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Kade Creek (center) penned his intent to play football for the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio during a special signing day celebration Wednesday, February 8, 2017. Creek will join the Cardinals for the Fall 2017 football season while pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice at UIW.

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Jody Harris Named Sutton County Justice of the Peace

Sutton County Commissioners selected Jody Harris as Sutton County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, replacing John K. Wilson, during a special meeting Thursday, February 9, 2017.

"I would first like to say how grateful I am for the opportunity to continue my service to the citizens of Sutton County as Justice of the Peace," Jody Harris said. "I know it was not an easy choice for our governing body to make due to all of the qualified applicants. I have enjoyed serving Sutton County for the past 16 years as a Deputy and Chief Deputy for the Sheriff's Office and I feel like this is a very positive career move that will allow me to continue that service. I would also like to say thank you to the retiring Justice of the Peace John K. Wilson for his service. Judge Wilson will definitely be leaving some big shoes to fill. Lucky for me he is leaving a very efficient and competent staff to help me in the transition."

Harris is one of five individuals considered for the position.

He is appointed to fulfill Wilson's term which expires December, 31, 2018.

During the interim between his taking office and Wilson's retirement on March 15, Harris will spend time getting familiar with his new responsibilities.

Recognizing all of the qualified applicants, Judge Steve Smith said he is happy with the choice.

"The commissioners court had excellent choices for the replacement on John Wilson," Judge Smith said. "I believe that Jody Harris will do a fine job in this position. I look forward to working with him."

Without further discussion or action the court adjourned.

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

Kade Creek Signs to Play Football at the Next Level

Kade Creek, a senior at Sonora High School, signed a letter of intent with the University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, on Wednesday, February 8, 2017.

"We are extremely proud of Kade Creek and wish him the best at UIW," Coach David T. Sine said. "Kade's signing with UIW keeps the streak alive at seventeen. For seventeen years, I have been fortunate enough to see a young man fulfill his dreams of playing college football at the next level. This started in 2000 at Flatonia and has continued at Columbus,

Bandera, and Sonora. Kade Creek was recruited by UIW to play Wide Receiver. This past season Kade started for the 12-2 Broncos at Wide Receiver and also played Safety on defense. He was named to the All-District teams on both sides of the ball. This past week has been labeled "Creek Week", on Tuesday Kade hit consecutive three pointers to eliminate a thirteen-point deficit and forced overtime, in which the Broncos prevailed and kept their playoff hopes alive. On Wednesday, Kade signed with UIW and will continue to wear red and white. Go Big Red and

Congrats Kade Creek!"

UIW is an NCAA Division I school competing in the Southland Conference.

Creek chose UIW to continue the Cardinal spirit in his family.

Creek, as well as his sister, Brianah Creek, who plays tennis while also studying at UIW are among the more than 10,000 students attending classes in the fall of 2017.

In addition to joining the Cardinals on the field, Creek is also seeking a degree in Criminal Justice.

In the meantime, Creek said he plans to work on his athletic

skills during the summer.

Wrapping up his senior year at Sonora High School and looking forward to the future, comes with mixed feelings for Creek.

He said he is excited about playing football at the next level, but he will miss everything about Sonora.

"I am looking forward to playing football in the fall and getting better," Creek said. "My time at Sonora High School was an awesome experience. If it (UIW) can be like Sonora, then it will be good."

Donation Brightens County's Outdoor Playground

New playground equipment donated by The First Presbyterian Church of the Good Shepard in Sonora is now available for children at the Sutton County playground next to the fair grounds.

Work began Monday, February 6, 2017 to install the modern multi setting outdoor play gear.

Identifying a need by the county for updated outdoor play items, one of the 20 parish members suggested the idea.

Pastor Lewis Allen said, after years of enjoyment by children of the parish, the Church of the

Good Shepherd no longer saw a need to keep the equipment.

"We no longer have any young children in our church, so we thought it best for the community to get some enjoyment out of it rather than let it sit idle," Pastor Lewis Allen said.

County Commissioner, Precinct 3, Carl Teaff said the collection of play pieces are a welcomed and appreciated addition to the outdoor play opportunities for children and their families while visiting the county's park.

County Commissioners approved to accept the location

and absorb the cost of relocating it to the county's park.

The original play equipment located at the county's park was installed sometime during the 1970's. It has become outdated and is not suitable for all children.

The newly installed repurposed equipment is designed to accommodate a large group of kids, ranging in ages. Its durable construction will continue to entertain children for many more years.

"I hope it will be enjoyed and used for several generations in the future," Allen said.



A sign located near the City of Sonora's fresh water storage wells are displayed to help bring awareness about the need to protect fresh water for the future.

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Partnership Fosters Drinking Local Water Protection Plan

By Jacqui Thomas, Field Technician, Sutton County UWCD

Have you seen this sign?

The City of Sonora has partnered with the Texas Rural Water Association to create a Drinking Water Protection Plan for the area's municipal water supply.

Designed to help in the public's awareness of this partnership, informational signs, like the one's located at City Hall and the city's fresh water storage wells, is the first step in creating a network of ways to keeping our water safe.

Located atop fractured and dissolved limestone, Sutton County and Sonora rely entirely upon underground water for its water supply.

Surface contaminants such as chemical and petroleum spills, as well as other pollutants, can work their way through the rock and into drinking water

causing it to be unsafe to use.

Contaminants spilled as far away as two miles from a fresh water wells also pose the risk of contaminating municipal water supplies.

City of Sonora water & sewer administrators, Charlotte Mc Elwaine and Peter Duran have appointed independent committee members to oversee Source Water Protection.

Presently, this committee is fine-tuning a plan to protect the "source water" for Sonora, which comes from the six wells within the City limits.

The Committee is also working on ways to inform the citizens of Sonora if there is a problem, and to provide information that will allow the citizens of Sonora to help protect underground water.

Sonora is fortunate to have high-quality underground water and protecting it is imperative to continuing to use it in the future.



Modern playground equipment is installed at the Sutton County Park, Tuesday, February, 6, 2017. The repurposed gear, donated by the First Presbyterian Church of the Good Shepard in Sonora, is designed to accommodate children of all ages.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

legislation to revamp ethics laws pertaining to elected officials. This was another issue tagged as an emergency item by Gov. Abbott.

Authoried by Sen. Van Taylor, R-Plano, the bill would prohibit a registered lobbyist from serving in elective office and require any elected official convicted of a felony to be removed from office. The bill also calls for canceling any taxpayer-funded

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Legislation Banning Sanctuary City Policies Clears Hurdle

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Feb. 8 passed the Texas Senate's approval of legislation to ban sanctuary cities, an item on his priority list for the current legislative session.

Senate Bill 4 by Charles Perry, R-Lubbock, passed after 16 hours of floor debate on a 20-10 party-line vote, with Republicans voting in favor and Democrats in opposition.

The bill, if enacted, would prohibit a municipality, county or special district, campus police department of an institution of higher education, an employee of certain local entities and a district attorney or criminal district attorney from adopting rules, orders, ordinances or policies that

prohibit enforcement of state and federal immigration laws. It also would void any local policy that currently prohibits law enforcement from inquiring about a person's immigration status and would require compliance with federal detainer requests.

SB 4 now moves to the Texas House of Representatives for consideration.

Abbott said: "As governor, I will not tolerate sanctuary city policies that put the citizens of Texas at risk. Elected officials do not get to pick and choose which laws they will obey. Today's action in the Senate helps ensure that sheriffs and officials across Texas comply with federal immigration laws and honor Immigration and Custom

Enforcement detainer requests that keep dangerous criminals off of our streets."

Sen. Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio, voted against the bill. "It signals to many in our immigrant community that they are not welcome in Texas," Uresti said.

Last week, Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers reportedly arrested more than 40 undocumented Mexican citizens in Austin alone. Similar sweeps, ordered by the White House, were conducted in other major cities in Texas and across the nation.

