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The Sonora Broncos varsity football team impressed fans with their 54-8 victory over I-10 rival the Ozona Lions this past Friday, September 1, 2017 at Bronco Stadium in Sonora. It was a good night for all of the Broncos players on both offense and defense. Now, 1-0 for the season, the Broncos have their sights set on another win this Friday, September 8, as they face-off against the Llano Yellowjackets in Llano. **KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS**

Broncos Upend Ozona 54-8 in Impressive Season Opener

The Sonora Broncos served notice early against the Ozona Lions this past Friday, September 1, 2017, upsetting the Lions 54-8 in an impressive season opener game reaffirming their intentions to win a sixth state championship in 2017.

Under the direction of new head coach Jeff Cordell, the Broncos came out strong in the first half of the game scoring a total of 41 points and allowing only 8 points.

"As a coach and as a coaching staff you worry about this first game," Cordell said. "It's the first game of the season coupled with first game for a lot of our varsity players. I am very pleased with our effort. We got better from last week and that's what we wanted to do and what we want

to continue to do as an organization. If we can continue to do that then the goals that we have in mind for this football team in this season are reachable."

Broncos Quarterback Kaden Cordell found paydirt minutes into the first quarter on a 2-yard run, at the 4:08 mark.

He also ended the first half with an interception return for a touchdown as the clock expired.

Sonora fans roared with excitement as Wilson Johnson scored the Broncos second touchdown at the 1:01 mark on a 20-yard pass from Cordell.

Less than a minute into the second quarter, Jarrett Jackson scored from a yard out at the 11:12 mark on the clock. Jackson broke free again minutes later and sprinted 14-yards for

his second touchdown of the quarter.

A breakdown on the defense allowed Ozona's Zachary Talamantez to go unchallenged into the end zone from 15 yards out for the Lions. A two-point conversion pass by Alec Lara and Dario Rodriguez bumped the Lions to eight points in the half.

Not wasting anytime, Jackson sprinted 72 yards down the field to the endzone at the 3:55 mark on the clock and the PAT by Brandon Martinez was good. The first half ended with a score of 41-8.

Returning from intermission, both teams struggled through the third quarter.

Going into the final quarter, score remaining 41-8, the Broncos Brock Aschenbeck found

paydirt on a two-yard run at the 11:53 mark.

Stepping in as quarterback, Brian Vanwinkle connected with Evan Shannon for a 6-yard run and the final touchdown of the night. The PAT from Brandon Martinez was good and Sonora celebrated their victory over Ozona.

With excitement over the win, Shannon said although he didn't really have any expectations for Friday's game he was happy with his teammates performance on the field.

"I thought we did really well - good teamwork," Shannon said. "We got to the ball as a team. It was just really team oriented this week. In the first game, you really can't have too high of expectations. We rely on our

team mates to do their job and we have to do our job personally to come out on top."

VanWinkle agreed adding, "Ozona is always a good opponent. It's always a big rivalry game and you just never know. I think we played well as a team today and that's all that matters.

Moving up to varsity this year, Friday's game was a great start for both VanWinkle and Shannon.

Additionally, Friday's game allowed an opportunity for most of the Broncos players to have time on the field benefitting the team overall as they move forward in the season.

"We've got to continue to improve upon the things we did wrong tonight, Cordell said. "If

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Lady Broncos Volleyball Off to Good Start

The Lady Broncos are off to a good start this volleyball season as seen by their already impressive wins by the varsity, junior varsity and freshman teams.

All three teams swept Brackett Tuesday, August 29, 2017, during their home games at Sonora High School.

The varsity won in four games with scores of 25-18, 25-14, 19-25, and 25-23.

Head Coach Kayla Perez said she is proud of her teams performance, and their win over Brackett was proof of their commitment to the game.

"The girls came out to play," Perez said. "All of the ladies contributed to the victory."

Leading her team with 14 kills, Mary Kyle Johnson also came through with 2 blocks and 13 digs.

With 13 kills of her own, Carly Brown also contributed 1 block, 5 digs and 1 ace.

Avery Leamon had 1 block, 5 digs, 1 ace, and 4 kills.

Delaney Ramsdell had 1 block, 6 digs, 1 ace, and 3 kills.

Also assisting their teammates in all four wins,

Jackilyn Sykes had 1 ace and 3 assists, Noelia Tovar had 8 digs and 2 kills and Karah Martinez had 10 digs and 1 ace.

The ladies were back on the court Thursday, August 31st, for the first day of two day tournament in Sonora.

The Lady Broncos hosted a 12-team varsity tourney Thursday and Saturday.

In pool play, the Lady Broncos beat Junction with scores of 25-12 and 25-7 and Fredericksburg Heritage with scores of 25-13 and 25-13 to be first in their pool.

The first bracket game was against Sterling City on Thursday evening. The Lady Broncos earned the victory with scores of 25-8 and 25-9.

On Saturday, the Lady Broncos beat Comstock scoring 25-19,

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Carly Brown goes up for a kill during the varsity non-district match between Sonora and Brackett Tuesday, August 29, 2017, at Sonora. The Lady Broncos varsity dominated all four sets for the win over Brackett. **KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS**

Flood-Related Suffering, Relief Efforts Grow in Harvey's Wake

AUSTIN — Emergency relief operations expanded and intensified last week as floodwaters caused by Hurricane/Tropical Storm Harvey-generated rains inundated and overwhelmed Harris County and dozens of other stricken counties.

While damage estimates continue to increase, at least 45,000 people have moved to public shelters, more than 100,000 homes have been destroyed and the death toll is rising.

On Aug. 25, President Donald Trump declared a major disaster exists in Texas. He ordered federal aid to supplement state and local recovery efforts in affected areas. Assistance may include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost

loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Also, Trump said, federal funding is available to the State of Texas and to eligible local governments and certain nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work in designated counties. More counties and additional forms of assistance may be designated after the assessments are fully completed, according to a White House bulletin.

On Aug. 28, Gov. Greg Abbott activated the entire 14,000-member Texas National Guard in response to Harvey. On Aug. 31,

Abbott added some 10,000 National Guard troops to help, bringing the estimated total to 24,000. Those deployed forces, along with contingencies of first responders, ordinary citizens and every branch of the U.S. military, remain in the area, assisting in search and rescue efforts.

Even after rains ended on Aug. 31, standing and running water covered a huge region of Texas, impeding efforts to restore the power grid. Various officials warned that Texans should be prepared for a long recovery process. Recovery cost estimates already stand at more than \$150 billion. As a point of perspective, the Texas Economic Stimulus Fund, widely referred to as the "rainy day fund," is

about \$10.3 billion, according to the state comptroller's office.

Storm claims to be paid

The Texas Department of Insurance on Aug. 30 reassured Texas policyholders that storm claims will be paid and that the agency will enforce state laws and policy provisions aggressively to protect victims of Hurricane Harvey and the

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Kicking the Can Until There's No Road Left

I didn't realize until some years later how my old Grandad managed it, but he could always tell what I was up to. Looking back now, it's easy to see that raising seven kids of his own had more than prepared him for anything I could dream up.

For example, he fully understood my tendency toward procrastination. A couple



OVER THE

BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

of my uncles were masters of the art, so it's no surprise that he knew exactly how to impress upon me the importance of not putting

things off until tomorrow.

One time, after telling me multiple times to repair a float-valve on a water trough, he found water running through a pasture. Instead of dislodging the float himself, he located me in another pasture and took me to see the problem.

"You know what that is?" he asked. Of course I did. "The float is stuck again," I answered.

"Not again," he replied. "Still. The float is stuck, still." Then he pointed to an area between a couple of oak trees where the water was meandering toward a nearby field. When he was sure I was looking at the right spot he asked what I was seeing.

Let me stop here to mention that I still don't know whether he had placed an old metal can in the middle of the stream, or if the water had found the long-lost can on its own, but at that moment, I didn't see the can — all I saw was the water running toward the neighbor's field.

Knowing I was in trouble, I muttered something about wasting water jumped from his pickup to go and fix the stuck float.

But my Grandad had another plan. Instead of allowing me to correct the problem, he escorted me farther into the pasture where I was sure to see the can protruding from the mud.

Then, while giving me a stern look, he said, "That's the can you've been kicking down the road for the past week."

