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Rope & Ride

SISD Board Welcomes New SMS Principal

Sonora ISD Board members welcomed Daron Worrell during their regular meeting Thursday, June 8, 2017 before handling regular agenda items.

Worrell was hired to carry out the duties of SISD Middle School principal beginning immediately. He and his family are relocating to Sonora from Brackettville where he spent the past two years as principal at the Brackett Middle School. Worrell brings a professional portfolio of teaching and coaching as well as administration.

In regular business, the board approved the consent agenda items including the Tax Assessor-Collector report, minutes of the May 1st, May 15th and May 23rd meetings as presented.

They also approved the board financial report and quarterly investment report as presented.

Superintendent Ross Aschenbeck reported on the latest developments with the legislative session and how it affects Sonora ISD.

The 85th legislative session is over and House Bill 21 failed, he said.

As a result, public school districts across the state lose more than a billion dollars in state funding, he added. Sonora ISD realized a loss of \$2.4 million.

Aschenbeck said the district has already taken steps to reduce expenses.

"We have reduced the number of teachers by 18 as well as 2 administrative positions," Aschenbeck said. "That's a reduction of 20 professional positions that will help cut salary expenses for the 2017-2018 budget."

On another note, Aschenbeck reported the results of the district's overall academic performance this past year.

In other business, the board approved Policy Update 108,

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Local 4-H Students Bring Home Awards

Sutton County youth brought home a variety of awards from the 71st annual Texas 4-H Roundup held at Texas A&M University last week, June 6-8, 2017.

Nine local 4-H members competed in four areas of the event with one student receiving a scholarship.

Keegan McCollum earned 6th place in the Open Agriculture and Natural Resources Education Presentation.

Cara Hernandez, Catarina Hernandez and Christina Hernandez were awarded 2nd place in the Range Evaluation Contest.

Rebeckah Owen was awarded 2nd place in High Individual and Christina Hernandez also earned 4th place in High Individual.

Tully Flanagan, Summer Hall and Rebeckah Owen earned 5th place in the Soil Judging Contest.

Delaney Ramsdell was awarded 3rd place in the Share-The-Fun Solo/ Band Contest and Tate Shannon was awarded a Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship.

Sutton County agent Jessica Stapp said Texas 4-H Roundup is the pinnacle event for all of Texas 4-H, with more than 4,000 participants competing in approximately 50 competitions throughout the week-long event. The majority of the events require each individual or team to qualify at the county and district level, she added.

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Kristin Garrett, 2016 Miss Sutton County, helps members of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce and the Sutton County Outlaw Pro Rodeo Association prepare for the 2017 annual Sutton County Days and rodeo events set for June 23 and 24. This year's theme, "Rope and Ride" invites the community to saddle up their motorcycles and participate in the annual parade Saturday morning.

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"Rope & Ride" Theme for 2017 Annual Sutton County Days and Outlaw Pro Rodeo

Folks in Sutton County are gearing up for the 44th annual Sutton County Days & Outlaw Pro Rodeo in Sonora keeping in mind this year's theme, 'Rope & Ride.'

Sonora Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Donna Garrett said she hopes to have at least 100 motorcycles leading the annual Sutton County Days parade this year.

"I am so excited about this year's events," Garrett said. "I think motorcycles are a fun way to spice things up a little bit for Sutton County Days."

In addition to the usual crowd of people who come out and show their support and/or participate

in the annual event, Garrett said she also hopes to see new faces this year.

"We want to continue this tradition and continue to make it bigger and better than the year before," Garrett said. "Every year is like a homecoming for a lot of people. Hopefully, we can interest new people from around the area to become a part of our tradition."

Attracting hundreds of fans as well as participants from all over the state of Texas and beyond, the event is one of the largest festivities held in Sonora every year. Activities include a parade, crowning competitions, vendors, live entertainment and

of course rodeo performances.

As well, people can take advantage of unique shopping, arts and crafts and a variety of traditional games.

This year the festivities begin on Thursday, June 22nd with Rodeo Slack Performances at 8:30 a.m. and county roping at 7:00 p.m.

The first of two live rodeo performances, including Bronco riding, Bull Riding and Mutton Bustin' ensues at 7:45 p.m., on Friday, June 23rd at the Rodeo grounds.

Saturday, June 24th begins with the traditional rodeo parade at 9:00 a.m., making its way through town featuring decorated floats and the 2017

Little Miss and Little Mr. Sutton County and Miss Sutton County contestants.

A full day of activities will take place on Saturday beginning with a 1 mile and 5k race at 7:00 a.m. followed by the annual parade at 9:00 a.m.

Next, in keeping with tradition, Sutton County Days activities and events will continue beginning with an opening ceremony at 10:00 a.m., washer pitching, Little Mr. & Miss Sutton County contest and the introduction of the 2017 Miss Sutton County Queen contestants lasting until noon.

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Building a Better World Through Summer Reading

Books, games and imaginative play captured the attention of young minds Tuesday morning, June 6, 2017, on the first day of the Summer Reading Program at the Sutton County Library.

The program, titled "Building a Better World," opened Tuesday and continues through June 27th.

Geared towards children ages Pre-K through 4th grades, the program provides enrichment through reading books, interactive games and imaginative play.

Librarian Florie Gonzales said the program is an important part of helping build and maintain skills that children need to be successful in school - and it is fun.

"We have just as much fun as they do," Gonzales said.

Volunteers, like Judy Friess, spend time with children reading stories and teaching them the importance of knowledge.

Each Tuesday, sessions begin at 10:00 a.m. for children ages Pre-K through Kindergarten followed by first and second graders at 11:00 a.m. After lunch, third and fourth grade children



Judy Friess captures the attention of children by reading stories Tuesday morning, June 6, 2017, at the Sutton County Library. The annual summer reading program provides enrichment through reading for children ages Pre-K through 4th grade.

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meet at 1:30 p.m.
A special program for all grades is set for Tuesday June

20th at 10:30 a.m.
The program is open to the public at no cost.

For more information call the Sutton County Library at 325-387-2111.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

- Pro-life insurance reform;
 - Strengthening abortion-reporting requirements when health complications arise;
 - Strengthening patient protections relating to do-not-resuscitate orders;
 - Cracking down on mail-in ballot fraud; and
 - Extending maternal mortality task force.
- Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over

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Governor Demands Action, Calls Lawmakers Back to Austin

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on June 6 announced a special session of the Texas Legislature to begin on July 18 to address issues that went unresolved during the contentious 140-day regular session that ended May 29.

Abbott explained why he thinks it necessary to order lawmakers back to Austin. "Considering all the successes of the 85th legislative session, we should not be where we are today," he said. "A special session was entirely avoidable and there was plenty of time for the legislature to forge compromises to avoid the time and taxpayer expense of a special session. As governor, if I am going to call a special session, I intend to make it count," he added.

Special session agenda items Abbott named for lawmakers to address will begin with sunset legislation — bills on the continuation or abolishment of certain state agencies, including the Texas Medical Board.

Once the sunset legislation meets the governor's expectations, he said, the rest of the items on lawmakers' to-do list would be as follows:

- Teacher pay increase of \$1,000;
- Administrative flexibility in teacher hiring and retention practices;
- School finance reform commission;
- School choice for special needs students;
- Property tax reform;

- Caps on state and local spending;
 - Preventing cities from regulating what property owners do with trees on private land;
 - Preventing local governments from changing rules midway through construction projects;
 - Speeding up local government permitting process; and
 - Municipal annexation reform.
- Also:
- Texting while driving preemption;
 - Privacy;
 - Prohibition of taxpayer dollars to collect union dues;
 - Prohibition of taxpayer funding for abortion providers;

Restoring Our National Treasures

With 29 counties, two time zones and more than 800 miles of U.S.-Mexico border, the 23rd Congressional District of Texas is certainly one of the most unique congressional districts in the nation. Throughout my two and a half years serving as your Representative, I've crisscrossed TX-23 numerous times, meeting with constitu-

Hurd on the Hill



by U.S. Rep. Will Hurd

ents and exploring the variety of sites these 29 counties have to offer, including the seven incredible National Parks I have the distinct honor of advocating for in Congress.

National Parks are an integral part of the American experience, and the seven in our district, including Big Bend and the San Antonio Missions, provide immeasurable cultural, environmental, and economic benefits. Each park's landscape has a unique story that allows us to understand our past, appreciate our present, and know where we're going in the future. For these parks to remain beautiful and accessible, we have a responsibility as a nation to care for and maintain them.

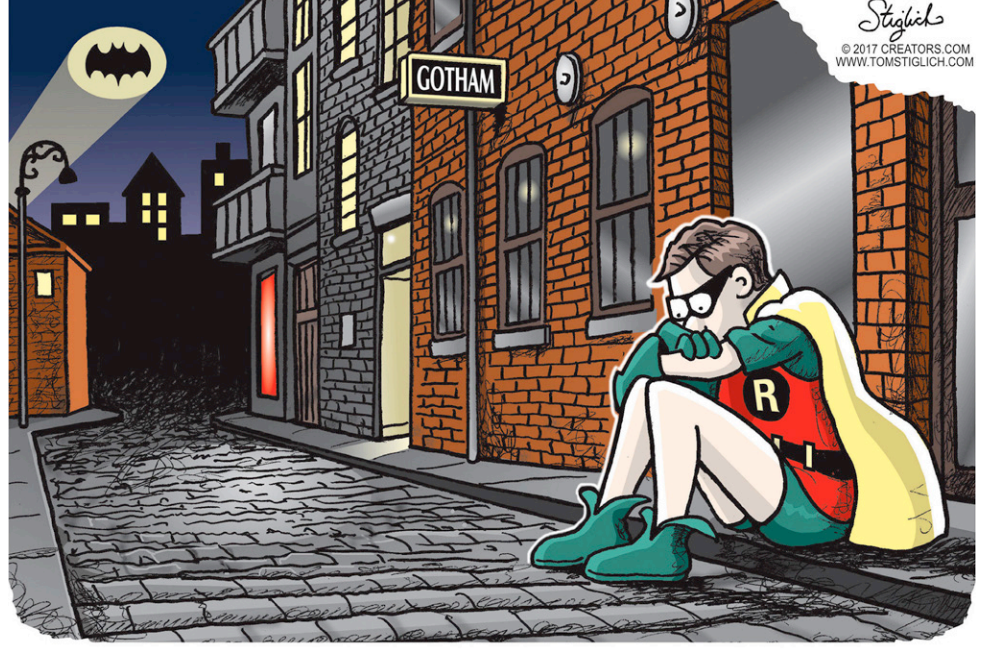
The National Park Service (NPS) was created just over 100 years ago to do just that. Today, NPS manages more than 84 million acres comprised of over 400 significant cultural, historic, and natural areas across all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and four territories. As you might imagine, it takes a lot of money to adequately maintain the unique needs of every property. Unfortunately, NPS currently faces a nationwide backlog of more than \$11 billion to repair roads, visitor facilities, trails, and other park structures, \$147 million of which needs to be spent right here in Texas.

