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## August: Osage County Drama



Sonora High School students perform their One Act Play production titled August: Osage County during a public performance Sunday, March 19, at the SHS Theater. Cast members (L-R) Isabella Samaniego, Dakota Castro, Henry Ramos, Shayna Edwards, Robin McGuffin, Avery Leamon and Hazel Kent (Center) polish their character roles during a full dress rehearsal to help them prepare for upcoming competitions.

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## Rabies Causes Concern in Sonora

Rabies is a problem in Sonora and residents as well as their pets are at risk.

Five confirmed cases have been reported in the past two months, according to Animal Control Officer Suzanne Whitworth.

"We have had four skunks test positive for rabies and one fox in the last two months," Whitworth said. "Skunks are the most common animals in the area to be infected with rabies. But, any animal including bats can contract and spread rabies."

No human cases have been reported.

One of the first cases involved Whitworth witnessing a skunk wandering in the middle of Crockett Street, during the afternoon, this past January. Since skunks are nocturnal, it is unusual to see them out during the day. While attempting to capture the skunk with a control pole, it charged toward her in an aggressive manner. Rendering it unconscious with a blow to the head, Whitworth removed it from the location. Upon testing, it was positive for rabies.

Another case was confirmed after collecting a skunk that was killed by a resident in a residential area. The resident noticed the skunk staggering along the alley behind his house in the middle of the day. The skunk ran towards the individual appearing to be sick. Whitworth was called to remove the skunk which also tested positive for rabies.

As the incidents of rabies increases in the area, so does the risk of exposure to humans, domestic animals and livestock.

Rabies is a viral infection that affects the nervous system and can infect all mammals including humans.

While it is usually present skunks, foxes, raccoons, bobcats and bats, all of which are common in our community, all wild animals can become infected.

Whitworth said the number

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## OAP Collects Accolades for Exceptional Performances

In hopes of competing at the state level, Sonora High School theater students are quickly making their way through district competition.

The cast and crew recently brought home District and Bi-District accolades for their 2017 One Act Play production and performances of August, Osage County.

Their re-production of the original narrative based on the original play by Tracy Letts earned them enough credits to advance to the Area competition.

First, students traveled to Ballinger to compete in the District contest Tuesday, March 21, 2017 where they advanced to the Bi-District contest.

Students and their District awards included Dakota Castro, Best Actor, Layla Burke, Best Actress, Hazel Kent, All Star Cast, Shayna Edwards, All Star Cast, Juan Miguel Jimenez, Tech Award, Autumn Ayala, Best Stage Manager. The Best Overall Crew Award went to Autumn Ayala, Juan Miguel Jimenez, Kayla Grace Edwards, Sheridan Walther, Danica Jimenez.

Upon achieving District recognition, cast and crew members traveled to San Angelo this past Friday, March 24, where they competed in the Bi-District contest.

Students and their Bi-District awards included Hazel Kent, Best Actress, Avery Leamon and Layla Burke, All Star Cast,

Danica Jimenez, Tech Award and Autumn Ayala, Best Stage Manager. Slade Dermody earned an Honorable Mention and the Best Overall Tech Crew Award went to Autumn Ayala, Juan Miguel Jimenez, Kayla Grace Edwards, Sheridan Walther, Danica Jimenez.

A complete list of cast members includes Shayna Edwards, as Mattie Fae, Avery Leamon, as Ivy, Dakota Castro, as Charlie, Hazel Kent, as Violet, Henry Ramos, as Bill, Layla Burke, as Barbara, Robin McGuffin, as Jean, Isabella Samaniego, as Johnna, Blayze Sykes, as Sheriff Gilbeau, Mollie Taylor, as Karen, Jansen Morris, as Steve, and Slade Dermody, as Little Charles.

Crew members include Stage Manager Autumn Ayala, Assistant Stage Manager/Sound Kayla Grace Edwards, Lighting Manager Juan Miguel Jimenez and Special Effects Managers Danica Jimenez and Sheridan Walther. Scarlot Longoria is an Alternate.

Next, students and their directors will travel to Clyde this Saturday, April 1, 2017 to perform at the Area competition.

Please note that the UIL OAP State dates have changed. Division IIIA will perform April 18th at State.

All of the students deserve applause for their hard work. Congratulations and Good Luck at Area.

## Vanderstucken Estate Sale Draws Crowd

In a beautifully designed townhome along Main Street, people rummaged through a collection of Vanderstucken family treasures during an estate sale Saturday morning March 25, 2017.

The event marked the end of a pioneer family's deep involvement in the community.

But, their history forever remains in the hearts and minds of those who knew them.

Some, like Barbara West Clark, just came to reminisce about bygone days. Clark who ranches outside of Eldorado said she saw the sale advertised in the local newspaper. Having grown up in Sonora and knowing the Vanderstucken family, Clark said she came by in hopes of reconnecting with familiar folks.

"I remember the Vanderstuckens," Clark said. "Those were good times and they were good people."

Bob and Nancy Brockman were also among those who gathered at the sale to remember, visit and buy their keepsake to take home.

Also, part of the Vanderstucken family, the Brockman's are particularly fond of the namesake.

"The Vanderstuckens were wonderful people," Nancy Brockman said. "They did so much



Rex Ann Friess and Elaine Donaldson explain the history of a desk and other memorabilia that delonged to E.F. Vanderstucken during a tour at the Old Ice House Ranch Museum Friday, March 24, 2017. The desk and other items including the original store sign, hanging in the back of the museum, were donated to the museum in hopes of keeping the Vanderstucken history alive in the community.

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for this community. Joseph Vanderstucken was responsible for so many community programs like the St. John's Mission Endowment Fund that helped feed hungry children. And, it was important to him that every-thing stayed in the community.

He took care of so many people."

"As a matter of fact, the Vanderstuckens did so much that some of their generosity went unnoticed," Bob Brockman added. "The Vanderstuckens really helped keep this community alive."

An entrepreneur like his father, Joseph Vanderstucken ventured into local business. Among so many other things, he is noted for his involvement in founding the First National Bank of Sonora as well as countless

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## SISD Board Approves Force Reduction

The Sonora ISD Board of Trustees approved a motion declaring the need for a program change through a reduction in force during a special meeting Monday, March 27, 2017.

The board met behind closed doors to discuss issues currently affecting the district.

Following executive session, a motion was made and approved.

Sonora is set to lose \$2.4 million dollars in state funding because of the expiration of the promise that if districts reduced their Maintenance and Operations tax rate from \$1.50 to \$1.04 in 2006, that we would be adequately funded.

Moreover, the district has lost over 100 students in the past 2 years because of the economic downturn in Sutton County.

Superintendent Ross Aschenbeck said that all of the factors combined have forced SISD to reduce the expenditure budget from roughly \$12 million down to \$9 million.

The people affected by the program change, Chapter 21 term contracts, will be notified beginning Tuesday, March 28th.

"These decisions were very difficult to make, but we have to be prudent with the revenue that we will receive in 2017-2018 and beyond," Aschenbeck said.

"The total reductions will be around \$1.3 million with the remaining \$1.1 million in reductions coming out of fund balance. In the meantime, SISD will continue to reduce expenditures through attrition, meaning if any employee resigns

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**STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Ed Sterling

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Senate, commended Nelson and her committee for passing the budget bill on a 15-0 bi-partisan vote.

**County tops ICE list**  
The U.S. Department of Homeland Security on March 20 issued its first weekly U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Declined Detainer Outcome Report.

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# Sentate Panel OKs Budget for Upcoming Two-Year Period

AUSTIN — A state budget for fiscal years 2018-2019 cleared the first in a series of hurdles when the Senate Finance Committee unanimously approved committee substitute Senate Bill 1 on March 22. The legislation next moves to the full Senate for consideration. "This budget remains a work in progress, but we will continue our work to make the most of every dollar, meet our priority needs and keep Texas moving in the right direction," said Senate Finance Committee Chair Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound. "This committee left no stone unturned looking for savings, examining our budget drivers and looking for ways to make smarter use of our limited

resources." Nelson said the bill establishes a \$106.3 billion two-year state budget. Just a few things the measure would do, if enacted, are:  
- Continue the current funding formulas for public education;  
- Dedicate approximately \$5 billion for transportation, as required by a recent amendment to the state constitution;  
- Provide \$3.4 billion for Child Protective Services, an increase of \$430 million over current levels;  
- Add \$2.65 billion to cover student enrollment growth, which is projected to be more than 80,000 per year over the next two years;

- Maintain the \$800 million earmarked for border security approved by the 2015 Legislature;  
- Provide a \$780 million commitment for new construction and significant repairs to the state hospital system, plus \$145 million for other critical life and safety capital needs at state hospitals and state supported living centers;  
- Add \$316 million to mitigate a funding shortfall in the Teacher Retirement System; and  
- Increase funding for Medicaid to provide caseload growth at fiscal year 2018 levels. The Medicaid budget assumes over \$400 million in cost containment initiatives.