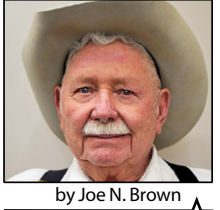
Senate OKs ethics bill

Also on Feb. 8, the state Senate unanimously approved Senate Bill 14, omnibus

The Little Red Wagon

In the Late 1930s we were ranching west of Sanderson, south of Highway 90. Now this happened before the days of telephones and electricity. Let me clarify that "we" normally there were six of us at the ranch - my stepfather, my mother, my older brother, little sister and baby brother.

It Happened Out West



by Joe N. Brown

The ages of the children are important to the story so - older Brother Harry was 8, I was 6, sister Marylyn was 4 and baby brother Tom was 2.

Now you have the characters of this tale. One more statement is needed to

make this story realistic. We had only one vehicle - a Chevrolet pickup. Now everything is in place so take a deep seat and listen to this story!

The stepdad had gone fishing in Mexico in the ranch pickup and had been gone about a week. This was summer time and everything was normal. No phone, no electricity, no ice box (refrigerator) the usual ranching conditions at that time.

We began to run out of groceries. No corner store to run down to and buy food. With four hungry kids to feed, mother got desperate and formulated a plan. We would walk to Sanderson where our grandparents lived and stay with them until the step-dad returned.

There were some things wrong with this plan, first it was two miles to Highway 90, then it was 16 miles to Sanderson with no water stops along the way. The next problem was baby brother could not walk that far and none of us could carry him. Mother solved both problems. We now get to how this story got its name.

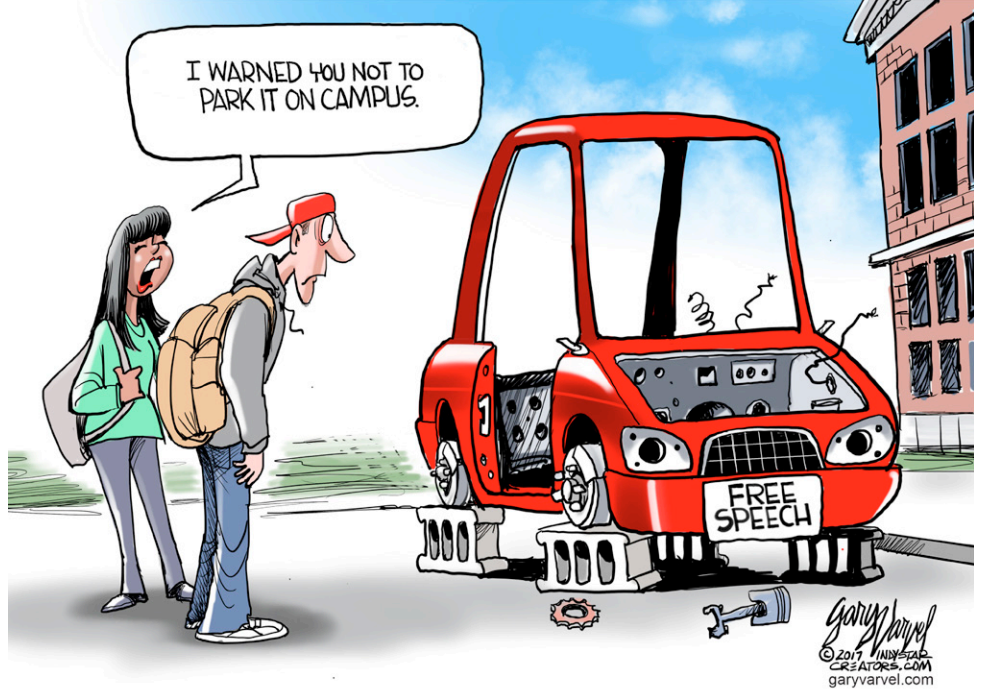
The little kids had gotten a little red wagon for Christmas the past year so we would use it to make the trip. We would put a couple of canteens of water in the wagon and then little brother Tom would ride in it with my brother and I taking turns pulling the wagon. Good plan even in the hot sun of summertime. A first this sounded like a great adventure but it did not take long or many miles to get over that idea.

We loaded up and pulled out the next morning about 8 o'clock. It took us about an hour to walk to highway 90, at which we turned to east toward Sanderson. Now at this time there was not much traffic on this highway, no tourists, no big trucks and very few ranch vehicles. So we walked and pulled the little red wagon down the highway for about 3 hours and about 4 miles. At a cut thru the hill we found some shade and took a rest and drank most of our water supply.

Now as we had no food to carry we did not take a lunch break but just kept on walking and pulling the wagon. My brother Harry and I would take turns pulling, about 30 minutes each. I can tell you now - the fun went out of this adventure real sudden. We had crossed the line into Terrell County about 3 o'clock and had traveled about 9 miles and were totally give out due to the hot sun.

We saw a car coming east on the pavement so we got off out of the way. The car drove up, a black 4 door Ford sedan with one man driving it. He stopped and ask what we were doing walking on the highway in the heat. After mother had explained our situation to him, he identified himself as "Cap. Barler," a Texas Ranger, who was on duty from Marathon to Sanderson. After much discussion about how, he put the red wagon in the trunk and loaded us all up in his car, and drove us to the grandparents house in town. After we unloaded "Cap Barler" discusses this with our grandfather using some very plain terms about our step-father!!

We stayed there a couple of days then grandfather loaded up with groceries and carried back to the ranch. This ended the story of the little red wagon except for one statement. "I never wanted to see another little red wagon again as long as I lived."



Pipeline Populism: Compete, Build Don't Buy Into Environmental Hysteria Over Pipelines

President Donald Trump is about to give the U.S. economy a power-up. He just approved the long delayed construction of two megaprojects, Keystone XL and the Dakota Access pipelines.

This means more domestic energy, more economic growth, and more jobs for Americans. But it also means more theatrics from environmental extremists. The new president and his team should hang tough and ignore their doomsday predictions.

Keystone XL will transport oil from Canada to Nebraska. The Obama administration blocked Phase IV, claiming it would "undercut" America's role as a leader in the fight against climate change.

The Dakota Access pipeline will carry 500,000 barrels of oil a day. The Obama administration stopped construction when it was nearly complete. This came after protests promoting the baseless claim that the pipeline would harm the drinking water of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

President Trump, in his first full week in office, brought both pipeline projects back to life. He promised to streamline "the incredibly cumbersome, long, horrible permitting process" and cut unnecessary environmental regulations. This is good news.

Green Hysteria

To say that the reaction from extreme greens was overwrought would be an understatement.

"Keystone XL is a carbon bomb that would cook the planet," cried the environmental advocacy group 350.org.

"Donald Trump has been in office for four days and he's already proving to be the dangerous threat to our climate we feared he would be," squealed Michael Brune, executive director of the Sierra Club.

Such hyperbole and misdirection are at least a half-century old. In the 1960s, Paul Ehrlich et al. warned us about mass starvation from the population bomb. The famine scare continued in the 1970s with

resource exhaustion.

Now, climate-alarmist smears are being recycled to drum up fundraising dollars for environmental groups.

Eco-friendly, Economical

Histrionics aside, there are good reasons why the new president is moving forward with the pipelines.

Pipelines are the safest way to move oil -- safer, in fact, than rail or road. The great majority of energy transported via pipeline -- 99.999 percent -- reaches its final destination safely.

That's because pipelines are carefully constructed and monitored. The industry constantly upgrades its systems to include the most advanced safety technology.

What's more, federal and state governments alike have reviewed Keystone and Dakota and concluded that they are safe for the environment.

Even the Washington Post Editorial Board recently acknowledged the overreach by environmental activists.

Dakota Access poses no threat. The pipeline will be placed deeper and farther away from existing infrastructure than mandated by government regulations.

To ramp up fears around these pipelines, activists are pointing to two oil spills. Neither is cause for alarm. The more recent of the two caused no injuries and did not get anywhere near drinking water supplies. The other did not even take place in the United States.

Pipeline to Jobs

The pipelines are not only environmentally friendly, but also economically beneficial. Keystone XL would involve 42,000 jobs in construction and add \$3.4 billion to U.S. GDP.

