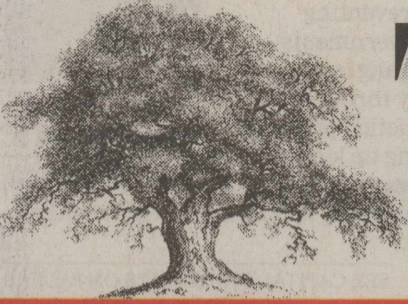




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Sonora Police Chief William Dudley (center) celebrated his retirement marking more than 33-years of service in law enforcement Thursday, June 29, 2017. Surrounded by officers and staff (L-R) Gabriel Arredondo, Justin Gutierrez, Melissa Fuentez, Garrett Douthit, Suzanne Whitworth and Betsy Rodriguez. Dudley thanked attendees for their support of him and his department. **DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS**

## SISD Applauds Scores and Ups Cost of Meals

The Sonora Independent School District Board of Trustees applauded STAAR results and approved an increase in the cost of meals during their regular meeting Monday, July 10, 2017.

Recognizing high score results on the 2017-2018 State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness Exam (STAAR), board members voiced their appreciation for district teachers, administrators and students on the accomplishment.

Overall, this year's test results showed exceptional performance and improvement over previous years, according to Superintendent Ross Aschenbeck.

"I am pleased with the results," Aschenbeck said.

Trustees also approved a .15 cent increase for cost of school breakfast and lunch meals. Breakfast costs include: elementary students, free, middle and high school students, \$2.10, staff, \$2.40, child visitors, \$2.25 and adult visitors, \$2.75.

Lunch costs include: elementary students, \$2.60, middle and high school students, \$3.00, staff, \$4.15, child visitors, \$3.25 and adult visitors, \$4.75.

In other business, the board approved teacher appraisers for 2017-2018. They are Sean Leamon, Michael Kissire, Darren Worrell, Stephen Taylor and Ross Aschenbeck.

Additionally, trustees approved to change the end of school day time from 2:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. on Fridays for the Fall Semester.

Additionally, the board approved the District of Innovation Plan as presented. The approved innovation strategies include school start date, probationary teacher contracts, teacher certification and length of school day. The plan is effective for a period of 5-years during which time it can be amended if necessary.

Finally, trustees approved a contract and letter of intent for shared service agreements and ESC contracts.

In regular business, the board approved consent agenda items including board financial and Tax Assessor-Collector

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## Dudley Honored During Retirement Celebration

People from the community, close friends and family cycled in and out of the Sonora Police Station Thursday, June 29, 2017, offering their congratulations to Chief William Dudley on his retirement.

Everything from cake, donuts and coffee were available to sweeten the celebration.

Members of the Sonora PD surprised Dudley with a special celebration marking his more than 30-years in law enforcement as well as his dedication to the local community.

Of that time, he has spent a decade serving and protecting the community of Sonora.

Although he spent the past two-years as the Chief of Police, in Sonora, Dudley's history with the department began in

November 1998 when he worked as a licensed officer with the Sonora PD.

Dudley served on the Sonora PD for eight years, from 1998 to 2006 before moving to Llano where he joined the Llano County Sheriff's Department.

Nine years later, he returned to Sonora, in March 2015, and was appointed to the position of Chief of Police.

Fulfilling his duties, Dudley said now, it is time to retire his badge and commit more time to his family and personal life.

With his grandkids by his side, he took a moment during the celebration to reflect on his career, lifetime opportunities and friendships.

Overcome with appreciation and emotion, Dudley said he is

thankful for his experience, the friendships he has built over the years and he is looking forward to the next chapter of his life.

He said his future plans also include continuing his camaraderie and community ties he has built over the years.

"I want to thank everyone who has supported me and my department," Dudley said. "Sonora is my second home. I have made a lot of good friends here. Some of them I now consider to be like family."

Likewise, in appreciation of Dudley's time in Sonora and life-long sacrifice for the badge, members of his department presented him with a framed badge and Sonora PD uniform patch as well as a plaque commemorating his service.

Humbled, Dudley said his retirement is not a good-bye.

He said, with the exception of traveling occasionally, he isn't planning on leaving the area.

Instead, he will spend his extra time relaxing and visiting with folks in the community, he said.

"I will still be around," Dudley said. "You will see me driving my truck around town, dressed in plain clothes. And, of course, I'm going to be at my ranch."

Stepping in as interim Chief of Police, Gabriel Arredondo, took over the department July 1st.

Arredondo, a Sonora Police Officer for the past 7-years, will perform the leadership duties of the department until a permanent Chief is hired.

## Camp Good Sam Fosters Learning, Imagination and Well-Being

Members of the community including parents, sponsors, educators and leaders got an up-close look at the benefits of Camp Good Sam. They also saw the students excitement of learning, during and open house Wednesday, June 28, 2017, at the Sonora Middle School campus.

Partnered with Sonora Independent School District the Good Samaritan Program offers more than just a safe place for kids during the summer.

The annual enrichment program fosters imagination, well-being and continued learning to help ensure children retain knowledge gained throughout the school year.

Consequently, kids gain confidence for a more productive future.

Marby Shaw, Camp Good Sam Manager, said the goal of the camp is to promote literature during the summer so that kids maintain good reading skills going into each new school year.

"Helping kids continue their reading throughout the summer remains an important focus of the camp, Shaw said. "Camp Good Sam, Sonora is one of the best. There is a lot of support

from the community and the participation is great. The kids are fortunate to have such a great opportunity."

Books are made available to the children at no cost through grants, donations and foundations, according to Shaw.

Further, she said Sonora ISD assumes most of the funding for the Good Sam program by providing the facility with classrooms, teachers, transportation as well as sharing the cost to provide lunches.

"Without the help of the Sonora ISD, businesses and individuals who donate, this program wouldn't be possible," Shaw said.

In addition to reading, children ranging from first through eighth grades, benefit from a variety of hands-on activities designed to encourage creativity, social skills and well-being.

Also, children are entertained through field trips and guest speakers introducing new environments and educational information at no cost.

This year's program included a variety of educational arts and crafts, organized fitness and

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Extension Agent Jessica Stapper teaches campers the importance of good nutrition and exercise during a special demonstration Tuesday, June 27, 2017, at Sonora Middle School. Students took turns measuring and adding ingredients from a recipe, then attached a blender to a bicycle and peddled to mix the ingredients to make a fruit smoothie. It was one of multiple activities geared to teach and encourage health and well being.

KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



# Lawmakers Plan to File Teacher Pay Bills in Special Session

AUSTIN — A special session of the Texas Legislature, called by Gov. Greg Abbott, is set to begin on July 18. The agenda is big.

Before adjourning in late May, our 150 state representatives and 31 state senators did the only thing the Texas constitution requires them to do each time they meet for 140 days every two years: they passed a state budget to cover the next two years.

But Abbott decided he wanted them back in Austin to extend the functions of the Texas Medical Board, and to do it with all possible speed. Abbott added a while-you're-at-it list of 19 other topics for lawmakers to resolve to his satisfaction

after they breathe the new life into the Texas Medical Board.

Since then, several lawmakers have stepped forward, announcing their intentions to file bills to take care of Abbott's other topics. For example, Rep. Travis Clardy plans to file legislation to address teacher pay, recruitment and retention. Clardy, R-Nacogdoches, will be joined in the effort by Rep. Joe Deshotel, D-Beaumont, and Rep. Richard Raymond, D-Laredo. "Every Texas student deserves the opportunity for a quality education," said Clardy. "That means we must have motivated teachers joining the ranks of the many outstanding professionals we have

in Texas classrooms today. The first step to accomplishing that goal is providing competitive pay for our teachers while encouraging some of our best and brightest to work where our education needs are greatest. We must also give our school districts the tools they need to retain and reward our best teachers."

Last week, Abbott applauded Reps. Clardy, Deshotel and Raymond for tackling that topic. Other items Abbott wants addressed in the special session include:

Administrative flexibility in teacher hiring and retention practices; establishing a 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 processes; and municipal annexation reform.

## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

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## 3 Boys on the Beach

They were splashing in the waist-high water of the lake. Boisterous and loud. Three boys on either side of about 10 years old – if my estimate was accurate. I sat on the dock, observing from a distance.

The sun shone from behind a splattering of light cloud cover in the otherwise blue sky. The wind blew steadily – stronger than usual – cooling the warm summer air, causing waves and even a few whitecaps on the lake.

For once I could watch without the responsibility for maintaining safety in the water. These boys reminded me of my own and their energy was familiar but they themselves were not.

They were just three young boys, playing in the water with their own mom and dad watching them from the shore. They had numerous toys at their availability lying on the grass. Instead they chose to dunk and tackle. Every once in awhile one of them would let out a whoop of victory when he'd ambushed one of his brothers in an especially covert dunk, in their timeless game of rowdy roughhousing and unrestrained childhood fun.

After everyone had been sufficiently dunked, they retreated to shore, donning beach towels with the intention of drying their shoulders. But the games hadn't ended yet. The wind unexpectedly blew beneath a towel and soon one of them was running across the lawn, holding the terry cloth to his shoulders while it lifted in the wind behind him, like a makeshift Superman cape. Another of the boys followed, and another and before you can say kryptonite, the three of them were transformed into flying superheroes running along the shoreline.

As the capes flew higher in the wind, the towels became kites and the boys pulled and tugged on the "strings," which were actually the towels, in order to keep their imaginary kites airborne and reaching for the clouds.

The wind shifted and one "kite" fell, hitting a nearby brother on the shoulder. This launched a battle. The cape-kites became weapons, as towels are obviously wont to be, and the boys swatted at each other, again whooping and hollering when the onslaught became particularly intense or immensely fun. Before I could decide whether they were fighting with imaginary swords or light sabers, the towel underwent another change as their duel shifted seamlessly into a tug of war.

