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Daron Worrell works on administrative tasks Wednesday, July 12, 2017, in preparation for his new position as principal of Sonora Middle School. Worrell relocated to Sonora from Brackettville where he was employed as the secondary principal at Brackett ISD for the past three years.

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Sonora Welcomes Daron Worrell as Middle School Principal

Daron Worrell has been selected as the new principal of Sonora Middle School beginning with the 2017-18 school year.

Already hard at work on plans for a successful school year, Worrell is focused on team building, academic performance and sound administration.

Worrell and his family relocated to Sonora from Brackettville where he was a secondary principal with the Brackett Independent School District for the past three years.

"I am excited to be a part of the team," Worrell said. "I've always wanted to come to a small school and I've heard great things about Sonora ISD. We know it's a great family atmosphere place and I've got kids and a wife and I know it's a great place to raise a family. I've been in big districts and when my kiddos got old enough to go to school we wanted them to go to a small school. I think Sonora is a good place for me and my family."

Excited about the opportunity to be an administrator with

the Sonora ISD, Worrell said he knows he has his work cut out for him

He said, initially, his biggest challenge will be blending his team of new and veteran teachers as well as getting to know the students.

Aside from this Worrell said he thinks his faculty and staff are amazing. And he is looking forward to helping them provide the best education possible to students as well as a variety of opportunities to get them involved in more than just academics.

"I am going to be stay focused on trying to keep the atmosphere going in the right direction," Worrell said. "And, continue the growth and greatness of Sonora Middle School. I am ready to have fun with the kids and do what we need to do to get them going in the right direction. Middle school years are important years for kiddos changing from being little kids to being teenagers. I feel it is an important part of my job to help

in their maturity and further education."

When it comes to his role as principal, Worrell said he has an open door to students, teachers and parents alike. As for discipline, he said he believes in fairness and consistency across the board. He expects students to obey rules and show respect for others. The same is expected of teachers, parents as well as

himself he said.

Recognizing the importance of academics, Worrell said he plans to keep encouraging students to participate in UIL Academics as well as improve on standardized tests.

standardized tests.

"UIL academics is huge
here," Worrell said. "And, Sonora's students have always done
well in this area."

well in this area."
After reviewing the recent
STAAR scores, he said he attributes that success to the overall
academic performance of the students. And, he hopes to continue
that success in the future.

Additionally, Worrell said he also understands the importance

of extra-curricular activities in helping to ensure the future success of all students.

"Athletics isn't for everybody," Worrell said. "I want to find something for everyone."

He said he believes that getting kids involved in school is key to their future success and wellbeing. It holds them more accountable as well as gets more people involved with those kids.

"A goal of mine is to have as many kids as possible become involved in extra-curricular activities to help them become better individuals as they progress in life," Worrell said. "I want to provide something that

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Council OK's Fuentes for Chief of Police

City Council members welcomed Alex Fuentes to the position of Chief of Police and handled agenda items during their regular meeting Monday, July 17, 2017.

Upon the recommendation of City Manager Ed Carrasco, the council approved to hire Alex Fuentes as Chief of Police. Fuentes is relocating to Sonora from Fort Stockton where he has served as Chief of Police for the past six years.

In other business, council members approved an agreement for Development of Infrastructure and Cost-Recovery between the city of Sonora and Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, Inc.

Also in the debt column, council members considered options for repayment to Comptroller of Public Accounts on an overpayment from Local Sales and Use Taxes in the amount of \$38,582.84. The council approved a 65-month payback plan consisting of recurrent payments in the amount of \$566.94.

Additionally, the council approved a request from Hill Country Telephone Cooperative for use of space for utility equipment for service. Upon the recommendation of the City Manager, the council agreed to make available a portion of city owned property near the police station to house a utility equipment cabinet. HCTC agreed to pay the cost for a survey. The Coop plans on bringing fiber optic high speed internet and telephone service to Sonora in the near future. The Coop agreed to cover the cost for a survey.

Next, the council approved a request from Chamber of Commerce Director Donna Garrett to allow the 2017 Homecoming Parade to traverse the traditional route on September 29.

In regular business, the council approved consent agenda items including the minutes of the June 19, 2017 regular meeting and June 27,

SEE FUENTES ON PAGE 5



STAAR Results Show Improvement in Sonora ISD Performance

The Sonora Independent School District recently released the summarized testing results of how students in all participating grades performed on this year's state standardized exams showing a remarkable improvement in math with a perfect score in two of the six participating grade levels.

Additionally, fifth grade math, fourth and eighth grade reading as well as eighth grade science scored above 90 percent.

Beaming with pride, Superintendent Ross Aschenbeck said he couldn't be happier with the results.

"I am extremely pleased with the district's performance," Aschenbeck said. "I heard a "Wow" at the school board meeting from one of the board members. SISD has great teachers who simply care about students

and who care about learning. Our entire staff works as a team to make great things happen in Sonora ISD. I can't say enough about the tremendous students that we have in Sonora. They come to school every day, ready to learn."

The State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness scores indicate how students in grades three through eight performed on the 2017 administration of the exams.

The exams cover a variety of subjects ranging from math and science to reading and history.

Math and reading tests were administered to students in grades three through eight and writing tests were given to students in fourth and seventh grades.

Science exams were administered to students in both fifth and eighth grades while only

eighth graders completed the STAAR end-of-course Algebra, English, Biology and U.S. history exams.

The Texas Education Agency assigns STAAR scores into one of four categories: "Did Not Meet Grade Level (Failing)," "Approaches Grade Level (Passing)," "Meets Grade Level (Passing)," and "Masters Grade Level (Passing)."

Approaches Grade Level designation encompasses all students who performed at the approaching level or better, including those who met and mastered their grade level.

Definitions provided by the state education agency list students of the "Did Not Meet Grade Level" designation as "unlikely to succeed in the next grade or course without significant, ongoing academic intervention" and those of the "Approaches

Grade Level" group as likely to succeed in the next grade or on course with targeted academic intervention.

Texas state law requires that students in fifth and eighth grades achieve an approaching score or better on the STAAR reading and math tests to be promoted to the next grade level.

Students who do not meet the testing requirements are retained at their current grade level.

However, an exception may be made if a parent appeals the child's retention and appropriate school officials agree to advance the student to the next grade level.

Ultimately, the goal of Sonora ISD is to achieve 90 percent in each category, at every grade

level, according to Aschenbeck.

To help realize this goal, SISD teachers and administrators,

alike, rely on data collected from the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) test, each year, to work with students to help improve their performance in targeted areas.

Aschenbeck said this approach is more beneficial than simply striving to "prepare" students for the STAR test.

Mastering the TEKS, which are the state standards for what students should know, is key to ensuring students success on the STAAR exams he said.

For these reasons, SISD educators think the TEKS Resource System is a valuable tool to keep everyone on target and on time, Aschenbeck said.

