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Yellow Ribbon Anchors Aweigh



Skyler Wood stands at attention during a yellow ribbon ceremony Thursday, March 9, 2017 at the Sutton County Courthouse lawn. Wood, a 2017 SHS graduate said goodbye to family and friends as he prepares for deployment on the USS George H. W. Bush as a Navy Seaman. **DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS**

Commissioners Applaud Wilson for Service

Following a report of the Justice of the Peace activities, Sutton County Commissioners thanked John K. Wilson for his years of service and applauded his exceptional effort.

Wilson is set to retire Wednesday, March 15. Former SC Deputy Jodi Harris is stepping in to fill the shoes of JP.

A retirement party will take place on Wednesday afternoon from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Court House.

In regular business, commissioners approved the minutes of the February 27, 2017 regular meeting, as well as the accounts payable and treasurer's report as presented. There were no reports for the County Auditor or the library.

SC Extension Agent Pascual Hernandez reported on spring activities underway including wool judging by 4-H and FFA students. Agent Jessica Stapper informed commissioners about and upcoming Food Handler's Class as well as Do Well, Be Well Classes scheduled in April.

Standley Clay Anderson reported that he and his workers are busy with general maintenance as usual.

Sheriff Oscar Chavez reported a daily average of 13.5 inmates were held in the jail during the month of February at a cost of \$1.63 per meal. A total of \$3,265.77 was collected in fees and 673 cases were dispatched.

Sheriff Chavez also reported that employee Nina Martinez trained on Sex Offender Registration and other personnel are attending or have already attended Body Cam School. Loyce Gamez completed TLETS training and new dispatcher training is going well. Both dispatchers are scheduled for TCOLE Certification Training in May.

The Sheriff's Office has
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Local Man Set for Deployment in U.S. Navy

For Skyler Wood, of Sonora, it seems that his dreams of a successful future are coming true.

After spending time with his family and friends – home on leave- Wood, is departing for Norfolk, Virginia to prepare for deployment to the Mediterranean and Persian Gulf.

"I am really excited and looking forward to being deployed," Wood said. "This is a really good chance for me to continue to work on my qualifications and be a part of something special. I am honored that I received the assignment on the George H. W.

Bush. It is also an honor for me to serve our country."

Before going, relatives and members of the community gathered on the court house lawn to visit and pray before tying a yellow ribbon around an old oak tree where it will remain until his return.

Wood a Seaman in the U.S. Navy, will soon have the distinction of being part of the crew aboard the USS George H. W. Bush.

The USS George H.W. Bush is the tenth and final Nimitz-class supercarrier of the United

States Navy. Named for the 41st President of the United States and former Director of Central Intelligence George H. W. Bush, a naval aviator during World War II, it is the largest in the western hemisphere.

After Wood graduated from Sonora High School in May 2016, he made the decision to carry on his family's tradition of military service.

"It wasn't until my Uncle John passed almost five-years to this day, that I really knew that I wanted to serve in the Navy. My great grandfather served and my

grandfather is a retired Chief Petty Officer. I realized how important it is to serve and it just seems like the right thing for me to do."

Finding himself in boot camp in July, Wood also completed his Information Systems Training while in Pensacola, Florida. Now, he is on his way to continuing his passion for communications and technology while serving his country.

One of about 6,000 people aboard the carrier, Wood will offer his skills in networking and radio communications.

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Texas Approves Pig Pesticide

Recent approval by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller to use pesticide as a means of eliminating the ever-growing numbers of feral hogs in Texas is kicking up some dirt.

This past February Miller announced his go ahead to use Kaput Feral Hog Lure, as bait food laced with warfarin, the same toxin used to kill rats. Warfarin is also prescribed to humans to help prevent blood clots.

However, some say the toxic approach is too new and there are still many unknowns regarding the risks associated with it use.

"It's still too new," Sutton county Texas parks and wildlife game warden Derek Rogers said "Currently, we are not using Kaput in our area. Texas Parks and Wildlife is conducting extensive research on its use. We already know that there are long range effects on other wildlife but we do not have a complete understanding of the effects on non-targeted wildlife."

Kaput was tested for about 12 years before its approval by the EPA. It has also been used in Australia for rodent control but is now being phased out.

Although there is concern over its use in eliminating hogs, it is easy to identify hogs that have ingested the poison.

The warfarin tablets contain a blue dye that stains the tissue of the animal so that it is easily visible in the carcass.

Almost 3 million feral hogs in Texas cost millions of dollars in damage to property, crops and livestock in both rural and suburban areas.

Traditional methods
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Sonora Names 6 to All-District



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Kade Creek
First Team All-District



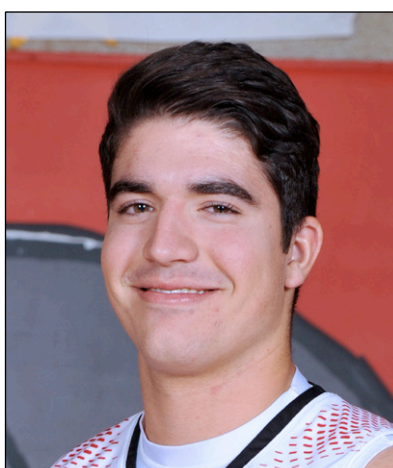
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Second Team All-District



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Honorable Mention



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

Federal Court Panel Rules Against Texas Redistricting Plan

AUSTIN — Three of Texas' 36 congressional districts are unconstitutional because of racial or political gerrymandering, a three-judge panel of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas ruled on March 10.

The judges ruled 2-1 that the districts' boundaries, drawn by the Texas Legislature in 2011 and 2013, violate the U.S. Constitution.

Plaintiffs in the case called Perez et al. v. Abbott et al. mounted statewide and regional claims in South and West Texas, in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and the Houston area under Section 2 of the U.S. Voting Rights Act and the Fourteenth Amendment. States that have a history

of race-based voter suppression may be subject to judicial pre-clearance of redistricting plans under Section 2. The Fourteenth Amendment requires due process and equal protection under the law for all citizens.

The three congressional districts that were ruled unconstitutionally drawn were District 23, currently represented by Will Hurd, R-Helotes; District 27, Blake Farenthold, R-Corpus Christi; and District 35, Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin.

The panel, composed of Circuit Judge Jerry E. Smith, Chief District Judge Orlando L. Garcia and District Judge Xavier Rodriguez, did not suggest how those districts might be redrawn in a

constitutionally acceptable manner. Judge Smith wrote a dissenting opinion, saying the panel lacked jurisdiction to rule on the case. He discussed the applicability of prior rulings made by higher courts that already have heard plaintiffs' arguments.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on March 13 reacted, asserting his agreement with Judge Smith's dissent and saying, "There are no lines to redraw. Accordingly, we are confident we will prevail in this case."

Child protection bills move
Both houses of the Legislature last week passed bills to improve the Texas Department of Family and Protective

Services in response to Gov. Greg Abbott's call for emergency action.

Tasked with protecting children, elders and people with disabilities from abuse, neglect and exploitation, the DFPS, part of the Texas Health and Human Commission, has attracted attention in recent years for inadequate funding and staffing to meet obligations.

On March 1, the Texas Senate approved
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Ultimate Redneck

It was either 1995 or 1996 I'm not sure. I was working for Ocotillo Cattle Company on Alamito Creek south of Marfa in Presidio County. The ranch had three divisions all in Alamito Canyon - the headquarters on divide to the west, white house in the

center, and Ocotillo on the high rim to the east. These ranches did not join but were about five miles apart and all were about 15 sections each. Now you have the location of this tale.

I was the only cowboy so I was required to take care of all three. This called for me to carry a bed roll, two horses, and an ice chest of groceries at all times.

I kept a trailer hooked to my pickup at all times as I would pull a saddle horse to which ever ranch I was riding and checking fences and cattle and water. We ran cold blooded crossbred cattle as this was the kind that did best in the desert.

I would cover which ever ranch was called for that day and then would bed down where I was come nightfall.