Recently, I toured Mission San Jose in San Antonio to view examples of deferred maintenance needed to preserve the original foundation of the Mission walls and rafters. With flooding and humidity, the walls of the rooms swell and move causing visible cracks in the walls and foundation. But the needs at many National Parks are often the less glamorous projects like crumbling roads, leaky plumbing, and adequate bathroom facilities that are necessary to keep these spaces accessible for everyone.

This is why I introduced the National Park Service Legacy Act with my colleagues to fix our parks. The bipartisan bill would address the present backlog by distributing currently unassigned federal mineral revenues back into a restoration fund. The funds can be used for overdue repairs so that our parks can remain beautiful and accessible for future generations of park-goers to enjoy.

I take great pride in our National Parks, and will continue to protect them in Congress. Big Bend, the Guadalupe Mountains, the San Antonio Missions, Fort Davis National Historic Site, the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River, Amistad National Recreation Area, and El Camino Real de Los Tejas National Historic Trail are treasures we must protect for years to come. With the summer season upon us, I encourage you to experience these remarkable destinations for yourself.

A former undercover CIA officer, entrepreneur and cybersecurity expert, Will Hurd is the U.S. Representative for the 23rd Congressional District of Texas. In Washington, he serves on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, as Vice Chair of the Maritime and Border Security Subcommittee on the Committee for Homeland Security, and as the Chairman of the Information Technology Subcommittee on the Oversight and Government Reform Committee.



Adam West 1928 - 2017

Memories of Hoss Cartwright

Joe Harris of Brownwood grew up in O'Donnell and was a classmate of Dan Blocker, best known as Hoss Cartwright on the Bonanza TV series. The two stayed friends until Dan died in 1972. Joe was a



pall bearer at Dan's funeral and burial in DeKalb, Texas where he was born. "Dan was always fun and easy going," says Joe. "He was full of mischief and was always playing pranks. He wasn't a comedian but was the most comical person I've ever seen. That was his nature. Wherever he was, there was always a lot of laughter."

Dan earned a master's degree in theater from Sul Ross State University in Alpine where he worked part time as a rodeo performer and bouncer in a bar. His education was interrupted while he was a soldier in Korea. He was a highly decorated sergeant and was awarded a Purple Heart and several medals for bravery. After graduation he got a job teaching high school English and drama in Sonora. He taught there in the mid fifties, then went to Los Angeles where teachers were paid more.

"He took a group of his students to a television studio where they were filming Gunsmoke," says Joe. "James Arness, one of the stars of the show, noticed Dan with his easy-going manner and big size and asked him if he would consider doing some bit parts that he could do on Saturday mornings. Dan jumped on it in a minute." His first role was wiping off a bar. He was on just a few seconds. Joe says everybody in O'Donnell was watching TV that Saturday night when Gunsmoke came on the air. Because the part was so tiny, Joe told Dan that he could have played the part himself.

"Dan brought a lot of attention to O'Donnell that had never been there before. Dan's dad had a store and it's now a museum with a Dan Blocker room." The second time Dan was on the show he had a speaking part. He had 5 words: "which way did they go?" Joe says Dan was paid \$10,000 for that scene. Dan kept getting offers to act and quit teaching.

Once while Bonanza was at its peak in popularity Dan went to visit Joe in Denver City, where Joe was setting up a cable TV service. "He drew such a large crowd I had to take him to a gas plant that had a gate and security guards. He visited with everybody at the plant." Although Dan was best known for Bonanza, he also played with some big movie stars like Frank Sinatra in Come Blow Your Horn and other stars in other movies. "I never saw Dan act," says Joe. He was always just being himself." Dan died in 1972 at age 43. The Bonanza series ended the following year.

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Hitting the Sauce

I've always been a saucy type. It probably started with ketchup — my first encounter with sauce when I was just a tiny tator tot of a girl. Almost everyone has some sort of experience with ketchup. Many of us have a long-term ongoing relationship and find it hard to imagine life without ketchup. My husband is a spreader. I am a dipper.

What started with ketchup grew and expanded to various flavors and varieties of thickened liquids called by different names — condiments, gravies, dips, salsas, dressings, syrups, pestos and alfredos — but at their essence each one a sauce of some sort.

Savory or sweet, thick or thin, white or red, cheesy or creamy, hot or cold — I loved them all. Or at least nearly all. What's not to love? Sauces themselves are created for the sole purpose of enhancing a dish. Whether it's bread or pasta or a burger or fries — just about everything is better when accompanied by some type of sauce.

Historically, it's the reason they were created — not to make good food great, but to mask the less-than-perfect flavor of food on the verge of going bad. This was back in the days before refrigerators were a common household item.

Professional chefs study for years to perfect their sauces. There's even a name for a cook specializing in the practice: saucier. It's an art. The French, especially, are known for their love of sauces — Hollandaise, remoulade and Bechamel to name a few. But the French aren't the only ones saucing it up. Sauces are an essential element of nearly every cuisine worldwide — from chimichurri in

Argentina to sriracha in Thailand and everywhere in between. The world would be lost without sauce.

I'm not a chef, but I do dabble in sauces. When you love something like I love eating it makes sense to know how to concoct a few sauces yourself. I toss, stir and whisk together gravy, salad dressing and condiments a plenty. I even do the roux. Once you break sauces down into a list of simple ingredients, (and most are fairly simple) they aren't so intimidating.

Gravy is just thickened meat, chicken or vegetable stock seasoned to your liking. Combine mayonnaise and dill pickle relish and you've got tartar. Take that same mayo, add sweet relish, ketchup and vinegar and you've got thousand island dressing.

Ketchup, mayo and horseradish make a mean cocktail sauce for shrimp. Ketchup, brown sugar and little yellow mustard create a basic barbecue sauce. Ketchup and just about anything makes something else. You can take it from there.

Whisk together olive oil with vinegar (you choose the flavor), salt and pepper for a basic salad dressing. Mayo with avocado is the simplest of guacamoles. Add onion, lemon juice and/or salsa to kick it up a notch. Speaking of salsa, all you need is tomatoes, peppers (jalepeno and/or bell), onion, lime juice and your choice of seasonings (salt, pepper, cayenne, garlic, cilantro). Four ingredients plus seasonings isn't too bad for homemade salsa. The freshness factor itself is worth the time it takes to chop those tomatoes.

Sauces elicit creativity. They are bolstered by it and food is bolstered by them. It's a win-win situation. Your pastas, burgers, enchiladas, potatoes, salads, broccoli as well as the good folks sitting around your dinner table — will all benefit from your awesome sauce.

So go for it. Who knows? Some day you may be like me — the boss of sauce. Wink.

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HONOR ROLL

Sonora High School Honor Roll 6th Semester

9th Grade

"A" Enedina Alvarez, Brock Aschenbeck, Josh Barrera, Jayde Bean, Shyanne Gamez, Christina Garza, Angela Gonzalez, Catarina Hernandez, Deborha Hernandez, Wilson Johnson, Kami Lux, Jordan Paredes, Kadee Petty, Isabella Samaniego, Blayze Sykes, Traci Vickers, Katy Wardlaw, Ashley Zook.
"A / B" Braden Adams, Rafael Alviso, Darrek Castro, Harley Daniel, Aldo Deluna, Tully Flanagan, Daisy Fuentes, Manuel Fuentes, Levi Garrett, Oscar Gutierrez, Ethan Hamm, Eddie Infante, Danica Jimenez, Dalylah Lopez, Jalen Lopez, Adamari Mata, Hailey Meador, Jansen Morris, Dekota Morrow, Analy Palacios, Melanie Perez, Kevin Ramos, Claritza Romo, Aleasha Smith, Haley Smith, Thomas Talamantez, Joe Angel Torres, Davien Vasquez, Anthony Vela.

10th Grade

"A" Viviana Arellano, Jacqueline Baez, Lane Cahill, Brittney Contreras, Wesley Dutton, Kayla Grace Edwards, Kaitlyn Gann, Cara Hernandez, Mary Kyle Johnson, Avery Leamon, Carlos Mendoza, Keeley Moore, Rebeckah Owen, Sabian Robles, Evan Shannon, Sterling Smith, Jackilyn Sykes, Sheridan Walther.
"A/B" Juan Baez, Trista Bush, Danyse Cantu, Alex Castilleja, Payton Dawson, Juan Delgado, Kayla Gee, Daniel Gonzales, Adriana Gonzalez, Zayda Gutierrez, Jacob Joffrion, Scarlot Longoria, A J Lopez, Araceli Marin, Karah Martinez, Rivers Martinez, Lesli Ramirez, Ana Salas, Perla Salazar, Sabrina Serrano, Dylan Taylor, Brian VanWinkle, Natalia Villalobos.