Dakota Access, which has already involved 12,000 jobs, will produce \$55 million in taxes. It will spur millions of dollars in investment.

President Trump should be applauded for his decision to kick-start the construction of the Keystone XL and Dakota Access pipelines.

One can only hope that the Democratic Party returns to its roots as the party of the small person, now known as the forgotten man and forgotten woman. Fossil-fuel populism, not environmental extremism, is winning politics.

Robert L. Bradley Jr. is the founder and CEO of the Institute for Energy Research.

In My Opinion



by Robert L. Bradley

From Viet Nam with Love

Dr. Paul Bennett of Sulphur Springs was an Army dentist in Viet Nam. Occasionally he worked on civilians. Just a few weeks before leaving Viet Nam, he had a Vietnamese civilian as a patient. Her name was Thuan.

"I met him in 1972," says Thuan. "It



Rolling Along

by Tumbleweed Smith

was at a hospital in Saigon. He worked on my teeth." Both found each other fascinating and they had a couple of meals

together. They became friends. Paul left Viet Nam in 1972, but brought memories of Thuan home with him.

"I really couldn't get my mind off this lovely young lady I met just before I left Viet Nam," says Paul, who established a dental practice in Sulphur Springs after leaving the Army. "I dated, but couldn't get serious about anybody because I was thinking of Thuan."

Thuan had worked for some American companies in Viet Nam and came to the US in 1975. "When I stepped on American soil for the first time, that was the happiest day of my life," she says. She got a job with a bank in California.

"I couldn't get this man off my mind," says Thuan. "I thought about him all the time for years. I decided to try to find him and one of my friends told me that I could look him up through the American Dental Association. So that's what I did."

Paul said he had a call one day his office. "My receptionist told me there was a call from someone named Thuan. I never even knew that she got out alive. I talked to her and she said she would be flying to Phoenix. I told her that if she would go on and fly to Dallas I would take her out to dinner and we could get caught up on each other. So when she walked off the airplane I said 'I lost you one time I'm not going to lose you again.'"

They were married three months later and last year celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary.

"We had a connection," says Thuan. "I knew I was in love with him. He didn't know it because I didn't tell him. And he was in love with me and never told me. Then six years later we met and the feelings were still there. He could never forget about me and I could never forget about him."

Thuan thinks she's very fortunate. "When I moved here, the people were very kind to me. They immediately accepted me. I got my realtor's license and went to work selling real estate and helping Paul in his office. I got to know many people. When we retired, I got invited to join all sorts of clubs and organizations."

"We think we're very blessed," says Paul.

Heard Around Town

Son: I gave Maria a Valentine. I like her a lot.

Dad: That's nice.

Son: Dad, how much does it cost to get married?

Dad: I'm not sure. I'm still paying.



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Isaiah Lira slides safely into third base during a scrimmage between Sonora and Lake View Saturday, February 11, 2017 in Sonora. **KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS**

Sonora Tennis Brings Home 7 Medals

The Sonora Tennis Team began the 2017 season with a good start bringing home 7 medals while competing in Llano.

The Varsity team took the court on Friday, February 3, 2017 with only 11 players. Some of the team's talent is wrapping up their basketball season.

Friday's competitors included Sky Jennings and Peyton Matthews in girls' doubles. Slamming their opponents, the duo championed in the finals over the Early Lady Horns with a

score of 6-2, 6-0.

In boys' singles, Brian VanWinkle earned a silver medal for his talent on the court.

Additionally, the team of Mary Kyle Johnson and Dylan Taylor were awarded third place in the mixed doubles with a victory of 6-2, 6-4 over the San Saba Lady Dillos.

Finally, Claire Thiebaud and Bianca Fay earned Consolation in girls' doubles.

Also, competing for Sonora were Esteban Marin, David Delgado,

Carlos Regino, and Noelia Tovar.

Sonora JV players Ray Kimbrell, John Deleon, Gabriel Garcia, Noe Estrada, Kadee Petty, and Mariana Fernandez competed Thursday, February 2, in Llano.

Next, the JV Broncos and Lady Broncos will compete against the Reagan County Owls, Thursday, February 16, in Big Lake.

The Varsity will take on the Owls Saturday, February 18, in Big Lake.

Broncos Baseball Brings Fans to the Ballpark

Spectators filled the stands at the Broncos Baseball Field in a show of support for the Broncos as they warmed up for a practice scrimmage against the Lake View Chiefs Saturday afternoon, February 11, 2017.

On the mound, Caleb Galvan focused on striking out Lake View's batters while Henry Ramos backed

him up from behind home plate.

Running through the lineup and rounding the bases with ease, Sonora also took charge on the field.

Next, the Broncos will take on the Ozona Lions in another home game Friday, February 17, 2017.

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



Broncos pitcher Caleb Galvan aims to strike out the Chiefs during Saturday's scrimmage between Sonora and Lake View. **KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS**



Levi Garrett jumps up to catch a hit to left field during a scrimmage between Sonora and Lake View Saturday, February 11, 2017 at Bronco Field. **KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS**

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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.
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Cooke -Caldwell Wedding

Antiqua was the setting for a destination wedding for Katy Cooke and J.R. Caldwell September 24, 2016. Katy is the daughter of Vickie and Mike Cooke of Sonora. J.R. is the son of Beth Tweten, of Apollo Beach, Florida and Bill Caldwell of Sarasota, Florida. Friends and Family attended the Antiqua wedding on Coco Beach. A reception followed in Piccolo Mondo restaurant. the bride's attendants were Ashley Martin and Tracy Escamilla, friends of the bride, Kimberly Cooke and Kathy Hathaway, sisters of the bride, Victoria and Caroline Hathaway, nieces of the bride. The best man was Greg Cushman, friend of the groom and the groom's other attendants were Kenda Caldwell Smith, sister of the groom, and John Purk, uncle of the groom. Katy and J.R. honeymooned in Antiqua. The couple will reside in Tampa, Florida.

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OBITUARIES

Leah Louise Evans Peacock September 4, 1967 - February 2, 2017

Leah Louise Evans Peacock, age 49, was called home by her Lord and Savior on February 2, 2017.

Leah was born on September 4, 1967, in Keokuk, Iowa to Marlene and Larry Stice. In 1972, her mother married her "Dad", Roy Evans of San Angelo, TX, who adopted, loved and raised her.

She attended Sonora High School, and was a proud member of the class of 1985.

She also attended Angelo State University, where she met the love of her life, Ricky.

On June 20, 1987, they began their life journey together and shared 29 years of marriage in which they were blessed with two beautiful daughters, Whitney and Kelsi.

After graduating from West Texas A&M, she enjoyed a career of teaching her cherished students in her beloved field of special education.

Leah never met a stranger and dedicated her life to serving others.

She took great pride in her role as a coach's wife and being everyone's biggest fan at any sporting event. Her most beloved role came in December 2013, when she was blessed with her first granddaughter, Payton. She was blessed again in November 2015, with her grandson, Bryson. Leah loved everyone she knew, but no one quite compared to her precious grandbabies.

Leah was preceded in death by her mother, Marlene Evans, and her grandparents Betty and LaVern Brown of Keokuk, IA.

She is survived by her loving husband, Ricky Peacock of Albany; two daughters, Whitney and husband Scott Funke, and children Payton and Bryson of Wink, Kelsi Peacock and her fiancé Dee Pittillo of Nazareth, father, Roy Evans and wife Eunice of Early,

She is survived by her siblings Tonya and husband Phillip Hancock and children of Midland, Dana and husband Jeff Keepers and children of Celina, Todd Stice and wife Susan and children of Lees Summit, MO, Dana Stice and husband Brett Thompson and children of Lantana, along with numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and many friends.

Family and friends gathered to celebrate her life of 49 years on Thursday, February 9, 2017, at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial in Lubbock, TX.

A tribute of Leah's life may be found at www.memorialdesigners.net, where you may view a live broadcast of her service, as well as leave memories and expressions of sympathy for her family.