This tale will concern only one of these ranches as that was where it occurred. The Ocotillo division was on the high rim overlooking Green Valley in Brewster County. Here we had a good set of working pens but only a three-room shack to camp in for the nights I stayed over there.

Let me describe this shack for you as it pertains to the story. It was framed wood building of three rooms. A kitchen on one end, a bath room in the middle and one bedroom on the west end. Across the north side was a screened porch where I slept most of the time.

One week in the summer of our story, my son Ben came down from Denton to spend some time with me. We did the normal days work, ride fence, check waters, put out salt and branded calves. During this visit we had occasion to spend the night at the Ocotillo shack. We had supper and bedded down with Ben in the bedroom and I on the porch.

Now everything is in place for the real story. I got up about 5:00 o'clock, made a pot of coffee and then got dressed. I went in the kitchen and sat down to drink my coffee but mice were running all over the place. I got my .44 six-shooter, which was loaded with snake shot and returned to the kitchen. With two shots, I killed two mice, one on the stove and one on the sink.

Now Ben came running into the kitchen asking "what's going on in here?" I answered, "I just killed two rats while drinking my coffee."

Ben went back and dressed, came and got a cup of coffee, then asked, "Do you do this all the time?"

I answered, "Why yes, that's how I control the rats and practice shooting."

Ben's answer was "you must be the ultimate redneck, shooting rats in the kitchen with a six-shooter."

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Texas Must Act Now to Repair Damage to Public Information Act

BY KELLY SHANNON
Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas
We Texans are fortunate when it comes to access to government information.

Correction. We were fortunate. For more than 40 years, Texas' open records law was one of the nation's strongest. The Texas Public Information Act, originating during a time of scandal in the early 1970s, presumes all government records are available to citizens, unless there's a specific exception preventing release of the document.

But our modern era of openness shifted dramatically with two state Supreme Court decisions in 2015 known as the Boeing ruling and the Greater Houston Partnership ruling. Both put many government financial records off limits to citizens.

If the damage isn't repaired in this legislative session, Texas will be way back in the pack compared with other states' transparency laws. Details on the spending of many millions of dollars in taxpayer money will be secret.

Sadly, the message to citizens will be: "Don't bother asking. It's none of your business."

As we embark on Sunshine Week, March 12-18, let's commit to maintaining Texas' national standing as a leading right-to-know state. The free flow of accurate information has always been important. It's especially so in this time of misinformation and fake news.

The so-called Boeing ruling allows all sorts of contracts the government holds with private businesses to be sealed from public view. The government or the private entity simply must claim a record's release would lead to a competitive disadvantage - not a decisive disadvantage, but any disadvantage.

Do you want to see your school district's bus or food service contracts so that you know whether your taxpayer money is being well spent? Good luck. Already, some of those basic documents have been ruled unobtainable. The same has happened to requestors seeking taxi and ride-sharing company filings with the government. Small business owners who want to view the winning contracts awarded by a local community college also have been thwarted.

In one of the most unbelievable examples, the city of McAllen refused to reveal how much taxpayer money it paid entertainer Enrique Iglesias to perform

in a city holiday festival. The Attorney General's Office, citing the Boeing court ruling, agreed to the withholding. The state office has made hundreds of similar closed records decisions because of the Boeing case.

The Greater Houston Partnership decision prevents the public from viewing the financial books of non-profits that are supported by taxpayer money and act in a government agency fashion. Often, economic development activities are farmed out to these types of non-profits, as they were to GHP. To prevent corruption and hold these agencies accountable, public oversight of how they spend money is necessary through the Texas Public Information Act.

Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, and Rep. Giovanni Capriglione, R-Southlake, are working together on the bipartisan issue of protecting the public's right to know and each have filed bills to reconstruct what the Texas Supreme Court dismantled.

Senate Bill 407 and House Bill 792 address the Boeing decision, while Senate Bill 408 and House Bill 793 address the Greater Houston Partnership ruling.

The Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas and other open government advocates are pressing for additional transparency measures in the Legislature. One attempts to improve access to public records stored in private email accounts and on private electronic devices. Another seeks to resume access to dates of birth in certain public records, including crime documents and election filings, which fosters accuracy and informs the public. House Bill 2670 and House Bill 2710, respectively, address these two big issues. Rep. Todd Hunter, R-Corpus Christi, authored the bills.

Meanwhile, open government supporters are working to block bills that hinder citizen access to government information. Many secrecy bills are filed every legislative session.

The clock is ticking on the time we have to preserve openness in Texas. The current Legislature meets until May 29. We should all urge state lawmakers to let the sunshine in as they do the people's work.

Kelley Shannon is executive director of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, a non-profit promoting open government laws and the First Amendment rights of free speech and press.

In My Opinion



by Kelly Shannon

The Gift of Flying

Linda Street Ely of Liberty has been a pilot twelve years. She has flown in competition eleven of those years.

"When we bought our plane I started researching and discovered air racing. There is an all-women's air derby, transcontinental four-day air race every year. Amelia Earhart and other female pilots started it in the 1920's. I've done that four

years in a row and have done well in competition. I loved it, but something was missing, namely my husband. I found out

about the Sport Air Racing League which have shorter duration races and men and women are welcome. So we've been able to compete together for seven years."

Linda grew up in an auto racing family in Indianapolis.

"My grandfather raced at Indy, so racing was in my blood. When I discovered airplanes later in life, I thought the first thing you do is race what you have, whether it's your two feet, your car, bicycle, boat or airplane. I mostly compete in air racing but have competed in aerobatics, spot landing contests, flour bombing, punkin chunkin' and tomato dropping. These events are held all over the country."

Her favorite might be punkin chunkin'. "One time in Tennessee the target was an old portapotty. We would fly over and drop a pumpkin out of the airplane and try to hit the portapotty."

Linda and her pilot husband have been married ten years and they have a hangar full of trophies. "It's a blast," she says. "It is so much fun."

She deserves some fun. In 2003 she lost her husband and two young children in a house fire. They were in an old family home in Virginia that Linda and her husband Mycol had recently purchased. Mycol and the kids had gone there to get it ready in advance of moving the family from the Houston suburb of Kingwood. Linda had stayed behind to make arrangements to leave her job.

Linda says that horrible experience made her grow spiritually. She has written a book and makes speeches all over the world about overcoming personal tragedies. To assuage her grief, she went to an air show in Houston. She had been staying at the home of Mycol's sister and her husband to try to figure out what she was going to do.

"You don't just flip a switch and stop being mommy. They took care of me like I was a newborn. They were going away for the weekend so I started looking on the internet about things to do in Houston and found out about an air show. I didn't give a hoot about airplanes or air shows but it would get me out of the house. As I stood there at the air show watching the military demonstrations, aerobatics and World War II re-enactments I kept thinking what it would be like to do that. That was a Saturday. On the following Monday I went back to that airfield, inquired at the flight school and took my first discovery flight that day."

She considers her flying a gift from God. Her book is titled *When We Move to Heaven*.

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Heard Around Town

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Julian Guerra and Bryndon Robles show off their medals from the 2017 Sundown Powerlifting meet this past Saturday, March 10. MARIA CONTRERAS | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Sonora Brings Home Bronze in Regional Team Tennis Contest

The Sonora High School Tennis Team was awarded third place in the Regional Team Tennis competition Friday, March 3, 2017 in San Angelo.

Due to the threat of rain, teams opted for late night court matches to finish the tournament on Friday.

Although it was a long day of racket play for all of the athletes, Sonora demonstrated determination and good stamina.

Players warmed up with a 16-3 win over the Miles Bulldogs in their first match.

This victory set them up for a semifinal match against the Wall Hawks. Coming up short, Sonora fell 10-0 against the Hawks.

Despite their loss, Sonora bounced back to

claim the third-place victory, 11-1 over their highway rival Eldorado.

A qualifying State Meet alternate, Sonora is by far in the toughest region for team tennis.