Three doesn't work well for tug of war, so their mom, who had been sitting near them on the shoreline, jumped in, helping the youngest on his side of the battle.

Their tug of war tugged at my heart. This mom on the beach was me. I am her. The future her. These boys at the lake today reminded me of my three sons who were young boys playing similar games on the same beach just a few years ago while I watched diligently – ensuring safety, playing referee, dispensing sunscreen, handing out freeze pops.

Their energy was and is invigorating. Their creativity inspiring. Especially in this era of electronic everything, I am glad kids can still play the old fashioned way on a summer day at the lake by taking something as simple as a beach towel and making it be whatever they imagine it to be.

And I'm glad I got to sit on the sidelines today and witness it happen.

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By Jill Pertler



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## Taking Care of Tech Beauty

Some people told me I ought to interview Jack Moreman of Clarendon. They said he was a character and did lots of stuff, including making compost from



### Rolling Along

by Tumbleweed Smith

feedlot manure. So I called him on a rainy morning and asked him to come to the motel where I was staying. "Might as well," he said. "I can't get any work done in this rain." When he walked into the motel wearing a yellow slicker, he spoke to everybody and called the people behind the registration counter by name.

My room was on the second floor and I asked him if he needed an elevator and he said, "I'd rather walk." So we climbed the stairs.

Jack was born at Hedley, a small place just east of Clarendon. "I was born at home. We didn't have any hospitals in Hedley." His family was in the hardware business. "My granddad had a hardware store in the old town of Rowe, which is no more. The railroad missed Rowe and people moved to Hedley. So granddad put in a hardware store there. He also owned a hardware store in Estelline and one in Lelia Lake."

Back then, hardware stores sold funeral supplies. "I was in the store at Hedley one time and I was probably doing things I shouldn't be doing and my granddad said 'Jack if you don't sit down and behave yourself I'm gonna lock you up in the casket room.' That just terrified me. I behaved from then on."

After graduating from Texas Tech with an agricultural degree, he managed ranches and farms, including the famous JA ranch. He spent a few years at TCU teaching in the ranch management program, then set up a similar program at Clarendon College and headed it for 20 years. He started a feedlot in Hereford and ended up owning a company that turns feedlot waste into compost, serving farmers in seven counties. "When I had that feedlot in Hereford somebody said something needed to be done with the piles of manure, that they were interfering with TV reception."

Somewhere along the way, Jack ended up in charge of the Texas Tech horse that the Masked Rider rides around the stadium during football games. The horse's name was Tech Beauty. "We were going to play A&M and I got word that some of those Aggies were planning to break into the horse barn and paint Beauty maroon. I knew that was not going to happen while I was in charge of that horse. When the Aggies hit town I went to the horse barn, put a padlock on Beauty's stall and parked my pickup in front of it. I had my shotgun with me and it was fully loaded. Sure enough, the night before the game some people entered the barn. I knew they didn't belong there. I fired off a couple of rounds just to scare them. I didn't want to hurt anybody. Sure enough, they skeddaddled out of there without doing anything to the horse. That paint would have caused serious damage to the horse.

Years later somebody did manage to paint a Tech horse and the horse died."

www.tumbleweedsmith.com

I enjoy the smell of a fresh pot of coffee in the early morning. And...I especially enjoy the sound of no one talking to me while I drink it.

I take back everything I said about the weather last winter.

## Up and Over Wolf Creek Pass

Pagosa Springs, Colorado played a prominent role in – well actually at the very end of – a 1970s C.W. McCall song titled "Wolf Creek Pass" about a pair of hapless truckers who attempt to haul a load of chickens over the Great Divide.

It seems that men's truck lost its brakes on the downhill side of Wolf Creek Pass. The harrowing trip down was complicated by a steep grade, hairpin curves, and a tunnel that was described as being marked with "clearance to the 12-foot line, but the chickens was stacked to 13-9."

The song ended with the men's 1948 Peterbilt buried in the side of a feed store in downtown Pagosa Springs.

Until last week, the comical song had been my only point of reference when it came to Pagosa Springs. Now, after spending a week there, my take on the town has changed a bit.

Kathy and I were joined on the trip by our daughter Sarah who did her share of driving as we tried to see the sights in southern Colorado, something that will require several more trips to complete.

Pagosa Springs is named for the geothermal hot springs for which the town is famous. The name is translated from the Ute language and, depending on who you ask, means healing water or bad smelling water – either way, it's the water's sulfurous mineral content that is the star of the show.

The crystal clear San Juan River runs through town where it picks up the outflow of the springs and heads south toward New Mexico. The fast river beckons hundreds each day who tube down the river before crawling out above the springs and hauling their tube back uphill for another ride.

I have to add here that immediately around the springs wafted a rotten egg smell that brought back memories of my oilfield days and the hydrogen sulfide gas that we always tried to avoid. The odor dissipates rapidly, however, as you leave the springs and wasn't even noticeable in town.

On the way north we crossed paths with several people we know, including Corie Williams, who we bumped into in a restaurant in Lubbock.

Stopping for a cold drink and some snacks at a convenience store in Santa Rosa, New Mexico, we ran into Cyndy Slovak-Barton, publisher of the Hays Free Press. She and her family were also headed to the mountains on vacation.

The following evening we met my brother Mike and his wife Rhonda for dinner in Durango, Colorado. They

recommended a Mexican food restaurant named Tequila's. It was excellent.

A couple of days later, a volunteer at Chimney Rock National Monument named Sam Sitton told me that he knew my brother from when Mike was a land man for ConocoPhillips and he was an oil and gas attorney. Sam then asked me to say hello to Albert Elliott in Sonora, one of his law school classmates.

The night before we headed home, we crossed paths with former Eldorado head coach Bryan Green and his family. They were in Pagosa Springs for the wedding of his cousin Jake Proffitt, who also spent some time coaching in Eldorado. With them were Richard and Carissa Buchanan, who just left their teaching (and coaching) positions in Eldorado to take similar jobs at Borden County ISD in Gail.

Talk about a small world. But, we didn't travel north for reunions and Colorado offered plenty to see and plenty to do. We saw the Royal Gorge and rode a train beneath the famed bridge that spans the narrow canyon.

We visited the ruins of the early day Pueblo culture at Mesa Verde and even earlier ruins at Chimney Rock.

We decided to forgo the narrow-gauge train ride from Durango to Silverton choosing instead to make the trip by car. The views were breathtaking. In Silverton we found a combination restaurant/saloon named Handlebars where they have taken hundreds of photos of patrons with handlebar mustaches and tacked them up on their wall. The walls are also decorated with uniform patches from law enforcement agencies across the nation. Oddly enough, the restaurant serves the best chicken pot pie I have ever had.

We drove north from Pagosa Springs on a gravel road that was so badly wash-boarded that we almost gave up and turned back. But, after enduring about three bone-jarring miles, the road smoothed out and took us to some of the most spectacular views of the entire trip.

And, of course, we made the trip up and over Wolf Creek Pass. I'm sure the road is greatly improved since C.W. McCall and his brother Earl made the fictional trip with their load of chickens, but the curves that he described as hairpin county and switchback city were still there. The tunnel was there, too – even if it was on the opposite side of the mountain from where C.W. described it.

But...as for the curve that he said looked like a can full of worms and the other that resembled a malaria germ... let's just say that C.W. may have exaggerated on those, but only a just a bit.

### Over the Back Fence



by Randy Mankin

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# Fallen Law Enforcement Officer Day



Sutton County law enforcement, Sonora Police Officers and Emergency personnel observe a moment of silence in a statewide effort to honor fallen officers Friday, July 7, 2017. (L-R) Sheriff Oscar Chavez, Deputy Marcos Guajardo, Chief Deputy DuWayne Castro, Deputy David Macias, Officer Garrett Douthit, EMT Josh Longoria, EMT Matt Baird, Fire Marshall/EMS Director TJ Thorp, Officer Justin Gutierrez, Game Warden Derek Rogers, Officer Gabriel Arredondo and Officer Betsy Rodriguez (not pictured DPS Sgt. Tanner Purvis). DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

## Local Law Enforcement Joins Statewide Event to Honor Fallen Officers

Joining all law enforcement officers across the state, local law enforcement officers as well as emergency responders observed a moment of radio silence Friday, July 7, 2017, to honor all of the men and women who died while serving in the line of duty.

In a press release Governor Greg Abbott asked all officers throughout the state of Texas to turn on their red and blue flashing lights at 10:00 a.m. Friday morning and silence their radios for one minute in a state-wide stand with all

law enforcement officers in Texas.

Officers from the Sutton County Sheriff's Office, Sonora Police Department, Texas Parks and Wildlife and Sutton County EMS and DPS gathered beside the courthouse in participation of the statewide event.

Standing in front of their vehicles with lights flashing they bowed their heads in silence as the sound of church bells signaled the hour.

The state-wide call to stand with all law enforcement marked the one-year

anniversary of the attack on Dallas law enforcement, as well as honored all peace officers across Texas.

Additionally, the unified event also coincided with the funeral services for fallen San Antonio Police Officer Miguel Moreno who was shot and killed while on duty June 29th. Abbott spoke at Moreno's funeral service Friday.

July 7th was designated Fallen Law Enforcement Officer Day with the signing of House Bill 3042, which was passed this session, according to a press

release from the Governor's office.

"Today is a day of remembrance for all Texans, but especially for the law enforcement community and their families," Abbott said. "Although Texas has dedicated this day as Fallen Law Enforcement Officer Day, we should always remember the bravery of those who wear the shield to protect our way of life."

The Texas Governor's Mansion was also lit in blue Friday evening in recognition of Fallen Law

Enforcement Officer Day in Texas.

"Tonight's lighting comes on the one-year anniversary of the Dallas attack, which left five officers dead, and also serves symbol of remembrance for all Texas officers who have fallen in the line of duty, including San Antonio Police Officer Miguel Moreno, who was laid to rest in San Antonio this morning."

