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Community residents, Morgan, Justin and Turner Mathews, as Joseph, Mary and Baby Jesus, T.J. Thorp, Eddie Favila and Cash Jennings, as the three kings and Summer Hall, as the Angel, stood before a mass of people Wednesday night, November 30, in celebration of the birth of Christ. The community live nativity, takes place in conjunction with the annual downtown Christmas Parade. Both events have become favorite holiday events.

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Community Parade and Live Nativity Opens Holiday Season

The sound of laughter and holiday music filled the air as folks from all walks of life celebrated the holiday season together Wednesday, November 30, with the annual community Christmas parade and live nativity.

Hundreds of residents and visitors, many decked out in holiday clothes, lined sidewalks along Main Street sipping hot chocolate while sharing holiday memories in anticipation of the procession of holiday floats making its way through downtown.

Just as night began to fall, Joseph Delgado and David Adams, summoned their audience with the tapping of a familiar beat and singing the lyrics to "Little Drummer Boy," as they led the pageant to the courthouse

More than thirty entries, including local emergency response vehicles, traversed the route through downtown.

Members of the live nativity as well as symbolic statues replacing them in ceremonial fashion arrived by float.

Santa and Mrs. Claus were on scene as well.

For the past two years, the downtown Christmas parade

and live nativity has been a seasonal favorite among the townsfolk of Sonora.

Sonora Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Donna Garrett, said she is happy to see the parade return to the holiday festivities. For a few years, the town was without a parade. But renewed interest along with the help of the Chamber, to organize the event, once again, it has become a truly a special event for the community of Sonora.

"I think it's a great community event," Garrett said. "What better way to get all of the local churches and the whole community to come together. And, to showcase our spectacular live nativity. There's not many cities or towns today that can have a nativity scene on their court house lawn. I think that means

Debra Hobbs, a Sonora resident, organized the "Community Live Nativity, a true to life scene including a cast of local residents and a wide variety of animals that unmistakably addresses the reasons for our Savior's time on

The sentient scene depicts the significance of the baby in the

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Presley Mayfield, a Shepherd, cradles a lamb while posing in the live nativity Wednesday, November 30. Mayfield was joined by other community residents of all ages and a variety of animals to bring the scene to life

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One Dead, Seven **Injured in Iraan School Bus Crash on I-20**

One person died and seven others were severely injured in a crash on I-20 involving an Iraan school bus Friday December 2,

The bus, carrying Iraan High School cheerleaders and two adults, were traveling home from a playoff game about 10:46 p.m. on Friday night when they were hit by the Freightliner tractor-trailer rig on I-20 just outside of Big Spring.

Elizabeth Pope, from Iraan, was a passenger on the bus. She died as a result of injuries sustained in the crash.

Pope was pronounced dead by Judge Robert Fitzgibbons at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. She was not wearing a seat belt.

The driver of the 2015 Chevrolet van (school bus), Christina Garlock, also from Iraan, was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with incapacitating injuries. She was wearing a seat belt.

Three, 17-year-old female students, from Iraan, were transported to the Medical Center with

One 15-year-old female student and one 14-year-old female student, also from Iraan, were transported to the Medical Center with unknown injuries.

A 15-year old female student from Sheffield was also transported by ambulance to Scenic to be treated for injuries sustained in

Nijimbere Eliphase, of Richardson, the driver of the freight liner truck, and his passenger Michael Dick, of Pilot Grove, MO, were not injured in the crash.

They were both wearing seat

According to a report obtained from the Department of Public Safety, the freight liner truck was traveling eastbound on IH-20, in the outside lane, behind a black passenger car.

The driver of the black passenger car slammed on the brakes and the freight liner truck veered to the right to avoid colliding with the passenger car.

The report states that the driver of the freight liner then lost control crossing the center median entering westbound lanes of IH-20 where he struck the Iraan school

The incident occurred at about 10:46 p.m.

Weather conditions were cloudy with rain and the road was

Trooper Keenan Crumbly, Big Spring DPS investigated the crash. He was assisted by Trooper Michael Tanzi, Trooper Kelly Merker, Corporal Hope Hohertz and Sergeant Shawn Baxter all of the Big Spring DPS assisted in the crash investigation.



The cab of a tractor trailer truck was separated from the rig shattering into pieces as both parts came to rest in a wooded ravine on Hwy 277 Monday morning, December 5, about 10 miles south of Sonora.

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Driver Injured in Semi-Truck Crash on South Highway 277

A truck driver was injured Monday, December 5th, in a crash about 10 miles south of town after his tractor-trailer rig skidded off the roadway and into a ravine on the east side of the

The crash occurred just before noon.

According to Sutton County Sheriff Deputy Jody Harris weather and road conditions were a factor in the crash.

"This is the fifth crash along this road since midnight," Sutton County Sheriff Deputy Jody Harris said.

The driver of the truck was traveling south on Hwy 277 when he lost control of his truck on the wet pavement and crossed over into the northbound lane where the truck struck a guardrail and jack-knifed.

The truck's cab separated from the rig, shattering it into pieces. The mangled cab then landed at the bottom of the ravine and under the trailer.

First responders extracted the driver from what remained of the truck's cab and lifted him out of the ravine.

The driver was transported by EMS ambulance to Lillian Hudspeth Hospital where he was treated and later released.

A total of six incidents occurred along that roadway Monday according to Harris.

Another crash involving a tractor tractor-trailer rig occurred just a couple of hours earlier and just a few feet away from the crash scene on the opposite side of the road.

A couple of hours later, a rollover occurred about 10 miles from the other two incidents.

No further details about the crash were available as the DRN went to press.

Legislative Board Sets State Funding Limit for Next 2-Year Budget

AUSTIN — Texas lawmakers will have just under \$100 billion to use for the nonconstitutional spending portion of state budget for fiscal years 2018-2019.

The 10-member Legislative Budget Board, which is charged with adopting a spending limit, met on Dec. 1 and accepted the figure of \$99.897 billion recommended by Ursula Parks, director of the LBB. The amount is based on a projected growth rate of 8 percent in the state's economy. The current 2016-2017 state budget for "nondedicated" appropriations — funding that's not mandated by the state constitution — is

Members of the Legislative Budget Board include co-chairs Lt. Gov. Dan

Patrick and House Speaker Joe Straus; state Sens. Kelly Hancock of North Richland Hills, Joan Huffman of Houston, Jane Nelson of Flower Mound and Larry Taylor of Friendswood; and state Reps. Dennis Bonnen of Angleton; Drew Darby of San Angelo, John Otto of Dayton, and John Zerwas of Richmond. All members of the board are Republicans.