He didn't say another word. He didn't have to. I raced over to free the stuck float. Then I went to the barn and located a new float arm and the tools necessary to make the repair that I should have made days earlier.

I was probably 12 at the time and I lost my Grandad a couple of years later, but I never forgot the lesson — the work still had to be done, and delaying it only made it more difficult and costly.

I was reminded of all this as I watched the news Monday morning and heard a couple of talking heads on TV debating the problem we are facing in North Korea.

"We've been kicking the can down the road for 25 years," one of them said. "And, now we've run out of road."

Without rehashing the whole debate, I have to say here that I'm not sure we have any good options with North Korea, much less one that makes the world more safe.

The country is led by Kim Jong-un, a dictator whose scientists have developed a hydrogen bomb and the means with which to deliver it to the United States, something he has repeatedly threatened to do.

Perhaps he believes the threat of such an attack will help him stay in power. But, there is also the possibility that he is just crazy enough to use the weapon.

My Dad was in the Korea in 1951 when President Truman fired General MacArthur after they disagreed over military strategy. MacArthur wanted to finish the war, then and there. Truman preferred a cease fire so as not to anger the Russians, or further infuriate the Chinese who had come to the aid of their North Korean ally.

President Truman, determined to exercise civilian control over the military, kicked MacArthur to the curb in '51. And he kicked the can that, 66 years later, may finally be reaching the end of the road.

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Stanley and Roping Longhorns

I believe the year was 1999 and I was working on the Bates Ranch at Mertzon. The ranch had no cattle only sheep and goats, so part of my salary was permission to run 25 head of longhorn.

Now, these cattle were pastured down in the Pecos County below I-10. To move this herd, I got my son Charlie, my new son-in-law Stanley Spinks, myself and three gooseneck trailers. Two trailers to haul the cows and bulls, one to haul only calves, as some would be very small.

We gathered at the pasture ranch between Iraan and Bakersfield about 9 o'clock on a Saturday morning.

Now, dividing longhorns and separating calves from their mamas is no easy chore. But, we got this done about noon with no one getting hurt. We ate a quick lunch, provided by the ranch, while explaining the route we would follow from there to the Bates Ranch out of Mertzon.

We left about 1 o'clock, cutting across to Rankin, Big Lake, Barnhart and Mertzon, where we left the highway. From there it was only about five miles to the Bates Ranch.

We arrived about 5 o'clock and unloaded into a large plank water lot with no problems. The cattle had all travelled well.

I decided to let the herd rest up in that lot overnight. Then, I would drive them to the pastures where they would stay.

Great idea!!

WRONG!

As always, plans do not work. My helpers had all left me at this point.

The next day when I went down to feed the cattle some cake, I found two lone yelling heifers had jumped out of the pen overnight. I called Stanley over at Eldorado to come and bring his saddle and he said he could be there in an hour.

When he arrived, we saddled up and went on the ride to gather these heifers.

After locating the two heifers and driving them down to the pen, they both ran away. We gathered them again and the same result occurred.

I told Stanley we could rope and drag

them to the pen. His answer was, "I didn't bring a rope."

I said, "OK. Help me gather them against the fence and I will rope one and drag her to the pen, then we will come back and get the other one." Good plan!

We gathered them, I roped the biggest one and we dragged her to the pen. While we were letting horses rest, Goldie came and said that Stanley's folks had called with an emergency and that he should come home ASAP.

I told him to go as I would rope the other cow by myself.

Going back up the ridge, I had to hunt the cow and finally found her hidden in a cedar thicket.

After breaking her out of the thicket, I led her down the fence towards the pen.

Things were looking good until this cow decided to jump the fence into another pasture.

Crowding up real fast, I roped her around the horns, perfectly. We tore up a lot of country before both the cow and the horse gave out totally.

Knowing I could not drag her any further, I had to come up with a plan B.

No problem. A man does what he has to do with the material at hand. There was an R.E.A. pole close by and I managed to snub her up to that. Then, I rode to the ranch to get Goldie and bring my trailer to where the cow was tied.

Everything worked fine as I drug the cow into the trailer and snubbed her head down to prevent her from jumping out en route.

Then Goldie revolted on my plan, "I will not attempt to drive the truck off of this ridge. You take the truck and I'll ride the horse."

This worked and I put the cow back in the pen with the herd.

Another day had passed with the cows still in the winter lot, fed again. I made plans to move them the next day.

So ended my adventure of roping two longhorn cows in one day.

It's awfully hard on the horses and men.

It Happened Out West



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The Pecos Run and Gun in the Sun

The Pecos Rifle Club has an annual rifle and pistol event the third Saturday in September that takes place in wide-open country between Pecos and Barstow. Participants run about a mile, shoot at

some targets, run another mile and shoot at other targets. Half the score is for running; the other half is for shooting.



Rolling Along

by Tumbleweed Smith

"This will be our sixteenth year for the event," says Smokey Briggs, club president. "It'll be September 16th this year. It's sort of like the Olympics Biathlon where people ski and shoot. We don't have any snow here so we just run and shoot."

It all started after some Pecos shooters were having a bull session after a shooting event in New Mexico. Apparently they were licking their wounds for their sub-par performances against their competitors.

"Somebody said, 'I bet if we ran those guys about a mile before they shot that would change things up.' We got to thinking about it and realized that was true. I've always liked competition that involved more than one skill. We decided to see if we could create something involving shooting and running."

So they organized the PECOS RUN AND GUN IN THE SUN and advertised for people to enter. Only a handful showed up that first year. That has changed.

"We can run a maximum of a hundred people. We've had to turn people away for the last seven or eight years. It's a unique event and captures a lot of people's imagination. We get entries from several states."

It's an individual thing, open to men and women of all ages. There are no age brackets. Smokey says he has seen seventy year olds do better than twenty year olds.

"We start runners about every five minutes. Some are faster than others and some get passed. I don't sprint the course any more, but we have guys in their twenties just out of Ranger School and they sprint the course."

There are five stations along the six-mile course. It's a big circle and shooters fire away from the center of the circle.

"At different stations you might need to score as few as six hits. I think last year there were forty-two hits with a rifle required. You can shoot as many times as you wish. I may shoot eighty times to get my forty-two hits."

"We try to keep it very simple and have few rules. You have to carry your weapons and ammo, maybe some water. It's probably best to wear long pants and long-sleeve shirts because some of the terrain is rough and you have to do some modified basin training crawling, but no barbed wire or machine gun fire overhead."

"The ninety-five dollar entry fee gets shooters a t-shirt and a fine meal at the Pecos Valley Country Club, where we have our banquet and award prizes. There aren't many. The six top participants get a t-shirt and a plaque that I make."

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You hear that tragedy brings out the best in people. My cousin in Houston says she can do with a little less than the best if it means not ever seeing flood water again.

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Broncos Place 2nd and Lady Broncos 5th in Sonora XC Meet

The Sonora Broncos were awarded 2nd place and the Ladies earned 5th place in the Sonora Cross Country meet this past Saturday, September 2, 2017, at the Sonora Golf Course.

Coming in behind Wall, and ahead of Iraan, the Broncos earned their silver with a total time of 1:34:05.23.

Trailing Ballinger, Wall,

Iraan and Rock Springs, the Lady Broncos were awarded 5th place with a total time of 1:11:58.69, ahead of Grape Creek.

Traversing their way around the grounds of the Sonora Golf Course, the boys ran a distance of 3 miles and the girls completed a 2 mile run.

Seven area High Schools came out to compete hoping

for a top place finish in the meet.

Individual results are listed below:

Boys:

- Evan Shannon, 3rd, 16:38.11.
- Jalen Lopez, 6th, 17:55.27.
- Joshua Barrerra, 16th, 19:40.50.
- David Delgado, 18th, 19:44.27.
- Leo Alvizo, 20th, 20:07.08.
- Manuel Fuentes, 29,

- 20:30.40.
 - Kalvin Hernandez, 30th, 20:50.24.
 - Elias Perez, 36th, 21:20.37.
 - Ariel Salazar, 42nd, 21:59.33.
 - Kole Gann, 57th, 28:01.39.
- Girls:**
- Fernanda Gonzales, 18th, 14:01.12.
 - Traci Vickers, 19th, 14:02.06.
 - Angela Gonzalez, 25th, 14:31.87.
 - Carla Mota, 27th, 14:37.68.

