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Philip Kemp, Texas Ranger Co. E, of San Angelo, reads aloud the Ranger Prayer during a Texas Ranger cross dedication ceremony Saturday, February 18, 2017 in Sonora Cemetery. The dedication was in honor of former Texas Ranger Richard Walter Davis, Sr.  
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## SISD Approves Resolution Opposing School Vouchers

The Sonora Independent School District Board of Trustees approved to adopt two resolutions but did not take action on matters involving the Middle School Principal during their regular meeting Wednesday, February 15, 2017.

Superintendent Ross Aschenbeck encouraged board members to adopt the resolution which will be brought before the legislature this spring.

"Public Education is under attack," Superintendent Ross Aschenbeck said. "We have to stand up."

Under the proposed system, school vouchers or "education vouchers" allow parents to use public monies however they choose to pay for their child's education. Hence, rural schools such as Sonora ISD will be affected greatly by the loss of federal funds that are relied upon to help offset school district costs.

Without hesitation, trustees approved to adopt the resolution opposing school vouchers.

The board also approved to adopt a second resolution initiating the process under Education Code Chapter 12A for SISD to become a District of Innovation.

Of the 1,200 Texas school districts, 400 have already adopted this program. Under the District of Innovation program schools have the ability to waive Texas Academic Codes such as teacher certification requirements and the school year start date.

This appeals particularly to Sonora as it allows our to set custom certifications for newly hired teachers. Effectively, the district may hire teachers who are qualified but not certified in their assigned teaching subject. Also, this program allows SISD to adjust the date to begin the

new school year which was suggested by Aschenbeck to gain additional days in the school year calendar.

Once adopted, the program is good for a period of 5-years.

In regular business, board members approved consent agenda items including the Tax Assessor/Collector, business manager and board financial reports. They also approved the minutes of the January 11, 2017 regular meeting and the renewal of Walsh Gallego's Retainer Program for legal services.

In other business, trustees approved the Order of Election as well as the Election Agreement for the 2017 May election.

They also approved changing the fiscal year start date back to September 1.

Superintendent Aschenbeck reported on Domain V of the A-F Report school accountability system.

He also noted the change of date for the March regular meeting of the Sonora ISD.

Board members took a short recess to enjoy a catered meal before going behind closed doors to discuss personnel matters involving the middle school principal.

No action was taken following executive session.

Without further comments or discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Board President Dawn Cahill presided over the meeting.

Amber Killough, Brady Johnson, Jesse Bustamante and Jerry Jimenez were present. Cynthia Perez was late and Shana Petty-Castro was absent.

The next regular meeting of the Sonora ISD is slated for March 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Vocational Building.

## Texas Ranger's Service Remembered

A memorial cross was unveiled at the grave of a former Texas Ranger during a special ceremony Saturday morning, February 18, 2017 in Sonora.

First Corporal Richard Walter Davis, Sr. (1824 - 1907) was buried in the Sonora Cemetery in 1907.

The Former Texas Rangers Association and Former Texas Rangers Foundation honored Davis with a graveside ceremony attended by family, friends, fellow rangers and community residents.

Davis's grand-daughter, Ashley Davis Hamilton, was among those who spoke about his life,

character and legacy.

She recounted Davis's life of dedication to his faith in God, service as a lawman and compassion for his fellowman.

Hamilton said she imagined that he woke every morning with a hopeful heart and intent to make the world a better place for everyone.

"Richard Walter Davis, Sr. was a decades-long pioneer, farmer, and stock raiser in Bastrop County, Davis said. "He served three enlistments with the Texas Rangers, and was in the Texas Cavalry during the War Between the States. A life of pioneering and blazing the

trail for those who came after him. He moved to Sonora in 1904, likely to seek the company and care of his beloved sons. His final ride into the sunset was on June 8, 1907. Richard Walter Davis, Sr., was a Ranger, Confederate Veteran, husband, father, and grandfather."

First Baptist Church Pastor Matt Killough opened the dedication ceremony with a prayer and a few words from the bible.

Joe Davis, President of the Former Texas Rangers Foundation and Texas Rangers Retired, also spoke about the importance of recognizing all Texas Rangers

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## Two Commit to Lobos Football



Bryndon Robles signs a letter of intent Thursday, February 16, 2017, to play football for Sul Ross State University in the fall.  
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Noah SanMiguel thanks family, friends and SHS coaches before signing a letter of intent Thursday, February 16, 2017 to play college football at Sull Ross State University.  
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## Robles and SanMiguel Sign a Letter of Intent to Play Football at Sull Ross State University

Two more Sonora Broncos joined the rush of players signing letters of intent Thursday, February 16, 2017 guaranteeing their athletic careers after high school.

Bryndon Robles and Noah San Miguel both signed an agreement to play football for Division III Sul Ross State University.

"Bryndon and Noah have represented Bronco Nation with great class and character," Coach David T. Sine said. "They are both wonderful young men and

will do great things for Lobo Nation."

Pursuing a degree in Kinesiology, Robles said he hope to fulfill his goal of becoming a coach or trainer as well as continuing to play football - the sport he most enjoys.

Robles also said he chose Sul Ross for the similarities to life at home and school in Sonora. Robles is also the first in his family to attend college.

"I am really looking forward to going to Sul Ross," Robles said. "It has a real home feeling. I

know it's going to be a lot of work because that is what is expected at Sul Ross."

Thankful for the opportunity to grow and improve his skills while playing football for the Broncos, Robles said he couldn't have reached his goals without the guidance and support of the coaching staff.

Ultimately, that helped him with his decision to commit to Sul Ross.

"There are similar personalities in coaching," Robles said. "They will tell you how it is and

it just feels like home."

SanMiguel also said he felt comfortable after visiting Sul Ross.

He said he chose the campus and DIII program because of their assurance to him in helping him be successful in both academics and sports.

Pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice while continuing his passion for playing football, he said he is looking forward to all that college life has to offer.

Like all new recruits, SanMiguel will continue to improve

his game skills through conditioning and practice before taking the field in the fall.

As for his time as a Bronco, he said he will miss it and gives credit to Coach David T. Sine for encouraging him to achieve his future dreams.

My experience in Sonora has been fun," SanMiguel said. "Especially with Coach Sine because he worked with me. He knows that I can do big things and that really helped me to grow and look toward the future."





**STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS**

By Ed Sterling

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# Paxton Files Brief in Support of President's Immigration Order

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton has filed a legal brief supporting President Trump's executive order for an immigration crackdown.

In his Feb. 15 brief with a San Francisco federal appeals court, Paxton defends President Donald Trump's Jan. 27 executive order titled "Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States."

The states of Washington and Minnesota filed a complaint in a Seattle federal district court and were granted a nationwide temporary restraining order that blocked key provisions of the executive order regarding Trump's proposed ban on travelers from several Muslim-majority

countries considered to be terrorism hotspots. On Feb. 9, a three-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco upheld the temporary restraining order.

Soon afterward, federal agencies under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security conducted White House-ordered sweeps in major U.S. metropolitan areas, resulting in the arrests of hundreds of undocumented residents.

"The law," Paxton said, "makes it very clear that the president has discretion to protect the safety of the American people and our nation's institutions with respect to who can come into this country."

State Sen. Sylvia R. Garcia, D-Houston,

said on Feb. 16 that the executive order's ban on travelers from several Muslim-majority countries was "ill-conceived, unconstitutional and poorly executed in the first place."

"Now," Garcia continued, "our state tax dollars are being spent trying to defend the exclusion of people based on false claims of security. It's wasted money when we need to focus on the things that matter to Texas." Garcia serves as chair of the Texas Senate Hispanic Caucus.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly confirmed that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement launched a series of targeted enforcement operations in which more than 680

individuals were arrested. He said those arrested "pose a threat to public safety, border security or the integrity of our nation's immigration system."

**Accreditation list is posted**

The Texas Education Agency on Feb. 17 released accreditation status reports for school districts and charters for academic year 2016-2017.

## The Stalking of the Secret Shopper

It was an unassuming Sunday afternoon. I had to venture to the store for a few items. It was a leisurely excursion. Unlike most days, I wasn't in a hurry and indulged in the luxury of lollygagging my way through the aisles. Picture a normal, average shopper in the camping department examining flashlights. Common-

place, ordinary and routine. That's me. Or maybe not. I didn't think I looked overly suspicious, but apparently I was. Either that or it was a slow day in the store detective department, because it wasn't long before I had one following me.

He was easy to spot. As obvious as a fake beard on Santa Claus, whom he sort of resembled. He was a late-middle-aged gent, without a coat (despite the cold temperature outside), without a cart, without any items to purchase, strolling at a leisurely pace pretending (in the most conspicuous of manners) to be looking at items and shopping. Ha! Without a cart! Who does that?

A secret shopper, that's who. Secret shopper is my code for store detective. They have a penchant for following me, although I've yet to figure out why. I'm an unassuming mom, typically wearing an unassuming black coat. I clearly have a written list of items I am looking for, making me a serious and legitimate shopper - versus a thief. My tiny purse has room for a wallet, phone and nothing more, especially not stolen items. My appearance practically screams law-abiding citizen.