## A Rankin Rattlesnake Story

In the spring of 2015 my son Charlie took a job as a state trapper. The real name would be "Predator Control Agent." Quite a title for a plain old coyote trapper, but I had taught Charlie to trap when he was 10 years old. He even won the 4-H trapping buckle in Terrell County back in the 70's. Now Charlie's territory ran from Iraan to Rankin down to Bakersfield then back to north Terrell County on the Pecos River. At this point in time, Charlie was about 48-years-old. Enough background and location let's get on with this real and true tale!

In the late summer and early fall Charlie was checking his trap and snares southwest of Rankin. I believe the correct term would be running his traps. Now this is hot, miserable, grease wood fort country. Good sheep and goat type terrain but also perfect for coyotes and rattlesnakes.

Again and I repeat, we have the background and the location plus the central and only character in this story! Charlie was driving down this ranch road in mid-afternoon, somewhere south of Rankin, probably about half asleep at that given time, when suddenly he ran over a huge diamond-back rattlesnake. Stopping his truck and drawing his Judge .410 pistol, he walked back to kill the monster snake.

His estimate was that this snake was at least 6 feet long and probably 12 inches in diameter. The snake was coiled up in the road, mad after being run over by the truck. Charlie dispatched the snake and started back to his truck when he realized a snake that old and large had to have at least 12 rattles and they would make a good souvenir of the day.

Now begins the real gist of this story. Turning back and holstering his Judge pistol he got out his knife to remove the rattles from the dead snake. He had blown the monsters head off so he was harmless, right? We will see.

Approaching the dead snake Charlie put his boot on the snakes tail and prepared to cut off this trophy set of diamond-back rattles. As he leaned down the bloody stump of the snake came around and hit him in the wrist. Now the snakes head had been blown off so when he hit Charlie's wrist he left a big bloody spot!

Panic set in and Charlie ran back to his truck and took his canteen and washed off all the blood, mean while looking for fang marks and finding none. Calming down Charlie got a drink of water and then smoked a cigarette.

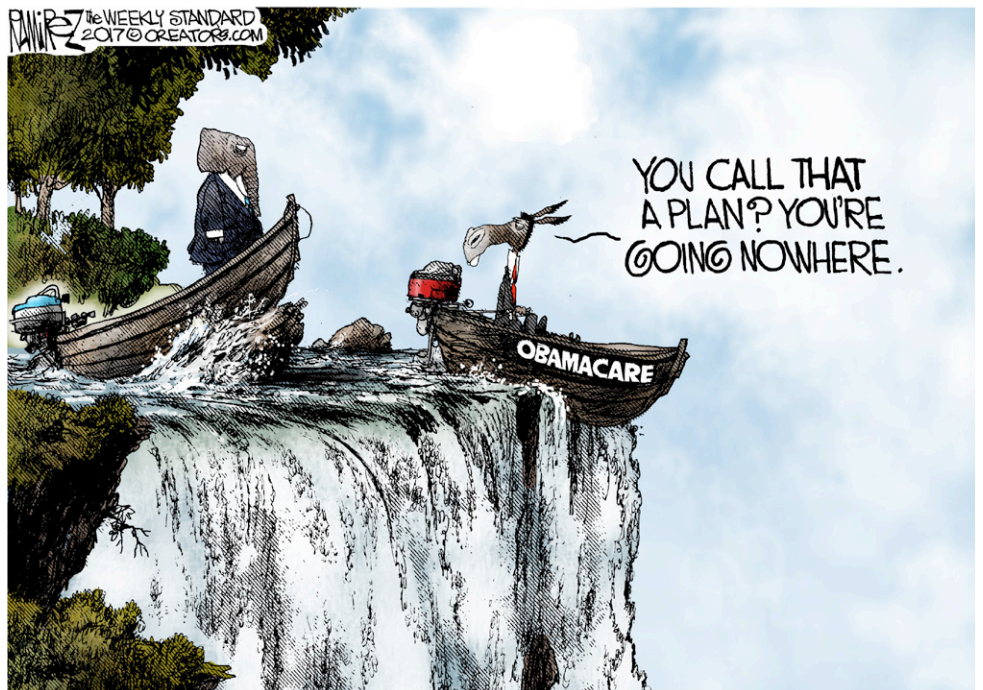
After the panic had gone and he decided he had not been bitten after all, knowing he still had work to do he fired up his truck and went to work. Now the story does not end here.

Several days later while talking to Charlie on the telephone, the subject of snakes came up in the conversation. I ask him if in his travels had he seen many rattlesnakes? The phone got real quiet then I heard Charlie take a big deep breath and the story came tumbling out in its entirety. It would seem that I was the first person to hear this real life happening.

After that discussion it was only mentioned as the "Rankin Rattlesnake."



by Joe N. Brown



## Uncle Mort on Facebook

The new owner of the thicket's general store has "hit the ground running" on her promise to introduce changes, one of 'em featuring "bait and grab." (When dealing with clientele like my 104-year-old Uncle Mort, grabbing is easier than switching.) Anyways, she's got him "hooked" on the Internet's Facebook site, and as far as he's concerned--a shorter distance than he admits--she can delete all the other websites.

Maybe Mort is a distant relative of late comedian Grady Nutt, who said when radio airwaves rocked with the sounds of gospel singing, his dad dared anyone to mess with the frequency knob on his radio. All he wanted to hear was the Stamps-Baxter quartet's daily show. To make sure, he sawed the knob off so no one could change stations when he wasn't looking....

Her plan to bring Mort and his domino-playing buddies into the 21st century--the "bait part" of the formula--is in place. A Facebook devotee, she whiled away downtime recently while the guys shuffled dominoes and argued, with occasional threats thrown in.

None have home computers, so she is offering a "special" for the week. There's no charge for 30-minute computer access; she thinks it will be a "soft place" for losers to find solace after games.

Mort asked about Facebook, and soon wanted to know more. Much of the "more" centers on the owner's promise to add some computers she'll have for rental soon. Then, the "grab" part begins....

Mort was "much obliged" for the access she granted to her list of FB "friends." Now, he's "hooked" on the "ponderables" (as well as "imponderables") posed online.

This, he thinks, is his kind of place. The FB bunch seems always bent on topics that cause his mind to whirl.

He cited several questions begging answers during a recent session, including these: "What if a person comes down with amnesia and déjà vu at the same time?... If one uses spot remover on his

dog, will he be able to find him again?... Why do they have a 'permanent press' setting on irons?... When people mention life being difficult, is it okay to ask them, 'Compared to what?'"...

"Some are claims that deserve to be mulled over," my uncle said. I didn't have to ask for examples. They came at me like West Texas flood waters after a long drought. (Sudden thought: If it is a short drought, would it even be a drought?)

Here are some declarations Mort passed along: "I had the right to remain silent, but being Irish, I guess I was too stubborn.... I live on a one-way, dead-end street; not sure how I got here.... Everywhere is within walking distance if you have time. Depression keeps the jukebox playing."...

And how about this chiller left on an answering machine: "I got rid of the body; now what do you want me to do?"

Whatever, now Mort has more reasons than domino or "42" playing to wander into the general store.... Uncle Mort didn't take long to get a bunch of his FB "friends" sideways. All it took was mentioning the arguments that keep popping up, pro and con, about Daylight Saving Time.

"Sure thought the issue was nailed down, sealed tight; I'm talkin' permanently in place, when it was voted in," he challenged, hoping one of his "friends" on line would take the bait. One "Facebooker," calling himself HolierThanThou, was ready to argue on the Internet. He asked Mort why in the world he thought that.

My Uncle, with Baptist leanings that calmed him and his kin down a bit when the 20s were at "full roar," silenced the guy with a single phrase: "Once saved, always saved."

Geezers gathered quickly that day, and with the arrival of the fourth one, the shuffle of dominoes meant the computer would be in sleep mode for a spell....

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## The CAF is Alive and Well in Midland

The other night I was privileged to entertain at a Commemorative Air Force event in Midland. It was sponsored by the High Sky Wing of the CAF and took place inside the huge CAF hangar near the Midland airport. The hangar looked like a big airplane shopping mall. It was full of newly polished war birds ready to go into action. They glistened like giant pieces of jewelry.



by Tumleweed Smith

Some people have the misconception that the CAF moved from Midland. No such thing. The headquarters squadron, a couple of airplanes and some artifacts went to the metroplex, but most of the planes stayed right where they were. "They left a lot of items specific to the Midland Army Air Field and they've helped us maintain the facility and keep things going," says Brent Collins of the High Sky Wing. Our mission is to keep these planes flying and that's what we do. The facility is open on Saturdays from 10 AM to 3 PM. There is no admission charge.

