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30-Years of Healing



Dr. Charles Pajestka (center) and LMH nurses Maggie Bernal and Maria Gomez visit with friends and guests Sunday afternoon, April 2, 2017 during a 30-year celebration of service at the Sutton County Civic Center. Pajestka has been practicing Family Medicine in Sonora for the past three decades. He worked with Bernal and Gomez in the ER before opening his private practice clinic in Sonora. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Lock it or Lose it

The Sonora Police Department is asking citizens to lock their vehicles when left unattended.

Recent vehicle burglaries in Sonora resulted in valuable items being stolen.

Chief William Dudley advises people to also remove all personal property, especially valuables and firearms before locking and leaving their vehicles.

Although locked vehicles help prevent theft, items left in plain sight increase the temptation to break into a car or truck.

Please be smart and lock vehicles as well as homes and other buildings to prevent unwanted theft.

SEC Passes School Choice Legislation

By Aliyya Swaby, *The Texas Tribune*

After little debate Thursday, the Senate Education Committee voted 7-3 to pass legislation that would create two public programs subsidizing private school tuition and homeschooling expenses.

Senate Bill 3, a priority for Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, now heads to the full Senate, where it's also expected to pass. Corresponding bills have not been taken up by the House Public Education Committee.

Thursday's vote came two days after a committee hearing that lasted more than eight hours, with more than 150 people filling the room to testify in support and opposition. The bill's author, Senate Education Chairman Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood, submitted a new version of the bill that he said would decrease the cost of the programs.

"We are continuing to work on this bill when we get out of this committee. We will work with you as well as all the members who are on the Senate floor," he said Thursday.

The first program created in the bill, education savings accounts or ESAs, would give parents online accounts of state money to pay for private school tuition or homeschooling expenses.

The second program, tax credit scholarships, would allow businesses to receive credits against their insurance premium taxes if they contribute to approved scholarship organizations.

The fiscal note attached to the previous version of the bill said it would cost the state \$90 million to \$330 million in general revenue in the next biennium, depending on the payment schedule. The newer version of the bill would take the cost to the lower end of that range, according to testimony Thursday from the Legislative Budget Board. The board does not yet have a fiscal note with exact numbers.

Proponents of private tuition subsidies say they allow parents flexibility on how to get the best education for their children. They argued Tuesday that parents keep private schools in check by leaving those that are doing a bad job — therefore, state accountability is not needed.

Opponents of the bill argue that competition does not work when it comes to education, and that schools receiving public money should be accountable to the state.

"Those who go and take public money in public schools will have some of the most stringent accountability standards in the country, and those who get public money under Senate Bill 3 will have none," said Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, Thursday before he voted against the bill.

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Pajestka Celebrates 30-years of Service in Sonora

For thirty years Dr. Charles Pajestka has strived to heal, care for and nurture the people of the community he serves.

To celebrate three decades of service, members of Lillian Hudspeth Hospital hosted a party Sunday, April 2, 2017, to say thank you as well as honor him for his dedication and service.

Sutton County Hospital District Board member Lenora Pool described Pajestka as a genuine person who has unconditionally cared for the people of the community since 1987.

"He's been our local physician here for thirty years and he really cares about the community," Pool said. "I think his

patients are what keeps him here. It is really a hard thing for him when he sees anything happen to the people of Sonora. He is just very caring."

Pajestka studied at Texas A&M and graduated from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio with a degree in Medicine.

While still a resident at Hendricks Medical Center in Abilene, in 1987, Pajestka also began working in the Lillian Hudspeth Hospital Emergency Room in 1987.

After residency, Pajestka settled in Sonora to pursue an independent practice in Family Medicine in a rural health

shortage area. He opened his practice clinic in July 1987.

Since then, he has weathered economic ups and downs, advances in technology and a revolving professional staff. None of these challenges kept him from tending to the health and wellness needs of individuals from newborns to the elderly.

Aside from his biggest challenge of getting physicians and qualified personnel to live and work in a small rural area like Sonora, Pajestka said he is proud of his medical practice clinic and hopes to continue to provide quality care for many more years.

"Over the years, we now have

a first-class facility that is able to provide a significant number of services to the community and to the clients of Sutton county and the surrounding area," Pajestka said. "Of course, the biggest challenge is getting physicians and qualified personnel to work in these rural areas because it's 65 miles to the mall."

Much like his small hometown of Holland, located in central Texas, Pajestka said he likes the comfort of living and working in Sonora.

Pajestka's wife, Mary Ann grew up in Sonora.

Also a local business owner,

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Honoring Veterans is Theme for Annual Chamber Banquet

Military veterans and distinguished community leaders were honored during the annual Sonora Chamber of Commerce Banquet Thursday, March 30, 2017 at the Sutton County Civic Center.

Patrons and guests enjoyed a military theme evening including walls and tables flanked in camouflage coupled with a display of flags — one representing each branch of military service created an atmosphere for patrons participating in the event.

Kristin Garrett, 2016-2017 Miss Sutton County, Holly Sparks, 2016-2017 Lions Club Queen and Elyssa Prieto, 2016-2017 Miss St. Ann's were also on hand to help greet guests.

Following a catered dinner, emcee Matt Killough rolled out the program of evening entertainment.

Starting things off, special guest Justin Deloach wowed the crowd with a formidable and familiar chorus of "I'm Proud to be an American" honoring of all men and women who have fought and continue to fight for freedom. Next, in a powerful homily, Bobby Barrera, a Vietnam Veteran, also moved the crowd by sharing his personal story of dedication and sacrifice as a service member.

As well, other military veterans participated in the event by sharing stories and personal memorabilia including photos, medals and military uniforms. In appreciation for their



Wheless Baker, Julie Martin, Tonya Brown and Linda received 2017 Chamber of Commerce Awards Thursday, March 30, 2017 during the annual Chamber Banquet. These award recipients were recognized for their outstanding contributions and service to the local community of Sonora. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

dedication to help make Sonora a better community, Chamber of Commerce Director Donna Garrett thanked the outgoing board of directors before introducing the current and incoming board members before moving on to the 2017 Community Award Recipients.

Finally, in recognition of those who give back to the

community, the 2017 nominees were revealed.

For her commitment to people and the community first, Tonya Brown was awarded Citizen of the Year.

With a tie vote, Wheless R. Baker and Julie Martin were each awarded Educator of the Year.

And for outstanding customer

service, Tres Amigos Convenience Store was awarded 2017 Business of the Year.

Wrapping things up, Garrett extended applause and appreciation to all of the people who volunteer their time and effort to helping with the banquet and other events in the community throughout the year.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

Committee Chair Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound. The spending plan, set to be considered this week in the House Appropriations Committee, "responsibly meets the needs of our state and it preserves our principles of fiscal responsibility that have guided us through tough budgets in the past, and I believe it helps us come out stronger on the other side," Nelson added.

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Governor Welcomes DOJ's Sanctuary Cities Announcement

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on March 27 praised an announcement by U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions that the Department of Justice will withhold and take back federal funds from cities that do not comply with federal immigration laws and enforcement directives.

"Texas joins the Trump administration in its commitment to end sanctuary cities and I look forward to signing legislation that bans these dangerous policies in Texas once and for all," Abbott said. Senate Bill 4, legislation to prohibit sanctuary city policies in Texas, was passed by the Senate on Feb. 8. It was heard in the House State Affairs Committee on March 15, but has not been scheduled for

a committee vote. In 2015, Abbott's office implemented a policy that requires the sheriffs for each of Texas' 254 counties to certify their cooperation with Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainer requests or risk losing funding through the Governor's Criminal Justice Division. In mid-March, the Travis County sheriff was denounced by the governor's office for not complying with ICE detainer requests but was praised by immigration reform advocates. Travis County leads all other counties in the nation in not complying with these detainer requests, according to a report disseminated last month by the Trump administration.

While lack of funding and jail capacity complicate the issue for many counties, Travis County Sheriff Sally Hernandez has said her policy is to honor ICE detainer requests when her office receives a judicial warrant or court order, or when a suspect is charged with capital murder, first degree murder, aggravated sexual assault or continuous smuggling of persons.

Senate OKs budget bill
The Texas Senate on March 28 approved a budget that would spend \$106.4 billion in state revenue for fiscal years 2018 and 2019. "This is a lean budget, but it's also a smart budget," said Senate Finance

Squirrel!

My husband says I am a squirrel. Don't take it the wrong way. It's a term of endearment as well as a fairly accurate descriptor (if I am being honest). It's become a nickname of sorts. It all started at the superstore.

About a month ago we stopped to shop for a few things. We entered through the automatic doors and headed toward the first item on our list. But en route, up ahead, on the right, was a display of gloves — on clearance. I instinctively veered right to check them out because my husband could use a pair.