I saw him out of the corner of my eye looking at me out of the corner of his eye. I had to stifle a giggle. He thought he was so undercover. Not. Because this isn't my first secret shopper showdown, I did my best to act suspicious. You know, to give him a sense of purpose in his job. Sometimes you've got to find your own fun in a situation. I picked up a flashlight, examined it and returned it to the shelf. I repeated this a few times wondering how long he'd stay in the aisle with me. He remained intact, pretending to look at golf balls. I sauntered over to the next aisle. He followed.

As much as I wanted to keep the fun times going, I actually had items on my shopping list. I exited the sporting goods department and headed toward dairy. I lost him somewhere between electronics and pet food.

Here's my take on store detectives: they are an important and needed commodity. Honest shoppers like me depend on them to stop a thief from absconding with a large screen TV or bottle of nail polish. But in order to be undercover, they've got to appear undercover.

In a word: stealth. This means they should look like they are actual shoppers. This means walking with a cart. Approximately 99 percent of shoppers use carts. Not having a cart depletes the covertness of any undercover status. If it is cold outside, they should wear a coat. If a man is walking around in a store without a coat and without a cart, where is his coat?

It's in the break room where the employees put their coats, that's where. Any normal, unassuming shopper with a grocery list and cart can tell you that.

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## Continuing to Provide the Gold Standard

When not working in DC, you can find me traveling to one of the communities in the twenty-nine counties across the 23rd Congressional District of Texas, to meet with constituents and learn about the issues most important to you. Sometimes I stop in half-a-dozen or more towns before flying back to DC on Monday.

Why is this so important? Because my job is to serve as your Representative, and hearing from you face-to-face allows me to better serve you. I am committed to offering my constituents the Gold Standard when it comes to two-way communication and the services that my office provides. The team I've built in Texas and DC knows that this is my number one priority and that anything less is unacceptable.

I have five offices from San Antonio to El Paso so that my staff is accessible to you and able to participate in important community events throughout the district. We have caseworkers in San Antonio, Del Rio, Eagle Pass, and Socorro. We also have two dedicated Veteran liaisons to help serve the extensive veteran population that is proud to call our district home.

As evidence of my commitment to the Gold Standard, during my first term over 2015 and 2016, I hosted over 400 public meetings, called over 630,000 households for live telephone town hall meetings, responded to over 50,000 constituent letters, and put over 75,000 miles on my car crisscrossing the district. From my five district offices, Team Hurd has hosted regular office hours and helped over 1,000 constituents solve complicated cases with federal agencies, like the Social Security Administration and the VA. My team and

I are excited for the opportunity to continue our work on your behalf.

Each summer during the month of August, I host a meet-and-greet series called DC2DQ at dozens of Dairy Queens throughout the district. Each meeting is open to the public, and an opportunity for me to hear your questions and concerns directly, along with providing you an update on what I'm working on back home and in Washington to keep us safe, grow the economy, and increase opportunity across the district. Last summer, I hosted 23 public meetings in six days.

There is always more to do, and I will continue to make sure your voice is heard in Washington. In order to represent you to the best of my ability, I want to remind you that regular feedback from our communities is essential. Your phone calls, emails, and attendance at meetings will ensure that my legislative work is in lock-step with the needs and challenges you have shared with me.

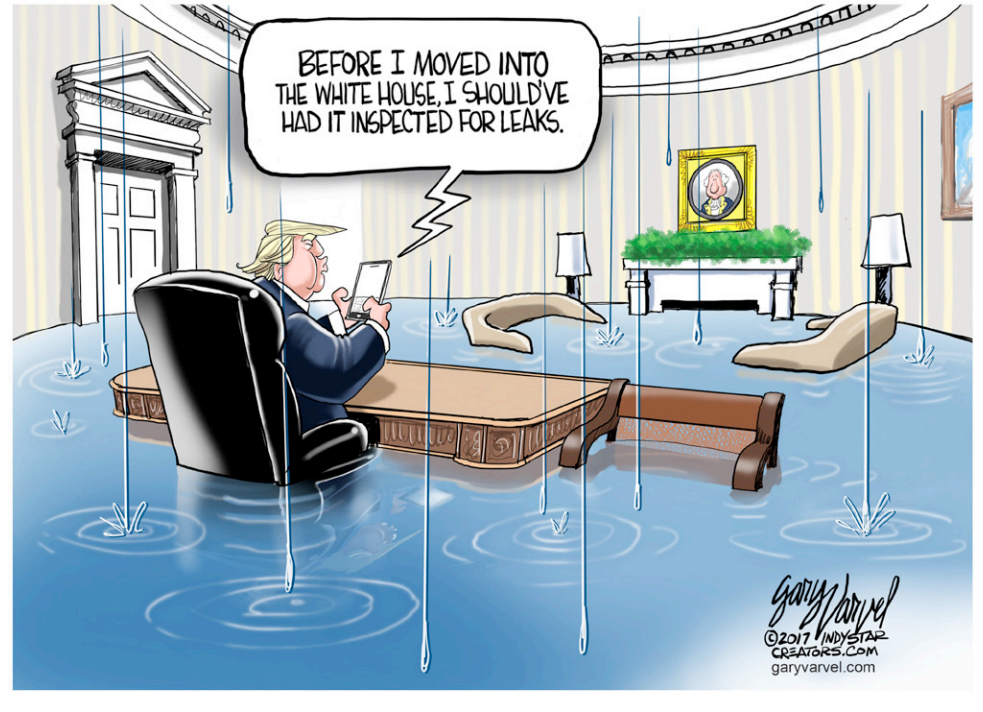
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### Hurd on the Hill



by U.S. Rep. Will Hurd



## The Panhandle Pipe Organ Fixer

Norman Goad of Amarillo repairs and tunes pipe organs. "I take care of forty to forty-five pipe organs in the Texas panhandle, over into Eastern New Mexico and Western Oklahoma, then down to Lubbock and Midland."

Not many people do this kind of work. "I think the closest companies would be in Fort Worth and Denver. Other than that, I'm pretty much it in this part of the state."

He works on fine, expensive pipe organs in churches and universities. I interviewed him in the sanctuary of Amarillo's St. Andrews Episcopal Church. The pipe organ there was built by the same people who built the pipe organ in the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City.

"There are people from around the world that actually play this organ. Many of them call the organist and choirmaster here and ask if they could do a concert at the church. They have to get on the list to do that."

The organ at St. Andrews is in the twenty-four hour temperature and humidity controlled sanctuary that resembles something you would find in Europe. "This organ has six thousand, sixty-six hundred pipes. Most of them are behind a screen, mounted on architecturally designed shelves and enclosures. Some are eight feet tall and others are a quarter of an inch. To get to them, you have to climb stairs and ladders. I tune about twenty-four pipes to the electronic tuner. Everything else is tuned pipe to pipe, all by ear. I don't tune every one, just the ones that need tuning."

Some of the largest pipes are a foot across at the openings. Tuning them is a problem. "As you get close to the pipe the heat from your body adds length to the pipe. So as you get closer, the pitch goes lower. I have to sneak up on those big pipes to tune them."

He'll spend four days tuning the organ, and then he plays it to make sure everything works right. "It's a huge joy to play this organ. It has features that not many pipe organs have."

Norman demonstrated the full range of sounds the organ produces, including the chimes, flutes, strings, harps and trumpets. Then he played one of his favorite organ numbers. It was a joy to hear him play. "The control center of this organ is all computer-based, controlling 6,600 pipes and telling them exactly when you want them to play or not play."

Norman has worked on organs nearly thirty years and has played organ since he was fourteen. He feels it is his responsibility to add to the spirituality of a religious service. "Sometimes the organ plays so soft it fills the sanctuary with reverence. Other times the wave of sound sweeps over the audience and they feel the awesome power of belief."

Norman is organist and choir director at the First Presbyterian Church in Amarillo.

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# Ag Mechanics Awards



Carter Zook placed first in his class during the San Angelo Agricultural Mechanics Contest Wednesday, February 15, 2017. Zook designed and built a deer mount pedestal.

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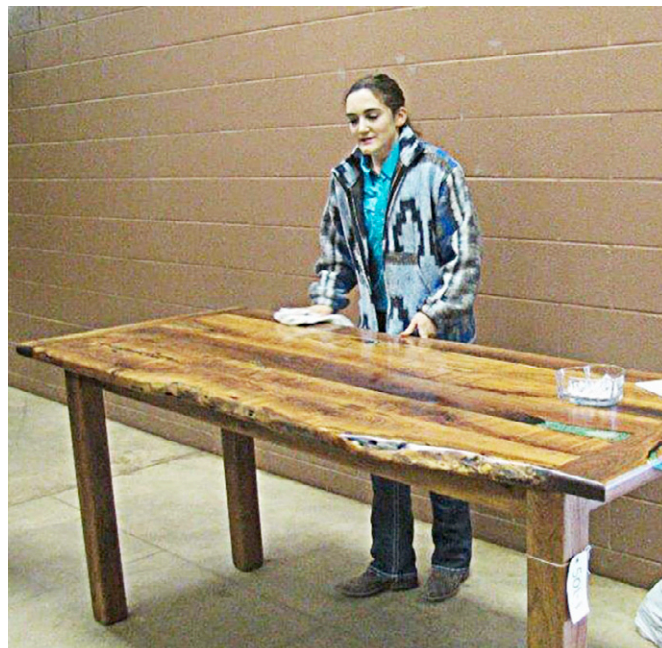
The team of Kami Lux, Martin Alvarez, Grady Bush and Trista Bush were awarded 3rd place, for their set of Texas Rangers tables, during the San Angelo Agricultural Mechanics Competition Wednesday, February 15, 2017.