DSHS reports Zika case

Some 257 confirmed cases of Zika virus have been reported in Texas, but only one known case has originated in the Lone

On Nov. 28, the Texas Department of State Health Services announced the first

case of Zika virus disease likely transmitted by a mosquito within the state of Texas.

According to the state health department, the patient is a Cameron County resident who is not pregnant and who was confirmed by lab test to have been infected. She reported no recent travel to any place with ongoing Zika virus transmission and no other risk factors.

'We still don't believe the virus will become widespread in Texas," said Dr. John Hellerstedt, state health commissioner. "But there could be more cases, so people need to protect themselves from mosquito bites, especially in parts of the state that stay relatively warm in the fall and winter."

Judge stops bathroom plan

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton lauded U.S. District Judge Reed O'Connor's Nov. 20 decision to prevent bathroom guidelines written by the U.S. Department of Justice from being enforced in public schools in

Texas and nationwide. W By Ed Sterling O'Connor, of the Wichita Falls-based U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, earlier

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HIGHLIGHTS

Juan Mule

We were ranching west of Sanderson in the area where Pecos, Terrell and Brewster counties all joined. Some of the names in the region of this tale are: Housetop Mts., Hells Half Acre, Mayon Canyon, Hells-Other-Half, Fresno Canyon, San Francisco Canyon, Lonesome Valley,

It Happened Out West



Bullis Gap and Pine Mountain. This was and is a very rough, scrambled piece of real estate.

This area is excellent pasturage for sheep and goats. Once this is accepted, then it is a given that all types of predators

occupy this region. Some of the main meat eaters are, bears, mountain lions, coyotes, bob-cats with an occasional wolf. These all propagate in the Big Bend National Park just to the Southwest of where this tale took place.

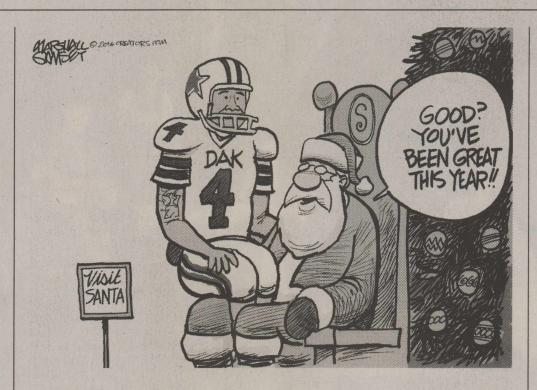
Understanding these conditions, I hired a professional trapper to control the predation on my flocks. His name is not important as he had been in trouble with the federal law. He came to work for me as one of the very best trappers in Texas. This proved to be true as he caught and killed over 100 mountain lions in a 4 year period for me. I did not keep count of coyotes, bob cats and eagles.

Now we have the location and background for this story so let's proceed. My trapper was a South Texas country type who worked better alone. He made most of his own equipment and broke and trained his own mules. This story is about one of these riding mules. I don't know where he got this young two-year-old mule but he bought him somewhere and begin to break and train this animal.

Now this mule was a sorrel with white mane and tail who weighed about 750 lbs. Excellent conformation for his breed and but with a brain of his own. The trapper began riding this mule to help us work sheep and goats and during this period I thought he referred to this mule as Juan. We worked together on many occasions and I again thought I heard him call his mule Juan.

One day we were on a trail in the Housetop Mountains when we stopped to rest. During the conversation I referred to his mule, who was now four-years-old, as I had heard him to say his name was Juan. He immediately corrected me by saying "I wish you would call my mule by his given name." I spoke up and said I thought I was. My trapper said, "No! His name is 'One' and that is short for 'One Good Mule' so I just call him One." I apologized as I thought I had understood him to say Juan. From that point on we all called his mule "One."





Let's Remember December 8th

BY JOHN A. ADAMS, JR. & JERRY C. COOPER **Authors And WWII Historians**

Chances are you are well acquainted with Pearl Harbor and the horrific attack by the Japanese on December 7, 1941, but do you know about the simultaneous attack on American forces in the Philippines? This attack, which affected Texans from across the state and their families, occurred on December 8 because it was on the other side of the International Date

In 110 minutes America lost not only the aircraft, ships and 2,335 U.S. servicemen in Hawaii, but in the Philippines hundreds of soldiers died and early all the fighters and bombers at Clark Field were destroyed. This, the largest sea-land military operation to-date, impacted China, Singapore, Korea and Indo-China.

Leaders in Washington, concerned with the reaction of the American public, kept the story of the Philippines disaster out of the news for months.

As we approach this 75th anniversary of the opening shots of World War II, the time is right to enlarge recognition to cover both December 7th and 8th without detracting from the sacrifice that took place at Pearl Harbor and Hickham Field. Enlarging the recognition to cover the two days will add the names of tens of thousands of American soldiers and sailors who died or were captured at Bataan and Corregidor to the names of those we have honored over the last three-quarters of a century.

The surprise attack in the Philippines trapped 20,000 American servicemen and women and more than 30,000 Filipino soldiers, many of whom died or were brutally imprisoned by the Japanese. The Hawaiian Islands, unlike the Philippines, didn't experience occupation by the Japanese following the initial attacks.

Ill-prepared and poorly supplied survivors in the Philippines were forced to fight back while faced with strict rationing of limited supplies and foodstuffs. In spite of their lack of reinforcements, virtually no aircraft, and limited training, these fighters managed to repel numerous landings from nearly every direction. With no U.S. air support, Japanese Zeros controlled the sky and prevented shipments of supplies and reinforcements to the defenders. The 26th U.S. Cavalry fought off Japanese tanks from horse-



cavalry charge in U.S. history.

Following Gen. Douglas MacArthur's departure from Corregidor in mid-March 1942, all U.S. and Philippine forces fought under the command of Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright. He managed delaying actions that slowed the Japanese advance until the peninsula of Bataan fell in early April. Then, large guns were turned on the small island fortress of Corregidor, commanded by Texas A&M 1908 graduate Maj. Gen. George F. Moore. After massive non-stop bombing and shelling, the forces on Corregidor were surrendered at the beginning of May. Even after U.S. and Filipino forces laid down their arms the Japanese continued their relentless attacks until Wainwright managed to halt the slaughter by surrendering the

Over the next three and a half years, the prisoners were held in POW camps in the Philippines, on Formosa (now known as Taiwan), on Japan's home island, in Korea and Manchuria until U.S. and Russian special forces liberated them in August 1945. Due to inhuman treatment, disease and starvation, only 30 percent of the Texas Aggie captives returned home.