Looking ahead with confidence that the district will continue to build upon this year's improved scores, Aschenbeck

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Abbott Gives Lawmakers Special Session Marching Orders

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on July 10 issued a formal proclamation for the special session that begins July 18, directing the Texas Legislature to extend expiration dates for the Texas Medical Board and other state boards that regulate psychologists, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors and social workers.

Abbott said he plans to issue a supplemental proclamation further directing lawmakers to pass another list of items he previously announced. The areas of legislation would:

Reform laws governing ad valorem property taxes;

- Increase average salary and benefits

of Texas teachers;

- Establish a statewide commission to study and recommend improvements to the current public school finance system;

Preempt local regulation of the use of hand-held mobile communication devices while driving; and

— Deal with the use of multi-occupancy showers, locker rooms, restrooms and changing rooms (also known as the "bath-

On July 13, Gov. Abbott applauded Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Senate, for holding a press conference to express his support for the special session agenda. "My office," Abbott said, "has been working with lawmakers in both the Senate and House these past six weeks, and if these items do not get passed, it will be for lack of will, not for lack of time.'

One of the ideas laid out by Patrick is a tiered salary increase schedule for active and retired teachers. Patrick suggested that pay increases would rely on the reallocation of funding by local school districts, because the state already spends 53 percent of its budget on public education.

The Austin-based Center for Public Policy Priorities reacted to Patrick's suggestion, saying, "If state leaders are really concerned about property taxes, they should increase the state's share of public

school funding."

Abbott to seek 2nd term

With sights trained on the 2018 general election, Gov. Abbott announced his candidacy for a second term as the state's chief executive on July 14 in San Antonio. His current term expires in January 2019.

By Ed Sterling In January, Lt. Gov. Patrick announced he would seek a second term at his current

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The Sheriff is Here

This is a true story although I did not witness it. This tale went around the ranching country from coffee shop, feed store, and cafes in Schleicher County. I heard this tale and decided it was too good to pass up. Therefore I went to Eldorado and

It Happened Out West

hunted up the main participant to get the true story straight. I caught up with the ex-sheriff in the waiting room of the doctor's

By Joe N. Brown When I asked W Orval Edminston

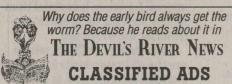
about this story he chewed on his unlit cigar and asked me to repeat the story as I had heard it. After I finished Orval chewed on his unlit cigar and said and I quote "write it just that way." So now I had gathered the true story from the very source I felt free to write the following version. So now take a deep seat and ride

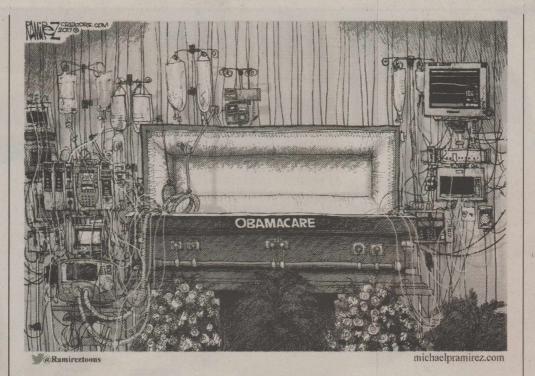
The year of this happening is not that important, what is concerns the man involved. Orval Edminston, a veteran of World War II, came home to Eldorado, the county seat of Schleicher County and was elected county sheriff in 1951, a job he held for over 30 years. Not large in statue but a very giant of man in the eyes of the people of Schleicher County.

Now to the heart of our story as it was told to me first hand by the man who lived this happening. Now the sheriff lived at his ranch west of Eldorado, his usually routine was to get up, drink some coffee then go to the pasture, check his cattle and go to town to the office to work. This was normal and the way it started on the morning in question.

Arriving in his back pasture, he found a crew taking up and loading pipe. When he approached the crew pusher and asked "what are you men doing?" The pusher said it was obvious we are taking up this pipeline. Then Orval asked "who gave you permission to do this?" To this question the crew pusher got up in Orval's face and said and I quote again "This is none of your business old man and if you don't get out of our way, I will call the sheriff." Orval then pulled his coat open revealing his badge and stated "the sheriff is here now and you are all under arrest for stealing pipe."







The More Things Change

The Idle American

By Dr. Don Newbury

Authorities usually offer specifics when asked about origins of expressions. "The more things change, the more they stay the same," however, is not one of them. Attempts to pinpoint its first use are baffling to some and invite "waffling" for others.

Most linguists agree that the idiom began as a French expression in the mid-

Hardliners maintain that its genesis is biblical, birthed by the scripture about "nothing being new under the sun.".

I do not wish to enter the debate. First of all, I'm not an authority on anything. And, though I've seen more than my share of sunrises, I've not seen nearly enough to qualify me to determine what constitutes sameness. Old Sol's rays were blazing down on folks long before I got here.

Hesitantly, though, I suggest to you that for more than a half-century, my wife and I have witnessed - yea, even participated in - undertakings that are Americana to the utmost.

Garage sales have changed little, if at

In our early days of marriage, we rose early on Saturdays to seek garage sales in affluent neighborhoods, rarely to buy items we needed, but more often to purchase items we might find useful up the way. Once I bought a tackle box full of old lures. I never flung them from a reel, and decades later handed them off to a fellow who collects old lures.

On a recent Saturday, I almost participated in another garage sale. Adding to the allure was the proximity. New neighbors Michelle and Allen had a sale to benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

I hastened next door, my eyes locking on a couple of frilly dresses that had been gently worn, if at all. I pictured granddaughter Addison in them. I was permitted to take them to seek approval at her home a couple of blocks away. During the drive, I imagined her eyes glistening, her hands clapping, and possibly even occasional shrieks of delight...

I was wrong. Still in her PJs and not yet excited about starting a new day, she quickly perused each frock.

She quickly punctured my picture of her being "delighted." She wanted to know if I had already bought them and then confessed she couldn't think of any place in the world where she'd wear them.

Admitting she was probably right, I hastened back to the garage sale to hang the dresses back on the rack....

My musing continued. Where, but at garage sales, would one see BMWs and

jalopies parked bumper to bumper? Where else in the Metroplex could

one see friendly haggling, and learn that items priced at 25 cents each weren't moving, but were snapped up when priced three for a dollar?

And where else do prospective shoppers get up "rooster early" to reach garage sales before the hoarders get there? Finally, where else, within a

matter of feet, does a customer ask if the seller can make change for a \$100 bill, while another. huddled nearby, is counting nickels and pennies, hoping to come up with 75 cents for a clothing item? (She counts 62 cents, and Michelle says that's close enough.)...

Later in the morning, Addison and cousin Kedren (visiting from Tyler) dropped in at the sale as it was winding down. At once the

10-year-olds spotted an electrical item with which they were unfamiliar. It was priced at 50 cents, so how could they go

I recognized it immediately, an old time piece providing "high time." You remember them, the old bedside clocks that project the time on the ceiling.

Last I heard, they hadn't decided if they'd share it for weeks or months at a time, or one would buy the other one out. At least they didn't buy any fishing lures. And, without expending even one penny, I was reminded that current garage sales are pretty much the same now as they were many sunrises ago....

