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Going to Red Raider Nation



Carter Zook signed a letter of Intent with Texas Tech University Monday, May 8, 2017 at Sonora High School. Zook plans to attend Tech in the fall where he will compete in Track and study Animal Science.

DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Zook Signs Letter of Intent with Texas Tech University

Carter Zook signed a letter of intent with Texas Tech University Monday, May 8, 2017 during a signing event at Sonora High School.

Zook is the son of the late Jonathan Zook and Ariana Zook of San Antonio.

He is taking his passion and talent on the track to the next level. He will join the Red Raider track team in the fall of 2017.

Additionally, he plans on studying Animal Science.

Zook said he chose Tech because of their exceptional Ag department and the opportunities available to him to help secure a future in the field of animal studies.

His accomplishments at Sonora High School include a 2014 4x400 State Championship, 2015 300 M Hurdles State

Qualifier and 2016 300 Hurdles State Champion.

Zook was also a member of the Sonora Bronco football team.

“Carter is a hard-working young man and he has a lot to offer.” Coach Eddie Favila said. “He wants to continue running at the next level and he chose Tech because he was impressed with their program.



PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY MAY 15

Sonora PD Hosts Peace Officer Celebration

The Sonora Police Department is hosting a special ceremony Monday, May 15, 2017, in conjunction with National Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Throughout the week of May 15 - 19, communities across the national will be recognizing the

men and who risk their lives everyday to serve and protect the public.

The service is set for 12:00 p.m. in front of the courthouse.

This ceremony is opened to the public.

All are welcomed to attend.

Local Voters Decide City and School Board Elections

The final count for the May 6 election shows City Council candidates Cody Gann, Ward 1 and Manuel Martinez, Ward 2 as the top finishers.

Early voting showed a turnout of 198 voters compared to the 83 cast on election day, according to information received from the City of Sonora. A total of 281 cast ballots for City of Sonora Council members.

Additionally, running unopposed, Jesse Bustamante remains as Sonora Independent School Board Member Precinct 1 and Brady Johnson remains as Member Precinct 3.

Early voting showed a turnout of 183 voters compared to the 78 cast on election day according to information posted on the Sutton County website.

Initially, the City of Sonora announced it would not hold a May election causing the Sonora ISD to seek assistance from the County in holding their May election.

This resulted in two separate

polling venues for voters to cast their ballots following the City of Sonora's decision to hold an election for City Council member Ward 1 and Ward 2.

All voting for City of Sonora City Council members took place at City Hall. Early voting for Sonora ISD Trustees was held at the Sutton County Annex and voters cast their ballots on election day at the Sonora ISD Administration Building.

Results: (unofficial until canvassed)

Council Member Ward 1:

Cody Gann, 128 votes

Frank Wamble, 59 votes.

Council Member Ward 2:

Michael Ramirez, 3 votes.

Manuel Martinez, 82 votes.

Todd Munn, 8 votes.

Sonora Independent School District Trustee Precinct 1:

Jesse Bustamante, 26 votes

Sonora Independent School District Trustee Precinct 3:

Brady Johnson, 152 votes.

Jock Dutton, 53 votes.

David Fisher, 27 votes.

John Friess Represents Sonora at Ports-to-Plains Washington DC Fly-In

John Friess, who represents Sonora on the Ports-to-Plains board of directors was in Washington, DC last week with a delegation of the organization's supporters to meet with Congressional offices to discuss the importance of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor, extending Interstate 27 and other issues critical to growing our rural economy.

The group of 17 people came from six different states and Alberta, Canada. From April 25 – 27 they met with 19 House of Representative offices including Rep. Mike Conaway, 15 Senate offices, including Sen. John Cornyn and Sen. Ted Cruz, as well as staff from the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

“I was really pleased with the reception we received to our message in Congress. By and large the delegation recognizes the importance of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor not only for our regional economy but for the whole country as it serves as a key connection to the nation's energy and agriculture heartland,” Friess said.

Among the items the

Ports-to-Plains group discussed was a possible federal infrastructure plan, the need to address a permanent fix to shore up the highway trust fund and the importance of maintaining strong trade agreements for our region's economy, especially our Ag producers.

“There has been quite a bit of talk about a big federal infrastructure package and there is no doubt that we certainly need to invest in our infrastructure. We let Congress know that such a plan should address the needs of rural America and not only focus on the big cities. We also wanted to promote the Ports-to-Plains Corridor as a project of national significance that should be strongly considered for funding,” said Friess.

Trade was also a topic that was in the news while the Ports-to-Plains representatives were in Washington as President Trump announced that he would not withdraw the U.S. from NAFTA but did want to negotiate with Canada and Mexico to update the agreement.

“Trade is so critical for our agriculture producers, and

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Princess Blair Blackbird was one of more than 80 guests who attended the first annual Sonora Woman's Club "Mommy and Me" Tea Party Sunday, May 7, 2017. Blair and her mother, Chelsea Blackbird, a Woman's Club member, enjoyed an afternoon of sweet treats and activities including ribbon dancing with familiar Disney Princesses.

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"Mommy and Me" Tea Party Benefits Scholarship Fund

The first annual “Mommy and Me” Tea Party hosted by the Sonora Woman's Club provided girls with the opportunity to spend the afternoon with their mothers and grandmothers Sunday, May 7, 2017 enjoying treats, activities and quality time.

More than eighty guests participated in the royal Princess theme gala to help raise money for college scholarships awarded by the Woman's Club to local

Sonora High School graduates.

Dressed as “Belle,” her favorite Disney was all smiles and giggles.

“I don't really know what is my favorite part of today.” Blair said. “Maybe, it's dressing up like Belle because she is my favorite Princess.”

Her mother, Chelsea Blackbird, a Woman's Club member, helped her slip on a pair of white gloves and a sparkling tiara

before taking their seat at a table set for a queen.

Thirteen SHS students, ten fashioned as a familiar Disney Princess and three in the representing Prince Charming, entertained guests by reading stories, face painting, ribbon dancing and posing for photos.

A variety of royal items were also on display for bids during a silent auction.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

Exchange Council. In its publicly posted literature, the organization says: "The federal government has steadily consolidated its power while eroding state control in ways that are clearly inconsistent with the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution." Other organizations, such as Common Cause and the American Civil Liberties Union and their state affiliates, have registered in

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House Joins Senate in Passing Constitutional Convention Measure

AUSTIN — The Texas House of Representatives on May 4 approved Senate Joint Resolution 2, a measure calling for a convention of the states, as contemplated and enabled by Article V of the U.S. Constitution.

The state Senate on Feb. 28 originally passed SJR 2, authored by Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury. Every member of the House and Senate who signed as a co-author or co-sponsor of SJR 2 is Republican, and no Democrat voted in favor of the resolution.

Last week, after the House approved an amended version of the joint resolution, Governor Greg Abbott said: "Today marks an important step toward restraining a runaway federal government and

returning power back to the states and their respective citizens as our Founders intended." In his Jan. 31 State of the State address, Abbott listed passage of such a measure as one of his emergency legislative priorities.

Next, the Senate must accept the House's version of SJR 2 or call a conference committee to iron out differences. If finally agreed upon, the measure would be forwarded to Vice President Mike Pence, who presides over the U.S. Senate, and to U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan. Should SJR 2 pass here, the Lone Star State would join 10 other states that have done likewise: Alabama, Alaska, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, North Dakota, Oklahoma and Tennessee.

The legislatures of two-thirds of the 50 states — that would be 34 states — must join in the call for a constitutional convention in order to convene under Article V. The stated purpose of convening would be to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution that would:

- Impose fiscal restraints on the federal government;
- Limit federal government jurisdiction and power; and
- Impose term limits on federal officials and members of Congress.

A model for states to use in their efforts to call an Article V convention is being promoted nationwide by the Arlington, Virginia-based American Legislative

Sic 'em Blue

Back in the 1970's Texas had an invasion of horse sleeping sickness, called by the state vets as VEE. This disease was deadly to horses and was being spread out of Mexico. The state vets decreed that all



By Joe N. Brown

horses in Texas would be vaccinated within 60 days. This put a terrible strain on all veterinarians and ranches who at that time still used horses. This was especially true in the rough country of the Big Bend. To comply with this state order we gathered our horse, mules, and mares and made a date with the local vet. This is the basis and that's behind this true tale although the main characters will be introduced later.

At this time I barely had a few saddle horses and mares, about 16 as I remember. I gathered them all into the house pens and called the nearest vet. He came down from Alpine and vaccinated all of my stock with no accidents or problems.

Now let's get into the facts and happenings of this tale. I had a friend who ranches about 10,000 acres in the Housatop Mountains, east of Marathon in Brewster County. He had at this time only one old ranch hand who had been hurt in a horse wreck and was very little help. My friend, Temple Stumberg, called and asked if I would help vaccinate his horses. I assured him I would but would not gather them. He promised me they would be in the pens at Double Wells in 3 days. I questioned about when would the vet be there with sufficient vaccine and was told that was all taken care of. Now Stumberg did not have any mares as he bought his saddle stock wherever he could find them. This should give one the idea about what his herd looked like, Paints, Roans, Sorrels, Blacks and Palominos of which most were outlaws of one kind or another. O.K. the deal is made!

Arriving at Double Wells on the morning agreed upon. I found the horses in the pen and the vet and his wife had just driven up. Stumberg and his old hand were there and we organized the method of getting this work done, the old hand and I would alternate leading a horse to the vet. Temple would work the corral gate and the vet, Dr. Paul Weyerts and his wife Beverly would vaccinate and keep count of each horse. Great plan with everyone doing his job!

Here comes the reason this story got its name. Within this Remuda was a good looking blue Roan horse that was bred and raised on the Iron Mt. Ranch at Marathon. They did not come any better bloodlines than that one had but there had to be a reason he was sold as a saddle horse. I had worked with Stumberg before and I knew some of this horse's habits. He would kick, bite, buck and cold jaw and run away!

What I could not understand was that "Ole Blue" was the old hands favorite mount. I guess it was because he was so pretty under a saddle. O.K. I give up on this!

We were leading the horse out to the vet's truck and it came up for the old hand to lead "Ole Blue" out to be vaccinated. I was standing by the corral gate when he led "Old Blue" to me. Knowing the horse I begin to tell the vet all of his bad habits. I noticed the old hand being swell up but did not pay any attention.