- Esmerelda Salazar, 29th, 14:45.96.
- Analy Palacios, 31st, 14:57.59.
- Rivers Martinez, 42nd, 16:18.46.
- Miranda Renteria, 46th, 16:31.06.

Taking a breath and rehydrating, the runners traveled to Mason for their 3rd meet of the season Wednesday, September 6.

Those results will be reported in the next issue of the Devil's River News.

Next, the Broncos and Lady Broncos will travel to Miles Thursday, September 14th, to compete in their 4th cross country meet of the season.

Sonora fans are encouraged to make the trip and cheer on the runners from start to finish.

SMS Colts Earn 2nd Place and Lady Colts Place 4th in XC Meet in Sonora

The Sonora Middle School Colts and Lady Colts earned 2nd and 4th place, respectively, during their home Cross Country meet this past Saturday, September 2, 2017.

In between Crane and Reagan County, the Colts finished with a total time of

1:08:39.19.

Behind Crane, Ballinger and Reagan County, the Lady Colts earned a total time of 1:20:30.42 to place fourth, just ahead of Grape Creek and Rocksprings.

Both teams made their way around the Sonora Golf Course running a distance

of 2 miles each.

Six area middle school teams competed in the event.

Individual results are listed below:

Boys:

- Giovanni Gamez, 3rd, 12:20.37.
- Fernando Gonzalez, 5th,

- 12:46.12.
 - Rino Hernandez, 9th, 14:14.59.
 - Aiden Leamon, 17th, 14:36.43.
 - Sebastian Garza, 19th, 14:41.68.
 - David Adams, 21st, 14:51.93.
 - Josh Esquivel, 23rd, 14:53.40.
 - Romeo Torres, 26th, 14:57.90.
 - Ignacio Gonado, 29th, 15:25.69.
 - Jonathan Lozano, 30th, 15:34.30.
 - Austin Figueroa, 40th, 16:33.40.
 - Alex Hernandez, 45th, 17:18.87.
 - Brandon Torres, 47th, 17:34.81.
 - Juan Alvarez, 48th, 17:41.37.
 - Omar Gonzalez, 49th, 17:42.65.
- Girls:**
- Joselyn Rodriguez, 15th, 15:33.15.
 - Jessica Campa, 16th, 15:42.09.
 - Vicky Regino, 17th, 15:48.34.
 - Alisa Paredes, 21st, 16:05.78.
 - Annika Galindo, 25th, 17:21.06.
 - Jaque Torres, 30th, 19:00.40.
 - Montserrat De La Funete, 31st, 19:08.28.
 - Abigail Rodriguez, 34th, 20:21.44.
 - Erika Infante, 38th, 22:17.41.

Sophia Acevedo, 41st, 23:40.72.

Catching their breath, the Colts and Lady Colts took to the road for their next meet in Mason, September 6th.

Those results will be reported in the next issue of

the Devil's River News.

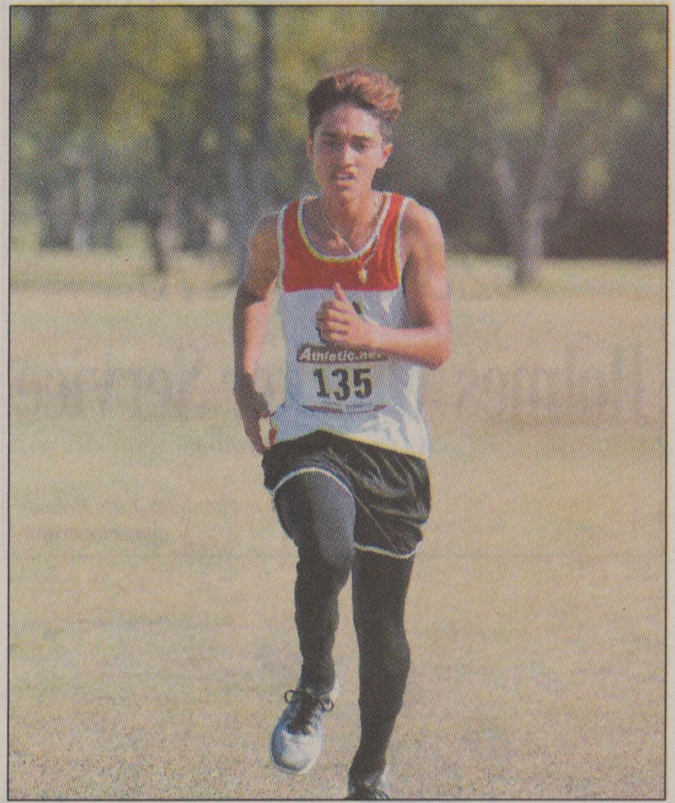
Next, the Colts and Lady Colts travel to Mertzon to compete in the Irion County meet set for Wednesday, September 20th.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and cheer for the runners.



Sonora Middle School cross country runners take a break following their 2 mile trek across the Sonora Golf Course Saturday, September 2, 2017. Sonora was one of six area teams competing in the XC meet in Sonora. Pictured in Front: Christina Garza, SMS Cheerleader. Back Row: (L-R) Sophia Acevedo, Abigail Rodriguez, Jacque Torres, Joselyn Rodriguez, Vicky Regino and Erika Infante.

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Giovanni Gamez crossed the finish line in 3rd place with a time of 12:20.37 during Saturday's cross country meet in Sonora.

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See solution on Page 10

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DEATH NOTICES

Valentina G. Gallegos
February 14, 1934 - August 31, 2017

Valentina G. Gallegos 83, died Thursday, August 31, 2017.

Funeral services were held Saturday, September 3, 2017 at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery. Survivors include sons Frank and Carlos Gallegos, both of Sonora, daughters Mary Martinez of Austin, and Cecilia Galindo of Alpine, brother Juan Gonzalez, Jr. of Mexico, and sisters Elida Gonzalez, Juanita Rodriguez, Pura Gonzalez, and Carmen Gonzalez, all of Mexico.

Arrangements were made through Love Funeral Home.

September A Busy Month In Lawn & Garden

Most months we'll provide landscape and home horticulture tips. This time, we'll break down tips for the lawn and garden as we wind down the growing season.

Plant:
Fall is a great time for planting. Trees and shrubs planted now will be well established by spring's growing season and endure next years heat much better.

Wildflowers should be sown this month into weed-free, well-tilled soil. Remember to nick the seed-coats of Texas bluebonnets before planting to accelerate germination.

For cool-season lawns, it's time to sow or overseed cool season grass seed such as fescue and rye. Remember if you apply pre-emergent weed killers to your lawn, grass seeds will not germinate.

Prune:
Prune out dead or diseased wood from trees and shrubs. Hold off on major pruning until midwinter. Pruning now may stimulate tender growth prior to frost.

Fertilize:
Fertilize perennial plants 4-6 weeks prior to winter freeze. Because of the cool temperatures, short days, and high light intensity, nitrogen fertilizer applied at this time helps the photosynthetic production of carbohydrates. These carbohydrates are stored for use the following growing season, providing earlier spring green-up and an energy source for turf grasses to recuperate from winter.

This is the last chance to apply iron sulfate to correct yellowed foliage on iron-deficient plants such as St. Augustine grass, fruit trees, and roses.

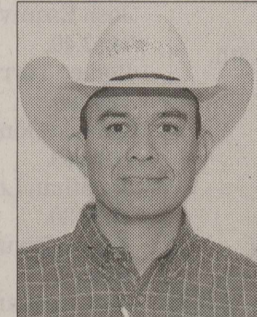
Be on the Lookout:
Keep a good lookout for pests at this time. As old vegetables, bean vines, etc. are pulled up and discarded in the compost heap, insects such as stink bugs and leaf footed bugs will scatter to linger on nearby plants.

Don't allow plants with green fruit or berries to suffer from lack of moisture.

Continue a disease-spray schedule on roses, as blackspot and mildew can be extremely damaging in September and October. Fungicide, used every 7 to 14 days, will usually give good control.

Replenish mulches around trees and shrubs, and water every 3 to 5 days.

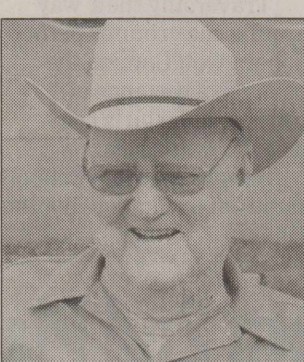
And finally, harvest okra, peppers, squash, and other vegetables often to encourage production.