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Salado Legend **Celebrates 25 Years**

When Jackie Mills took over the operation of Salado's Tablerock outdoor theater in 1992, there was \$1.34 in the bank account and some unpaid bills. "It was the first time I had done anything like

this and I was an easy mark," Rolling Along by Tumbleweed Smith

she says. "I just thought it could be a great thing for Salado and surrounding communities.

wanted to present an extravaganza on the Tablerock stage featuring costumes, lights, singing, dancing and the early days of Salado, all performed by a cast of 50 people. Some of the original cast members are still playing their parts. "There's a story to it and a love story," says Jackie. "All the music is original." Jackie wrote the lyrics but had to get help with the music. She worked with a composer many late nights in a recording studio.

"It took me nine months to write the story. And I still didn't have the en written when we started rehearsals. Cast members would look at the script and wanted to know about how the play would end. I told them just to be patient, that it was coming. Finally I figured out how I was going to end it. The title is Salado

One scene is about the Civil War and has black powder rifles and a cannon. Jackie says it's very noisy. When Salado was first founded, it was a town of teetotalers. Residents were serious about that. When someone tried to open a saloon, it was a big flop. "All the women went to the building, brought chairs and their knitting and sat down in front of the door. Do you think a man would cross that threshold? Of course not. So the saloon moved

to a nearby community." When Jackie took on the job of running the theater, it had been abandoned and weeds had just about taken over the audience area. That had to be addressed first, then came building sets and getting the theater ready for a show. "There was no place to go but up, so we did." Jackie's husband is an engineer and helped design an overall layout of the theater. For those first performances, the audience either sat on grass or bought their lawn chairs. Now there are seats for 600.

"For those first performances I borrowed costumes from Baylor, lights from the Temple Community Center and all kinds of things from several people. Some were afraid to see me coming for fear I'd ask them for something. But we made money with the very first performance, enough to buy lights. And the next performance we made enough to get something else."

Apparently Tablerock is in good financial shape now (nobody working on the show gets paid). It just purchased a new sound system for \$5,000. About a thousand people attend the annual three-night run. "It always the last two Saturdays in July and the first Saturday in August. This year it'll be July 22, July 29 and August 5th."

Tablerock is named for a huge flat rock on a nearby creek. "Indians went there to sun and drink the water for medicinal purposes. It's loaded with minerals. Tablerock is a place of healing."

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Heard Around Town

My new neighbor from Vermont complains all the time about the Texas heat and how we don't have four seasons like they do up north. I explained to her that Texas does have four distinct seasons. They are January, Summer, Summerer, and Christmas.



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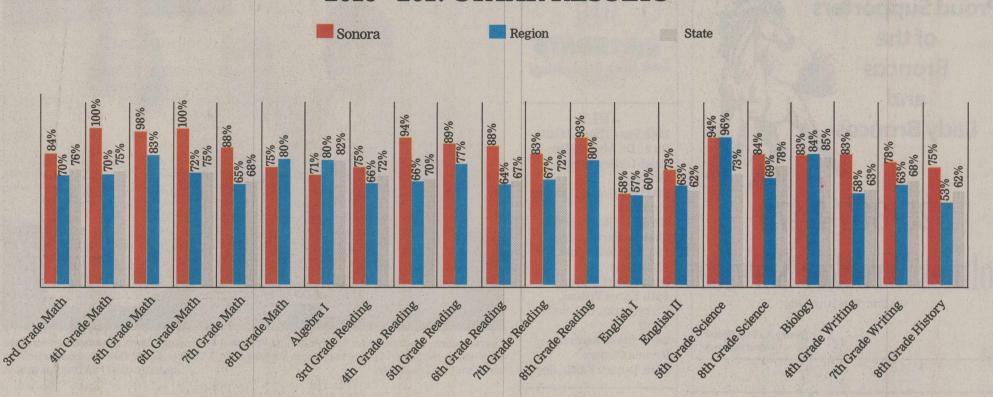
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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 said looking he is confident that Sonora ISD students will continue to show improvement on the STAAR exams.

Additionally, he fully expects to see scores of 90 percent or better in all areas with in the near future

"I truly believe within the next 3 - years, SISD will hit 90 percent in all tested subjects, Aschenbeck said. "It's possible because as time goes on and we continue to close any gaps within a vertically aligned curriculum (TEKS), students will continue to make progress. Think about this, when younger grades are scoring above grade level we aren't playing catch up, we are pushing learning higher and higher. And, our teachers have high expectations for student

learning. That kind of attitude is contagious. We haven't talked about college ready or commended level yet, but some of our Math scores in grades 3-8 are higher at Level II, formerly called college ready, than a lot of other district's scores at Level I, passing standard. If our students continue to progress, then ninety percent across the board in all subjects is attainable."

Below are the districts' results on the 2017 STAAR exams:

Third grade STAAR math results: 84 percent of students approached grade level or better, 16 percent of students did not meet grade

Fourth grade STAAR math results: 100 percent of students approached grade level or better.

Fifth grade STAAR math results: 98 percent of students approached grade level or better, 2 percent of students did not meet grade level.

Sixth grade STAAR math results: 100 percent of students approached grade level or better.

Seventh grade STAAR math results: 88 percent of students approached grade level or better, 12 percent of students did not meet grade level.

Eighth grade STAAR math results: 75 percent of students approached grade level or better, 25 percent of students did not meet grade

STAAR Algebra I exam results: 71 percent of students approached grade level or better, 59 percent of students did not meet grade

Third grade STAAR reading results: 75 percent of students approached

grade level or better, 25 percent of students did not meet grade level.

Fourth grade STAAR reading results: 94 percent of students approached grade level or better, 6 percent of students did not meet grade level.

Fifth grade STAAR reading results: 89 percent of students approached grade level or better, 11 percent of students did not meet grade level.

Sixth grade STAAR reading results: 88 percent of students approached grade level or better, 12 percent of students did not meet grade level.

Seventh grade STAAR reading results: 83 percent of students approached grade level or better, 17 percent of students did not meet grade level.

Eighth grade STAAR reading results: 93 percent of students approached grade level or better, 7 percent of students did not meet grade level.

STAAR English I exam results: 58 percent of students approached grade level or better, 42 percent of students did not meet grade

STAAR English II exam results: 73 percent of students approached grade level or better, 27 percent of students did not meet grade level.

Fourth grade STAAR writing results: 83 percent of students approached grade level or better, 17 percent of students did not meet grade level.

Seventh grade STAAR writing results: 78 percent of students approached grade level or better, 22 percent of students did not meet grade level.

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science results: 94 percent of students approached grade level or better, 6 percent of students did not meet grade level.

Eighth grade STAAR science results: 84 percent of students approached grade level or better, 16 percent of students did not meet grade level.

STAAR Biology exam results: 83 percent of students approached grade level or better, 17 percent of students did not meet grade level.