All of the team members, Sky Jennings, Peyton Matthews, Carly Brown, Mary Kyle Johnson, Claire Thiebaud, Bianca Fay, Noelia Tovar, Riley Walker, Kayla Gee, Brian VanWinkle, Esteban Marin, Dylan Taylor, Marcos Talamantes, Carlos Regino, Blayze Sykes, David Delgado, and Aldo Deluna deserve applause for their hard work and accomplishments throughout the 2017 season.

Devil's River News Weekly Rainfall Report			
March 1-14	0.06 in.	March 1-14	0.13 in.
February 1-28	1.36 in.	February 1-28	1.48 in.
January	2.40 in.	January	1.68 in.
2017 Year-to-Date Total	3.82 in.	2017 Year-to-Date Total	3.29 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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Broncos Claim 2nd and 3rd at Sundown Powerlifting Meet

Two of Sonora's top heavy weight contenders placed in this past Saturday's 2017 Sundown Powerlifting Meet, March 10.

Julian Guerra was awarded second place and Bryndon Robles earned third place.

Placing second, Guerra lifted 276.8 pounds, an increase from his start at 275 pounds, advancing him to the Super Heavy Weight Division.

He also held 560 pounds in the squat, bench pressed 430 pounds and achieved 505 pounds in dead lift for an impressive 1,495 pounds

combined.

Guerra is set to compete in the upcoming State Powerlifting Contest.

Placing third, Robles lifted 271.2 pounds in the 275-pound division.

He also held 585 pounds in the squat, bench pressed 440 pounds and achieved 420 pounds in dead lift for an exceptional 1,445 pounds total.

Next, competitors travel to Abilene to compete in the State Powerlifting Meet on Saturday, March 25.

All of the competitors deserve commendation for their hard work.



Bryndon Robles shows determination while competing in the 2017 Sundown Powerlifting Meet Saturday, March 10, 2017. MARIA CONTRERAS | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



Julian Guerra earned 2nd place in the 2017 Sundown Powerlifting Competiton this past Saturday, March 10. Guerra is set to compete in the upcoming State Contest Saturday, March 25, in Abilene. MARIA CONTRERAS | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



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 - 17th Doug Hudleston, Lisa Seaton, Debra Sosa
 - 18th Chance Dillard, Sam Mata Jr., Mary Lou Creek
 - 19th Paul Ramsdell
 - 20th Sarah Wade, Dustin Crittendon, Becky Allison, Charlotte Longoria
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Reader Recipes

"Sunshine Cake"

The Sonora Woman's Club Motto is "To Live in Deeds". Contributions made by the Woman's Club, benefiting the local community include: purchasing the first playground equipment and piano for Sonora ISD. Additionally, members carry out annual clean-up projects every Spring. One project at a time, the Sonora Woman's Club had helped change the destiny of Sonora. In 1922, Mrs. Sterling Becker served as the Woman's Club President. She was known for her sweet spirit as well as her Sunshine Cake. Her recipe appeared in the first Cookbook published by the Sonora Woman's Club. One taste it is sure to warm your heart and bring a smile to your face. The heart while bringing a smile to your face.

- 10 egg whites
- Zest of 1 orange
- 1/2 cup "pulverized" sugar, sifted
- 1 cup flour
- 6 egg yolks
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar

Preheat "slow" oven. Beat egg whites until stiff; beat in half of the sugar. In separate bowl, beat egg yolks until very light; add orange zest and other half of the sugar to egg yolks. Fold egg yolk mixture into egg white mixture. Combine flour and cream of tartar; quickly fold into batter. Put in angel cake pan. Bake about 1 hour in "slow" oven.

Note from Cookbook Committee: We guess that "pulverized" sugar is actually granulated sugar. We found another recipe for Sunshine cake that suggested baking at 350 degrees.

OBITUARIES

Juanita Silvas Chavez August 24, 1923 - March 11, 2017

Juanita Silvas Chavez, a life-long resident of Sonora, passed on March 11, 2017.

Juanita was born August 24, 1923.

She was the daughter of Faustino and Clara Silvas.

Juanita had a difficult life. By five-years of age, her mother passed leaving her in the care of her only brother Agustin Silvas who was killed during WWII. She was raised as an only child, by her stepmother Lupe Silvas, also a life-long resident of Sonora.

At fifteen years of age, she married Sonora native Toribio Rodriguez Chavez.

They were married for 55-years and had seven children, six boys and one girl. Five of the children were born at home in "La Casita."

Juanita was a mom, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great grandmother to all family who called her Nana

In addition to raising her family she worked full time for many years for Dorothy Dulnick owner of the Sonora Courts and at Thorp's Laundry. She also served as a volunteer at the Sonora Senior Center delivering hot meals to the elderly.

Juanita instilled in her children a strong sense of caring and community advocating for human civil rights and inclusion. She was a Chicana warrior.

She is survived by her beloved children Toribio Jr., David, Augustine, Dennis, Elida, Gigo and Eloy (Ruben). All, with the exception of one, live in California. Toribio Jr. is commonly known as T.C. the barber hair cutting man in Sonora.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at Love Funeral Home Chapel.

A burial followed in Sonora Cemetery.

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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 Gamish, 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
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Exhibit Opening and World War One Oral Histories from the Texas State Archives

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission marks the 100th Anniversary of the "Great War," with its latest exhibit: "Texans Take to the Trenches." The collection of photographs, documents, and dispatches commemorate the Texans who responded to Uncle Sam's "I Want You" rally cry and showcases the individual experiences of Texans dealing with the war both at home and abroad.

The public is invited to an evening at TSLAC featuring the reading of messages and stories from soldiers and their families. The event takes place from 7-9 pm on April 6, 2017, the Centennial date of the U.S. entry into WWI. From the collection of the Texas State Archives, these intimate letters paint a portrait of the struggles faced by both civilians and soldiers as the world went to war.

More than 198,000 Texans answered the call to join the Allied Forces in an effort to defeat the Central Powers of Germany, Austria-Hungary, the Ottoman Empire and Bulgaria. Although many

Americans favored neutrality, the details found in a top-secret, coded communiqué between Mexico and Germany, called the Zimmerman Telegram, hinted at a possible pact to regain lost territories in Texas, Arizona and New Mexico. The threat of German soldiers on southwestern soil was enough to provoke President Woodrow Wilson to declare war on April 6, 1917. Before long, Doughboys were shipping off by the dozen to dig trenches and do their part "Over There."

While the battle was waged on land, sea and air, the war effort was more than just mortar shells and mustard gas. Texans on the home front felt the ravages of war through rationing and the pain of missing their dearly beloved.

The event is free and open to the public and offers a first look at the exhibit which will be open through the end of September at the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (1201 Brazos, Austin TX).

For more information visit www.tsl.texas.gov/trenches

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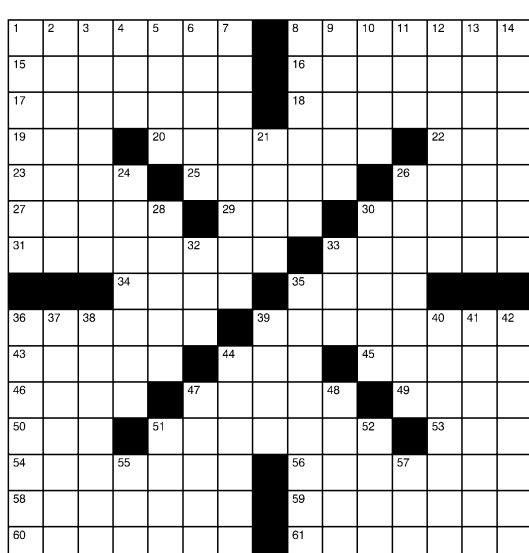
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"NAME GAME"



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Food Safety Course Set for March 21st

The Sutton County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is offering a food handlers course Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Sutton County Extension Office.

The course titled "Food Safety: It's in Your Hands" is a basic overview of food safety practices that are necessary to ensure that safe food is served at your establishment.

Practices discussed include good personal hygiene, cross contamination, and time and temperature abuse.

This 1-2-hour course, accredited by the Texas Department of State Health Services is now being required for all food service employees to help promote the service of safe food.