It is important to recognize the sacrifices made at Pearl Harbor and Hickham Field on December 7, but it is equally important to acknowledge the attack on the Philippines on December 8 and the heroic delaying actions accomplished there by under-fed, poorly-supplied, and inadequately trained troops who never gave up on their belief that reinforcements were coming. They never did.

The Fightin' Texas Aggie Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor by John A. Adams Jr. captures the stories of 89 Aggies who were in the Philippines at the beginning of World War II. His research fleshes out those individuals and, in many cases, recounts their experiences and what happened to them.

To Bataan And Back: The World War II Diary of Maj. Thomas Dooley, transcribed and edited by Jerry C. Cooper, tells the story of this aide to Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright directly from six journals he compiled from the opening of the war until he was released from POW camp in Manchuria over 3 years later. His remembrances include witnessing the Japanese surrender aboard the USS Missouri as well as the surrender ceremonies in the Philippines.

Heard Around Town

Everytime I see a news report or read a story about a bus wreck, I want to find my kids, hug them close, and never, ever let them out of my sight.

The Blind Bard of the Big Bend

I have known George Covington for several years. He has a habit of making people laugh. He writes a newspaper column. "I have fun pointing out the absurdities of everyday life," he says. "Most of the



by Tumbleweed Smith

time the people I make fun of laugh with me." He got to Alpine after

living in New York and Washington for twenty years where he was involved in things political.

ington DC and don't miss either place." He worked in the White House for both Democrats and Republicans. "I started out as a typical low ranking bureaucrat, happy with my obscurity. The government's checks didn't bounce and I had good health benefits. I ended up writing speeches for the Vice President and directed travel for him when he went to disability events. Got to fly on Air Force Two." While working in Washington he was interviewed on the Today Show and

"I love the people and places around here.

I moved here from Manhattan and Wash-

other national media. George has been nearly blind since birth and his eyesight is deteriorating, but that doesn't slow him down. He was born in Texarkana. "For years I used to beg my mother to admit that I had been stolen by gypsies and left in East Texas. I left as soon as I found out where the bus station was." He took a bus to UT Austin. "I had one pair of jeans, some knee-length walking shorts, some floppies, maybe a tennis shoe or two and I walked from the bus station to the campus and vowed never to leave it. I lived in an old house. My big room had once been a porch. I shared a kitchen with two young guys from San Antonio who lived on the other side of the kitchen."

At the University of Texas he started in pre-law, then went to government, then went to English, then went to journalism. "I switched to journalism because they said the girls were promiscuous and you got to drink a lot," says George. "It wasn't quite like that but I loved it."

George went to law school and despised it. "I still have nightmares about waking up and having a law final I hadn't studied for." He got a law degree and passed the bar. "It's the only bar I ever passed," he says with a smile. He practiced law for a while, but didn't care for it.

Growing up in East Texas, George didn't hear much Spanish. "I had never even remotely been in a Hispanic environment while growing up, so one day one of these San Antonio guys came to me and said, 'I'm gonna teach you the dirtiest words in the Spanish language.' So he taught me the words and I practiced and practiced. This was in November of 1964. So I walked into a friend's room who was studying one night and yelled at the top of my lungs these absolutely filthy, dirty words in Spanish: FELIZ NAVIDAD! His mouth dropped open, his eyes got big and I thought those dirty words must really be bad for him to react like that.

A couple of weeks later I was listening to the radio and they were singing those bad words Feliz Navidad. I wondered how they could do that on the radio. Some bi-lingual friends of mine pointed out the words meant Merry Christmas. Years later I told that story to Jose Feliciano, who wrote the song, Feliz Navidad. He's probably still laughing about it."

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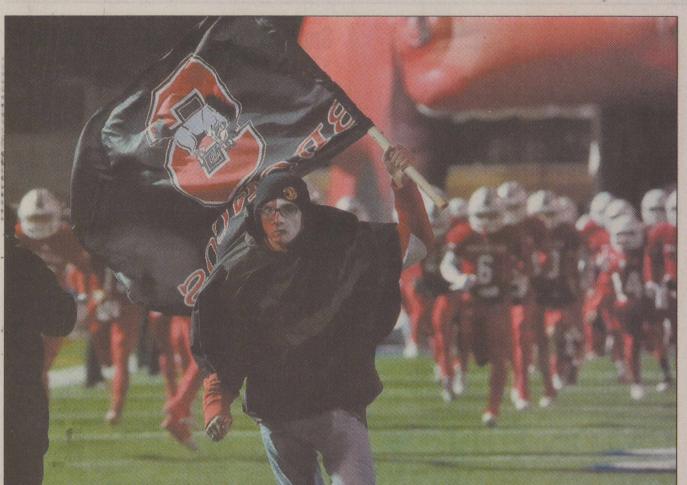
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Ryker Marshall waves the Broncos onto the field at the start of Friday's Regional playoff game against Canadian at Lowrey Field in Lubbock. The Broncos lost to the Wildcats with 27-21 in overtime. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Broncos End Season with 27-21 OT Loss to Canadian

The Sonora Broncos ended their 2016 football season with a 27-21 loss in OT to Canadian Friday December 2 at Lowrey field in Lubbock.

In an edge of your seat battle in the cold and rain the Broncos fought to the end in hopes of advancing one more step towards their goal of a sixth state championship.

The loss scattered their dreams and any chance of a 2016 state title.

The 2016 Sonora Broncos finished the year 12-2 and claim the name of State Quarter finalists," Coach David T. Sine said.

Despite the continuous falling rain and temperatures, Bronco fans, layered under blankets and umbrellas, filled the stands to cheer and show support for their players.

In the first quarter, the

Broncos received the ball at kickoff and it was a back and forth battle until the clock expired.

In his usual spin style Kaden Cordell connected with Michael Solis and Liam Yourgalite on several attempts to gain yardage to the goal line.

But, the Wildcats thwarted the Broncos success in finding paydirt before the clock ran out leaving both teams scoreless at the end of the stanza.

In the second quarter, Douthit drove the ball 22 yards up the middle and crossed the goal line putting the Wildcats on the score board at the 9:58 mark.

The Broncos fought back but it wasn't enough to score before Canadian's Douthit added another six points with only 5 seconds left in the first half.