11th Grade

"A" Savannah Castro, Kaden Cordell, Summer Hall, Christina Hernandez, Sierra Herrada, Hazel Kent, Peyton Matthews, Delaney Ramsdell, Zavier Rodriguez.
"A/B" Melanie Acevedo, Chris Adkins, Carly Brown, Mark Chavez, Angel Covarrubiaz, Abel Cruz, Felicia Farley, Victor Fuentes, Kristin Garrett, Bailey Gonzales, Jaqueline Hernandez, Jarrett Jackson, Ray Kimbrell, Dariela Lopez, Yesenia Lujan, Keegan McCollum, Kaytlan Noriega, Elyssa Prieto, Savannah Ramos, Caleb Ritchey, Noelia Tovar, Amber Vasquez, Alexis Villanueva.

12th Grade

"A" Autumn Ayala, Tonya Bounds, Mayra Capuchina, Shayna Edwards, Bianca Fay, Sky Jennings, Juan Miguel Jimenez, Ryker Marshall, Robin McGuffin, Kylie Reiner, Ariana Reyes, Sydney Robles, Nydia Rodriguez, Kristy Sanchez, Tate Shannon, Jasmine Talamantez, Claire Thiebaut.
"A/B" Bethany Aguero, Juan Arellano, Diego Baez, Wesley Brown, Layla Burke, Grady Bush, Dakota Castro, Samantha Castro, Kade Creek, Joseph Delgado, Netza Estrada, April Fraire, Zeke Galindo, Caleb Galvan, Gabriel Garcia, Jacob Gonzales, Julian Guerra, Jose Hernandez, Katelyn Lipham, Abby Lopez, Erik Lopez, Esteban Marin, Andrew Martinez, Rafael Mendoza, Alyssa Moreno, Michael Mungia, Jessica Paredes, Ronald Pincince, Henry Ramos, Bryndon Robles, Ramon Rodriguez, Sylvia Salazar, Michael Solis, Holly Sparks, Mollie Taylor, Jay Telles, Liam Yourgalite, Robert Zapata, Carter Zook.

HONOR ROLL

Sonora Middle School Honor Roll 6th Six Weeks

6th Grade

"A" Koda Davis, Molly Friess, Alexis Hernandez, Aidan Leamon, Gage Owen, Jacob Perez, Juan Torres-Alvarez.
"A/B" Joseph Abrego, Sophia Acevedo, Grayson Beyers, Ashley Castilleja, Ignacio Coronado, Montserrat De La Fuente, Austin Figueroa, Tanner Flanagan, Jonathan Galvan, Emilio Garcia, Sebastean Garza, Alma Hernandez, Daniela Lozano, Madison Mayfield, Makinna Price, Lorena Reyes, Bandon Rocha, Brandon Torres, Romeo Torres, Gabriel Valdez, Shakira Villanueva.

7th Grade

"A" Abby Bennie, Carson Cahill, Kodi Davis, Yailin Dominguez, Jina Dooley, Abigail Duncan, Sophia Gutierrez, Abigail Mendoza, Jacqueline Torres.
"A/B" Isabella Arispe, Jessica Campa, Alexandra Cardenas, Briana Espinosa, Abigail Fuentes, Guillermo Garcia, Brijida Garza, Zachary Hailey, Abigail Hernandez, Amaris Jimenez, Susie Levario, Fernanda Lozano, Mariana Montoya, Sean Mungia, Alisa Paredes, Laci Ramirez, Alejandro Renteria, Joselyn Rodriguez, Sinayah Solis, Lane Taylor, Tyler Walther.

8th Grade

"A" Jaci Dutton.
"A/B" Kaylynn Alvarez, Ilze Contreras, Rashel De Luna, Felipe Estrada, Jose Figueroa, Juan Garza, Martha Gonzalez, Alan Hernandez, Zachary Joffrion, Alyssa Martinez, Carla Mota, Aislin Nixon, Aaron Noriega, Ricardo Ramirez, Miranda Renteria, Clarrissa Rodriguez, Juan Ruiz, Esmeralda Salazar.

HONOR ROLL

Sonora Intermediate School Honor Roll 6th Six Weeks

3rd Grade

"A" Brody Bryan.
"A/B" Fernanda Arredondo, Angel Castilleja Jr, Madison Galindo, Leslie Hernandez, Ryan Mendez, Kody Prather, Steven Robles.

4th Grade

"A" Carmelo Alviso, Jaedyn Bailey, Johnathan Cardenas, Naylana Estrada, Kalena Foster, Sicily Gutierrez, Larissa Hodnett, Owen Jones, Ollie Murr, Luke Nichols, Julianna Sanchez, Reese Thibodeau, Braylin Welborn, Jayla Williams.
"A/B" Linda Boggs, Juan Castillo, Sabrinah Castro, Corbin Crenwelge, Weston Fisher, Liliana Gallegos, Richard Gutierrez, Jorge Leija, Justin Lozano, Michaelangelo Lujan, Aaron Martinez, Christian Martinez, Brian Mendoza, Jezabel Pasillas Galaviz, Pete Ramirez, Lauryn Robles, Ava Rodriguez, Hollis Snyder, Rylie Thorp.

5th Grade

"A" Ileana Baker, Johanna Dooley, Cassia Hernandez, Kasey Lux, Jolenne Pasillas Galaviz, Caitlynn Ramirez, Luis Rivas Jr, Agassi Rodriguez, Roberto Rodriguez, Atalia Ruiz Acosta, Elijah Samaniego.
"A/B" Jason Alvarado, Alexa Anderson, Emily Banda, Cihltlaly Delgado, Tristan Dylan Ford, Samuel Lucas Lira, Aiden Luna, Emma Martinez, Jacob Martinez, Arelly Ortiz, Marcos Perez-Garcia, Selena Andrea Rodriguez, Samantha Tovar, Cuatro Wardlaw.

Band Students Experience the Magic of Disney's Park

Twenty three members of the Sonora Bronco Band traveled to Orlando Florida this past week to march in the parade at the Magic Kingdom Park of Walt Disney World.

This is the first out-of-state trip for Sonora band students in twenty-five years according to Director David Andrus.

In addition to the backstage "cast member" status in the Magic Kingdom, students enjoyed time in Disney's Animal Kingdom, Hollywood Studios, Epcot, and Universal Studios/

Island of Adventure over the four days in Orlando.

Students spent the school year fundraising to afford the opportunity to participate in the Disney adventure.

Band members included, Joseph Delgado, Julian Guerra, Juan Miguel Jimenez, of the SHS Class of 2016.

Also, Senior class members Delaney Ramsdell, Olivia Martinez, Marcos Talamantes, Yesenia Lujan, Mark Chavez, Sierra Herrada, Juniors, Payton Dawson, Leslie Ramirez, Kayla Gee, Scarlot Longoria, Sophomores, Danica Jimenez, Christina Garza, Harley Daniels, Blayze Sykes, Traci Vickers, Josh Barrera, Ethan Hamm and Freshman, Kristina Zebecki, Kalvin Hernandez, and Madison Bristow.

SHS staff and adult chaperones included David Andrus, Ericka Andrus, Greta Ramsdell, Caroline Vickers, and Stephanie Hernandez.

HONOR ROLL

Sonora Elementary School Honor Roll 6th Six Weeks

1st Grade

"S" Aanz'leigh Abalos, Jose Aguayo, Delilah Alonso, Daniel Alviso, Kenzee Bryant, Evelyn Campa, Caidn Cardenas, Emmanuel Castaneda, Armani Coronado, Brailyn Galindo, Sofia Garcia, Jesus Garza III, Donato Gonzalez Jr, Kaasi Gutierrez, Brook Kaiser, Richard Leal, Karysah Lopez, Presley Mayfield, Miranda Montoya, Ryan Mungia, Samantha Nichols, Gregorio Olmedo, Brysa Parada, Mariselda Parra Martinez, Ryder Phillips, Nathan Rivas, Jack Rogers, Hope Sanchez, Luke Snyder.

2nd Grade

"A" Dulce Arredondo Mares, Ariana Arredondo, Peyton Bailey, Mia Escamilla, Alejandra Hernandez, Madelyn Hernandez, Wyatt Killough, Emily Nichols, Aaron Segura, Gentry Trainer, Jayden Welborn
"A/B" Brynley Castilleja, Woody Crow, David Noah Davis, Gael Duenes Sosa, Eian Duncan, Mario Hernandez Jr, John Emory Jones, Madison Noriega, Nayeli Rodriguez, Rogelio Ruiz, Erey Silva, Kendall Thorp.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

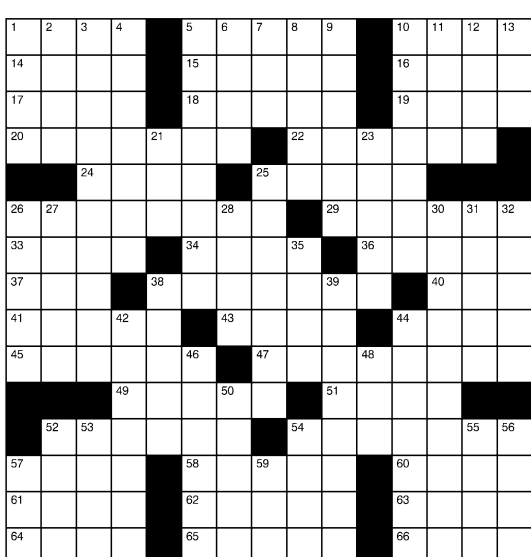
- ACROSS**
1. Ships of old
5. Dugouts
10. Take
14. Odist, e.g.
15. Cabaret: Fr.
16. Timber wolf
17. Olive genus
18. Ishmael's mother
19. Grocery item, for short
20. Citizen of Nicosia: var.
22. Trivial
24. Flurry
25. Watchful
26. Came into
29. Poseidon, for one
33. Rise
34. Son of Aphrodite
36. Exclusively
37. Louis XIV, e.g.
38. Made fit by reworking
40. Encore!
41. Choose
43. Restrain
44. Nauseated
45. High regard
47. Occurrences
49. Small emporium