Before I got to the gloves, however, I was confronted with a roadblock. Two long lost friends (but strangers to me) had apparently rediscovered each other in front of the magazine rack and were in the middle of a long and drawn-out conversation in the middle of the aisle. They were oblivious that their bodies and carts were obstructing any forward progress of other impatient patrons who wished to actually shop during their shopping time. I took a quick left turn to avoid the reunion crew and upon doing so noted a sign advertising 30 percent off a fancy name brand of socks. I darted left to access the socks and realized my husband was no longer behind me.

(He always walks behind me in the store. He says it is because I am a squirrel.) I abandoned the socks and gloves and retraced my steps — dodging the long-lost friends a second time. I found my husband right where I'd left him: at the entrance to the store.

This was an easy find. Sometimes I get so far ahead that I lose him completely. (Or better put, he loses me.) When that happens, I call him on his cell. Aisle two calling aisle four. I've had to do this more than once (or twice). He has a hard time keeping up with my lefts, rights, darts and dashes up one aisle and down the other — in the haphazard, unpredictable fashion akin to a squirrel.

Hence the nickname. Sometimes I hear him comment when I suddenly veer left or shift right. From a step or two behind me he'll respond with a single word, "Squirrel!"

We've gotten a few good chuckles out of that one. I don't mind being compared to a squirrel. I've always liked the little fuzzy rodents. They're cute. And I fully realize shopping with me is like tracking a squirrel that is flitting from tree to grass to porch, digging and burying nuts.

I've always associated my squirrel behavior with the grocery, department and superstore. This weekend, I realized I'm much more squirrelly than I thought.

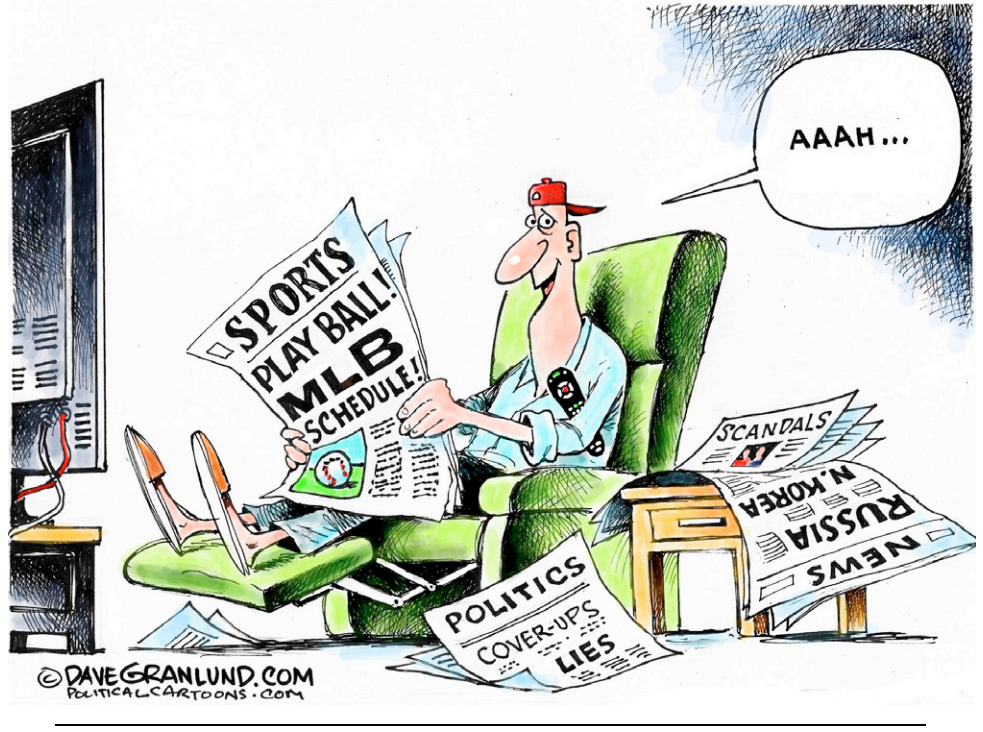
On Saturday morning, I decided to light a candle to enhance the kitchen ambience. As I looked for the matches, I noticed a lone sock on the floor. It needed to go to the laundry pile. On my way to the laundry, I found two cans of soda — both half empty. They needed to go to the recycling bin. On the way there I found a couple of tennis balls. As I flitted from one room to the next de-cluttering various untidy items, I noticed the window over the sink was splotted and in need of a cleaning. We were out of paper towels (to clean the window) so I went to put that on the ever-growing grocery list. I couldn't find the list, but did come upon a couple of bills that needed paying. I went online to make the payments, but got caught up with email instead...

It's then I realized why my husband calls me a squirrel. He's got good reason. I never did get around to lighting the candle.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright, author and member of the National Society of Newspaper Columnists. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.



By Jill Pertler



Thriving Communities Depend on Smart Public Investment in Libraries

Libraries are changing. While traditional activities such as borrowing books or reading still dominate use of libraries, Pew Research Institute studies show the American public today relies on libraries to teach digital skills, provide working spaces and address the disparity among citizens who have or don't have broadband internet services at home. Libraries also are breaking physical boundaries as they become more embedded in shopping malls, community centers and student unions on college campuses.

Librarians are champions for literacy of young children, adults seeking workforce readiness and seniors who are lifelong learners. They provide freedom of imagination through books and help curious minds cross the distance of the globe and experience different cultures and perspectives without leaving their chairs—using the latest technology.

The expansion of information and technological skills make librarians effective contributors to our local communities. Their skills and expertise are highly valued in the business world as well as the public sector. An increasing number of graduates with library and information science degrees are being chosen for unconventional careers. For example, recent Texas Woman's University graduates have been selected for positions such as a law librarian of a U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, a research analyst in an intelligence agency, a records manager for a municipal government office, a knowledge manager in a financial services firm and a curator of an arts foundation, to name a few.

Even within our community libraries, today's librarians also find themselves more valued than ever.

The librarians we educate are fierce freedom protectors. They defend citizens' rights to access information, and safeguard their privacy in choosing what they read and information they seek. They help people get the best information when they need it. And they often help citizens present this information using current technology and digital communication channels. In today's confusing public discourse, librarians know how to separate factual information from fabricated news, and help people determine what is current, relevant, authoritative, and appropriate information for their particular purposes.

But that's not all. Libraries are a safe haven for the community. Librarians in Ferguson,

Baltimore, Dallas and other cities were "second responders" who welcomed students into their libraries when schools were closed, facilitated the space for meaningful civic dialogues among residents, and worked alongside neighbors to restore the physical and mental health of their own community.

At times of crisis, libraries are welcoming oases where citizens can clear their minds and nurture their brains.

Librarians are among the strongest advocates for our local communities. They are trusted and resourceful, and they identify community assets to build coalitions with colleges, schools, business and other organizations.

For example, librarians reinvest nearly \$11 million of federal library funding annually to help Texas communities. Funding from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services alone helps more than 500 public libraries in Texas improve the quality of technology, keep children reading through summer months and provide free internet services to those who otherwise might not be able to afford the basic technology.

Federal and state funding for libraries is an essential public tax investment for our local communities. A study by the Bureau of Business Research IC2 Institute at the University of Texas at Austin found that Texas public libraries provide a return on investment of \$4.64 for each dollar invested. This data-intensive research determined that, collectively in FY 2015, public libraries provided \$2.628 billion in benefits while using only \$566 million of public tax investment.

Along with arts, humanities and cultural programs, libraries continue to be the soul of our communities. Librarians are smart investors who facilitate technology innovation, safeguard the freedom of information, and contribute directly to the economy and the quality of life in each of the large cities and small towns across Texas.

It is the collaborative efforts of librarians working with residents to care for our communities that keep Texas strong. It's the collective voice of all who stand together to protect the soul of our communities that makes America great. Librarians deserve our continued support.

Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng is the director of the School of Library and Information Studies at Texas Woman's University and the incoming president of the Texas Library Association

In My Opinion



Ling Hwey Jeng, Ph.D.

Deborah Just Can't Stop Writing

I met Deborah Burkett a few years ago when she had just retired from a 21-year career of teaching medical doctors (she has a PhD in the field of medical education) and moved onto some family land near Mixon in Cherokee County. Although she grew up in Florida, she spent summers with her grandparents who lived on that East Texas land.

Deborah is an adventurous sort. In the 1970's she took a teaching job in Alaska. "They were paying big salaries for teachers back then," she says, "a lot more than I was making as a teacher in Houston. I went to Alaska on a whim and stayed there eight years. My parents had recently died and I was getting away, trying to explore a new life." Her house in the woods has artifacts from her time in Alaska.