Here is our story in all its truth and how it got its name. When the old hand got the horse even with me he turned and yelled at the horse — "Sic Em Blue." As I was the nearest person, Old Blue backed his ears and charged me with his teeth bared and snapping. I jumped behind the gate as he pulled up on the lead rope to stop "Old Blue." Then the old fellow said, "I guess you won't be bad mouthing my horse again!"

I agreed one hundred percent and told him and Stumberg that if I ever got within a mile of that animal it would be too close.

Stopping Federal Overreach a Job for Texans, Not Federal Judiciary

On April 13, two proposed solutions to federal overreach were heard by the Texas House Select Committee on State and Federal Power and Responsibility Committee — the convention of states resolution, House Joint Resolution 39, and the Texas Sovereignty Act, House Bill 2338.

HB 2338 author Cecil Bell, R-Magnolia, and HJR 39 author Rick Miller, R-Sugar Land, see these approaches as complementary. Miller is a joint author of HB 2338, and Bell is a co-author of HJR 39. They know that clarifying enforcement (via the Texas Sovereignty Act) is a prerequisite to any change of the U.S. Constitution. Any law, including the supreme law, is useless without enforcement. Lack of enforcement of the Constitution has allowed federal overreach. The Texas Senate has already passed its own measure, calling for a convention of states: Senate Joint Resolution 2, which is up for consideration in the House this week.

HJR 39 and SJR 2 call for a convention to cover three topics:

- Fiscal restraints on the federal government
- Federal term limits
- Limiting the power and jurisdiction of the federal government.

Many Texans want a balanced budget and term limits, but the other prong of HJR 39 is not understood by most Texans and is more dubious. One of the most wrongheaded proposals to "limit the power and jurisdiction" of the federal government is made by Gov. Greg Abbott in his book, "Broken but Unbowed." He proposes that we amend the 10th Amendment in two ways. He wants to add a second section that delegates to the federal judiciary the power to interpret the constitutional role of the federal government. He thinks that by adding "expressly," to make the 10th Amendment read, "The powers not expressly delegated to the United States by the Constitution . . . are reserved to

the States respectively..."; it would tell the federal government that "we really mean it this time!"

Abbott misunderstands the 10th Amendment and is blind to the cause of federal overreach. The notion that the U.S. Supreme Court is the final arbiter of constitutional meaning is what is killing our liberty.

The Constitution has not delegated the power of final arbitration of constitutional meaning to the judiciary, and thus that power is reserved to elected officials of Texas. Opinions by the U.S. Supreme Court to the contrary are usurpation and circular. Our legal culture accepts as fundamental that the U.S. Supreme Court is our supreme ruler, but that unconstitutional notion is what must change to win our liberty back.

Delegating constitutional authority to the federal judiciary — the very branch that has deliberately misinterpreted the Constitution — is breathtakingly nonsensical. And to think that a one-word change to the 10th will make the judiciary never again violate the Constitution is incredibly naive.

True enforcement requires lawmen to stop lawbreakers. To stop the federal overreach and win our liberty back, Texas must grab back the interpretative power reserved to the states respectively. And Texas law enforcement must arrest and prosecute federal agents breaking the supreme law of the land.

That is what the Texas Sovereignty Act does. It creates a standing committee of the Texas Legislature that will declare certain acts of the federal government to be unconstitutional, then state the reasoning, and then call on Texas lawmen and prosecutors to use the existing Texas Official Oppression Act (which makes it a crime for public officials to knowingly violate Texans' rights) to arrest and prosecute federal agents who persist in attempts to enforce federal acts declared unconstitutional.

That April 13 committee hearing went to the fundamentals of how our government was designed to work, how it went wrong and how to get it back on track. Will we choose to enforce whatever Constitution we have? Or will we only choose to change the Constitution, allowing the federal government to continue to ignore any limits on its power?

Tom Glass is the founder of Texas Constitutional Enforcement Group

In My Opinion



by Tom Glass

The Cisterns of Brenham

Sharon Brass had a career in the computer industry, then twelve years ago moved to Washington County where she became interested in local history. "If you move here, you cannot escape the history.



Rolling Along

by Tumbleweed Smith

It is so rich and so colorful and so fun. After all this is where Texas was born."

In early Texas history, Brenham (the county seat of Washington County) and Galveston were the two major economic centers of the state. Brenham was larger than Houston and Austin combined. During the reconstruction days after the Civil War, Union troops occupied Brenham from 1866 until 1869. Sharon says townspeople didn't like having them there. "We lost the war and their presence in town was just an everyday reminder of that."

Union troops burned a block of downtown buildings. One housed the local newspaper, which had published editorials against the yankee soldiers. "In those days you had no way to fight fires except with a bucket of water," says Sharon. "When the whole block was going up in flames, locals knew there was no way to stop the fire. Besides that, Union troops stood guard to prevent residents from putting out the flames. Three months after it happened, there was another fire in downtown Brenham, also set by the Union troops. So the Brenham people got together and formed the first Brenham fire group that was called The Hook and Ladder Company. They started building cisterns almost immediately all over town. There were some around the downtown square. They were wooden structures above the ground at first. Over time, they got more advanced and started putting cisterns underground. These were built specifically to fight fires. As a result, today there are 26 cisterns under Brenham streets."

Private cisterns were popular all over Texas, but Sharon says Brenham is the only city that had public cisterns. At a downtown intersection, rainwater from the four buildings on each corner flowed into a cistern in the middle of the intersection. A park in downtown Brenham has one of the historic cisterns with a decorative plexiglas dome for viewing. It is an official state archeological landmark. The park is named Toubin Park in honor of Leon Toubin who donated land for the park. Panels with printed information are situated around the cistern, giving the history of the early fire fighting methods. Sharon did the research on the project and has written a book, The Burning of Brenham. There have been efforts to make it into a movie.

The citizens bought a Silsby Fire Engine, which sits at the fire museum downtown. "This was so rare in its day. It would be the equivalent of having a space shuttle sitting there today. We were the first Texas town to get one and ours is the only one in Texas today. It was designed to pull water out of canals. There's a lot of them in New York where the fire engine was built. That makes it perfect to pull water out of cisterns. So our folks here in Brenham found this machine, imported it to Texas at great expense and were finally equipped to spray water on a fire. We're very proud of our antique fire engine."

Heard Around Town

The second amendment has always protected the first amendment. Wouldn't it be nice if the sentiment was mutual?

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Family: Tonie has been married to Carlos for 40 years. They have two children, Gaby and Frank David, six grandchildren, Anna, JC, Richard, Xavier, Aria and Lelind.

Hobbies: Loves to cook and spend time with family, especially her parents, David and Catalina Buitron.

Why we love Tonie: Besides a big heart Tonie and her staff ensures every patient and the LMH staff are more than satisfied with food preferences. Tonie always ensures to find the right combination of comfort food ideas as well as the likes and dislikes the patients may have.

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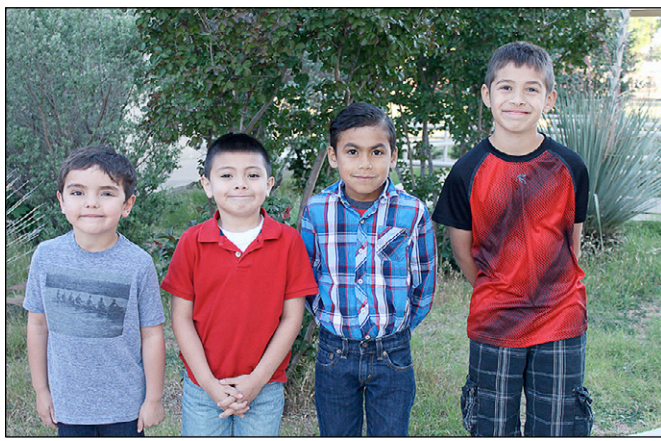
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I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the voters of Precinct 3 for re-electing me to the Sonora ISD School Board. Also, I want to say "Thank you" to the other candidates who cared enough about the kids and our schools to sign up and run. I remain honored to represent the 800-plus students, as well as the teachers and tax payers of Sutton County. It is my goal to continue to work tirelessly on your behalf to help address challenges and to secure lasting improvements for our students and the SISD.

Again, I thank you for the opportunity to serve.
Sincerely,

Brady Johnson



Sonora Elementary School Students for the week of May 8-12, 2017, Logan Vickers, Pre-K, Aaron DeLuna, K, Luis Lopez, 1st, Jaycob Ramirez, 2nd.

Sonora ISD Students of the Week

EATON HILL NATURE CENTER & PRESERVE



Sonora Intermediate School Students for the week of May 8-12, 2017, Carolina Hernandez, 3rd, Hervey Hernandez, 4th, Erika Acevedo, 5th.



Sonora Middle School Students for the week of May 8-12, 2017, Daniela Lozano, 6th, Lane Taylor, 7th, Alyssa Martinez, 8th.

ESL Summer School

Sonora Elementary is offering an ESL (English as a Second Language) Summer School Program.

This program is offered to limited English proficient students who will be eligible for admission to Kindergarten and First Grade at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year.

This program will be offered from June 5 - July

17 from 8:00 - 12:00, Monday thru Friday. If you would like for your child to participate, please contact the elementary office by Thursday, May 25.

In order to provide this program, we must have at least 10 children sign-up to attend.

If you have any questions, call the Elementary School office at 387-6951.

Ranchers Roundup set for May 24 in Sonora

By Steve Byrns

Ranchers Roundup- Managing Range and Livestock Pests will be conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service May 24 at the Sutton County Civic Center, 1700 N. Crockett St. in Sonora.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The program will follow from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Pascual Hernandez, AgriLife Extension agent in Sutton County, said the tri-county program is being hosted by the AgriLife Extension offices in Sutton, Edwards and Val Verde counties.

Individual registration is \$15 by May 19 and \$20 thereafter. The fee includes the noon meal. For more information and to register, call the AgriLife Extension office in Sutton County at 325-387-3101.

"Though timely rains benefited our rangelands, the mild winter and subsequent rainfall have also increased rangeland and livestock pests," Hernandez said. "The annual Ranchers Roundup program will

address those issues. Speakers will also speak on the outlook for wool and hair sheep and take a second look at Spanish goats."

Topics and speakers include:

- Using the Right Herbicide for the Job, Ralph Porter, DOW rangeland specialist, Abilene.

- Avoiding Common Herbicide Application Mistakes, and Sprayer Calibration Demonstration, Dr. Bob Lyons, AgriLife Extension range specialist, Uvalde.