STAAR History exam results: 75 percent of students approached grade level or better, 25 percent of students did not meet grade

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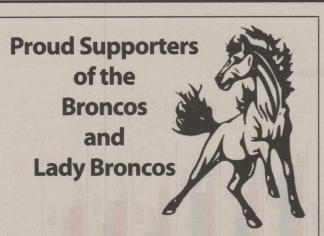
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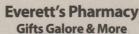
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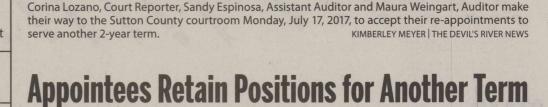
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Gifts Galore & More





Judge Pete Gomez appointed three individuals to fulfill the duties of office during a public hearing Monday, July 17, 2017, at the Sutton County Courthouse.

Maura Weingart was reappointed to Sutton County Auditor, Sandy Espinosa was re-appointed Assistant

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County Auditor and Corina Lozano was re-appointed Court Reporter.

Already serving, all three ladies are expected to fulfill another 2-year appointment term.

Additionally, Gomez set the annual compensation for all three individuals, to remain the same as their current salary.

The auditor's salary was set at \$62,040, Assistant Auditor at \$47,062 and Court Reporter at \$18,343.

Following the hearing. Gomez swore in officials before turning his attention to the morning docket.



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Dairy Queen® Hosts Miracle Treat Day to **Benefit the Children's Miracle Network**

Dairy Queen® will host its annual "Miracle Treat Day" Thursday, July 27, to benefit Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

During Miracle Treat Day, Dairy Queen in Sonora

will donate \$1 to Shannon Medical Center from every Blizzard® sold.

Funds generated from the event will serve the 16,000 children treated annually at Shannon.

Shannon Hospital is a member of Children's Miracle Network, a non-profit organization dedicated to saving and improving the lives of children by raising funds for children's hospitals.

Like all Children's Miracle Network Hospitals fundraisers, 100% of funds raised from the event will help create miracles by funding needed medical equipment, training, and therapy programs for children treated at Shannon Medical Center and Shannon Clinic.

For more information, contact the Children's Miracle Network office at 481-6160 or visit www.cmnsanangelo.org.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

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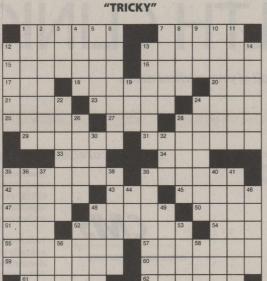
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- 62. Caught one's breath

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- 2. Harmonizing 3. Contraction 4. Frost
- 5. Frighten
- 6. Not owners
- 7. Splendor
- 8. Kind of notice
- 9. Suffix for enzymes 10. Put off



See solution on Page 10

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Sunrise 6:54 a.m Sunset 8:44 p.m

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Come learn about these incredible creatures found right in your backyard! July 25th - 27th 9:00a - 12:00p

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Annual TML Report Shows Sonora Water and Wastewater Rates About Average

Each year the Texas Municipal League conducts a survey of city water and sewer rates throughout the state of Texas and this year's survey shows City of Sonora rates factoring in the middle.

Of the 1,218 Texas cities surveyed, including Sonora, a total of 687 cities reported that they provide water service to their residents, according to information obtained in the TML 2017

The 2017 report indicated "The average cost of water usage of 5,000 gallons in all cities is \$37.13, an increase of 2.51 percent over the 2016 average of \$36.22. The average monthly residential consumption in all cities is 7,583 gallons."

Further, "Wastewater service is provided in 661 of the cities responding to the survey. The average cost of wastewater service for residential usage of 5,000 gallons is \$29.03, an increase of 7.92 percent over last year's average of \$26.90."

This average is slightly higher than the City of Sonora's current monthly basic rate of \$26.95 of residential water usage each month for customers within the city limits.

Local customers realize a greater cost due to the fluctuation of individual

water usage. For example, if an individual uses 10,000 gallons of water, the cost is \$59.65. If an individual uses less than 10,000 gallons of water, the cost is less.

Likewise, the basic rate for residential wastewater usage is \$31.97 for 5,000 of water used in town and \$42.63 for commercial customers with in the city limits. That cost also varies depending upon the actual wastewater usage.

Although the comparison average between all cities is lower, rates vary markedly between neighboring cities of the same population.

Below is a list of cities similar in population size to Sonora and their monthly water usage rates based upon 5,000 gallons of water use per month:

> Junction, \$36.60 Iraan, \$20.90 Rocksprings, \$15.96

Winters, \$95.94 Stanton, \$44.71 Castroville, \$42.19 West, \$55.87 Schulenburg, \$23.35 San Angelo with a population of 100,450 showed an

\$43.02 For more information about municipal rates or to see costs for individual Texas cities visit

average monthly rate of

https://www.tml.org/ surveys.

OBITUARIES

James Lee Leonard January 22, 1930 - July 17, 2017



James Lee Leonard, 87, of Del Rio, Texas, was called home to be with the Lord on Monday, July 17, 2017, at The Springs Memory Care Home in San Angelo, Texas.

James Lee was born January 22, 1930, in Del Rio to J.B. Leonard and Nell Galloway Leonard. He was the grandson of pioneer rancher John Galloway, Sr. He graduated from Del Rio High School in 1947. He married Patricia Alexander Leonard, of Del Rio, in November 1955. They were married for 61 wonderful

James Lee loved the ranch at Mail Trail Creek near Loma Alta, which was founded by his great grandfather. He dedicated his life to preserving and improving it. He spent much of his early life as a professional rodeo cowboy, competing at places like Cheyenne, San Antonio, Houston, and San Angelo. Later in life, he loved fishing and spent many hours at Lake Amistad with good friends and

He was devoted to agriculture and served as Director of Production Credit Association, President of Del Rio Wool & Mohair Company, Director of Rio Grande Electric Coop., Director and founding member of Producers Market Coop. Inc. (PMCI). He also served 12 years as Val Verde County

Commissioner. He loved the Lord and was a member of First Baptist Church of Sonora. He was devoted to his family and enjoyed watching his grandchildren's various 4-H & FFA, athletic, and other

extracurricular activities. James Lee was preceded

in death by his son, James Randall (Randy) Leonard, his brother, Johnny Leonard, and his parents J.B.

and Nell Leonard. James Lee is survived by his wife, Patricia Leonard, his son, Gary Leonard, and his wife Carol of Sonora, his three grandchildren, Craig Leonard of Sonora, Savannah Chambers and her husband, Brett, of Lubbock, Texas, and Zachary Leonard of Los Angeles, California. He is also survived by his brother, Gerald Leonard, and his wife Suzanne of Roswell, New Mexico, as well as numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation was held Tuesday, July 18, at G. W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home in Del Rio.

A graveside service was held at Mail Trail Ranch on Wednesday morning July

A memorial service followed at First Baptist Church of Sonora Wednesday afternoon.

Pallbearers were Craig Leonard, Zachary Leonard, Brett Chambers, Joey Forrest, Chip Macon, and Russell Leonard.