Deborah became interested in local and area history and got involved with historical groups. She put her research skills to work and collaborating with other kindred souls started producing books. One is about veterans; another is the history of the community of Troup, where she had an antique store for a number of years. It was while she had the store that she almost got completely consumed by quilts. She had an annual quilt show at her store and met many quilters. She produced a handsome coffee-table book about quilts that has become sort of the encyclopedia of quilting. It is full of pictures and stories from the quilt makers. In fact the title is Quilts and Their Stories. It's 357 pages and is documented like a dissertation.

Deborah can't get away from her time spent doing diligent research. She loves digging through old newspapers, magazines, personal letters, archives and interviewing the people who appear in her books. She took an oral history seminar from Baylor University to learn how to conduct interviews and what to do with them. She uses a video camera on her interviewing trips. "I know it sounds hokey, but doing this interviewing, researching and writing has really changed my life because after I work on a project for a long time, the people I talk to (or listen to) become like family."

Deborah makes speeches about some of the women whose stories she has discovered. In one of her presentations she mentioned four women who hiked from Colorado to Texas in 1914 to protest women not being allowed to vote. Someone told her those women had spunk. That triggered something in Deborah's mind and she set out to find stories about spunky women in East Texas. After about three years that effort resulted in a book titled East Texas Piney Woods Spunky Women 1830s-1950s. It is 240 pages and is full of photos and stories. It is her latest book and is just now available. The book is dedicated to Angelina, an Indian woman who served as a translator and guide to Spanish and French explorers in the early 1700s. Angelina County is named for her. It's the only county in Texas named for a woman.

As Deborah was putting away her equipment after interviewing a woman in her 90's who had worked in a bra factory in Jacksonville, the woman said in addition to her duties at a sewing machine, she was also a model. "I was a perfect 36," she said.

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Rolling Along



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(Back Row L-R) Gabriel Arredondo, TJ Thorp, "Tiger" Duran, Maray Cearley, Yolanda Ozuna and Tonya Brown. (Front Row L-R) Rudy Ramirez, Jesse Paredes and Debra Sosa.

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Sonora Volunteer Fire Department Receives Generous \$1,000 Donation

The Sonora Volunteer Fire Department received a donation, in the amount of \$1,000, from the Sonora Bank Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

The money will be used towards the purchase of new Jaws-of-Life tools according to Volunteer Firefighter Jesse Paredes.

In addition to their commitment to saving

lives, members of the department also volunteer countless hours applying for grants and hosting fundraisers.

All of the funds go towards the purchase of rescue equipment, gear and vehicles necessary to ensure that volunteers can continue to provide emergency and rescue services to the community.

Students Get Up Close Look at Sonora Police Department

Sonora Intermediate School students spent the morning touring the Sonora Police Department Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

Chief William Dudley and school resource officer Gabriel Arredondo escorted students through the department, giving them a "behind the scenes" look at the day to day operation of police activities.

Intern Samuel Marr was also on hand to answer

questions and provide information.

As well, students got a hands on view of two patrol units with all of the gadgets and sirens.

Students learned the importance of upholding the law and serving the community.

Before heading back to the classroom, students received an honorary Sonora PD badge and stickers from Chief Dudley.



Sonora Intermediate School students received an honorary police badge while participating in a tour of the Sonora Police Department Tuesday, March 28, 2017. Pictured (L-R) Emily Banda, SRO Gabriel Arredondo, Sam Luke Lira, Sebastian Ramirez, Samuel Murr and Chief William Dudley. | COURTESY PHOTO

Trail Writers Retreat, April 29

The Texas Mountain Trail Writers organization is holding a one-day retreat for beginning to experienced writers on Saturday, April 29, at the Indian Lodge near Fort Davis.

Barbara Brannon, PhD,

and Kay Ellington, experienced authors, publishers, and editors will facilitate the event.

For more information please visit TMTW's website at texasmountaintrailwriters.org for details.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Holy Week is the last week of Lent, when we follow Jesus from Palm Sunday, the Sunday of the Passion, to his death on Good Friday in preparation for his rising on Easter Sunday.

Sunday	April 9	10:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday Service
Wednesday	April 12	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	April 13	5:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Srvc
Friday	April 14	Noon	Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday April 16, 2017

7:00 a.m.	Community Sunrise Service at the Amphitheatre
9:30 a.m.	Easter egg Hunt and Brunch
10:30 a.m.	Easter Service children's flowering of the Cross
2:00 p.m.	Easter Service St. James' Episcopal Church, Ft. McKavett

Pamphlets will be available if you would like to meditate and walk the stations alone.

ALL ARE WELCOME AT ST. JOHN'S

SCHOOL CHOICE:

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Sens. Royce West, D-Dallas, and Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio, also voted against the bill.

The programs proposed in Senate Bill 3 would offer money to public school students to leave the system for private schools or homeschooling.

Sen. Van Taylor, R-Plano, who voted for the measure, argued that would help school districts, especially those growing so quickly that they are having trouble funding the additional enrollment. "There actually will be more money per child in the public education system in Texas," he said. "Slowing the rate of growth is actually operationally advantageous to the districts I represent."

But public educators disagree with Taylor's math, saying that the programs would cost the state money, and not significantly reduce the amount schools need to spend.

"Children don't leave in perfect groups of 22 or 25, allowing a district to then need one less teacher. Even if they left in those groups, all of the other costs to operate a facility and run a quality school don't go away," said Guy Sconzo, executive director of the Fast Growth School Coalition, a group of 75 school districts seeing the quickest enrollment growth in Texas.

Public education advocates have urged the Legislature to focus on putting more funding into the public school system, and allocating that money equitably.

"SB3's voucher scheme will drain tax dollars from public education, without helping families most in need. Instead the

Legislature should focus on the real issue - remodeling Texas' outdated school finance system to ensure all Texas students can get a quality public education, no matter where they live or what their background," said Ann Beeson, executive director of the left-leaning policy group Center for Public Policy Priorities, in a statement after the vote.

Read related Tribune coverage here:

Tuesday's Senate Education Committee debate on private school subsidies lasted more than seven hours and saw experts on both sides arguing they knew best how to educate black and Latino Texas students.

Rural conservatives and homeschoolers are joining forces with public education advocates against Senate Bill 3, which pushes private school choice. Their state senators are not all on the same page.

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she too enjoys the community and its people. As for being the wife of a busy physician, she said she admires her husband for his professional abilities and commitment to the community.

"To me he is a genius," she said. "He's good at what he does. He works even when he's not on call. I believe that his heart is with the people."

Taking only an afternoon to visit with those who came out to help him celebrate, Pajestka said he is looking forward to many more years of healing, caring and nurturing the people of Sutton County.



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Card of Thanks

We, the family of Juan Aniceto "Cheto" Duran wish to express our sincere appreciation for all your love, support and prayers during this difficult time. Thank you all for your acts of kindness to our family which included sending flowers, plants, food, visits, and kind words of sympathy. We also want to thank Love's Funeral Home, Father Terry from St. Ann's Catholic church, pallbearers, honorary pallbearers and those who participated in the Rosary prayer.

God Bless,

Yolanda Duran and Family



Sonora Elementary School Students for the week of April 3-7, 2017, Elias Hernandez, Pre-K, Baylee Torres, K, Sofia Garcia, 1st, Aliyah Castilleja, 2nd.

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Sonora ISD Students of the Week

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Sonora Intermediate School Students for the week of April 3-7, 2017, Steven Robles, 3rd, Jacqueline Lopez, 4th, Carolina Pimentel, 5th.

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Sonora Middle School Students for the week of April 3-7, 2017, Molly Friess, 6th, Laci Ramirez, 7th, Juanito Limon, 8th.

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OBITUARIES

Angie Neil Moore Wright January 7, 1949 - March 12, 2017



Angie Neil Moore Wright, age 68, passed away on March 12, 2017.

Angie was born January 7, 1949 in Sonora. She was the daughter of

Andrew and Nellie Moore.

Angie graduated from Sonora High School in 1968.

Angie is survived by her children Deanna Tovar and Keith Wright and son-in-law Alex Tovar.

She is also survived by her grandchildren Matthew Tovar, Alexandra Tovar and Dillonger Wright as well as nephews Larry Finklea and Bill Finklea and niece Marsha Finklea Cardwell.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the Sonora Cemetery.

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March	0.07 in.	March	0.17 in.
February	1.36 in.	February	1.48 in.
January	2.40 in.	January	1.68 in.
2017 Year-to-Date Total	4.79 in.	2017 Year-to-Date Total	5.42 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.

Rainfall data collected at LCRA weather station located 14 miles southeast of Sonora. Rainfall data collected at LCRA weather station located 17 miles east-northeast of Sonora.