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Felicia Farley earned 2nd place for her wood project entry during San Angelo Agricultural Mechanics contest Wednesday, February 15, 2017.

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Rebeckah Owen earned a blue ribbon while competing in the San Angelo Ag Mechanics Show Wednesday, February 15, 2017. Owen designed and built a kitchen table from mesquite wood.

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## SMS Scholars Advance to TMSCA State Competition

Eleven Sonora Middle School Students took part in the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association (TMSCA) Qualifiers meet Saturday, February 18, 2017 in Sweetwater.

Students strived for qualifying scores enabling them to compete at the next level. Participating SMS scholars were also among a number of students from area 1A to 5A schools hoping to advance to the State Competition.

### 8th Grade Results:

**Calculator:**  
Jaci Dutton, 8th, score 164  
Zachary Jefferion, 16th  
**Number Sense:**  
Jaci Dutton, 10th  
Zachary Jefferion, 14th  
**Mathematics:**  
Jaci Dutton, 10th  
**Science:**  
Zachary Jefferion, 22nd  
Juan Ruiz, 29th  
Rashel De Luna and 31st

### 7th Grade Results:

**Calculator:**  
Sophia Gutierrez, 17th score

133

### Number Sense:

Sophia Gutierrez, 8th  
Abigail Duncan, 10th  
**Mathematics:**  
Abigail Duncan, 21st  
Fernanda Lozano: 13th  
**Science:**  
Abigail Duncan, 16th  
Fernanda Lozano: 22nd

### 6th Grade Results:

Molly Friess, 9th overall, Advancing to State Competition

### Calculator:

Molly Friess, 14th  
Monse De La Fuente 26th

### Number Sense:

Aidan Leamon, 12th

### Mathematics:

Molly Friess, 1st  
Aidan Leamon 16th  
Alexis Hernandez, 14th

### Science:

Aidan Leamon 12th  
Alexis Hernandez, 25th  
Next, TMSCA Qualifiers travel to Crane, Saturday 25, 2017 to compete for the championship.

All of the students deserve commendation for their hard work.

Congratulations and good luck!

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Tuesday	8:15 a.m.	4:15 p.m.
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Thursday	8:15 a.m.	4:15 p.m.
Friday	8:15 a.m.	4:15 p.m.



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Elementary School Students for the week of February 20-24, Lily Ramirez, Pre-K, Carson Wardlaw, K, Brailyn Galindo, 1st, Thomas Ramirez, 2nd.

## Sonora ISD Students of the Week

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Intermediate School Students for the week of February 20-24, David Luna, 3rd, Juan Castillo, 4th, Aiden Luna, 5th.



Sonora Middle School Students for the week of February 20-24, Giovanni Gamez, 6th, Victoria Regino, 7th, Saul Bermea, 8th.

## Grand Champion



Koda Davis (center) stands with her sister Kodi and parents Robert and Candy Davis of Sonora after winning the Grand Champion Meat Goat during the Fort Worth Stock Show this past January 29, 2017.

## Davis and a Goat Named Peanut Steal the Show

Koda Joy Davis, a 6th grader at Sonora Middle School, was awarded Grand Champion Meat Goat during the 2017 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show this past January 29, 2017, in Fort Worth.

Davis is the daughter of Robert and Candy Davis of Sonora.

She is also a member of

the Sutton County 4-H.

Davis and her goat named Peanut were among about 800 competitors in this year's annual Live Stock Show.

Held annually, since 1896, the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show is the oldest continuously running livestock show in the state of Texas.

## Sonora Students Represent Well in San Angelo Photography Contest

Eight students from Sonora High School earned top spots during the San Angelo Stock Show Photography Contest earlier this month.

Thirty five photographs by Sonora artisans were among the more than 150 entries submitted.

Competing against students from schools throughout the Concho Valley, Sonora photographers placed in a variety of categories.

All of the photo entries remained on display for viewing throughout the Stock Show activities.

**Results:** Intermediate age/General Category Madalyn Fisher, 1st place High School age/General Category/Color Autumn Ayala, 1st Place High School age/ General Category/Black and White Dariela Lopez, 2nd Place

High School age/General Category/Black and White Ariana Reyes, 3rd Place High School Age/People Category/Black and White Brittany Covarrubiaz, 2nd Place High School Age/People Category/Black and White Nydia Rodriguez, 3rd Place High School Age/General Category/Color Caleb Ritchey, 4th Place High School Age/Plant-Landscape Category/Color Sydney Robles, 4th Place Additionally, Sierra Herrada's photograph made the final cut in a contest hosted by Photographer's Forum this past October. Herrada's photo will appear in their latest publication titled "Best of College & High School Photography 2017."

All of these students deserve commendation for their hard work and accomplishments.



(L-R) Nydia Rodriguez, Autumn Ayala, Dariela Lopez, Sydney Robles, Ariana Reyes, and Caleb Ritchey. Sonora High School students earn top awards in photography while competing in the annual San Angelo Stock Show Photography Contest.

BOOK SIGNING

February 25, 2017 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

## Charles Russell

author of

*A Year To Remember Making Memories Lasting Memories*

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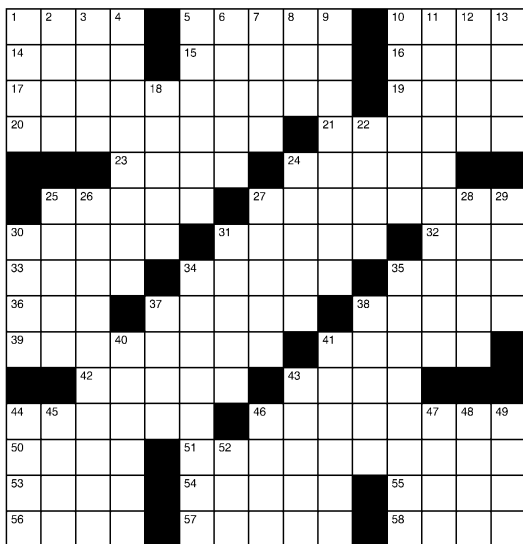
1. Kid
5. Salad ingredient
10. In the distance
14. African succulent
15. White oak
16. Pilaf base
17. Winner's token
19. Spoken
20. Smorgasbord dish
21. Reliable
23. Enters
24. Creature
25. Garbo, e.g.
27. Ideas
30. Semblance
31. Shopper's concern
32. Charlotte \_\_\_
33. Camera element
34. Aspect
35. Rivulet
36. \_\_\_ Amin
37. Everyday language
38. Jewelry feature
39. Cites
41. Instances
42. Mountain ridge

43. Fashioned
44. Watch out for
46. Ghetto building
50. Facial shape
51. Winner's token
53. Vex
54. Retinue
55. Knowledge
56. Miss Sommer
57. Certain beans
58. Mr. Slaughter

### DOWN

1. Boxing blows
2. Paella pot
3. Bar concoction
4. Rash
5. Cower
6. Apparel
7. Low tides
8. School sign: abbr.
9. Judge's determination
10. Animate
11. Winner's achievement
12. Room to swing
13. Depend
18. \_\_\_ Janeiro
22. Indy, e.g.
24. Idaho's capital
25. Glove stuff
26. Outstrip everyone
27. Insensitive
28. Recitals
29. Be persuasive
30. Lamplight
31. Give Ma Bell the business
34. Provides refuge
35. Look like
37. Harbor sight
38. Famed spa
40. Kerry's county seat
41. Precepts
43. TV and radio
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45. Bad
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  - 26th Trey Rushing, Jerry Northcutt
  - 27th Tommy Whitehead
  - 28th Brianah Creek, Sam Tidwel, Kayla Fields, Tyler Smith, Bob Malone
  - 29th Betsy Knight Gonzales, Carrie Mayers
- ### MARCH
- 1st Barbara Jennings, Wesley Dutton
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Hosting the event, Sonora was one of about 22 participating area high schools ranging from small 1A, 6 man schools to 3A.

Of the young scholars vying for tops spots in both academic and speaking, Mason High School students took home the gold for their exceptional performance.

Before going home students enjoyed a hamburger dinner provided by the Sonora Lion's Club.

All of the students deserve commendation for their hard work and achievements during this year's meet.