Honorary pallbearers were Robert Allison, Art Beckwith, Bill Cauthorn, Clayton Davenport, Edward Earwood, Tom Lock, Bill Savell, Terry Schenkel, Don Spiller, Carl Weaver, Martin Wardlaw, David Wharton, and Tuffy Whitehead.

The family wishes to extend sincere gratitude to Courtney Sartain, Samantha Stewart, and all staff at The Springs Memory Care Home for the wonderful care and compassion shown to James Lee and his family.

Memorials can be sent to First Baptist Church of Sonora, West Texas Boys Ranch, and the Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

Funeral arrangements with G. W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home, of Del Rio LTD, in Del Rio.

To share in Memories of James Lee Leonard, please visit our website at www. gwcoxmemorialfuneralhome.com.

Sonora High School Registration, Aug. 7-11

High school registration will take place during the week of August 7 through August 11 for all high school students.

Students will receive their schedules, pick up paperwork, and pay for their parking stickers for the 2017-2018 academic school year.

To purchase parking stickers students must present valid driver's license and proof of insurance on the vehicle they will be parking.

In addition, class schedule changes may also be made at this time.

Registration dates and times are listed below: August 7th Seniors, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30

Juniors, 1:30 p.m. to 4:00

p.m. August 8th Sophomores, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

August 9th - 11th New Students, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Freshmen 1:30 p.m. to 4:00

For more information please contact Sonora ISD at 325-387-6940 or visit www.sonoraisd.net.

Devil's River News Weekly Rainfall Report July 1-18 June May July 1-18 June 3.49 in May April March 3.68 in. 2.92 in April March 1.23 in. 1.00 in 1.48 in. February February 2017 Year-to-Date Total 15.97 ir 25.10 in. 23.87 in. 2015 25.31 in 12.72 in. 2014 14.32 in. 2013 2012 25.00 in. 17.82 in. 2012 10.49 in. 2011 2010 2010 20.37 in 17.94 in. Rainfall data collected at LCRA weather Rainfall data collected at LCRA weather station

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Reader Recipes

"Jezebel Sauce"

Among their many contributions to the community throughout the years, in 1990 the Sonora Woman's Club purchased tables, linens and dishes for The Depot. In return they were allowed to hold their meetings in the depot free of charge for several years. Today. The Depot still serves as place to hold public meetings and events. Often, refreshments are served during these events. Beth Wallace's "Jezebel Sauce" is sure to please any size crowd. It is perfect when served on crackers, vegetables or meat.

1 (18 oz.) jar pineapple preserves

1 (18 oz.) jar apple jelly 3 Tbsp. dry mustard

1/2 cup plus 2 Tbsp. prepared horseradish

1 Tbsp. coarsely ground pepper

Combine all ingredients and stir well. Pour sauce into an airtight container and store in refrigerator. Serve sauce over cream cheese with crackers as an appetizer or with pork or beef.

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City of Sonora



Senior Center

Monday July 24 Swiss Steak, Oven Rice, Scandinavian Veggies, Roll, Pears, Butterscotch, Pudding,

Tuesday July 25 Barbecue chicken, Green Beans, Corn, Wheat Roll, Fruit Salad,

Wednesday July 26 Breaded Pork Cutlet, Black-Eyed Peas, California Mix, Cinnamon Apples, Milk **Thursday July 27** Hamburger Stroganoff, Oven Noodles, Peas, Carrots, Toss Salad, Wheat Roll, Mandarin, Oranges, Bananas, Milk Friday July 28 Country Fried Steak, Gravy, Mash Potatoes, Squash, Garden Salad, Wheat Roll,

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2017 special meeting. They also approved the Senior Center Report for the month of June and the Sonora Police Department Monthly Report.

Additionally, they approved the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Hotel Tax Reports ending June 2017 as presented by Donna Garrett.

Next council members approved the Sonora Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) Quarterly Report and SEDC Audit for the year ending September 30, 2013 as presented by David Smith.

The council also

approved Sutton County Historical Society Second Quarterly Report as presented.

Lastly, council members set another budget workshop on Monday, July 31 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Without further discussion or visitor comments the meeting adjourned.

Cody Gann presided over the meeting. Juanita Barrera, Manuel Martinez and Norm Rousselot were present. Wanda Shurley was absent.

The next regular meeting of the City of Sonora City Council is set for Monday, August 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.



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February 2018

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Elementary and Intermediate 2017-2018 School Supply Lists

Prekindergarten

1 - Full Size backpack or school bag

1 - Towel or small blanket for nap time 1 - Change of clothes(for any type of

accident) 2 - Sets of crayons(regular thin crayons)

1 - Pair of student scissors

2 - Bottles of white glue 2 - Jumbo glue sticks

2-Large boxes of Kleenex

2 - Boxes of baby wipes 1 - Set of 4 Play-Doh

1-Package of plain white paper plates

2 Containers of Lysol or Clorox wipes Watercolor set

1 - Bottle of GermX 1 -2-inch 3-ring binder

1 -Package of 30 clear page protectors *Pencil boxes/bags are not needed at this

level. **Please write your child's name on each Item with a permanent marker.

Kindergarten

1 - Backpack

1 - Plastic pencil box

1 - 14-pack of 5oz. cans of Play-Doh

1 - Pair of blunt scissors(Fiskar brand) 1 - Box of colored map pencils

1 - Watercolor paints

2 - Black low odor dry erase markers 2-Large pink erasers

2 - Boxes of broad line 10 count Crayola

classic markers 2 - 10 -pack of #2 pencils(regular size)

4 - Boxes of 24 count crayons 1-28oz. bottles of Elmer's glue

2 - Large glue sticks

3-Large boxes of tissue *Please write your child's first and last

name on school supplies prior to bringing them to school.

First Grade

1 - Box for supplies(no larger than 6"x9") 1 - Zippered pencil pouch

2 - Boxes 24 count CRAYOLA crayons

12 - #2 lead pencils(regular size)

1 - Pair metal Fiskar scissors

1 - Watercolor set(Crayola brand only) 4-8oz. bottles of Elmer's glue

1-Set of 12 CRAYOLA colored pencils

2 - Large boxes of Kleenex

1-Backpack 1 - Box of Ziploc bags

2 - Containers Clorox wipes

1 - Pencil sharpener with cover

1 - Package index cards

*Additional items may be requested on the first day and throughout the school year.

*Please DO NOT write your child's name on any supplies!

Supplies will be labeled at school as needed.