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SONORA WEATHER FORECAST

Thu 4/06	Fri 4/07	Sat 4/08	Sun 4/09	Mon 4/10
75/50 Mostly Sunny	77/57 Mostly Sunny	85/62 Partly Cloudy	86/63 Thunderstorms	84/54 Partly Cloudy
Sunrise 7:26 a.m. Sunset 8:04 p.m.	Sunrise 7:25 a.m. Sunset 8:05 p.m.	Sunrise 7:23 a.m. Sunset 8:06 p.m.	Sunrise 7:22 a.m. Sunset 8:06 p.m.	Sunrise 7:21 a.m. Sunset 8:07 p.m.

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Clinic (B) Makes Positive Changes - All are Welcome

The Sutton County Hospital District's Rural Health Clinic (B) uses a Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) approach to better serve the people of Sutton County.

The care delivery model for patient wellness, prevention, and treatment is coordinated through a primary care provider to ensure necessary care is received when and where it is needed as well as in a manner everyone can understand.

Focusing on health and wellness, the primary goal of the Rural Health Clinic is providing the best patient experience possible for everyone. Most importantly, no one in Sutton County is turned away.

Walk-in and same-day appointments are conveniently available and Medicare, Medicaid, and Sutton County non-insured are also welcome.

Additionally, Clinic (B) offers coordination of benefit services to help the non-insured obtain health insurance or apply for charity care.

A professional staff is always available to answer questions or offer assistance with billing and payments. We don't want anyone to have bad debt or be sent to collections—let us help you.

Discounts for care provided in the clinic and hospital are offered if payment is received within 30 days from the date of service. Discounts will also be applied for

payment plan agreements of up to twelve (12) months.

In addition to taking care of family medical needs, Clinic (B) also provides referrals to specialty services including obstetrics and gynecology, cardiology, urology, neurosurgery, pain management, orthopedics, and audiology. Hospice services are also available. Additional opportunities for providing telemedicine, dermatology and mental health are also being considered for the future.

The staff of Clinic (B) wants to ensure residents never have to leave Sonora for primary health care and most specialty needs.

We welcome you home.



Pam Miller

67th Annual Easter Pageant at Junction Set for April 15

The 67th annual Easter Pageant is set for April 15, 2017 at the Amphitheater under Lover's Leap Hill in Junction.

The three hour long performance, held every Easter Eve, begins this year at dark-thirty. Performed on the hillside, volunteer actors silently portray the last days in the life of Jesus Christ while readers and sound effects are broadcast

through the public address system throughout the Amphitheater.

Every year people come from near and far to see this spectacular performance under the starry night sky. Don't miss your opportunity to see it this year.

The event is open to the public at no cost. However, donations are welcome and a collection is taken during intermission.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Giant tea urn
- Knish ingredient
- Put to work
- Bowed out
- Aurora _____: northern lights
- Irish county
- Horse of a certain color
- Relative of Abraham
- Males
- A police radio code: abbr.
- Famed
- Englishman's exclamation
- Maugham short story
- Military concern
- Asian rice dish: var.
- Quiche Lorraine ingredient
- Where Oberlin in
- Like a ballerina
- Little fellers
- Receptions.
- Barbecue favorite
- International commitment
- Ring or drum
- Where the Pearl Mosque is

DOWN

- Imparted
- Flowering climber
- Receptacle
- Where Lambarene is
- Highly seasoned
- Greek city
- Astronomy's muse
- Daytime movies
- Round of publicity
- Potter's field of the bible
- Take charge of
- Weaves in and out
- Carnival canvas
- Pindar creations
- _____ cadabra
- Arrangement of logs
- Jokers
- Special communication
- Weakens
- Grocery list item
- Direction: Scots
- Promising
- Tasty meat spread
- Virginia willow genus
- Hot place
- England's neighbor
- Locale
- Saturday night accessory
- Sun shelter
- Russian girl's name
- Steal, in a way
- Particulars
- Other-wordly govt. agcy.
- US island naval base
- Oratorio solo
- Robin Hood's, for instance
- Forever _____ day
- Ripen
- _____ aux Noix, Quebec

"GETTING AROUND"

See solution on Page 8

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Announcing the birth of Logan Alexander Turney.
Logan is welcomed by his proud parents Nick and Hollie Turney and his big brother, Eric.
He is also welcomed by grandparents Kimberley and Danny Meyer of Sonora, Robert and Monica Turney of San Angelo and Marta Turney also of San Angelo.

April Showers



Earwood -Allen Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Earwood of Sonora announce the marriage of his daughter, Meredith Earwood, to Bill Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Allen of Junction. Meredith is the daughter of the late Mrs. Carolyn C. Earwood, and granddaughter of Mrs. Jane Cooper and the late Mr. Richard Cooper, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Armer Earwood. Bill is the grandson of the late Dr. and Mrs. Ted Holekamp and the late Mr. and Mrs. William R. Allen.

Meredith graduated from Texas A&M University with a master's degree in Water Management and currently works for the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District. Bill also graduated from Texas A&M University and is currently working with his father on their family ranch in Junction.

The wedding will take place May 20th in Sonora.

The recent rains will improve our home landscape and garden. April showers also give us a list of chores, as follows.

PLANT:

Transplants of warm season vegetables such as tomatoes and peppers can be set out now.

Any transplant must be acclimated before being planted into the garden.

Check for pest/disease resistance codes on tomatoes.

FERTILIZE:

Apply a 2-1-1 or 3-1-2-analysis fertilizer to your warm season grasses.

Use the same high nitrogen fertilizer for shade trees, evergreens and ground covers.

Add iron later this month to plants that show chlorosis (yellowing leaves with dark green veins).

Remember to sweep iron products off any surface that could be stained.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT:

You may have seen tiny holes in the bark, trunks and branches of shade trees.

These holes are normally round, oval or semi-circular and are found in a random pattern on the plant.

Woodpecker damage is sometimes confused with that of wood-boring beetles.

One woodpecker, the yellow-bellied sapsucker, produces square holes in rows around a trunk or branch.

Many borers damage plants by tunneling through the inner bark layer into the sapwood that transports nutrients and water to the leaves.

When the cambium layer is completely girdled the plant eventually dies above or beyond the damage site.

Partial girdling reduces plant growth and vigor above the site of attack.

Borers attack stressed trees, so try to avoid injury to tree trunks from lawn mowers, weed trimmers or construction.

Promptly care for wounded or broken plant parts using pruning or wound paint.

Remember to prune during colder months.

Finally, remove and destroy infested, dying or dead plants or plant parts, including fallen limbs.

Call the County Extension Office for soil drench (chemical) control options.

MISCELLANEOUS CHORES:

Check garden hoses and replace them if they're leaking. Finally, remember to sharpen garden tools and mower blades.



Pascual Hernandez



"You Owe Taxes" Scams

This time of year is often taxing for many consumers. Scams aimed at stealing taxpayers' money make the season more stressful.

The Treasury Inspector General for Taxpayer Administration (TIGTA) warns that crooks posing as Internal Revenue Service (IRS) officials are contacting people claiming they owe taxes. The caller demands a prepaid debit card, wire transfer or a credit card number for payment. If the person doesn't comply, the caller threatens to arrest or deport the target, or take away their driver's license or business.

Thousands of victims have lost money to these tax scam artists. But there are ways to recognize them and foil their attempts to steal your money.

Here's how they work:

- These scammers often:
 - Call you. But, when the IRS contacts people about unpaid taxes, they do it by postal mail, not by phone.
 - Use common names and fake IRS badge numbers.
 - Know the last four digits of your Social Security number.
 - Demand payment via a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. The IRS doesn't ask for either of these payment methods, nor will they ask for credit card numbers.
 - Rig caller ID information to appear as if the IRS really is calling.
 - Send fake emails that look like legitimate IRS correspondence.
 - Make a second call claiming to be the police or department of motor vehicles, rigging the caller ID information.

Here's what you can do:

To protect yourself from imposters who call, claiming to be from the IRS:

1. Don't provide any account or other personal information. Hang up the phone.
2. Never wire money to a person or company you don't know. Once you wire money, you can't get it back.
3. If you owe - or think you owe - federal taxes, call the IRS at 800-829-1040. IRS workers can help you with your payment questions. You also can visit the IRS website at irs.gov.
4. If you've already paid your taxes, call and report the incident to TIGTA at 800-366-4484.
5. Forward emails from the IRS to phishing@irs.gov. Don't open any attachments or click on any links in those emails.
6. File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at ftc.gov/complaint. Include "IRS Telephone Scam" in your complaint.

Want to know more? Sign up for scam alerts at 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
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We would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to the doctors and staff of Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, AFJ Home Health and Hospice and the Sutton County EMS for the excellent care Beverly received through years of declining health, and especially for the care provided on the date of her passing. We are truly fortunate to have trained and caring professionals serving the people of Sonora and Sutton County.

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Card of Thanks

A note of thanks to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Staff, Directors and Membership for the nomination and awarding of "Citizen of the Year". I consider it a true privilege to have been among the other nominees and want each to know that all of us are winners. I love calling Sonora home, working amongst friends and volunteering for the betterment of our community. Thank you for this recognition.