"The local High Sky Wing of the CAF is comprised of about 150 local Midland, Odessa and surrounding area people," says Brent. "We're here to stay. Our planes are here, our events are here and we've put together a really great museum in the hangar."

The list of events includes the big air show in the fall, night flights during the 12 days before Christmas and all patriotic holiday events throughout the year. You can even take a ride in one of the plans for \$75 the second Saturday of most months, weather permitting. The group recently went to Andrews and spent the entire day giving people rides in the vintage planes.

"This area was once known as Sloan Field," says Brent. "A rancher set up a small airfield with a dirt runway in the 20's. As World War II became imminent, city officials approached the federal government to put a base out here. It became the largest bombardier training base."

The event I attended was to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the first graduating class at the Midland Army Air Field. It was amazing. Fifteen World War II veterans were on hand and were recognized to thunderous applause. The Victory Belles, a singing trio from the World War II Museum in New Orleans also performed.

The museum has artifacts from the old bombardier school including two Norden bombsights. One exhibit is about the military days of President George H. W. Bush.

"We have video footage of his rescue after his plane was shot down. Two of his crewmates were killed. He was rescued by a submarine off the coast of a Japanese-occupied island. We have actual footage of him stepping up on the submarine with a quick glance to the camera, showing his face."

You can see a list of events at highskywing.org, the group's primary website.

www.tumbleweedsmith.com

## Heard Around Town

I know the president has his fair share of naysayers, but I have faith in the man and his ability to overcomb.

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# RABIES:

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of positive rabies cases so far, this year is up from this time last year. She reported a total of sixteen cases over a twelve-month period in 2016. Due to the higher incidence of rabies presently, she and local Veterinarian Patti Strauch recommend that pet owners update immunizations for all of the animals.

Whitworth and Strauch also note that local authorities work together to control the spread of rabies in the area.

"Rabies is a problem in our area," Strauch said. "Public awareness and rabies education is so important too. Exposure to rabies can occur with one bite or scratch from an infected animal and it can cause death if not treated."

Immunizing is key to control and prevention of rabies infection in domestic animals. Aside from expensive medical bills to treat rabies infection, failure to properly vaccinate can result in a fine. The City of Sonora as well as the State of Texas requires all pet owners to vaccinate domestic pets once a year. Failure to do so can cost up to \$200 in fines.

Spaying and neutering pets is also important because it reduces the number of unwanted animals thus the number of strays at risk of contracting and spreading the disease.

"Texas is also a quarantine state," Whitworth said. "Any animal that bites

a person, whether it is a cat, dog or other animal is automatically quarantined for 10 days. The quarantine is to ensure that the animals does not show signs of rabies. If the animals dies, it is immediately tested for rabies. Tissue samples are sent to the Texas Department of State Health Services in Austin where it is tested for the virus," Whitworth said.

The rabies virus causes inflammation of the brain in humans and other mammals. It usually takes two to four weeks after exposure for rabies symptoms to appear. Once symptoms appear, the result is usually death.

Early symptoms of a rabies infection may include fever or tingling at the site of the bite or scratch.

Advanced and more severe symptoms include abnormal or aggressive behavior, confusion, fear of water, staggering, falling or circling.

In some cases, it causes partial paralysis and the loss of consciousness.

However, if detected early, it is treatable.

Moreover, rabies is preventable.

If you suspect an animal, domestic or wild, has rabies contact Animal Control immediately. If you or someone you know is bitten by or exposed to an animal that may have rabies, seek medical attention immediately. Early detection is key in preventing the development of full blown rabies and death.

## Importante: Problema de Rabia

*La rabia es un problema mas grande en Sonora, cinco casos confirmados an sido reportados en el periodo de dos meses.*

*Los animales silvestres llevan la rabia. Por ejemplo, el murcielago, Zorrillo, Zorro y el mapache.*

*La rabia mata la jente. Tratamiento medical para gente cuesta muchos dolares.*

*Es necesario vacunar todos lo perros y gatos una vez al ano cada ano.*

*La ciudad puede dar un castigo de docientos dolares por cada animal que no tenga sus vacunaciones.*

*Animales con la rabia infectan perosnas o animlas sin vacunaciones atravez de mordida o rasguno.*

# SWTEC Sending Two Area Youths to Washington, D.C.



Claire Thiebaud



Taylor Emmons

Claire Thiebaud of Sonora High School and Taylor Emmons of Eldorado High School have been selected to participate in the Government-in-Action Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., June 10-18th. Claire and Taylor won an essay contest sponsored by Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative.

The two will join 130 other youths and chaperons in activities including: meeting their respective congressmen; touring the Smithsonian Institution; participating in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery; visiting Mount Vernon, the home of George and Martha Washington; and seeing memorials honoring presidents, heroes and historic events important to the evolution of the United States.

The group will watch money being printed at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and attend a stage play at the Kennedy Center.

The Texans will be part of the 1,500 Youth tour delegates in the nation's capital participating in Rural Youth Day activities hosted by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA)

The Youth Tour program was an idea suggested in 1957 by Senator Lyndon

Johnson of Texas.

During remarks at the NRECA Annual Meeting in Chicago, Johnson recommended that co-ops "sponsor scholarships to send young people to the nation's capital to see what the flag stands for."

Several co-ops began on their own in 1958 to select students and chaperons, prepare an itinerary and arrange travel plans to Washington, D.C. Texas Electric Cooperatives, the Austin-based statewide association of rural electric cooperatives, began the coordination of the annual Youth Tour program in 1965.

Claire Thiebaud is a senior at Sonora High School daughter of Daniel and Judy Thiebaud. She is president of the local FFA chapter and holds the area office of Chaplin. Claire plays volleyball and tennis, and is a member of the National Honor Society. She is active in the Brushy Top Cowboy Church playing keyboards. Claire plans on attending West Texas A&M upon graduation.

Taylor Emmons is a junior at Eldorado High School and daughter of Conon and Melissa Emmons. She participates in UIL one act play, poetry, basketball, and track. She is a member of the National Honor Society.

## Dermody Named to USC Dean's List

Sidney Dermody, a 2014 graduate of Sonora High School, has been named to the Fall 2016 Dean's List at the University of South Carolina Upstate.

Dermody is the daughter of Dean and Louise Dermody.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, freshmen students must earn a 3.25 or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 course hours and upperclassmen must earn a 3.5 or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 course hours.

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February	1.36 in.	February	1.48 in.
January	2.40 in.	January	1.68 in.
2017 Year-to-Date Total	4.46 in.	2017 Year-to-Date Total	3.33 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.
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Skunks are the most common carrier of rabies in Sutton County and Sonora. They are considered a nocturnal, night time wild animal. Seeing skunks active during the day is unusual and cause for concern that they may be infected with rabies.

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we will try to absorb the position and move employees around to teach the required curriculum."

President Dawn Cahill presided over the meeting. Amber Killough, Cynthia Perez, Jerry Jimenez, Shana Petty-Castro, Jesse Bustamante and Brady Johnson were present.

The next regular meeting of the SISD Board of Trustees is set for April 12, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Vocational Building.

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# OBITUARIES

## Beverly West Valliant August 15, 1941 - March 23, 2017



Beverly West Valliant, age 76, of Sutton County, passed from this life to join her husband Lee Roy on March 23, 2017.

They were married just a couple weeks shy of 50 years when he died in 2010.

Beverly was fiercely independent, and despite the gradual loss of vision she endured with macular degeneration, continued to live at the Valliant Ranch until 2016. She was a gardener, a Baptist, an artist, a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a staunch Republican.

Her greatest joy was found in her grandchildren. From the time they were infants, Beverly was a large part of their lives. "Granny," as she was known to her grandchildren, doted on Tavia, Tori, Trapper and Travis and encouraged their curiosity, fed their imaginations and expanded their horizons. Whether globe-trotting on an excursion to England or working side-by-side at the ranch; gardening, raising chickens, or checking on newborn lambs, she provided a constant source of love and attention.

Beverly was preceded in death by her husband, Lee Roy Valliant Jr., Allene Wilson Williams, and Dean and Martha Valliant McLain.