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 March 2018 SUNDRA Reporting Period Begins New Staff Inservice. Comp Days Reporting Period Ends 26 27 28 29 High School Graduation Early Dismissal/ 2:00 PM April 2018 New Teacher Orientation/Comp Days: Aug. 11th and 14th, May 29th and 30th Staff Inservice: Aug. 15th-18th and Aug. 21st Teacher Workdays: Oct. 2nd, Nov. 6th, Jan. 2nd, Jan. 12th, Feb. 9th, Feb. 19th, Apr. 9th 2 3 4 5 14 15 16 17 18 19 21 22 23 24 25 26 29 30 Labor Day: Sept. 4th Thanksgiving: Nov. 22nd-24th Christmas: Dec. 18th - Jan. 2nd Spring Break: Mar. 12th-16th May 25th, 2018 1st Six Weeks: Aug. 22nd—Sept.29th 2nd Six Weeks: Oct. 3rd—Nov. 10th 3rd Six Weeks: Nov. 13th—Dec. 15th 4th Six Weeks: Jan. 3rd—Feb. 8th 5th Six Weeks: Feb. 12th—Apr. 9th 6th Six Weeks: Apr. 10th—May 25th Sept. 29th (Homecoming) (12:00 PM)
Oct. 26th (Fall Festival) (12:00 PM)
Nov. 21st (2:00 PM)
May 23rd and 24th (2:00 PM)
May 25th (12:00 PM) 8 9 10 Jana 3818 1st Six Weeks 28 12,550 12,415 12,430 MTWT 2nd Six Weeks 24 10,650 10,535 10,550 4 5 6 7 8 9 11,720 11,590 11,620 3rd Six Weeks 26 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 78 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 4th Six Weeks 14,200 14,045 14,070 31 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 5th Six Weeks 28 12,775 12,635 12,660 6th Six Weeks 34 15,085 14,920 14,950 44W 3818 MTWTFS **Total Teaching Days** 171 2 3 4 5 6 7 Staff Development Days 16 16 16 16 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 14 15 16 17 18 7 20 Waiver Days

Fifth Grade

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50 - Regular #2 pencils(No Mechanical)

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1 - Bottle of Elmer's Glue

1-Hand Sharpener 2 - Large boxes of tissue

Work Days

1 - Package of notebook paper(wide ruled)

1 - Spiral notebook (70 pgs)

2 - Folders w/pocket and brads(Plastic Please) 1 - Yellow folder w/pockets and brads (paper

or plastic)

3 - Large eraser

1 - Trapper Keeper

2 - Composition Notebooks 1 - Container of disinfecting wipes **Second Grade**

2 - Boxes of Crayola Crayons(24 Count) 1-1 inch 3 ring Black binder(with plastic

pocket on front) 2 - Packages of pencils

4-Big pink erasers

2 - Pair of Fiskar scissors

1 - Package of assorted markers 1 - Package of Crayola colored pencils (24 count)

4 - Large glue sticks

2 - Boxes of Kleenex 1 - Plastic pocket folder(Blue with holes

and no brads)

3 - Pencil sharpeners 1 - Black/White Composition book

2 - Dry Erase markers

1 - Large Clorox Wipes Container 2-Highlighters

*Please write your child's name on all supplies.

Third Grade

1-Pkg. Red Pens

1 - Zippered Pencil Pouch

1 - Pair FISKAR Scissors 1 - Pkg. Crayons (8 count)

1 - Bottle of Elmer's Glue

3 - Composition Books (Mead brand, wide ruled)

50 - #2 Pencils, Ticonderoga brand

4-Highlighters 2 - Large Pink Erasers

2 - Large boxes of Kleenex

1 - Package of Crayola Markers

1 - Package of Colored Pencils

1 - Individual Pencil Sharpener 1 - Box gallon size Ziploc bags

1 - Container of disinfecting wipes

1 - Blue, Yellow, Red and Green Folder (No Brads)

Fourth Grade

1 - Binder (with 3 rings, 1 1/2 inches)

1 - Pack twistable colored pencils mans 1 - Glue Stick

1 - Large package of wide rule notebook paper (NOT college rule)

Pencils (at least 48)

1 - Scissors with a pointed tip

1 - Pocket Folder with holes for notebook 4 - Red pens for grading (not pencils)

1 - Large Eraser

1 - Package of pencil top erasers 1 - Pencil pouch for Binder

4-Highlighters

2 - Large boxes of Tissue 2 - Composition Books (MEAD- wide

rule)

1 - Bottle of hand sanitizer 1 - Container of Disinfecting Wipes

2 - Spiral note books (1 Subject)

1 - Package of Post-it Notes 1 - Package of fine tip washable markers

Girls - 1 box QUART sized resealable plastic bags

Boys-1 box of GALLON sized resealable plastic bags



Middle School 2017-2018 School Supply Lists

This supply list includes items for which all students are expected to have for each class for the entire year. If an item is lost or depleted, the student is expected to replace it promptly and to continue to have it available for use in class. Individual teachers may request additional supplies.

If you choose to bring your own lock from home, students must provide the office with an extra key/combination.

All students will be given the opportunity of using a school issued lock for their locker.

Sixth Grade

We recommend that all students use their locker and lock.

Black/blue pens*

Notebook paper (wide rule)* #2 Pencils/Mechanical is optional* 1 - 1 subject spiral notebook (wide-ruled/Math)

4 - Red pens Package of any size grid paper (Math)

Dry erase chisel tip markers (Expo brand)

- 1-inch, 3 - ring binder (ELA)

- Highlighters Hard cover composition books - Pouch or small box for pencils & pen

- Large boxes of Kleenex tissue Any item with an * will be required of each student throughout the school year and will need to be replaced if lost, damaged, or used up. Backpacks brought to school must fit into a 9" wide x 11" deep x 26" high locker.

Seventh Grade

Highlighters (4 different colors) 4 - Packages of notebook paper (All subjects)*

1 - Package of #2 pencils (if not more)* 3 - Large boxes of Kleenex (last all year)

1 - Package of Black or blue pens* Spiral notebook (Math)

Red pen 1 - Map colors

4 - Composition books (2 ELA, 1Sci, 1Tx Hist)

6 - Pocket folders (ELA) 1-1" binders (Math)

1 - Dry erase markers (Expo brand-Math)

Eighth Grade

2 - Boxes of Kleenex 3 - Packages of Notebook paper - wide ruled (ELA, History, Math)*

1 - Plastic Five Star Folders- 2 pocket with brads (ELA) 3 - Regular (2) pocket folders without brads (ELA)

4 - Composition books (100 sheets per book) (2-ELA, 1-Science, 1- Math) 3 - Packages of dividers (5 count) (Science, Hist., Math)

2 - Red Pens (Science, Math)* 1 - Package of Highlighters (5-color count)

1 - Package of colored pencils* 1- Spiral notebook (Math)

1 - Pakage of graph paper (Math)

4-AAA batteries (Math) 1 - 1-inch, 3-ring binder (Math)

2 - 2-inch, 3-ring binder (Science, Hist.)

1 - Bottle hand sanitizer (boys only -Science) 1 - Container Clorox Wipes (girls only - Science)

1 - Package of 4x6 ruled index cards (boys only-ELA) 1 - Package of 3x3 Post- its (girls only- ELA)

1-4oz. bottle Elmer's Glue (girls only - ELA) 1 - long pink erasers (boys only-ELA)

1 - pkg. pencils* 1 - pkg. Blue pens*

Pencil Pouch* Any item with an * will be required of each student throughout the school year and will need to be replaced if lost, damaged, or used.