Pascual Hernandez

OBITUARIES

John Richard Hill
February 14, 1935 - August 31, 2017



John R. Hill passed away in his home Thursday, August 31, 2017, at the age of 82.

John was born in San Angelo, TX on February 14, 1935 as the second son of Giles and Nadine Hill.

In 1953, at the age of 18, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps to serve during the Korean War, which abruptly ended later that year.

After his short stint in the Marines, he moved back to Sonora, where he worked in construction, was a truck driver and a ranch hand.

John married the love of his life, Nancy Meridyth Briggs, on February 14, 1964 after meeting her at the Dairy Mart in Sonora just 10 months prior.

Soon after they married, John started working for the Continental Oil Company.

Over the next decade he worked and traveled worldwide for numerous oil and gas companies.

Eventually, in 1975, he accepted a job with Haliburton Resource Management, where he worked as a District Superintendent for 17 years.

In 1979, he and the family relocated to Pampa, TX where they lived until John retired from Haliburton in 1992.

Apparently, John's idea of retirement was NOT playing golf and napping, so he and Nancy immediately bought and operated the "Hills Nut Farm" in Menard, TX from 1992 - 2005.

After selling the pecan farm in 2005 they moved back to his "beloved" Sonora where he actually did retire.

Although John spent much of his time working, he always made time to spend with his family.

He especially enjoyed taking Nancy and the kids to visit extended family in San Angelo, Sonora and Colorado, telling family stories and playing dominos.

He couldn't have been more proud of his children and grandchildren.

John was also an avid football fan and followed the Dallas Cowboys and University of Texas throughout his life.

John is preceded in death by his parents Giles and Nadine Hill, his brother Horace Hill, his half-brother Jim Bailey, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He is survived by his loving wife Nancy, son John Clayton Hill, his wife Elizabeth, and their children Joshua and Andrew.

He is also survived by his daughter Mary Beth Barrington, her husband Kenny, and their children Dalton and Dylan, daughter Holly Lynn DeBoer, her husband John, and their children Daniel and Samuel.

John "The People's Choice" Hill will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him!

What's for Lunch?
Sonora ISD Menu

PK-5th : Free Breakfast & 2.60 lunch
Middle & High School: \$2.10 Breakfast & \$3.00 lunch

*Menu Subject to Change

Monday September 11
Pancakes, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch
Oven Roasted Chicken, Broccoli Bites, Roll, Baked Beans, Apple-Pineapple D'Lite, Milk
After School Program
Cereal, Milk

Tuesday September 12
Breakfast
Breakfast Burrito, Hash Browns, or Cereal, Crackers, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch
Nachos Grande, Refried Beans, Salsa, Lettuce, Tomato Cup, Cucumber Slices, Peaches, Lime Sherbet Cup, Milk
After School Program
Fruit, Yogurt

Wednesday September 13
Breakfast
Biscuit, Egg, Bacon, or Cereal, Crackers, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch
Chicken Sandwich, Oven Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Fresh Veggie Cup, Mandarin Oranges, Milk
After School Program
Baked Chips, Juice

Thursday September 14
Breakfast
Sausage Kolache, Yogurt, or Cereal, Crackers, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch
Salisbury Steak, Biscuit, Brown Gravy, Roasted Potatoes, Garden Salad, Fruity Gelatin, Milk
After School Program
Nutrigrain Bar, Milk

Friday September 15
Breakfast
Breakfast Club, or Cereal, Crackers, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch
Pizza, Baby Carrots, Crunchy Broccoli, Salad, Fresh Fruit, Brownie, Milk
After School Program
1/2 Sandwich, Milk

City of Sonora



Senior Center

Monday September 11
Chicken Breast, Poultry Gravy, Scalloped Potatoes, Squash, Red Peppers, Wheat Bread, Apple, Milk

Tuesday September 12
Cheese Enchiladas, Mexican Rice, Toss Salad, Salsa, Mandarin Oranges, Milk

Wednesday September 13
Herb Chicken, Sweet Potato, Mix Veggies, Wheat Bread, Rosy Pears, Milk

Thursday September 14
Braised Pork Chops, New Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Pineapple, Chunks, Milk

Friday September 15
Meatloaf, Seasoned Zucchini, Toss Salad, Wheat Bread, Banana Wafers, Milk

For transportation to and from the center call 325-387-5657

BIRTHDAYS
Look Who's Celebrating!

SEPTEMBER

7th Randy Sparks, Reynaldo Perez, Maria Contreras
8th Casey Arredondo, John Casparis, Kaci Chavarria, Lindsey Geske
9th Melissa Murr, Wilson Wallace, Kristin Garrett, Reagan Owen, Mikey Martin, Petra Gonzales
10th Ray Glasscock, Shalayne Mayfield, Rick Cearley
11th Jan Stephens, Shelly Shannon, Adrian Mata
12th Tyler Creek, Sky Jennings, Adam Galindo, Dustin Duhon
13th Logan Smith
14th Larry Jennings, Goldie Brown, Yolanda Ozuna


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Smoke Signals from Fort McKavett

By Lisa Lester

After taking a break in August, the Fort McKavett Volunteer Fire Department will hold its September meeting on Monday, September 11, 2017.

We will gather at 6:00 and serve a potluck supper at 6:30.

The meeting will follow the supper.

The department has collected items to help the Hurricane Harvey victims.

The outpour of support has been terrific! Terry Mazac drove one of our trucks pulling a flatbed trailer of supplies to San Antonio on Saturday.

We will continue to collect items and will update the list as we learn of

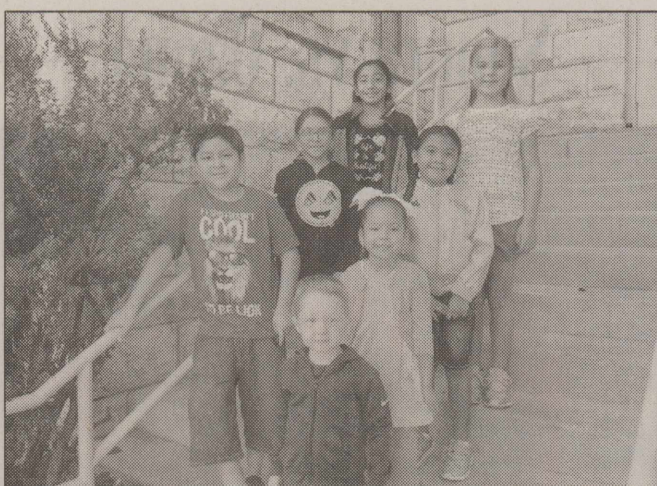
changes.

Currently, the food bank in San Antonio is asking for bottled water, non-perishable food items, personal hygiene items, blankets, diapers, baby wipes, and formula.

You can bring these items to the fire station during our meeting or the Fort McKavett Post Office during their regular hours.

Also, both the Menard Chamber of Commerce and the Menard County Farm Bureau are helping us collect the items. Please drop by during their normal operating hours.

Thanks to everyone who has donated and helped collect the items and load up the trailer.