- Pros and Cons of Ranching Wool Sheep, Hair Sheep and Meat Goats, Dr. Reid Redden, AgriLife Extension state sheep and goat specialist, San Angelo.

- Managing Livestock Pests and Parasites, Dr. Joe Paschal, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, Corpus Christi.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units, two integrated pest management and one general, will be available for those with a valid pesticide applicator license.

Walk Across Texas Results!

By Jessica Stapper

For the past 8 weeks several teams have been competing in the Walk Across Texas program provided by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

Teams of up to 8 people as well as individual walkers compete to see who can walk the most miles.

In Sutton County, there were 7 teams that participated in the county challenge. They included the 5th grade class at Sonora ISD and 2 solo walkers.

The county participants walked a total of 11,121.52 miles and the 5th grade class walked a total 1,795.5 miles, during school hours.

A Celebration Event was held on April 26, at the Wellness Center, to congratulate everyone who participated and to announce the winners of the competition.

Results for the county teams that participated and the amount of miles walked per team:

Team TC: 317.4 miles walked. Cindy and Tryon Fields.

Stepping Sisters: 369 miles walked. Wheat Bread, and Pam Miller.

County Peeps: 751.32 miles walked.

Robyn Bennie, Frances Burciaga, Danielle Galindo, Elizabeth Galindo, Makayla

Snyder and Jessica Stapper. The LMH Walkers: 1,566.86 miles walked. April Castillo, Ryan Castillo, Aliza Coronado, Antonia Gallegos, Kimberly Gallegos, Joe Marshall, Lilliana Mata and Michelle Solt.

Man Outnumbered: 1,917.26 miles walked. Team Members: Angie Bryant, Lynn Burchell, Gordy Burchell, Bailee Capuchin, Adelita Ford, Donna Hearn, Maribel Perez and Kim Zentner.

Going For Three: 2,850.68 miles walked. Nancy and Ray Glasscock, Charlotte Longoria, Mary Jean Sims, Jan Stephens and Elizabeth Wallace.

Team DG: 3,349 miles walked. Juanita Gomez, Marrisra & Santiago Faz, Donna Garrett, Lizette Lira, Meivelyn Medrano, Marlene Ortiz and Pennie Rutherford.

Individual walkers who participated included Marisol Gamez and Criselda Gonzales.

A special thank you to the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital & RahRah Designs for supporting and sponsoring this year's Walk Across Texas program.

Congratulations to everyone who participated!

SONORA WEATHER FORECAST

Thu 5/11	Fri 5/12	Sat 5/13	Sun 5/14	Mon 5/15
88/58	83/54	85/62	86/65	87/64
Mostly Sunny/Breezy	Mostly Sunny/Breezy	Mostly Sunny/Pleasant	Strong Thunder Storms	Strong T-Storms
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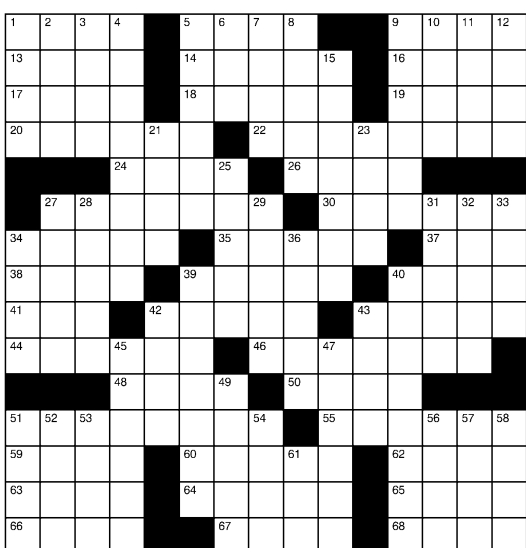
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<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1. Erstwhile breadwinners</p> <p>5. Lectures</p> <p>9. Enrich</p> <p>13. ____: and others</p> <p>14. Poetry muse</p> <p>16. Century plant</p> <p>17. Holly</p> <p>18. Gunpowder ingredient</p> <p>19. Tunnel</p> <p>20. Asian boat</p> <p>22. Double-crosser</p> <p>24. Pitcher</p> <p>26. Stupefy</p> <p>27. Mosque tower</p> <p>30. Dangerous</p> <p>34. Ornamental</p> <p>35. Seine tributary</p> <p>37. Promise</p> <p>38. French river</p> <p>39. Stacked</p> <p>40. Weight allowance</p> <p>41. One, in Paris</p> <p>42. Nautical chaps</p> <p>43. Defeats</p> <p>44. Type of store</p> <p>46. Advanced age</p> <p>48. Crisp cookie</p>	<p>50. Makes lace</p> <p>51. Unfair</p> <p>55. Mistakes</p> <p>59. Track-meet event</p> <p>60. Girl's name</p> <p>62. Expel</p> <p>63. Printery stock</p> <p>64. Egyptian</p> <p>65. Josip Broz</p> <p>66. Hardy heroine</p> <p>67. Triangle sides</p>	<p>68. Short distance</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1. Platform</p> <p>2. Actress Nazimova</p> <p>3. Per ____</p> <p>4. Coventry coin</p> <p>5. Vaccination pioneer</p> <p>6. Jackie's ex</p> <p>7. Scottish inventor</p> <p>8. Meat dishes</p> <p>9. South Americans</p>	<p>10. Astringent</p> <p>11. Flowing garment</p> <p>12. Game animal</p> <p>15. Pompous</p> <p>21. Absent</p> <p>23. Song</p> <p>25. Send money</p> <p>27. One of fifty</p> <p>28. Something put in</p> <p>29. Narratives</p> <p>31. Nautical command</p> <p>32. ____-niners</p> <p>33. Farm animals</p> <p>34. Afternoon hour</p> <p>36. Adjust anew</p> <p>39. Knightly defender</p> <p>40. Playing cards</p> <p>42. Short skirt</p> <p>43. Fraternity letter</p> <p>45. Evaluate</p> <p>47. Servants</p> <p>49. Jeopardy</p> <p>51. Overlook</p> <p>52. Athletic team</p> <p>53. Fraternal order</p> <p>54. Cross out</p> <p>56. Apparel item</p> <p>57. Beatrice d' ____</p> <p>58. Organ part</p> <p>61. Strong ale</p>
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"NUMBERS GAME"



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Tuesday May 16
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Wednesday May 17
Barbecue Beef On A Bun, Buttered Corn, Spinach Salad, Cinnamon Apples, Milk

Thursday May 18
Chicken Fajitas, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Toss Salad, Corn Tortillas, Salsa, Milk, Strawberries, Peaches

Friday May 19
Steak Fingers, Gravy, Corn O' Brien Stewed, Tomatoes, Wheat Bread, Apricots, Sugar cookie, Milk

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Murr Authors Two Bills Aimed at Protecting Landowners

AUSTIN, TX – Earlier this year, State Representative Andrew Murr filed House Bills 352 and 1471, two pieces of legislation aimed at protecting property owners in the Hill Country, South Texas, and West Texas.

Those bills are now working their way through the legislative process, and Murr says he is hopeful that these common sense proposals will be well received by his colleagues in both the House and the Senate.

"In my mind, the right to own and use our property is one of the most sacred rights we have as Texans," Murr said. "The legislature should do everything in its power to strengthen that right and ensure that it is never infringed upon."

House Bill 352, recently voted out of the House Natural Resources Committee, will give property owners a seat at the table along with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the General Land Office when it comes to determining if a waterway is considered "navigable."

The distinction is critical since a navigable waterway belongs to the people of Texas, while a non-navigable waterway is considered private property.

The bill introduces due process into a system that is now completely at the discretion of Austin bureaucrats.

Currently, TCEQ can "designate" a waterway as navigable, without any input from affected landowners. HB 352 would require TCEQ to host public meetings in order for the landowner and others in the area to testify before a decision is reached.

Additionally, this bill would provide a mechanism for landowners to challenge TCEQ opinions on waterway navigability.

"This bill will give landowners a fighting chance to keep their private property out of the hands of the state," Murr added.

House Bill 1471, which has been referred to the House Ways and Means Committee, will incentivize predator control amongst absentee Texas landowners who often see less urgency in controlling predators on their property, resulting in unintended safe havens for feral hogs, coyotes, bobcats and other predators that impact surrounding property owners.

Under the current law, a landowner must fulfill three of seven criteria which foster a "wildlife

friendly" environment to qualify for a reduced property appraisal for wildlife management use.

Predator control is one of the seven criteria. HB 1471 would make membership in a qualified predation management organization, commonly known as a "trapping club," an automatic qualification for the predator control portion of the wildlife management plan.

The hope is that this will bring more landowners into trapping clubs and the community effort will help curb populations of harmful predators, especially feral hogs.

Murr explained, "Managing predator populations, especially the feral hog population, is vital to Texas landowners trying to make a successful living off the land. Our deer population and the multi-billion dollar hunting industry in Texas are also directly affected by predators. HB 1471 will make predation management more effective for all Texans."

Please call Rep. Murr's Austin office at (512) 463-0536 for updates on these bills or if you would be interested in testifying as to their potential positive impact on our state.

Commissioners Talk Trucks and Tractors

The Sutton County Commissioners considered multiple agenda items including the purchase of new heavy equipment for the Road and Bridge Department during their regular meeting Monday, May 8, 2017.

Commissioners approved advertising to solicit bids for two dump trucks for the Road and Bridge Department. Additionally, the court heard presentations by representatives from Yellow House and Caterpillar regarding lease offers for front end loaders. After a lengthy discussion, legal advice from County Attorney David Wallace and a motion by Carl Teaff failed, the court agreed to table the item and open bids for a lease on this particular piece of equipment.

The court approved the purchase of a tommy lift not to exceed the cost of \$500.

Additionally, the court approved advertising for the purchase of 75,000 gallons of liquid AC5 as well as hiring of one summer employee for the Sutton County Park.

Standley Clay Anderson

reported that his department is keeping busy with general maintenance and additional mowing as expected for this time of the year.

In regular business, commissioners approved the minutes of the April 24 regular meeting.

They also approved the accounts payable and treasurer's report as presented. No auditor's report was made available.

Judge Harris reported a total of 631 cases on the JP docket for the month of April. He also reported a total of \$162,661.99 collected in fees by the JP's office. The county's portion of that amount is \$100,231.41. Additionally, he magistrate 21 cases and filed 607 new cases during the month of April.