Memorials may be made in Leah's honor to the National Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, www.nationalmssociety.org/Donate. Condolences may also be sent to rickyevans@yahoo.com.

Olivia (Diaminia) Hernandez May 9, 1935-February 11, 2017

It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of our dear mother, Olivia Hernandez on February 11th 2017 at Menard Manor.

She was 81 years old.

Olivia is preceded in death by her loving husband Alvin Hernandez.

She is survived by a loving family including her daughter Lavina Medinas and son-in-law Rick, of Oakley CA. and her sons Daniel Hernandez, wife Esme, of Sonora and Adam Hernandez of Menard.

She is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren as well as sisters Linda Garza of Pharma Idaho, Delores

Saiz and Rose Ann Saiz of Pocatello Idaho.

Olivia worked many jobs throughout her life, most recently as a care giver. She was very active in the Catholic Church where she sang in the choir and was a member of the Guadalupanas.

Visitation will be Thursday February 16 and Friday February 17, 2017, at Love Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held Saturday February 18, 2017 at 11:00 am at Saint Ann's Catholic Church in Sonora.

Burial will follow in Sonora Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at lovefuneralhome.net.



Sonora ISD Menu

PK-5th : Free Breakfast & \$2.45 lunch
Middle & High School: \$1.95 Breakfast & \$2.85 lunch
*Menu Subject to Change

Monday February 20th Breakfast

Sausage Kolache/Yogurt or Cereal/Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch

Enchiladas, Taquitos & Queso or Chicken Fajita Salad

Charro Beans, Garden Salad, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Milk

After School Program

Muffin, Milk

Tuesday February 21st Breakfast

Breakfast Strudel/Cheese Stick, or Cereal/Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch

Meatball Sub Sand. w/Potato Rounds, Chili Cheese Combo, or Chef Salad

Fresh Veggie Cup, Fresh Seasonal Fruit, Choc./Vanilla Pudding, Milk

After School Program

Fruit, Raisins, Milk

Wednesday-February 22nd Breakfast

Breakfast Pizza or Cereal/Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch

Chicken Nuggets w/Mac & Cheese, Asian Stir Fry w/Flatbread or Santa Fe Salad

Savory Green Beans, Broccoli, Apple Slices, Milk

After School Program

Baked Chips, Juice

Thursday February 23rd Breakfast

Waffles/Sausage or Cereal/Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch

HB/Ch. Burger w/Hamburger Garnish, Corn Dog, or Crispy Chicken Salad

Oven Fries, Baby Carrots, Peaches, Crispy Cereal Treat, Milk

After School Program

Crackers, Cheddar Fish, Juice

Friday February 24th Breakfast

Cinnamon Roll/Bacon or Cereal/Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch

Pizza, Fiesta Bowl, or Tuna Salad

Garden Salad, Tiny Tomato Cup, Fruit Cup, Milk

After School Program

Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Juice

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1. Impetuous
5. Money, in Napoli
9. So be it!
13. Woodwind
14. Church assembly
15. Louise or Veronica
16. One of the Lockridges' sleuths
18. Things to grind
19. Verse
20. Tops
21. Way out
23. Love god
24. Hamlet, e.g.
25. Require
28. North African seaport
29. Short for depot
32. At ____ : bewildered
33. Play division
34. Before dent or angle
35. Mud
36. Safekeeping place
37. Surrounded by
38. Former Middle East grp.
39. Discoveries
40. List of candidates
41. Greek letter
42. Partner of ifs and buts

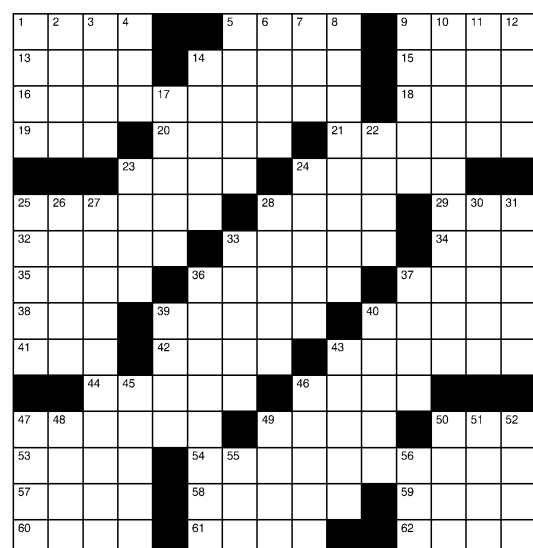
43. Scottish bigwigs
44. Piggeries
46. Dark breads
47. Seedy Manhattan area
49. Erin
50. Tone
53. ____ -and-shut case
54. TV Susie
57. Take five
58. Make merry
59. Gobi-like

60. NT book
61. Clarence and Doris
62. The Bay St.

DOWN

1. Red, in Seville
2. Not up yet
3. Aching
4. Pronoun
5. French city
6. Concerning
7. Rubbish!

"WEST, AS IN MAE"



See solution on Page 8

8. Supporter of a cause
9. Fright
10. American essayist-critic
11. Pieces out
12. Headland
14. Hairnet
17. Tall tales
22. Stare
23. Allay
24. Combats
25. Stop the flow
26. Inventor Howe
27. Shoes of the Fisherman author
28. Moves hurriedly, as a cloud
30. Overused
31. Assistants
33. White ____, NM
36. Martha's island
37. Doleful word
39. Weather word
40. Piece of paper
43. Austrian region
45. Camping shelters
46. Goes up
47. Adriatic wind
48. Fuel org.
49. The green emotion
50. Zeus' wife
51. Trinity author
52. Book or loose follower
55. Educational org.
56. Noah's second son

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Kaden Cordell charges the net for another 2-pts during the Varsity Broncos game against the Reagan County Owls, Tuesday, February 7, 2017 in Sonora. The Broncos shut down the Owls 51-47 in a final OT round. **KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS**



LADY BRONCOS VARSITY


JANUARY 31, 2017

Sonora 06-06-06-12=30
RC 21-04-08-07=40

SCORERS: Gaby Zapata 1; Audry Nolen 5; Jackilyn Sykes 10; Karah Martinez 4; Riley Walker 10.



Riley Walker catches some air on her way up to the net during the Varsity Lady Broncos game against the Reagan County Lady Owls, Tuesday, February 7, 2017 in Sonora. The Lady Broncos fell to the Owls 30-40 in their last game of the 2017 season. **KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS**



BRONCOS VARSITY


FEBRUARY 7, 2017

Sonora 11-13-3-16-8=51
RC 10-11-12-10-4=47

SCORERS: Kade Creek 17; Kaden Cordell 14; Evan Shannon 6; Michael Solis 9; Liam Yourgalite 3; Raully Ojeda 2.



Kade Creek takes the ball to the net during the Broncos varsity game against Reagan County, Tuesday, February 7, 2017 in Sonora. Creek hit consecutive three pointers to eliminate a thirteen-point deficit and forced overtime in which the Broncos won 51-47 over the Owls. **KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS**



LADY BRONCOS JUNIOR VARSITY


FEBRUARY 7, 2017

Sonora 05-05-06-06=22
RC 01-04-00-04=09

SCORERS: Zyda Gutierrez 9; Aleasha Smith 5; Christina Garza 4; Danica Jimenez 2; Keeley Moore 2.



Zyda Gutierrez cuts around the Lady Owls defense on her way to the net during JV Lady Broncos game against Reagan County, Tuesday, February 7, 2017 in Sonora. **KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS**



BRONCOS VARSITY

FEBRUARY 10, 2017

Sonora 8-16-10-15=49
Ballinger 8-23-14-16=61

SCORERS: Kaden Cordell 19; Kade Creek 15; Evan Shannon 4; Michael Solis 5; Abel Cruz 3; Raully Ojeda 3.




Thomas Talamantez drives through the Owls on his way to the net during the JV Broncos game against Reagan County, Tuesday, February 7, 2017 in Sonora. **KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS**

PLAY-IN GAME

The Sonora Broncos basketball team will meet the Reagan County Owls basketball team at San Angelo Central gymnasium at 7 p.m. on Friday, February 17th for a play-in game to determine the 4th place team and district. The winner will advance to the State Playoffs.