Technology Applications (6th, 7th, 8th)

1 - Pocket Folder 1-500 Count Ream/Package White Copy Paper (6th only)

Art

Spanish Electives

1-Box of Kleenex

1-2-inch or 3-inch, 3-ring binder 1 - Package of dividers (5) 1 - Dozen pencils

1 - Sketch Pad

Spanish I. 1 - 2-inch or 3-inch, 3-ring binder

1 - Package of dividers (5) 1 - Dozen pencils

*1 - Folder with pockets

*1 - Spiral or composition notebook *Only Spanish I. students will need the extra items listed above*

Physical Education Class(6th,7th,8th) *Deodorant **Red Shirt**

6th, 7th and 8th Grades

Black Shorts

8 - Brown paper bags

1 - Pair of ear buds

Home Horticulture Tips For July

Having good rainfall definitely helps the home garden and landscape be productive and grow well.

But now that we're into summer and the hot part of the year, we'll need to be watchful. Here are a few tips. Planting:

Tomato transplants can be planted now for fall gardens. Good older varieties include Surefire, Celebrity, Heatwave, 444 and cherry types.

Transplants must be acclimated to the sun in order to prevent sunscald from occurring. Warm season grasses can be planted, but it'll be necessary to water abundantly until the grass is established. **Pruning:**

During these fastgrowing periods, we may have to mow lawn once a week and be sure the blades are sharp.

We should also remove dead, diseased, and damaged branches from trees and shrubs. Fertility:

Apply iron sulfate to plants that are showing yellow leaves with green veins. Remember to keep iron sulfate or other iron products off of sidewalks and houses. Be on the lookout for:

Watch for chinch bugs in

St. Augustine grass. Ching bugs will cause dried areas in sunny parts on the lawn.

Chinch bugs are black and white with white diamonds on their wings.

> White grub worms will show up 6 weeks after the major June beetle flight.

Be on the look out for these damaging insects in the lawn and flower beds. Treat only if there are 5-7

grubs per square foot of soil.

Miscellaneous chores: It hasn't been the case so far this year, but during dry summers, soil moisture

becomes extremely important and essential for good plant production. A good mulch will retain valuable moisture

needed for plant growth, and improve overall gardening success. Mulches are usually applied 2 to 6 inches deep, depending on the material used. In general, the coarser the material, the deeper the mulch.

For example, a 2-inch layer of cottonseed hulls will have about the same mulching effect as 6 inches of oat straw.

For more information, call the Sutton County Extension office at 387-3101.



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

SUTTON COUNTY SHERIFF ARRESTS

JULY 10 • Alejandro Garza, 26 year old male of Edinburgh. Arrested for 2 Hidalgo warrants. JULY 11 • William Butler, 43year male of Hemphill. Arrested for Driving While License Invalid with Previous Conviction.

INCIDENTS JULY 10 - 9:52 AM • Caller reported cows on Bond Rd. Deputy and Sheriff responded. 4:30 PM • Caller reported cows on IH-10 mm 420. Sheriff responded.

JULY 12 - 9:30 PM • Caller reported smoke on RR 3130. Deputy responded. JULY 13 - 11:34 PM • Caller reported ranch property damage on US Hwy 277 S. Deputies

responded. JULY 15 - 11:00 AM • Caller requested motorist assistance on US Hwy 277 S. Deputy responded.

SONORA PD ARRESTS

JULY 13 · Sonja Jo Romero, 34year old female of Sonora. Arrested for Assault.

INCIDENTS

JULY 10 - 10:00 AM • Caller reported cows at E. Poplar and Kisselburg. Animal Control Officer and PD Officers responded. 6:29 PM • Caller reported loud music at Crockett and W. 2nd St. Officer responded.

7:48 PM • Caller reported loud music at the 400 block of Glasscock. Officer responded.

9:12 PM • Caller reported loud music at 200 block of W. 2nd St. Officer responded.

JULY 11 - 5:49 AM • Caller reported loud music at Crockett and W. 2nd St. Officer responded.

11:08 AM • Caller requested Animal Control to pick up kittens at the Senior Apartments. Animal Control Officer notified. 8:38 PM • Caller reported loud music at Crockett and W. 2nd St. Officer responded.

JULY 12 - 7:29 PM • Caller reported domestic dispute at 300 block of Brookside. Officer responded.

JULY 13 - 7:37 AM · Caller reported suspicious activity at 100 block of W. Main St. Officer responded.

6:55 AM • Caller requested a welfare concern at the 800 block

of St. Ann's. Officer responded. 7:34 PM • Caller reported loud music at Crockett and W. 2nd St.

Officer responded.

8:44 PM • Caller requested welfare concern at the 900 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded. 9:39 PM · Caller reported a domestic disturbance at Dollar General. Officer responded. 9:58 PM • Caller requested an officer at LMH. Officer respond-

JULY 15 - 1:40 AM • Caller reported domestic disturbance at Stripes Laredo Taco. Officer responded.

6:10 PM • Caller reported a motorcycle accident at 300 block of W. 3rd St. Officer responded. JULY 16 - 5:19 PM • Caller reported a dog at 1800 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

Something on your mind?

Share it with us. We just might publish it.

The Devil's River News

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Letters must be signed. Provide your name, address and phone number for verification purposes.



CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 they're interested in and will help their educational career. Something for every kid."

A 2002 graduate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Worrell quickly transitioned from a teacher and coach to an administrator over the past fifteen years. Recently, he completed his superintendent certification this past February.

Aside from being an administrator, he said he views himself as a mentor and team member with students and teachers.

Gearing up for a new school year and his role as SMS principal, Worrell said he is looking forward to working with his "amazing" staff and watching all of the students learn, grow and mature as they progress on their path to do great things in life.

"Sonora has some really great teachers and administrators and I am looking forward to working with them," Worrell said. "As an administrator myself. it is my goal to help more teachers, help kids, help themselves - to be the best that they can be."

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post. Mike Collier, a Houston businessman and a Democrat, announced his candidacy for lieutenant governor on March 2. In 2014, Collier challenged incumbent Glenn Hegar in the race for state comptroller, receiving 37 percent of the vote to Hegar's 58 percent.

Revenue is distributed

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on July 12 announced his office would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts almost \$680 million in local sales tax allocations for the month of July, an amount 9 percent more than in July 2016.

The cities of Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, Austin, Fort Worth, Midland and Odessa saw noticeable increases in sales tax allocations, Hegar said.

Paxton praises decision

Attorney General Ken Paxton on July 7 lauded a federal court decision to dismiss a complaint lodged by three University of Texas at Austin faculty members regarding Senate Bill 11, the state's 2015 law that allows firearms to be carried on campus.

In their lawsuit, Paxton said, plaintiffs claimed the law would stifle class discussion in their courses.

The U.S. District Court of the Western District of Texas granted Paxton's motion to dismiss the case. "The fact that a small group of professors dislike a law

and speculate about a 'chilling effect' is hardly a valid basis to set the law aside," Paxton said.

