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Summer Hall receives 4-H Gold Star Award



Summer Hall, the daughter of Stephen and Susan Hall has participated in Shooting Sports, Food and Nutrition, Clothing and Textiles, Meat and Hair Goats, Heifers, Commercial Steers, Range I.D., Livestock Judging, Wool and Mohair Judging, Leadership and many Community Service projects in her 7 years in 4-H. One of her most recent projects she has done was en-

tering her Recordbook in Citizenship and Civic Education, where she received 1st place at District. She met with the City and County Officials and made a resolution and proclamation that "October was now recognized for all 4-H encompasses in the City of Sonora and Sutton County." Summer also served as this past year's President of her 4-H Club. Along with staying busy with

4-H events, Summer, is also involved with the Varsity Cross Country Team, Varsity Track, and was a Junior Varsity Cheerleader. She is also active with the Pastoral Relations Committee and Youth with her church, First United Methodist Church of Sonora. Congratulations Summer!

"To Make the Best Better"

By Jessica Stapper

"To Make the Best Better" is the 4-H Club Motto and has been instilled in many youth across the United States. The 4-H Club has helped develop youth into leaders since 1908. What makes the 4-H Club unique? We offer many different projects, leadership opportunities, and community service activities for children to be involved in. Some of the featured projects are Foods & Nutrition, Livestock Showing, Range Evaluation, Photography, Clothing & Textiles, Share the Fun, Shooting Sports, and so much more! The 4-H Club also develops friendships across the State of Texas! If you are

in the 3rd grade to a Senior in High School you can become a member of the 4-H Club. The cost is \$20 for the entire year to participate in one or all the different projects available! Enrollment begins on September 1st for new members and for past members you may enroll at any time at the following website <http://texas.4online.com>. If you would like more information about the 4-H Club program, come by the Extension Office or call the County Extension Agents. Pascual Hernandez CEA-AG/NR phone number is 325-387-3101 or Jessica Stapper CEA-FCS phone number 325-387-3604.

Get Your Popcorn Ready! Friday Night Lights are Back!

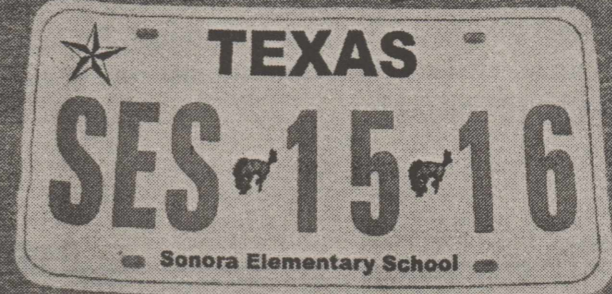
By Coach Sine

This Friday Night the Sonora Broncos host the Comfort Bobcats in the 2015 season opener. Kickoff is set for 7:30. The season opener has been marked as Lil Bronco Night. We will recognize the 7th, 8th, 9th and JV Broncos as well as the future Broncos that attended the 2015 7th Annual Sonora Bronco Football Camp. All campers that wear their camp t-shirt will be admitted for free. Campers and those on the teams listed above need to report to Bronco Nation Stadium Friday at 6:50 to get lined up for the introduction.

