General Store, barbecue and Tex-Mex food options, period reenactors, children's games, tours of the LBJ Ranch, and more.

Tickets are \$25 per person and include food, entertainment, and activities for all ages.

To purchase your non-refundable ticket, call DRT Headquarters at 512-339-1997 during normal business hours. Cash, check, or credit card will be accepted. The event is open to the public.

For information about the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, visit <http://www.drinfo.org/>.

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- Cut grass and trim weeds on city property and parks
- Empty trash cans in public city areas;
- And other related duties.

All applicants are subject to a criminal background check. Applications can be picked up at City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950 and should be returned to City Hall. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For further information, applicants can call City Hall at (325)387-2558.

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120 Acres - 3435 Loop 467
564.49 Acres - RR 2597
600 Acres - S. Service Rd. to IH-10
772.35 Acres - SCR 403 (Off of HWY 2775)
655.41 Acres - SCR 204 (Baker Rd.)
400 Acres - 680 RR 864
3934 Acres - PR 4412
3242 Acres - PR 4412

Improvements

Unimproved w/Great Hunting \$169,537
Unimproved w/Great Hunting \$289,823
Water, Electricity, Pond - UNDER CONTRACT - \$450,000
Diverse Topo w/House and Barn \$481,000
4BR/2B Home Near City Limits \$595,000
Barn, Pens, Well, Electricity - UNDER CONTRACT - \$899,500
Well, Electricity, Near City Limits \$957,000
Water Well, Great Views \$984,746
W/House, some minerals, great views \$1,045,379
Beautiful 3BR/2B Home, Pens, Barn & More \$1,225,000
Great Working Ranch House, Pens, Barns \$4,307,730
Fabulous Improvements 3 Homes, Barn, Shop, Pool \$4,800,000

Price

Acreage - Crockett County

100 Acres Hersey Ranch S/D (Tract 25)
300 Acres High Lonesome Ranch S/D
2004 Acres - CR 101
5500 Acres - CR 402

Furnished House, Blind/Feeder

\$179,500
Sleep Quarters, Kitchen, 2 Bath \$270,000
House, Barn, Pens \$2,255,287
Water, Electricity, Pens \$4,125,000

Acreage - Val Verde County

5.46 Acres Rough Canyon
73.48 Acres (Loma Alta Ranch East)
26.27 Acres (Juno Road)
2695.4 Acres Hwy 189 (Juno Ranch)

Zoned Commercial

\$85,000
With Sleeping/cooking Quarters \$95,524
House, Cabin, Barn \$295,000
3 Homes, pens, barn, 3 wells \$2,300,000

City Lots - All Areas

304 Hilltop Street - Sonora
708 & 710 Orient - Sonora
1605 Paseo de Vaca - San Angelo

None - UNDER CONTRACT -

\$19,500
Utilities \$25,000
Santa Rita Lots \$200,000

Other Areas

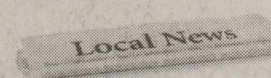
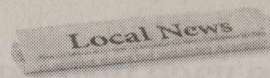
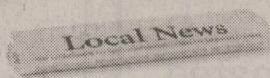
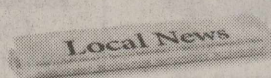
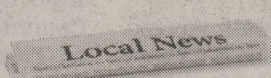
300 Acres Imperial, Texas
3.27 Acres, Menard County
61.08 Acres, Junction, Texas
9.453 Acres, Junction, Texas
99.857 Acres, Mertzon, Texas
1544.6 Acres, Coleman County

Unimproved \$150,000
River Property w/ house and storage - NEW LISTING - \$175,000
River Property - Unimproved \$533,000
River Property w/ house, barn, gardens \$625,000
River Property w/ house, barn & more \$1,595,000
2 Cabins, Water Electricity - UNDER CONTRACT - \$2,201,940

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Sonora High School 2016 Class Duchesses

Carly Brown Junior Duchess

Carly Brown is the Sonora High School 2016 Junior class duchess.

Carly is the daughter of Don and Shannon Brown.

Her extra-curricular activities include, Volleyball, Track, Tennis, Cheerleading, Debate, Alter server at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Huddle Leader for Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor



Society, and Junior Class officer. Carly enjoys shopping and spending time with family and friends.

Her most memorable times at Sonora High School are participating in the regional track meet, and winning an area championship in volleyball.

Carly is being escorted by father Don Brown. Congratulations Carly!

Mary Kyle Johnson Sophomore Duchess

Mary Kyle Johnson is the Sonora High School 2016 Sophomore class duchess.

Mary Kyle is the daughter of Brady and Anna Johnson.

Her extra-curricular activities include Cross Country, Volleyball, Cheerleading, Track, Basketball, Tennis, UIL Number Sense & Mathematics, FCA, and FCS.

Mary Kyle enjoys family



trips to the lake and spending time with her friends. Her most memorable time

at Sonora High School is making history at Sonora High by winning the area volleyball championship and qualifying for the regional track meet her freshman year.

Mary Kyle is being escorted by her father Brady Johnson. Congratulations Mary Kyle!

Jordan Paredes Freshman Duchess

Jordan Paredes is the Sonora High School 2016 Freshman class duchess.

Jordan is the daughter of Jessie and Cindy Paredes.

Her extra-curricular activities include Cheerleading, Volleyball, Powerlifting, UIL, FCA, FCS, ladies lunch, and St. Ann's youth group.