Beverly is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Tom E. and Brenda Bartz Valliant of Sonora, her beloved grandchildren, Tavia Lee Valliant Conkling and her husband John of Austin, Victoria Roy Valliant Powers and her husband Houston of Sonora; Tom Edward (Trapper) Valliant of Los Angeles, CA, Travis Cozby Valliant of San Antonio and great grandchildren are Julia Valliant Conkling and John Alexander Conkling III of Austin, and Sam Powers of Sonora.

She is also survived by her brother, Tom West and his wife Cheryl, their daughter Cheri Braden and her husband Parrish, all of San Angelo, their sons Wade and Sherry West of Ruidoso, New Mexico, Lane and Erin West of Azle, her niece Rev. Dr. Melinda Valliant McLain and her wife, Colleen Rodger of El Sobrante, CA and by a large extended family who will miss her spunk and conversation.

Beverly's family is grateful for the excellent health care she received from Dr. Charles Pajestka, Lynn Burchell and Pat Gomez with AFJ Home Health Agency, Derenda Ernst with Accolade Home Health, and her private caretaker, Miriam Favela.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 25, 2017 at First Baptist Church of Sonora.

Graveside services followed at the Sutton County Cemetery.

The family asks that memorial donations be made to the Alvis F. Johnson Home Health and Hospice Agency or the First Baptist Church

# DEATH NOTICES

## Juan Aniceto Duran March 25, 1950 - March 22, 2017

Sonora Juan Aniceto Duran, age 66, died Wednesday, March 22, 2017 in Fort Worth.

Juan is survived by his wife Yolanda Duran of Sonora, son John David Duran of San Angelo, daughters Lucinda Duran of Sonora, and Gabriella

Duran of Sonora, and brother Samuel Galindo of Eldorado.

Graveside services were held Saturday, March 25, 2017 in Sonora Cemetery.

Arrangements were directed with Love Funeral Home.

## VANDERSTUCKEN:

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

years of service as a member of the board of directors. He remained active in the community as well as ranching until his death in 1997.

The Vanderstucken name made its mark in Sonora in 1890 when Joseph's father, E.F. Vanderstucken, opened a general store on Main Street.

He managed the store for 54 years until it closed in the late forties.

Over the years, it grew into four stores, side by side. It included a grocery, a hardware store, a feed store and a dry goods store. An archway of doors in between the stores made it convenient for shoppers to traverse between the venues. It may have even been the first mall in the area.

Today, all of the family members have ventured out of Sonora residing throughout Texas and other states.

In addition to allowing patrons to buy family keepsakes, the most recent generation of Vanderstuckens also ensured that their family history remained alive by donating a few key artifacts to the community museum.

A custom-made metal sign that spanned the entrance of the Vanderstucken store mall made its way from the ranch to the Old Ice House Museum where it now graces the back of the building.

Appropriately, Vanderstucken's original wooden desk, a family photo, his hat and the original store

register are also on display in the museum.

Museum Director Elaine Donaldson was also among the crowd of bargain hunters at Saturday's estate sale. She was eyeing a chair to go along with the desk in the museum.

"I am so happy to have the Vanderstucken sign and desk," Donaldson said. "It is amazing. The Vanderstuckens were very instrumental in the development of this community. They were directors and members of everything in Sonora. Absolutely amazing people."

Donald said although most of the items on display are donated to the museum, she and other members of the Sutton County Historical Society are always looking for pieces to add to the collection. Relying on donations, memberships and a small percentage of hotel tax revenue is all that supports their efforts to keep the local history alive. However, their determination helps abate the struggle to keep the museum doors open.

At the end of the day, what appeared to be a usual "estate sale" actually proved to be just as valuable as the name Vanderstucken itself.

The two-fold event provided a sort of reunion for folks near and far to come together to reflect and count their blessings for having known and perhaps benefited from the contributions of such a good and big-hearted family. And, cash for up-cycled treasures.

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### ACROSS

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- Slip-up
- Year in time of Pope Gregorius I
- Turkey cooker
- Singer Frankie
- Whit, jot or \_\_\_
- Songstress Horne
- Siouans
- City on the Oka
- Passing show
- Lap robe
- Bishopric
- New York lake
- Percolates
- Deserter
- Illuminated again
- Massage
- Same old grind
- Spleen
- Gymkhana event
- Louis IV
- "\_\_\_ are the one"
- Like some wit
- Emissary
- Salt, in Rouen
- Eldritch
- Mourner
- \_\_\_ pro nobis
- Letters
- State of being ambidextrous

- Information
- Spitting \_\_\_
- Record of deeds
- Always
- Remarks
- "\_\_\_ also serve"
- Alan or Cheryl
- Wear away
- Goddess of plenty

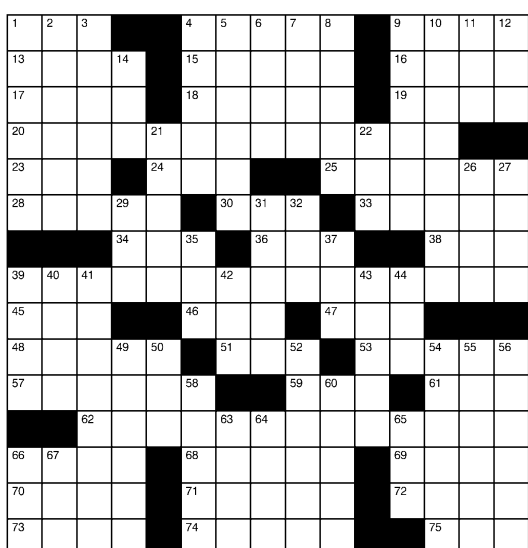
### DOWN

- Red and black

- \_\_\_ of the Americas
- Bridge no-no
- Panegyric
- Newsman Dan
- Disturbance
- Singles
- Musical hiatuses
- Marie, one of five
- Daughter of King Lear
- Moab or Canaan follower

- Worth: abbr.
- River in northern Thailand
- Emit
- Prefix meaning aircraft
- Geom. figure
- Suit to \_\_\_
- Common prefix
- Debate
- Hudson sight
- Journalist Nellie
- Knight of television
- Pioneer's journey
- Whet
- Joined firmly: var.
- Dawn goddess
- Fear
- Popular bread
- \_\_\_ Christian Soldiers
- \_\_\_ man: CPO
- Dwelt
- Reverberate again
- Foot part
- Lamb's output
- Wine area
- Songstress Della
- Eros
- Pact: abbr.
- King Cole
- Neighbor of MD
- Actress Gardner

### "NUMEROLOGY"



See solution on Page 8

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Sonora Elementary School Students for the week of March 20-24, 2017 Kiki Gamez, Pre-K, Rudley Bryan, K, Richard Leal, 1st, Beau Blackbird, 2nd.

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Sonora Elementary School Students for the week of March 27 - 31, 2017 Ally Fernandez, Pre-K, Maribel Ibanez, K, Alfredo Gaspar, 1st, Lane Trujillo, 2nd.

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Sonora Intermediate School Students for the week of March 20-24, 2017, Jose Guerra and Sebastian Ramirez, 3rd, Weston Fisher, 4th, Hannah Galindo, 5th.

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Sonora Intermediate School Students for the week of March 27-31, 2017, Slevin Solis, 3rd, Nevaeh Aleman, 4th, Jared Contreras, 5th.

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### Committee Approves Sonora ISD DOI Plan

Sonora ISD held a public hearing of the District of Innovation (DOI) Committee to discuss and approve the District of Innovation Plan Monday, March 27, 2017.

After open discussion, the team members voted, unanimously approving the plan.

House Bill (HB) 1842, passed by the 84th Legislature, allows public school districts, like Sonora many of the same flexibilities available to charter schools. Therefore, under this plan, can modify state requirements to better meet the needs of their students in order to prepare them for a

successful future.

SAISD Trustees approved a resolution during their February 12 regular meeting to hold a public hearing to discuss the possibility of becoming a DOI thereby beginning the process. A committee including SAISD parents, teachers and administrators met February 22. Next, a plan was drafted and discussed during Monday's public hearing.

The Plan includes three strategies.

They are as follows:

Innovation Strategy 1 Sonora ISD would have the ability to create a

SEE DOI PLAN ON PAGE 7



Sonora Middle School Students for the week of March 27-31, Cinaan Miller, 6th, Guillermo Garcia, 7th, Aislin Nixon, 8th (not pictured).

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## SHS Scholars Advance to Regionals

Sonora High School scholars demonstrated extraordinary skill while competing in the District UIL Academic Meet in Reagan County Thursday, March 23, 2017.

Students strived for a top score in a variety of subjects ranging from Number Sense to Poetry.

Recognized as runner up overall, Sonora was one of about a dozen area schools competing in the meet.

Nine individuals and three teams are advancing to the Regional competition in two weeks.