Respectfully,
Tonya Brown

Andrew Murr – Saving Tax Dollars While Increasing Public Safety

By Andrew Murr, Texas State Representative

With all of the hot-button issues being debated in the legislature this year, I doubt that reforming our outdated pretrial detention and bail systems will get much attention in the press.

But it should, and I'll tell you why.

If passed, my new legislation (House Bill 3011 and House Joint Resolution 98) will save Texas taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars, while at the same time improving public safety.

You see, in most Texas counties only one's ability to pay their bail determines which defendants will be released until their trial and which defendants will remain in jail.

This is an outdated and illogical way of handling pretrial detention.

My legislation will require a state-funded local risk assessment to determine whether a person will have a bail option or if the crime they are accused of is severe enough to keep them in jail without bond.

This bill will ensure that magistrates have access to information relevant to public safety and defendants' history for missing court appearances, while still leaving discretion to the magistrate regarding whether a bond should be imposed.

Currently, people accused of heinous crimes may still be released from jail while they await trial simply because they can afford the bail.

I've seen this first-hand as a former rural county judge where I performed

both magistrate duties and prepared the county's budget.

While we were wasting the taxpayer's hard-earned dollars to incarcerate someone awaiting trial for a non-violent crime like shoplifting, another person accused of aggravated sexual assault was walking the streets until their trial.

That's not right, and it's not safe.

This new legislation will actually improve public safety while protecting the taxpayers as well.

It's high-time we

reformed our pretrial detention and bail system, and I encourage you to contact your state representative and urge them to co-author HB 3011 and HJR 98.

Rep. Andrew Murr is a rancher, attorney, small businessman and former Kimble County Judge who has represented District 53 in the Texas House since 2015. He serves on the House Committees on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence, Ways & Means, Local & Consent Calendars, and he is the Vice Chair of the Select Committee on State & Federal Power & Responsibility.

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Talk. Text. Crash.

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month and TxDOT is continuing its TALK. TEXT. CRASH. campaign to raise awareness of the dangers associated with distracted driving and to encourage Texans to put down their cell phones while driving.

With more than 100,000 traffic crashes in Texas each year involving distracted driving, TxDOT is reminding drivers that using a mobile phone when behind the wheel is a risky habit they should break.

In 2015, 38 percent of Texas drivers admitted to talking on their mobile phone while driving at least some of the time, according to a survey conducted by the

Texas A&M Transportation Institute, and more than one-fifth (21.2 percent) of drivers said they read or send text messages or emails when behind the wheel.

What is distracted driving?

Distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving.

All distractions endanger driver, passenger, and bystander safety.

While mobile phone use is the most recognizable driving distraction, TxDOT also urges drivers to avoid the following high-risk behind-the-wheel activities:

- Posting to social media
- Checking email
- Eating
- Grooming

- Reading
- Programming a navigation system
- Watching a video
- Adjusting a radio, CD player, or MP3 player

What are ways to end distracted driving?

The best way to end distracted driving is to educate all Texans about the danger it poses.

Any type of behavior that draws a motorist's attention away from driving is dangerous.

Some simple tips to end distracted driving includes waiting until later to talk or text, use an app to disable texting when driving or safely pull over to the side of the road if a phone call or text cannot wait.

You Talk. You Text. You Crash.

Edwards County Remembers 1927 Tornado Catastrophe

The Edwards County Historical Commission, in conjunction with Rocksprings ISD, is hosting a ceremony on April 12, 2017 commemorating the 90th anniversary of the 1927 tornado that devastated the town.

A probable F5 tornado, or tornadoes, tore through the town the evening of April 12, 1927, almost completely destroying it as well as killing and injuring many people.

The commemoration

ceremony is set for Wednesday, April 12th at 6:00 p.m., at the Rocksprings ISD Auditorium located at 201 N. US Highway 377.

Survivors of the tornado will be honored; survivors' memories will be read and a photographic essay will also be shown.

The public is invited to attend and there is no charge for admission.

For more information, please contact ECHC chair Kari Cloudt at kari.cloudt@gmail.com.

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Budget

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On March 27, the Senate approved changes to the state's 2014 voter ID law. SB 5 by Joan Huffman, R-Houston, takes into account a July 2016 ruling by the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, which said Texas' current voter ID law violates provisions of the Voting Rights Act.

Under Huffman's bill, a person without a valid voter ID would be allowed to sign an affidavit saying they had a reasonable impediment to obtaining one, such as transportation or work issues, and cast a regular ballot. It would be a felony to intentionally lie on this affidavit. The bill also permits the use of an expired state photo ID for up to two years after it lapses, and allows people 70 or older to use an expired ID to vote indefinitely.

Jobless rate about same

The state economy expanded in February by 6,700 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs, but the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.9 percent for the month, the Texas Workforce Commission announced March 24.

The unemployment rate stood at 4.8 percent in January.

According to U.S. Department of Labor Statistics information, Texas' education and health services category recorded the largest private-industry employment gain over the month with 11,700 jobs

added. Leisure and hospitality employment grew by 4,400 jobs in February, and manufacturing employment expanded by 3,900 jobs.

'Snapshot' data is posted

Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath on March 30 announced the availability of "2016 Snapshot: School District Profiles" on the Texas Education Agency website.

"Snapshot" gives an overview of primary and secondary education for a particular school year and contains a profile of each public school district and charter school but does not provide any campus-level information.

Common categories and a peer-search function permits grouping districts according to shared characteristics.

Scorecard compares states

Texas leads the nation in total energy production and new residents, according to an updated 50-State Scorecard unveiled March 28 by the state Comptroller's office.

Texas also ranks high in its growth in employed workers and gross product, according to the web tool, which uses data from a variety of sources to score each state in six key categories: population and demographics; business and workforce; economic indicators; tax and debt; and, new this year, quality of life and natural resources.

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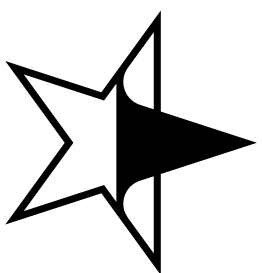
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Sonora ISD Menu

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

Monday April 10

Breakfast
Sausage Kolache, Yogurt, or Cereal, Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch
Enchiladas, Taquitos and Queso, Chicken Fajitas Salad, Charro Beans, Garden Salad, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Milk
After School Program
Muffin, Milk

Tuesday April 11

Breakfast
Breakfast Strudel, Cheese Sticks, or Cereal, Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch
Hamburger, Cheese Burger, Hamburger Garnish, Corn Dog, Oven Fries, Baby Carrots, Peaches, Crispy Cereal Treat, Milk

After School Program
Crackers, Cheddar Fish, Juice

Wednesday April 12

Breakfast
Breakfast Pizza, or Cereal, Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch
Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese, Asian Stir Fry, Flat Bread, Santa Fe Salad, Savory Green Beans, Broccoli, Apple Slices, Milk
After School Program
Baked Chips, Juice

Thursday April 13

Breakfast
Cinnamon Roll, Bacon or Cereal, Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch
Cheese Pizza, Tuna Sandwich, Baked Chips, Crispy Chicken Salad, Garden Tomato Cup, Fruit Cup, Milk
After School Program
Parfait Granola

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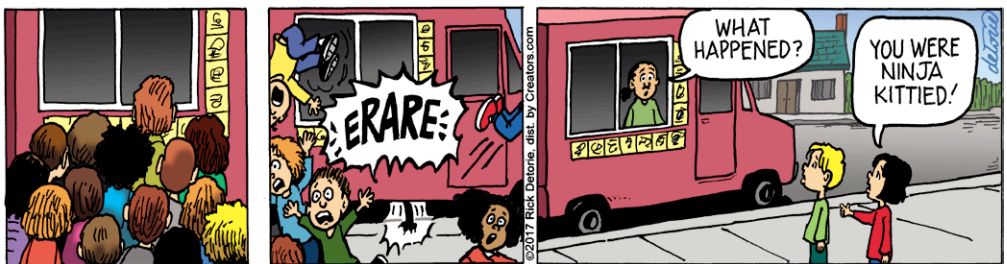
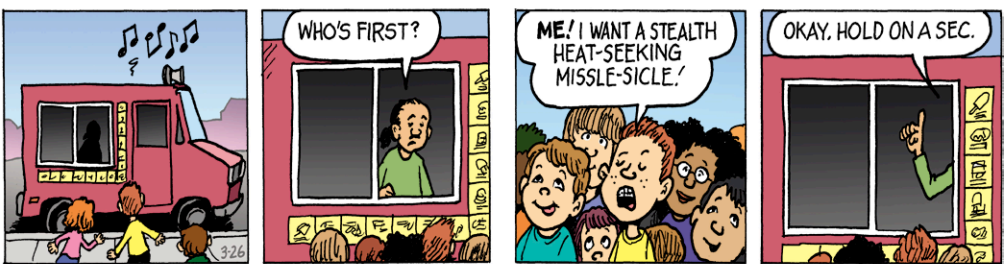