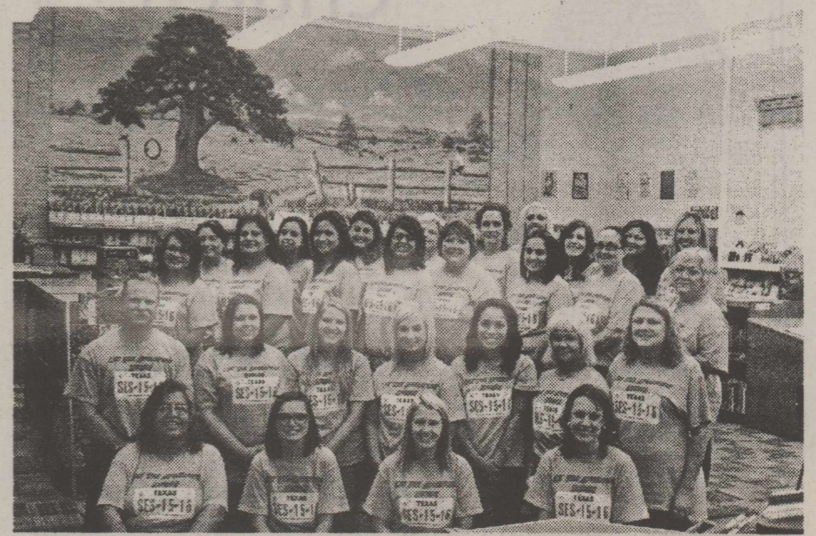
The Bronco Freshmen team will travel to Miles for their season opener with kickoff set for 5:00. The Junior Varsity Broncos open the season at Comfort with kickoff set for 6:00.

The 2015 Sonora Broncos will name the Offensive Player of the Week, Defensive Player of the Week, Offensive Lineman of the Week, Special Teams Player of the Week, and Hit of the Week after every game. If you are interested in sponsoring one or more of these awards please contact Coach Sine at 325-387-6940 x3900.

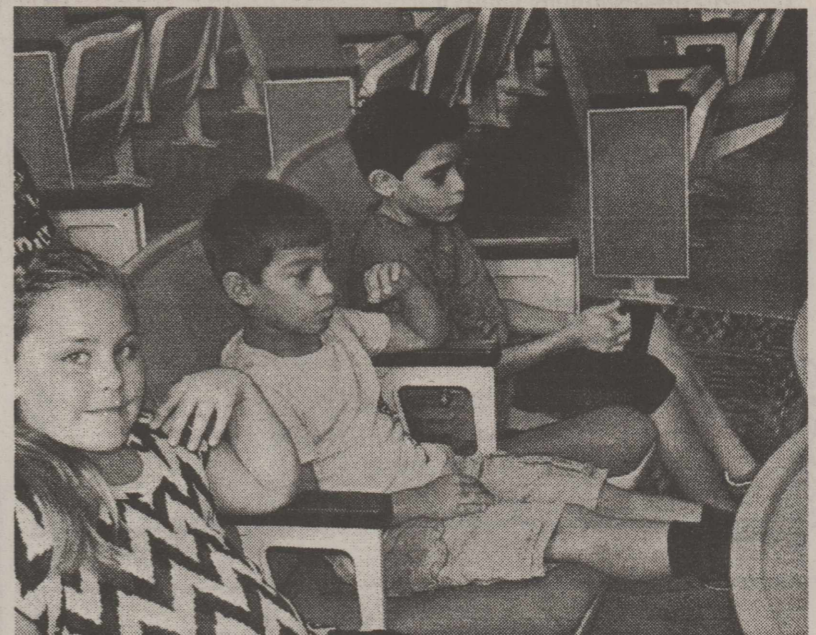
LET THE ADVENTURE BEGIN!



School Days Begin Anew!!



Sonora Elementary staff dresses the part for the first day of school (above) while students listen to Mr. Leamon during their first day assembly.



The Stampede Runs Over Competition At the Caverns

By Coach Morgan Mathews

Varsity boys started us out and the Freshman duo of JR Anthony Velasquez Jr. and Evan Shannon had a strong varsity debut as they both earned a medal by placing 7th and 8th respectively! Sr. Oscar Barron had a great 1st meet placing on the top 20. The team as a whole placed 4th out of 8 schools behind 1st place- 4a Bandera, ranked 2nd in the State - 2nd place 1A Comstock, ranked 1st in the State - and 3rd place 2A Ozona, ranked 3rd in the State. AMAZING competition at the Caverns today! It was just as strong on the girls side as Sonora, 8th ranked in 3a, placed 3rd behind last years 4a State Champs from Bandera and Ozona, who is ranked 3rd in the state. Janelle Vasquez and Kaitlyn Lopez had a great start to the season as they earned medals by placing 5th and 6th. I want to give a big high five to Kaitlyn Gann - a rookie freshman who I moved up for todays meet to replace one of our varsity runners who couldnt be at the meet today. her effort allowed the girls to plice as a team!!! WAY TO GO STAMPEDE!!!!