The lease agreement for a new Xerox copier to be located in the JP's office is finalized. Hill Country will install software in the near future and Judge Harris as well as his office staff will be attending training from May 30 to June 2. However, personnel will be in place keeping the office open as usual.

Kathy Marshall,

Tax-Assessor Collector reported \$31,853.87 collected for vehicle registration and \$36,266.31 collected for property taxes during the month of March.


Rachel Duran, County Clerk reported total revenue collected for District Court fees in the amount of \$12,084.62, County Court fees collected in the amount of \$7,776.10 and OPR fees collected in the amount of \$2,881 for the month of April.

She also updated commissioners on the completion of the May 6 School Board Trustee election. She will bill SISD for the cost of election equipment and personnel.

Sheriff Oscar Chavez reported 9.9 inmates housed in the Sutton County jail at an average daily cost of \$1.94 per meal during the month of April. He also reported a total of 675 calls for service, 26 civil processes and \$7,425 collected in fees.

A recent visit of the Jail Standards Commission resulted in an approval of recent updates, repairs and current management of the jail.

SEE COMMISSIONERS ON PAGE 10



What's for Lunch?
Sonora ISD Menu
PK-5th : Free Breakfast & \$2.45 lunch
Middle & High School: \$1.95 Breakfast & \$2.85 lunch
*Menu Subject to Change

Monday May 15
Breakfast
Sausage, Biscuit, or Cereal, Crackers, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch
Hot Ham, Cheese Sandwich, Beans, Garden Salad, Snowball Salad, Milk
After School Program
Chex, Strawberry, Milk

Tuesday May 16
Breakfast
Dutch Waffle, Bacon, or Cereal, Crackers, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch
Chicken Alfredo, Garden Salad, Tomato-Cucumber Cup, Peaches, Milk
After School Program
Granola Bar, Milk

Wednesday May 17
Breakfast
Chicken, Waffles, or Cereal, Crackers, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch
Hamburger, Baked Potato Chip, Hamburger Garnish, Baby Carrots, Orange Smiles, Milk
After School Program
Parfait Granola

Thursday May 18
Breakfast
French Toast, Sausage, Or Cereal, Crackers, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch
Pizza, Tuscan Vegetables, Carrot Coins, Apple Slices, Cookie, Milk
After School Program
Baked Chips, Juice

Friday May 19
Breakfast
Breakfast Boat, Or Cereal, Crackers, Fruit Juice, Milk
Lunch
Chicken Bowl, Gravy, Roll, Savory Green Beans, Pears, Milk
After School Program
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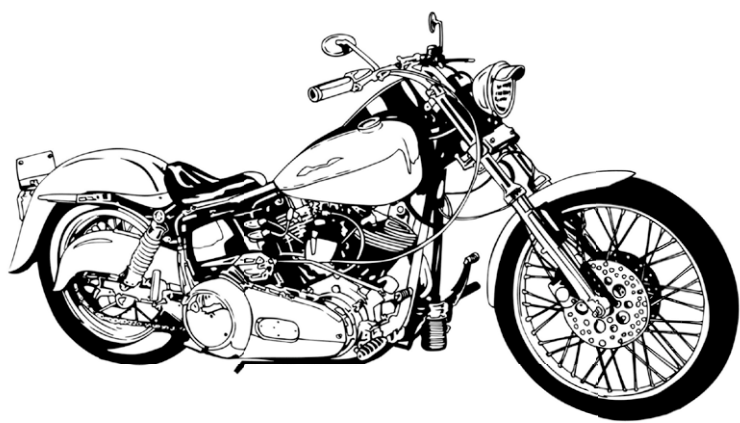
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June 12th-16th