51. Tunney or Fowler
52. Money of Madrid
54. Lubricates
57. Thus: lt.
58. Leg bone
60. Pavilion, e.g.
61. Car
62. In the ___ that ...
63. With the bow: mus.
64. Grain husks
65. Stupid
66. Fret

- DOWN**
1. Banned Bible books: abbr.
2. ___-poly
3. Remains mum
4. Turn over, as an engine
5. Loathed
6. Craft
7. Equipment
8. Know- ___ : wiseguy
9. Ordered group

10. Of certain speech sounds
11. Turn over
12. ___ in one's bonnet
13. Scary sound
21. Sundial number
23. Set foot on
25. Took as one's own
26. Correspond
27. Moderates
28. Geologic times
30. Feature of Mongolia
31. In reserve
32. Office items
35. Staircase part
38. Tete-___
39. Strike out for a new home
42. Yielding
44. Musical works
46. Tangled
48. Understand
50. Innocent
52. For: Fr.
53. This: Sp.
54. Traps
55. Noun ending
56. Tuck away
57. Taxi
59. Hogan or Casey

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Disney Adventure



Members of the Sonora High School Bronco Band march through the Magic Kingdom Park of Walt Disney World Thursday, June 1, 2017, in Orlando Florida. Twenty-three students participated in the Orlando adventure. | COURTESY PHOTO

OBITUARIES

Jimmy (Jim) David Fish June 2, 1949 - June 9, 2017

It is with broken hearts and a surreal feeling of disbelief that we announce the sudden passing of Jimmy (Jim) David Fish on June 9th, 2017 while hiking on the Ignacio Chavez Mesa in NM. Despite exceptional health, an unforeseen condition led to his collapse with no response to CPR.

Born in San Angelo, Texas on June 2, 1949, Jim grew up on a ranch in west Texas.

Cherished and spirited partner to Cathy Young; beloved son of the late Frank David Fish Jr and the late Zola Katy Fish (Purcer); dear brother to Bill, Steve and Ted Fish; remembered with great admiration and respect by his nephews Scott, Tim (both close friends as well), Brandon, Derrick, and Billy Fish, and nieces Shannon, Lisa, and Karen Fish, Jim was predeceased by his mother and father.

Jim attended school in Sonora Texas where he graduated valedictorian in 1967 and proudly played on the 1966 state championship football team. He went on to Rice University (B.A. & M. Chem. Eng.), Princeton (PhD Chem. Eng.) with Post Doc studies in Mexico City. Jim pursued a career in energy research at Sandia National Laboratories in California and later, New Mexico, before founding the Anasazi Fields Winery in Placitas with friends. A man of many interests, and great humor, Jim was inspired by nature all his life, which is evident in his published poetry, his

sculptures and photography. He was a strong environmentalist and not timid in standing up for his beliefs.

The outdoors was a second home to Jim and he was an accomplished hiker, skier, birder, hunter, and photographer. Everything interested him and his love of creating good wine was paired with his interest in food – he was an excellent cook, both at home and on the trail.

Generous of heart, and his time, he supported scholarships at Rice U., the Conoly and Polly Brooks Fort Stockton Rotary Scholarship Fund and many environmental causes. He supported the arts community by hosting many exhibits and performances at the Winery.

Jim was a leader and a doer and has touched many lives, he has accomplished much and had plans for more – we will all miss him.

Cremation was Jim's wish and is being followed.

A celebration to honor Jim's life will be held at the Anasazi Fields Winery in Placitas on Sunday June 18, from 3 to 6 p.m.

Please bring an open heart and a smile to share with friends.

In lieu of flowers please make donations in Jim's memory to the Conoly and Polly Brooks Fort Stockton Rotary Scholarship Fund (donations to the scholarship fund can be made to First National Bank in Fort Stockton Texas 432-336-8541), or the conservation organization of your choice.

Kevin Eugene Richter September 13, 1970 - June 5, 2017



the University of Texas in Arlington, where he was also on the Dean's List, and he was the Manager of Data Reporting at Santander Consumer USA.

Kevin is survived by his sister Kathryn Michelle Wilganowski of Waco, brother Adam Kristopher Richter and wife Kari of Corsicana, nieces and nephews, Mackenzie Ann Wilganowski, Kathryn Grace Richter and Kristopher Dale Richter.

He is also survived by cousins, Michelle Dennis Beeson and husband Kyle of Richmond, Kendall Beeson and Holton Beeson, lifelong friends, Kenneth Smith and wife Bre of Chandler, his beloved cat Max and numerous other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 10, 2017, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Albany.

Pastor Tom Chandler officiated. Visitation was held from 9:00 a.m. until service time at the church on Saturday.

Arrangements were made under the direction of Bailey Howard Funeral Home of Clyde.

Online condolences may be made at www.baileyhowardfuneralhome.com.

NEW PRINCIPAL:

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affecting local policies. This update includes

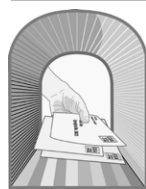
EF (LOCAL): instructional resources, EFA (LOCAL): Instructional Resources – Instructional Materials, EFAA (LOCAL): Instructional Materials – Selection and Adoption, EHDB (LOCAL): Alternative Methods for Earning Credit by Examination with Prior Instruction, EIF (LOCAL): Academic Achievement – Graduation, EL (LOCAL): Campus Charters, GKB (LOCAL): Community Relations – Advertising and Fundraising.

Finally, board members went behind closed doors to discuss personnel matters. No action was taken.

Without further discussion or comments from the public, the meeting adjourned.

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

The next regular meeting of the Sonora ISD is set for July 10, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Vocational Building.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor express the opinions of their author. They do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the staff, management or ownership of the Devils River News.

Sonora Police Chief Announces Resignation

It is with great regret more than you will know, that I William R. Dudley, here by resign and retire as the City of Sonora Chief of Police, as of June 30, 2017. Since the first of the year I have been under at great deal of pressure from numerous subjects and another agency. I feel and I am told that I am doing a good job from most citizens of Sonora. I have done what has been asked of me for two years and have brought in good officers and grants to better this department. I could not have done this without the people who work in my Department. Lately, from several subjects, including the City Manager I am told that this is wrong or that I have handled that wrong. I have no support what so ever from the City Manager and it's been that way for a very long time. Take a close look at the employees at city hall and other departments. The City Manager works with them, but has never worked with the Police Department. He complains constantly, he attempts to micro manage the P.D., and I have battled sense day one over budget. I know better than anyone that I am doing a good job. I also know that I'm leaving at a difficult time but my health, family, and life are more important. I feel very strong that the city should hire an outsider, new blood, and you will need to pay more. The department is still way under paid for the area, just look at what Guajardo is making now with Sutton County Sheriff's Dept. I will say that the Mayor and most City Councils members have been supportive from the moment they hired me. I would love to stay but there are individuals that want me out. It is time to go. It will be better for the department, City, and most importantly me.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE TIME HERE.

William R. Dudley

William R. Dudley

Local Graduate Awarded Association of Texas Conservation District Employees Scholarship



Claire Thiebaud | COURTESY PHOTO

The Association of Texas Conservation District Employees (ATCDE) awarded \$500 scholarships to 19 students of Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) employees and district directors this month.

Since the ATCDE started their silent auction in 2004 at the annual State Association of Soil

and Water Conservation District Directors meetings, the organization has awarded \$52,500 in scholarships to help students further their education.

Among the students awarded \$500 scholarships for 2017 was Claire Thiebaud - daughter of Judy Thiebaud, Sonora and Franklin Buchholz - son of Mary Buchholz, Eldorado Divide Soil & Water Conservation District

ATCDE was formed in 2000 and is comprised of dues paying SWCD district employees throughout Texas in order to help with training and be there with assistance that employees need.

For more information on donating to the silent auction or the scholarships, contact Carolann Corado at (940) 872-5329 or Mary Smith (979) 532-0077 ext. 3.

LOCAL 4-H:

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Additionally, 4-H is the nation's largest youth development and empowerment organization, cultivating confident kids who tackle the issues that matter most in their communities right now. More than 65,000 Texas youth are enrolled members of 4-H community clubs in Texas. Another 850,000 Texas youth get involved in 4-H through special educational opportunities at school, in

after school programs, or at neighborhood or youth centers. The youth who attend 4-H Roundup are able to display the leadership skills, citizenship development, team building and competition skills learned throughout the year.

"Congratulations to everyone! Job well done!" Stapper said. "Thank you to our coaches Tim Flanagan, Soil Judging, Pascual Hernandez, Range Evaluation and all the parents who helped these individuals compete at the State level."




JUNE

15th Beth Burleson
16th Cynthia Ward, Joyce Casparis, Brigitte Rogers
17th Sterling Hall, Sydonia Wilson, Suzanne Huddlaston, Emmalee Mata, Emalen Vynvlecka
19th Gunter Pennington, Rocky Jones, Ricky Solis
20th Gerry Ingham, Tony Renfro, David Delgado
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May	3.68 in.	May	2.92 in.
April	1.23 in.	April	2.48 in.
March	0.79 in.	March	1.00 in.
February	1.36 in.	February	1.48 in.
January	2.40 in.	January	1.68 in.
2017 Year-to-Date Total	12.39 in.	2017 Year-to-Date Total	9.65 in.
2016	25.10 in.	2016	29.22 in.
2015	23.87 in.	2015	25.31 in.
2014	14.32 in.	2014	12.72 in.
2013	25.12 in.	2013	25.00 in.
2012	16.06 in.	2012	17.82 in.
2011	11.50 in.	2011	10.49 in.
2010	20.37 in.	2010	17.94 in.
2009	21.67 in.	2009	28.44 in.