While nothing can bring back the men and women who were killed as a result of the senseless acts of

individuals, understanding and support from the public is key to restoring the respect they deserve.

"Respect for our law enforcement officials must be restored in this nation," Abbott said. "It is our officers who stand between us and all that threatens and we must stand behind them by sending a clear message that attacks on our men and women in blue will not be tolerated. I ask that all Texas come together to show our appreciation for those who keep us safe."

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### EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

**Name:** Danny Curtis  
**Position:** Director of Plant Operations  
**Length of Employment:** 21+ years

Danny has been employed by the district for more than 21 years. In 2001, he helped guide us through consolidation and expansion and was instrumental in coordinating the modernization of our operations to meet the needs of our community. He worked with administration and contractors to oversee the renovation and construction of additional housing for hospital employees and continues to maintain our buildings and public spaces in pristine condition. Congratulations, Danny! And thank you for everything you do.

**Danny Curtis**

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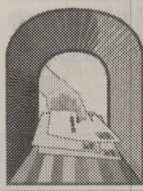
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Doesn't like Confederate flag

Sadly, no one on the Sutton County Days organization considered VETTING (popular word nowadays) and REJECTING a vendor who pedals symbols of White Supremacy, racism, and bigotry.

The vendor proudly flew several Confederate flags. The Confederate flag is not a patriotic symbol, but actually reflects the treasonous act of seceding and trying to destroy the United States because Southern plantation owners did not want the enslavement of human beings to end.

The citizens of Sonora--(Latinos, Whites, African-Americans)--have co-existed in an amiable manner since I can remember no matter political, cultural, language, etc., differences.

No outsiders should be allowed to come in and change that with symbols of hate and division.

*Carmen Vela*

Carmen Vela  
1974 Sonora High School

## Opportunities for Students to Continue Their Education with Military Service

Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program

One of the great privileges of being a state representative is that, from time to time, I am afforded a unique opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of the next generation of Texas leaders.

One such opportunity that I am excited to share with you today is the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TSSSP), which offers scholarships to hard-working students who are dedicated to their education and to serving their state and nation through military service.

Created in 2009 by the 81st Legislature, the TASSP was designed to help defray the cost of a college education by encouraging students to become members of the Texas Army National Guard, the Texas Air National Guard, the United States Coast Guard, the United States Merchant Marine, or to become commissioned officers in any branch of the armed services of the United States.

Each year, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor nominate up to two students, and each Texas State Senator and State Representative may nominate one student.

The TASSP provides recipients with a conditional scholarship for up to four years to any Texas university with an active ROTC program, depending on available funding.

To be eligible, the student must fulfill at least two of the following four requirements:

1. Be on track to graduate or has graduated high school with the Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP) or the International Baccalaureate Program (IB);
2. Has a current high school GPA of 3.0 or higher or graduated with a GPA of 3.0 or higher;
3. Is currently ranked in the top third of his or her respective high school graduating class or graduated in the top third of his or her graduating class;
4. Has achieved a college readiness score on the SAT (1590) or ACT (23).

If you or someone you know meets these requirements, please contact my office for more information about the scholarship program. I can be reached at [andrew.murr@house.texas.gov](mailto:andrew.murr@house.texas.gov) or by calling (512) 463-0536. Nominations are due August 31, 2017.

Greystone--Service Academy Prep School, Schreiner University in Kerrville

Additionally, if you or someone you know has previously applied to a military academy and fallen short, there is a fantastic program right here in our district designed to help give those serious about an appointment another opportunity.

It is called Greystone, a Service Academy Prep School located on the campus of Schreiner University in Kerrville.

Since 2004, Greystone has helped 252 young men and women earn academy appointments.

Their approach is simple; students are enrolled full-time at Schreiner where they can earn up to 38 college credits which can be transferred to a Service Academy.

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Over 98% of all Greystone graduates earn scholarships leading to a commission as an officer in the Armed Forces. Of that group, 86% earn their Academy appointments and the remainder earns ROTC or USMC PLC scholarships. At the Military Academy at West Point the Greystone graduation rate is 100% and the Naval Academy rate is 94%.

These graduation rates are significant because all of these students were previously rejected by the academies in their initial high school attempt.

So for those committed to a career in the military and determined to earn an appointment, Greystone at Schreiner University in Kerrville is an excellent back-up plan that everyone should consider.

It allows students to complete their freshman year of college, while at the same time maximizing their ability to continue their education at a Service Academy.

Both Greystone and the TASSP program are offering fine young Texans with the opportunity to realize their educational goals while also becoming public servants and leaders.

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## Officers Named for 2017-18 SCHD Board

The Sutton County Hospital District Board of Directors handled a light agenda and elected 2017-2018 board officers during its regular meeting Monday, July 10, 2017.

The board approved a motion to keep Sharon Holman as president, Edward Earwood as vice president and Mickey Schaefer as secretary for another year.

In regular and other business, the board approved the minutes from the June meeting, financial report and credentialing

of several physicians who provide radiological and emergency room services.

Without further discussion or visitor comments, the meeting adjourned before the half hour mark.

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

Administrative personnel John Graves, Joe Marshall, and Mickey Schaefer were also present.

The next meeting of the SCHD Board of Directors is set for August 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the LMH Wellness Center.

**Weekly Crossword Puzzle**

**ACROSS**

1. Thrash
5. Make poor use of
10. Flirt
14. Greek coin
15. \_\_\_ boys
16. Century plant
17. Symbol of strength
20. Pair
21. Turn aside
22. Type of light
23. Man from Munich
24. Target
26. Claws
29. Murmuring sound
30. Grampus
33. Maple tree genus
34. Burn
35. Inlet
36. English tourist mecca
40. Dombey and \_\_\_
41. Rinses
42. Snug abode
43. Purse item
44. Iron \_\_\_
45. Sets of steps
47. Motor trip

**DOWN**

1. \_\_\_ Jim
2. Leigh Hunt hero
3. Palm tree
4. Game animal
5. Thin biscuits
6. Creator of Ragged Dick
7. Agitate
8. Actor Hunter
9. Blunder
10. Attendant
11. Choir singer
12. Complain
13. For each
18. Heating apparatus
19. Hunting trophy
23. Band instrument
24. Stoppers
25. Yen
26. Italian poet
27. Obey
28. Sierra \_\_\_
29. Years
30. Bay window
31. Lave
32. Throws
34. \_\_\_ seas
37. Ran away
38. Mata \_\_\_
39. Military group
45. Burns
46. Japanese immortal
47. \_\_\_ heat
48. Weapon
49. Concert number
50. Oahu attraction
51. Scrutinize
52. Wall decoration
53. Pagan deity
54. Communication
55. Hairstyle
56. Decline
57. Richard \_\_\_
58. Talk

**"AT THE QUARRY"**

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92/71	95/71	93/69	93/72	102/72
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
Sunrise 6:49 a.m. Sunset 8:47 p.m.	Sunrise 6:50 a.m. Sunset 8:47 p.m.	Sunrise 6:50 a.m. Sunset 8:47 p.m.	Sunrise 6:51 a.m. Sunset 8:46 p.m.	Sunrise 6:51 a.m. Sunset 8:46 p.m.

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The Sonora Economic Development Board will hold a joint farewell and welcome reception for  
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2-4pm @ the SEDC office,  
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# OBITUARIES

## Louis Avendano Pérez, Jr. September 18, 1943 - July 5, 2017



Louis Avendano Pérez, Jr., beloved father, grandfather, friend and community leader went to heaven on Wednesday, July 5, 2017.

Louis was born to Adelmira and Louis S. Pérez on September 18, 1943, in Sonora, Texas.

The oldest of five boys, Louis attended schools in Sonora. He graduated from high school in 1963 and later moved to San Angelo where he graduated from San Angelo College in 1967.

Louis married Alma Sánchez Pérez and they moved to Lubbock, Texas, and began a career in teaching.

Later, Louis attended law school and became one of the first Mexican-American students to graduate from Texas Tech law school.

Louis and his family established themselves in San Angelo, Texas in 1973.

He was only the second Mexican-American to practice law in the San Angelo area at the time. He represented generations of families in over 40 years of practicing law.

Louis had a guiding principle that no one should be treated as a second-class citizen and the law should protect all from any forces that try to treat them as such.

Louis was very active in the community. He worked on political campaigns, served as general counsel for LULAC and the American G.I. Forum, served as parish council president at St. Joseph's Church, was a lifetime member of the Southside Lions Club, and he and his family were driving forces in citywide celebrations like Fiesta Patrias (Diez y Seis) at Fort Concho and Cinco de Mayo celebrations. Louis was also one of the founding owners and President of La Unica Broadcasting Corporation

which was founded in 1985. It was very important to him and his co-founders that the Spanish speaking community have access to radio, news and a voice to speak on their behalf.

Louis is survived by his son Louie A. Pérez, Louie's wife Amy, of San Angelo, his daughter Marisol L. Pérez, her husband David Antón Armendáriz, of San Antonio, his daughter Stephanie Minjarez, her husband Jesse Rene, of San Angelo, and his former wife, Alma Sanchez Pérez of San Angelo.

He is also survived by seven grandchildren, Jordan Minjarez and wife Yvonne, Joshua and Jonah Minjarez, Karina and Louis Andrew Pérez, and Xiména and Xotchitl Armendáriz and one great granddaughter Montserrat Minjarez.

Additionally, Louis is survived by his siblings and their spouses, Fred Pérez and his wife Mary, of Sonora, Ben Pérez and his wife Barbara, of San Angelo, and Henry Pérez and his wife Arlene of Flower Mound. He also leaves behind much other family and dear friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents and brother, John David.

A viewing and Rosary was held Friday, July 7, 2017, at St Joseph Catholic Church in San Angelo, where he was a lifelong parishioner.