Updates to the Texas Food Establishment Rules (TFER) now requires all food employees to complete

an accredited food handlers training program within 60 days of employment, this became effective on September 16, 2016.

To register, please call the Extension office at 325-387-3604. The cost is \$20.00 per person and must be paid in full before the course begins.

The certificate is good for 2 years and is valid anywhere in the State of Texas.

Individuals with disabilities who require auxiliary aide service or accommodation in order to participate in the event are encouraged to contact our office within 5 working days prior to the program.

Educational programs of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, national origin or genetic information or veteran status.



Carter Zook clears a hurdle ahead of his competition while competing in the Lion Relays this past February. Zook finished 1st in the recent West Texas Relays, Friday, March 10, 2017 in Odessa. **DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS**

Sonora Take 1st and 5th in West Texas Relays

The Sonora Broncos and Lady Broncos competed in the West Texas relays this past Friday, March 10, 2017, in Odessa.

Vying for top spots athletes competed in a variety of track and field events.

The varsity Broncos were awarded first place with a total of 245.33 points. The Boys JV earned 6th place with a total of 57.

The Varsity Lady Broncos earned fifth place with a score of 79. Sonora was one of about ten area High Schools participating in the event.

Boys Varsity Results:

- 3200 M Run:** Evan Shannon, 2nd, 10:20.30
- 400 M Relay:** Solis, Jackson, Buitron, Duntton, 1st, 43.23
- 800 M Run:** Evan Shannon, 2nd, 10:22.30
- 110 M Hurdles:** Carter Zook, 1st, 15.03
- Willie Munoz, 2nd, 16.03
- 100 M Dash:** Jared Jackson, 2nd, 11.38
- Abel Cruz, 5th, 11.89
- 200 M Relay:** Sine, Munoz, Jackson, Buitron, 1st, 1:32.44
- 400 M Dash:** Wesley Duntton, 2nd, 53.72
- Wilson Johnson, 4th, 54.55
- Fred Velasquez, 5th, 54.59
- 300 M Hurdles:** Carter Zook, 1st, 38.87
- Willie Munoz, 2nd, 41.52
- 200 M Dash:** Michael Solis, 4th, 23.62
- 1600 M Run:** Evan Shannon, 2nd, 4:47.07
- 400 M Relay:** Duntton, Buitron, Johnson, Zook, 1st, 3:23.31
- Pole Vault:** John Deleon, 1st, 11'06"
- Carter Zook, 2nd, 10'00"
- High Jump:** Kaden Cordell, 1st, 6-02.00
- Kade Creek, 4th, 5-06.00
- Long Jump:** Jared Jackson, 2nd, 20-09.00
- Carter Zook, 4th, 19-10.25
- Triple Jump:** Willie Munoz, 2nd, 40-04.50
- David Delgado, 3rd, 40-02.00
- Discus:** Michael Solis, 1st, 155-06
- Liam Yourgalite, 2nd, 133-04
- Donald Kimbrell, 6th, 104-03
- Shot Put:** Liam Yourgalite, 1st, 50-

05.50
Michael Solis, 4th, 40-02.00
Team Ranking:
Sonora, 1st, 245.33

Boys JV Results:

- 3200 M Run:** Josh Barrera, 4th, 12:20.03
- 100 M Relay:** Rodriguez, Infante, Gutierrez, Mata, 5th, 52.59
- 800 M Relay:** Manuel Fuentes, 1st, 2:14.34
- 110 M Hurdles:** Jasen Morris, 2nd, 19.04
- Josh Barrera, 6th, 20.49
- 100 M Dash:** Oscar, Gutierrez, 3rd, 12.02
- 200 M Relays:** Rodriguez, Infante, Mata, Deleon, 5th, 1:43.29
- 300 M Hurdles:** Jasen Morris, 2nd, 47.03
- 400 M Relay:** Gutierrez, Infante, Fuentes, Morris, 5th, 4:02.15
- Long Jump:** Eddie Infante, 3rd, 17'03"
- Team Ranking:** Sonora, 6th, 57

Girls Varsity Results:

- 3200 M Run:** Analy Palacios, 10th, 15:30.02
- 800 M Run:** Mary Kyle Johnson, 1st, 2:29.92
- 100 M Hurdles:** Harley Daniel, 5th, 21.17
- 100 M Dash:** Savannah Castro, 13th, 14.92
- 200 M Relay:** Carly, Brown, Aleasha, Smith, 7th, 1:56.02
- 400 M Dash:** Mary Kyle Johnson, 3rd, 1:03.86
- 300 M Hurdles:** Carly Brown, 1st, 50.80
- 1600 M Run:** Analy Palacios, 14th, 6 :46.96
- 400 M Relay:** Carly, Brown, Smith, Aleasha, 2nd, 4:26.59
- High Jump:** Mary Kyle Johnson, 1st, 5-00.00
- Triple Jump:** Carly Brown, 3rd, 32-01.00
- Discus:** Shyanne Gamez, 4th, 70-06
- Kodee Smith, 10th, 47-11
- Shot Put:** Shyanne Gamez, 12th, 20-03.00
- Team Ranking:** Sonora, 5th, 79



Caleb Galvan takes the mound for the Broncos during a non-conference game between Sonora and McCamey on February 24, 2017. Galvan stands at .389 batting average, .450 on base percentage, .812 fielding percentage, 7 hits, 10 RBI's and 5 runs for the season. **DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS**

Broncos Sweep Competition in San Angelo Baseball Tourney

The Sonora Broncos Swept their competition winning all four games in the San Angelo Central/Lakeview JV Tournament this past Friday and Saturday, March 10 and 11, 2017 in San Angelo.

The Broncos claimed their first victory with a 14-3 win over San Angelo Central JV team Friday, March 10, 2017, at Donsky field.

Doubles by Michael Mungia and Caleb Galvan, a stolen base by Henry Ramos, a walk by Noah SanMiguel, a single by Mungia, a triple by Galvan, and a single by Wesley Dutton all contributed to a game changing third inning.

Galvan was the catalyst with his double that broke the 2-2 tie at the top of the third and the stars lined up to ensure the game win.

Raully Ojeda threw two innings, allowing two runs, and one hit. Daniel Gonzales also pitched three innings, giving up one run, three hits, striking out two, and walking zero.

Batting for the Broncos Mungia, Ojeda, Dutton, and Galvan each collected multiple hits.

Galvan and Ramos each drove in four runs and Ojeda claimed three of the 13 stolen bases.

An early lead helped the Broncos defeat the Sweetwater HS JV 12-1 in game two, Friday.

Starting things off, Sonora scored on a triple by Mungia and a triple by Galvan in the first inning.

In addition to a boost of confidence the Broncos upped their score with seven additional runs in the fifth inning.

The big inning was thanks to a single by Isaiah Lira, a single by Gonzales, a triple by Mungia, a ground-out by Galvan, and a single by Ojeda.

On the mound, Ramos threw four innings, allowing one run, five hits, striking out five, and walking zero.

Mungia, Gonzales, and Jalen Lopez each collected multiple hits for Broncos. Mungia went 3-for-3 at the plate as he led the team with three runs batted in.

Saturday the Broncos returned to the diamond ready to take the tournament trophy.

Another early lead was the ticket for the Broncos 12-2 win over Abilene Cooper JV in their first match of the day.

A triple by Gonzales, a single by SanMiguel and a stolen base by Levi Garrett in the first inning got the crowd on their feet cheering on the players. Pitching for the Broncos, Wesley Dutton

threw three innings, giving up zero runs, zero hits, striking out two, and walking one.

Gonzales, SanMiguel, Ramos, Lira, and Mungia each collected multiple hits Mungia lead his team with four of the nine base steals for the game.

A pause in their momentum allowed their next opponent Abilene HS JV to gain an early lead in final game. None the less, they broke 5-5 tie in the bottom of the second when Mungia doubled, driving in one run.

Although Abilene scored four runs in the second inning, Sonora took the lead for good with six runs and set their sights on the victory.

SanMiguel started off pitching one and one-third innings, surrendering five runs, two hits, and striking out one for the Broncos. Lira pitched two and two-thirds innings for the Broncos, surrendering one run, and three hits.