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Thu 6/15	Fri 6/16	Sat 6/17	Sun 6/17	Mon 6/18
96/73 Partly Sunny	98/72 T-Storm Around	98/70 Partly Sunny	95/71 Partly Sunny	95/70 Mostly Sunny
Sunrise 6:40 a.m. Sunset 8:46 p.m.	Sunrise 6:40 a.m. Sunset 8:47 p.m.	Sunrise 6:40 a.m. Sunset 8:47 p.m.	Sunrise 6:40 a.m. Sunset 8:47 p.m.	Sunrise 6:40 a.m. Sunset 8:48 p.m.

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Lean State Budget Approved by the Texas Legislature

BY ANDREW MURR
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

On May 29th, another 140-day term of the Texas Legislature came to an end. Working with less revenue, with shortfalls forecasted by the Texas Comptroller due to the economic downturn in oil and gas prices, the Legislature nonetheless put together another two-year state budget.

The final version passed the House with the support of 135 members (with 14 Democrats voting against it).

Importantly, Texas law requires a balanced budget. Additionally, this 2018/2019 budget keeps state spending increases under population growth plus inflation, staying well below all constitutional spending limits.

While many spending decisions were tough and arguably some good programs and vital government roles did not receive the level of funding some prefer, we were able to provide meaningful solutions to some of Texas' most pressing challenges while investing in our highest priorities.

Here are just a few of the highlights of the new state budget:

- **Child Protection**

In January, Governor Abbott made improving Child Protective Services and Texas' foster care program a top priority for this Legislature. To that end,

we added \$508 million in the budget for child protection. This includes funds to hire almost 600 new CPS caseworkers, to enhance foster care provider rates, and to provide additional support for families who take in abused children (also known as kinship care).

- **Mental Health**

Last year, I served on the House Select Committee on Mental Health in order to take a comprehensive view of how to improve the state's behavioral health system for children and adults. The committee's findings helped shape this year's mental health budget priorities.

We allocated \$300 million for new construction, significant repairs and increased capacity at state mental health hospitals. We also appropriated \$62.7 million to eliminate waiting lists for community mental health services for adults and children, and we earmarked \$37.5 million for a new mental health jail diversion program.

- **Public Education**

The budget continues to fund our public education system at current levels and accounts for growth in enrollment with an additional \$2.65 billion in funding. \$1.6 billion was earmarked for pre-kindergarten funding, with \$236 million going to districts

implementing high-quality pre-kindergarten.

This was another of Governor Abbott's priority measures. We also provided a backstop for districts who are experiencing rapid decreases in their property values, as well as funding to bring high-speed broadband to public schools and libraries.

Unfortunately, consensus for additional funding for ASATR (Additional State Aid for Tax Return) school districts was not reached.

- **Border Security and Public Safety**

In 2015, we added \$840 million to the budget for border security. This year, we allocated funds to hire 250 new state troopers to expand operations along the Texas-Mexico border. Additionally, we earmarked \$25 million in the budget for protective vests for law enforcement officials across the state.

- **Pro-Life**

This year was one of the most productive pro-life sessions in memory where we strengthened the ban on public funding to Planned Parenthood to perform abortions.

We also added \$18.3 million to the state's Alternatives to Abortion program, a network of adoption agencies, crisis pregnancy centers, maternity homes and others around the state who serve pregnant women

in need.

Moreover, the budget authorizes Health and Human Services to spend up to \$20 million additional dollars once the \$18.3 is allocated in order to expand service into rural areas and increase the number of providers in the network.

- **Teacher Retirement**

\$350 million in the budget is dedicated to increasing the contribution rate and addressing the shortfall in TRS-Care, the health care program for retired teachers. Had no added funding occurred, retired teachers would have seen their premiums and deductibles go up dramatically.

Even in a time of tightened revenues, this is one of the most conservative, fiscally responsible budgets in Texas history, and it's the second consecutive conservative budget that I have been a part of crafting.

I believe it's positive proof that our state can keep taxes and spending low, while at the same time meeting the basic needs of our fellow Texans.

As always, it is an honor to represent you in the Texas House of Representatives, and I welcome your comments and opinions.

Please visit my website at www.AndrewMurr.org or contact our District Office in Kerrville (715 Water St.) at 830-257-0432 and let me hear from you.



Card of Thanks

I would like to thank the gentleman who paid for my sack of dog food at Dollar General on Wednesday, June 7th.

It was greatly appreciated, Once again Thank You. My three dogs say Thank you too!

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Beat the Heat: Avoid Heatstroke, Heat Exhaustion and Heat Cramps

Heatstroke heat exhaustion and heat cramps are common during warmer months and can be a serious health issue if left untreated. It is important to pay attention to warning signs and stay hydrated when outdoor temperatures rise.

Heatstroke can occur when the ability to sweat fails and body temperature rises quickly.

The brain and vital organs are effectively "cooked" as body temperature rises to a dangerous level in a matter of minutes.

This condition is often fatal, and those who do survive may have permanent damage to their organs.

However, there are signs to help identify heatstroke as well as steps to take that will improve the chances of

survival.

For example, someone experiencing heatstroke will have extremely hot skin, and an altered mental state, ranging from slight confusion to coma. Seizures also can result.

Ridding the body of excess heat is crucial for survival.

If a person shows signs of heatstroke, immediately move them into a half-sitting position in the

Shade and call for emergency medical help immediately. If humidity is below 75%, spray the victim with

water and fan them vigorously. However, if humidity is above 75%, apply ice to neck, armpits or groin. Do not give aspirin or acetaminophen and do not give the victim anything to

drink.

Another heat related illness, heat exhaustion, occurs when the body loses an excessive amount of salt and water.

People who work outdoors and athletes are particularly susceptible to heat exhaustion.

The symptoms are similar to those of the flu and can include severe thirst, fatigue, headache, nausea, vomiting and, sometimes, diarrhea. Other symptoms include profuse sweating, clammy or pale skin, dizziness, rapid pulse and normal or slightly elevated body temperature.

Uncontrolled heat exhaustion can evolve into heatstroke, so make sure to treat the victim quickly.

First, move them to a shaded or air-conditioned area and give them water or other cool, nonalcoholic

beverages. Next, apply wet towels to the body or have them take a cool shower. If symptoms do not improve, seek medical

attention immediately.

Heat cramps can also occur during hot weather and may result in a more serious medical condition if not treated.

Heat cramps are muscle spasms that usually affect the legs or abdominal muscles, often after physical activity. Excessive sweating reduces salt levels in the body, causing painful spasms or cramps in the muscles.

Workers or athletes with pain or spasms in the abdomen, arms or legs should not return to work for a few hours.

Instead, sit or lie down in the shade, drink cool water or a sports drink and stretch affected muscles.

Individuals with heart problems, or cramps that do not get better within an hour, should seek medical attention immediately.

Heat illnesses can affect anyone at any time. It is important take steps to stay healthy, be aware of the signs and beat the heat.

SCHD Board Hears 2016 Financial Audit Findings

The Sutton County Hospital District Board of Directors heard a detailed presentation of the findings of the 2016 financial audit before moving on to other business Monday, June 12, 2017, during their regular meeting.

Deborah Whitley, CPA, highlighted audit information on screen while trustees and others in attendance viewed a more detailed report in print.

A quick overview showed a cash increase from the prior year by \$687,000 and gross patient service revenues decreased by \$1.3 million. Additionally, Net patient service revenue decreased \$350,000 and operating expenses increased \$932,000. The district reported an operating loss of \$1.9 million in 2016 and \$768,000 in 2015. The nonoperating revenue increased by \$1.5 million and the net position showed a positive \$331,433 in 2016.

Aside from exceptional factors affecting the overall financial outcome, it was noted that the hospital district is operating the same if not better than other comparable rural health care facilities in Texas.

In regular business, the board approved the financial report ending April 30, 2017 as well as the May 2017 expenditures.

They also approved the minutes of the May 8 regular meeting as presented.

In other business, John Graves, CEO presented the 2017-2018 Strategic Plan, highlighting some key points. The plan is the next step following the 2016 Community Health Needs Assessment completed last year.

The board approved the 2017-2018 Strategic Plan with a unanimous vote.

Finally, trustees approved the Medical Staff Bylaws.

Without further discussion or comments from visitors the meeting adjourned.

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

Mary Humphrey was absent.

The next regular meeting of the SCHD Board of Directors is set for Monday, July 17, 2017 at the LMH Wellness Center.

Reader Recipes

"Mexican Squash Casserole"

Since its inception in 1916, The Sonora Woman's Club has collected dues for active membership. Back in the day, dues were set at \$1 per year for active members and \$1.50 per year for associate members.

Additionally, upon start up the club had two committees: the membership committee and the yearbook committee. Both committees still function today under the leadership of committee chairpersons. Sharon Holman, the 2016 Membership Chairperson, is also noted for her exceptional talents in the kitchen. Sharon has provided several recipes for the Centennial Cookbook. Each one is so good that it is difficult to choose which is the best, but the Mexican Squash Casserole looks like the winner.

- 4 cups cooked squash (yellow or zucchini)
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 can tomatoes and green chilies
- 1 cup crushed cracker crumbs or bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup grated Cheddar cheese
- 1 Teaspoon chili powder
- Salt and Pepper to taste

Mix. Turn into casserole, top with more cracker crumbs and cheese. Bake for 30 minutes. Serves 6-8.