Jordan enjoys gymnastics, traveling, bible study, and being outdoors.

Her most memorable times at Sonora High School are cheer road trips, and spending time with her sister Jessica.

Jordan is being escorted by her brother Manny Paredes. Congratulations Jordan!

Reminder: Select Driver License Offices Open Saturdays To Issue Election Identification Certificates

Certificates also available at mobile stations, select county locations

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding Texans in advance of the upcoming General Election that Election Identification Certificates (EIC), which can be used for voting purposes, are available year-round at all Texas driver license offices. In an ongoing effort to ensure Texans have access to EICs, DPS is offering Saturday hours on Oct. 22 and Oct. 29 at select driver license offices to issue EICs. In addition, EIC mobile stations will be deployed to various locations across the state, and alternate approved locations are issuing EICs in select counties.

On August 10, 2016, identification requirements for voting in Texas changed. For information regarding required identification for voting in person, please visit <http://www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote/need-id>.

The 2016 General Election is Nov. 8, and early

voting starts Oct. 24 and continues through Nov. 4. Texans can obtain an EIC at:

Any of the more than 220 Texas driver license offices during regular business hours throughout the year

Select driver license offices on Saturday, Oct. 22 and Oct. 29, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (EIC transactions only)

EIC mobile station locations (EIC transactions only)

Alternate approved locations issuing only EICs in select counties

One form of identification that can be used for voting purposes is an EIC. You may apply for an EIC at no charge. However, if you already have any of the following forms of identification, you are not eligible for an EIC:

- Texas driver license – unexpired
- Texas personal identification card – unexpired
- Concealed Handgun License (CHL) or License to

Carry (LTC) – unexpired

U.S. passport book or card – unexpired

U.S. Military identification with photo – unexpired

U.S. Citizenship Certificate or Certificate of Naturalization with photo

To apply for an EIC, applicants must visit one of the locations listed above and complete an application for a Texas Election Identification Certificate (DL-14C). (For the Spanish language version of the EIC application, see <http://www.dps.texas.gov/internetforms/forms/DL-14CS.pdf>).

To qualify for an EIC, an applicant must:

Bring documentation to verify U.S. citizenship and Identity

Be eligible to vote in Texas (Bring a valid voter registration card or submit a voter registration application through the Texas Department of Public Safety)

Be a Texas resident

Be 17 years and 10

months or older

To avoid delays or complications, DPS urges potential applicants to make sure they have the necessary documentation before arriving at the office, mobile station or alternate approved location.

The EIC receipt an individual receives will include their photo and can be used for voting purposes until the permanent card is delivered by mail.

The EIC is free of charge to qualifying applicants and is valid for six years. There is no expiration date for an EIC for citizens 70 years of age or older. The EIC can only be used for voting purposes and may not be used as personal identification.

For more information on the requirements and process for obtaining an EIC, please visit: <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/electionID.htm>.

For more information on voting in Texas, visit the Secretary of State's website: www.votetexas.gov.

Built Ford Tough



Kaden Cordell was awarded the 2016 Built Ford Tough Texas High School Football Player of the Week trophy for week 4. Cordell is one of six Built Ford Tough gridiron heroes who are honored for their performance on the field and their leadership off the field. Each week of the regular high school football season a new winner is named to the sport's six classifications, all with hopes of ultimately becoming the Built Ford Tough Texas High School Football Player of the Year. Congratulations Kaden!

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Hell or High Water

5K and 1 Mile Race

Saturday, October 1st

8:30 a.m.

Sutton County Park (by tennis courts)

\$25 for 5K Race
 \$15 for 1 Mile Race
 \$30 Race Day

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

Forms available at the Wellness Center or at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce
For electronic forms, please email Sarah at steaff@sonora-hospital.org

All proceeds from the race will be donated to the Sutton County Health Foundation.

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County Commissioners Adopt 2016-2017 Tax Rate

County Commissioners adopted the 2016-2017 Effective Tax Rate for Sutton County during a special meeting on Monday, September 26th.

The court approved a motion to set the tax rate at 68.0127 cents per \$100 valuation.

This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operation than last year's rate.

The rate will cost the owner of a home valued at \$100,000 some \$733 in taxes. That's about \$143 more than last year.

In other business, Commissioners signed into effect the New Subdivision Regulations, effective October 1, 2016. Subdivision parameters may be viewed online at www.co.sutton.tx.us.

The court also reviewed and accepted an insurance proposal for General Liability and Worker's Compensation Insurance with an annual premium cost of \$83,305.

Commissioners adopted an amended Sick Pay Policy for county employees, effective immediately.

Tax Assessor Collector

Erica Berry reported a total collection of \$57,821.54 in vehicle registrations of which \$15,787.28 benefits Sutton County. She also reported a total collection of \$25, 858.02 on property taxes paid.

Additionally, the court approved a 4-H Proclamation as presented by Summer Hall.

Finally, the court approved a resolution requesting the Legislature to pass an amendment to Tax Code Chapter 352 regarding county Hotel Occupancy Tax to support the future of the Sutton County Park Complex.

Before adjourning, the court recognized Mike Villanueva for celebrating his 80th birthday.

Judge Steve Smith presided over the meeting. Commissioners Carl Teaff, Fred Perez, Mike Villanueva and Bob Brockman were present.

The next regular meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners is slated for Tuesday, October 11th at 9:00 a.m. in the County Annex Building.