The Broncos trailed by 14 points going into the intermission.

Sonora returned to the field to reveal and exciting third quarter and tie the game.

Half way into the stanza Cordell connected with Jarrett Jackson who drove the ball 92-yards to find paydirt at the 5:47 mark.

17 intercepted the ball for a turnover on the 23-yard line at the 5:08 mark leading the stampede.

In back to back touchdowns, Cordell and Jackson connected again to tie the score 14-14 at the end of the quarter. In the fourth quarter.

the Broncos line of scrimmage continued to hold back Canadian until Noah San Miguel crossed the endzone at the 6:17 mark putting Sonora in the lead.

For the first time since

2014 the Wildcats found themselves trailing in the playoffs late in the game.

Canadian managed to pull out one more goal tying the score at 21 with only 3:24 left on the clock.

An official overtime was called by the referees and it was all up to fate.

Canadian claimed the championship with a final touchdown in the bonus round.

Sine said he is proud of his players and the unforgettable season he shared with them.

He said he is especially proud of the seniors on his team. Sine said the senior class has been the foundation for the Sonora program going forward.

'This senior class was a joy to coach, they will be

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COACH OF THE YEAR



Coach Larry Jennings received the 2016 Region 1 TTCA (Texas Tennis Coaches Association) Coach of the Year. He accepted his award at the banquet held at the annual TTCA Conference in Marble Falls on December 2-4.

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Varsity Cirls

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December 3, 2016 04-07-04-09=24 Sonora

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November 28, 2016 03-04-06-05=18 00-04-00-02=06 Scoring for the 8th Grade Lady Colts: Paige Velasuez 3; Alex Cardenas 11: Jarixa DeLuna 2: Sky Hernandez 2.



Thank you so much for all of your support

throughout Football season. A season to remember, is playing Football in December. This year has been a blast with a group of determined, unselfish, and hard-working young men. This Senior Class started playing for the Colts with forty-three 7th graders. Eighteen seniors stuck together to make this magical season possible. This group of seniors will be hard to replace, but in Sonora we don't rebuild, we simply reload. The underclassmen that return, learned a great deal from this Senior class and we look forward to many more magical seasons and the quest for #chase4seis will continue, and the 2017 graduating class will be remembered for starting #chase4seis. I have said it many times this year, but I'm truly blessed with a wonderful coaching staff that put in countless hours to make this magical season possible. Thank you so much! A special thanks to all the coaches wives for simply being a coaches wife. To all of you that helped with decorating the locker rooms, making goodie bags, putting on the best pep rallies in the State of Texas, send-offs before games and send-ins at 1:20 am after a playoff win. Thank You! I'm going to miss going to the elementary school before school on gamedays, going to miss eating lunch with our players on Wednesdays, going to miss laughing with our staff at work on Saturdays and Sundays. Truly going to miss this Senior class! There are so many stories about this magical 12-2 season and every one of them makes me smile. So rather than focus on what I'm going to miss, I'm going to focus on how much fun we had. I'm going to realize the tremendous memories we made this year. Finally, I'm going to remind everyone in the State of Texas, that NOBODY has it better than US!

Bronco Nation Thank You for Simply Being You, David T. Sine

December

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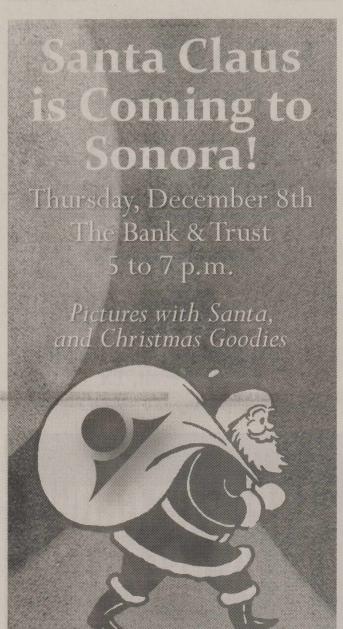
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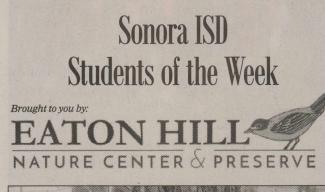
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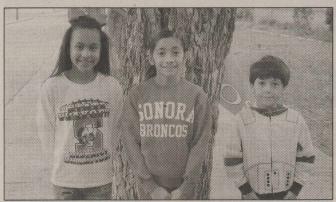


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Elementary School Students for the week of December 5-9, Noah Luna, Pre-K, Gillian Norrell, K, Kenzee Bryant, 1st and Gentri Trainer, COURTESY PHOTO





Intermediate School Students for the week of December 5-9, AJ Seaton, 3rd, Jezabel Pasillas-Galaviz, 4th and Bella SanMiguel, 5th. COURTESY PHOTO



Middle School Students For The Week of December 5-9, Jacob Perez, 6th, Sinayyah Solis, 7th and Carla Mota, 8th.

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That's true, but there is more to it than that.

Livestock projects allow 4-H'ers to gain an invaluable knowledge base on livestock production systems, animal nutrition, and the responsibility necessary to raise an animal from weaning to finishing.

I imagine that county fairs were started as a means to exhibit local agricultural production, learn about new technologies, and get the word out about what was considered the industry standard for livestock of that day.

It fit the needs of the

agricultural society.

Today, however, most families are several generations removed from the farm or ranch.

As a matter of fact, it is believed that only 2% of the U.S. population live on a farm.

> So, for MANY youth, showing livestock will be their only exposure to animal or production agriculture.

Another statistic is that the average age of today's rancher is around 60.

The obvious question becomes: where are the future agriculture produc-

ers going to come from? The good news is that most kids have a natural

curiosity about livestock. Educating youth about livestock husbandry, even within the stock show venue, helps youth understand the management struggles that the American rancher faces.

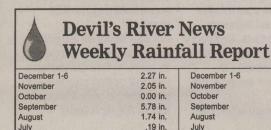
This experience can help make them a more informed consumer.

And possibly even consider a career in some facet of agriculture. One final point: the

premiums received from the county stock show will help youth with their future educational expenses. And it is something they

had to work for. Our own county stock show will be on January 13th.

If you'd like to hear more or contribute, please call the Sutton County Extension Office at 387-3101.