4-H Roundup Champions



Catarina Hernandez, Christina Hernandez and Cara Hernandez were awarded 2nd place in the Range Evaluation Contest. They were among the 4-H students representing Sutton County during the 71st annual Texas 4-H Roundup, June 6-8, 2017, at Texas A&M University. | COURTESY PHOTO



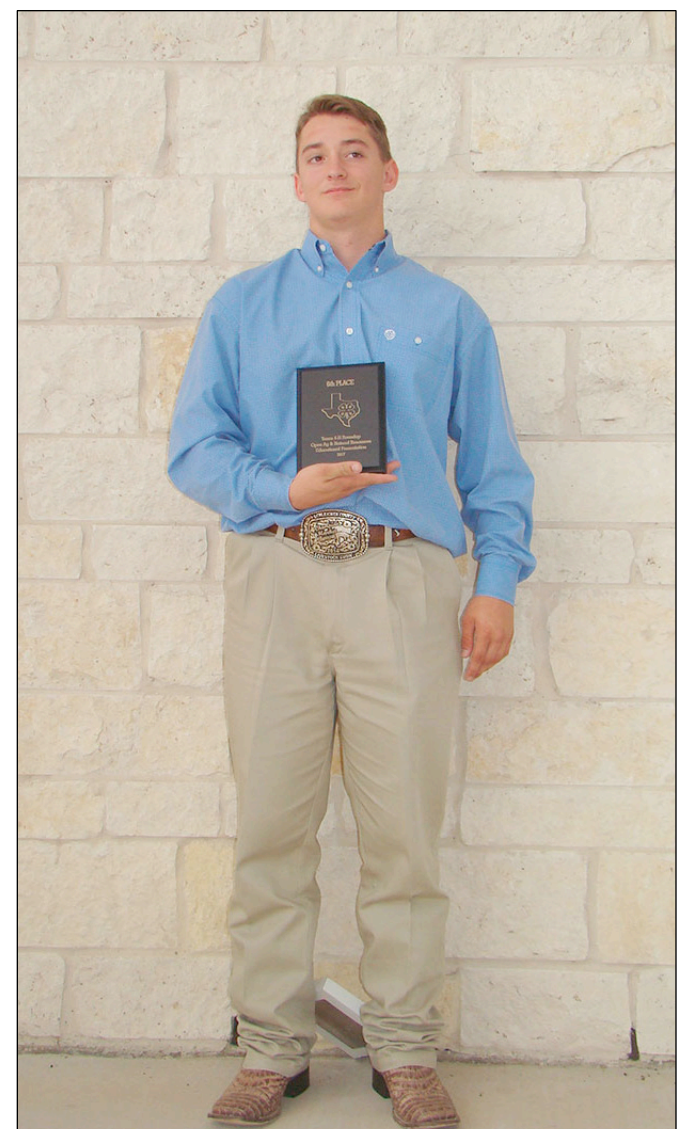
Rebeckah Owen earned 5th place in the Soil Judging Contest during the 71st annual Texas 4-H Roundup June 6-8, 2017 at Texas A&M University. Owen was also awarded 2nd place in High Individual. | COURTESY PHOTO



Tate Shannon was awarded a Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship during the 71st Texas 4-H Roundup, June 6-8, 2017. Shannon is one of nine Sutton County 4-H students who participated in the annual event. | COURTESY PHOTO



Delaney Ramsdell was awarded 3rd place in the Share-The-Fun Solo and Band Contest. Ramsdell showed off her musical talents during the annual Texas 4-H Roundup, June 6-8, 2017, at Texas A&M University. | COURTESY PHOTO



Keegan McCollum earned 6th place in the Open Agriculture & Natural Resources Education Presentation during the annual Texas 4-H Roundup June 6-8, 2017. | COURTESY PHOTO

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Commissioners Approve Budget Purchases and Emergency Outflows

The Sutton County Commissioners approved regular budget purchases and emergency expenses during their regular meeting Monday, June 12, 2017.

The court approved the purchase of two dump trucks from Lone Star Trucking, San Angelo and asphalt provided by Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc., Austin. Three sealed bids for the purchase of dump trucks were reviewed by the court and one bid for asphalt.

Additionally, commissioners declared emergency for the replacement of a camera system at the jail. An updated camera system is needed for purposes of security as well as maintain compliance with Jail Standards Commission.

Further they approved a budget amendment to cover the non-budgeted expense.

In other business, John Graves, CEO of LMH Hudspeth Hospital discussed with the court the use of a Physician Assistant. Graves and the court agreed to a partnership between LMH

Hospital and Sutton County, to provide in-house primary health care for jail inmates by a licensed P.A. employed by the hospital. The partnership saves money otherwise used to transport inmates to a health care facility to be treated.

Judge Jodi Harris reported 598 cases handled by the Justice Court for the month of May. Additionally, the court collected a total of \$147,483.17 in fees. Of that amount, \$93,055.20 was retained by the county.

Chief Deputy DuWayne Castro reported 684 calls dispatched for the month of May. Additionally, he reported an average of 12.8 inmates in the county imposing a cost of \$1.10 per meal provided. A total of \$7,055 was collected in fees as well as a cash seizure benefiting the county. He also reported on the continued training of all Sheriff's office employees as well as maintenance and improvements to the law enforcement facilities.

Commissioners agreed to meet for a special session,

Monday, June 19, at 9:00 a.m., to review the hiring of a new Sheriff's Deputy.

County Extension Agents Pascual Hernandez and Jessica Stapper updated the court on recent 4-H activities and event winners. Additionally, they reported on upcoming activities including a local judging contest, food handler's class and leadership lab for 4-H students.

In regular business, the court approved the minutes of the meetings of May 22 and May 30 as well as financials including auditor, accounts payable and treasurer, as presented.

They also approved the reports for the library and Road and Bridge Department as presented.

County Clerk Rachel Duran reported on fees collected from district court totaling \$42,521.58 and county court totaling \$10,667.10. Additionally, a total of \$3,552.00 was collected in OPR fees.

County Attorney David Wallace reported on monies collected for hot check

recovery.

Commissioner Carl Teaff reported on the progress of implementing a weigh station behind the Department of Public Safety office.

DPS Sgt. Tanner Purvis introduced himself to the court. Sgt. Tanner is now stationed in Sonora.

Lastly, the court recognized Charles McDonald, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. They also approved a radio tower lease beginning September 1. The tower is used by local law enforcement agencies for the purpose of communications.

Without further discussion or public comments the court adjourned.

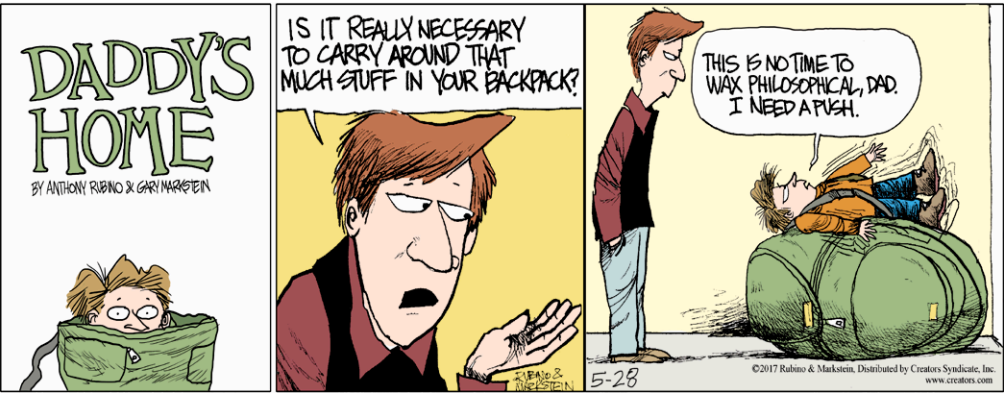
Judge Steve Smith presided over the meeting. Commissioner, Fred Perez, Mike Villanueva, Bob Brockman and Carl Teaff were present.

The next regular meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners is set for Monday, June 26, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., in the County Annex Building.