July --TBA

Parents Name: _____

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Child Name(s) _____

Age _____

7YRS - 10 YRS @ 10:00 a.m.
5YRS - 6 YRS @ 10:30 a.m.
4YRS - 3YRS @ 11:00 a.m.
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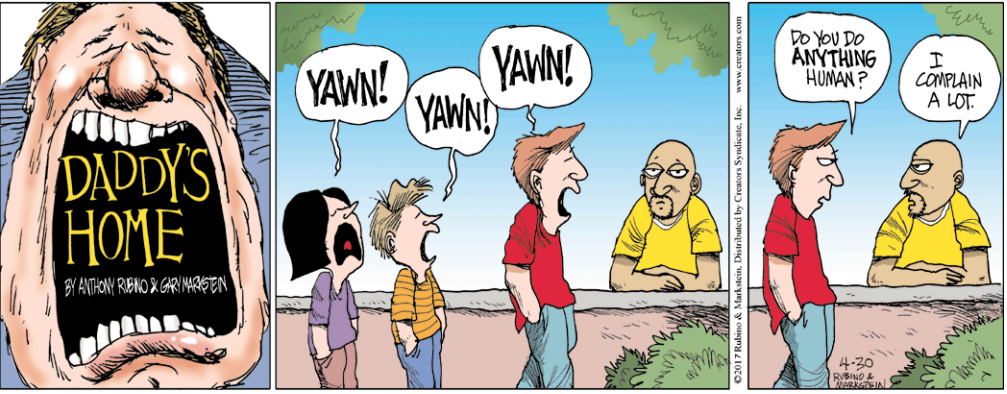
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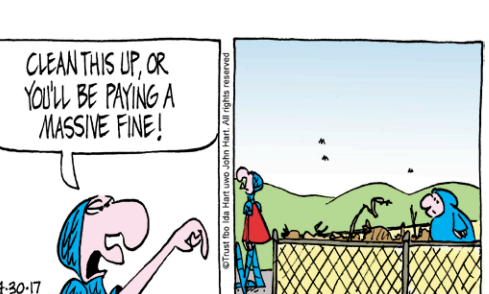
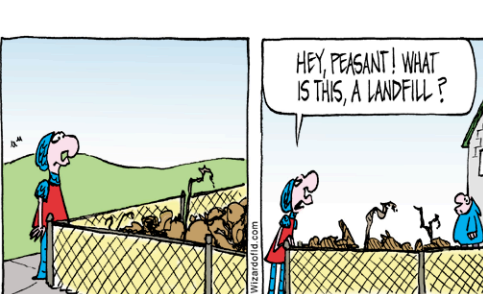
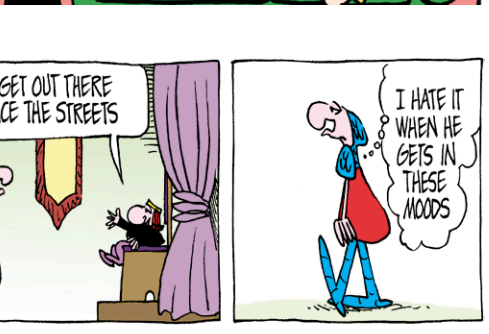
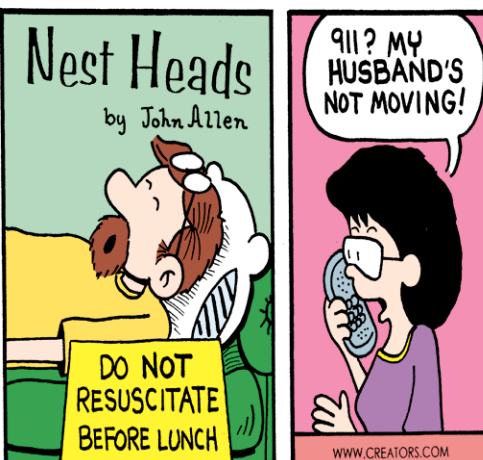
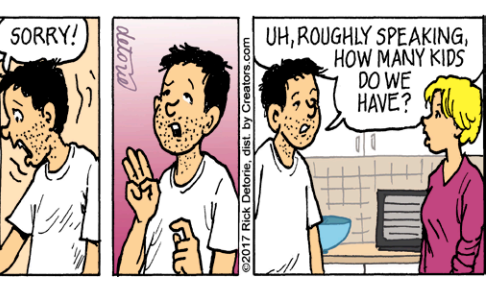
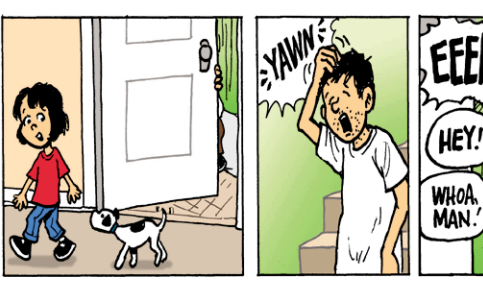
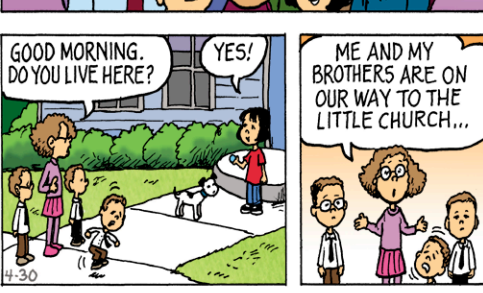
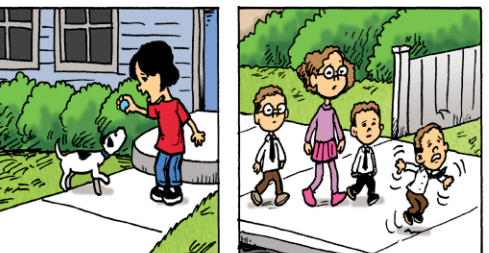
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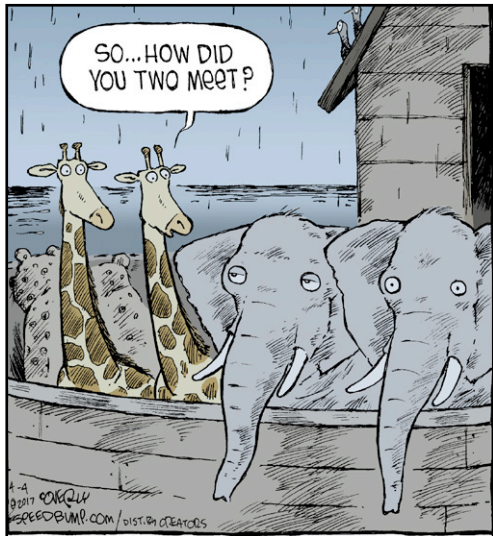
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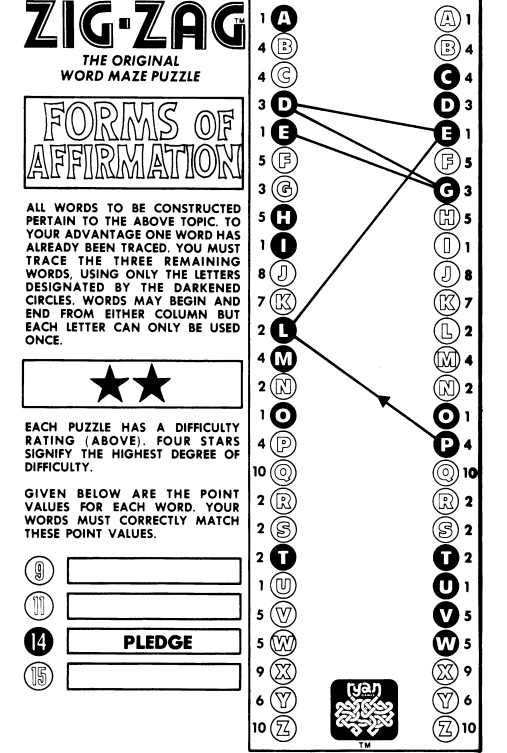
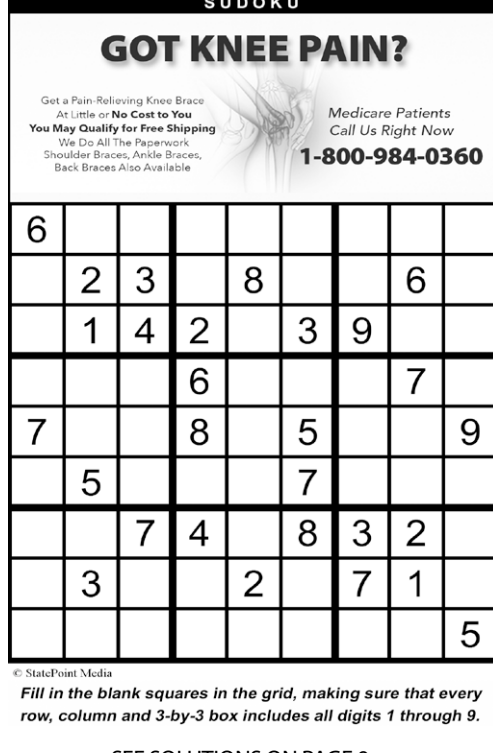
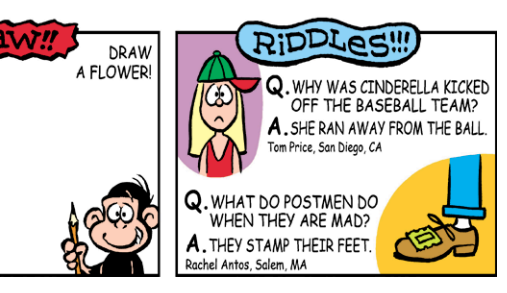
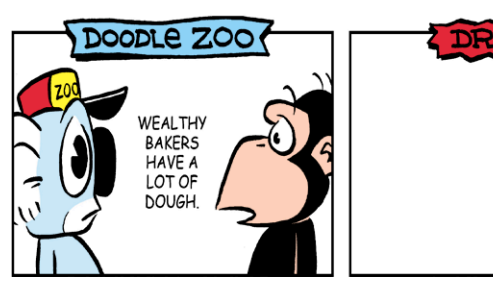
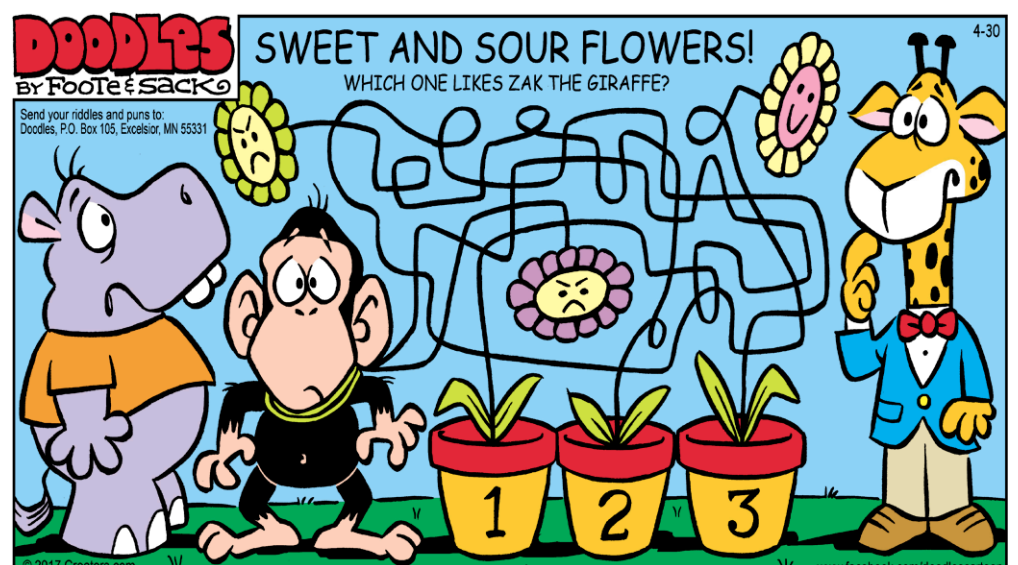
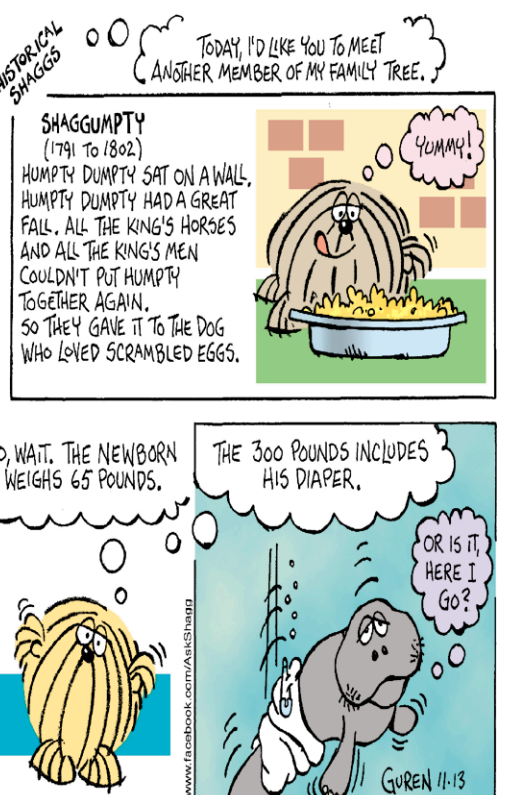
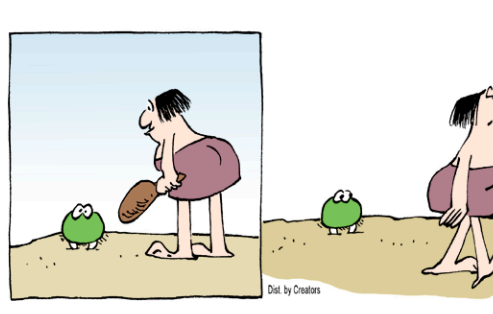
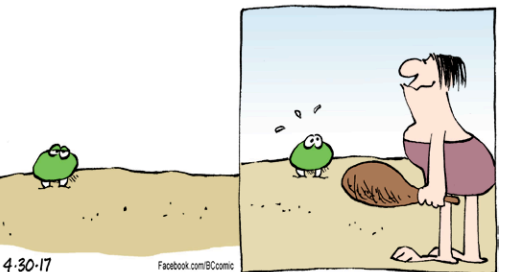
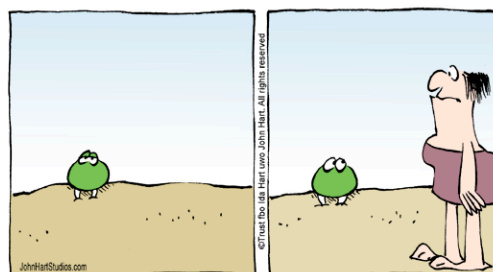
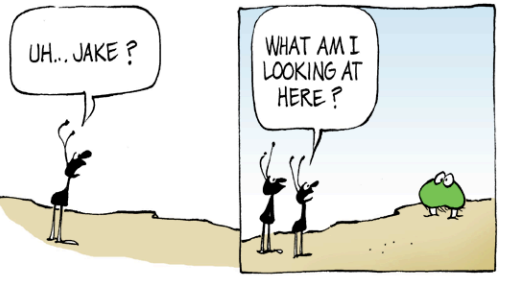
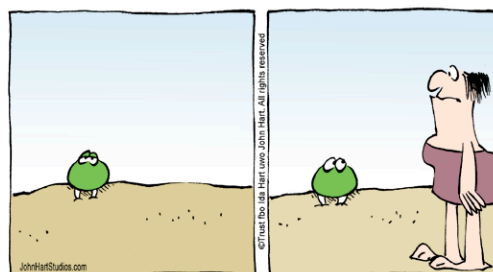
Speed Bumps

by Dave Coverly



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Roping for a Cause



Mason Kinney, Olie Smith, Monty Kinney and Sterling Smith were awarded the Champion Goat Roper buckles during the 1st Annual Sonora Strong- Pass it on Stevie Smith Memorial Roping Event Saturday, April 22, 2017. Proceeds from the event benefited Camp Good Sam-Sonora, a summer enrichment program for school age children in the community. | COURTESY PHOTO



Wheless Baker, Clay Hale Champion Heeler, Steve Beech (Champion Header), Carla Smith and Sterling Smith were awarded the Team Roping Buckles during the 1st Annual Sonora Strong- Pass it on Stevie Smith Memorial Roping event Saturday, April 22, 2017. More than 200 people including ropers, volunteers and supporters participated in the event to help raise funds for Camp Good Sam-Sonora. | COURTESY PHOTO



Many ropers from around the area, near and far, came out to commemorate the life of Stevie Smith Saturday, April 22, 2017, and help raise money for Camp Good Sam – Sonora. This event would not have been a success without the generous folks who contributed by roping, volunteering or donating. The money raised from this event benefits Camp Good Sam, a 6-week summer enrichment program for approximately 110 children ranging from 1st graders to 8th graders. The program's goal is to keep children engaged in a fun and entertaining learning environment throughout the summer months to prevent summer "backslide."