**Results:**

**Number Sense:** Tate Shannon, 1st - Advanced to Regional. Kaden Cordell, 3rd - Advanced to Regional. Wesley Dutton, 6th. Mary Kyle Johnson, 10th. 1st place team - Shannon, Cordell, Dutton, Johnson - Advanced to Regional.

**Ready Writing:** Kristy Sanchez, 3rd - Advanced to Regional. Delaney Ramsdell, 8th. Mollie Taylor, 9th.

**Social Studies:** Keegan McCollum, 7th. Julian Guerra, 9th. Carlos Mendoza, 17th. Anly Palacios, 21st. 3rd place team - McCollum, Guerra, Mendoza, Palacios.

**Editorial Writing:** Melanie Acevedo, 8th. Jordan Paredes, 9th. Bailey Gonzales, 10th.

**Feature Writing:** Mollie Taylor, 5th. Shayna Edwards, 7th. Rivers Martinez, 8th.

**Prose:** Shayna Edwards, 2nd - Advanced to Regional. Kayla Grace Edwards, 4th.

Felicia Farley, 5th.

**Poetry:** Layla Burke, 3rd - Advanced to Regional.

**Accounting:** Nydia Rodriguez, 8th. Bianca Fay, 9th. Rafael Mendoza, 10th. Ana Salas, 11th. 3rd place team - Rodriguez, Fay, Mendoza, Salas.

**Science:** Keegan McCollum, 13th. Holly Sparks, 13th. Henry Ramos, 15th. Meivelyn Medrano, 25th. Robin McGuffin, 26th. Caleb Ritchey, 27th.

4th place team - McCollum, Sparks, Ramos, Medrano.

**Calculator Apps:** Juan Miguel Jimenez, 6th. Henry Ramos, 7th. Traci Vickers, 9th. Kristin Garrett, 16th.

4th place team - Jimenez, Ramos, Vickers, Garrett. (Only 7 points between 1st place team and 4th place - very close!)

**Current Events:** Keegan McCollum, 5th. Julian Guerra, 7th. Rafael Mendoza, 11th. Perla Salazar, 14th. 2nd place team - McCollum, Guerra, Mendoza Salazar (eligible for wild card and may advance).

**Newsriting:** Isela Rivas, 7th. Yesenia Rivas, 8th. Alyssa Moreno, 9th.

**Spelling:** Christina Hernandez, 1st - Advanced to Regional. Cara Hernandez, 3rd - Advanced to Regional. Samantha Castro, 9th. Jasmine Talamantez, 17th. 1st place team - Hernandez, Hernandez, Castro, Talamantez - Advanced to Regional.

**Computer Apps:** Savannah Castro, 4th.

Alexis Villanueva, 5th. Lane Cahill, 7th. **Lincoln-Douglas Debate:** Hazel Kent, 3rd - Advanced to Regional. Carly Brown, 10th. Elyssa Prieto, 11th.

**Mathematics:** Tate Shannon, 2nd - Advanced to Regional. Kaden Cordell, 5th. Wesley Dutton, 9th. Henry Ramos, 14th. 2nd place team - Shannon, Cordell, Dutton, Ramos (eligible for wild card and may advance).

**Headline Writing:** Kristy Sanchez, 3rd - Advanced to Regional. Jessica Paredes, 10th. Chris Castro, 11th.

**Informative Speaking:** Kaitlyn Gann, 4th. Juan Miguel Jimenez, 5th.

**Persuasive Speaking:** Dakota Castro, 10th. Amber Vasquez, 11th. Christina Garza, 12th.

**Computer Science:** Tate Shannon, 3rd - Advanced to Regional. Kaden Cordell, 6th. Sky Jennings, 7th. Kristy Sanchez, 8th. 2nd place team - Cordell, Jennings, Sanchez (eligible for wild card and may advance).

**Literary Criticism:** Tate Shannon, 1st - Advanced to Regional. Hazel Kent, 2nd - Advanced to Regional. Delaney Ramsdell, 3rd - Advanced to Regional. Henry Ramos, 7th. 1st place team - Shannon, Kent, Ramsdell, Ramos - Advanced to Regional.

All of the students deserve commendation for their hard work and achievements. Congratulations!

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# DRN Comics

## Daddy's Home

by Tony Rubino and Gary Markstein

I HINTED TO STAN THAT HIS TREE NEEDED TO BE PRUNED NEAR OUR PROPERTY LINE.

AND IS HE GOING TO DO IT?

HE MADE A FUNNY FACE.

AND?

THEN HE WALKED AWAY.

SO YOU ACCOMPLISHED NOTHING.

WHY DO YOU HAVE TO RUIN EVERYTHING BY BEING RIGHT?

## Dogs of C-Kennel

by Mick and Mason Mastroianni

DOG AND TREE

WHEN MY LEAVES FALL, COME PRANCE IN THEM.

WHEN MY BRANCHES FALL, USE THEM TO PLAY FETCH.

WHEN SQUIRRELS LIVE IN ME, COME AND CHASE THEM.

RUFF

WHEN THE SUN IS HOT, REST IN MY SHADE.

COME, PLAY UNDER ME... I'LL PROVIDE ALL YOU NEED.

OKAY... NOW YOU WENT AND MADE THE WHOLE THING GROSS...

## Strange Brew

by John Deering

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## Strange Brew

by John Deering

THEY'VE CLEARLY SENT US A MESSAGE. OUR FRIEND SLEEPS WITH THE FISHES.

## Speed Bumps

by Dave Coverly

DON'T WORRY. YOU'LL GROW INTO THEM.

## Speed Bumps

by Dave Coverly

OH, NO... I SOUNDED JUST LIKE MY MOTHER WHEN I BARKED THAT.

## Strange Brew

by John Deering

## Strange Brew

by John Deering

HEY, B.C.

HI, PETE.

THAT'S ALL I GOT.

ANTS HAVE SUCH SHORT, MEANINGLESS LIVES.

MAKES YOU WONDER.

WONDER WHAT?

MAYBE THEY EXPERIENCE TIME DIFFERENTLY.

LOOK, ANOTHER ANTHILL.

HERE'S HOW JOE EATS CEREAL.

CHOMP! MUNCHA-MUNCH! GULP! CRUNCH!

OH, YEAH? HERE'S RUTHIE EATING CEREAL!

OW! CRUNCHY CEREAL MAKES MY MOUTH HURT. WAH! WAH! WAH!

I DO NOT! HEE-HEE-HEE!

I LIKE THE WAY DAD EATS CEREAL WHILE HE'S DRIVING!

REALLY? WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE?

WATCH.

OH, FRANK!

RIGHT, LIKE YOU'VE NEVER DONE IT!

## Nest Heads

by John Allen

I WENT ON SPRING BREAK, AND ALL I REMEMBER IS BUYING THIS LOUSY T-SHIRT

AS USUAL, EVERYONE GETS TO GO TO FORT LAUDERDALE FOR SPRING BREAK BUT US!

WOULD IT INTEREST YOU TO KNOW OF A WET T-SHIRT CONTEST YOU CAN ENJOY WITHOUT EVEN LEAVING TOWN?

YOU HAVE TO LOAD THEM IN THE DRIER FASTER THAN THAT TO BEAT MY TIME, ALBERT!

NOW, NOW.

YEAH!

## Wizard of ID

by parker and hart

HAND ME MY YARD WAND, PLEASE

AKBORUS ANIMATIONEM!

ALAKAZAM!

AAAAHHA!

WHOA... WHAT HAPPENED?

YOU ARE NOW AN ENT, MY FRIEND! YOU HAVE FREE REIN TO TRAVEL THE WORLD

OH, THANK YOU, GREAT WIZARD. BUT WHY DID YOU DO THIS?

I'M TIRED OF CLEANING YOUR LEAVES OUT OF MY GUTTERS

By Peter Guren

Dear Shagg, What happened to dinosaurs?

SOME SAY DINOSAURS DIED OUT AFTER A GIANT ASTEROID HIT THE EARTH CAUSING A DROP IN TEMPERATURE.

SOME SAY THE ASTEROID CAUSED A HEAT WAVE.

AND SOME SAY DINOSAURS ARE STILL AROUND. THEY'RE JUST REALLY GOOD AT HIDING.

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MY EYES ARE STARTING TO SMART FROM READING THIS DOCTOR'S CHART!

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DECODER

\$ = A # = E

Th# t#ch#r# h#d to g#t gl#ss#s b#c#s# sh# couldn't control h#r pupils.

Th# #y#g#l#s# m#k#r# f#ll into his l#n#s gr#nd#r# #nd m#d# \$ sp#ct#cl# of him#f.