December 1-6	2.27 in.	December 1-6	1.47 in.
November	2.05 in.	November	2.23 in.
October	0.00 in.	October	0.00 in.
September	5.78 in.	September	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	24.99 in.	2016 Year-to-Date TOTAL	29.10 in.
2015	23.87 in.	2015	25.31 in.
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9. Show of welcome

11. Da Vinci subject

18. Auction actions

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25. Kind of vaccine

26. Hoopster O'Neal

29. Sitcom sergeant

34. Bookie's quote

36. They long a lot

40. Individuals

37. "Frozen" snowman McAn shoes

42. Brings about smiles

31. Christmas_ 33. True-to-life

27. Big copper exporter

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12. Van Gogh painted

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13. "Johnny B._

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28. At last



The Caverns of Sonora Staff

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS 44. Makes a fuss

1. Rope 6. To boot

10. Waste

14. Hate

15. Sign on for another tour

16. Beloved, in "Rigoletto"

17. Homebuyer's expense

19. Cold capital

20. Fine-grained

21. Joint problem 22. Having pecans, say

24. Man Friday

25. Artist Henri 26. Turns away from

29. News office 30. Directs

31. N.F.L. commentator Phil

32. Quid ___ quo

35. Liberal pursuits

36. Pound sounds

37. Kind of page 38. On the ____ vive

39. Hardwood trees

40. Implore 41. Hawaiian thank

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gifts

43.30th anniversary

60. Floored it 46. Gang's domain 61. "If They Could_ 47. Fall Now" 48. Listening devices

49. Part of H.R.H.

52. Sews up

57. Red state

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58. "Anywhere else!"

59. Frozen-treat brand

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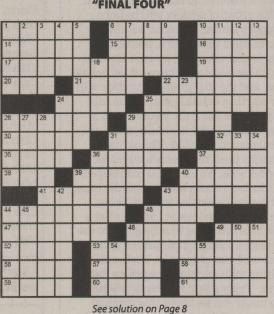
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1. Delicate 2. Up to snuff

53. Assembly line 3. Air 4. Kind of pad 56. Shade of green 5. Inceptions

6. Bicker 7. Took a powder

-8. Go after "FINAL FOUR"



43. Engine sound 44. Actor Michael

45. Clear

46. Attached, in a way

48. Advantage 49. Actor Cronyn

50. Long-range nuke 51. Eye affliction

54. Catch a few Z's 55. It's spotted in

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HOLIDAY SEASON:

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 message of salvation.

The thought of a nativity display began as Hobbs' idea, about seven years ago, and it has become a welcomed tradition among the townspeople.

She wanted to incorporate the live nativity into the annual downtown parade and celebration of the Christmas season.

Today, with the help of the community, it has grown to include statues representing all of the characters and animals as well as a live production.

"I have a passion for Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Christ," Hobbs said. "When I proposed the idea of a nativity on the courthouse lawn, I asked for donations to help cover the cost of the statues. Our community all came together and through their generosity I received enough to fund the purchase of the full nativity the first year. So, it is truly a community nativity scene."

To better look their part,

this year participants wore costumes that were custom made and donated by members of the Sonora Sewing club.

"They lovingly made each costume out of materials that they gathered and created these special costumes for all of our nativity characters."

Over time, members of local churches also joined in the tradition providing scripture messages, song and music as well as refreshments for patrons to enjoy – all in support of helping ensure that the event is a success

While mingling before the event people also enjoyed interacting with the animals including a llama, donkey, sheep and baby bull.

Much to her satisfaction, Hobbs said she welcomes more animals to the event and not just for the purpose of taking a place in the live nativity.

"This year it kind of turned into a petting zoo," Hobbs said. "I loved it. It was always an idea of mine to have a petting zoo to go along with everything else."

In addition to all of the contributions and volunteers, Hobbs said she greatly appreciates the local banks for providing donations benefiting the Salvation Army and local Food Pantry

Hobbs said she couldn't be more proud to be part of such an exceptional community.

Looking forward, Hobbs is working on the upkeep of current nativity pieces as well as adding more in the future.

"We are lucky to live in

such a great community,"
Hobbs said. "I am so proud
of our community, Sonora.
Christmas is about loving
and supporting your neighbor. And, although we may
disagree with our neighbors from time to time,
the community of Sonora
always comes together in
love and support of each
other, especially in times of
need."



Koda Davis, Kodi Davis, and Molly Friess earn the designation of, "The Three Amigas" during the District 10 Food Challenge Contest December 2 in Kerrville. | COURTESY РНОТО

4-H Culinary Teams Earn Titles During 2016 District 10 Food Challenge Contest

Two Sutton County 4-H student teams earned titles for their participation in the District 10 Food Challenge Contest December 2 in Kerrville.

Students were given ingredients to create a meal but no recipe to guide them.

Each team was challenged to create a food dish within a 40-minute time limit.

While judges critiqued each entree students were engaged in a discussion regarding key nutrients, MyPlate, food safety, and food preparation.

The Sutton County 4-H
Junior team earned the designation, "Sassy Cookers."

Team members included Sicily Gutierrez, Julianna Sanchez, and Jayla Williams.

The 4-H Intermediate Team was received the title, "The Three Amigas."

"The Three Amigas."

Team members included
Koda Davis, Kodi Davis.

and Molly Friess.
Congratulations to both teams on their culinary creativity.



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FAST SERVICE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



Santa and Mrs. Claus, Carl and Melissa Teaff, abandoned their parade float to sit on the courthouse lawn and enjoy songs and music Wednesday, November 30 during the annual downtown Sonora Christmas celebration.

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Sicily Gutierrez, Julianna Sanchez, and Jayla Williams earn the title, "Sassy Cookers" during the District 10 Food Challenge Contest December 2 in Kerrville.







With a great deal like this, you can keep them for yourself or give them away as gifts. After all, it is the season for giving and right now is the best time to be looking for that perfect holiday gift. You might want to hurry in because supplies are limited.

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Liam Youraglite breaks through an attempted tackle by Canadian's defense during Friday's Regional Playoff game at Lowrey Field in Lubbock. The Broncos defense held the Wildcats to a tight scoring game that went into overtime to decide the champion.



Kaden Cordell fights off a Canadian Wildcat while trying to run the ball to the Broncos goal line. Cordell scored a touchdown in the fourth quarter of the Regional playoff game between the Broncos and the Canadian Wildcats. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



Michael Solis stiff arms Canadian Wildcat, Jack Koetting to break a tackle while he carries the ball to the goal line during the Regional Playoff game Friday, December 2, at Lowrey Field.