Elementary School Students for the week of September 4th through September 8th. Lane Cearley, Pre-K, Dulce Aguayo, K, Jocelyn Campa, 1st, Brook Kaiser, 2nd, Alex Rivas, 3rd, Sinise Rodriguez, 4th, Jezabel Pasillas-Galaviz, 5th. | COURTESY PHOTO

Sonora ISD Students of the Week

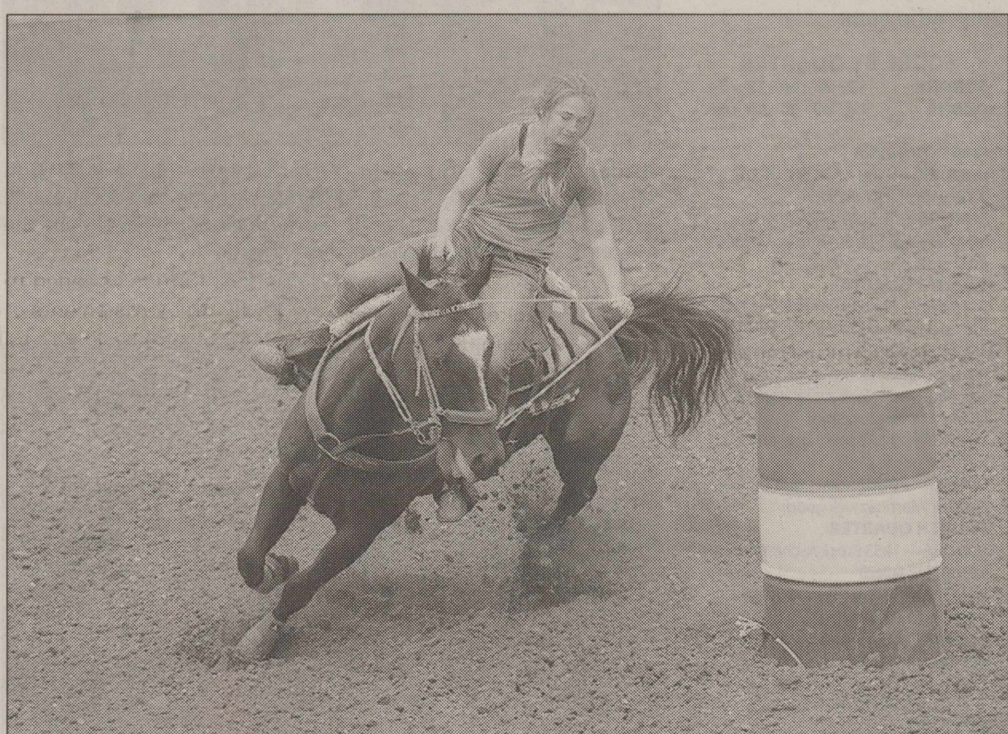


Angel Mazac, Donny Leek, Terry Mazac, and Ron Dickson load up bottled water, donated by residents in the community, to take to San Antonio Saturday, September 2, 2017, for Hurricane Harvey relief. | COURTESY PHOTO



Sonora Middle School Students for the week of September 4th through September 8th. Arabella San Miguel, 6th, Annika Galindo, 7th, Carolina Elizondo, 8th. | COURTESY PHOTO

2nd Place



Alesha Smith reins her horse around a barrel in the 13-15 barrels event at the Eldorado FFA Rodeo Saturday, August 26, at the Schleicher County Rodeo Grounds.

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CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Storm Claims

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widespread flooding that followed.

"The claims filing process and deadlines aren't changing September 1," the agency stated in a news release. "House Bill 1774 from the last regular session does not change how homeowners file a claim, deadlines to file claims, or how insurers process claims. It also does not apply to claims with the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association or the National Flood Insurance Program."

Furthermore, property owners with covered damages maintain the same rights to an insurance claim whether they file their claim before or after September 1.

The Texas Department of Insurance operates a toll-free consumer help line, 1-800-252-3439.

Judge stops Senate Bill 4

Chief U.S. District Judge Orlando L. Garcia of San Antonio on Aug. 30 forbade the State of Texas from implementing Senate Bill 4, controversial immigration reform legislation passed by the Texas lawmakers in May and signed into law by Gov. Abbott in June.

SB 4, also known as the "sanctuary cities" and "show me your papers" bill, was scheduled to take

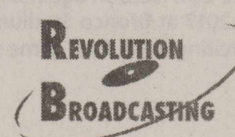
effect Sept. 1. In his 94-page ruling finding parts of the law unconstitutional, Judge Garcia sided with plaintiffs in enjoining local and state law enforcement agencies from complying with, honoring or fulfilling any immigration detainer request issued by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Gov. Abbott decried the ruling, saying, "U.S. Supreme Court precedent for laws similar to Texas' law are firmly on our side. This decision will be appealed immediately and I am confident Texas' law will be found constitutional and ultimately be upheld." Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's reaction was in line with the governor's statement.


On the other hand, State Rep. Evelina Ortega, D-El Paso, welcomed the ruling, saying SB 4 "has already brought fear among our significant Latino population" and "Texas should be promoting safety and cooperation among its residents and our local law enforcement, especially in times of crisis as we are currently experiencing with Hurricane Harvey." El Paso County and the City of El Paso are among many plaintiffs challenging SB 4 in the case, titled City of El Cenizo et al. v. State of Texas et al.

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Sonora vs. Ozona



The Sonora Broncos take the field at the start of their first game of the 2017 season against long-time rival Ozona Friday, September 1, 2017 at Bronco Stadium. The Broncos defeated the Lions in an exciting 54-8 final game score.
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Members of the Mighty Bronco Band performed during the half-time break during Friday's game between Sonora and Ozona.
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Young Bronco fans watch Sonora's players on the field during Friday's non-district game against Ozona.
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Bronco varsity players Hunter Bunch takes a chance at playing musical chairs during the first pep rally at SHS Friday, September 1, 2017.
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Brock Aschenbeck carries the ball down the field to the goal line during Friday's home game between Sonora and Ozona. Aschenbeck found paydirt at the 11:53 mark on the clock during the fourth quarter.
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Lil' Bronco Makers football camp participants run through the Broncos tunnel ahead of the varsity players at the start of Friday night's season opener game between Sonora and Ozona.
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FOOTBALL:

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we can do that we've got a chance. What we want to look at is great effort on Friday nights because if you have great effort on Friday nights you give your ball club a chance to win and that's ultimately what we want to do."

Speaking for both defense and offense, Ray Kimbrell said he thought the Broncos played this game with more intensity than last year and came together as a team stronger than ever before.

Nonetheless, Cordell said the goal for his team is to remain focused, week in and week out, on getting better as a football team.

Recognizing the limitations due to their size, Cordell said the Broncos will need to rely on their speed and quickness to help neutralize their opponent both offensively and defensively.

Friday's win moves the Broncos season record to 1-0 and sets up a showdown on Friday, September 8, with the Llano Yellowjackets in Llano.

"We will have to execute better than we did in our home opener against Ozona to have a chance to sneak away with a victory," Cordell said. "Our focus remains the same. Win the ball game and come out of the game healthy. The coaches are preparing the kids just like any other week. Looking at the strengths and weaknesses of the team we are playing."

Also under the direction of a new head coach this year, the Yellowjackets will be looking for a win following their defeat, 53-21, by Smithville this past Friday.

Cordell said the Broncos are working on their strategy to stay ahead of the Yellowjackets Friday night.

"They are under direction of a new head coach with Coach Matt Green taking over the reins," Cordell said. "However, their style of offense and defense

hasn't changed. Offensively they will attack you from the spread and they are extremely aggressive defensively. Despite their loss last week in the home opener, they do several things good on both sides of the ball. They are very big on their Oline and DLine and will pose a major challenge for the undersized Broncos."

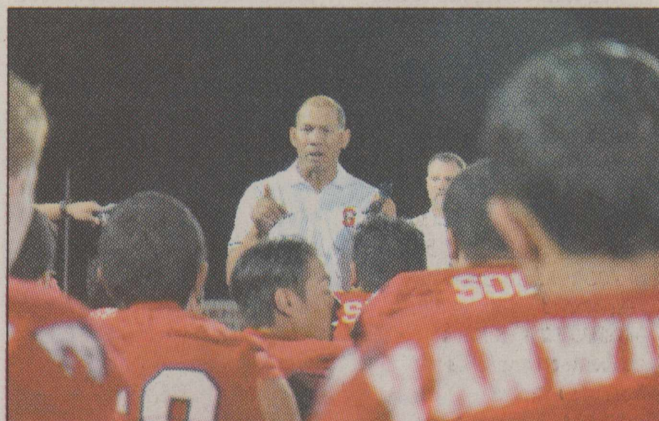
Game time is set for 7:30 p.m. at Llano Stadium.