A Huge Heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to the following folks:

Olie, Carla and Sterling Smith
 Stacy Locke, Pioneer Energy
 Craig Leonard
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 Louis Bunger
 Megan Nowell
 Doug and Suzanne Huddleston
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 Robert, Liz, Gabby and Robert Zapata
 Fran Pennington
 Monty Kinney
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The following companies also played a major role in the funds raised this year. Thank you very much for your generous donations. The community of Sonora truly appreciates your part in ensuring that our youth will have a successful, fun and enriching summer experience at Camp Good Sam- Sonora.



DPS Urges Motorists to Use Caution Around Motorcyclists

May is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month

AUSTIN – As part of Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding drivers to use extra caution around motorcycles on roads and highways. The special awareness month is observed during the month of May.

"Driving requires your utmost attention and focus, whether you're in a car or on a motorcycle, and it is critical that every driver do their part to help ensure Texas roadways are safe for everyone," DPS Director Steven McCraw said. "We urge all drivers to use extra caution around motorcyclists. Additionally, in order to better protect themselves on the road, motorcyclists should wear protective gear and always obey all traffic laws."

DPS recommends that all drivers "Share the Road: Look Twice for Motorcycles," which is a motorcycle safety public awareness campaign launched by our partner agency, the Texas Department of Transportation. Based on the fact that riders are more exposed and can easily be overlooked due to their size, motorcyclists are

inherently more vulnerable while on the road. In 2016, 493 people were killed while riding a motorcycle or scooter, accounting for approximately 13 percent of all crash fatalities for the year.

In many cases, these fatalities were the result of crashes between a motorcycle and a car or truck. Collisions with a motorcycle commonly occur at intersections and while changing lanes, and all drivers should use extra caution during these situations.

Drivers and motorcyclists can significantly reduce their chances of being involved in a serious or fatal crash by adhering to basic safety measures, including:

- Perform a visual check for motorcycles by checking mirrors and blind spots before entering or exiting a lane of traffic, and at intersections.
- Always signal your intentions before changing lanes or merging with traffic.
- Allow more following distance – three or four seconds – behind a motorcycle, so the motorcyclist has enough time to maneuver or stop in an

emergency.

- Wear protective gear when driving or riding on a motorcycle.

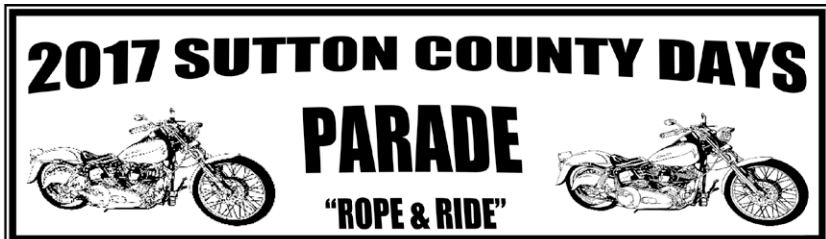
- Never tailgate. In dry conditions, motorcycles can stop more quickly than cars.

- Never drive while distracted.

- Motorcyclists must be properly licensed to operate a motorcycle in the State of Texas. Currently more than one million individuals possess a Texas Class M (motorcycle) license. Proof of successful completion of a DPS-approved basic or intermediate motorcycle operator training course is required for licensing. Licensed motorcyclists can also take a refresher course to reinforce safe riding techniques. Each year the DPS Motorcycle Safety Unit trains approximately 38,000 motorcycle operators.

The Motorcycle Safety Unit coordinates training courses at 203 locations around the state for both basic and experienced riders.

For more information on motorcycle training or to find a training location in your area, call 1-800-292-5787 or visit www.dps.texas.gov/msb/.



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SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017

****LINEUP 8:00 A.M. AT THE SONORA ELEMENTARY ON CONCHO AVE****
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ENTRY DEADLINE FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2017

Return signed entry form to:

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Phone: 325-387-2880 ~ Fax: 325-387-5357

Website: www.sonoratexas.org ~ chamber@sonoratexas.org

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2017 Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo Stevie Smith Memorial Mutton Bustin' Entry Form

The preliminary Kid's Mutton Bustin' will be held Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. The top 6 contestants will return for finals in the Friday, June 23, 2017 Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo. It is open to any child between the ages of 4 and 7, weighing 55 pounds or less. Entry fee is \$10 per child. Each Mutton Bustin' finalist receives free entry into the Friday night performance of the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo. The overall Mutton Bustin' winner will receive a buckle, 2nd place will receive a gift certificate for a pair of boots, and 3rd place will receive a pair of spurs. All top 6 places to receive a youth rope!

- Notes:
1. A helmet is required and will be provided.
 2. Each child may have ONE helper/parent in the arena.
 3. SCDA reserves the right to refuse any entry.

Name of Contestant: _____

Hobbies/Interests: _____

T-Shirt Size (XS 2-4, Sm 6-8, Med 10-12 Lg 14-16 _____)

Weight: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Must weigh in at registration

Name of parent/guardian: _____ Arena Helper: _____
 (Only 1 helper/parent allowed in the arena during performance)

Telephone Number: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____
 Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

All Entries must include the hold harmless release below. It must be signed by the parent/guardian of the entrant. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Release

The undersigned does hereby voluntarily assume all risks arising out of and/or connected with his or her participation in the below named event and does hereby release the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo and Sutton County Days Association, the employees, agents, and/or officers, and all other persons associated with the organizations, from any and all claims and causes of action that may result from an injury to the undersigned which has been sustained or may be sustained, and from any and all damages to property belonging to the undersigned that may be a result of his or her participation in the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo Mutton Bustin'. If the undersigned is a minor, the parent or guardian of said minor shall sign this release and hereby agrees to hold each of the above said persons harmless from any liability whatsoever to say minor arising out of his or her participation in the above named event.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Printed name and address of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Witness _____ Date _____

Deadline for entry is Friday, June 7th by 5:00 p.m. in order to receive a t-shirt.
 Turn in entry form to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 205 Hwy 277 N.
 FMI Ann Morriss 830-591-6969

Devil's River News Weekly Rainfall Report

May 1-9	0.01 in.	May 1-9	0.00 in.
April	1.23 in.	April	2.48 in.
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	5.07 in.	2017 Year-to-Date Total	5.81 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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Sutton County 4-H Well Represented at Annual Spring District Contests

Fourteen Sutton County 4-H'ers competed in 7 events during last week's Spring District Competition. These participants learn soil and plant science, or how to evaluate fleeces with regard to grade, texture, length and yield. The judging events teach necessary decision-making skills. The Educational Presentations and Share-The-Fun events help develop public speaking skills. Following are results.

PLANT IDENTIFICATION:
 Cassia Hernandez - 2nd high junior individual; Avery Wardlaw - 9th high junior individual; Aidan Leamon - 8th high intermediate individual.

RANGE EVALUATION:
 Avery Wardlaw - 5th high junior individual; Cassia Hernandez - 6th high junior individual; Aidan Leamon - 7th high intermediate individual; Christina Hernandez - 4th high senior individual; Catarina Hernandez - 5th high senior individual.

The Sutton County Team placed 1st and will advance to state competition.

SOIL SCIENCE:
 Tully Flanagan - high individual; Rebeckah Owen

- 2nd high Junior individual; Summer Hall - 4th high senior individual.

The Sutton County Team placed 1st and will advance to state competition.

MOHAIR JUDGING:
 Weston Fisher - 5th high junior individual; Corbin Crenwelge - 7th high junior individual; Madalyn Fisher - 4th high junior individual; Aidan Leamon - 9th high intermediate individual.

WOOL JUDGING:
 Weston Fisher - 3rd high junior individual; Corbin Crenwelge - 6th high junior individual; Madalyn Fisher - 4th high intermediate individual; Aidan Leamon - 8th high intermediate individual.



Pascual Hernandez

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS:
 Keegan McCollum - 2nd senior educational presentation: "Waters of the U.S."; advances to state competition.

SHARE-THE-FUN:
 Delaney Ramsdell - 1st senior Vocal; advances to state competition.

We are proud of all contestants!



Tanner Flanagan and Owen Jones participated in plant identification during the Spring District Contest Saturday, April 29, 2017 in Schleicher County. Fourteen 4-H students from Sutton County competed in seven events ranging from soil identification to wool judging.

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MOMMY AND ME:

Aside from all of the excitement and festivities, the event, one of two annual fundraisers, helped fund and further the education of local young ladies in the community.

Debra Hobbs, Scholarship Chairperson, organized the event. She and her committee envisioned providing an extraordinary experience for mothers and daughters in the community as well as raise scholarship monies.

"This is better than I ever imagined," Hobbs said. "I can't believe the number of people here today. Everyone is really enjoying themselves and it makes me feel happy and blessed. I am looking forward to doing this again."

Reader Recipes

"Pizza Party Dip"

The Sonora Woman's Club has always been committed to serving the community of Sonora. Throughout the years, members have contributed new ideas and implemented new traditions to continue their success. In 2016, Debra Hobbs, chaired a committee to provide scholarships to local students, to help them further their education following high school graduation. Aside from her diligence in helping the community, Debra is also known for her recipe for "Pizza Party Dip." It is the perfect appetizer for those hungry graduation parties.

- 1/2 lb. breakfast Italian Sausage (cooked, crumbled and left to dry)
- 5 slices bacon (cooked, crumbled and left to dry)
- 1/2 cup Canadian bacon (cubed)
- 1/2 cup Pepperoni slices (cubed)
- 1/4 cup green or red pepper
- 1/2 onion
- 2 cups Mozzarella cheese (grated)
- Italian seasoning to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Saute bell pepper and onion together. Mix together cooked and dry ingredients. Add half of cheese and put mixture into baking dish. Top with remaining cheese. Sprinkle with Italian seasoning. Bake until cheese is melted and dip is hot, about 15-25 minutes. Serve with crackers.

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Convention

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 opposition to SJR 2 and similar resolutions that have passed or are up for consideration in other state legislatures. One of several concerns the organizations have expressed related to the influence private interests might exert over delegates to a constitutional convention of the states.

Abbott signs Senate Bill 4
 Gov. Abbott on May 7 signed legislation banning so-called "sanctuary cities" and prohibiting local law enforcement policies that don't comply with federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainer requests.

SB 4 triggered long and contentious floor debates on April 26 and 27 in the Texas House before passing with only Republican members voting in favor. The Senate concurred with amendments the House made to the bill and the bill was then forwarded to the governor, for his signature.

ICE has the authority to place a detainer on a person who has been arrested on local criminal charges and for whom ICE possesses probable cause to believe that the person is removable from the United States.