**Results:**  
Computer Science:  
Kristy Sanchez, 5th

2nd place Computer Science

Team: Kristy Sanchez, Kaden Cordell, Evan Shannon

Feature Writing:  
Shayna Edwards, 4th  
Headline Writing:  
Kristy Sanchez, 3rd

Literary Criticism:  
Delaney Ramsdell, 1st  
2nd place Literary Criticism team: Delaney Ramsdell, Henry Ramos, Hazel Kent

Number Sense:  
Kaden Cordell, 1st  
Mary Kyle Johnson, 3rd  
1st place Number Sense team: Kaden Cordell, Mary Kyle Johnson, Traci Vickers

Ready Writing:  
Delaney Ramsdell, 1st  
Kristy Sanchez, 5th

Spelling:  
Christina Hernandez, 3rd  
Cara Hernandez, 5th  
1st place Spelling team: Christina Hernandez, Cara Hernandez, Jasmine Talamantez

Prose:  
Shayna Edwards, 4th

## HONOR ROLL

### 9th Grade

"A" Enedina Alvarez, Shyanne Gamez, Christina Garza, Angela Gonzalez, Catarina Hernandez, Deborha Hernandez, Danica Jimenez, Wilson Johnson, Kami Lux, Anally Palacios, Kadee Petty, Isabella Samaniego, Traci Vickers, Ashley Zook  
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### 10th Grade

"A" Lane Cahill, Payton Dawson, Wesley Dutton, Kayla Grace Edwards, Cara Hernandez, Mary Kyle Johnson, Avery Leamon, Carlos Mendoza, Keeley Moore, Rebeckah Owen, Evan Shannon, Sterling Smith, Dylan Taylor, Sheridan Walther  
"A/B" Viviana Arellano, Jacqueline Baez, Juan Baez, Trista Bush, Alex Castilleja, Brittney Contreras, Noe Estrada, Kayla Gee, Adriana Gonzalez, Zayda Gutierrez, Scarlot Longoria, Araceli Marin, Lesli Ramirez, Sabian Robles, Ana Salas, Perla Salazar, Walker Sine, Jackilyn

## Sonora High School Honor Roll 3rd Six Weeks

Sykes, Brian VanWinkle  
**11th Grade**

"A" Carly Brown, Savannah Castro, Kaden Cordell, Bailey Gonzales, Summer Hall, Christina Hernandez, Elyssa Prieto, Delaney Ramsdell, Noelia Tovar, Amber Vasquez  
"A/B" Melanie Acevedo, Christopher Adkins, Janet Baez, Mark Chavez, Angel Covarrubiaz, Felicia Farley, Kristin Garrett, Isabel Hernandez, Sierra Herrada, Jarrett Jackson, Ray Kimbrell, Dariela Lopez, Peyton Matthews, Keegan McCollum, Robin McGuffin, Audry Nolen, Kaytlan Noriega, Caleb Ritchey, Zavier Rodriguez, Alexis Villanueva

### 12th Grade

"A" Bethany Agüero, Juan Arellano, Tonya Bounds, Mayra Capuchina, Shayna Edwards, Esteban Marin, Isela Rivas, Nydia Rodriguez, Sylvia Salazar, Kristy Sanchez, Tate Shannon, Jasmine Talamantez  
"A/B" Drew Buitron, Grady Bush, Adriana Campa, Dakota Castro, Netza Estrada, Bianca Fay, Zeke Galindo, Caleb Galvan, Gabriel Garcia, Julian Guerra, Juan Miguel Jimenez, Abby Lopez, Erik Lopez, Ariel Lugo, Ryker Marshall, Meivelyn Medrano, Rafael Mendoza, Alyssa Moreno, Marlene Ortiz, Jessica Paredes, Kylie Reiner, Ariana Reyes, Bryndon Robles, Sydney Robles, Ramon Rodriguez, Noah SanMiguel, Michael Solis, Holly Sparks, Robert Zapata, Carter Zook



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## HONOR ROLL

## Sonora Elementary School Honor Roll 2nd Semester

### 1st Grade

"S" Aanzleigh Abalos, Jose Aguayo, Delilah Alonso, Daniel Alviso, Kenzee Bryant, Evelyn Campa, Caidn Cardenas, Emmanuel Castaneda, Armani Coronado, Brailyn Galindo, Sofia Garcia, Jesus Garza III, Alfredo Gaspar Jr, Donato Gonzalez Jr, Yarixa Gonzalez-Ozuna, Kaasi Gutierrez, Brook Kaiser, Richard Leal, Karysah Lopez, Presley Mayfiel, Ryan Mungia, Samantha Nichols, Gregorio Olmedo, Brysa Parada, Mariselda Parra Martinez, Ryder Phillips, Nathan Rivas, Jack Rogers, Eduardo Salazar, Emma Solis

### 2nd Grade

"A" Ariana Arredondo, Peyton Bailey, Lynden Cearley, Gael

Duenes Sosa, Eian Duncan, Mia Escamilla, Madelyn Hernandez, Wyatt Killough, Grace Moore, Emily Nichols, Madison Noriega, Rogelio Ruiz, Bronson Schenkel, Aaron Segura, Elrey Silva, Genti Trainer, Jayden Welborn  
"A/B" Beau Blackbird, Aliyah Castilleja, Audrey Castilleja, Brynley Castilleja, Woody Crow III, David Noah Davis, Cason Day, Arely Fernandez, Leyla Gamez, David Haggerton, Mario Hernandez Jr, Alejandra Hernandez, John Emory Jones, Jayce Martinez, Michael Martinez, Ignacio Mendoza, Thomas Ramirez, Nayeli Rodriguez, Gunner Routh, Sydney Routh, Kendall Thorp

## HONOR ROLL

## Sonora Intermediate School Honor Roll 2nd Semester

### 3rd Grade

"A" Fernanda Arredondo, Brody Bryan  
"A/B" Angel Castilleja Jr, Madison Galindo, Kody Prather, Hector Rivas, Sinise Rodriguez, Avery Wardlaw

### 4th Grade

"A" Johnathan Cardenas, Sabrinah Castro, Sicily Gutierrez, Larissa Hodnett, Ollie Murr, Luke Nichols, Reese Thibodeau, Braylin Welborn  
"A/B" Corbin Crenwelge, Naylana Estrada, Kalena Foster, Liliana Gallegos, Owen Jones, Jorge Leija, Justin Lozano, Aaron

Martinez, Brian Mendoza, Jezabel Pasillas Galaviz, Jayla Williams

### 5th Grade

"A" Jared Contreras, Cassia Hernandez, Jolene Pasillas Galaviz, Agassi Rodriguez, Atalia Ruiz Acosta  
"A/B" Nayelli Agüero, Ileana Baker, Sam Luke Lira, Joshua Lozano, Kasey Lux, Jacob Martinez, Marcos Perez-Garcia, Caitlynn Ramirez, Micah Ramon-Villanueva, Luis Rivas Jr, Roberto Rodriguez III, Selena Rodriguez, Elijah Samaniego

## HONOR ROLL

## Sonora High School Honor Roll 1st Semester

### 9th Grade

"A" Enedina Alvarez, Josh Barrera, Shyanne Gamez, Christina Garza, Angela Gonzalez, Ethan Hamm, Catarina Hernandez, Deborha Hernandez, Wilson Johnson, Kami Lux, Anally Palacios, Kadee Petty, Isabella Samaniego, Blayze Sykes, Traci Vickers, Katy Wardlaw, Ashley Zook  
"A/B" Braden Adams, Ethan Adams, Rafael Alviso, Brock Aschenbeck, Jayde Bean, Christian Castilleja, Darrek Castro, Jesus Chavez, Harley Daniel, David Delgado, Aldo Deluna, Slade Dermody, Samantha Escamilla, Richard Espinosa, Mariana Fernandez, Tully Flanagan, Daisy Fuentes, Manuel Fuentes, Destiny Garcia, Levi Garrett, Jesus Gaytan, Oscar Gutierrez, Eduardo Infante, Danica Jimenez, Michael Lira, Dalylah Lopez, Jalen Lopez, Dakota Love, Johnny Luna, Adamari Mata, Jansen Morris, Dekota Morrow, Jordan Paredes, Melanie Perez, Abigail Portillo, Kevin Ramos, Ariel Salazar, Destiny Seaton, Haley Smith, Thomas Talamantez, Angel Torres, Davien Vasquez

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## HONOR ROLL

## Sonora Middle School Honor Roll 4th Six Weeks

### 6th Grade

"A" Koda Davis, Molly Friess, Daniela Lozano, Gage Owen, Juan Alvarez, Shakira Villanueva  
"A/B" Joseph Abrego, Sophia Acevedo, Ignacio Coronado, Austin Figueroa, Tanner Flanagan, Emilio Garcia, Jose Gutierrez, Alexis Hernandez, Alma Hernandez, Makinna Holmes, Aidan Leamon, Madison Mayfield, Mia Mcgee, Jacob Perez, Makinna Price, Lorena Reyes, Brandon Rocha, Abigail Rodriguez, Brandon Torres, Gabriel Valdez

### 7th Grade

"A" Carson Cahill, Kodi Davis, Abigail Duncan, Abigail Fuentes, Sophia Gutierrez, Laci Ramirez  
"A/B" Isabella Arispe, Abby Bennie, Yailin Dominguez, Jina Dooley, Christina Garcia, Guillermo Garcia, Brijida Garza,

Abigail Hernandez, Amaris Jimenez, Susie Levario, Emilio Lozano, Fernanda Lozano, Abigail Mendoza, Mariana Montoyo, Sean Mungia, Alisa Paredes, Blanca Portillo, Joselyn Rodriguez, Jessica Smith, Mariah Talamantes, Lane Taylor, Estrella Torres