If you g#t \$ st#bb#ng p#in in your #y# wh#n drinking hot choco#t#, try r#moving th# spoon from th# cup.

Wh#t h#pp#ns to b#d lights? Th#y go to prism.

DOODLE ZOO

THE TALLEST BUILDING IN THE WORLD IS A LIBRARY... BECAUSE IT HAS THE MOST STORIES.

DRAW!

DRAW A PAIR OF EYEGLASSES!

RIDDLES!!!

Q. WHY DID THE PICTURE GO TO JAIL?

A. IT WAS FRAMED.

Dale Jensen, Marquette, MN

Q. WHAT DID THE LEOPARD SAY AFTER SWALLOWING THE HUNTER?

A. THAT REALLY HIT THE SPOT.

Josely Pratt, Rockaway, NY

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

SEE SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 8

ZIG-ZAG

THE ORIGINAL WORD MAZE PUZZLE

UP

ALL WORDS TO BE CONSTRUCTED PERTAIN TO THE ABOVE TOPIC. TO YOUR ADVANTAGE ONE WORD HAS ALREADY BEEN TRACED. YOU MUST TRACE THE THREE REMAINING WORDS, USING ONLY THE LETTERS DESIGNATED BY THE DARKENED CIRCLES. WORDS MAY BEGIN AND END FROM EITHER COLUMN BUT EACH LETTER CAN ONLY BE USED ONCE.

EACH PUZZLE HAS A DIFFICULTY RATING (ABOVE). FOUR STARS SIGNIFY THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY.

GIVEN BELOW ARE THE POINT VALUES FOR EACH WORD. YOUR WORDS MUST CORRECTLY MATCH THESE POINT VALUES.

PICK

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Noah SanMiguel pitches two innings for the Broncos during their district game against TLCA this past Friday, March 24, 2017. SanMiguel pitched 3 strike outs while on the mound.

DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

## Early Lead Benefits Broncos for a 20-2 Win Over TLCA

An early lead helped the Sonora Broncos defeat TLCA 20-2 this past Friday, March 24, 2017.

Sonora took the lead on a double from Daniel Gonzales who drove in two runs. Although they started slower than usual, the Broncos remained in control of their game.

The Broncos plated 3 more runs in the 3rd inning and 5 more runs in the

4th inning to ensure their chances for victory.

Multiple events including a single by Michael Mungia, an error, a walk, a double, a fielder's choice by Noah Sanmiguel, a walk by Henry Ramos pushed the Broncos far ahead of the Eagles.

Pitching for Sonora, SanMiguel earned the win with three strike outs and only giving up one run and one hit over two innings.

Overall, Sonora had 13 hits in the game. Mungia, SanMiguel, and Isaiah Lira each collected multiple hits for the Broncos.

Mungia led his team with three hits in three at bats.

The boys tore up the base paths, as two players stole at least two bases.

With this win, the Broncos even up district play with the win, 1-1 and 12-1 overall.

The JV Broncos also won over TLCA, 9-7. In the spotlight, Jacob Obannon is recognized for his 2RBIs and 2B. Recognition also goes to Ethan Hamm with 3 Ks on the bump.

Next, the Broncos travel to Reagan County for a district game against the Owls Friday, March 31, 2017 in Reagan County. Game time is set for 7:00 p.m. Varsity and 4:00 p.m. JV.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and show their Bronco Nation spirit.

## Guerra Finishes 8th in SHW Class at State Powerlifting

Julian Guerra lifted his way to the Super Heavy Weight class one competition at a time throughout the 2017 Powerlifting season.

Advancing to the state competition, Guerra was 1 of 149 lifters vying for a State Powerlifting Championship this past Saturday, March 25, 2017 at the Boys

State Powerlifting meet in Abilene.

Competing in the Division III SHW Class, Guerra earned 8th place overall.

He finished with 635 pounds at squat, 470 pounds at bench press and 505 pounds at deadlift for a total 1,610 pounds.

Congratulations Julian on a job well done!



Julian Guerra began the season competing in the 275 pound weight class before advancing to the Super Heavy Weight Class. He lifted a total of 1,225 pounds during the 2017 War Eagle Invitational this past January.

J. L. MANKIN | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

## Commissioners Recognize Cearley for 20+ Years Service

Sutton County Commissioners took care of business before recognizing Maray Cearley for her service to the county during a special meeting Monday March 27, 2017.

In regular business, the court approved the minutes of the March 13, 2017 meeting, with one corrections and the accounts payable and the Tax-Assessor Collector reports as presented.

In other business, commissioners approved the "aiSmartBench" contract by Menits Technology. The software program, used by judicial members of Sutton County as well as surrounding counties. Sutton County is sharing the cost of the program with neighboring counties to help reduce the overall cost. Of the \$98,000 full cost for the program Sutton County will pay about \$28,000.

The court also approved

the CIRA contract which provides software used for archiving information managed by the Sutton County Clerk Rachel Duran.

Finally, commissioners approved the purchase of a pick-up from Jim Bass Ford in the amount of \$19,872 with a \$300 trade-in. The truck will be used for the cemetery.

Before adjourning the court recognized Maray Cearley for her 20 plus years of service with the Sutton County Sheriff's Office. Cearley is retiring at the end of the month.

Mike Villanueva presided over the meeting. Commissioner's Carl Teaff, Fred Perez and Bob Brockman were present. Judge Steve Smith was absent.

The next regular meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners is set for April 10, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Annex Building.

## DOI PLAN:

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calendar that could start no earlier than the second Monday in August.

Innovation Strategy 2 Experienced teachers and counselors new to Sonora ISD that have been employed as a teacher in public education for at least five of the eight previous years, a probationary contract may be issued for up to two years from the last date of district employment. This allows Sonora ISD more time to evaluate a staff member's effectiveness.

Innovation Strategy 3 The campus principals may submit to the superintendent a request to allow a certified teacher to teach a subject (s) out of his or her certified field

An individual with experience in a CTE field could be eligible to teach a vocational skill or course through a local teaching


certificate. An individual with a college degree or certification in a trade could be eligible to teach a course related to his or her expertise or experience through a local teaching certificate.

The term for this plan is set for a period of five years beginning in 2017-2018 school year and ending 2021-2022 unless amended or terminated earlier by the board of trustees in accordance with state law.

The approved plan will be posted on the SAID district website for 30 days. As well, the plan will be submitted to the Committee on Education.

During their regular meeting, Monday, May 15, 2017, the Board of Trustees will vote to adopt the plan.

For more information on the Sonora ISD District of Innovation Plan you may visit [www.sonoraisd.net](http://www.sonoraisd.net).



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

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**Monday April 3**  
**Breakfast**  
Sausage, Biscuit or Cereal/Crackers 100% Fruit Juice, Milk  
**Lunch**  
Hamburger, Cheese Burger, Chicken Fajita Salad, Hamburger Garnish, Oven Fries, Baby Carrots, Mixed Fruit, Milk  
**After School Program**  
Chex, Strawberry, Milk

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**Tuesday April 4**  
**Breakfast**  
Breakfast Boat, or Cereal/Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch**  
Hot Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Asian Bowl, Egg roll, Chicken Salad, Tomato, Cucumber Cup, Garden Salad, Snowball Salad, Milk  
**After School Program**  
Fruited Jello, Cheese Sticks

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**Wednesday- April 5**  
**Breakfast**  
Chicken and Waffles or, Cereal/Crackers 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch**  
Chicken Alfredo, Breadsticks, Texas Baskets, Santa Fe Salad, Tuscan Vegetables, Apple Slices, Cookie, Milk  
**After School Program**  
Baked Chips, Juice

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**Thursday April 6**  
**Breakfast**  
Dutch Waffle/ Bacon, or Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch**  
Chicken Bowl, Gravy, Roll, Hot Dog, Potato Rounds, Crispy Chicken Salad, Savory Green Beans, Apple-Pineapple D'Lite, Milk  
**After School Program**  
Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Juice

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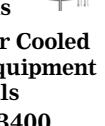
**Friday April 7**  
**Breakfast**  
Pita Pocket Breakfast, or Cereal/Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch**  
Fish Strips, Texas Toast, Cheese Pizza, Tuna Salad, Coleslaw, Broccoli Bites, Pinto Beans, Orange Smiles, Milk  
**After School Program**  
Granola Bar, Milk

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**MONDAY April 3**  
Pizza, Creamy pasta, Vegetables, Cucumber, Tomato Salad, Mandarin orange, Fluff

**TUESDAY April 4**  
Barbecue Ribblet, Oven potatoes, Spinach, Wheat roll, Seasonal fresh fruit, Milk

**WEDNESDAY April 5**  
Chicken Pasta, Primavera Italian, Green Beans, Toss Salad, Garlic bread, Apple crisp, Milk

**THURSDAY April 6**  
Hamburger on a bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, French Fries, Chuck Wagon Beans, Fresh Fruit, Milk

**FRIDAY April 7**  
Chicken salad, Lettuce, Carrots, Spinach salad, Crackers, Jelly-O, Milk

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# Reader Recipes

## "Banana Pie"

Since its inception, The Sonora Woman's Club has fostered a public library in Sonora. Throughout the years, there have been several locations for the books to call home.