Also, Mungia, Dutton, and Lopez each collected multiple hits for Sonora Broncos. Mungia went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Sonora Broncos in hits. Sonora was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error.

Finally, the Broncos claimed their fourth win of the tournament with a score of 12-7 over Abilene.

Now undefeated for the season with a 10-0 record, the Broncos set their sights in District play beginning March 20.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and show their support for the players in their upcoming non-conference matchups.

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Carly Brown and Aleasha Smith connect with speed and endurance while competing in the Lion's Relay this past February. Brown and Smith placed 2nd in the 400 Meter Relays during West Texas Relay's this past week in Odessa. **DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS**

SONORA WEATHER FORECAST

Thu 03/16	Fri 03/17	Sat 03/18	Sun 03/19	Mon 03/20
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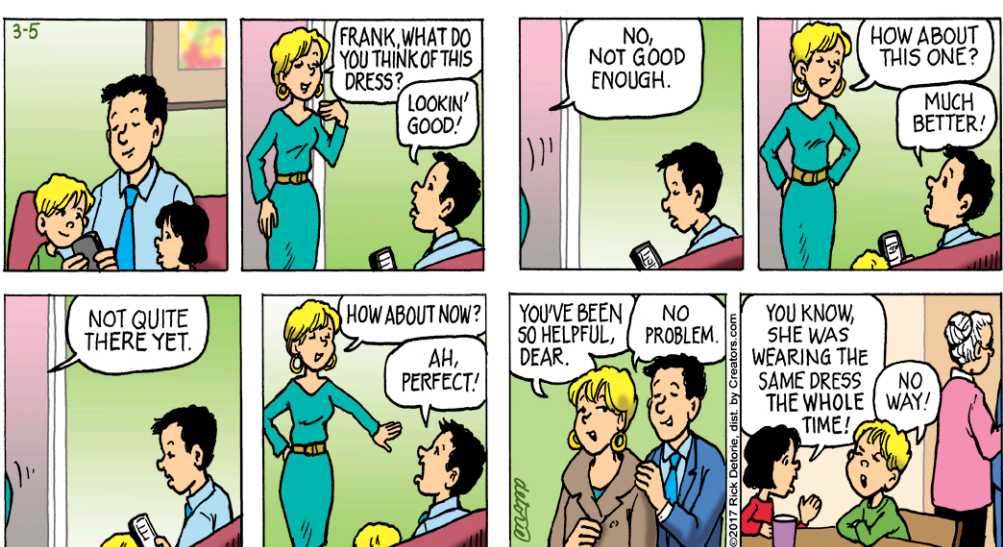


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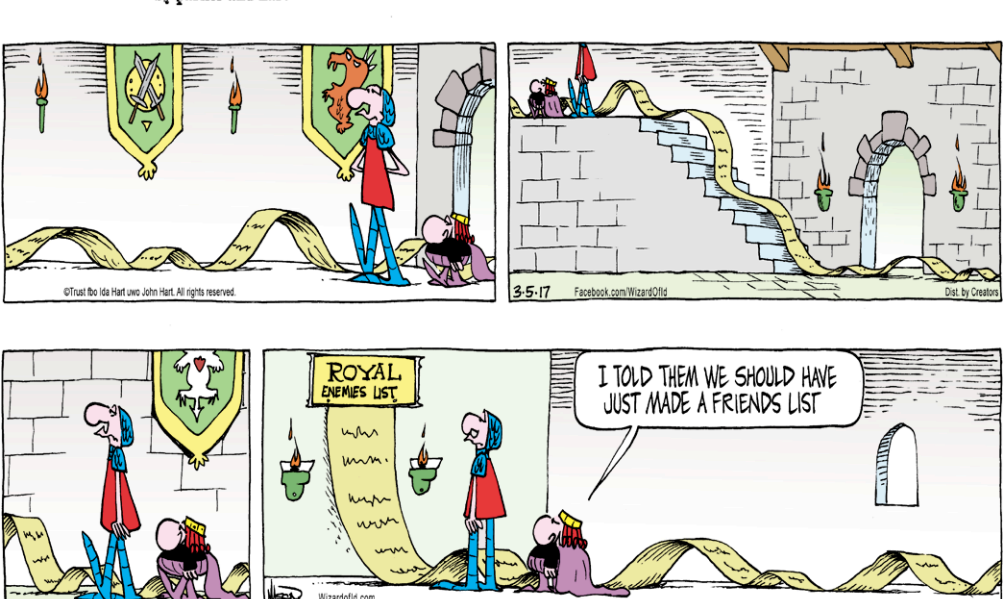
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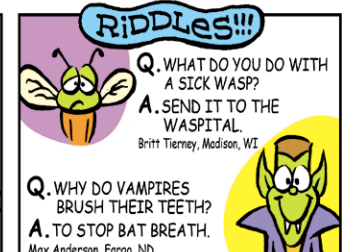
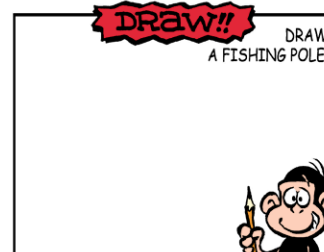
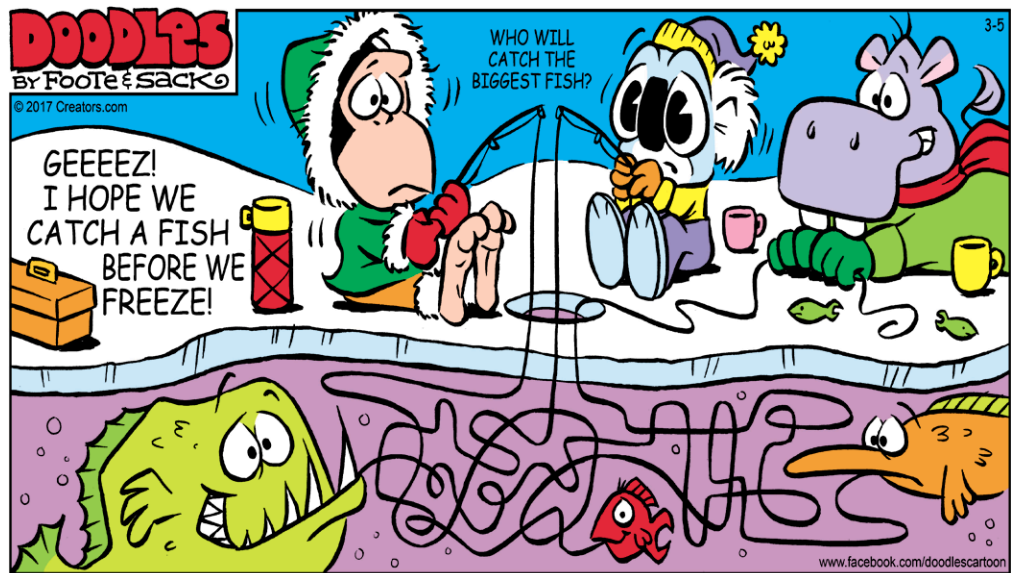
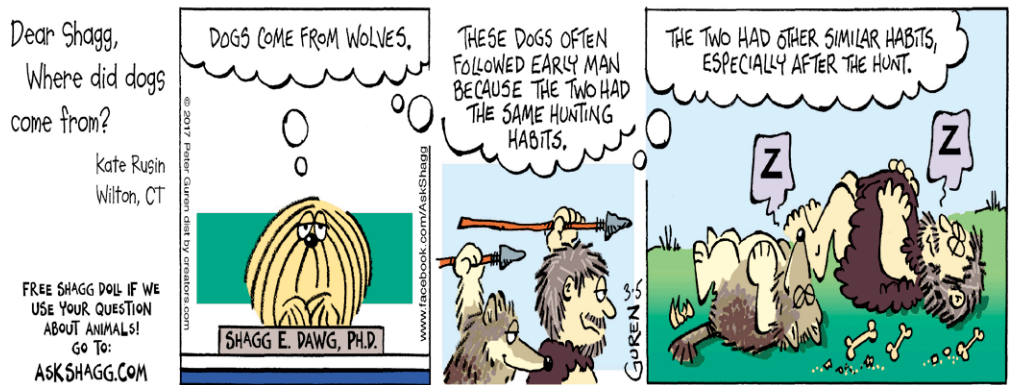
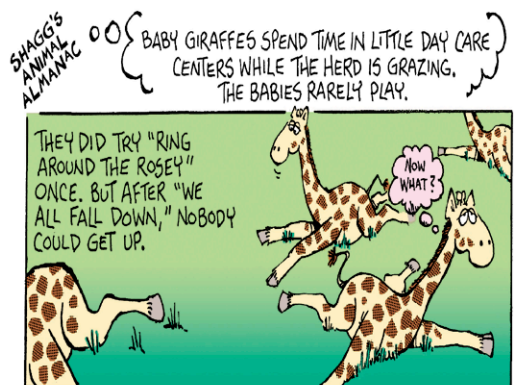
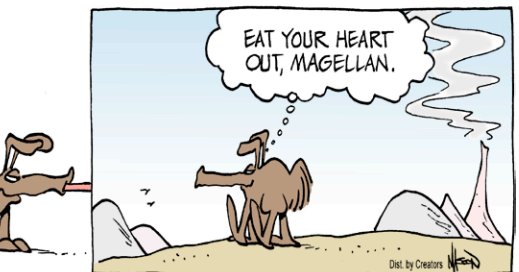
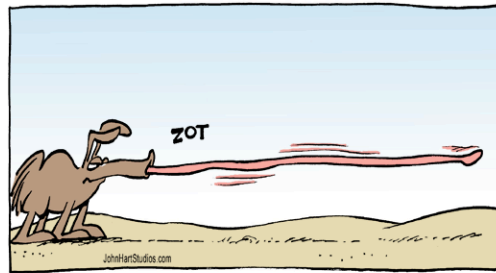
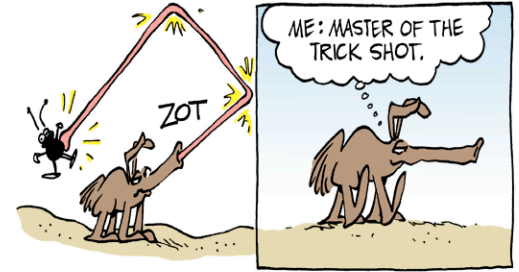
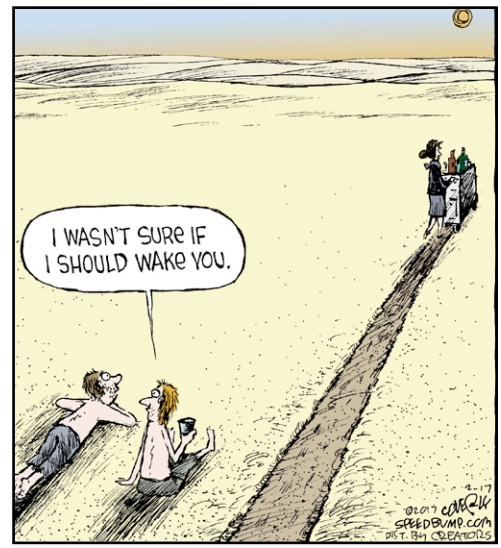
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Your complaint can help protect other people. By filing a complaint, you can help the FTC's investigators identify scam artists and stop them before they can access to a friend's hard-earned money. It really makes a difference.