The celebration of his life and funeral service was held Saturday, July 8, at his home church of St. Ann's Parish in Sonora

Graveside service and interment were held at Sonora Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jordan Minjarez, Joshua Minjarez, Jonah Minjarez, John Henry Pérez, Ernest Pérez and Paul Sanchez. Honorary Pallbearers were Frank Sanchez, Louis Trejo, Arturo "Turis" Bermea, Pete Chapa (Deceased), Sabino Garcia (Deceased) and Jose "Pepe" Marquez (Deceased).

Services were entrusted to Love Funeral Home of Sonora.

*I am the last to throw the puño de tierra and I cry No, esta vez no fue mi abuelo ni mi abuela Pero otra vez fue un Sonorense que está entregado Entregado en la tierra de nuestras familias Entregado en la tierra de nuestros antepasados Entregado en el respeto que queda en cada Sonorense Y fue entregado con el resto de la historia de Sonora Y es por eso que yo lloro*

## Harold "Corky" Schwiening, Jr August 21, 1934 - July 4, 2017

Harold "Corky" Schwiening, Jr passed peacefully on July 4, 2017 in his ranch home with his daughter and her husband by his side.

He was born in Junction on August 21, 1934.

Corky grew up on a ranch in Sutton County and attended Cedar Hill School on the Llano River near Camp Allison. During these years he rode his horse to school every morning.

When he was 10, his family relocated to Sonora where he finished out his school years.

Corky was preceded in death by Patsy Gandre Schwiening, the love of his life, and his parents Harold and Elsie Schwiening.

Corky and Patsy both attended Texas Tech University at Lubbock.

Corky graduated in 1957 with a degree in Animal Science, which he applied to his career as a rancher.

Shortly after college, Corky served his country by joining the Army and was stationed in Alabama.

He was a member of the St. Johns Episcopal Church in Sonora, where he served on the vestry multiple times.

In addition, he served as junior and senior warden.

Corky's hobbies included hunting, fishing, and following the Sonora Bronco football team.

He also enjoyed attending his grandchildren's sporting events.

An important part of

Corky's life was breeding registered goats for his daughters to exhibit in major livestock shows. Frequently, his goats would bring home grand champion honors. Corky dedicated his free time to coaching his daughter's wool and mohair judging team.

Corky's last few years were spent at his ranch enjoying what he loved to do. He will be missed dearly by his family and friends.

Corky is survived by his daughter Susan and her husband Jimmy Crowder of Roosevelt, Charlotte Luna of Sonora, a sister, Barbara Halbert of Pensacola, Florida.

He is also survived by his grandchildren Janea Crowder and husband Bill Clinger of Sonora, Kimble and Cash Lane of Canyon Lake, Harold Luna of Roosevelt and Christopher Crowder.

As well, he is survived by three great-grandchildren James and Makenna Shaffer of Sonora and Colton Crowder of San Angelo.

Services were held on Friday, July 7, 2017, at the Sonora Cemetery.

The service was officiated by The Reverend Monte Jones.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials be sent to The Wounded Warrior Project and the Boys Ranch and Girls Home of San Angelo. Online condolences may be made at [lovefuneralhome.net](http://lovefuneralhome.net).

## Anna Mary Campbell Eustace January 20, 1923 - June 27, 2017



Anna Mary Eustace passed away on Tuesday, June 27, 2017, at the age of 94.

Anna was born in Campbellton to Lucy Lee (Hamilton) and Edward Campbell on January 20, 1923.

She is predeceased by her parents, her husband Gus, infant son Gus Eustace, Jr., sister, Catherine McFadden and brother, John Campbell.

Anna spent her childhood in Campbellton and attended Campbellton schools.

She attended Sul Ross for a year until World War II started and she went back home to help her father with his business. During the war, she worked in civil service in several parts of the country.

On May 5, 1946, she married Gus Calvin Eustace.

They spent most of their married life on the Arrow S and 7PL Ranches in Atascosa County and on the Harrison Ranch in Sutton and Edwards Counties, where her husband was ranch foreman for the Dan J. Harrison family of Houston.

Anna was a devoted ranch wife and mother. Since the Harrison Ranch sold in 1990, she has been a resident of Sonora.

Anna is survived by her children, Sherry (Bob) Johnson of Eldorado, Kari (Carl) Cloud of Rocksprings and Joe (Melinda) Eustace of Pleasanton

She is also survived by a sister, Jean Stokes of Boerne, grandchildren, Ashley (Brent) Moore of Eldorado, Lindsay (Frank) Crane of San Angelo, Brooks and Avery Eustace of Pleasanton, Arden (Jesse) Henderson of West Fork, AR, Merrick (Meredith) MyCue of Austin, Ferris (Shana) MyCue of Austin, Eric (Lia) Cloud of Pipe Creek and Rebecca (Glenn)

### Devil's River News Weekly Rainfall Report

July 1-10	3.35 in.	July 1-10	3.45 in.
June	3.07 in.	June	0.41 in.
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	15.88 in.	2017 Year-to-Date Total	13.42 in.
2016	25.10 in.	2016	29.22 in.
2015	23.87 in.	2015	25.31 in.
2014	14.32 in.	2014	12.72 in.
2013	25.12 in.	2013	25.00 in.
2012	16.06 in.	2012	17.82 in.
2011	11.50 in.	2011	10.49 in.
2010	20.37 in.	2010	17.94 in.
2009	21.67 in.	2009	28.44 in.

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  - 16th Kim Cole, Manuel Paredes, Jake Trainer, Joyce Casparis
  - 17th Manuel Paredes III, Abel Rodriguez Jr.
  - 18th Anita Hudson, Mattie Nix, Morgan Vyvlecka, Ann Morriss, Jerry Jimenez, Albert Rodriguez
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# Fireworks Bring Community Together in Celebration of Independence Day

Threatening weather and strong winds didn't stop residents from celebrating Independence Day with a variety of fireworks Tuesday, July 4, 2017, at the Sutton County Park.

Taking a place along the outer edge of the parking lot, people bravely ignited a variety of fireworks including spinners, wheels, roman candles and aeri- als lighting up the night sky. Children and adults

alike squealed and clapped in delight at the display of colorful bursts, sparks and flashes. Occasionally, they covered their ears too.

Sparklers were also among the more popular fireworks of the night.

Jack and Hannah Rogers showed off their colorful sparklers, twirling them back and forth while with excitement while loud rockets exploded in the sky above them.

Nearby, the Bryant and Abalos families also found entertainment with sparklers.

"We come out with our friends every year to celebrate and watch the fireworks," Angie Bryant said. "This year we are only doing the sparklers, but the kids don't mind. They just like getting to participate."

For people who purchase and ignite fireworks as part of their July 4th



Jack and Hannah Rogers twirl colorful sparklers while celebrating Independence Day at the Sutton County Park, Tuesday, July 4, 2017.

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Laane Abalos, Ashton Bryant, Kenzee Bryant, Caina Abalos and Anaz'Leigh Abalos celebrate July 4th with sparklers while enjoying a display of fireworks at the Sutton County Park.

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celebration, Sutton County offers the confines of the fairgrounds to display pyrotechnics as well as resources to ensure safety and cleanup.

Overseeing the event, fire department, EMS Sheriff and Police officers stood nearby.

Sutton County Judge likes the idea of confining fireworks to the designated area. He said he thinks it is the safest way to celebrate with fireworks and clean-up

afterwards is easier.

"I think it is a good thing," Smith said. "In all the years that we have been doing this, we haven't had any injuries or fires reported that I know of. It gives people a safe place to go and celebrate the 4th of

July. It makes clean up a lot easier too."

Since the 1970's the tradition was expanded into a community-wide event, according to Smith, and providing the space to celebrate is a win-win for everyone.



## Countywide Burn Ban Is In Effect

## VBS Super Heroes



Children ranging from Kindergarten through 5th grade showed off their super hero talents Thursday, June 29, 2017, during a special musical performance at First United Methodist Church. Empowered by the word of God, children strengthened their understanding of Jesus while taking part in a variety of activities during the annual week long Vacation Bible School.

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## Commissioners OK New CAT and Sheriff's Vehicle

County Commissioners approved a handful of agenda items including expenditures for a front-end loader for the Road and Bridge Department as well as a new vehicle for the Sheriff's Department during their regular meeting Monday, July 10, 2017.

The court approved a lease to own contract with Holt CAT Machines and Engines for a front-end loader tractor to be used by County Road and Bridge crews.

Additionally, commissioners approved the transfer of funds from regular replacement and gas to the Sheriff's budget for the purchase of a new vehicle.

In other business, commissioners approved a Sale of land/waiver of plat requirement for Don McMeans as presented.

Additionally, the court heard a fiber optic service presentation by Kerry Sutton, of Hill Country Telephone Cooperative. Sutton

explained the Coop's plans to provide high speed fiber optic internet and telephone service in Sonora. The project includes an investment for HCTC of more than 1 million dollars to bring the state-of-the-art service to the area. In return, they are seeking a location/easement to house equipment to supply the service.