SONORA WEATHER FORECAST				
Thu 02/16	Fri 02/17	Sat 02/18	Sun 02/19	Mon 02/20
63/37 	72/40 	77/47 	71/43 	72/38
Plenty of Sunshine Sunrise 7:22 a.m. Sunset 6:31 p.m.	Sunshine Sunrise 7:21 a.m. Sunset 6:32 p.m.	Warm with Sun/Clouds Sunrise 7:20 a.m. Sunset 6:33 p.m.	Clouds/Sun/Thunderstorm Sunrise 7:20 a.m. Sunset 6:33 p.m.	Mostly Sunny Sunrise 7:19 a.m. Sunset 6:34 p.m.

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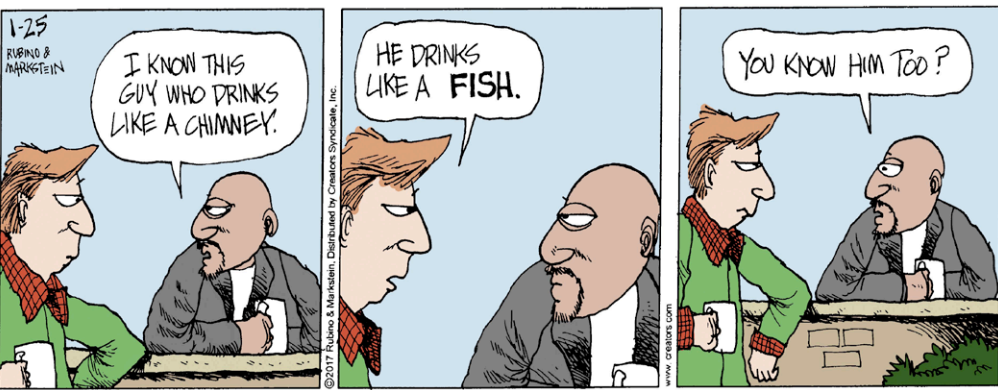
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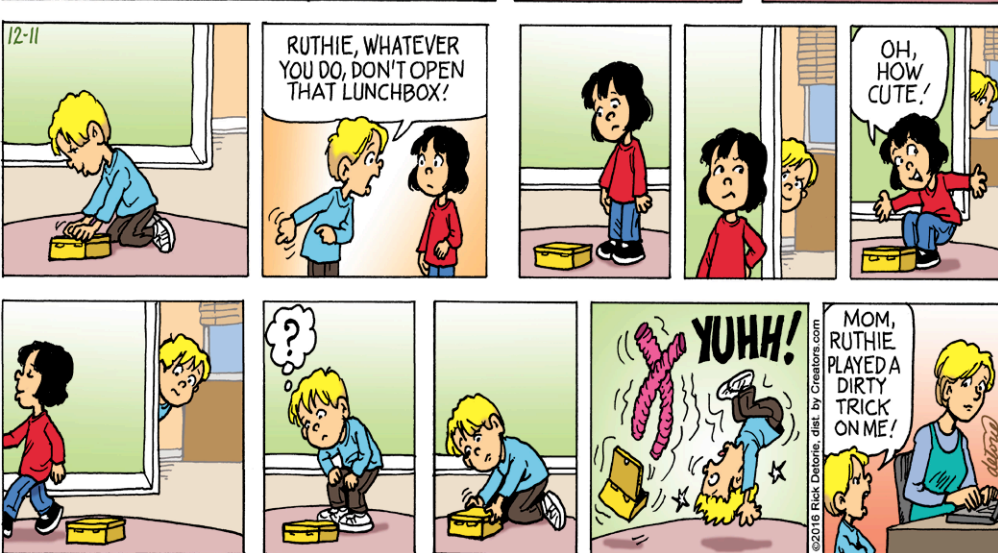
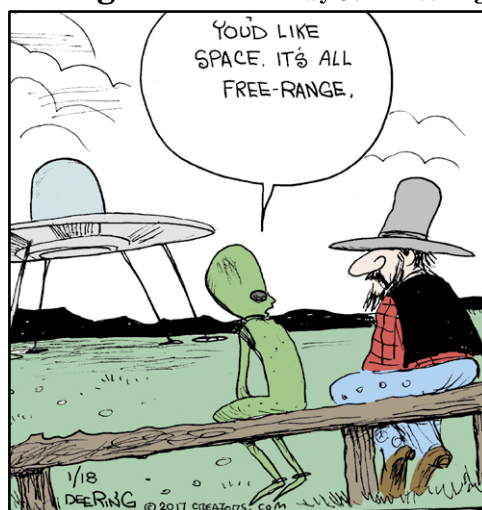
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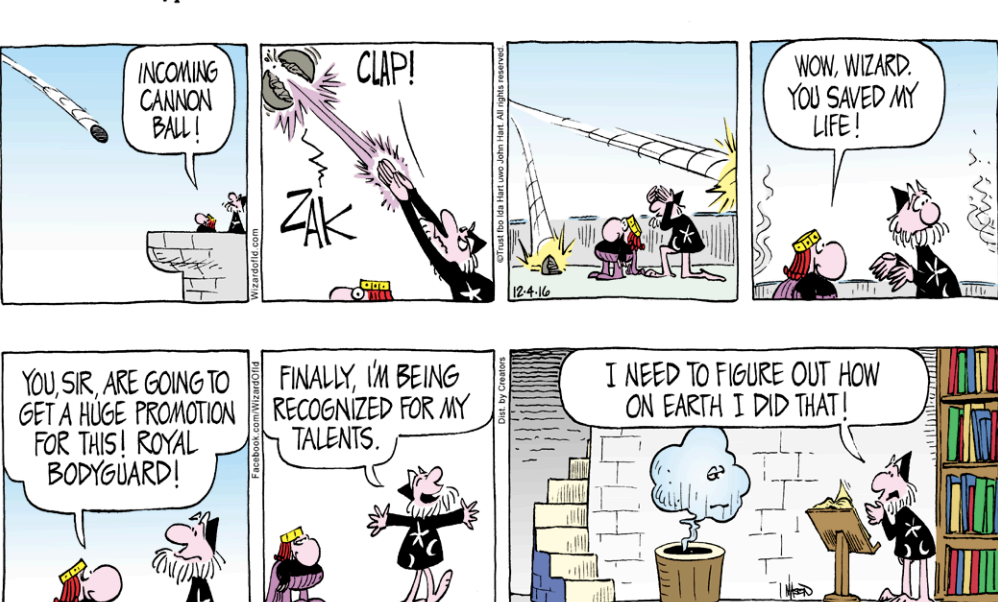
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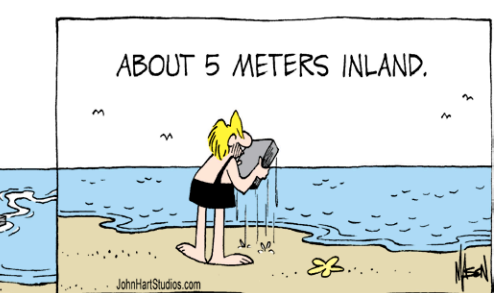
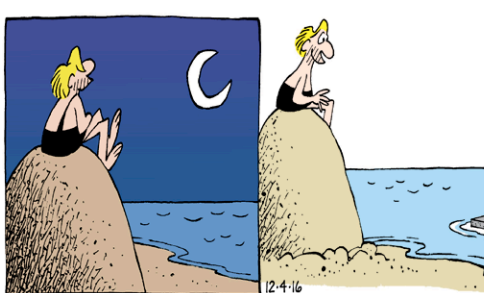
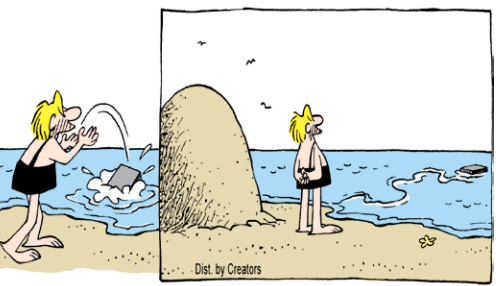
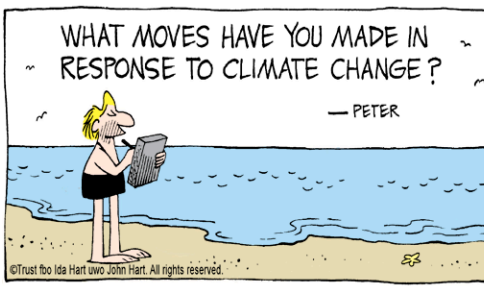
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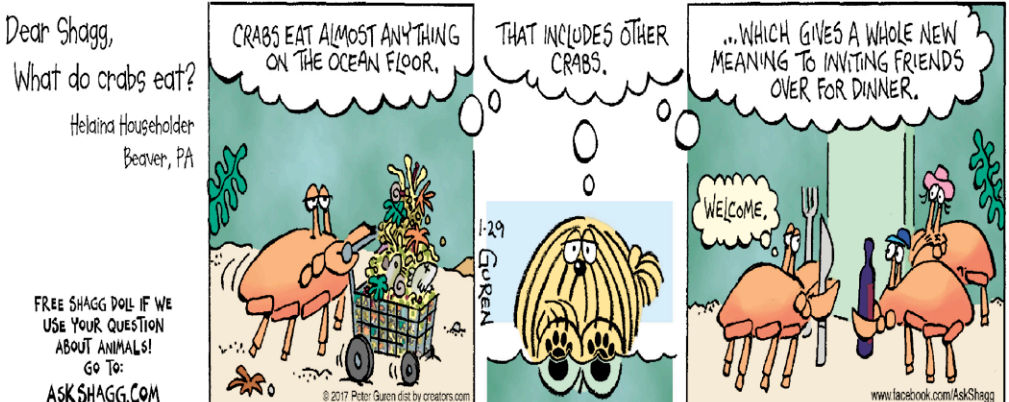
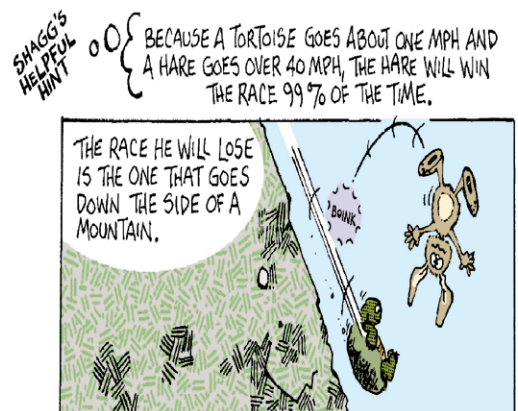
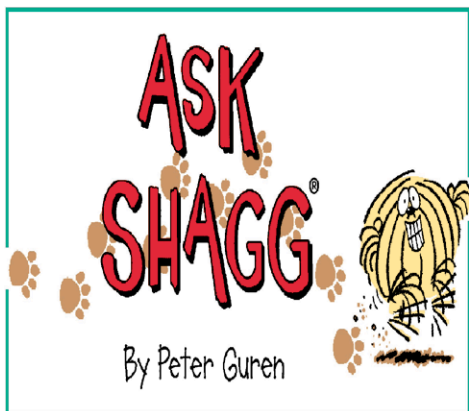
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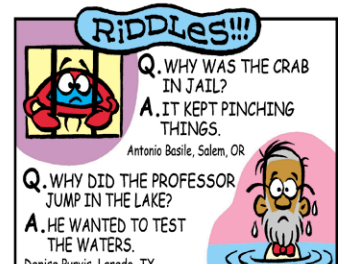
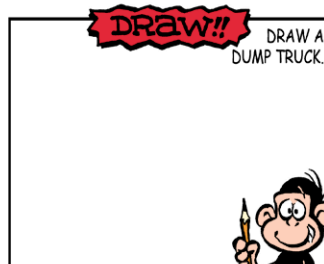
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February Home Horticulture Tips