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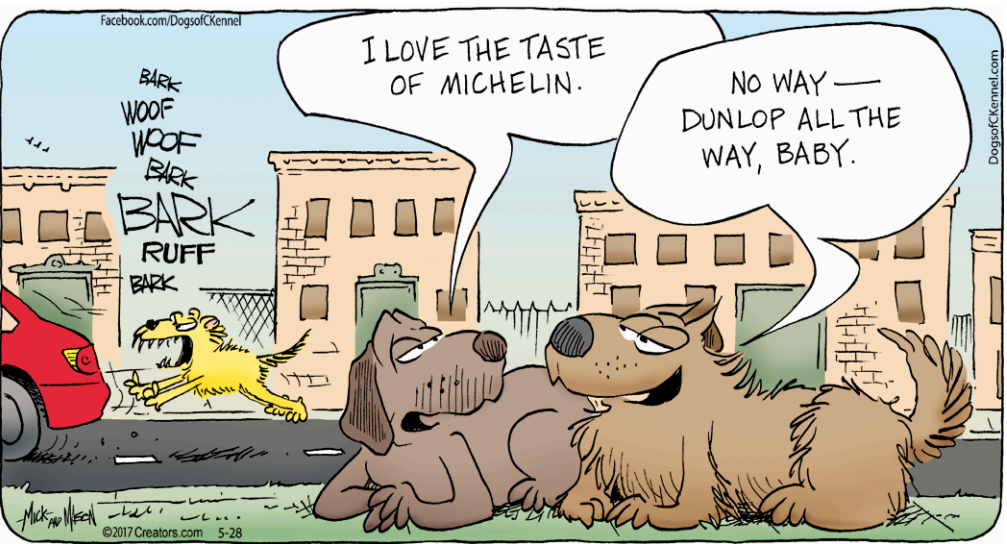
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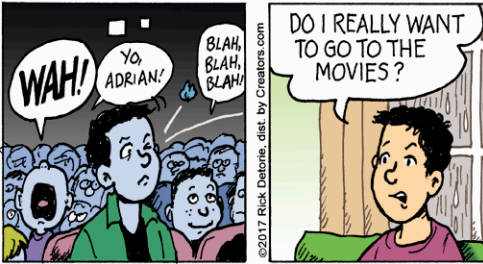
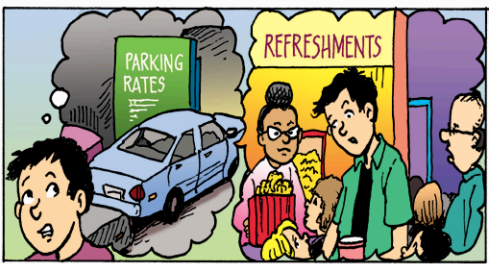
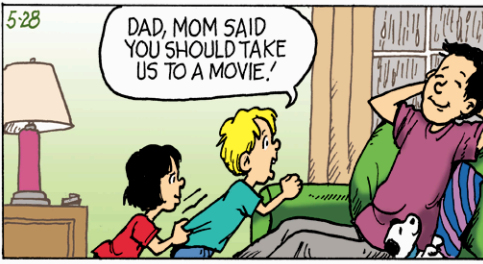
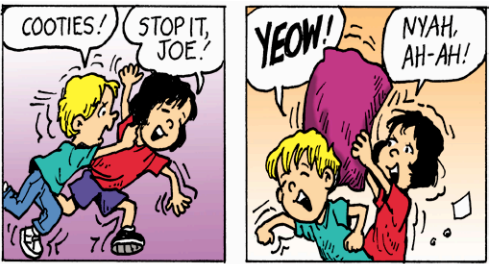
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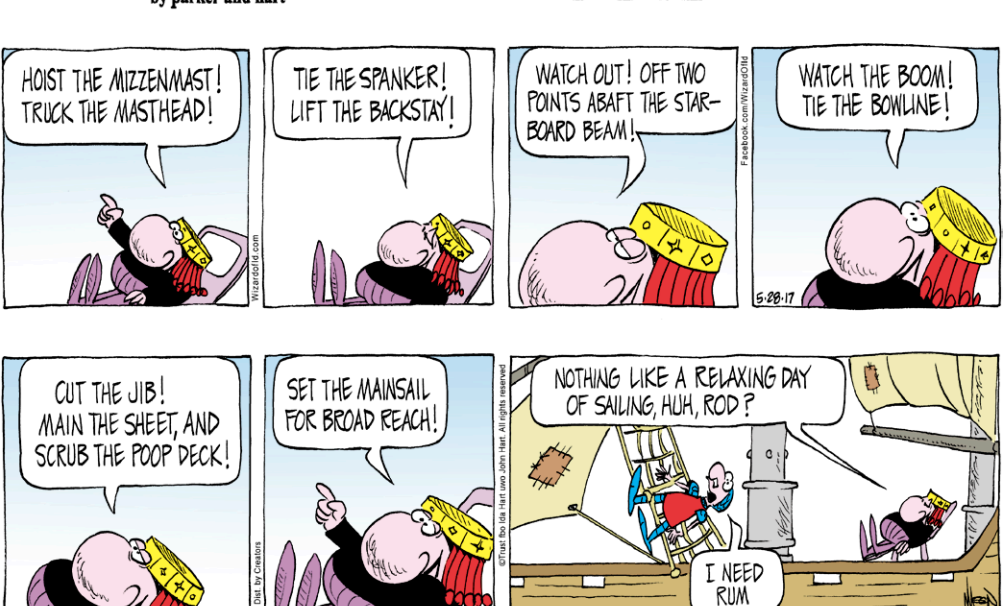
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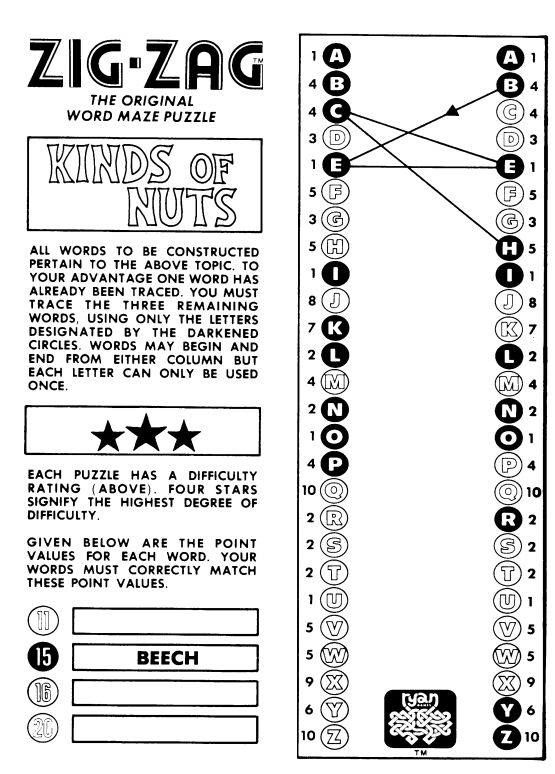
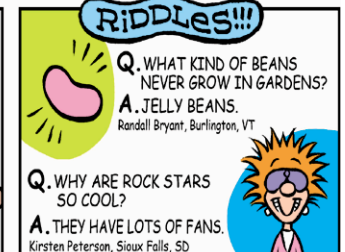
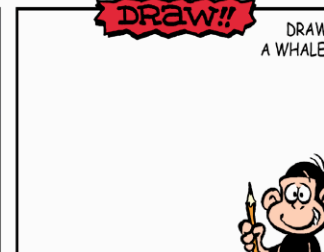
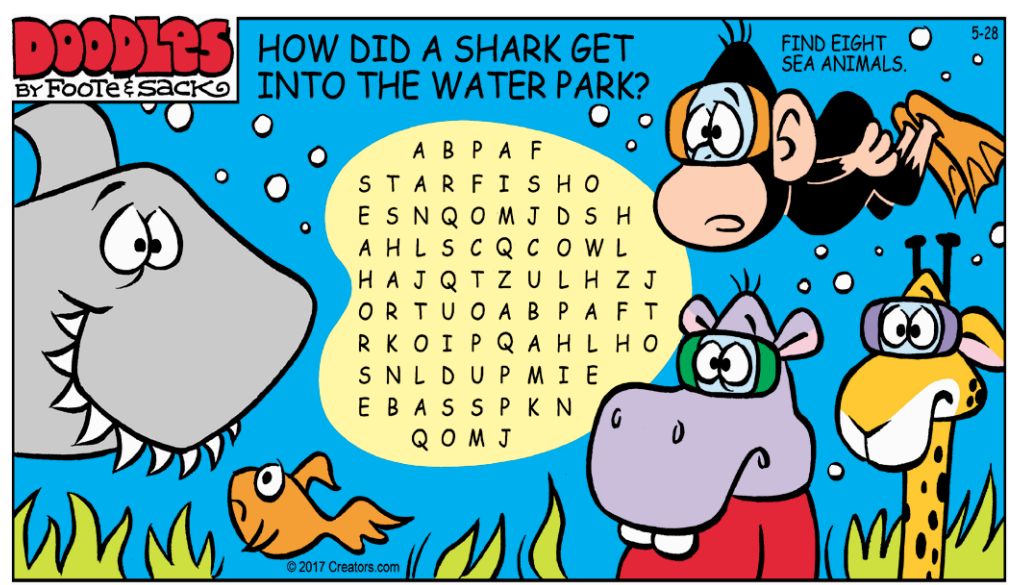
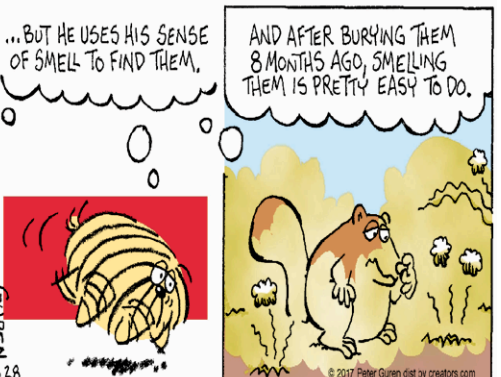
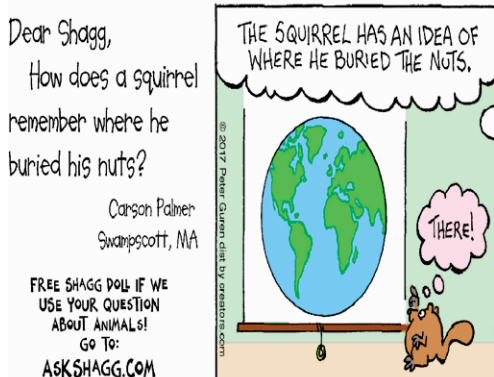
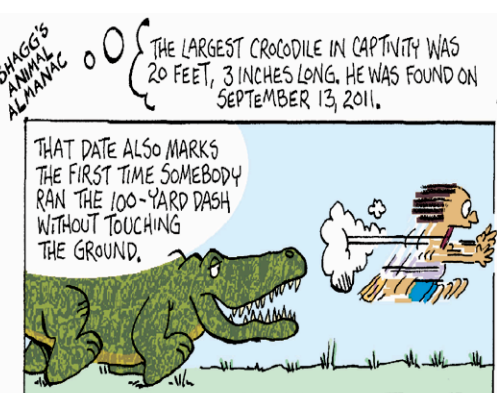
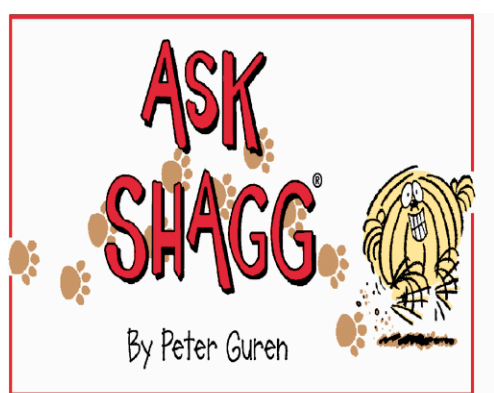
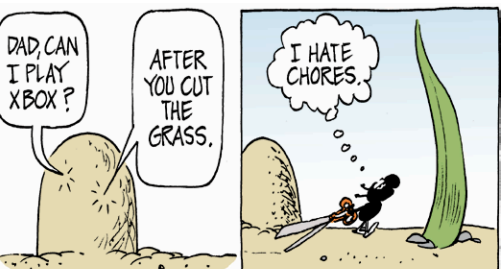
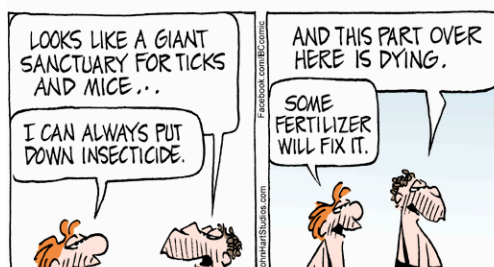
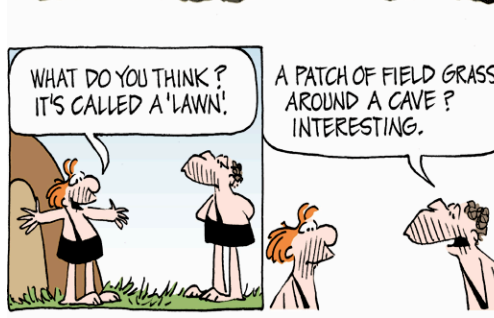
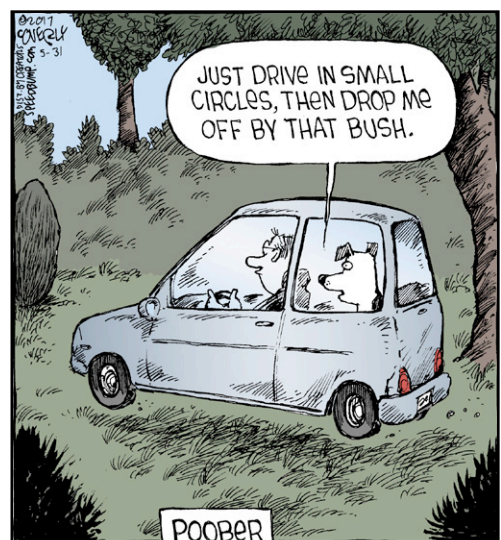
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Miss Sutton County