Agency names finalist The Texas Alcoholic

Beverage Commission on July 12 named Bryan attorney Adrian Bentley Nettles as the lone finalist to serve as the agency's executive director.

Nettles, if confirmed by the state Senate, would succeed Sherry Cook, who retired in late May. In April, Cook and other agency officials underwent robust questioning by the House Committee on General Investigating and Ethics, after news of their out-ofstate travel and meetings expenses was made public.

"This selection is the first step in restoring the public's trust and making TABC a model of public service, transparency, and accountability," said TABC Chair Kevin J. Lilly.

Trump to nominate Combs

President Donald Trump on July 10 announced his intent to nominate Susan Combs as assistant secretary of the Office of Policy, Management and Budget in the U.S. Department of the Interior.

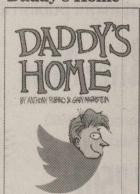
Combs, who owns and operates a ranch in Brewster County, served as Texas comptroller from 2007 to 2015, commissioner of the Texas Department of Agriculture from 1999 to 2007, and as a state representative, 1993 to 1996.



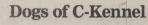
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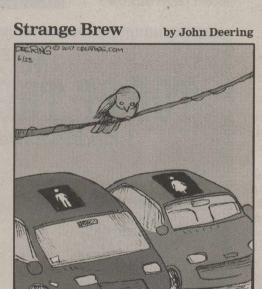




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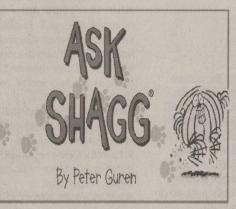
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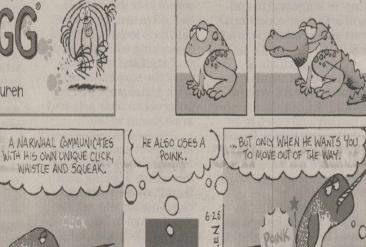


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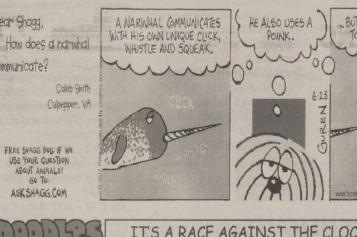
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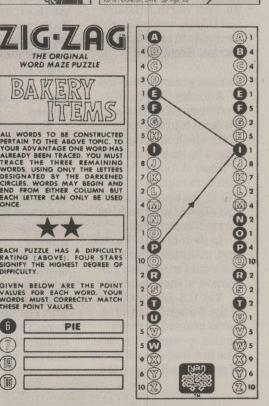


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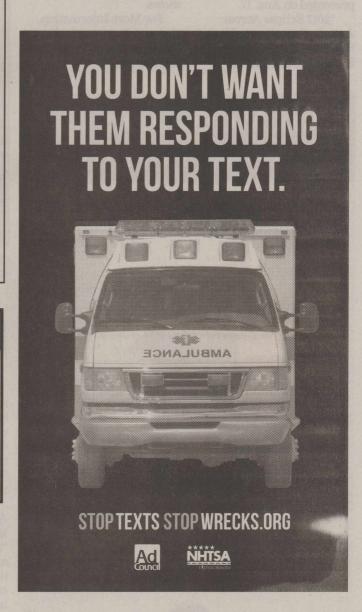
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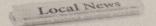
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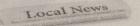
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2017 Eclipse Planetarium Show

The Angelo State University Planetarium will present a public viewing of the new astronomy show, "2017 Eclipse Across America," on Thursday, July 20, in the Vincent Nursing-Physical Science Building, 2333 Vanderventer St.

The show will run at 7 p.m. on July 20 and is open free to the public. It is being presented as a preview event for the upcoming solar eclipse on Aug. 21.

A third and final free viewing of the show will be presented on Aug. 17.

"2017 Eclipse Across America" was created by the Jenks Planetarium in Jenks, Okla., and is narrated by four students from the Jenks Public School District.

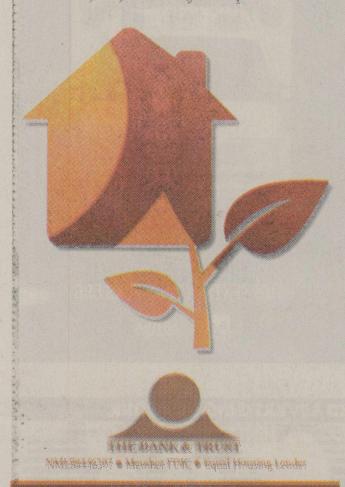
It is designed to provide all the information needed to prepare to view the Aug. 21 total solar eclipse, as well as entertain with ancient eclipse lore that has been handed down through the ages.

While there is no admission fee for the public viewings, donations will be accepted and any money received will go toward future ASU Planetarium shows.

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Contractors work to change out electric wires Wednesday, July 12, 2017, at a substation located on Water Street. The work is part of a routine upgrade to handle more capacity and provide better electric service to customers in the area.

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Utility Upgrades Benefit Local Area Customers

In an effort to improve reliability utility crews have been working to upgrade existing electrical distribution lines as well as transmission throughout Sonora and the surrounding areas.

AEP Texas External Affairs manager Fred Hernandez said the "feeder work" is routine and includes upgrades necessary to handle more capacity, thus providing better electrical service to customers.

"We are beefing up wire conductors," Hernandez said. "We are changing out the existing smaller wire to larger wire to handle more capacity. It's all part of an effort to better serve our customers."

He said six to eight different contractors will continue to work in and around Sonora throughout the month of July.

September 1, work crews will begin changing out a breaker at the Sonora substation. This will allow the station to receive voltage power from a new substation in the area and tie the two together.

There are no scheduled power outages while work

takes place through July and again in September, according to Hernadez.

Residents in and around Sonora should be aware of utility workers and equipment along roadways. At times, people may experience possible traffic issues where utility work is concentrated.

In addition to changing out wires at both substations and on poles, upgrades include replacing utility poles for a variety of reasons including normal deterioration due to age and clearance for electrical lines.

Residents and businesses along Water Street, near downtown, have seen work on three areas. In some cases, crews and large equipment have temporarily blocked street lanes for better access to electrical gear and an electrical substation.

While replacing a pole on Water Street, Foreman Richard Hall, of B&B Electrical & Utility Contractors, said there is a possibility of equipment blocking road lanes again later in the month on the 29th and 30th to complete work.

"We have been working



Foreman Richard Hall (center), of B&B Electrical & Utility Contractors, oversees work to replace a pole and upgrade electrical wires, Monday, July 17, 2017, along Water Street, near downtown Sonora.

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in a lot of areas, recently, like Sonora," Hernandez said. "All of this is part of a project across the state

to improve reliability. The statewide project will be taking place over the next three years. AEP is making a huge investment to be able to provide better service to all of our customers."



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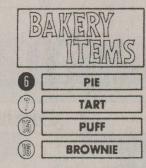


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