Mailbox Vandalism is Crime

Recently, local residents experienced the aggravation that comes with replacing a vandalized mailbox.

On February 25th, eight Sonora High School students, seven juveniles and one adult, were identified as being responsible for the destruction of multiple private mailboxes causing homeowners about \$400 in damages to replace them, according to the Sutton County Sheriff's Department.

No charges were filed against the individuals in exchange for restitution.

However, an investigation is ongoing according to Sheriff Oscar Chavez.

"This is not acceptable

behavior," Sheriff Chavez said. "We are going to do everything we can to make sure our residents are comfortable reporting crimes like this. We also want people to know that we will uphold the law no matter who commits a crime or the circumstances surrounding it."

Because all mailboxes are considered federal property, destroying one is a federal offense.

As well, it is a crime to damage or destroy any mail within a mailbox.

Violators are subject to a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment for up to three years for each act of vandalism.

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Child Protection

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SB 11 by Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown. SB 11 would shift to private contractors the DFPS's foster care management mission, but the state would remain the ultimate guardian over foster children. The bill also contains oversight and accountability provisions to enable close monitoring by the DFPS and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

On March 2, the Texas House approved HB 4 by Cindy Burkett, R-Sunnyvale, to provide additional support for family members who care for a child who has been removed from his or her home. Also approved was HB 5 by James Frank, R-Wichita Falls, to give the DFPS more autonomy by making it a separate agency with its own commissioner.

In passing HB 4 and HB 5, the House has taken "important steps toward providing better protection and care for children in terrible circumstances," Speaker Joe Straus said.

Abbott declares disaster

Gov. Greg Abbott on March 11 declared a State of Disaster in the counties of Gray, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler after wildfires swept through farm and ranch land in the Texas Panhandle.

"This week's wildfires have had a devastating impact on a significant portion of the Texas Panhandle," Abbott said. "Texans have always been resilient in their response to disasters and this time will be no different."

Earlier last week, the governor granted a waiver to hay carriers and asked the USDA to accelerate

the temporary suspension of grazing restrictions in affected areas.

Jobless rate is updated

Texas employers expanded payrolls in January, adding 51,300 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs, the Texas Workforce Commission announced March 10.

But Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.8 percent, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Texas' total combined labor force stood at an estimated 13,358,000 in January, a figure that reflects 12,697,100 employed individuals plus 660,900 unemployed people who are available for work and are looking for a job.

Sales tax revenue grows

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on March 2 announced state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.4 billion in February, 4.4 percent more than in February 2016.

"While tax collections from oil and gas mining remain subdued, receipts from telecommunications, construction, services and retail and wholesale trade increased significantly," Hegar said.

Perry joins Trump cabinet

The U.S. Senate on March 2 confirmed Rick Perry as 14th secretary of the United States Department of Energy. Founded in 1977, the DOE has nearly 14,000 employees.

Perry served as chief executive of Texas from December 2000 to January 2015, making him the Lone Star State's longest-serving governor.

Seeding Rangeland A Risky Proposition

I was recently asked to compare the production of a couple of grasses under irrigation. It's easier to discuss grass production when it's going to be irrigated. In dry-land situations, however, it can be a risky and expensive proposition.

Rangeland seeding is usually done in late winter or early spring. Since seeding is expensive and the risk of failure is always present, careful attention must be given to a number of factors.

To begin, one must evaluate the quantity and distribution of desirable plants currently present. If desirable plants make up less than 10 to 15 percent of the vegetation, seeding is probably necessary. Ranges can be improved by grazing management as well as brush and weed control if desirable plants are uniformly distributed and make up more than 10 to 15 percent of the vegetation.

Seed only better sites to insure reasonable chances of success. Steep, potentially erosive sites should not be disturbed. Seeding range sites that receive runoff water provides better results.

Species and varieties of plants selected for seeding must be adapted to the area's soil, climate, and topography. Also, plants selected should be easily established, palatable to animals, relatively productive, and able to withstand invasion.

The ideal seedbed is firm below seeding depth and free from lie plant competition. It has moderate amounts of mulch or plant residue on the soil surface. On rangeland, however, the ideal seedbed is a goal rarely achieved because of expense and expected return.

The two most common methods of seeding rangeland are broadcasting and drilling. Broadcasting places seed on the soil surface while drilling puts seed into the soil. Drilling is the superior method of seeding where a drill can be used. However, broadcast seeding

by ground application is often used because most drills are not sturdy enough for rough rangeland.

When to seed is important. Warm-season plants grow if seeded in late winter or early spring. A newly seeded area will need protection from grazing and until seedlings are established.