### 8th Grade

"A" Kaylynn Alvarez, Rashel De Luna, Jaci Dutton, Zachary Joffrion, Harmony Ramirez, Ricardo Ramirez  
"A/B" Madison Bristow, Ilze Contreras, David Creek, Osbel De Luna, Jose Figueroa, Madaylin Fisher, Juan Garza, Martha Gonzalez, Alyssa Martinez, Michael Morales, Caleb Nolen, Aaron Noriega, Elias Perez, Miranda Renteria, Juan Ruiz, Esmeralda Salazar, Victoria Salazar, Brady Vyvlecka

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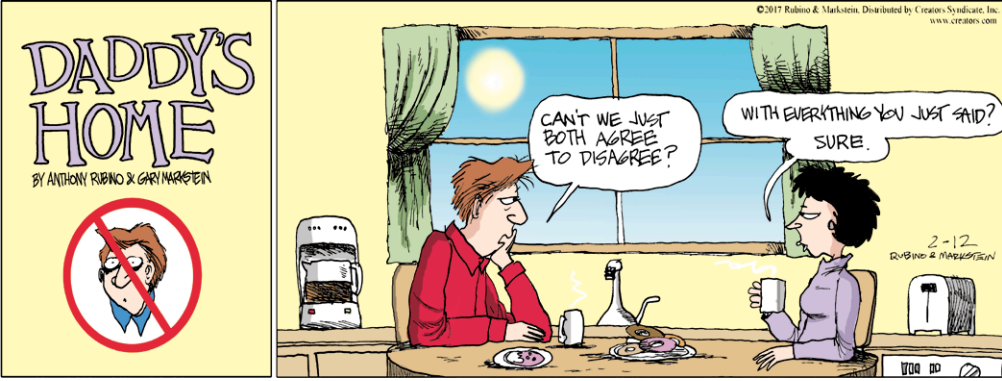




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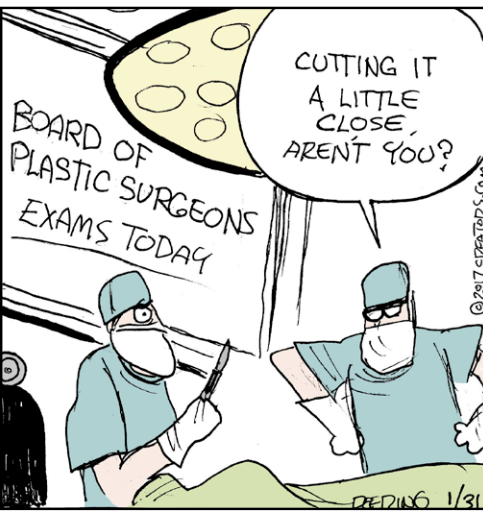
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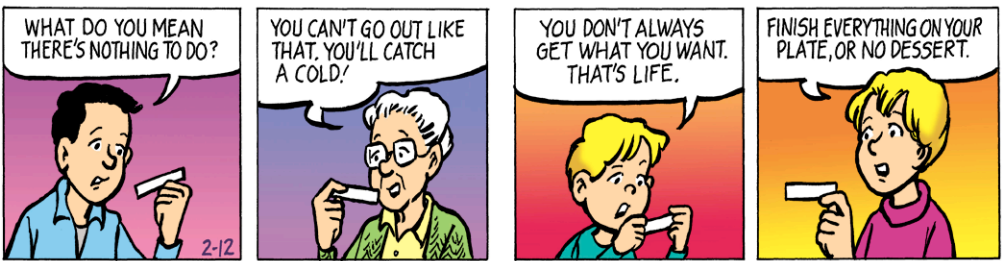
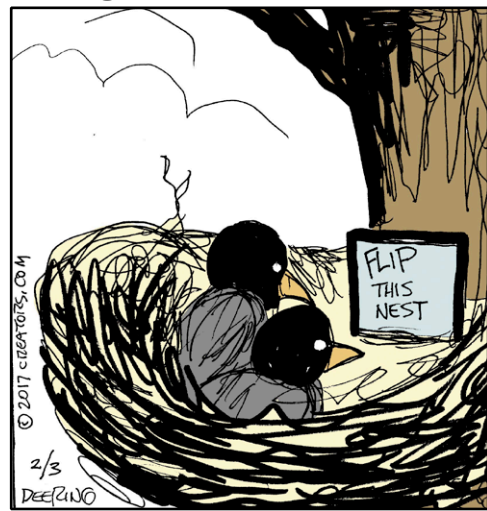
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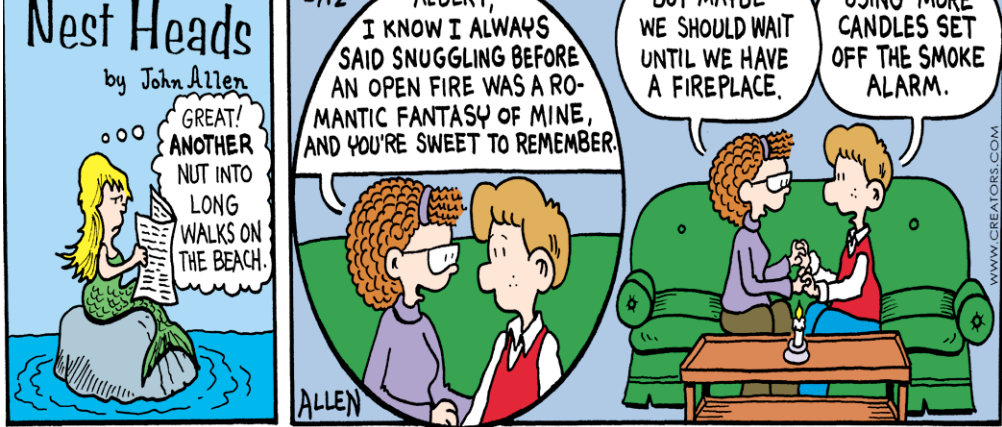
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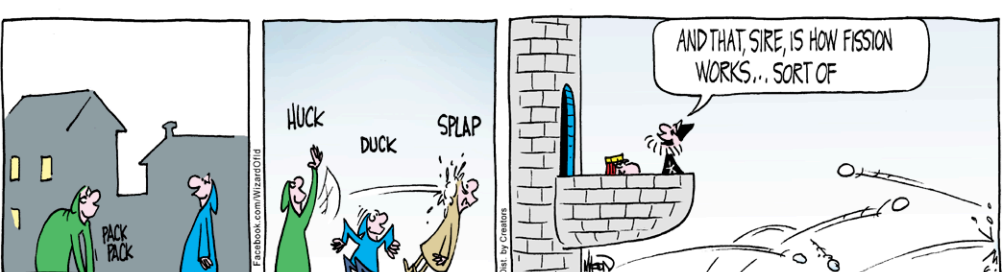
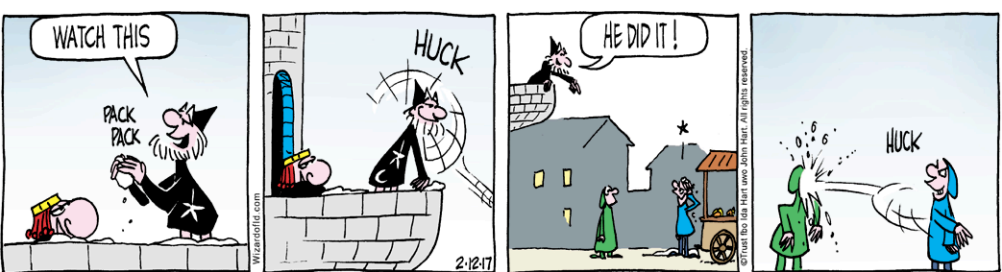
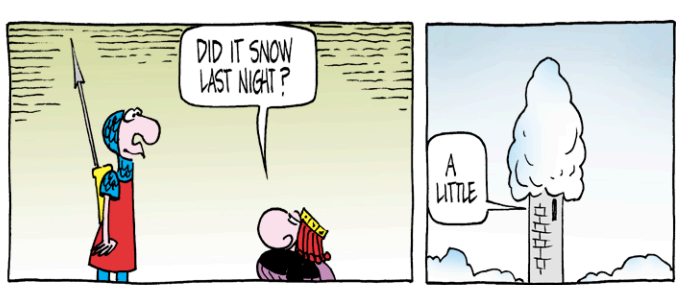
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by John Allen