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SHS Cheerleaders, Summer Hall and Carly Brown, sport Santa hats in support of the Broncos Regional Playoff game Friday, December 2, at Lowrey Field. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



Jarrett Jackson dashes to the endzone for a Broncos touchdown in the third quarter of the Regional playoff game between Sonora and Canadian. Jackson scored twice for the Broncos during the third quarter Friday night at Lowrey Field in Lubbock.



Bronco Nation fans, sheltered from the cold and rain under umbrellas and blankets, filled the stands at Lowrey Stadium to show their support for players during the Regional Playoff game. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

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Good job on the great season! - Bank and Trust

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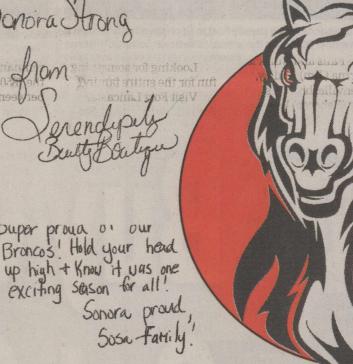
of you Broncos! Go Big Red! - Lupe Exondo Me are brong of hon and your accomplishments

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Congratulations on an awesome 2016 Football season! From the voice of the Broncos - KHOS 92.1 FM

Job Well Done! GO BRONCOS Rae Ann, Ro, Lil, Linda

We've so proud of you Broncos! What a great season! - Taco Grill

OBITUARIES

Milford D. (Mickey) Powers October 18, 1939 – November 29, 2016



"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

Milford D (Mickey) Powers of Sonora, age 77, died peacefully November 29, 2016 at Community Hospital, San Angelo, Texas, surrounded by his loving daughters. Mickey was born October 18, 1939 in Norton, Texas to Milford Louis and Eleanor Marzee (Williams) Powers. He lived in Norton and Winters until his mother died when Mickey was 5 years old. Mickey and his three siblings, Nancy, Jimmy, and Zane went to live with maternal grandparents, Fred and Vickie Williams in Lorraine, Texas. A year later they moved to a farm in Trent, Texas.

Mickey attended school in Trent and assisted on his grandfather's farm until he was 13 years old. Louis then moved his four children to Lakeview to live. In 1959 Mickey welcomed a second mom, Jayne, into his life. Two new sisters, Pam and Trina, later joined the family. Mickey's summers were spent working for Jim Bob and Minnie Altizer and Bud and Blanche Smith of Del Rio and he became a loved member of their families. He improved his calf roping and bull dogging skills and had many fond memories and stories of times spent at the Altizer Ranch. Minnie, Blanche, and Ora Altizer Riggs became Mickey's honorary mothers. Mickey also worked on ranches for Walt and Dink Wardlaw of

Del Rio. In the summer of 1957 Mickey and his family moved to Sonora. Mickey graduated from Sonora High School in 1958, participating in basketball, track, and the Texas High School Rodeo Association. He attended San Angelo College, Sul Ross University, and Texas Tech University. While at Sul Ross and Texas Tech, Mickey was on the college rodeo teams, working four events...calf roping, ribbon roping, bull dogging, and bull riding. His Sul Ross team qualified for the College National Finals in San Francisco, California. He won the Texas Tech Bull Riding in

Mickey married Claire
Jones in 1963 and moved
to Sonora in 1964 to begin
ranching. He was a ranch
foreman for Alice Jones and
managed the J&P Ranch
with brother-in-law, Cleve
Jones. He liked all aspects
of ranching, especially
working livestock, welding,
and training horses.

In 1994 Mickey married Lorie Olsen and moved to Iraan. He worked for the Parker Ranch. In 1997 he moved back to Sonora and began working for Jerry Don Balch. In 2004 he returned to work on the Jones Ranch.

Mickey passed his love of horses, rodeo, and ranch work on to his three children, Rick, Rebecca, and Zella. He made sure they all had good horses to ride, and hauled them to rodeos all over Texas and beyond. He enjoyed attending sheep shows with his two older children.

Mickey was a Gold Card member of the PRCA, a member of the AQHA, TSWCRA, TS&GRA, and

First United Methodist Church. He was Wagon **Boss for West Texas Boys** Ranch, a 4-H Shooting Sports instructor, and president of the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo for many years. In 1991, he was Rookie of the Year in Senior Steer Roping. He was an avid fan of the Sonora Broncos from football, to golf, track, basketball, and volleyball. He never missed sporting events of his three children, and continued going to games after his children graduated. In his younger years he was a scratch golfer, a snow

skier, a fisherman, and took

pleasure in making things

with his hands. He enjoyed

family fishing trips to the

Devil's River, and fishing

trips to the Rio Grande

with his men friends who nicknamed him "Spider". Many stories evolved from these trips.

Preceding Mickey in death were his parents Marzee and Louis Powers, his second mother, Jayne Kiser Powers, his sister-in-law, Allison Espy Powers, his niece, Heather Shane Felts, grandparents, F.M. and Nancy Dickens Powers and

Nancy Dickens Powers and Fred and Vickie Williams, and family housekeeper,

Elvira Smith. He is survived by his three children, Rick (Melinda McDonald) Powers of Mt. Pleasant, SC; Rebecca (Andy) Stokes of San Antonio; Zella Powers of San Angelo, and a bonus daughter, Anna Fitzgerald, Sonora: sisters Nancy (John) Plumley, Whitney; Pam (Lance) Havnes. Marble Falls and Guthrie, OK; Trina (Jim) Hadley, Stephenville; brothers Jimmy (Rebecca) Powers, Sonora; Zane Powers, Moorcroft, WY, cherished grandchildren Claysen, Elise, and Vance Powers of Mt. Pleasant SC; Katherine and Greer Stokes of San Antonio; the mothers of his children, Claire Jones and Lorie Olson Powers, Sonora; nieces Jettonne (Steve) Buxkemper, and D'Ann(Mark) Schoepf, Lorenzo; Stephanie (James) Williams, Moorcroft, WY; Laramie Haynes, Llano; Chevenne & Sheridan Haynes, Guthrie, OK; Shiloh(Andrew) Napp, Hico: nephews, Houston (Victoria) Powers, Sonora; Shane Hadley, Stephenville; brothers-in-law, Cleve(Lolabeth) Jones and children, Julie & John(Jen), Sonora; Eric Olson, Midland, and children, Erica and Callyn. He is also survived by many special cousins, great nieces, nephews and

friends. Pallbearers were Jerry Don Balch, Olie Smith, Mack Altizer, Sam Powers, Dean Rutland, Clayton Friend, Dean Dermody, and Stacey Pennington. Honorary pallbearers are Tommy Love, Bob Blandford, Keith Hudson, James Barton, James Lee Leonard, Hadley Wardlaw, Benton Wardlaw, Martin Wardlaw, Stephen Hampton, Ralph Cooper, Minnie Altizer, Dannie Klebold, and Joyce Chalk Raska.