- JR - 7th - 18.57
- Evan - 8th - 19.00
- Oscar - 18th - 20.24
- Dalton - 21st - 20.37
- Garett - 36th - 23.03
- Straton - 43rd - 24.43
- JD - 44th - 24.49
- Janelle - 5th - 13.44
- Kaitlyn L. - 6th - 13.46
- Cip - 15th - 14.52
- Bri - 18th - 15.22
- Kaitlyn G. - 40th - 20.18

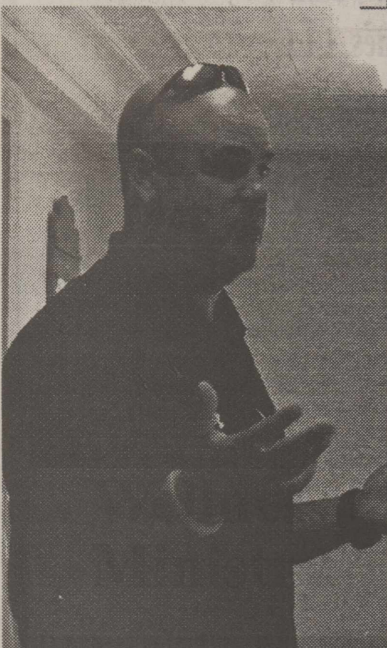
Three out of the 4 JV runners came away with a medal!! River placed 10th, Emily 12th, Issek 8th and newcomer Jean placed 10th!

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Wellness Ministry

It's officially back-to-school time! I get a lot of questions from parents this time of year about how to get kids to eat healthier. My answer is that, first and foremost, it has to start with you. BE the example of health you want your children to follow. Let them see you fill your plate with colorful foods. Let them see you choose water over soda. Let them witness your body moving and getting exercise. Kids can read us like a book, sniff out a faker. If you're not walking the walk, why should they? No matter what age your kids are – whether they are little ones and you have more control over their choices, or whether they are teenagers who want to be in control of all of their choices -you be the steady example. Their brains are making observations about what's important to you. Show them that health, wellness, and the magnificent body that God gave you is a top priority.

But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified. 1 Corinthians 9:27

Chelsea Blackbird is a Certified Nutritional Therapist. For more info go to www.thechristiannutritionist.com or chelsea@thechristiannutritionist.com

Obituary

Arnold Gilcrease was born July 21, 1934 in Hale County Texas. After a lengthy illness he was called home on August 22, 2015. On February 25, 1956 he married Sitter McLain of Hart, Texas in Crown Point, Indiana. (That's quite another story.) Arnold was a lifelong farmer. He loved his family, friends, the land and animals were also another of his passions. He was a man of integrity, principles and was out worked by no one. Farmers throughout the Texas Panhandle and South Plains could drive down the road and know exactly which land was farmed by "Gilcrease." He took great pride in his every endeavor. If Arnold's life could be measured in what was harvested, it would be a bumper crop.

Arnold was preceded in death by his parents Lyman Thurston and Jewel Richard Gilcrease, two brothers Jay and Johnny Gilcrease, four sisters Tinnie Fae Elliott, Georgia Tyler, Sylvia Holmes and Lorane Fellers.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Sitter Gilcrease, two daughters Cindy Gilcrease and Rick Bounds, Tamie and Glen Love all of Sonora, Texas. Also surviving are two granddaughters McKenzie and Embre Smith of Riverside, California, Sterling and Chris Neal of Navarre, Florida and his great granddaughter Kennedy Neal also of Nararre, two sisters Darnie Marie Moore of Myers Flat, California and Jerry Fae and Bruce Card of Sachse, Texas, one sister-in-law Wilma Gilcrease of South Salem, Oregon, plus a host of many friends and one very special friend Danny Reinhardt of Sonora, Texas. There will be a private, family, memorial service at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials are made to the Human Society of Tom Green County or a favorite charity.