Of course, the best place to follow the Broncos is in the stands, cheering for the players. But for those who are unable to make the trip, the game will be broadcast live on KHOS 92.1 FM, the Home of the Broncos, with Virgil Burge and Craig Leonard bring you the calls from the press box. Tune in to the new internet stream URL <http://khos921.listen2myradio.com>

SCORE BY QUARTER	
SONORA	13 - 28 - 00 - 13 = 54
OZONA	00 - 08 - 00 - 00 = 08

FIRST QUARTER
SONORA — 4:08 KADEN CORDELL 2 YD RUN (kick failed)
SONORA — 1:01 WILSON JOHNSON 20 yd pass from Kaden Cordell (Kick good)
SECOND QUARTER
SONORA — 11:12 Jarrett Jackson 1 yd run on pass from Cordell (kick failed)
SONORA — 7:29 Jarrett Jackson 14 yd run (2 pt conversion pass good)
OZONA — 4:20 Zachary Talamantez 15 yd run (conversion good)
SONORA — 3:55 Jarrett Jackson 72 yd run (kick good)
SONORA — 0:00 Kaden Cordell interception (Martinez kick good)
FOURTH QUARTER
SONORA — 11:53 Brock Aschenbeck 2 yd run (PAT failed)
SONORA — 7:38 Jackson 16 yd pass from Cordell (kick failed)
SONORA — 2:28 Evan Shannon 6 yd run (Martinez kick)

INDIVIDUAL STATS
RUSHING
SONORA — Jackson 14-221, Velasquez 6-62; Cordell 4-10; VanWinkle 1-3; Aschenbeck 1-2
OZONA — Lara 15-41; K. Rodriguez 13-34; DeLaCruz 3-21; Talamantez 2-10; Flores 3-9; L. Rodriguez 3-6
PASSING
SONORA — Cordell 9-18-166 yds; VanWinkle 1-1-6 yds
OZONA — Lara 9-19-78 yds
RECEIVING
SONORA — Dutton 2-44; Cruz 1-40; Aschenbeck 1-34; Johnson 2-27; Jackson 3-21; Shannon 1-6; Talamantez
OZONA — L. Rodriguez 2-36; K. Rodriguez 4-29; Flores 1-11; D. Rodriguez 1-2; Talamantez 1-0; Martin 0-0



Broncos Head Coach Jeff Cordell congratulates his team following their 54-8 win over the Ozona Lions Friday, September 1, 2017 at Bronco Stadium.
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Students from each campus crowded into the Sonora High School gymnasium for a pep rally Friday afternoon, September 1, 2017, sombreros, maracas and colorful balloons helped raise the excitement for Friday's game against Ozona.
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Wesley Dutton was 2-44 on receiving Friday, September 1, helping the Broncos stay ahead of the Ozona Lions to come out with a 54-8 win in the season opener at Bronco Stadium.
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Go Broncos!

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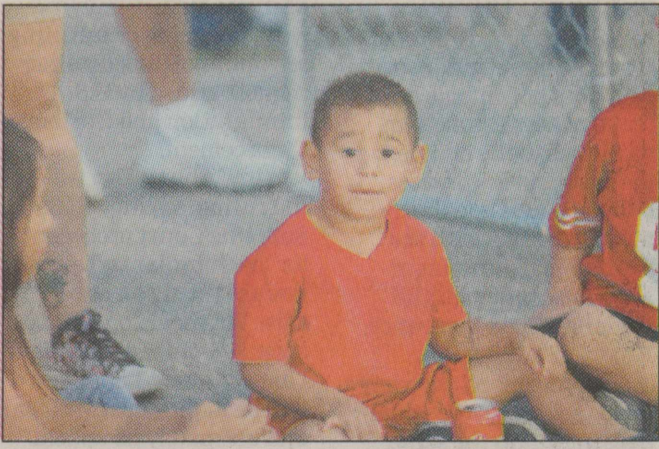
AWAY GAME
Kickoff: 7:30 p.m.



Broncos fans cheer with excitement from the stands as the Broncos score their first touchdown in the first quarter of Friday's game between Sonora and Ozona, September 1, 2017 at Bronco Stadium.
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Kaden Cordell sprints to the endzone during Friday's game between Sonora and Ozona. Cordell was 4 for 10 yds rushing, 9 of 18 with a total 166 yds passing and completed 2 Touchdowns assisting with the Broncos 54-8 victory over the Lions.
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Broncos fan Andres Torrez, age 4, finds the perfect spot to sit and enjoy Friday's game between Sonora and Ozona.
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Sonora varsity football players raise their helmets following their 54-8 win over The Lions Friday. The Broncos celebrated a victory over long-time rival Ozona setting their record at 1-0 for the season.
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The Blotter



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

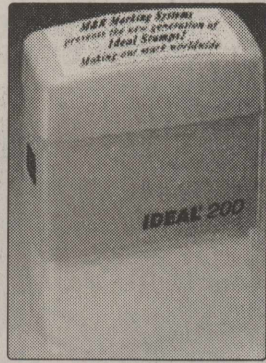
SONORA PD ARRESTS

SEPTEMBER 2 • Marcelina Ruiz, 51-year-old female of Mexico. Arrested on Schleicher County Warrants.
SEPTEMBER 3 • David Ramon Ramirez, 49-year-old male of Sonora. Arrested for Wrong Fict/Altered/Obscured Veh Plate/Reg, Driving while License Invalid with Previous Conviction/Susp/ w/o Financial Responsibility and for operating a motor vehicle w/o Financial Responsibility.
INCIDENTS
AUGUST 28 - 11:49 AM • Caller reported disturbance at 700 block of Orient. Officer responded.
AUGUST 29 - 5:50 AM • Caller requested funeral escort. Officer responded.
9:37 PM • Caller reported water leak at 100 block of Deerwood. Officer responded.
AUGUST 30 - 6:19 PM • Caller reported loud music at 200 block of W. 2nd. Officer responded.
6:46 PM • Caller reported suspicious activity at Elementary Parking lot. Officer responded.
AUGUST 31 - 5:07 PM • Warrant service at 800 block of St. Ann's.
SEPTEMBER 1 - 11:13 AM • Caller requested officer assistance at Sonora Elementary. SRO responded.
9:01 PM • Agency assist requested with suicidal subject at County Park. Officer responded.
11:39 PM • Alarm call at 7/11. Officer responded.
SEPTEMBER 2 - 10:19 AM • Caller requested funeral escort. Officer responded.
2:25 PM • Caller requested to meet with officer at Sheriff's office. Officer responded.
5:56 PM • Caller reported loud music at 500 block of N. Crockett. Officer responded.
7:55 PM • Caller reported suspicious person at Lowe's Market. Officer responded.
SEPTEMBER 3 - 11:00 AM • Agency assist requested with accident/wreck on I-10 at 401 mm. Officer responded.
9:44 PM • Agency assist requested 2 miles north of Sonora. Officer responded.

SUTTON COUNTY SHERIFF ARRESTS

AUGUST 28 • Jacob Fleming, 20-year-old male of San Antonio. Arrested at County Court for Criminal Mischief.
SEPTEMBER 2 • Marcelina Ruiz, 51-year-old female of Mexico. Arrested on a Schleicher County warrant.
 • Victor Hernandez, 36-year-old male of Uvalde. Arrested for Driving While License Invalid with Previous Conviction.
SEPTEMBER 3 • 1 illegal alien held for border patrol.
INCIDENTS
AUGUST 29 - 8:38 PM • Caller reported a one vehicle rollover on I-10 at 416 mm. Deputy, DPS and EMS responded.
AUGUST 3 - 112:01 AM • Caller reported vandalism on S. Crockett. Deputy and PD responded.
4:30 AM • Caller reported a suspicious male subject on Loop 467 at Exit 404. Deputy responded.
8:45 AM • Caller reported cows on the road on RR 864. Deputy responded.
11:50 AM • Caller reported a stranded motorist on I-10 at 418 mm. Deputy responded.
3:36 PM • Deputy assisted Edwards County with accident on Hwy 277 S about 4 miles into Edwards County.
3:38 PM • Caller reported a suspicious person out at the JL Bar Ranch on SCR 305. Deputies responded.
SEPTEMBER 2 - 2:00 PM • Caller requested motorist assistance on I-10 at 415 mm.
5:51 PM • Caller reported a reckless driver on I-10 W. Deputies responded.
11:01 PM • Caller reported a reckless driver on I-10 at 406 mm. Deputies responded.
SEPTEMBER 3 - 11:00 AM • Caller reported a U-Haul truck wreck on I-10 at 401. Deputy, PD, DPS, and EMS responded.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District

PUBLIC NOTICE BUDGET HEARING

The Sutton County Underground Water District will hold a public hearing on its 2017 - 2018 budget Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at the District Office, 301 S. Crockett Ave, Sonora, Texas.

All citizens are invited to attend and may inspect the proposed budget at the District office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. until September 18, 2017.

Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District

PUBLIC NOTICE TAX RATE HEARING

The Sutton County Underground Water District will hold a tax rate hearing at 09:45 a.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 301 S. Crockett Ave, Sonora, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2017-2018.