The family wishes to thank Mickey's caregivers Juanita Guerra, Angie Ramirez, Irma and Zenon Acosta, Ruben DelaCruz; Doctors Raymund Untalan, Charles Pajestka, and Raj Cheruku; the staff at Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and the Home Health Care staff; Pastor Bill Harris and Pastor Don Longoria.

Memorials may be given to West Texas Boys Ranch, First United Methodist Church, Sonora, or a favorite charity.

A memorial service for Mickey was held at the First United Methodist Church, Sonora on Sunday, December 4th, at 2 p.m. with Pastor Bill Harris officiating.

BRONCOS:

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3 remembered for the making of #Chase4Seis! As 7th graders, 43 of them started playing for the Colts, eighteen of them remained as Seniors and gave Bronco Nation a great ride in 2016! I truly wish these seniors, the best of luck in all their endeavors and for the underclassmen, time flies so take advantage of these great memories, work hard in the offseason and let's do everything possible to keep this Big Red Train Rolling!"

The Broncos now turn their attention to basketball with the boy's first tournament in Sonora Thursday through Saturday, December 8-10.

Players of the Week vs Canadian include:

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

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

Hit of the Week: Kade Creek Sponsored by Leonard Livestock Defensive Player of the

Week: Kaden Cordell and Isaiah Lira Sponsored by Virgil Burge Offensive Player of the

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

Scout Team Player of

the Week: Brock Aschenbeck Sponsored by Just Bling It Rita Gonzales

Trainer of the Week:
Samantha CastroJazmine TalamantesMollie Taylor Sponsored
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Coach of the Week: 2016 Sonora Bronco Coaching Staff Sponsored by Buck N Bass-Terry Johnson

SCORE BY QUARTER
SONORA 00-00-14-07 = 21
CANADIAN 00-14-07-00 = 27

FIRST QUARTER

SECOND QUARTER
CANADIAN - Corbin Douthit Rushing TD
(PAT Good)
CANADIAN - Corbin Douthit Rushing TD
(PAT Good)

THIRD QUARTER
SONORA-Jarrett Jackson Rushing TD
(PAT Good)
SONORA - Jarrett Jackson TD on a pass
from Kaden Cordell (PAT Good)

CANADIAN - Corbin Douthit Rushing TD

FOURTH QUARTER SONORA - Kaden Cordell rushing TD

END OF REGULATION CANADIAN - Rushing TD

INDIVIDUAL STATS

RUSHING SONORA — Noah SanMiguel 1-3; Kaden Cordell 11-35; Jarrett Jackson 12-51; Liam Yourgalite 3-8 PASSING

SONORA — Kaden Cordell 19-34-230 **RECEIVING** SONORA — Noah San Miguel 3-22; Michael Solis 6-59; Liam Yourgalite

4-42; Jarrett Jackson 6-107

Fort Lancaster Hosts Special Guided Tour

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special guided tour of the
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by a hands-on history display with period weapons,
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equipment.

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

Upon arrival, a soldier will greet visitors and serve as their tour guide.

Visitors can walk the trails around the ruins of Fort Lancaster learning about the site's fascinating history and stories.

The tour begins at the Visitor's Center at 10:00 a.m., visitors are asked to arrive a few minutes early.

Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 per child.

Fort Lancaster State
Historic Site, a Texas
Historical Commission
property, spans 82 acres
and commemorates the

remnants of a fort built in the 1850s to protect the road between San Antonio and El Paso.

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

The site recently completed a two-year renovation that includes a new Visitors Center with a substantial new gallery exhibit on the north side.

The new exhibit presents the story of Fort Lancaster through artifacts, images, scale models, a life-sized camel replica, and introductory video.

For more information, call 432-836-4391 or visit www.visitfortlancaster. com.





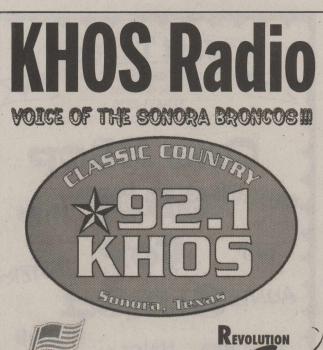
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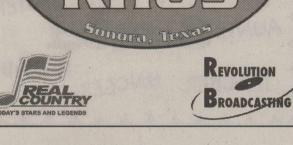
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INCIDENTS

NOVEMBER 28 - 9:36 AM • Disturbance reported on 200 block of Dos Street. Officer responded.

NOVEMBER 29 - 9:59 AM • Assistance requested on 600 block of 8th. Officer responded.

11:26 AM • Officer requested at 700 St. Ann's. Officer responded. 11:28 AM · Officer requested for a civil matter on 700 block of St. Ann's. Officer responded.

The Blotter

The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Sonora Police Depart-

nent. 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

ARRESTS

NOVEMBER 28 · Mario Solis,

33 year-old male from Sonora,

arrested for Assault Offensive/

NOVEMBER 29 · Jason Al-

varado, 38 year-old male from

Sonora. Arrested for Probation

Violation Warrant out of Sutton

Sonora ISD Menu

PK-5th: Free Breakfast

& \$2.45 lunch

Middle & High School: \$1.95

Breakfast & \$2.85 lunch

Monday-December 12th

Breakfast

Waffles/Bacon Or Cereal/Crackers,

100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk Variety

Lunch

Mexican Combo Plate, Chicken

Quesadilla, or Chicken Fajita Salad

Mexicali Corn, Charro Beans, Salsa,

Lettuce & Tomato Gamish,

Cinnamon Applesauce, Milk Variety

After School Program

Chex, Strawberry Milk

Tuesday-December 13th

Breakfast

Breakfast Strudel/Cheese Stick Or

Cereal/Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice,

Fruit, Milk Variety

Lunch

Spaghetti Bowl w/Breadstick,

French Bread Pizza, or Chef Salad

Garden Salad, California Blend Veg.,

Fresh Seasonal Fruit, Choc. or Vanilla

Pudding, Milk Variety

After School Program

Fruit, Raisins, Milk

Wednesday-December 14th

Breakfast

Cinnamon Roll/Sausage Or Cereal/

Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch

Steak Fingers, Breaded Pork Chop,

or Santa Fe Salad

Roll, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrot

Coins, Strawberries & Bananas, Milk

Variety

After School Program

Baked Chips and Juice

Thursday-December 15th

Breakfast

Sausage/Egg/Cheese Sand. Or

Cereal/Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice,

Fruit, Milk Variety

Teriyaki Beef Sliders w/Baked Potato

Chips, Texas Chili w/Cornbread, or

Crispy Chicken Salad Broccoli Bites, Tiny Tomato Cup,

Orange Smiles, Milk Variety After School Program

Granola Bar, Milk Friday-December 16th

Breakfast Burrito Or Cereal/Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk Variety

Lunch

Popcorn Chicken w/Roll, Sloppy Joe

Sand., or Tuna salad

Oven Fries, Cucumber Dippers,

Peaches

Cookie, Milk Variety

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1:59 PM · Agency requested assistance for warrant service on 100 block of N. Concho. Officer responded.