Rosey Bud Hodgepodgees

Wedding Selections

Chelsey Lou Campbell and True Burson

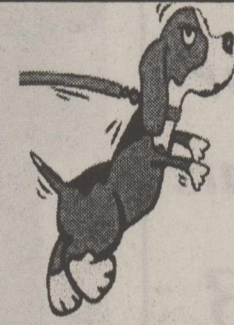
Emily Newton and Aaron Pearl

Savannah Leonard and Brett Chambers

Thank You

"Thank you" hardly expresses our love and gratitude to all of you who so generously participated in the concert benefit for Jen at the JL- Ranch Resort on August 14th. James and Lois Archer opened their hearts and their gorgeous facility to host the lovely evening. The staff of the Resort, along with the Sutton County Trust, made sure the evening was a fantastic success. The outpouring of love and support is another reason we are so grateful to live in this community.

Thank you all again,
Cleve T. and Lolabeth Jones



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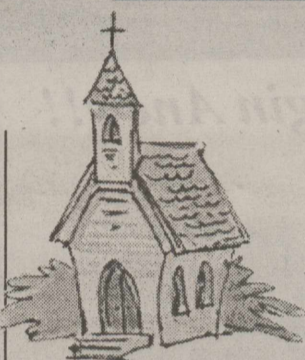
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387-9100

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387-2955

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Livestock Producers Urged To Watch For Toxic Plants

COLLEGE STATION – Extreme heat and dry conditions can lead to a shortage of grass, and an opportunity to consume toxic plants and forages found in Texas rangelands. Livestock producers should be aware of potential pitfalls, according to a Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostics Laboratory expert.

Dr. Tam Garland, head of the lab's toxicology section in College Station, advises cattle producers to scout pastures and be on the lookout for four types of senna plants that can be toxic during different seasons and weather patterns: coffee senna, twinleaf senna, sicklepod senna and Lindheimer senna.

Of late, extremely high temperatures without rain have stressed grasses. Livestock try other plants that remain green, Garland said. Coffee senna is maturing and is still green, and Garland said cattle will find these more palatable as the fall season approaches.

"Just like humans, cattle will want variety in their diet and they find the coffee senna beans quite tasty as forages become less available," she said.

The plant will have 6- to 8-inch-long beans that grow upward rather than downward, forming a type of parenthesis around the center stalk of the plant.

Twinleaf senna will become more prevalent with frequent showers. Garland said this perennial plant will grow beside other weeds in the pasture.

"People think when they get rain they've got a lot of grass in the pasture, but there are other weeds that can pop up," Garland said. "This is typical of twinleaf senna that is found growing in Central and West Texas regions where there's limestone soils."

Though herbicides applied to pastures earlier this year can control the threat of toxic forages and weeds, there's still the potential for high winds to blow seeds into these areas.

"It's still important for ranchers to scout pastures and be on the lookout," Garland said. "The biggest problem is we don't notice subtle clinical signs in our livestock, nor do we scout our pastures and look for these potentially toxic plants."

Ranchers should observe their cattle. Those excreting dark urine and having consumed coffee senna, and also twinleaf senna if there has been rain, will have clinical signs such as diarrhea and weakness before they get down.

"And when they get down, they do not get up," Garland said. "That's why it's so important for daily observation of cattle and to scout pastures. These are what we call alert downers. They will eat and drink if food and water is taken to them, but they cannot get up."

For more information about these and other toxic plants, Garland has co-authored Toxic Plants of Texas, available at the AgriLife Bookstore: <http://www.agrilifebookstore.org/Toxic-Plants-of-Texas-p/b-6105.htm>.