With exceptionally good growing conditions, deferment through one growing season may be sufficient. During periods of harsh growing conditions, 2 or 3 years of deferment may be necessary to allow seedlings to establish.

Seeding can rejuvenate poor ranges, but careful attention must be given to proper planning, use of correct plant material, seeding methods, and good management.

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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.

SONORA PD
NO ARRESTS REPORTED
INCIDENTS
MARCH 6 - 5:15 PM • Suspicious person call Road Ranger. Officer responded.
MARCH 7 - 9:16 PM • Animal call 600 block of Cornell. Officer responded.
10:56 AM • Officer requested 100 block of E. Main. Officer responded.
MARCH 8 - 7:37 AM • Accident/Wreck call 1300 block of N. Crockett. Officer responded.
9:18 AM • Officer requested call 200 block E. Main. Officer responded.
5:53 PM • Suspicious circumstance call Pizza Hut parking lot. Officer responded.
MARCH 9 - 7:11 PM • Suspicious person call Stripes 266. Officer responded.
MARCH 10 - 11:30 AM • Complainant requesting officer call 600 block of S. Water. Officer responded.
3:21 PM • Disturbance call 1900 block of Tayloe. Officer responded.
7:05 PM • Theft call 1300 block of N. Crockett. Officer responded.
9:29 PM • Officer requested at 300 block of Edgemont. Officer responded.
MARCH 11 - 9:45 AM • Assistance requested Laredo Taco. Officer responded.
11:29 AM • Officer requested at 300 block of Poplar. Officer responded.

SUTTON COUNTY SHERIFF ARRESTS
MARCH 9 • Miguel Rodriguez, 32-year-old male of Houston. Arrested on a Jackson County warrant.
MARCH 12 • Sergio Jose Gutierrez, Jr., 23-year-old male of Sonora. Arrested for Driving With Out License.
INCIDENTS
MARCH 6 - 9:35 AM • Deputy responded to debris on the roadway South Side Service Road.
8:56 PM • Deputy and DPS responded to a 3 vehicle accident on I-10 at 416 mm.
MARCH 8 - 7:27 AM • Deputy assisted PD with an accident at Stripes #267.
3:22 PM • Deputy responded to a reckless driver on I-10 at 399 mm.
5:13 PM • Deputy responded to a reckless driver on US Hwy 277 N.
MARCH 10 - 6:07 PM • Deputy responded to a possible accident on I-10 at 384 mm.
MARCH 11 - 9:21 AM • Deputy responded to loose cattle on ranch road 3130 east of town.
11:43 AM • Deputy responded to loose goats on I-10 at 422 mm.
12:13 PM • DPS and a Deputy responded to a minor accident on I-10 at 387 mm.
4:08 PM • Deputy responded to a reckless driver on I-10 at 390 mm.
5:21 PM • Deputy responded to loose goats on I-10 at 423 mm.
7:40 PM • Deputy responded to a welfare check on Private Road 3373.
MARCH 12 - 12:40 PM • Deputy assisted EMS on RR 864.
11:05 PM • Deputy and SVFD responded to a tractor trailer fire on I-10 at 422-423mm.

HCSGO Hears Tips from Dr. Whitney Whitworth

By Fran Dendy
Members of the Hill Country Sheep and Goat Organization heard a presentation by Dr. Whitney Whitworth during their regular meeting Monday, March 6, 2017.

Whitworth entertained listeners with humorous quips sprinkled throughout her talk on medical treatments for parasite management in sheep, goats and cattle.

She also shared bits of advice and information from own personal experience having grown up on a ranch in Sisterdale.

HCSGO Chairman Chris Summers reported that she has provided information to area newspapers, high school counselors as well as on line at www.txsheepandgoats.org/scholarships regarding scholarships.

The deadline for receiving the request for this Ag related scholarship is April 15, 2017.

Summers and Jane Immel reported on what they learned in the Women in Ranching Seminar that they recently attended.

Topics covered included ranching and the transfer of property from one family generation to the next.

Additionally, protection from stolen animals or property is now supported by a special police unit. A seminar will be available next year.

The "Make It Yourself with Wool" national contest recently took place, in Denver. The winner of the Senior and Junior Texas MIYW both placed.

Senior won second place nationally and Junior was in the top 10 nationally.

Next year the national MIYW contest will take place in San Antonio on the River Walk.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the banquet on February 3, 2018 to see if Texas has winners again.

A \$500 scholarship, provided by the HCSGO, will be awarded to one of a Texas Senior Division participant.

For more information call Brenda Seidensticker at 830-370-4069.

Although the HCSGO is known for its diligent workers, Victoria Powers, Executive Secretary for Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Association, is asking how the association can help the HCSGO in all that they do.

Members have already signed up to work their own county Ag days during when fourth graders will participate in a field trip for the day to learn more about farm and ranch activities.

Finally, Table Sales are in progress for the November 7, 2017 Luncheon and Fashion Show at the YO Resort Hotel, in Kerrville.

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Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District (SUTUWCD)

Public Hearing
Application for Permitted Wells – City of Sonora

March 20, 2017
Monday
9:00 AM.

City Hall Building
City Hall Council Chambers
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Sonora, TX 76950

The Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District (SUTUWCD) will hold a public hearing on an application for two permitted wells by Edward Carrasco on behalf of the City of Sonora. The application filed with the District is requesting to drill two water wells with the well capacity of 40 gallons per minute each on 2 acres north of Loop 467 at the intersection of Exit 404 off Interstate 10. In compliance with the SUTUWCD rules, the City of Sonora is filing for an exception to spacing and density requirements set out in Section 4.013 of the rules.

In accordance with Rule 4.007, public comments will only be accepted by the SUTUWCD in written form and must be turned in or mailed to the District office by close of business March 15, 2017. The District is located at 301 S. Crockett Avenue, Sonora, Texas 76950. For any additional information or questions, please contact the SUTUWCD at 325-387-2369 or email sutuwcd7@verizon.net.



112th District Court Report

Sutton County 112th District Court was held on Friday, February 10, 2017 with the Honorable Pete Gomez presiding.

- Jim Wayne Clark, male age 33, Offense Possession Controlled Substance (PG 1 <1G). Plead Guilty, Court Revoked Community Service. Sentence to Texas Department of Criminal Justice.
- Ivan DeJesus Hernandez, male age 33, plead guilty of Evading Arrest, Detention w/Vehicle. Sentenced to 7 years Texas Department of Criminal Justice.
- Michael Jean Harnsberry, male age 23, plead guilty of Theft of Fire Arm. Sentenced to 180 days Texas Department of Criminal Justice.
- Andrew David Volpe, male age 20, plead guilty of Evading Arrest Detention w/Previous Conviction. Judgement of conviction by court, 3 years community supervision.

Pig Pesticide:

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

including ground and areal hunting as well as snares, used by hunters and land owners, are allowed anytime throughout the year to maintain control of the hog population.

These methods are also used in Sutton County and the surrounding area.

"We see wild pigs in our regular daily patrols," Rogers said. "We can see a difference in areas where land owners take responsibility in controlling wild hogs versus areas where there is little or no control. They cause a lot of damage to the land."

Sutton County Agriculture Extension Agent Pascual Hernandez said there are some logistics to work around before using this method in our area.

"Of course, different technologies are being used in other species in a similar way," Hernandez said. "Warfarin has been used in Australia for many years prior to the approval for its use in Texas. However, it's too early in the game to say if it will be used here in our area. There are no trials to substantiate or dispute its use. So, I think we need more testing."

Rancher and land owner Bob Brockman said the use of warfarin for hog eradication is a plus for hunters like himself. Moreover, Brockman said he thinks the benefit outweighs the suggested risks.

"I haven't seen anything to make me have concerns," Brockman said. "I was a little surprised when I heard it was approved for use in Texas. But, I think it could help. Of course, I would not eat a hog that looks ill. The possibility of secondary poisoning would be the only thing that I

would be concerned about. But, it does contain a dye so hunters know if a hog has ingested it. It's no different than using another toxin called sodium nitrate, which is used to cure bacon and ham. I really don't think that it would be enough to cause secondary poisoning."