Revenue intake increases
 Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on May 2 reported state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.44 billion in April, an amount 2.5 percent more than in April 2016.

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in April 2017 was up by 3.3 percent compared with the same period a year ago, Hegar added.

Modest growth in state sales tax revenue reflects increased business spending in some sectors, Hegar

said. "While net collections from oil and gas companies remain depressed, receipts from the manufacturing and wholesale trade sectors were up markedly. The results of consumer spending appear mixed, with increased tax collections from restaurants but a slight decrease in retail trade," he added.

Sales tax revenue is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 58 percent of all tax collections in fiscal 2016.

Abbott proclaims disaster

Gov. Abbott on May 1 declared a state of disaster exists in East Texas counties of Henderson, Rains and Van Zandt after severe thunderstorms spawning tornadoes swept through the area about 70 miles east of Dallas on April 29.

Nine tornadoes were reported, and at least four deaths were attributed to the weather system. Many homes and businesses were destroyed, and infrastructure was damaged. Abbott authorized the use of all available resources of state government and political subdivisions to cope with the disaster.

Officials seek Zika help

Gov. Abbott and Texas Department of State Health Services Commissioner John Hellerstedt on May 4 sent a joint letter to mayors and county judges across the state, asking local officials for more support in preventing the spread of the mosquito-borne Zika virus. With seasonal temperatures increasing, Abbott and Hellerstedt asked mayors and county judges to accelerate mosquito abatement efforts and to increase public outreach.

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2017 Little Miss and Little Mr. Sutton County Entry Form & Rules

1. A \$5.00 entry fee is required upon entry from each contestant.
2. The contestants must have turned (3) yrs of age and must not have turned seven (7) prior to June 27, 2017.
3. Parent or guardian must be present throughout the contest.
4. Contestants must be a resident of Sutton County or be eligible to attend Sonora Schools.
5. Completed pre-entry forms must be returned by **June 12, 2017** to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office at 205 Hwy 277 N or mailed to P.O. Box 1172, Sonora, TX 76950.
6. **There will be no late or last minute entries accepted, so that all contestants may be pictured in the Devil's River News the week of the contest.**
7. Bring a picture of the contestant to be put in the Devil's River News or email to chamber@sonoratexas.org
8. Contest begins at 10:15 a.m. on Saturday, June 24, 2017 at the stage under the pavilion at the Sutton County Park.
9. If the contestant wishes to sing or dance, he or she **may not have recorded accompaniment**, but may play an instrument themselves.
10. All contestants should dress comfortably and appropriately for children their age.
11. All contestants are very much encouraged to participate in the Sutton County Days Parade to be held on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m.
12. **Entry forms will not be accepted without signatures.**

Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Birth Date: _____

Favorite Food: _____

Favorite Toy: _____

Interests: _____

Girl or Boy (Circle One) \$5.00 Entry Fee Included _____ Cash _____ Check _____

Parent/guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

To insure your child's safety, we request the parents' presence throughout the contest. _____ (Initial)

For further information contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 325-387-2880

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The Blotter



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

SONORA PD NO ARREST INCIDENTS

MAY 1 - 8:43 AM • Caller requested assistance at Tres Amigos. Officer responded.
10:16 AM • Caller requested an officer at 400 block of W. Oak. Officer responded.
7:44 PM • Caller reported possible disorderly conduct at Bronco Stadium. Officer responded.
11:15 PM • 9-1-1 assistance call at 100 block of Tres Street. Officer responded.
11:43 PM • Caller reported loud music at 100 block of W. Poplar. Officer responded.
MAY 2 - 12:45 AM • Caller reported loud music at 100 block of W. Poplar. Officer responded.
12:50 AM • Caller requested an officer at W. 5th. Officer responded.
4:56 PM • Caller requested an officer at 100 block of N. Water Avenue. Officer responded.
9:58 PM • Caller requested an officer at 100 block of S. 2nd. Officer responded.
MAY 3 - 2:25 PM • Caller requested a welfare check at Stripes Subway. Officer responded.
9:58 PM • 9-1-1 assistance call at 300 block of Calle Sanchez. Officer responded.
MAY 4 - 12:07 AM • Caller reported a suspicious person at 100 block of Deerwood. Officer responded.
MAY 5 - 1:49 PM • Caller requested assistance at I-10 MM 397. Officer responded.
MAY 6 - 8:52 AM • Caller requested Animal Control at Miers Road. Officer responded.
12:58 PM • Caller reported fireworks 1500 block of S. Crockett Avenue. Officer responded.
MAY 6 - 8:23 AM • Caller requested Animal Control at Miers Road. Officer responded.
5:24 PM • Caller reported an accident/wreck on Hwy 277 North and Sutton. Officer responded.

SUTTON COUNTY SHERIFF ARRESTS

MAY 1 • Rodolfo Contreras, 32-year old male of Sonora. Arrested on a Bench Warrant.
 • Ernesto Ruiz, 46-year old male of Kingsville. Arrested on a Sutton County warrant.
MAY 4 • Daniel Hernandez, 55-year old male of Sonora. Arrested on a Sutton County warrant for Manufacture/Deliver of a Controlled Substance and Tom Green County warrant.
 • Dustin Lindley, 38-year old of Brownwood. Arrested for a Parole warrant.
MAY 5 • Marina Reyes, 26-year old female of Corpus Christi. Arrested for a warrant out of Nueces Co.
 • Favio Adame, 45-year old male of Sonora was arrested for Contempt of Court.
 • Michael Ramirez, 32-year old male of Santa Ana, Ca. Arrested for possession of controlled substance and possession of marijuana.
 • Ryan Alvey, 33-year old male of Clarkson, KY. Arrested in court on a Sutton County warrant.
MAY 6 • Omar Gomez, 34-year old male of Pomona, Ca. Arrested on an out of state warrant.

INCIDENTS

MAY 1- 2:03 PM • Caller reported an unwanted subject on Central Ave. Deputy responded.
1:40 PM • Caller reported a reckless driver on I-10 at 406 mm. Deputy responded.
MAY 4 - 9:29 AM • Caller reported a bull on the corner of W. Poplar and Miers Rd. Deputy and PD officer responded.
12:07 PM • Caller reported damaged property on South Service Rd. Deputy responded.
6:48 PM • Caller reported property damaged on Bloodworth Rd. Deputy responded.
MAY 5 - 3:06 PM • Caller reported a welfare check on Juno Rd. Deputy responded.
3:08 PM • Caller reported debris in the road way on I-10 at 386 mm. Deputy responded.
3:42 PM • Deputy spoke with individual regarding a complaint on South Service Road.
MAY 7 - 4:15 PM • Caller reported suspicious activity and theft on I-10 at 420 mm. Deputies responded.

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE ON PAGE 4

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SCHD Trustees Eye Opportunities to Improve Budget Concerns

The Sutton County Hospital District Board of Trustees discussed and approved measures to help their budget in both areas of revenue and expenditures during their regular meeting Monday, May 8, 2017.

John Graves, CEO, presented a detailed view of the budget including past, present and future expenses and proceeds. He asked the board to consider necessary steps as well as ideas, going forward, to help ensure a positive financial future for the hospital. Hudspeth is one of the many rural hospitals affected by economic and patient population challenges.

In regular business, trustees approved the minutes of the March 13 and April 10 regular meetings.

Additionally, they approved the regular monthly financials as presented by Mickey Schaefer, CFO.

Schaefer reported a decrease in revenue, both for the past month and year-to-date as well as a slight increase in expenses.

In part, the increase is due to the purchase of new TVs in patient rooms and payouts for employee benefits.

Additionally, revenue has declined due to a decrease in patient volume.

In other business, the Board approved to enter into an agreement with GENEMED/Pharmacogenomics.

This agreement also provides the hospital with revenue opportunities. Qualifying patients are tested, by collection of a DNA swabbing, to better understand and help in the treatment of illness and disease. In partnering with the testing lab, Hudspeth is entitled to receive fifty-percent of the patient cost collected.

Additionally, board members approved a Point of Service Collections Policy to better assist in recovering bad debt, thus improving revenue.

Finally, the board approved provisional consulting staff and provisional courtesy staff as recommended by the medical staff.

Without further discussion, the meeting adjourned.

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

The next regular meeting of the SCHD Board of Trustees is set for Monday, June 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Wellness Center.

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- Bids are invited for several items and approximate quantities of work as follows:
- 1) Three pump, 40-gpm, prefabricated pump station with building (Pump / Electrical Room & Chlorine Room) (Pre-Qualification Required), foundation, electrical & SCADA with Current City Integrator.
 - 2) 45,000-gallon AWWA D103-09 bolted steel ground storage reservoir, foundation and electrical
 - 3) 60-kw standby generator on concrete foundation.
 - 4) Pressure monitoring point in 5-ft diameter manhole and SCADA; mag meter in 5-ft diameter manhole.
 - 5) Site work including yard piping and electrical connections to Pump Station and Ground Storage Reservoir. (Water Pipe 417-LF; 4" to 6" Drain Line 521-LF); 10 3" to 8" Gate Valves; 2 4" Check Valves)
 - 6) Site grading, including 612-SY flexible base driveway, 1,180-LF site perimeter chain link fence and gate.

Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at the office of Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter, LLP, 11910 Greenville Ave., Suite 600, Dallas, Texas 75243. Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be purchased in the amount of **\$75.00 Dollars** (non-refundable) at the office of Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter, L.L.P, for each set of documents obtained.

A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid [for those contracts that exceed \$100,000]. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Sonora, Texas or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual identity, gender identity, or national origin.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by City of Sonora, Texas for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders' qualifications prior to the contract award.

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- Bids are invited for several items and approximate quantities of work as follows:
- Base Bid – Drilling, construction, development and testing of a 40-gpm (75-hp) municipal water well, 0 to 420-ft, including pilot bore hole, 6-inch well casing, control panel, SCADA, disinfection, piping and well head sealing slab.
- Additive Alternate Bid – Provide second municipal water well with the same specifications as the Base Bid.

Well driller shall be licensed by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. Well driller shall have installed three public supply wells in the last ten years to a depth of 400-feet or greater in the Edwards Aquifer with a nominal diameter of 6-inches or more.

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Canada and Mexico as the second and third largest markets for U.S. farm products," Friess said. "While we are fully supportive of improving NAFTA, we would hate to see us completely withdraw from the agreement and start a trade war with our neighbors and best customers."

The group also updated lawmakers on the efforts to extend Interstate 27.