Lesli Ramirez

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Sterling Smith

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Kaitlyn Gann

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Lesli Ramirez is the daughter of Pete, Jr. and Cynthia Ramirez.

Her grandparents are Pete, Sr. and Diana Ramirez. Ramirez wants to be Miss Sutton County because she understands the importance of continuing the community's tradition.

"Miss Sutton County is a big part of our home town," Ramirez said. "I would love to be a role model for the younger girls to help out our community."

The most influential person in her life is her father, Pete Ramirez, Jr. because the two of them have been through so much together.

"My goal in life is to make my dad proud of the woman I have become, Ramirez said. "My dad sacrifices everything for me. My dad is my hero."

Ramirez, a junior at Sonora High School, is a student trainer for the Bronco football team, manager for the Bronco basketball team and plays percussion in the Band.

Ramirez also enjoys adopting animals in need of care. Her future plans include attending college and pursuing a career in sports medicine.

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Sterling Smith is the daughter of Olie and Carla Smith.

Her grandparents are Jean and Ron Williamson, Mac Farrington and Bud and Blache Smith.

Smith wants to be Miss Sutton County because she considers it an honor to be a representative for her hometown and community.

"My love for Sutton County is very big," Smith said. Although a crown, sash or title are great, the fact that I get to represent where I grew up is the biggest honor of all."

The most influential person in Smith's life is Doc Hailey because he helped her through a difficult time as well as inspired her to choose her career path.

Smith, a junior at Sonora High School, participates in golf, FFA, 4-H and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She also enjoys golf, going to the lake, horses, dogs and mudding at the ranch.

Her future plans include attending college to study sports medicine.

Smith also plans to return to Sonora where she hopes to be employed by Sonora ISD as a licensed athletic trainer at Sonora High School.

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Kaitlyn Gann is the daughter of Cody and Amanda Gann.

Her grandmother is Wanda Shurley.

Gann wants to be Miss Sutton County because she understands the importance of this position and said it would be her honor to serve the community.

"I will serve the community in any way I can," Gann said. "Sonora is a very special place for me. I wouldn't trade it for the world."

The most influential person in her life is Amanda Gann.

"She came into my life at 10 years old and she taught me a lot of the things I know today."

Gann, a junior at Sonora High School, is a varsity cheerleader and member of the volleyball, basketball and tennis teams. She also enjoys competing in UIL Speaking and was named alternate for regionals.

Gann's future plans include attending Howard College and Texas A&M University and study medicine. She hopes to become a cardiac surgeon.

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Naming of Sutton County Days Royalty Carries on Tradition

Every year a select few of Sonora's finest young ladies lobby for the coveted title of Miss Sutton County.

However, only one is crowned to carry out the long-standing tradition.

For more than four decades, local high school girls have competed for the crown, campaigning weeks before the annual Sutton County Days and Outlaw Pro Rodeo celebration.

Candidates sell rodeo tickets, collect donations and interview in hopes of winning the special title.

Beginning in the 1970's, the winner was chosen based upon the total money she raised.

During the 1980's, interviews and judges scores factor into their victory.

Today contestants compete by selling rodeo tickets, collecting donations for the Outlaw Pro Rodeo

and interviewing before a panel of judges.

Each year, Miss Sutton County and her runner up receives a scholarship.

Additionally, prizes are awarded for Miss Congeniality and most photogenic.

Funds raised by the contestants and local sponsors contribute in large to the overall success of the rodeo.

As the presiding queen, Kristin Garrett, prepares to pass on her tiara, while the 2017 candidates Kaitlyn Gann, Lesli Ramirez and Sterling Smith take to the streets peddling tickets and collecting donations.

"Holding the title of Miss Sutton County is a privilege and honor," Garrett said. "I have enjoyed getting to serve my community and others. This year has been so much fun because I have gotten to participate in parades and other

activities. I wish this year's queen candidates good luck and remember to just have fun with whatever you do."

Likewise, each year, little girls and boys compete for the designation of Little Miss and Little Mr. Sutton County.

The time-honored contest, sponsored by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, is the highlight of Sutton County Days festivities.

Boys and girls alike are eligible to show off their talent and adorability during a public talent show, of sorts.

Young contestants are interviewed by a panel of three judges. Further, judges consider them based upon appearance, personality, talent and their answers to questions including their parent's names, favorite food, and what they like to do. Although, their parents

complete a questionnaire, the kids have been known to change the answers last minute.

Additionally, contenders may entertain with a dance, singing or other entertainment.

This year eight youngsters, four girls and four boys, are competing for the 2017 title of Little Miss and Little Mister. Upon winning, each will receive a trophy, Little Miss Sutton County will receive flowers, a sash and a tiara and Little Mr. Sutton County will receive a belt buckle. Also, the front-runners are featured during the Saturday night Rodeo performance along-side the newly crowned Miss Sutton County.

The 2017 Royalty will participate in a variety of events including grand openings and parades, throughout the year.

ROPE & RIDE:

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DJ music by Jody Luttrell be playing from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. while Loteria (bingo) takes place in the Civic Center from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Also, inside the Civic Center a fish fry sponsored by Dee Ora Masonic Lodge is available from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce or from a Masonic Lodge Member. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children

12 & under. Another full rodeo performance begins at 7:45 p.m. Saturday night. Followed by a dance under the Pavilion and music by Case Hardin. Also, the crowing of the 2017 Miss Sutton County takes place Saturday night.

Continuing Saturday's fun folks can kick-up their heels and dance the night away to music by Case Hardin from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Tickets for the dance, sponsored by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce are

available in advance at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce or at the gate for a cost of \$10 per person.

The Sutton County Outlaw Pro Rodeo is the 2nd largest out-door PRCA rodeo in Texas. The Outlaw Pro attracts some of the top ranked cowboys each year.

It is three days of the best rodeo competition in the state featuring some local talents as well.

Rodeo and the Saturday night dance tickets may be purchased from one of

the following queen contestants: Kaitlynn Gann, at 226-0703, Sterling Smith, at 226-5815 and Lesli Ramirez at 206-4126.

"I encourage the community to come out and enjoy themselves while showing their support for this long standing tradition in Sonora," Garrett said. "This is a great time to bring everyone together in one location to have fun and just forget about everything else that is going on in this world."

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Bliss is the daughter of Colby and Lauren Bates. She enjoys ballet, gymnastics, playing with roll-e-pollies and Barbie. Her favorite food is pizza.



Canon Cearley

Canon is the son of Clint and Heather Cearley. Canon enjoys golf, baseball, fishing, digging in the dirt and playing with toy dinosaurs. His favorite food is tacos.



Payton Velasquez

Payton is the daughter of Destany Velasquez. She enjoys books, music and playing with dolls. Her favorite food is grilled cheese.

Little Miss & Little Mr.

Eight of Sonora's most adorable youngsters are competing for the title of Little Miss and Little Mr. The contest is one of the biggest highlights of the annual Sutton County Days celebration. Each child will show off their charm and talent

Saturday, June 24, 2017, before judges, family and friends. But, only one girl and one boy will be awarded a crown. Everyone is encouraged to come out to the county pavilion and show their support for these contestants.



Unique Ramirez

Unique is the daughter of Rudy and Mirabel Ramirez. She enjoys dancing, singing and playing with Barbies. Her favorite food is Chicken (Sopita) and Pizza.



Rudley Bryan

Rudley is the son of John and Blair Bryan. He likes riding sheep, chasing goats and playing with robot toys. His favorite food is spaghetti.



Mia Tovar

Mia is the daughter of Impenala Gomez. She enjoys playing with Doc McStuffins, Shopkins, Paw Patrol and her little sister. Her favorite food is chicken and french fries.



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