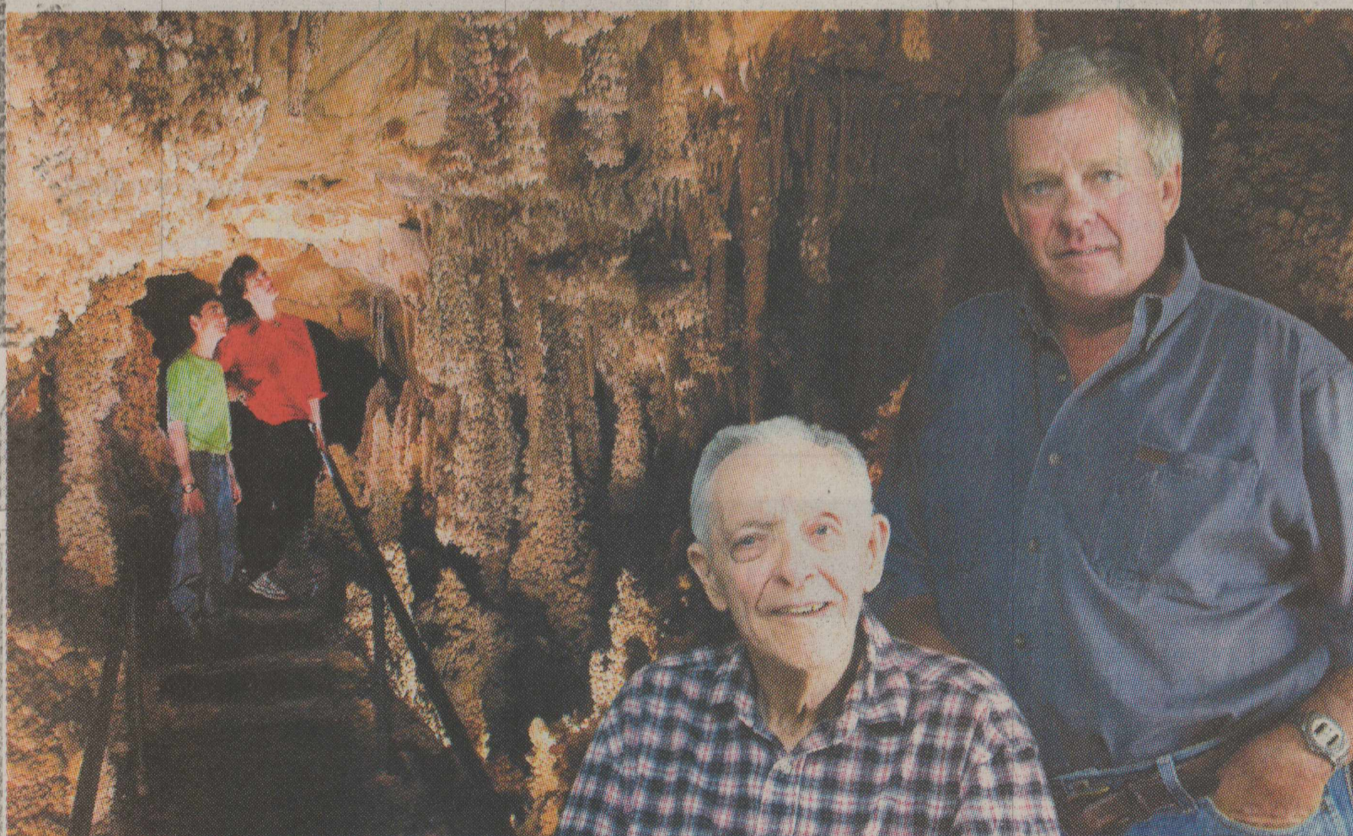
No action was taken.

Commissioners reviewed a notification request for a special force training exercise to take place between March and June 2018. They agreed to allow the training activity to continue as it has for the past two-years.

Finally, commissioners approved the appointment of Mike Villanueva to the Concho Valley Transit board.

In regular business, the court approved routine reports but no reports were received from the auditor and county clerk.

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## Reader Recipes

### "Green Chili Corn Casserole"

Residents of Sutton County are fortunate to have a wealth of knowledge readily available in a public library. Within the 5,400 square foot building housing the Sutton County Library, there are 17,882 printed titles available to the public. Currently, there are 8,443 audio volumes, 2 newspapers and 8 magazine subscriptions included among the selections.

A popular book in the library, the Centennial Cookbook by the Sonora Woman's Club, includes one of the most scrumptious, tried and true recipes for Green Chili Corn Casserole, by Judy Friess.

- 1/4 cup butter!
- 1 can Mexi-corn
- 1/2 cup onion, finely chopped
- 1 can cream corn
- 1 Poblano pepper, chopped
- 1 cup sharp cheddar cheese, shredded and divided in half
- pinch of salt
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 cup pepper jack cheese, shredded and divided in half
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 pkg. (9oz.) corn muffin mix
- 1 can white shoepeg corn
- 3 cans (4oz.) diced green chiles

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Melt butter and saute onion, poblano pepper and garlic till soft but not browned. Add other ingredients one at a time and stir. Cheese is divided and 1/2 goes into the casserole; the other half goes on the top. Bake covered with foil for 40-45 minutes or until bubbly. Remove foil at last 7 minutes.



# 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 INCIDENTS

**JUNE 26 - 10:17 AM** • Caller reported welfare concern at 1300 block of Tayloe Ave. Officer responded.

**10:45 AM** • Caller reported a skunk at 100 block of Deerwood. Animal Control responded.

**11:43 AM** • Caller requested assistance at Stripes/Subway. Officer responded.

**3:03 PM** • Officer assist at courthouse to transfer inmate. Officer responded.

**4:02 PM** • Caller requested assistance at 300 block of E. College. Officer responded.

**JUNE 27 - 2:33 PM** • Caller reported suspicious vehicle in the area of LMH. Officer responded.

**11:28 AM** • Caller reported street being blocked at 500 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

**JUNE 28 - 9:24 AM** • Caller requested assistance at 200 block of N Water Ave. Officer responded.

**7:52 PM** • Caller requested Animal Control at 800 block of St. Ann's. Animal Control responded.

**11:04 PM** • Caller reported violation of city ordinance at Main and Rock. Officer responded.

**JUNE 29 - 1:52 PM** • Caller requested an officer at 400 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

**2:36 PM** • Caller reported violation of city ordinance near Calle Chiquita. Officer responded.

**2:38 PM** • Caller requested officer at Sonora Tire Service. Officer responded.

**9:00 PM** • Caller reported loud music at N. Crockett. Officer responded.

**9:24 PM** • Caller requested, to use phone at PD. Officer responded.

**10:18 PM** • Caller requested assistance at Oaks and Crockett. Officer responded.

**JUNE 30 - 4:19 PM** • Caller reported disturbance on US Hwy 277 N. Officer responded.

**6:26 PM** • Caller reported theft at 400 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

**6:31 PM** • Caller reported possible theft at Sonora Tire. Officer responded.

**8:20 PM** • Caller requested an officer at Bronco Trailer Park. Officer responded.

**JULY 1 - 12:40 PM** • Caller reported disturbance at 400 block of Santa Clara. Officer responded.

**5:50 PM** • Caller reported accident/wreck at Stripes Taco Laredo. Officer responded.

**5:52 PM** • Caller requested to speak to officer by phone. Officer responded.

**JULY 2 - 9:57 AM** • Caller reported theft at 700 block of Menard. Officer responded.

**11:23 AM** • Caller requested traffic control at Plum and S. Crockett. Officer responded.

**1:57 PM** • Agency assist requested by Sutton County Sheriff's Office. Officer responded.

**8:42 PM** • 9-1-1 hang up calls reported at St. Ann's and Enrique.

Officer responded.

**11:01 PM** • Caller reported family violence at 200 block of Sawyer. Officer responded.

**JULY 3 - 8:00 AM** • Caller reported a traffic hazard at S. Crockett and E. Chestnut. Officer responded.

**5:13 PM** • Caller reported a hit and run at 1300 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

**8:22 PM** • Caller reported identity theft at Holiday Host Motel. Officer responded.

**JULY 4 - 12:51 PM** • Caller reported a dog at 600 block of S. Crockett. Animal Control responded.

**3:28 PM** • Caller reported a dog running loose at Hudspeth and E 2nd. Animal Control responded.

**4:54 PM** • Caller reported a vehicle parked illegally at 7/11. Officer responded.

**5:09 PM** • Caller reported fireworks at Marigold and E. 2nd. Officer responded.

**7:07 PM** • Caller reported reckless driving at 600 Block S. Crockett. Officer responded.

**9:25 PM** • Caller reported fireworks in the area of St. Ann's and Rock. Officer responded.

**JULY 5 - 1:05 PM** • Caller reported theft at 400 block of S. Concho. Officer responded.

**1:07 PM** • Caller reported accident/wreck at Stripes Subway. Officer responded.

**10:24 PM** • Caller reported suspicious vehicle at Dollar General. Officer responded.

**JULY 6 - 12:11 PM** • Caller reported a traffic hazard on service road and ramp to I-10. Officer responded.

**6:36 PM** • 9-1-1 call. Officer responded.

**JULY 8 - 10:55 AM** • Funeral Escort requested. Officer responded.

**12:09 PM** • 9-1-1 call at Road Ranger. Officer responded.

**12:43 PM** • Caller reported suspicious activity 100 block of W College. Officer responded.

**1:54 PM** • Caller reported suspicious activity at Sutton County Park. Officer responded.

**7:17 PM** • Caller reported loud music at 200 block of W 2nd. Officer responded.

**8:57 PM** • Agency requested assistance 5 miles N. on US Hwy 277. Officer responded.

**11:01 PM** • Caller reported loud music at 1200 block of Tayloe. Officer requested.

**11:12 PM** • Caller requested to speak to an officer at 300 block of W. Chestnut. Officer responded.

**11:51 PM** • Caller reported loud music at 1200 block of Tayloe. Officer responded.

**JULY 9 - 11:55 AM** • Caller reported a suspicious vehicle at 900 block of N. Crockett. Officer responded.

**5:48 PM** • Caller reported a stalled vehicle at city limits south. Officer responded.

**7:52 PM** • Caller requested Animal Control at S. Crockett and Cactus. Animal Control responded.

## SUTTON COUNTY SHERIFF ARRESTS

**JUNE 26** • Jerry Ramirez, 22-year old male, of Sonora. Arrested on a Sutton County Warrant.

**JULY 4** • Ricardo Ortega-Perea, 24-year old male, of Austin. Arrested for a driver license restriction violation.

**JULY 6** • Alfredo Mendiola, 43-year old male, of Eagle Pass. Arrested for DWLI/Suspended with Prior Convictions-Alcohol Suspension.