In 1980 books found their place in the Aldwell House on Concho Street.

The Sonora Woman's Club Recipe Book was among the most noted library selections.

Cookbooks were comprised of recipes from members past and present including Charter Member and First President of the Sonora Woman's Club, Mrs. R.E. Aldwell. Her cherished Banana Pie recipe appears in the Centennial Cookbook as well as the 1922 Cookbook. It's perfect every time!

- Crisp (baked) pie crust
- Sliced bananas, *enough to cover the bottom of pie crust*
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 Tablespoon flour
- pinch of salt
- 1 cup sweet milk
- 2 egg yolks, beaten slightly
- 2 egg white
- 2/3 cup sugar

Slice bananas and cover the bottom of pie crust. Set aside. In saucepan, combine 1 cup sugar, flour, and salt. Stir in milk and egg yolks; cook, and stir until thick. Cool.

Pour custard over bananas. Cover pie with a Meringue made by beating 2 egg whites and 2/3 cup sugar until still. Put in 'quick' oven until brown. \* "quick" oven by cookbook committee most likely refers to 350 degrees.

# The Blotter



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

### SUTTON COUNTY SHERIFF

#### ARRESTS

**MARCH 21** • Ruben Rodriguez, 22-year old male of Anthony, NM. Arrested for a warrant out of El Paso County.

• Joshua Diaz, 40-year old male of San Antonio. Arrested for driving while intoxicated, 3rd or more.

**MARCH 26** • Rigo Alvarado, 29-year old male of Roma. Arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance.

#### INCIDENTS

**MARCH 22- 5:00 PM** • Caller reported a hazard in the roadway around the 385 WB on I-10. Deputy responded.

**MARCH 23- 6:37 AM** • Caller reported an unwanted subject on Martinez St. Deputy responded.

**MARCH 26- 4:33 AM** • Caller reported a vehicle rollover at 381 mm on I-10. Deputy and DPS responded.

**11:15 AM** • Caller reported a hazard in the roadway on I-10 at 396-398 mm. Deputy responded.

**2:24 PM** • Caller reported a 2 vehicle accident on I-10 at 395 mm. Deputy and DPS responded.

**10:14 PM** • Caller reported an intoxicated person on Santa Cruz. Deputy responded.

### SONORA PD

#### ARRESTS

**MARCH 20** • Christopher Justin Gonzales, 28-year old male of Sonora. Arrested on a City of Sonora Warrant.

#### INCIDENTS

**MARCH 20-1:28 PM** • Caller reported welfare concern at Holiday Host. Officer responded.

**4:54 PM** • Residential alarm call at 200 block of Hwy 277 N. Officers responded

**5:06 PM** • Residential alarm call at Marigold. Officers responded.

**10:09 PM** • Caller reported a suspicious person at Liberty Park. Officer responded.

**MARCH 21-11:24 AM** • Caller reported an unwanted subject at 600 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

**MARCH 22- 8:10 AM** • Caller reported an accident/wreck on Hwy 277 N and N Crockett. Officers responded.

**6:49 PM** • Caller requested animal control at 300 block of Fay. Officer responded.

**10:20 PM** • Caller reported a suspicious person at Dollar General. Officer responded.

**MARCH 23-7:57 AM** • Caller reported a suspicious person at Chamber of Commerce. Officer responded.

**4:34 PM** • Caller reported a suspicious person at Stripes 266. Officer responded.

**MARCH 25-2:36 PM** • Caller requested animal control at 500 block of W. Oak. Officer responded.

**MARCH 26-6:35 PM** • Ministerial Alliance requested at Dollar General and Best Western. Officer responded.

**8:20 PM** • Juvenile transport requested. Officer responded to assist.



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2. Contact your phone provider. Ask your phone provider what services they provide to block unwanted calls.

3. Put your phone number on the Do Not Call registry. Access the registry online or by calling 1-888-382-1222. Callers who don't respect the Do Not Call rules are more likely to be crooks.

4. File a complaint with the FTC. Report the experience online or call 1-877-382-4357.

Want to know more? Sign up for scam alerts at [ftc.gov/subscribe](http://ftc.gov/subscribe).

If you spot a scam, please report it to the Federal Trade Commission.

- Call the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357) or TTY 1-866-653-4261
- Go online: [fie.gov/complaint](http://fie.gov/complaint)

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.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### City of Sonora Amendment of City Code Ordinance

##### ORDINANCE NO.2017-O-03

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SONORA, TEXAS, AMENDING CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO LATE CHARGES FOR PAST DUE ACCOUNTS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City of Sonora is a general law city and Chapter 9 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the City in Section 98-149 of the City of Sonora Code of Ordinances, as amended, provides for interest to be charged for late payment of utility bills; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it advisable and in the public interest to eliminate interest on late payments of utility bills and replace it with a flat fee late charge; and

WHEREAS, the City Council will from time to time set the flat fee late charge by action of the City Council in open session by a majority vote.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA, TEXAS:**

Section 1:

That Chapter 98: Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sonora, Texas, is hereby amended by amending Section 98-149 to read as follows:

Sec. 98-149 Late Charge for Past Due Utility Bills

Sub-sec.1: all utility bills, or portion thereof, that are not paid by the due date shall be accessed a flat rate late charge.

Sub-sec. 2: the late charge fee shall be set, from time to time, by the City Council by separate action of the City Council in open session by a majority vote.

Section 2:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith shall be and are hereby repealed to the extent of conflict herewith.

Section 3:

That if any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances, is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void or invalid, the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance or their application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the City Council in adopting this Ordinance that no portion hereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality, void or invalidity of any other portion hereof, and all provisions of the Ordinance are declared to be severable for that purpose.

Section 4:

This ordinance shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas.

Section 5:

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication, it is so ordained.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 20 DAY OF MARCH, 2017.

ATTEST:

WANDA SHURLEY, MAYOR

Witnessed :

BELIA FAY, CITY SECRETARY

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## CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: ICE List

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The document was produced in accordance with President Donald Trump's Jan. 25 executive order, which was titled "Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States."

Counties that are not cooperating with ICE detainer requests are named in the report, covering the week of Jan. 28 to Feb. 3. Travis County, Texas, tops the list with 142 declined detainer requests.

Gov. Greg Abbott referred to the report as "deeply disturbing" and reiterated his short-list emergency item wish for the Texas Legislature to pass a ban on sanctuary cities.

On Feb. 8, the Texas Senate passed Senate Bill 4, the sanctuary cities measure, on vote of 20-10, with Republicans in favor and Democrats in opposition of the heavily amended legislation. On March 15, the House State Affairs Committee considered SB 4 in a public hearing in which amendments were considered and testimony was given but no vote was taken.

The legislation, if passed by the House and signed into law by the governor, would require sheriff and police departments to detain undocumented arrestees or face criminal penalties and funding cuts.

#### Franchise tax bill moves

The full Senate on March 21 passed legislation to phase out the state franchise tax over time if sufficient revenue is available. SB 17 now moves to the House for further consideration.

Sen. Jane Nelson,

primary author of the bill, said, there is widespread support to eliminate the franchise tax, and that her bill "responsibly phases out the franchise tax while ensuring we retain the revenue necessary to meet the needs of our state."

SB 17 aims to reduce the franchise tax every biennium if the Texas comptroller certifies that the state will experience at least 5 percent revenue growth. If that occurs, half of general revenue-related funds over the 5 percent growth would be dedicated to reducing the franchise tax rate.

#### Fiscal challenges detailed

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on March 21 announced the availability of a special edition of his office's Fiscal Notes publication, highlighting long-term financial obligations facing Texas state government.

Prior to the legislative session, Hegar sent a letter to lawmakers outlining some of these obligations. If left unaddressed, the obligations could negatively impact the state's credit rating and limit the amount of revenue available for general spending.

The report examines the funding of state employee pensions; TRS-Care, the program that provides health care coverage for retired public school employees and their dependents; the Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan; and deferred maintenance projects for state buildings.

Fiscal Notes may be accessed by clicking the "See What's New" tab at [Comptroller.Texas.gov](http://Comptroller.Texas.gov).