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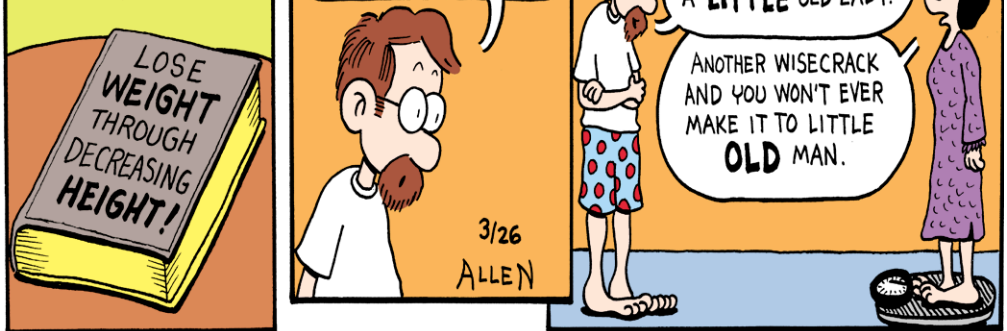


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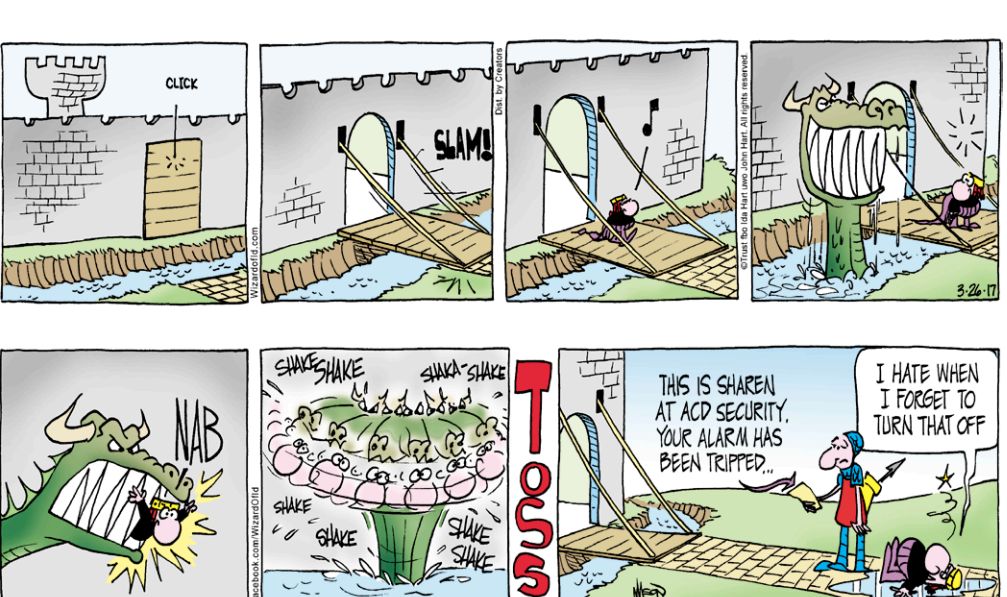
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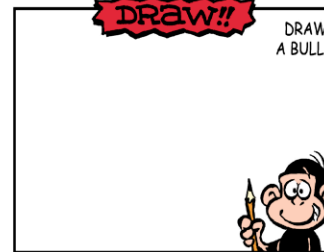
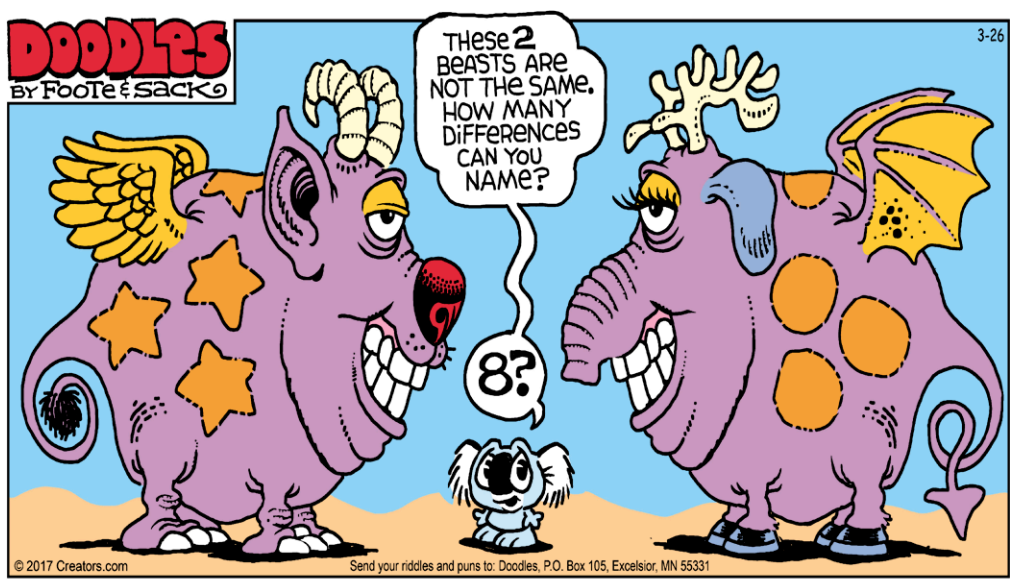
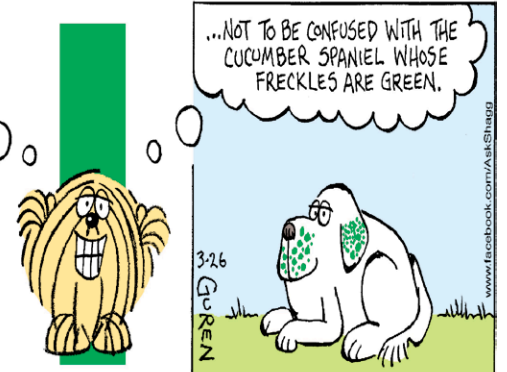
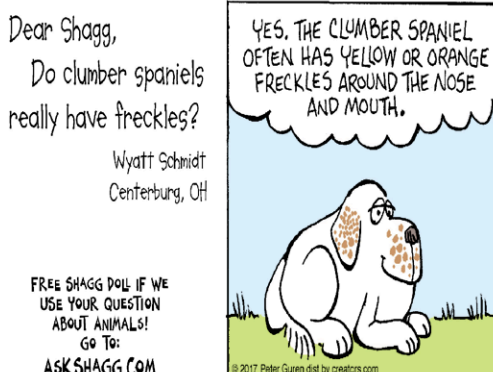
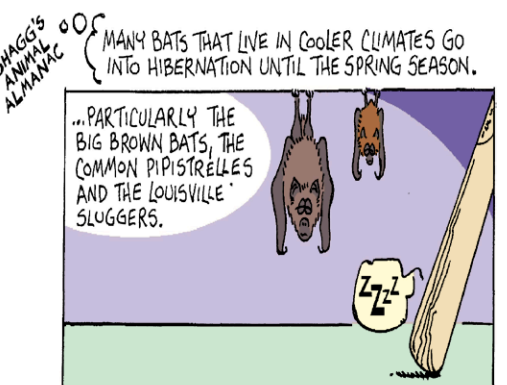
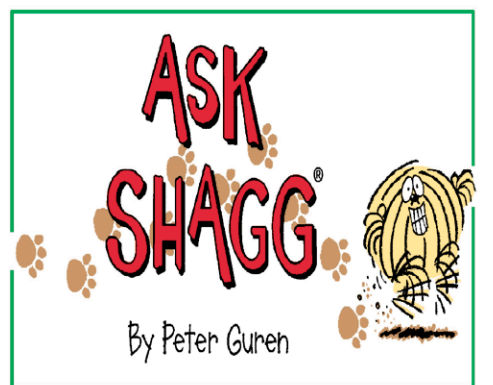
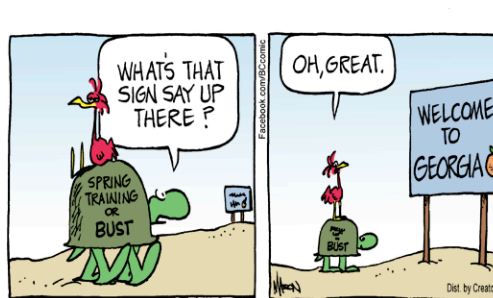
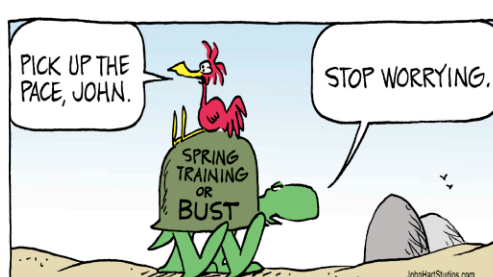
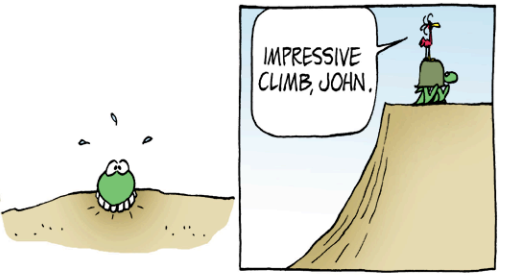
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Neighboring is Theme for Texas A&M AgriLife Program at Sonora, April 22

By Steve Byrns
SONORA – Heritage, Homestead and Habitat will be the theme of the upcoming Neighbors Meeting Neighbors field day at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research Station at Sonora from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. April 22.