In addition, to a need for further research, there are also challenges with dispensing the toxic feed. A special feeder with a heavy-duty lid must be used to dispense the pellets to help avoid distributing poison to other non-target species. Also, hogs must be lured to the special feeder using regular feed before introducing the warfarin laced feed.

Kaput pellets contain a small dose of warfarin. One dose of the bait is not lethal to pigs. However, hogs are more susceptible to warfarin than other animals. In fact, it takes a smaller concentration of the toxin to kill pigs than it takes to kill rats and other rodents.

The poisoning process takes 3-6 weeks including feeding hogs nontoxic and toxic bait.

In addition, Kaput, set to be available in early May 2017, can be purchased and administered only by a licensed pesticide applicators.

Further, specialty feeders come with a higher price tag than regular feeders but for some the cost is relative.

"Cost is relative when hogs are eating you out of house of home, Brockman said. "I can get rid of my hogs by going on safari in one afternoon. But, when you have hogs by the hundreds, this could be a good tool to help land owners like myself."

None the less, property owners in Sutton County will continue to use traditional methods for hog control while the TPWL continues its research into the use of warfarin in West Texas.

"Texas Parks and Wildlife is still conducting research on the impact of using kaput in the area," Rogers said. "It's still so new. And there are a lot of what ifs."

SOLUTION TO PUZZLES ON PAGE 6

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② RICE
③ CORN
④ WHEAT

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SOLUTION TO PUZZLE ON PAGE 4

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ASU Writers Conference to Honor Elmer Kelton

Angelo State University will host award-winning western novelist Anne Hillerman as the featured speaker at the 21st annual Writers Conference in honor of Elmer Kelton March 23-24 in the ASU Auditorium inside the Mayer Administration Building, 2601 West Avenue N.

Hillerman is the best-selling author of the latest novels in the Joe Leaphorn Navaho Mystery Series that was originally created by her late father, Tony Hillerman, in 1970. She will give two presentations during the ASU Writers Conference on Thursday, March 23. At 9:30 a.m., she will give "A Conversation with Anne Hillerman" hosted by Dr. Nicole Dilts of the ASU English faculty.

She will then present "An Evening with Anne Hillerman" at 7 p.m. Both presentations are open free to the public.

The two-day conference will also include nine sessions, three on March 23 and six on March 24, featuring readings and presentations by 23 guest authors and poets. The guest writers have produced thousands of publications, including over 100 books, and include three Texas Poets Laureate and four winners of the Western Writers of America's prestigious Spur Award. The complete conference schedule is available at www.angelo.edu/writers-conference2017, and all the sessions are also open free to the public.

Hillerman has penned

the three most recent novels in the Joe Leaphorn Navaho Mystery Series that already consisted of 18 books at the time of her father's death in 2008. Her first book in the series, "Spider Woman's Daughter," quickly hit the New York Times best-seller list and won the 2013 Spur Award for Best First Novel from the Western Writers of America. "Rock with Wings" followed in 2015, and her third novel in the series, "Song of the Lion," is scheduled for release by HarperCollins in April.

Along with her husband/photographer Don Strel, Hillerman is also the author of "Tony Hillerman's Landscape: On the Road with Chee and Leaphorn," which was named the 2009

Best Photo Book of the Year by Mountains and Plains Booksellers.

Hillerman is also widely recognized as a supporter of both beginning and established writers. She helped establish and co-directs Wordharvest Writers Workshops. In collaboration with St. Martin's Press, she established "The Tony Hillerman Prize" for best first mystery novel set in the Southwest. She also serves as a board member for Western Writers of America.

More information about Hillerman is available at <https://annehillerman.com/>.

The ASU Writers Conference is sponsored by the university and hosted by the Department of English and Modern Languages.

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(7C) San Angelo Area	56	70	0
(8) Midland/Trans Pecos	434	154	9
(8A) Lubbock Area	74	21	0

Texas Drilling Permits and Completions for February

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In February 2017, Commission staff processed 533 oil, 95 gas, 49 injection and zero other completions compared to 822 oil, 186 gas, 57 injection and one other completions in February 2016. Total well completions for 2017 year to date are 1,213; down from 2,270 recorded during the same period in 2016.

According to Baker Hughes Inc., the Texas rig count as of March 10 was 392, representing about 51 percent of all active rigs in the United States.

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Going to State

Jordan Paredes qualified for the State Contest after competing in the Texas High School Woman's Powerlifting Association Region 1 Division Meet earlier this month in Mertz. Paredes lifted a total weight of 630 and advanced under the Top 2 rule by classification in her weight class of 114 pounds. The State Powerlifting meet is set for Saturday, March 18, 2017 in Waco.



Jordan Paredes

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SCHD Board Handles Light Agenda

The Sutton County Hospital Board of Directors handled a light agenda during their regular meeting Monday, March 13, 2017.

In regular business, the board approved the minutes of the February 13, 2017 meeting and financials report.

In other business, trustees heard a report on the findings of the iVantage operational assessment. Based upon the 2016 data, the hospital is operating above average compared to other rural health facilities in the area.

Following a closed door session, the board approved the replacement of current Radiology equipment with a lease from Siemens.

Also, board members approved a motion to move forward with a letter of intent and physician recruitment agreement with amendments for Will Griffin, M.D.

Without further discussion or comments the meeting adjourned.

President Sharon Holman presided over the meeting. Edward Earwood, Don Longoria and Lenora Pool were present. Mary Humphrey, Adalita Alvarez and John Henry Strauch were absent.

The next regular board meeting of the SCHD Board of Directors is slated for Monday, April 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wellness Center.

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applied for two grants including Justice Assistance Grant for new In-Car Video Systems and Homeland Security Grant for Forensic Software.

Finally, Sheriff Chavez presented the court with an inclusive 2016 Racial Profile Report.

JP Wilson reported 15 cases magistrated during February, 588 new cases docketed and 508 cases disposed. He also reported a total of \$127,385.03 collected in revenue for the month of February 2017. The county's portion retained is \$79,352.35.

County Clerk Rachel Duran reported revenue for February including \$6,003.98 collected for district court fees, \$7,327 collected for county court fees and \$3,447 collected for OPRs.

County Judge David Wallace reported zero hot check recoveries for the month.

In other business, the court discussed items concerning a promotion and raise for a cemetery employee. No action was taken. They also discussed the purchase of a new pickup truck for the cemetery.

Commissioners approved advertising for 2000 yards of PB4-Pre-Coat needed to repair roads.

The Court also approved waiving the fee for the Arena and Pavilion on April 22 for the Good Samaritan fundraiser. The Stevie Smith Memorial Roping event "Sonora Strong-Pass It On" is being held to raise money to help fund the annual Camp Good Sam - Sonora.

Next, the court approved a Resolution to Adopt Interstate 27. The resolution is in support of the Ports-to-Plains project that will bring I-27 through Sonora. The new Interstate will impact the area in a variety of ways including helping the economy.

Finally, Judge Smith informed the court about the hiring of a new Thunderbird Transportation employee. The employee, hired by COG Transit Authority in San Angelo, is set to begin work in the area soon.

Without further discussion or comments the meeting adjourned.

Judge Steve Smith presided over the meeting. Commissioners Carl Teaff, Mike Villanueva, Fred Perez and Bob Brockman were present. The next regular meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners Court is set for Monday, March 27, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sutton County Annex Building.



Skyler Wood hugs his Aunt Kelley Thorp during a yellow ribbon ceremony Thursday, March 9, 2017 in Sonora.

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Wood's Aunt, Kelly Thorp, said she and her family applaud him for continuing their family's legacy of military service.

"He is doing this in honor of his Uncle John mostly," she said. "We are so proud of him. And, it is a huge honor for him to serve aboard the George H.W. Bush on his first

assignment."

Wood said that although he will miss his family and friends, he is not going to miss the small-town drama of his hometown.

"I am ready for my deployment," Wood said. "I think I am going to be lost at first. But, those guys are really good at helping with transition. I think everything will go smoothly."

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