• Ramon Lopez Jr., 62-year old male, of Fabens. Arrested for Display Fictitious Motor Vehicle Registration.

**JULY 7** • John Mata Lopez IV, 22-year old male, of Sonora. Arrested for Failure to Appear/DWI.

**JULY 8** • Jose Martin Huichapa, 50-year old male, of San Angelo. Arrested for Reckless Driving.

**INCIDENTS**

**JUNE 26 - 12:51 PM** • Caller reported a grass fire on Hwy 277 S. Deputies and SVFD responded.

**6:53 PM** • Caller reported a reckless driver on I-10 at 428 mm. Deputy responded.

**8:51 PM** • Caller reported a reckless driver on I-10 at 390 mm East bound. Deputy responded.

**JUNE 27-5:15 PM** • Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 277 North. Deputy responded.

**JUNE 28 - 1:42 AM** • Caller reported a reckless driver on I-10 at 398 mm. Deputy responded.

**4:35 AM** • Caller reported a reckless driver on I-10 at 412 mm. Deputy responded.

**JUNE 30 - 12:54 PM** • Caller requested a motorist assist on I-10 at 385mm. Deputy responded.

**JULY 1 - 12:38 PM** • Caller reported domestic disturbance on Santa Clara. Deputy responded.

**JULY 2 - 12:34 AM** • Caller reported a one vehicle rollover on Hwy 277 South near Dunbar Draw. Deputies and DPS responded.

**9:34 AM** • Caller reported a cow on RR 864. Deputy responded.

**10:21 AM** • Caller reported goats on I-10 W at the Rest Area. Deputy responded.

**JULY 3 - 5:20 AM** • Caller reported a one vehicle crash on US 277 S and RR 189. Deputy and DPS responded.

**JULY 4 - 8:15 PM** • Caller reported a home burglary alarm on RR 864. Deputy responded.

**JULY 4** • Deputies responded to numerous calls in reference to fireworks.

**JULY 5 - 8:47** • Caller reported a one vehicle crash 25-miles South on US Hwy 277. Deputy and DPS responded.

**JULY 6 - 6:15 AM** • Caller reported a one vehicle crash on I-10 E mile marker 388. Deputy and DPS responded.

**11:11 AM** • Caller reported a one vehicle crash 20-miles South on US Hwy 277. DPS and Deputy responded.

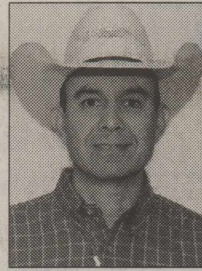
**JULY 7 - 11:00 AM** • 9-1-1 hang-up call from a business on US Hwy South 277. Deputy responded.

**JULY 8 - 7:54 PM** • Caller reported a reckless driver on US Hwy 277 N. Deputy responded.

**JULY 9 - 7:33 PM** • Caller reported damage to fence and property on SCR 108. Deputy responded.

## Know Your Options for Controlling Mesquite

Mesquite is one of the big 3 when it comes to problematic brush species on rangeland. As we are square in the middle of mesquite-spraying season, it's important to understand our treatment options. Following are 3 methods of herbicide treatments for mesquite.



Pascual Hernandez

The first is the leaf-spray method and works best on mesquite trees that are less than eight feet tall. It is best to spray during the growing season when all foliage is a dark-green color. This dark color indicates that leaves are mature and producing; carbohydrates are thus flowing toward the roots. Spraying during flowering or when mesquite beans are not fully elongated may reduce mortality rates. For best results, don't spray when rains have stimulated light green new growth in tree tops or when mesquite foliage shows damage from hail, insects or disease.

The second method is known as the Stem Spray Method. It works best for control of relatively young mesquite trees that have smooth bark and few basal stems, those slim trunks emerging from the ground. The method has been known for years as the low-volume, basal stem treatment technique. What's new is that demonstrations have shown excellent results using much less herbicide, making it much more economical. When to apply? Anytime during the year, although best results occur during spring-summer growing season.

The third is the Cut-Stump Method. We can divide this into 3 steps.

Step 1 is to prepare equipment.

This can be pruning shears, a sharp ax, chain saw, hydraulic shears, etc. You will also need a pump-up garden sprayer, backpack sprayer or sprayer mounted on a four-wheel all-terrain vehicle (ATV) to apply the herbicide. For hand-held spray guns, an adjustable cone nozzle is recommended.

Step 2 involves mixing

the herbicide with diesel or vegetable oil. A mixture of herbicide and diesel fuel oil or vegetable oil is recommended. Diesel fuel oil or vegetable oil act as coating agents and penetrants to ensure good coverage and absorption of the herbicide. Using vegetable oil instead of diesel fuel oil increases the cost but may be desirable in some situations. Remember to follow the instructions on the herbicide label.

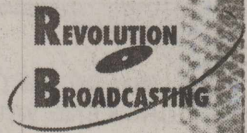
Step 3 includes cutting and spraying the stump.

Cut every stem of the plant as close as possible to the soil surface, but not below the soil surface. Avoid leaving soil on the cut surface. Spray the stump immediately after cutting it. Adjust the spray nozzle so that it delivers a coarse mist in a cone-shaped pattern. Hold the spray wand so that the nozzle is within 1 or 2 inches of the stump and spray the entire cut surface until it is wet, especially the outer edges. Spray the sides of the stump and root collar also, almost to the point of runoff.

For herbicide options and rates, please contact the Sutton County Extension Office.

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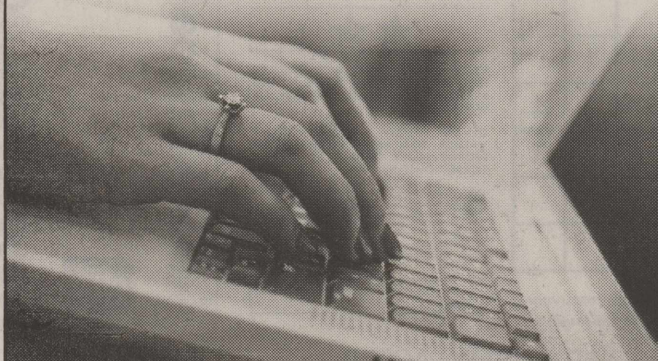
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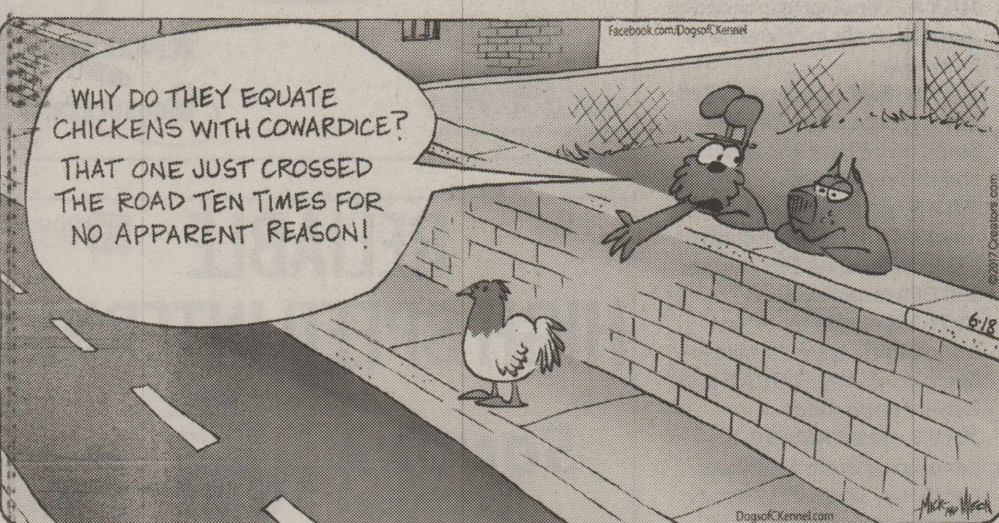
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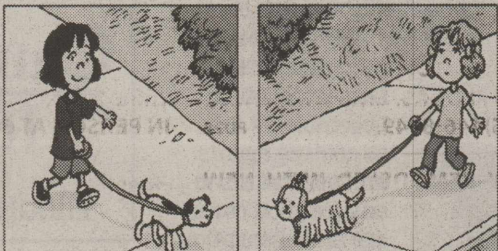