## Wizard of ID

by parker and hart



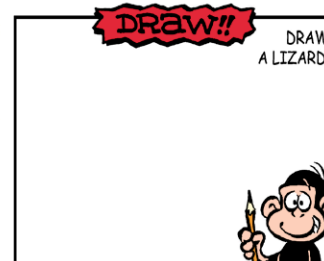
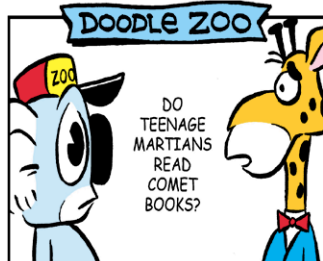
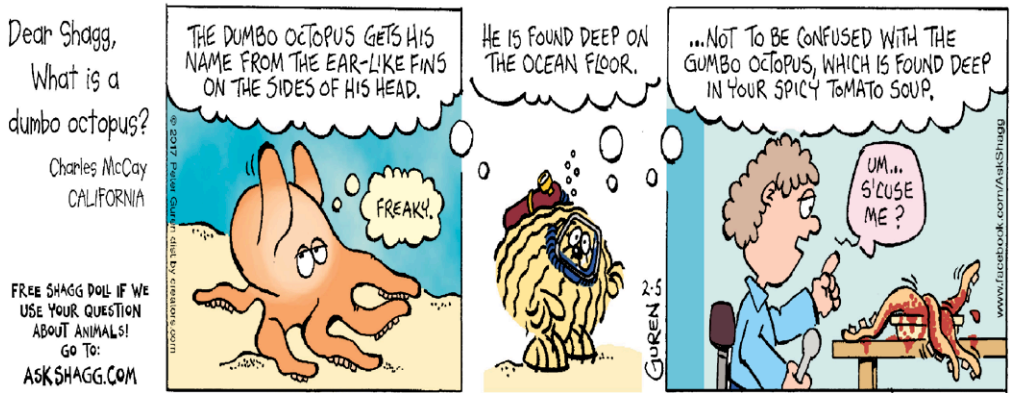
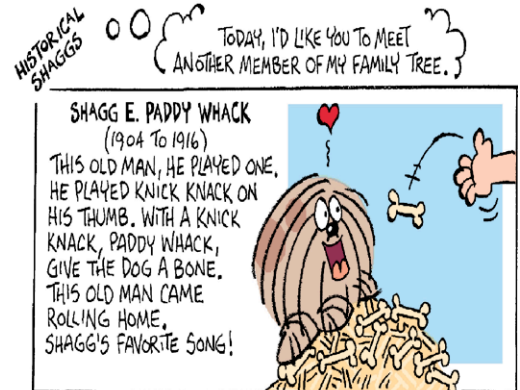
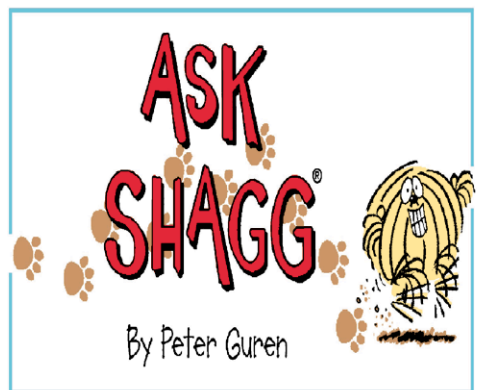
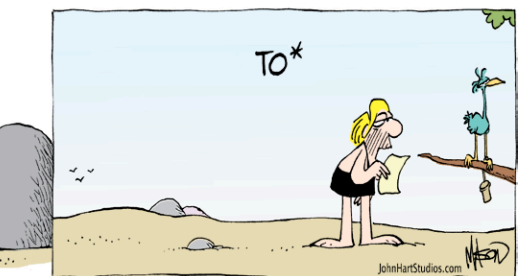
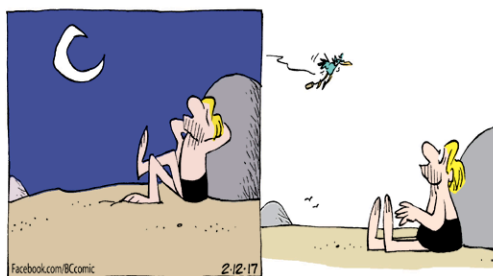
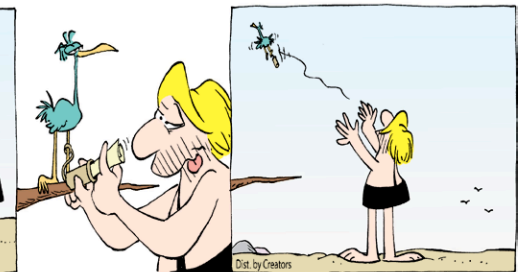
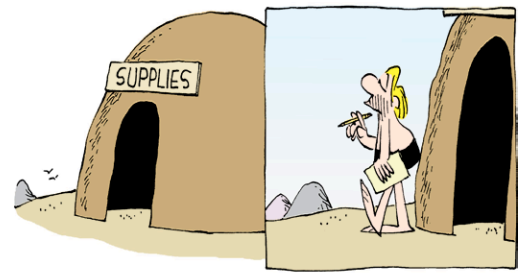
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SOLUTION ON PAGE 8

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ANSWER ON PAGE:



# Useful Publication For Managing External Parasites of Cattle

If you keep up with agriculture news, you've probably aware of the screwworm outbreak in Florida or the fever tick situation in South Texas.

With spring and pest season just weeks away, I thought we might feature a publication which provides information and control options for external pests of livestock.

So that you're not left wondering, let's first briefly discuss the screw worm and fever tick news.

The screwworm is the larval stage of a blow fly, but is different from all other blow flies in the U.S. The difference is that it infests and feeds on living tissue in live animals. In contrast, blow flies feed on carrion and rotting meat.

Though screwworms have been eradicated from our range, the current infestation was discovered in deer and is isolated to one of the Florida Keys. The return of screwworms to the U.S. would deal a severe blow to the ranching and hunting industries.

So, Florida officials have blocked animal movement there, and are using pesticides and releasing sterile male screwworm flies. This is the same technique that eradicated the pest from the U.S.

Regarding fever ticks, more than 500,000 acres in Texas are under various quarantines outside of the permanent quarantine zone as of February 1.

Because there is no cure for tick fever, a series of quarantine levels are used to prevent animal movement and the spread of a fever tick infestation, and to

permit animal treatments for tick elimination.

The historic cattle drives from Texas to railheads in Missouri and Kansas in the late 1800s were

tarnished when local cattle died of a strange fever associated with the arrival of Texas cattle. Mortality in cattle not exposed to the disease ranges from 70-90 percent. Efforts began in 1906

and slowly eradicated the disease by eliminating these particular ticks from the east coast to the Texas-Mexico border. The task was completed in the 1940s.

A permanent buffer zone was created and has been maintained ever since along the international border from Del Rio to the mouth of the Rio Grande to prevent re-establishment of ticks from Mexico where both ticks and pathogens remain.

Since the 1970s, there have been periodic expansion of these ticks into Texas.

One such incursion is happening now, requiring quarantine and eradication to prevent their spread.

The AgriLife publication I mentioned is E-570 "Managing External Parasites of Texas Cattle" written by Dr. Sonja Swiger in 2012.

It is available on AgriLife's bookstore <http://agrilifebookstore.org> and Animal Science website <http://beef.tamu.edu>.

This is a handy reference for normal external parasites of cattle with methods/products for controlling them. It is organized by parasite and has pictures of most.



Pascual Hernandez



Mayor Victor Gonzales presented Jessica Robledo with a framed oath of office and packages of Pop Rocks candy, during city council meeting. Robledo was appointed the new chief of Police for the city of Pflugerville earlier this month.

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## Jessica Robledo Takes Oath of Office as Pflugerville's Police Chief

By Nicole Barrios, Pflugerville Pflag

Pflugerville formally welcomed Jessica Robledo as its new police chief after she took the oath of office at Tuesday night's City Council meeting, officially dropping the "interim" from her title.

Robledo is the cousin Pacheco, Edna, Sonora resident.

The Pflugerville City Council unanimously approved Robledo's appointment as chief of police and Mayor Victor Gonzales administered the oath of office. Council members lauded Robledo for her energy and drive.

Robledo is the city's third police chief and the first female chief, city spokeswoman Terri Toledo said.

She is also its first Hispanic police chief and joins the city after voters elected Gonzales as the first Hispanic mayor in November, Toledo said.

"Since her pinning back on Jan. 6 as interim chief, Chief Robledo has taken the department be storm with innovative ideas and the way she pops into action," Gonzales said. "And I compared her early on to Pop Rocks, the candy, because that's just how much energy she has."

Gonzales presented Robledo with a framed oath of office and packages of Pop Rocks candy, receiving laughs from those in attendance.

"I am honored by the trust that you've put in me and the chance to serve as your chief," Robledo said after taking the oath. "I take this responsibility very seriously — and I consider it a privilege."

Robledo said she considers it a compliment to be compared to Pop Rocks for "popping into action."

"What many folks don't realize is that when a person has a heart of a servant, that's just what you do," she said. "You don't wait to get asked to do something. You

just take action and you do it."

Robledo thanked those who attended a recent promotion ceremony at the Police Department. She said she is excited to highlight the excellence of Pflugerville officers. "And as I have said before: Pflugerville is my new future," she said.

Robledo wished everyone a happy Valentine's Day and then passed out packets of Pop Rocks to those in attendance.

Council Member Jeff Marsh said he has heard Robledo described as a rock star on numerous occasions, "and she has truly proven that in her short time here."

The city held a pinning ceremony in early January to welcome Robledo as interim police chief.

In late January, City Manager Brandon Wade said he intended to ask the City Council to confirm Robledo as permanent police chief on Feb. 14, Toledo had said.

Wade had anticipated a long, wide search, but he found Robledo quickly, Toledo said.

Robledo joins the Police Department after more than 28 years of public service, including 13 years of executive-level leadership in the Austin Police Department, according to a city news release. She has promoted the use of data-driven techniques to assist in developing and supporting departmental efforts, officials said.