The proposed tax rate is \$0.05 per \$100 of value.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sutton County Hospital District

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Sutton County Hospital District will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 26.163461 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held September 11, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Hospital Wellness Center Multi-purpose room.

The second public hearing will be held September 18, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Hospital Wellness Center Multi-purpose room.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Edward Earwood (Vice President), Mary Humphrey, Adelita Alvarez, Lenora Pool
 AGAINST: John Henry Strauch
 PRESENT and not voting: Sharon Holman (Board President); a tie breaker vote was not necessary.
 ABSENT: Don Longoria

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the Sutton County Hospital District last year was \$113,106. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.192196 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$217.39.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the Sutton County Hospital District this year was \$115,567. If the governing body adopts the effective rate for this year of \$0.190724 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year would be \$220.41.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.240624 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$278.08.

Member of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 * "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code
 ** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code

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September 1-5	0.00 in.	September 1-5	0.08 in.
August	1.82 in.	August	3.86 in.
July	4.21 in.	July	3.79 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	18.56 in.	2017 Year-to-Date Total	17.42 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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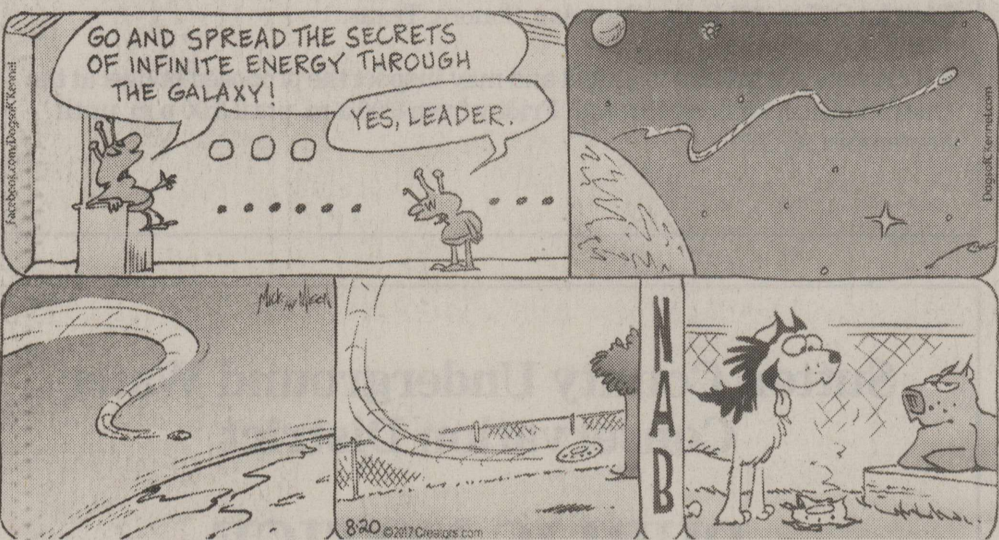
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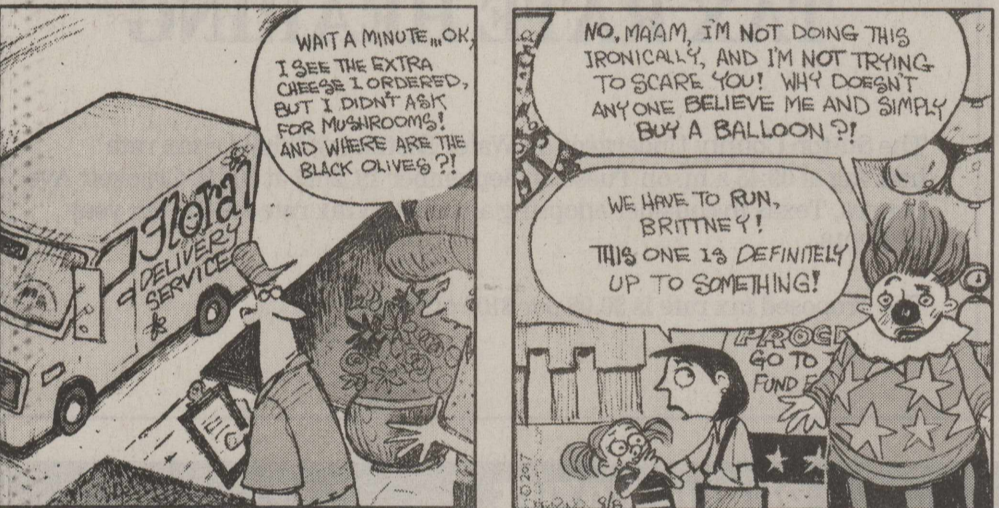


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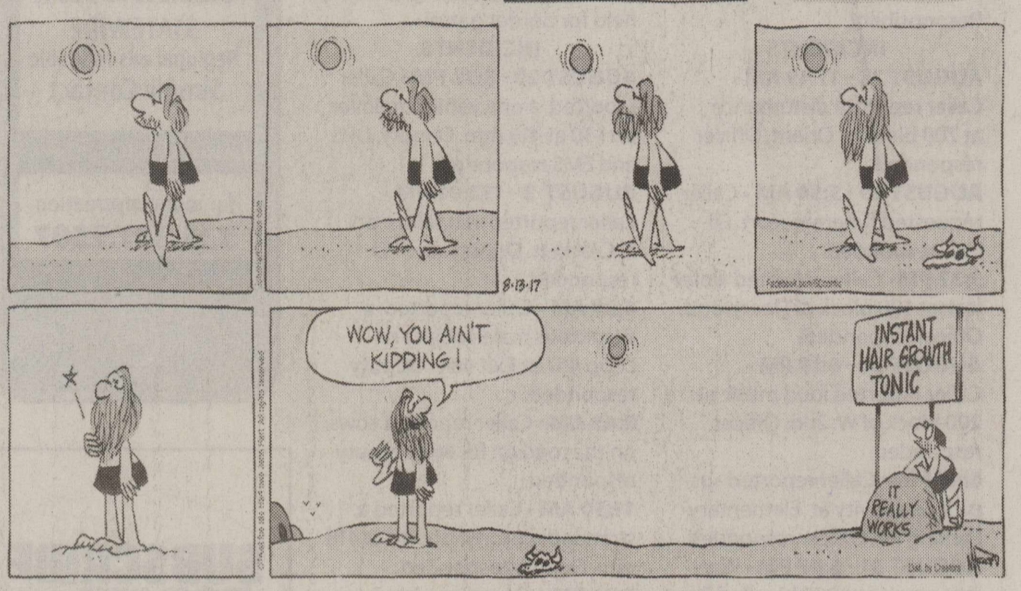
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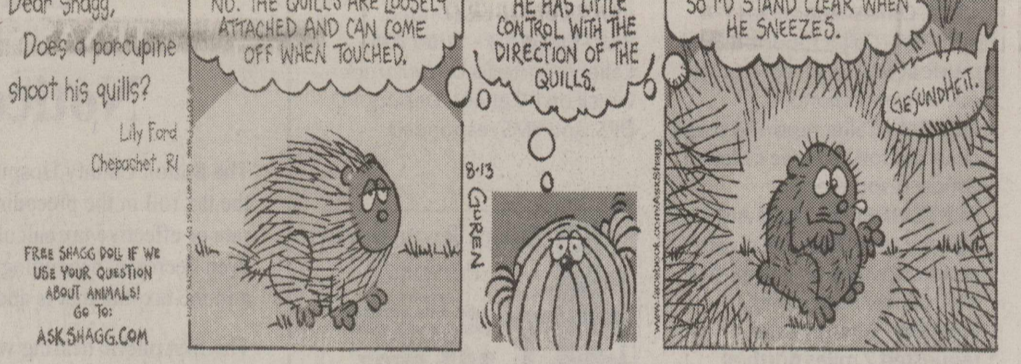
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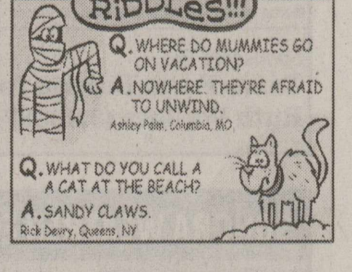
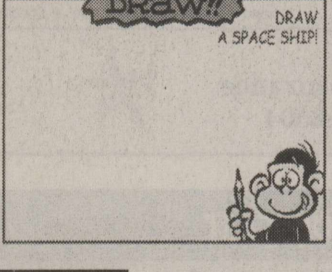
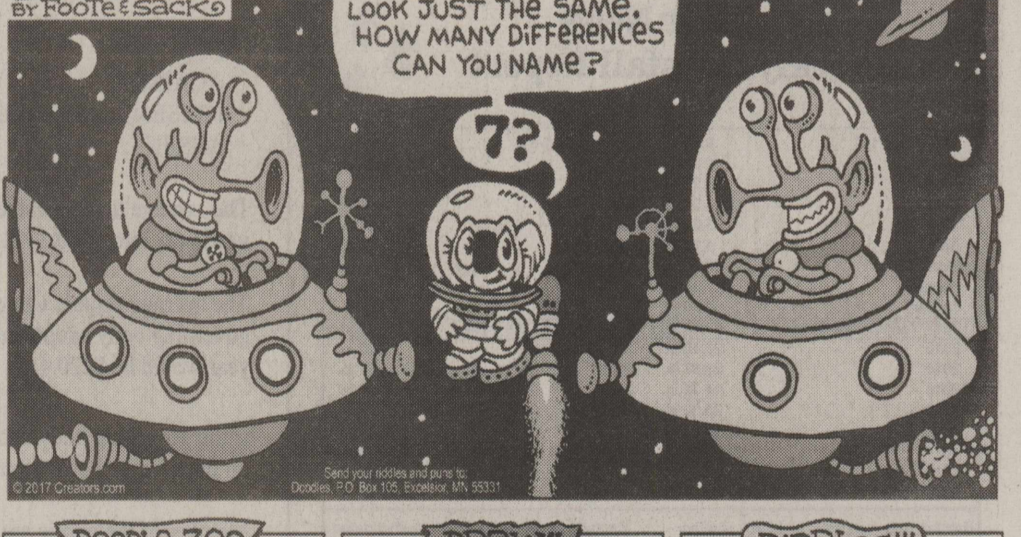
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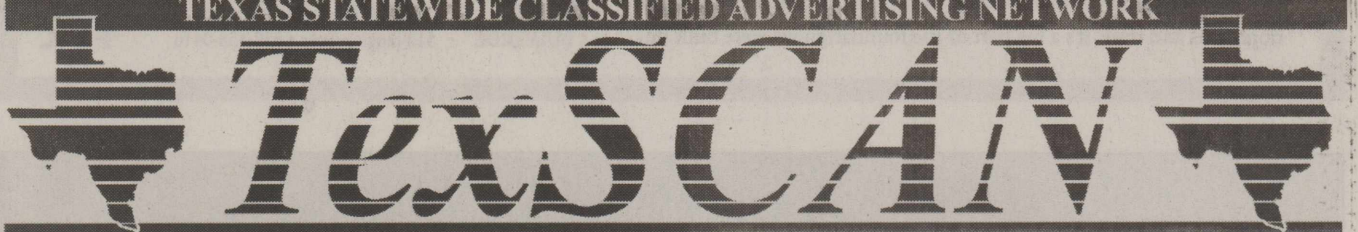
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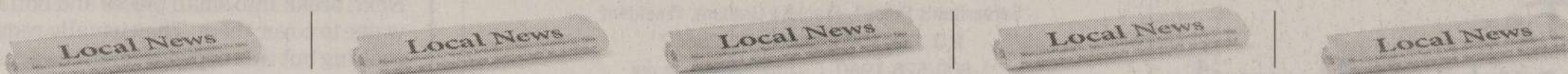
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VOLLEYBALL:

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14-25 and 25-22 in three games to put them in the championship game. The Lady Broncos competed in an exciting game against Harper in the championship round. Sonora lost the first game 25-14, but bounced back winning a hard fought battle in the second game with a final score of 25-23. The Lady Broncos intensity out shined the

Harper Longhorns 25-17 in the third game earning the championship. Mary Kyle Johnson was named Tournament MVP and Carly Brown was named All-Tournament Team. "I'm so proud of each one of my girls, Perez said. "Harper is a great team, but we were ready to bring it to them." The JV team earned 2nd place overall in their

tournament bracket and the Freshman team earned consolation champions in their bracket. The ladies started out ready for a rematch against Junction, their first opponent Thursday, and won 25-18 and 25-19. Unfortunately, the ladies fell to Harper 18-25 and 9-25 in their second match. In their third match the JV ladies were a little "flat on their feet" said Coach

Dana Tomesch. Nonetheless, they stepped up for another win over the Lady Eagles with scores of 25-17 and 25-18. "This was a hard match for the girls to get up for because we had beat them [Junction] earlier in the day," Tomesch said. "But, these girls rose to the challenge and beat Junction in both sets." Saturday, the JV Lady Broncos won all three sets

in their first match against Crane with scores of 14-25, 25-18, 25-22. "This win showed the character of each one of these girls," Coach Tomesch said. "I could not have asked for more. However, the JV ladies fell to Harper in their second and final game of the day. Recognizing all of her players for their effort, Coach Tomesch said she is proud of each one of them. "Each girl stepped up and did her job on the court," Tomesch said. "As a coach, I could not have asked for a better performance from these girls. With each match, this group is growing as Sonora volleyball players and they are building on their skills each and every day. I am looking forward to watching this group of girls grow as a team and volleyball players."

Also on Thursday, the Freshman team won two straight games against TLCA with scores of 25-13 and 25-10. Unfortunately, the ladies fell to Crane in a second match up. On Saturday the ladies started their day with a loss to Reagan County but defeated Crane clinching third place in the tourney. "All of the girls played extremely well, Coach Don Brown said. All three teams traveled to Miles for a non-district match against the Lady Bulldogs Tuesday, September 5th. The results will be reported in the next issue of the Devil's River news. The Lady Broncos are back home again Saturday, September 9, 2017, to play Water Valley Game time is set for 4:00 p.m. for junior varsity followed by the varsity at 5:00 p.m. Congratulations to the ladies on their success so far this season. Everyone is encouraged to come out and show their support.



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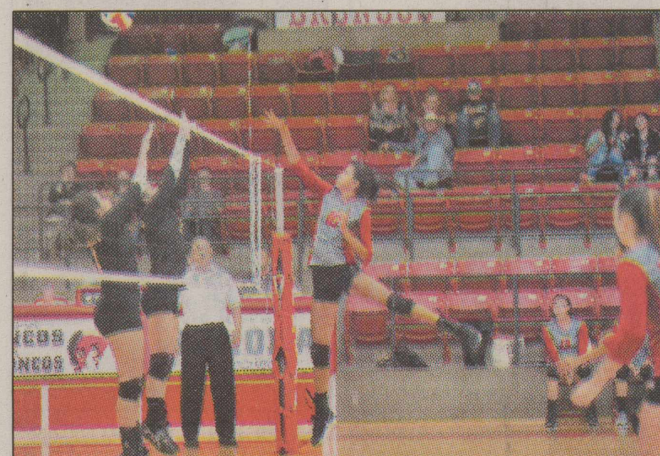
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Alyssa Martinez sends the ball up and over the net during the non-district game between Sonora JV and Brackett JV Tuesday, August 29, 2017. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



Adrianna Vilalobos keeps the ball in play during the Freshman match between Sonora and Brackett Tuesday, August 29, 2017. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



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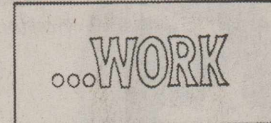
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Reader Recipes

"Mrs. Sawyer's String Beans"

The Sonora Woman's Club has been around since 1916. In 1922 the women of the club put together a cookbook which included many delectable recipes with old tried and true ways to make even the simplest vegetable or dish. Mrs. E. E. Sawyer's recipe for "String Beans" is the perfect example.

- Green beans
- Butter
- Salt
- Black pepper
- 1/2 cup Cream

Mrs. Sawyer said the best way to prepare string beans is to first break off the end that grew to the vine, drawing off at the same time the string upon the edge. Then, repeat the same process from the other end. Next, break into small pieces and boil in just enough water to cover them. They usually require 2 hours cooking but this depends upon the age and freshness. When they are tender, and the water boiled nearly out, add salt and pepper and a little butter and 1/2 cup of cream. If you do not have the cream add more butter.