For those of you who are itching to get back in the garden, we'll provide a few home horticulture tips for the month of February.

Plant:
Plant cool season vegetables, in relation to average last freeze dates. For example, onions (6-8 weeks prior); broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, brussels sprouts (4 weeks prior); spinach, lettuce, radishes, turnips, chard (2-4 weeks prior).

You should also finish planting pecan and fruit trees and transplant established landscape shrubs and trees while they are dormant.

Prune:
Prune roses in mid-February. Wait to prune climbing roses until late spring. Remove dead, dying and weak canes. Prune trees and evergreen shrubs before new growth begins. DO NOT TOP shade trees.

Fertilize:
Don't fertilize newly transplanted trees or shrubs until after they have started to grow, and then only very lightly the first year.

Miscellaneous Chores:
Apply pre-emergent

weed killer granules late in the month to prevent germination of crabgrass and grassburs. Repeat application 90 days later.

A pre-emergent herbicide should be applied around mid-September before emergence of winter weeds. Pre-emergent herbicides provide control for such broadleaf weeds as carpet burweed, chickweed, henbit, clover and many more.

Annual grass weeds routinely invading turf grass areas include crabgrass, goose grass, foxtail, barnyard grass, fall panicum and annual bluegrass. The herbicide should be active in the soil for 30 - 45 days or longer, depending on the product used. For control of spring and summer weeds, a second herbicide application should be applied around Feb. 15th.

There are several different pre-emergent herbicides that can be applied for good weed control. Your garden supply store will have various to choose from.

Read the label on the herbicide to determine the rate to apply. The label will give precautionary statements to guide you in their use.



Pascual Hernandez



Elementary School Students for the week of February 13-17, Tyler Goins, Pre-K, Brenda Rocha, K, Chloe Acevedo, 1st, Wyatt Killough, 2nd.

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Intermediate School Students for the week of February 13-17, Angel Diaz, 3rd, Liliana Gallegos, 4th, Riella Knox, 5th. | COURTESY PHOTO



Sonora Middle School Students for the week of February 13-17, James Galindo, 6th, Abigail Hernandez, 7th, Brianna Ramirez, 8th. | COURTESY PHOTO

Commissioners OK Staffing Changes at Sheriff's Office

Sutton County Commissioners handled a lengthy agenda including decisions regarding Sheriff's Office staffing, general reports and an exemption from subdivision rules request during their regular meeting Monday, February 13, 2017.

At the request of Sheriff Oscar Chavez, commissioners approved a title change from Office Manager to Administrative Assistant for the Sheriff's Office. He provided a detailed outline of duties for this position which includes part-time dispatch duties.

Next, they approved the promotion of Sheriff's Office employee Nina Martinez to Administrative Assistant. Commissioners also approved the hiring of Lois Gambel as the full-time dispatcher for the Sheriff's Office.

After some discussion, the court approved a salary schedule for the future hiring of dispatchers, jailers and deputy sheriffs, which included an adjusted base pay rate.

Sheriff Chavez reported 25 inmates for the month of January and a cost of \$1.25 per meal for inmates. He also reported a total of 696 dispatch calls and \$5,180 collected in fees.

All of the jail plumbing repairs, are now complete.

In regular business, commissioners approved the minutes of the February 6 special meeting and the January 23 regular meeting.

They also approved reports for accounts payable, treasurer, Library Extension office and Road and Bridge as presented.

As part of the Treasurer's report it was mentioned that a total of \$2,047,087.24 was collected during the month of January 2017 for property taxes owed. A portion in the amount of \$2,044,309.05 is retained by the county.

A total of \$42,403.98 was collected for vehicle titles and registration also during the month of January 2017.

No auditor's report was available.

John Wilson reported a total of \$152,131.88 collected in fees for the month of January, of which \$96,078.38 is retained by the county.

He also reported 637 new docketed cases and 22 magisterated. A total of 658 cases

were also collected on during the month of January.