Robledo was an assistant police chief in Austin and the highest-ranking woman in a department that is 77 percent male, according to an October 2015 Austin American-Statesman story.

*This article originally appeared in The Austin American Statesman at <http://www.statesman.com/news/local/jessica-robledo-takes-oath-office-pflugerville-police-chief/> x7Dr5qarslxc97HYwSZQP/. Permission was obtained by the DRN to reprint the article and photo.*

Devil's River News Weekly Rainfall Report			
February 15-21	0.13 in.	February 15-21	0.16 in.
February	1.37 in.	February	1.48 in.
2017 Year-to-Date Total	3.77 in.	2017 Year-to-Date TOTAL	3.16 in.
2016	25.10 in.	2016	29.22 in.
2015	23.87 in.	2015	25.31 in.
2014	14.32 in.	2014	12.72 in.
2013	25.12 in.	2013	25.00 in.
2012	16.06 in.	2012	17.82 in.
2011	11.50 in.	2011	10.49 in.
2010	20.37 in.	2010	17.94 in.
2009	21.67 in.	2009	28.44 in.

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**Sonora ISD Menu**

PK-5th : Free Breakfast & \$2.45 lunch  
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\*Menu Subject to Change

**Monday February 27th Breakfast**  
Pancakes/Bacon or Cereal/Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch**  
Country Fried Steak w/Gravy, Meatloaf, or Chicken Fajita Salad  
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Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Savory Green Beans, Strawberry Cup, Milk  
**After School Program**  
Chex, Strawberry Milk  
**Tuesday February 28th Breakfast**  
Sunrise Sandwich or Cereal/Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch**  
Meat & Cheese Tostadas, Enchiladas, or Chef Salad  
~  
Refried Beans, Salsa, Zesty Cucumbers, Lettuce & Tomato Garnish, Rosy Applesauce, Milk  
**After School Program**  
Fruit, Raisins, Milk  
**Wednesday- March 1st Breakfast**  
PBJ Sandwich or Cereal/Crackers 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch**  
Tuna Sandwich w/baked potato chips , Cheese Pizza or Santa Fe Salad  
~  
Garden Salad, Vegetable Medley, Peaches, Cookie, Milk  
**After School Program**  
Baked Chips, Juice  
**Thursday March 2nd Breakfast**  
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"The special tour will allow visitors to imagine what it must have been like to live and work at Fort Lancaster during the mid-1800s" said Jefferson Spilman, Fort Lancaster Site Manager.

Upon arrival, a soldier will greet visitors and serve as their tour guide. Visitors can walk the trails around the ruins of Fort Lancaster learning about the site's fascinating history and stories. The tour begins at the Visitor's Center at 10:00a.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

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A rifle belonging to Richard Walter Davis, Sr. rests against the grave stone during the unveiling a Texas Ranger Memorial Cross Saturday, February 18, 2017. Davis, a pioneer and lawman was honored for his service to the Texas Rangers during Saturday's special dedication service in the Sonora Cemetery. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

## TEXAS RANGER:

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past, present and future. Emphasizing the need to honor those like Davis, recognizing their commitment to service and upholding the law, as an example for future Texas Rangers.

Philip Kemp, Texas Ranger Co. E, San Angelo read aloud the Ranger Prayer and the Honorable Judge Steve Smith closed the ceremony reciting a Benediction Prayer.

Patrons also enjoyed the sounds of Patti Strauch and

Jerry Johnson on the violin and harmonica playing the familiar tune, "Amazing Grace," before a traditional rifle and cannon salute dispersed the crowd.

Before heading home, patrons gathered downtown at the Old Ice House Ranch Museum for a final look at the history of Davis and an afternoon of fellowship with his descendants.

"I have so many people to thank for helping make this happen today," Davis-Hamilton said.





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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.

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### SUTTON COUNTY SHERIFF ARRESTS

**FEBRUARY 16** • Bobby Lowery 28-year old male of Gainesville, CA arrested for speeding on I-10.  
**FEBRUARY 17** • Martin Jimenez 26 yr. old male of Fort Worth arrested for a Sutton County warrant. Henry Weston Fay of Ozona arrested for possession of marijuana.  
**FEBRUARY 19** • Ramon Alberto Rodriguez of Sonora arrested for Public Intoxication.  
• Christopher Charles Hill of Deerfield Beach, FL arrested for driving while license invalid.

### INCIDENTS

**FEBRUARY 13 - 1:46 PM** • Caller reported a reckless driver on I-10 E, mile marker 385. Deputy and DPS responded.  
**5:06 PM** • Caller reported smoke on I-10 around mile marker 404. Deputy responded.  
**FEBRUARY 14 - 2:21 AM** • Vehicle accident on I-10, mile marker 398. Deputy and DPS responded.  
**10:13 AM** • Caller reported goats on I-10 near the west bound rest area. Deputy responded.  
**3:26 PM** • Caller ported a dog on the south service road 5-6 miles. Deputy responded.  
**5:46 PM** • Deputy responded to a motorist assist on I-10 at mm 396.  
**FEBRUARY 16 - 2:18 PM** • Caller reported goats on I-10 W near rest area, mile marker 394. Deputy responded.  
**FEBRUARY 17 - 3:56 AM** • Vehicle accident on I-10, mile marker 391. Deputy and DPS responded.  
**11:08 AM** • Suspicious male at the rest area on I-10 E, mile marker 394. Deputy responded.  
**2:40 PM** • Vehicle accident on U.S. Hwy 277 S, 2-3 miles. Deputy and DPS responded.  
**FEBRUARY 18 - 9 AM** • Intoxicated male subject on south service road near private road 1171. Deputy responded  
**10:34 AM** • Vehicle accident on I-10, mile marker 386. Deputy and DPS responded  
**7:19 PM** • Vehicle accident I-10, mile marker 389. Deputy and DPS responded  
**FEBRUARY 19 - 2:32 AM** • Caller reported loud music at Sinoloa 4th. Deputy responded.  
**6:19 PM** • Vehicle accident on I-10, mile marker 400. Deputy responded  
**8:12 PM** • Vehicle accident on US Hwy 277 S, about 20 miles. Deputy and DPS responded.

### SONORA PD ARRESTS

**FEBRUARY 17** • Henry Weston Fey, 18 -year old male of Ozona, arrested for possession of marijuana.  
**FEBRUARY 19** • Michael Lee Newcomb, 55-year old male from Sonora, arrested for municipal warrant.

### INCIDENTS

**FEBRUARY 13 NO CALLS**  
**FEBRUARY 14 - 2:33 PM** • Open door call 100 block of draw. Officer responded.  
**5:26 PM** • Suspicious circumstances call 1000 block of Glasscock. Officer responded.  
**7:47 PM** • Security check call 1000 block of Glasscock. Officer responded.  
**7:48 PM** • Security check call 300 block of Glasscock. Officer responded.  
**9:23 PM** • Security check call 500 Block W Main. Officer responded.  
**FEBRUARY 15 - 12:24 AM** • Agency assist call 900 block E Popular. Officer responded.  
**8:04 AM** • Animal call 1000 block N Crockett. Officer responded.  
**4:07 PM** • Agency assist call 200 block E Chestnut. Officer responded.  
**4:47 PM** • Security check call 500 block W Main. Officer responded.  
**4:53 PM** • Security check call 300 block Del Rio. Officer responded.  
**4:54 PM** • Security check call 1000 block Glasscock. Officer responded.  
**11:30 PM** • Security check call 1000 block Glasscock. Officer responded.  
**11:31 PM** • Security check call 300 block Del Rio. Officer responded.  
**11:38 PM** • Security check call 500 W Main. Officer responded.  
**FEBRUARY 16**  
**7:57 AM** • Accident/Wreck call Sonora ISD Field House Parking Lot.  
**2:18 PM** • Noise complaint call 200 block 2nd. Officer responded.  
**FEBRUARY 17 - 12:26 AM** • Alarm Call Stripes 266. Officer responded.  
**8:41 AM** • Civil matter call 600 block S Crockett. Officer responded.  
**2:40 PM** • Accident/Wreck 2 miles out on U.S. Hwy 277 S. Officer responded.  
**4:37 PM** • Agency assist Sonora Vet Clinic. Officer responded.  
**9:29 PM** • Agency assist call 700 block U.S. Hwy 277 S. Officer responded.  
**FEBRUARY 18 - 10:44 AM** • Funeral escort St. Ann's Church. Officer responded.  
**11:00 PM** • Security check call 300 block Del Rio street. Officer responded.  
**11:09 PM** • Security check call 900 block e 2nd. Officer responded.  
**FEBRUARY 19 - 8:27 AM** • Welfare concern call Road Ranger. Officer responded.  
**10:03 AM** • Agency assist call 300 Hillside. Officer responded.  
**11:19 AM** • Animal call 800 block US Hwy 277. Officer responded.  
**2:21 PM** • Suspicious person 100 Deerwood. Officer responded.  
**6:03 PM** • Animal call Concho and E Oak. Officer responded.  
**10:15 PM** • Agency assist call 100 S 2nd. Officer responded.