The station is on Texas Highway 55 between Sonora and Rocksprings.

The day will include a variety of ranch-related educational offerings, commercial and educational booths, demonstrations, a chuckwagon lunch and the second-ever Super Juniper Eating Meat Goat Sale, said Dr. Doug Tolleson, associate professor who oversees the station's daily operations.

Morning topics will be offered in a 30-minute revolving format so all can attend each one. Topics will include plant response to fire, an introduction to Edwards Plateau wildlife, and lamb cooking, followed by an hour for participants to visit exhibitors and watch sheep shearing and working dog demonstrations before going to the chuckwagon lunch.

The afternoon will begin with the sale of the Super Juniper Eating Goats, followed by a range tour with stops featuring prescribed burn sites and a drone demonstration.

"The Neighbors Meeting Neighbors initiative was started several years ago at the station by area landowners and Texas

A&M AgriLife personnel as a way for new landowners or those returning to the ranch, to get to know their neighbors in a relaxed educational setting," Tolleson said. "While it's not billed as an annual event, its success and popularity have led to this, the third edition. Many properties across the Edwards Plateau, commonly called the Texas Hill Country, are changing hands, either through being split up and sold as smaller parcels to newcomers or through inheritance. These new landowners often want help, but don't know where to find it. The goal of this field day is to introduce them to the station, which has been conducting range research for over 100 years now, and to other helpful agencies and sources, not the least of these being their longtime native ranch neighbors."

There is no charge for any of the day's activities including the chuckwagon lunch, though organizers said contributions would be appreciated.

Preregistration by April 14 is requested for an accurate meal count. As an incentive, the first 25 pre registrants will have their names added to a door prize pot.

To preregister, go to: <http://sonora.tamu.edu/events/heritage-homestead-habitat/> or call Phyllis Bengé at 325-657-7333.

For more information, call Tolleson at 325-387-3168.

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 30 • Jaime Zamora Hernandez, 47-year old male of Sonora. Arrested on a Menard Co. warrant.

APRIL 1 • James Timothy Herrera 47-year old male of Del Rio, Texas. Arrested for Driving While license invalid.

APRIL 2 • Robert Earl Whittaker 21-year old male of Sonora. Arrested for public intoxication.

INCIDENTS

MARCH 27 -5:25 PM • Caller requested assistance on I-10 west bound. Deputy responded.

10:11 PM • Deputy took a complaint call at the sheriffs office, ref: harassment.

MARCH 28- 10:33 AM • Caller reported an 18 wheeler on fire on I-10 at 389 WB. Deputy and Sonora Volunteer Fire Department responded.

6:07 PM • Residential alarm call on 277 S. Deputy responded.

10:15 PM • Caller reported vehicle accident on I-10 at 381 WB. Deputy, DPS, and SVFD responded.

10:44 PM • Caller reported an overturned 18-wheeler on I-10 at 434 mm. Deputy and DPS responded.

10:54 PM • Caller reported a vehicle rollover on 277 S about 9 miles. Deputy and DPS responded.

MARCH 30 - 4:48 AM • Caller reported a reckless driver on I-10 at 429 mm. Deputy responded.

8:30 AM • Caller reported loose cattle on south service road by 399 exit. Deputy responded.

MARCH 31 - 4:59 PM • Caller reported a fight in progress at Dollar General. Deputy assisted PD.

8:58 PM • Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on County Road 108. Deputy responded.

APRIL 1-9:26 AM • Caller reported a loose cow on the S. Service Rd. Deputy responded.

APRIL 2-6:18 PM • Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on I-10 at mm 396. Deputy responded.

SONORA PD ARRESTS

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

MARCH 29 • Shaun Manuel Ramos, 30-year old male from Sonora. Arrested for Driving While License Invalid.

MARCH 31 • James Timothy Herrera, 47-year old male from Coleman. Arrested for Driving While License Invalid.

• Jamie Zamora Hernandez, 47-year old male from Sonora. Arrested for Warrant out of Menard.

INCIDENTS

MARCH 27-11:13 AM • Officer requested at 1900 block of Tayloe. Officer responded.

4:11 PM • Agency Assist call on 500 block of E. 2nd. Officer responded.

MARCH 28 -11:49 AM • Caller reported traffic hazard on North Service Road at I-10 on Ramp. Officer responded.

10:03 PM • Caller informed debris on power line due to storm at 300 block of East. College. Officer responded.

10:05 PM • Caller reported tree on fire due to storm at 200 block of Wilson. Officer responded.

MAR 29-1:15 AM • Caller reported an accident/wreck 9 miles South of 277. Officer responded to assist.

1:17 AM • Officer requested at LMH. Officer responded.

8:06 PM • Noise complaint call at West 1st and Menard. Officer responded.

MARCH 30 8:51 AM • Agency Assist call at 200 Hudspeth. Officer responded.

9:20 PM • Loud music call complaint at Bronco Bubbles parking lot. Officer responded.

9:31 PM • Caller reported hit and run in private parking lot La Mexicana. Officer responded.

10:59 • Caller reported an unknown cable down on roadway on E Plum and S. Concho. Officer responded.

MAR 31 - 8:07 AM • Caller reported burglary at 100 block of Deerwood Drive. Officer responded.

1:04 PM • Caller reported an accident/wreck at 200 block of US Hwy 277 S. Officers responded.

2:21 PM • Call reported violation of City Ordinance at 400 block of Wardlaw. Officer responded.

5:23 PM • Caller reported a fight in progress at Dollar General Parking lot. Officers responded.

APRIL 1-12:24 PM • Escort to LMH call Mile Marker 400. Officer responded.

3:30 PM • Caller reported reckless driver near Elementary.

3:40 PM • Caller reported an intoxicated driver at Subway Stripes. Officer responded.

4:06 PM • Officer requested at Stripes Subway. Officer requested.

9:58 PM • Loud Music reported at 300 block of Menard. Officer responded.

APRIL 2-2:32 PM • Caller reported intoxicated pedestrian at Mesquite/Cornell. Officer responded.

Reader Recipes

"Old-Fashioned Pan Bread"

An Open House was held December 15, 1996 welcoming the community to the permanent home of the Sutton County Library located at 306 E. Mulberry Street in Sonora.

Members of the Sonora Woman's Club were instrumental in the project by helping raise money to fund the new building.

Carolyn Earwood also served as president of the Sonora Woman's Club when the Library doors opened in 1996.

She is also known for her delicious Old-Fashioned Pan Bread. The recipe is included in the Woman's Club recipe book and a copy is always available in the library.

Today, members of the Sonora Woman's Club continue to provide assistance to the library through their donation of books and periodicals, funding of the summer reading program, purchasing computers, landscaping as well as many other hands on volunteer opportunities.

Carolyn's Pan Bread is sure to please and it is as sweet as her own soul!

- 2 Tbs oil
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 & 1/2 cup flour
- 1 egg slightly beaten
- 4 tsp baking powder
- 1 cup milk
- 1 tsp salt

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Pour oil in cast iron skillet; place in oven. Mix remaining ingredients in large bowl. When skillet is hot, pour oil into batter and mix. Pour batter into hot skillet and bake for 20 minutes. Turn out onto plate.

This can also be poured into muffin pans. Very light. It's delicious with butter, honey, or jam for any meal.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

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PLAINTIFF: Southwest Texas
Electric Cooperative ("SWTEC")
VS.
DEFENDANT(S): Earlie Williams IV
PO Box 356, Sonora, TX 76950
COMPLAINT: The basis for

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Once again, earning the championship, the Sonora Broncos Varsity boys remain undefeated in track and field following this past Saturday's Crane Relays, April 1, 2017.

The Varsity Broncos claimed their gold with a total 200.5 points over Fort Stockton and Crane.

Coming in third overall, the Varsity girls demonstrated outstanding skill and endurance on a variety of events.