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# Broncos Race Ahead to Win San Angelo Relays

The Sonora Varsity Broncos continue to be undefeated in high school track this season. The Broncos raced ahead of their competition earning the 59th Annual San Angelo Relays team championship this past weekend, March 24-25, 2017 in San Angelo. The Broncos finished with a total 121 points ahead of their competitors Wall, 2nd, 118 points and Brownwood, 3rd with 87 points. The Varsity Lady Broncos earned 8th place with a total of 21 points behind Brownwood, 1st, Wall, 2nd

and Abilene Wylie 3rd.

**Varsity Boys Results:**  
**100 M Dash:** Jarrett Jackson, 2nd, 11.35; Abel Cruz, 19th, 11.96; Kade Creek, 36, 12.29.  
**200 M Dash:** Michael Solis, 13th, 23.60; Kaden Cordell, 15th, 23.74.  
**400 M Dash:** Wilson Johnson, 6th, 53.78.  
**800 M Dash:** Evan Shannon, 10th, 2:08.03; Slade Dermody, 23rd, 2:21.76.  
**1600 M Run:** Evan Shannon, 3rd, 4:44.05.  
**110 M Hurdles:** Carter Zook, 2nd, 15:04.  
**300 M Hurdles:**



Noelia Tovar placed 18th overall in the Varsity girls 200 M Dash during the San Aneglo Relays this past weekend March 24-25 in San Angelo. She also placed 18th in the Bronco Relays the week before. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



Kaden Cordell placed 3rd in High Jump during the San Angelo Relays March 24-25, 2017 in San Angelo. He was awarded 1st place for his score of 6-02:00 during the Bronco Relays one week earlier. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

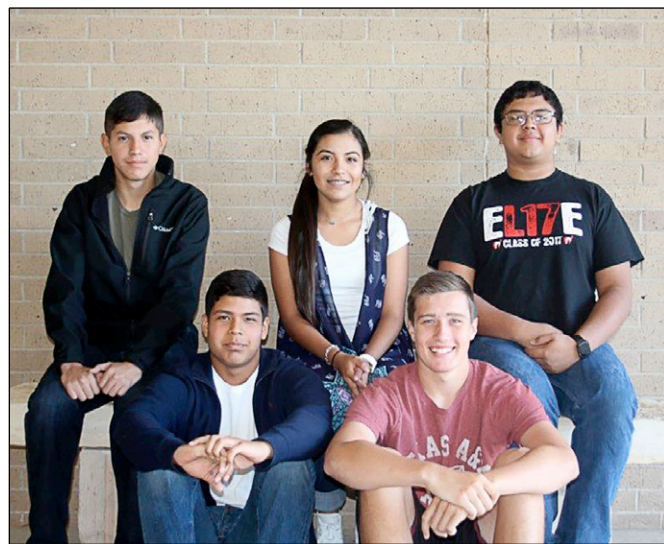
Carter Zook, 1st, 39:10; Willie Munoz, 5th, 42.81.  
**100 M Relay:** Solis, Jackson, Buitron, Dutton, 1st, 43.70.  
**200 M Relay:** Solis, Munoz, Jackson, Buitron, 1st, 1:32.10.  
**400 M Relay:** Dutton, Buitron, Johnson, Zook, 2nd, 3:22.22.  
**High Jump:** Kaden Cordell, 3rd, 6-0.  
**Long Jump:** Carter Zook, 6th, 20-2; Jarrett Jackson, 18-11.00.  
**Triple Jump:** Kaden Cordell, 6th, 40-11.25; David Delgado, 12th, 38-11.75.  
**Pole Vault:** John Deleon, 10th, 10-06.00.  
**Discus:** Michael Solis, 1st, 140-5.  
**Shot Put:** Liam Yourgalite, 2nd, 52-7.50; Michael Solis, 9th, 41-01.50.

**Varsity Girls Results:**  
**100 M Dash:** Savannah Castro, 29th, 14.80.  
**200 M Dash:** Noelia Tovar, 18th 32.46.  
**400 M Dash:** Mary Kyle Johnson, 5th, 1:04; Noelia Tovar, 26th, 1:13.86.  
**800 M Dash:** Mary Kyle Johnson, 5th, 2:28.34; Analay Palacios, 27th, 3:03.04; Christina Garza, 28th,

3:06.79.  
**300 M Hurdles:** Carly Brown, 6th, 51.53.  
**1600 M Dash:** Traci Vickers, 23rd, 6:35.84; Analay Palacios, 27th, 7:01.52.  
**3200 M Dash:** Traci Vickers, 16th, 14:14.80.  
**300 M Hurdles:** Carly Brown, 7th, 51.53.  
**400 M Relay:** Castro, Gonzales, Smith, Cahill, 11th, 54.75.  
**200 M Relay:** Brown, Martinez, Smith, Gonzales, 12th 1:57.33.  
**High Jump:** Mary Kyle Johnson, 5-00.00; Torrey Miller, 16th, 4-06.00.  
**Triple Jump:** Carly Brown, 3rd, 33-00.00; Karah Martinez, 13th, 30-01.25.  
**Long Jump:** Karah Martinez, 5th, 16-03.25; Angela Gonzales, 9th, 15-04.25.  
**Shot Put:** Olivia Martinez, 26th, 23-11.50; Kodee Smith, 30th, 22-08.50; Deborah Hernandez, 34th, 21.08.25.  
**Pole Vault:** Aleasha Smith, 10th, 8-00.00.  
**Discus:** Olivia Martinez, 28th, 59-01.

## SHS Students of Month

Sonora High School is proud to announce its Students of the Month for March 2017. Blayze Sykes, Freshman, Carlos Mendoza, Sophomore, Ana Salas, Sophomore, Zavier Rodriguez, Junior, Juan Miguel Jimenez, Senior and Ryker Marshall, Senior. Students are nominated by the SHS teaching staff and recognized for their citizenship and work ethic in the classroom and extracurricular activities. Congratulations!



(L-R) (back row) Zavier Rodriguez, Ana Salas, and Juan Miguel Jimenez and Ryker Marshall (not pictured) (front row) Carlos Mendoza and Blayze Sykes. | COURTESY PHOTO

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# Twinleaf Killer

This time of year, the spring greenup produces some long-awaited vegetation. It can also bring about plants which are toxic. Such is the case with twinleaf senna, which can be deadly to livestock, though the actual toxin involved is unknown. Twinleaf senna (Senna roemeriana) is a grayish perennial herb whose leaves are spirally arranged as a single pair of leaflets. It produces yellow flowers. Twinleaf senna is primarily toxic to cattle, goats and horses. Sheep are more resistant, but can also be poisoned if they eat too much. The lethal dose of dry plant material is about 1 % of body weight eaten over 5-10 days. Goat kids, however, may be fatally poisoned with much less fresh plant material. In goats, primarily the heart muscle is affected and animals die suddenly of heart failure. Post mortem examination sometimes reveals pale streaks in the cardiac muscle. In cattle, the large skeletal muscles are most

affected. Symptoms of poisoning include loss of appetite, diarrhea, weakness, reddish urine (in later stages), and finally death. Affected animals often lie down, look alert, but will not recover. If poisoning is detected early and cattle are moved from infested areas, approximately 40 percent will recover. In post mortem examination, muscle tissue of poisoned animals will be pale instead of the red color of normal animals. Horses and sheep poisoned with senna die of liver failure. The best prevention is to maintain good range condition. Supplemental feeding programs, especially with phosphorus also reduce twinleaf senna losses. Mineral should be located away from water sources to prevent congregation of animals there. Such arrangement also provides better utilization of pasture and can reduce the total amount of senna consumed. For herbicide recommendations, contact the Sutton County Extension Office at 387-3101.



Pascual Hernandez

# "Do Well Be Well" Diabetes Wellness Program, April 14

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension is offering a special diabetes wellness and management program beginning Tuesday, April 4, 2017. The "Do Well Be Well" Program is a unique program designed for people with type 2 diabetes. The five-week course, one class per week, focuses on a variety of factors affecting blood sugar. These factors include how food affects your blood glucose, are you eating the right number of carbohydrates, beyond the diet and physical activity, and having your cake and eating it too. Each class provides professional instruction by Pat Gomez, RN, BSN and

Jessica Stapper, Extension Agent and the encouragement individuals need to make positive changes for their health. In addition, the program offers take home recipes and references that can be shared with friends and family, important facts from diabetes experts and the opportunity to get answers to individual questions. Classes are set for 6:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Food & Resource Center. All classes are open to the public at no cost. However, space is limited to the first 20 people to register. For more information or to register please contact the Sutton County Extension Office at 325-387-3604.

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