Wilson noted that these increases are due to an increased number of traffic tickets overall including those issued by the Sheriff's office, additional officers and larger fines.

County Clerk Rachel Duran reported a total of \$8,089.22 collected in district court fees and \$4,429.10 collected in county court fees. Additionally, she reported a total of \$4,046.25 collected for OPR and Vitals.

In other business, the court approved a request from Sonora High School Junior Class representatives Kristen Garrett and Audry Nolen to waive the fee for the Pavilion for the school Prom slated for May 8, 2017.

County Attorney David Wallace read aloud a litigation report indicating that there is no open litigation or pending litigation against Sutton County at present.

The court also approved an exemption from subdivision rules request by Scott Frantzen.

Commissioners also approved a resolution for 2017 Formula Grant program for indigent Defense.

Judge Steve Smith informed the court of a Texas ranger Cross Dedication ceremony scheduled for Saturday, February 18 at 10:00 a.m. at the Sonora cemetery. Smith is also speaking during the event.

Finally, Smith read aloud for the court a declaration of thanks to the first Presbyterian Church of the Good Shepherd for their donation of playground equipment for the county park.

Commissioner Bob Brockman also suggested extending a thank you to Ingram Concrete for donating 10-yards of sand for the playground as well.

Without further discussion or action the court adjourned.

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

The next regular meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners Court is slated for Monday, February, 27, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Annex Building.

Council Balances Regular Business with Citizen Concerns During Regular Meeting

Before handling multiple people's issues, city council members took care of consent agenda items and approval of the 2015-2016 audit report during their regular meeting Monday, February 13, 2017.

Council members heard a report from Ed Carrasco on the lack of participation from residents in completing a survey to help the City obtain grant funds.

To date, only six percent of the required 25 percent of completed surveys have been received. The survey, issued by the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA), is designed to collect information to update the average household income in Sonora.

Presently, that average is based upon information collected during the 2010 census. Due to economic decline, the median household income is now much lower. This information is important in determining whether or not the city is eligible for grant funding as well as how much they can receive.

Grant monies are needed to help offset costs including the city's police department and infrastructure projects for example. A lower average household income translates into better opportunities to receive grant funding.

Next the council approved the consent agenda items including the January 9, 2017 regular meeting and January 17, special meeting. They also

approved the Senior Center report and Sonora Police Department reports as presented.

An overview of the 2015-2016 audit was presented by Dusty Ruth. Council members approved the audit findings as presented. They also approved the renewal of contract from Coleman, Horton & Company, LLP to conduct the 2016-2017 fiscal year audit.

City Secretary Belia Fay read aloud Resolution No. 2017-R-02 Order of Election for the upcoming May 6 election. Two council seats are on the ballot, City Council Member Ward 1 and City Council Member Ward 2. The council approved the resolution.

Mayor Wanda Shurley read aloud Resolution 2017-R-02A Supporting the Extension of Interstate 27 Along the Ports-to-Plains Corridor South of Lubbock. The council approved.

Council members approved a request from Lisa Galindo to re-evaluate the Senior Center Home Delivery Meals. Presently the City of Sonora and Sutton County share the cost of providing meals to those in need. Updated intake information, based on qualification guidelines, is necessary to accurately identify the total number of meals needed for daily distribution. A report will be made available following the intake re-evaluation.

Next, Sonia Castro voiced concerns over having to petition for a

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TUESDAY February 21

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Pinto Beans, Mix Fruit, Cookie,
Milk

WEDNESDAY February 22

BBQ Chicken Breast, Sautéed
Potatoes & Onions, Tangy
Coleslaw, Wheat Bread, Cake,
Milk

THURSDAY February 23

Country Fried Steak w/Gravy,
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Bread, Rosy Pears, Milk

FRIDAY February 24

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Oranges, Milk

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The Blotter



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Sonora Police Department and the Sutton County Sheriff's Office. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the police department or Sheriff's Office, 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.

**SUTTON COUNTY SHERIFF
ARRESTS**

FEBRUARY 7 • Charlene Negley, 54-year old female of Sonora arrested for DWI

FEBRUARY 8 • Samuel Waddell, 30-year old male of Big Lake arrested for DWI

FEBRUARY 9 • Ivan Hernandez, 34-year old male of San Antonio was arrested on a Sutton Co. warrant

FEBRUARY 10 • Shaun Ramos, 31-year old male of San Angelo was arrested on a Tom Green Co. warrant

INCIDENTS

FEBRUARY 7 - 6:53 AM • Deputy responded to reckless driver on I-10 west mm 392.

10:14 AM • Deputy responded to suspicious vehicle on south service Rd west of town.

FEBRUARY 9 - 10:45 PM • Deputy responded to a dog running on I-10 404 mile marker.

FEBRUARY 10 - 8:10 AM • Deputy responded to a suspicious vehicle on I-10 399 mm.

3:15 PM • Deputy responded to a call about theft of property on US Hwy 277 and SCR 403.

7:31 PM • Deputy responded to a motor vehicle accident at US Hwy 277 and SCR 102.

FEBRUARY 11 - 5:30 PM • Deputy responded to a suspicious vehicle on I-10 394 mile marker.

FEBRUARY 12 - 6:00 PM • Deputy responded to reckless driver on I-10 398 mile marker.

**SONORA PD
ARRESTS**

FEBRUARY 7 • Charlene Edna Negley, 53-year old female of Sonora, arrested for DWI

FEBRUARY 8 • Samuel Newton Waddell, 29-year old of Brackettville, arrested for DWI Previous

INCIDENTS

FEBRUARY 6 - 12:03 AM • Agency Assist call MHMR transport of Adult Female, Officer Responded.

FEBRUARY 7 - 9:29 AM • Accident/Wreck reported in 100 Block of South Crockett, Officer Responded.

9:47 AM • Funeral Escort, Officers Responded.

4:06 PM • Reckless driver reported on 210 US Hwy 277 N, Officer Responded.

8:04 PM • Accident/Wreck reported on 131 US Hwy 277 N, Officer Responded.

10:05 PM • Motorist requested assistance on 600 Block Crockett, Officer Responded.

FEBRUARY 8 - 9:34 AM • Truancy reported on 300 Block Santa Rosa, Officer Responded.

3:48 PM • Noise disturbance reported on 200 Block West 2nd, Officer Responded.

6:38 PM • Security Check requested on 300 Block Del Rio, Officer Responded.

FEBRUARY 9 - 2:27 PM • Loud Music reported on 200 Block West 2nd, Officer Responded.

8:35 PM • Vehicles parked in handicap area reported at middle school parking lot, Officer Responded.

FEBRUARY 10 - 8:39 AM • Agency requested assistance on mile marker 399, Officer Responded.

5:22 PM • Request for traffic control on IH-10 and US Hwy 277 N, Officer Responded.

7:15 PM • Welfare concern reported on 700 Block S Prospect, Officer Responded.

FEBRUARY 11 - 12:53 AM • Suspicious Vehicle reported on 200 Block Glasscock, Officer Responded.

5:14 PM • Animal reported on 500 Block Carver Ave, Officer Responded.

5:20 PM • Civil Matter reported on 200 Chestnut, Officer Responded.

5:40 PM • Suspicious circumstance reported on IH-10 mile marker 399, Officer Responded.

7:18 PM • Suspicious circumstances reported at Sonora ISD, Officer Responded.

FEBRUARY 12 - 10:04 AM • Animal reported on US Hwy 277 S, Officer Responded.

3:34 PM • Security check requested on 300 Del Rio, Officer Responded.

7:19 PM • Suspicious circumstances reported on 200 Block US Hwy 277 S, Officer Responded.

10:08 PM • Suspicious circumstances reported on N Water and E Oak, Officer Responded.

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variance to complete the construction of an open carport next to her home. In 2014, Castro and her husband, Samuel, applied for the same variance and it was tabled due to regulation violations.

They were issued a permit by City Code Enforcement Officer Briggs Simms and began construction. Due to violations both city and AEP, were asked to stop construction. Outbursts of concern from Castro and a visitor and a council member resulted in Mayor Shurley silencing the discussion with her gavel.