They finished with a total of 93 points closing following Kermit and Crane.

Also, adding to the daily accolades, the JV boys and JV girls earned a bronze with a total of 94 points and 93 points respectively.

All of the athletes deserve commendation for their hard work and accomplishments during the meet and throughout the season.

Varsity Boys Results:
100 M Dash:
 Abel Cruz, 3rd, 11.14

Walker Sine, 6th, 11.56
200 M Dash:
 Wesley Dutton, 1st, 22.93
 Kaden Cordell, 3rd, 23.03
400 M Dash:
 Wilson Johnson, 3rd, 52.62
 Michael Solis, 5th, 53.11
800 M Dash:
 Evan Shannon, 1st, 2:05.46
 Raully Ojeda, 6th 2:13.50
1600 M Run:
 Evan Shannon, 2nd, 4:55.90
 Raully Ojeda, 6th, 5:31.08
3200 M Run:
 Evan Shannon, 2nd, 10:26.36
110 M Hurdles:
 Carter Zook, 1st, 14.50
 Willie Munoz, 3rd, 16.44
300 M Hurdles:
 Carter Zook, 1st, 39.90
 Willie Munoz, 2nd, 40.06
100 M Relay:
 Solis, Jackson, Buitron, Dutton, 1st, 43.23
200 M Relay:
 Buitron, Jackson, Cordell, Munoz, 1st, 1:31.45
400 M Relay:
 Carter, Buitron, Dutton, Johnsons, 1st, 3:23.93
High Jump:
 Kaden Cordell, 5th, 5-6
 Kade Creek, 6th, 5-8
Long Jump:
 Carter Zook, 2nd, 19-3
 Wesley Dutton, 5th, 18-1 1/2
Triple Jump:
 David Delgado, 5th, 40-0
 Willie Munoz, 6th, 39-3 1/2
Pole Vault:
 Carter Zook, 4th, 9-0
Discus:
 Michael Solis, 1st, 156-2
 Liam Yopurgalite, 2nd, 121-4
Shot Put:
 Liam Yourgalite, 1st, 49-0 1/2
Varsity Girls Results:
 100 M Dash:

Kara Martinez, 6th, 13.66
400 M Dash:
 Mary Kyle Johnson, 1st, 1:02.44
800 M Dash:
 Mary Kyle Johnson, 1st, 2:24.99
3200 M Run:
 Traci Vickers, 5th, 14:23.94
100 M Relay:
 Castro, Gonzales, Smith, Martinez, 6th, 54.55
200 M Relay:
 Smith, Gonzales, Brown, Martinez, 2nd, 1:53.06
400 M Relay:
 Smith, Gonzales, Brown, Johnson, 2nd, 4:24.51
300 M Hurdles:
 Carly Brown, 4th, 50.92
High Jump:
 Mary Kyle Johnson, 1st, 5-2
Triple Jump:
 Carly Brown, 2nd, 33-1
 Kara Martinez, 4th, 31-0
Long Jump:
 Angela Gonzales, 5th, 14-4 1/2
Discus:
 Shyanne Gamez, 4th, 74-0
Pole Vault:
 Aleasha Smith, 4th, 7-6
JV Boys Results:
100 M Dash:
 Oscar Gutierrez, 5th, 12.07
800 M Run:
 Jake Obannon, 6th, 2:48.79
1600 M Run:
 Leo Alviso, 4th, 6:02.05
 Ariel Salazar, 5th, 6:09.48
3200 M Run:
 Leo Alviso, 3rd, 13:03.91
 Josh Barrera, 6th, 13:28.00
110 M Hurdles:
 Josh Barrera, 1st, 20.62
300 M Hurdles:
 Josh Barrera, 2nd, 50.33
100 M Relay:

Mata, Adams, Infante, Gutierrez, 2nd, 48.77
200 M Relay:
 Rodriguez, Mata, Gutierrez, Infante, 2nd, 1:43.62
Long Jump:
 Oscar Gutierrez, 2nd, 17-5 1/2
 Alex Mata, 5th, 16-8 1/2
Shot Put:
 Carlos Mendoza, 6th, 30-02.00
Triple Jump:
 Braden Adams, 1st, 35-5
Pole Vault:
 Jake Obannon, 2nd, 7-6
JV Girls Results:

400 M Dash:
 Christina Garza, 3rd, 1:16.85
800 M Run:
 Christina Garza, 3rd, 3:02.32
 Brittany Covarrubiaz, 6th, 3:19.70
 Martinez Rivers, 4th, 3:06.72
1600 M Run:
 Rivers Martinez, 4th, 6:51.66
100 M Hurdles:
 Harley Daniel, 1st, 20.18
 Ashley Zook, 2nd, 21.34
 Destiny Seaton, 5th, 24.26
300 M Hurdles:
 Ashley Zook, 1st, 55.52
 Harley Daniel, 2nd, 1:01.17



Carter Zook demonstrated skill and agility while competing in the Pole Vault field event during the Bronco Relays this past March. Zook earned 4th place in the Pole Vault competition during the Crane Relays this past Saturday, April 1, 2017.

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(L-R) Brandon Rocha, Juan Ruiz, Sofia Serrano, Alma Hernandez, Daniela Lozano, Fernanda Lozano, Yailin Dominguez and Jessica Campa participated in the annual ASU Foreign Language Festival Saturday, April 1, 2017 in San Angelo. The students earned recognition for their abilities and effort in the competition.

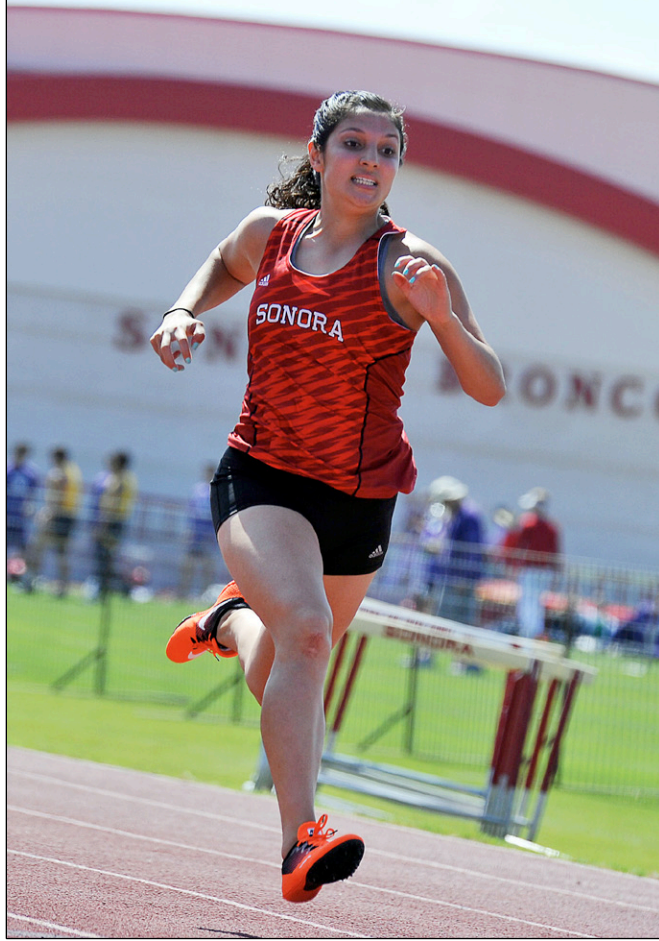
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Savannah Castro pushed ahead of her competition during the Bronco Relays recently. She and her teammates (Gonzales, Smith, Martinez) earned 6th place in the 100 Meter Relay during the Crane Relays this past Saturday, April 1, 2017 in Crane.

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SMS and SHS Language Scholars Compete at Annual ASU Foreign Language Festival

For the second consecutive year, Sonora Middle School students earned their place at the annual Angelo State University Foreign Language Festival Saturday, April 1, 2017.

Nine SMS including Juan Ruiz, Jessica Campa, Yailin Dominguez, Fernanda Lozano, Brandon Rocha, Sofia Serrano, Daniela Lozano and Alma Hernandez competed against students from 9 other schools in the Spanish language in prose, poetry, computer based reading comprehension examinations and extemporaneous speaking.

Although they didn't bring home the Sweepstakes prize their efforts didn't go unnoticed.

This year, SMS students placed among the top 4 schools, middle schools and high schools, in the region.

SMS was 1 of 3 middle schools that participated at this year's event. Their competition included Talkington School for Young Women Leaders in Lubbock and Lincoln Middle school from San Angelo.

Sonora High School scholars also took part in the contest for the first time and earned 3rd place overall in the 2017 Spanish Competition.

Sonora students benefit from the opportunity to study a second language as well as competing in events.

SISD's bilingual program helps prepare these students to succeed in the future in more than one language in all aspects of speaking, reading and in writing.

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

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