## Sul Ross 2017 Hall of Honor



Sul Ross State University inducted five new members into the Athletic Hall of Honor during the 2017 Alumni Hall of Honor celebration Saturday, February 18, 2017. (L-R) Johnny Creek, Sonora, football; Mike Compton, Tampa, FL, baseball; Wade West, San Antonio, football; Truman "Doc" Spoon, Fort Davis, Outstanding Booster; and Tommy Nelson, football (posthumously). Ray Alvarez, San Antonio, accepted the award for his late teammate.

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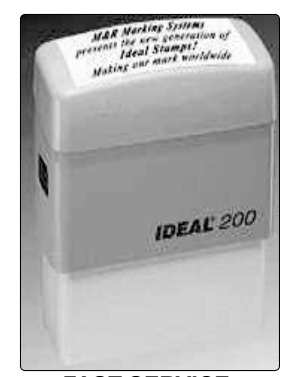
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All terms, conditions, specifications and requirements for such applications are available upon request made to the Chief Appraiser and same are hereby incorporated into this Notice to the same extent as set forth verbatim herein.

The Appraisal District Board of Directors will review and take action on bids on March 10, 2017 and shall have the right to accept the application which offers the most favorable terms and conditions for handling of such funds and shall have the right to reject any or all applications and to waive informalities.

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The Sonora Lady Broncos are hosting the 2nd Annual Stevie Smith Memorial Classic, Thursday through Saturday, February 23rd through 25th.

Pool play begins Thursday with Sonora and Crane at 10:30 a.m.

In honor of Stevie Smith, the Lady Broncos will share a moment of silence followed by a balloon release before the start of their next match up versus Harper at 6:00 p.m.

The conclusion of pool play determines the seeding for bracket play which takes place on Saturday.

Meal deals are available at the concession stand for \$10. Thursday is Brisket Plates (includes brisket, sausage, pinto beans, potato salad, dessert, and a drink), Friday is Spaghetti Plates (includes spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, dessert, and a drink) and Saturday is Brisket Plates (includes brisket, sausage, pinto beans, potato salad, dessert, and a drink)

A raffle will also be held on Saturday, February 25th. Tickets are \$5 each.

Lastly, tournament shirts are available \$15. All proceeds benefit the Stevie Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund awarded to the graduating seniors of the softball program as well as funding for team needs throughout the season.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and show your support for the Lady Broncos.

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## Broncos Baseball



Broncos catcher Henry Ramos geared up for a scrimmage between Sonora and Ozona Friday, February 17, 2017. The Broncos next face the McCamey Badgers on Friday, February 24, 2017 at home. Game time is set for 5:00 p.m.

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## Sonora Earns Silver in RC Invitational Tennis Tourney

The Sonora Broncos and Lady Broncos earned their place and claimed a few awards during the annual 2017 Reagan County Invitational Tennis Tourney Friday, February 17, 2017.

The Sonora girls doubles team of Sky Jennings and Peyton Matthews earned a silver medal while Claire Thiebaud and Bianca Fay, girls doubles team claimed the win in their first round before falling in the second.

Also in girls doubles, Carly Brown and Noelia Tovar earned a consolation before being forced to pull out due to other sports commitments.

Unable to overcome Wall, the ladies eventually fell in the finals 4-6,6-3,10-8.

Despite setbacks, Sonora scored well overall among

the competition from 18 area high schools including Fort Stockton, Midland Trinity, Pecos, Lakeview, Monahans, and Big Spring.

In boys singles, Brian VanWinkle displayed skill and determination earning him 4th place among his competition.

Esteban Marin and Dylan were awarded consolation for their efforts in the boys doubles.

Finally, the boys doubles team of David Delgado and Carlos Regino also earned consolation in the semifinals before finally falling out of the tournament.

Next, Sonora tennis players go on the road to compete in the Fort Stockton Tournament, Friday and Saturday, February 24th and 25th.



Brian VanWinkle earned 4th place in boys' singles, while competing in the Reagan County Invitational, Friday, February 17, 2017.

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## FCA All Stars

The Sonora Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) 2017 All-Stars traveled to Abilene Saturday, February 18 to attend the FCA Orientation as they prepared to play in their chosen sport in June of this year. Athletes are looking for sponsors. Anyone interested in sponsoring and FCA athlete should contact Brenda Mungia at 325-226-5474. Athletes may also be contacted directly.



(Back L-R) Bryndon Robles, Football, Isaiah Lira, Baseball, Cade Creek, Basketball, Noah SanMiguel, Baseball, Michael Mungia, Baseball and Michael Solis, Football. (Front L-R) Jessica Paredes, Cheerleading, Sky Jennings, Volleyball, Bianca Fay, Cheerleading and Nydia Rodriguez, Softball.

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Riley Walker tags a Lady Eagle on an attempted run to second base Friday, February 17, 2017. The Lady Broncos opened their 2017 season with a home game win 22-21 over Eldorado.

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## Walkoff Gives Lady Broncos Victory Over Eldorado

By Sandy Wellman

A walk-off double led the Lady Broncos past Eldorado 22-21 on Friday.

The game was tied at 21 with the Lady Broncos batting in the bottom of the seventh when Audry Nolen doubled off of Eldorado's pitcher, driving in one run to end the game.

Dekota Morrow led the Lady Broncos to victory by driving in four runs. She went 3-for-3 at the plate. Morrow drove in runs on a double in the first, a single in the fourth, and a single in the seventh.

Eldorado captured the lead in the first inning off of consecutive walks and a base hit. Sonora then

scored six runs of their own to bring the deficit to 1 run.

Both Sonora and Eldorado continued to chip away at the plate.

The Lady Broncos out hit the Lady Eagles 19 to 9.

Morrow, Riley Walker, Nydia Rodriguez, Nolen, Kristin Garrett, and Katy Jo Wardlaw each collected multiple hits for the Lady Broncos.

The Lady Broncos return to action against the Eldorado Lady Eagles again Tuesday, February 21st.

Next, the Lady Broncos host their 2nd Annual Stevie Smith Memorial Classic Tournament, Thursday through Saturday, February 23-25, at home.

## TPWD Announces New Paddler Camp Sites on Iconic Devils River

AUSTIN – The Devils River is one of the premier paddling and fishing destinations in Texas, drawing outdoor enthusiasts each year to enjoy the preserved natural beauty, excellent sport fishery, and native wildlife along its clear waters.

But the river is not for the faint of heart.

“Due to the remote location of the Devils River, safe, reliable, and legal camp sites on the river are in short supply,” Joe Joplin, Devils River State Natural Area superintendent said. “The average paddler

doesn't make 15 miles in a day, and if they do, it's not enjoyable.”

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), along with local partners, aims to change that.

To help create safe conditions for the recreational use of the Devils River and help minimize trespassing issues, the TPWD River Access and Conservation Area Program (RACA) will open two paddle-up-only camp sites March 1.

According to Timothy Birdsong, Habitat Conservation Chief for TPWD's

Inland Fisheries Division, the new pack-in, pack-out camp sites aren't designed to add more paddlers to the river, but rather to provide safe and legal stopping points for the daily limit of TPWD permitted paddlers.

“The reaches of river between Baker's Crossing, and the Del Norte and Dan A. Hughes Units of our Devils River State Natural Area are relatively long distances, so we strategically added these camp sites roughly mid-distance to create a more safe and enjoyable experience for paddlers,” Birdsong said.

TPWD Executive Director Carter Smith said by adding the two new paddle-up only campsites, the organization is setting the conditions to ensure permitted paddlers can explore the river safely and maintain the high standards of river stewardship that will preserve its unique beauty for generations to come.

“I'm proud of what the TPWD River Access Conservation Area Program and our Devils River State Natural Area have been able to do to address the desires and concerns of both local landowners and devoted Devils River paddlers,” Smith said. “This is a win-win deal for everyone who appreciates and respects this iconic Texas river.”

To help promote river use etiquette and river stewardship by paddlers, TPWD is partnering with the Devils River Conservancy (DRC), a nonprofit organization made up of landowners and conservationists whose mission is to preserve and protect the Devils River and the lands within its watershed.

Through this partnership, both organizations will be collaborating on an educational video and Devils River Paddler Manual

that will be distributed among local guides and vendors to prepare paddlers for overnight trips on the Devils River and help address issues encountered on the water.

“The Devils River is a precious and delicate resource; it cannot sustain unmanaged human pressure without degradation,” the DRC said in a statement provided to TPWD. “The Devils River Conservancy is happy to partner with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in engaging landowners in the active management of recreation on the Devils River.”

“We hope that the implementation of the designated campsites will decrease the overall impact of human pressure on the river while honoring the private property rights of its land stewards,” the statement continued. “Moving forward, this partnership aims to cultivate the ‘leave no trace’ ethos for the protection for this wild and beloved Texas River for generations to come.”

These new paddle-up-only camp sites are the newest additions to TPWD's statewide network of 19 River Access and Conservation Areas, which offer improved angler and paddler access to more than 100 miles of Texas rivers.

The program is funded through federal grants provided by the United States Department of Agriculture and through philanthropy efforts of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation.

A Devils River Access Permit is required for all trips on the Devils River that access the two units of the Devils River State Natural Area or these two new paddle-up-only camp sites.

Visit the Devils River State Natural Area website for reservations, maps, permits and other information.

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