The council agreed to again table the request pending further review.

Next, Sonora resident Linda Johnson requested action by the council to remedy an issue concerning loud music around her home. Johnson's home is located next to a business that provides music for its customers. She stated that the constant beating of the bass is interfering with her daily life and causing her health problems. Police Chief William Dudley reported that his officers have responded to multiple calls for loud noise. To date, no citations have been issued due to the noise being within legal limits.

An exchange of words between Johnson and the business owner resulted in another silencing by Mayor Shurley. Finally, the council asked both parties to try to work together to resolve the issue amicably. Chief Dudley also assured the council that his officers would monitor the situation.

Two citizens spoke on behalf of concerns over Liberty Park and the engraving of veteran's names on panels. Until recently, the park was maintained by a local organization, Viva Sonora. Due to neglect residents are concerned about the future of the venue.

First Augustine Chavez, a U.S. Navy Veteran, spoke about the need for a city employee to continue to raise the flag as well as updating the veteran name panels. He proposed that the city implement a program to

help bring awareness and interest in the needs of Liberty Park. "Liberty Park is a living tribute memorial to all veterans," Chavez said. Lydia White also spoke on the need to update name panels located in Liberty Park. The council tabled the item until the next regular meeting pending further review.

A request to change the speed limit in the residential area between Orient, US Hwy 277 and Glasscock was tabled until the next regular meeting pending further review. In the mean-time the Sonora Police department has implemented increased patrol in the area to help deter speeding.

In other business, council members approved the Sonora Economic Development Corporation Quarterly Report and the Historical Society Quarterly report as presented.

Following a presentation by Max Howorth regarding the Sonora Tourism Committee, the council approved a grant in the amount of \$16,000 to be awarded to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce for the 2017 Devil's River Music Flood.

No action was taken on the late payment policy on utility billing. Instead, council members agreed to leave the current policy as is. Payment for city utilities must be received by 8:00 a.m. on the 15th of each month to avoid a late fee being assessed.

Lastly, council members approved Resolution 2017-R-02B Designating and Authorized Official for the DJ-Edward Byrne Memorial Assist Grant application to the Office of Governor. If awarded, this grant would provide funding to purchase a new vehicle for the Sonora Police Department.

Without further comments or actions the meeting adjourned.

Mayor Wanda Shurley presided over the meeting. Todd Munn, Doug Chandler, Norm Rousselot and Juanita Barrera were present. The next regular meeting of the City Council is slated for March 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Ethics Bill

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pension if the crime relates to abuse of office.

Other things the bill would require:

- Increased reporting of wining and dining by lobbyists;
- A moratorium of one full session before a former legislator could register as a lobbyist; and
- Public disclosure of any ties officials or their immediate family members have to contracts between private businesses and government agencies.

Speaker names committees

House Speaker Joe Straus on Feb. 9 announced chairs and members of 38 standing House committees for the 85th Legislature.

"These assignments reflect the diversity of the Texas House. Some very good members are taking on new challenges. I'm looking forward to their leadership. There is always a balance to strike between continuity and fresh thinking and I think we have the right mix," Straus said.

Lists of committee

chairs and members can be accessed online at <http://www.house.texas.gov/media/pdf/committee.pdf>

Missing jersey is sought

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick on Feb. 6 asked the Texas Rangers, a division of the Texas Department of Public Safety, to assist the Houston Police Department in the hunt for New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady's Super Bowl jersey. "Whoever took this jersey should turn it in. The Texas Rangers are on the trail," Patrick said.

The jersey was reported missing from the Patriots' locker room at NRG Stadium in Houston. Brady wore the jersey in leading the Patriots to a come-from-behind victory in the Super Bowl Feb. 5.

Allocations to be sent

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Feb. 8 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$858.6 million in local sales tax allocations for February, 1 percent less than in February 2016.

These allocations, Hegar said, are based on sales made in December by businesses that report tax monthly; October, November and December sales by quarterly filers; and 2016 sales by businesses that report tax annually.

"The cities of Houston, Midland and San Antonio saw noticeable decreases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. "The cities of Round Rock, Frisco and Irving saw noticeable increases in sales tax allocations," he added.

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Reader Recipes

"Louise's Chocolate Oatmeal Cookies"

In honor of The Sonora Woman's Club 100th Anniversary Cookbook 1916-2016, the feature recipe is "Louise's Chocolate Oatmeal Cookies", by Louise Dermody. This is the perfect sweet treat to make for anyone. It was submitted by Anna Johnson and Nancy Davis. Anna says that every time she makes these cookies, she is reminded of her cousin Louise. Louise loved cooking for her family gatherings. She always made a tasty dish!

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| 1 cup brown sugar | 3 cups oatmeal |
| 2 cups shortening | 2 teaspoon salt |
| 3 cups flour | 2 cups sugar |
| 2 teaspoon baking soda | 2 teaspoon Vanilla |
| 4 eggs | |
| 1 (large - 12 oz.) pkg. chocolate chips | |

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Cream together shortening, and both sugars; add eggs, flour, soda, salt, oatmeal, and vanilla. Mix well. Fold in chocolate chips. Bake for 12 minutes.

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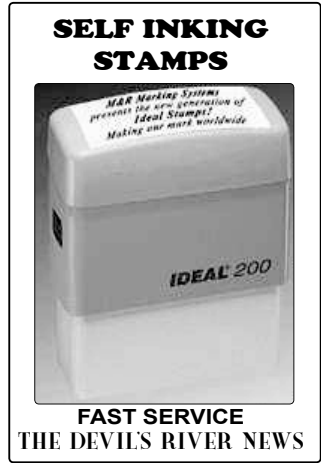
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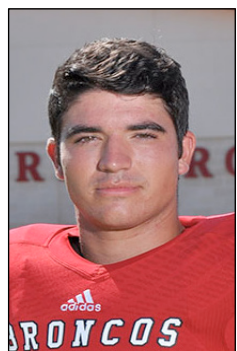
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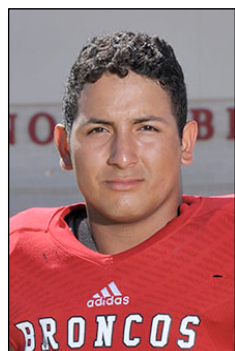
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2016 Class 3A Old Coach All State Football Team

In addition to the multiple accolades awarded already awarded this year, four Sonora Broncos were named to the 2016 Class 3A Old Coach All State Football Team this past week. Jarrett Jackson, Junior, 1st Team Running Back. Isaiah Lira, Senior, 1st

Team Linebacker. Kaden Cordell, Junior, 3rd Team Quarterback. Liam Yourgalite, Senior, 3rd Team Defensive Line. Each of these players deserves commendation for their hard work throughout the season. Congratulations!

Senior Night



Sonora High School Seniors Raully Ojeda, Liam Yourgalite, Riley Walker, Tonya Bounds, Michael Solis and Kade Creek were recognized during Senior Night Tuesday, February 6, 2017. Fellow friends and teammates took the opportunity to applaud them on their successes throughout high school and thank them for their exceptional leadership along the way.
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Sutton County Hospital District Board of Directors approved to begin the necessary replacement of flooring for the hospital and clinics A and B facilities during their regular meeting Monday, February 13, 2017.

In regular business, trustees approved the

minutes of the January 9, 2017 regular meeting and the financial report as presented.

In other business, board members approved the transfer of dollars from Money Market funds to CDs. They are considering the competitive rate options available from community

banks in an effort to keep investments local.

The board also approved the 2017 revised budget and charity policy.

Lastly, trustees approved Medical Staff recommendations to the one year provisional consulting staff.

Without further

discussion or comments the meeting adjourned.

President Sharon Holman presided over the meeting. Lenora Pool, Edward Earwood, Mary Humphrey and Adelita Alvarez were present.

The next regular meeting of the SCHD Board of Directors is slated for March 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the LMH memorial Hospital Wellness Center.

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