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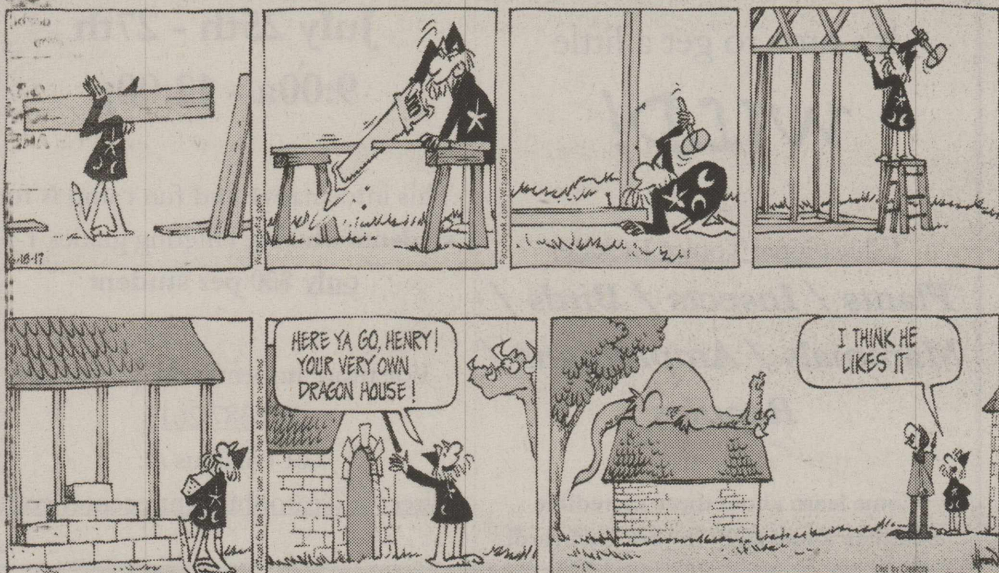
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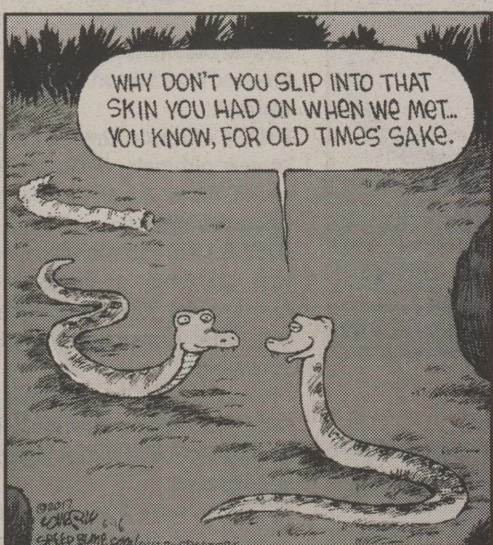
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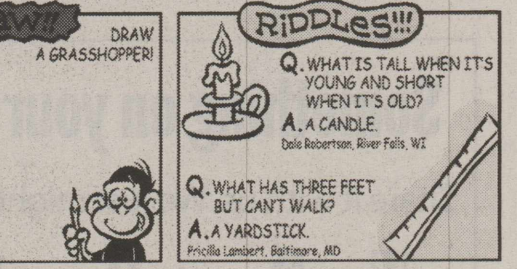
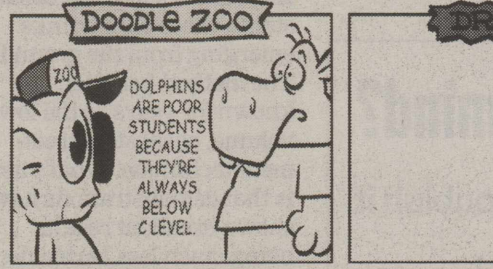
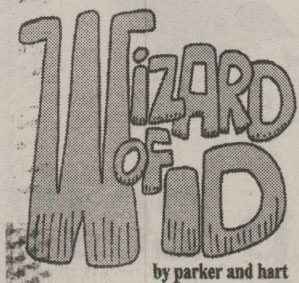
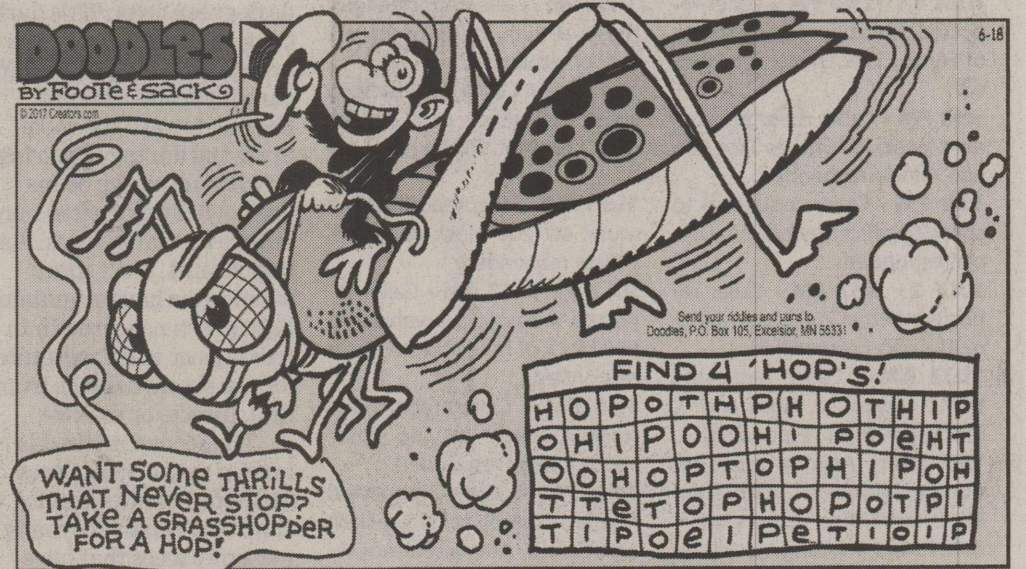
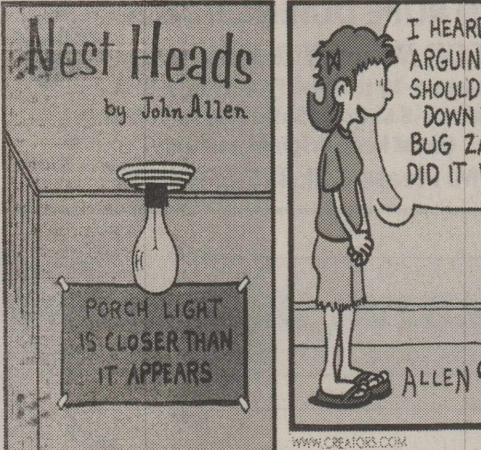
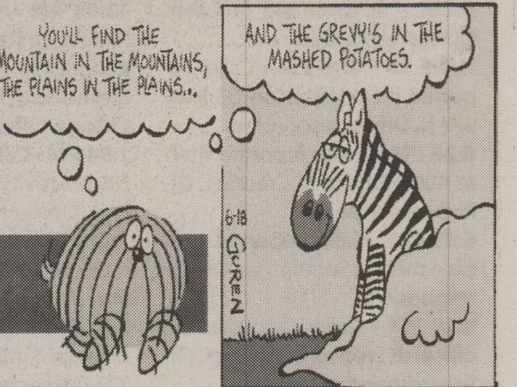
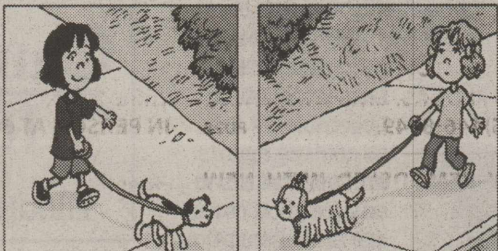
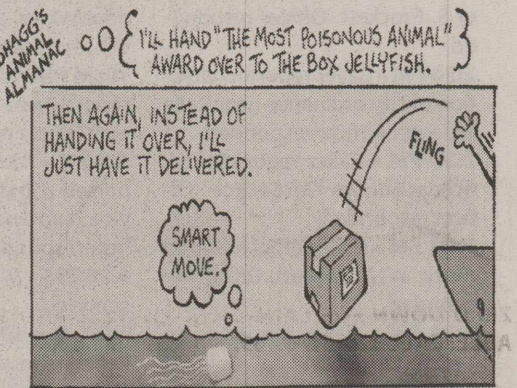
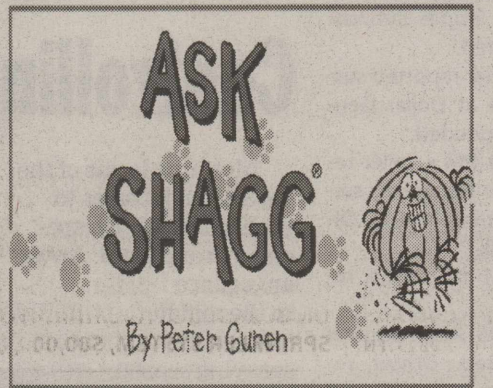
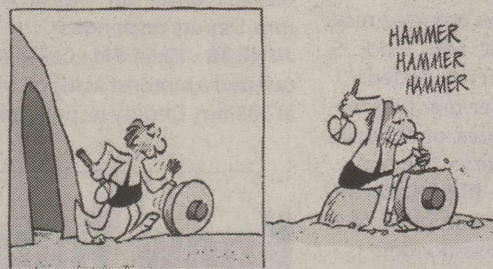
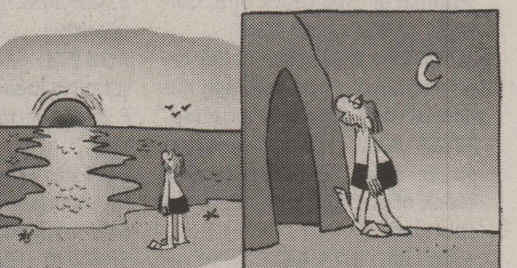
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# EnPleinAirTEXAS Announces "Rope Yourself A Painting Saturday!"

By Barbara Rallo and Treva Boyd

In a first time collaboration with the San Angelo Roping Fiesta, 34 award-winning EnPleinAirTEXAS (EPAT) Artists are invited to capture on canvas the fast-paced action of the 30 best Tie-Down and Steer Ropers in the world, who are competing at arguably the most prestigious invitational roping event in the world.

With ranchers in attendance from all over the country, this is an exciting way to spread the word about EPAT, and to blend our cowboy culture with the art of plein air painting.

Join the Artists at the San Angelo Cinch Roping Fiesta, Saturday, Oct. 28th, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets to this event are \$12.

Additionally, the roping crowd and all of San Angelo is invited out to Fort

Concho on Sunday to enjoy the Chuck Wagon Breakfast AND to get a view of and purchase artwork painted during the roping fiesta.

Earlier, at the Open Quick Draw PAINT-OUT artists can choose to paint the indoor roping in the First Community Federal Credit Union Spur Arena, a junior livestock show with hundreds of kids with their prize goats and lambs, or out among the cowboys and

their horses and trailers.

Come watch that Saturday as the EPAT Artists and other artists paint at the San Angelo Fairgrounds from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Free early entry to the fairgrounds until 1:00 a.m.