NOVEMBER 30 - 4:39 PM • Officer requested on 700 block of N Crockett. Officer responded. 11:30 PM • Criminal mischief reported on 100 block of E. Main.

Officer responded. **DECEMBER 1 - 9:25 AM •** Alarm reported on 900 block of

E. 2nd. Officer responded 11:41 AM • Officer requested on 500 block of Railroad. Officer responded.

3:35 PM • Agency requested assistance. Officer responded. 8:39 PM • Loud music reported at N. Crockett and W. 3rd. Officer

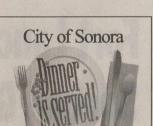
responded. 10:12 PM • 9-1-1 open line call. Officer responded.

DECEMBER 2 - 9:08 AM • Accident/wreck reported at Dollie and Glasscock. Officer responded.

DECEMBER 3 - 5:00 PM · Disturbance reported on 500 block of E. 2nd. Officer responded. 5:59 PM • Theft reported on 500 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

1:51 PM • Funeral escort requested. Officer responded. 5:25 PM • Loud music reported on 500 block of N. Crockett. Officer responded.

DECEMBER 4



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MONDAY December 12 Beef Lasagna, Italian Veggies, Wheat Roll, Buttermilk Cake,

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CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Bathroom

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2 rejected the guidelines intended to allow transgender students to use boys' or girls' bathrooms and locker rooms in public schools. The Department of Justice responded by asking the court to let the guidelines stand in states that had not joined a lawsuit to prevent the guidelines from taking effect. But O'Connor rejected that request, and in doing so sided with Texas and 12 other states that jointly filed a lawsuit to prevent enforcement of the guidelines.

Salary survey is released The Texas Association of School Boards and the

Texas Association of School Administrators last month released their annual survey of district trends in superintendents' salaries and benefits.

Just a few of the statistics reported in the survey

- Average superintendent salaries range from \$94,920 in districts with fewer than 500 students to \$308,184 in districts with more than 50,000 students;

- Half of reported salaries are less than \$123,015; and

- The average superintendent pay increase was 3.2 percent, up from last year's average of 2.9 percent.

TxDOT announces safe zones

The Texas Department of Transportation on Nov. 29 announced the implementation of GEICO-sponsored Safe Phone Zones at 55 of the 80 state-run Safety Rest Areas and Travel **Information Centers across** Texas.

Safe Phone Zones are part of TxDOT's Sponsor Acknowledgement Program that seeks companies to fund various benefits for drivers, such as free Wi-Fi at Safety Rest Areas and **Travel Information Centers** in exchange for receiving public recognition through

highway signage. Mark Marek, TxDOT's director of Engineering and Safety Operations, said, With more than 100,000 crashes in Texas each year involving distracted driving, we hope to curb this deadly habit by encouraging drivers to pull over at **TxDOT Safety Rest Areas** and Travel Information Centers to use apps, check email and surf the Web in a safe location."

School ratings are released

The Texas Education Agency on Nov. 17 released the final 2016 state academic accountability ratings for more than 1,200 school districts and charters and more than 8,600 campuses.

Districts, campuses and charters receive one of three ratings under the state's accountability system: Met Standard, Met Alternative Standard or Improvement Required. More than 90 percent of school districts and charters across Texas achieved the rating of Met Standard.

Preliminary state accountability ratings were announced by TEA in August. The final ratings include the results of an appeals process that provides districts and charters an opportunity to contest preliminary ratings.

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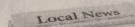
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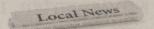
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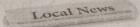
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TIME	THURSDAY	GYM
10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Sonora vs Eldorado RC vs Harper	MAIN MAIN
TIME	FRIDAY	GYM
10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Sonora vs RC Harper vs Eldorado	MAIN MAIN
TIME	SATURDAY	GYM
12:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m.	Sonora vs Harper RC vs Eldorado	MAIN PE

	Varsity Girls	
TIME	THURSDAY	GYM
9:00 a.m.	Sonora vs TLCA	MAIN
9:00 a.m.	Christoval vs Harper	PE
12:00 p.m.	Harper vs Brackett	MAIN
12:00 p.m.	Christoval vs RC	PE
3:00 p.m.	Sonora vs RC	MAIN
3:00 p.m.	TLCA vs Brackett	PE
TIME	FRIDAY	GYM
0.00	Sonora vs Christoval	MAIN
9:00 a.m.		PE
9:00 a.m.	RC vs Harper Sonora vs Brackett	MAIN
12:00 p.m.	RC vs TLCA	PE
12:00 p.m.	OPEN	MAIN
3:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Christoval vs TLCA	PE
TIME	SATURDAY	GYN
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9:00	Sonora vs Harper	MAIN
9:00	Iraan vs TLCA	PE
10:30	Christoval vs Bracket	MAIN
1:30	Iraan vs RC	MAIN
1:30	Harper vs TLCA	PE

Maria Maria	JV Boys		
TIME	SATURDAY	GYM	
3:00 p.m.	JV Boys Championship	High School Main GYM	

JV Girls @ Junior High Gym Schedule			
TIME	THURSDAY	GYM	
9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. HS PE 12:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Harper vs RC Sonora vs TLCA Christoval vs Lakeview Brackett vs TLCA	Junior High High School PE GYM Junior High Junior High	
TIME	FRIDAY	GYM	
10:30 a.m. HS PE 12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. HS PE 3:00 p.m.	Sonora vs Lakeview Harper vs TLCA Sonora vs RC Christoval vs Brackett	High School PE GYM Junior High High School PE GYM Junior High	
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