"Extending I-27 is a long-term proposal that will have a tremendous impact on West Texas. We continue to work through the process, building support in communities along the proposed route and coordinating closely with the Texas Department of Transportation. We are not quite at the point for congressional action yet, but we are keeping our members of congress fully informed so that they can be ready to move quickly when that time comes," said Friess.

Ports-to-Plains is a grassroots alliance of over 275 communities and businesses, including alliance partners Heartland Expressway, Theodore Roosevelt Expressway and Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor Coalition, whose mission is to advocate for a robust international transportation infrastructure to promote economic security and prosperity throughout North America's energy and agricultural heartland including Mexico to Canada.

Additional information on the Ports-to-Plains Alliance is available at <http://www.portstoplains.com/>.



Sky Jennings, Holly Sparks, Kayla Edwards and Mollie Taylor were named Sonora Woman's Club Scholarship recipients during the Woman's Club meeting Thursday, May 4, 2017.

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Sonora Woman's Club Awards 4 Scholarships

The Sonora Woman's Club named four 2017 Scholarship recipients during their monthly meeting Thursday, May 4, 2017.

Each young lady received \$1,000 to help further her education at a college or University.

Mollie Taylor, a Sonora High School senior, received the 2nd annual Woman's Club Scholarship.

Additionally, Shayna Edwards received a Legacy Scholarship, provided by her mother and current member, Kristy Edwards.

Holly Sparks also received a Legacy Scholarship from her mother and current member, Janelle Sparks.

And, Sky Jennings received a Legacy Scholarship from her grandmother

and current member Barbara Jennings.

Taylor is planning to attend West Texas A&M University in the fall, Edwards will be attending Texas A&M University, Sparks will be attending Texas Tech University and Jennings will be attending University of Texas in the fall.

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The department has received Tasers and officers are awaiting the necessary training before using them.

Finally, Sheriff Chavez noted the body armor and additional equipment including tactical flash lights donated by Dakota Castro through his fundraising efforts.

Extension Agent Pascual Hernandez updated the court on current activities including the upcoming Rancher's Round-up Workshop, May 24.

Judge Steve Smith presented a request by Librarian Florie Gonzales to change the cost of copies made for the public. Currently, the library produces approximately 1500 black and white copies and more than 3,000 color copies each month. The changes include increasing the cost of black and white copies from 10 cents each to 20 cents each and the cost of color copies from one dollar per copy to 50 cents for the first 25 copies and 25 cents for each additional copy.

Carl Teaff brought up a

discussion regarding Allison Park. The discussion included the possibility of re-opening the park to the public, employing part-time staff to collect entry fees, oversee park activities and costs for upkeep.

In other business, Commissioners approved a request by Jock Dutton, on behalf of Jimalee Dutton (not present,) to waive the fee for use of the pavilion for the annual Sonora ISD Sport Banquet slated for May 21.

Commissioners also approved a request by Susan Hall to plant a tree in the cemetery in honor of National Arbor Day. The Sonora ISD 5th grade class will participate in the planting this Friday, May 12.

The court also approved a motion to designate Maura Weingart, County Auditor, to negotiate the terms for shared cost and upfront payment for the replacement of the A/C unit at the EMS building. Due to age of the unit, needed repairs and to avoid additional future costs, the unit was replaced recently at a

cost of more than \$6,000. Currently, the county and hospital share costs associated with providing EMS in Sutton County and Sonora. The building housing the EMS personnel, equipment and Ambulances is owned by the county.

Finally, Judge Smith reminded everyone present about National Peace Officers Appreciation Week, from May 14 to May 20. A Proclamation of the Court recognizing all of the local law enforcement officers will be present during an appreciation ceremony is set for May 15, National Peace Officer Day, in front of the courthouse.

Without further discussion or comments, the meeting adjourned.

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

The next regular meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners is set for May 22, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Annex Building.

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302 SE Water St.	2BR/1B	\$89,500.00
311 Cornell St.	3BR/2B	\$95,000.00
1101 S. Concho	2BR/1B	\$95,000.00
712 S. Concho	2BR/1B	\$97,500.00
611 S. Prospect Ave.	2BR/2B	\$105,000.00
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107 Draw St.	Under Contract	\$139,500.00
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2493 SCR 104	4BR/2B	\$170,000.00
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TxDOT Marking 100th Year with May 19 Program in Ozona

Liberty Truck to Also Be Displayed at Rest Area West of Sonora
Completion of IH-10 Among SA District's Most Significant Projects

The Texas Department of Transportation is celebrating a century of service this year with a traveling exhibit which includes a refurbished 27-foot-long 1918 Liberty Truck and other transportation memorabilia. The San Angelo District, in partnership with the Ozona Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center, will host a community event on Friday, May 19, 2017 at 10am in celebration of the occasion.

Festivities will begin at the Chamber's Plaza, 505 15th St. in Ozona, with remarks from Crockett County Judge Fred Deaton, San Angelo District Engineer Mark Jones, and retired Sonora Resident Engineer Joe Lane. Mr. Lane is the only surviving resident engineer who

oversaw the building of Interstate 10. Following these remarks, guests will be invited into the Chamber to view two videos about the centennial. One video features the history of the agency for the last 100 years and the other features the history of the San Angelo District with interviews from retired and current employees.

TxDOT would like individuals to sign the centennial poster, take a selfie with "Miss Liberty", and enjoy light refreshments. The event will also feature lots of old photographs and exhibits. "Share a Memory" cards will be available for guests to write a memory of TxDOT. The cards will be placed in a time capsule later this year at the district headquarters in San

Angelo, to be opened in 50 years.

The Liberty Truck will also be on display at the Wagon Wheel Rest Area on IH-10 six miles west of Sonora on Friday, May 19 from 2pm to 4pm on the eastbound side. Travelers and others will have the opportunity to receive Texas maps, giveaways and take selfies with the truck.

The construction of 152 miles of Interstate 10, spanning Kimble, Sutton and Crockett counties, was one of the most significant projects in the history of the San Angelo District.

Work began on contracted projects in Sutton County in December of 1966.

The first project was from the Sutton-Crockett County line east to the



This 1918 Liberty Truck and other transportation memorabilia will be on display in Ozona on Friday morning, May 19th. The display will move to the eastbound side of Wagon Wheel Rest Stop, six miles west of Sonora, that afternoon where visitors may view it between the hours of 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. | COURTESY PHOTO

Sonora Caverns Road. The second was a continuation from the cavern road to the west end of Sonora.

The Texas Highway Commission approved construction of 14.1 miles of IH-10, beginning 1.2 miles east of RM 864 in June 1968. The \$4.8 million project included grading, surfacing, structures and surfacing.

When 20 miles of interstate opened on June 26, 1969 *The Devil's River News* reported "There was some question by local ranchers on how to maneuver around and through the crossovers, and there was some discussion on whether there should be signs saying, 'Get on Carra' and 'Get off Carra.' Carra Simmons did make it to the ranch and back on Tuesday morning, but she said the highway department had made a heck of a mess, and that she SURE wasn't going to Ozona any more."

By 1971, construction of a 1.5 mile stretch from three-tenths of a mile west of Sonora to nine-tenths of a mile east of Hwy 277 was occurring. Work was also continuing on the 14.3-mile section five miles east of

town and extending 19 miles east to Baker Road. This brought the interstate to within seven miles of Ozona.

Major work for 1972 included the bridge spanning US Hwy 277 connecting to Interstate 10.

Allan Construction of San Antonio was awarded the contract for the Sonora By-Pass on January 23, 1973. It opened with a gala celebration on March 11, 1975. Final inspection of the last IH-10 project was in October 1979.

Original construction of the 53.7 miles of interstate in Sutton County took almost 13 years to complete and involved 10 major contracts. Total cost of construction was \$32,758,434.00.

Meanwhile in Crockett County, an eight and a half mile section starting at Taylor Box Road was the only section completed by 1969. The 1970s, however, brought the interstate to Ozona and Sonora. This decade saw the completion of a 10-mile section west of Ozona to Bachler Hill. Both sides of Gurley Draw were completed in 1976.

The project involved a 5,000 yard concrete pour

over the dirt elevation built up on both sides of the draw. The 600 foot span bridge over the Pecos River, 35 miles west of Ozona, was under construction in 1978.

The \$8 million dollar project was the largest and most challenging section of road built in the San Angelo District. It involved movement of 1.5 million cubic yards of excavation.

"The Big Cut," as it was known, covered half a mile and required tiered blasting down 100 feet to reach the road base. The excavated rock was used to fill in the dry Pecos River bottom in an area that became known as "The Big Fill." It raised the interstate more than 100 feet from the riverbed and required more than 4,000 feet of reinforced concrete pipe for drainage.

The Big Cut and the Big Fill were finished in the 1980s and thus completed the 53 miles of interstate in Crockett County.

In 2002, Crockett County received \$1,139,040.00 in funding from TxDOT's Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program to build a visitor center in Ozona.

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Broncos Fall to Alpine in Bi-District Round

The Sonora Broncos fell to Alpine in a Bi-District double header Friday, May 5, 2017, ending their 2017 baseball season.

In game one, the Broncos took an early lead over the Bucks but

a combination of errors resulted in Alpines' 13-11 win over Sonora.

Batting for Sonora, Noah San Miguel started things off in the first inning with a line drive and a single. Then, the Broncos went on to score four more runs.

A double from Daniel Gonzales allowed one run for the Broncos followed by two more runs off of a double by San Miguel and a run off of a single by Michael Mungia.

However, Alpine answered with four runs of their own in the top of the fourth.

On the bump, Isaiah Lira pitched two and a third innings for the Broncos before San Miguel took over.

Although the Broncos lost game one, they managed 14 hits in the game. Lira, Caleb Galvan, Wesley Dutton, Mungia, and SanMiguel each collected multiple hits for Sonora

In game two, Alpine captured the lead in the second inning.

Batting in the top of the sixth, and tied at two with Alpine, a Broncos error afforded the Bucks a run across home plate.

Alpine went on to score two additional runs shutting down Sonora and taking the 5-2 win.

Giving it a good season run, Sonora finished the 2017 season with a 16-7 record.

All of the players deserve commendation for their hard work.



Caleb Galvan makes a run to third base during game one of the Bi-District playoffs Friday, May 5, 2017, in Alpine. The Broncos fell to the Bucks in Friday's double header closing out their 2017 baseball season. They finished 16-7 for the season. KATHY MANKIN | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



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