Tickets are \$12 (for the roping entry) after 11:00 a.m. Paintings will be judged at 11:45 a.m. and are for sale, benefiting the artists and the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts.

Over \$2500 in awards will be presented by judge Roger Dale Brown.

GIDDY-UP - Rope Yourself A Painting PARTY begins at 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at the Quartermaster Building.

Join the artists for a night of live music, and lots of friendly competition as 4 paintings are started and finished that evening.

Attendees are encouraged to dab a little color on a canvas or simply 'pass the paintbrush' to someone else.

A silent auction all during the evening gives everyone the opportunity

to own a piece of artwork painted on by a team of 8 award-winning artists and their perhaps somewhat less-artistic friends at this party. Light hors d'oeuvres and cash bar will also be available at \$25 per person.

Doesn't that sound like a fantastic way to celebrate the final Saturday of EnPleinAirTEXAS?

Please tell your friends about it and come join us!

For more information, please visit [www.enpleinairtexas.com](http://www.enpleinairtexas.com) or email [paint@enpleinairtexas.com](mailto:paint@enpleinairtexas.com)

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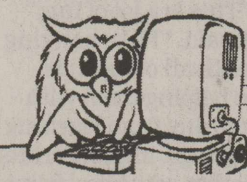
Eaton Hill Nature Center.

• Crafts and a T-shirt Children who are entering the 2nd grade through the 6th grade are eligible to participate in this camp.

Space is limited to the first 20 children, so sign up your child today!

For more information about this event, or to schedule an interview with the Executive Director, please contact Michael Price at 325.387.2615 or email at [director@eaton-hillnaturecenter.org](mailto:director@eaton-hillnaturecenter.org)

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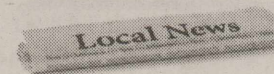
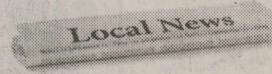
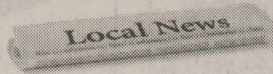
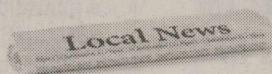
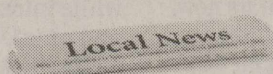
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# Camp:

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nutrition as well as bicycle safety.

Nine-year old Jayden Ortiz said this is her fifth year to participate in the program.

With excitement in her voice, she named each member of her group and explained what they learned that morning while they worked together to complete their project.

"I love it! [Camp Good Sam]" Ortiz said. "I wish everyday could be this much fun!"

Shaking his head in agreement, camper Jose Domingo said he likes everything about the summer camp and it is a lot of fun.

Each summer a theme, based upon a narrative that is both educational and entertaining, is designed to capture the interest of young minds.

This year's theme is based upon the book titled, "Land of Stories: The

Wishing Spell" a children's literature fantasy.

The book is the first in a series of books, by Chris Colfer, depicting modern day fairy tales based upon long-standing fables.

Not only does the book help children maintain important reading skills, it also fosters imagination and understanding of new and familiar things venturing on both sides of fantasy and real world.

For example, children divided into groups and scoured the outdoors collecting leaves rocks and bark to create a wolf den shadowbox after reading the contemporary story of "Little Red Riding Hood" and studying real wolves living in Yellowstone National Park.

This is the sixth year that the outreach program, originating in San Antonio to help impoverished children, has been available in Sonora, according



Deputies Cody Gann and DuWayne Castro teach children bicycle safety during a demonstration Thursday, June 29, 2017 at the Sutton County Park.

to Wheless Baker, SES/SIS Reading Intervention Instructor.

"Our community is lucky to have such a great summer enrichment program," Baker said. "We have such a good staff including our student volunteers Ray and Ashley. The kids really look up to them."

Ray Kimbrell and Ashley Zook, Sonora High School students, offered to help with this year's camp. An important part of the everyday routine, they did more than just oversee activities by providing encouragement, support and leadership to the younger.

Taking a minute to gather more supplies while helping students with a craft project, Zook said she is proud to be a part of the

experience and is happy to have the opportunity to help with the camp.

"This is a lot of fun," Zook said. "I like hanging out with all of the kids. I like helping them with everything from learning new things, making crafts and other activities. Sometimes, all they need is someone to listen to them and help them work through a problem. I am glad I am able to be a part of this."

Learning enhancement through opportunities like Camp Good Sam, Sonora is important and it is open to all children.

Each school year, registration for the Good Samaritan Program begins with informational meetings held during April and May. Campers are enrolled on a first come, first serve, basis.



Students work together on a shadowbox project Wednesday, June 28, 2017, during the third week of Camp Good Sam, Sonora. After reading and studying wolves, campers assembled the shadowbox using an assortment of leaves, rocks and bark to resemble their natural environment.

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## Hurd Announces Dates & Stops for Third Annual Town Hall Series

#DC2DQ expected to draw large Texas crowds

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Representative Will Hurd has announced dates and stops for his third annual DC2DQ trip, a series of public meet-and-greets held at local Dairy Queens throughout South and West Texas.

The informal town hall meetings are open to the public and designed to offer constituents an authentic opportunity to engage with their Congressman in a way that was never before seen under previous Representatives.

To accommodate record attendance, not all meetings will be held at Dairy Queen restaurants this year.

Special guests for each stop will be announced in upcoming weeks. **DATES FOR DC2DQ 2017:** Sunday, August 6

- El Paso Clint Monday, August 7
- Presidio Alpine Fort Stockton Tuesday, August 8
- Pecos Kermit Monahans Wednesday, August 9
- Ozona Del Rio Eagle Pass Thursday, August 10
- Carrizo Springs Uvalde Hondo Friday, August 11
- Devine Pearsall Dilley Cotulla Saturday, August 12
- Castroville Somerset Helotes

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Judge Harris reported 609 cases closed for the month of June resulting in a total revenue collected of \$152,207.90. Of that amount, \$92,333.39 is retained by the county. He also reported a total of 865 new cases for the month of June, an increase above the 478 cases the same time last year.

Standley Clay Anderson reported on the Road and Bridge Departments upkeep with regular county maintenance. Additionally, he informed the court of plans to begin seal coating on Miers Road within the next two weeks.

Florie Gonzales updated the court on summer activities at the library including public use and special summer programs.

Sutton County Extension Agents Pascual Hernandez and Jessica Stapper reported on recent and upcoming activities including seeking grant funds for 4-H projects, plans to provide informational pamphlets to new land owners to help educate them on land issues specific to the area and the 4-H Awards Banquet is set for August 14.

Additionally, a new program titled "Fresh Start to a Healthier You" is set to begin July 25th at the

Sutton County Food Pantry. The no-cost, 4-week course is open to the public and includes free incentives to help encourage good health as well as recipes and samples.

The court reviewed the monthly report for June as well as the quarterly report from April 1 thru June 30 as presented by County Treasurer Janalyn Jones.

Finally, Sheriff Oscar Chavez reported an average of 12.5 inmates for the month of June and a cost of \$2.09 per meal. Additionally, he reported a total of 675 dispatch calls, 14 civil processes served and a total of \$4,562.80 collected in revenue.

Without further discussion or public comment the meeting adjourned.

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

The next special budget meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners is set for Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. in the County Annex Building.

The next regular meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners is set for Monday, July 24, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Annex Building.

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reports and the minutes of the June 8 regular meeting as well as the business manager's report.

Aschenbeck updated the board on personnel and 2017-2018 revenue for the district.

Without further discussion or visitor comments the meeting adjourned.

President Dawn Cahill presided over the meeting.

Cynthia Perez, Shana Castro and Jesse Bustamante were present. Brady Johnson, Amber Killough and Jerry Jimenez were absent. School officials Sean Leamon, Darren Worrell and Michael Kissire were also present.

The next regular meeting of the Sonora ISD Board is set for August 14, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the vocational building.

# CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Legislature

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Also, a ban on texting while driving; bathroom and locker room rules for transgender students; prohibition of taxpayer dollars to collect union dues; prohibition of taxpayer funding for abortion providers; 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 the maternal mortality task force.

**Abbott issues statewide call**

Gov. Abbott on July 6 issued a statewide call for Texans to stand with law enforcement, to mark July 7 as the anniversary of an attack on Dallas law enforcement, and in honor of all peace officers across the Lone Star State.

During a civil rights march in downtown Dallas on July 7, 2016, Michael Xavier Johnson shot and killed five on-duty Dallas police officers and wounded nine others. Johnson was tracked down and killed by an explosive device deployed from a police-controlled robotic unit.

In other news, on July 7, Abbott attended and spoke at the funeral of San Antonio Police Officer Miguel Moreno, who was shot and killed in the line of duty in late June.

**Toyota opens headquarters**

Toyota Motor North America Inc. on July 6 held a grand opening at its new, \$350 million, 2 million-square-foot headquarters in Plano. The headquarters was relocated from Torrance, California.

Gov. Abbott, who attended the opening ceremonies, said Toyota's move to Plano is "one of the largest economic development deals completed in the state."

**Revenue report comes in**

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on July 5 reported that state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.4 billion in June, an amount 10.3 percent more than in June 2016.

Increased collections from most sectors of the economy resulted in growth in sales tax revenue, although the gains did not offset weaker-than-expected franchise tax collections in the month of May, Hegar said.

Receipts from the wholesale trade, information and oil-and-gas-related sectors saw significant gains, and total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in June 2017 is up 5.5 percent compared to the same period a year ago, Hegar added.

**Wardens busy over holiday**

Texas game wardens logged nearly 13,000 patrol hours on state bodies of water over the extended Fourth of July holiday weekend, the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department reported July 6.

While on the job over the period, wardens:

- Served as first responders in incidents that included 10 fatalities;
- Conducted boating safety and compliance checks on 17,845 vessels carrying 60,673 boaters;
- Made 55 BWI (boating while intoxicated) arrests and nine DWI (driving while intoxicated) arrests; and
- Made 42 additional arrests on other charges.

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