Additionally, the lab can determine if livestock have ingested one of these potentially deadly plants. For more information on testing, visit <http://tvmdl.tamu.edu/tests/microscopic-analysis>.

Steve Whitson

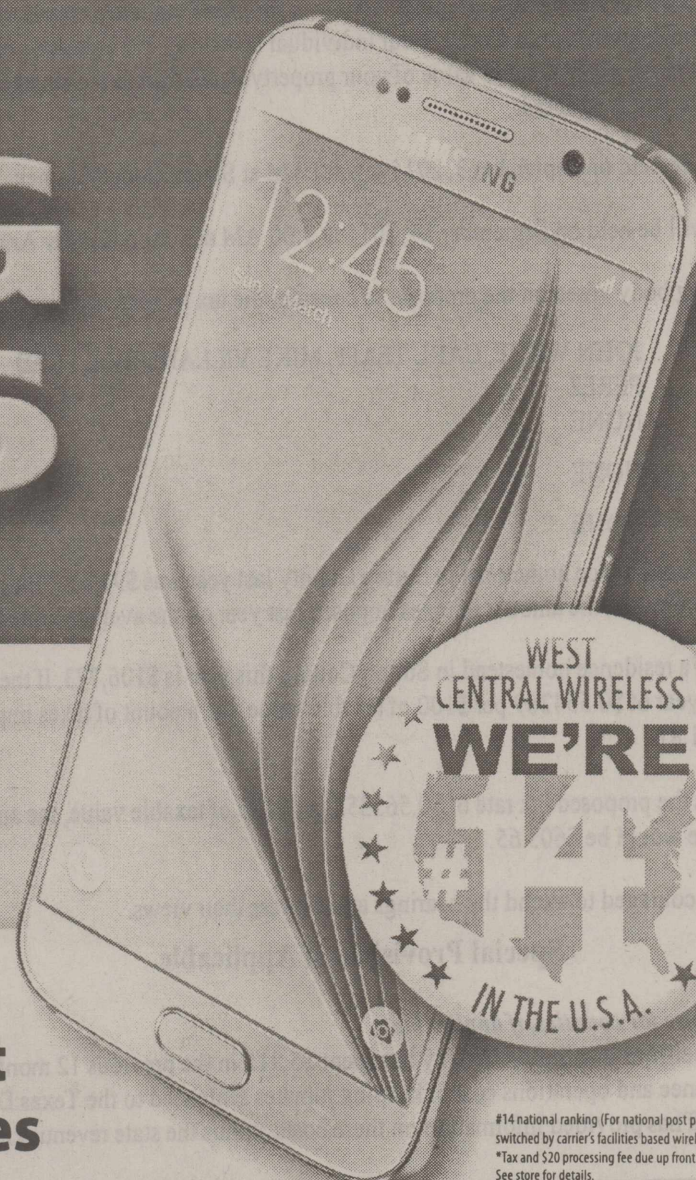
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It's Shaping Up To Be A Jubilee Quail Year

SAN ANGELO – From seemingly teetering on the brink of extinction to roaring back with a vengeance, wild quail seem to have made a miraculous comeback across Texas, said one wildlife expert. The 2015-16 quail season is going to be the best we've seen since at least 2008 and in some areas even longer than that," said Dr. Dale Rollins, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service coordinator for the statewide Reversing the Quail Decline Initiative at San Angelo. "It's shaping up to be a good to great year depending on where you are."

Rollins said the populations of both bobwhite and scaled or "blue" quail have benefited

in most cases from the widespread and timely rains last fall that returned and continued through early summer. The relatively mild, wet winter also contributed to the quail boom, he said.

"This is what I call a jubilee year," he said "There's a lot of forgiveness happening out there this year, and the quail have been recipients of that."

The rains helped quail on several fronts, Rollins said, including better nesting habitat and cover from predators. May and June provided perfect hatching conditions and set the stage.

"We're seeing strong numbers in a lot of areas. Some of the best areas are parts of South Texas and from just northeast

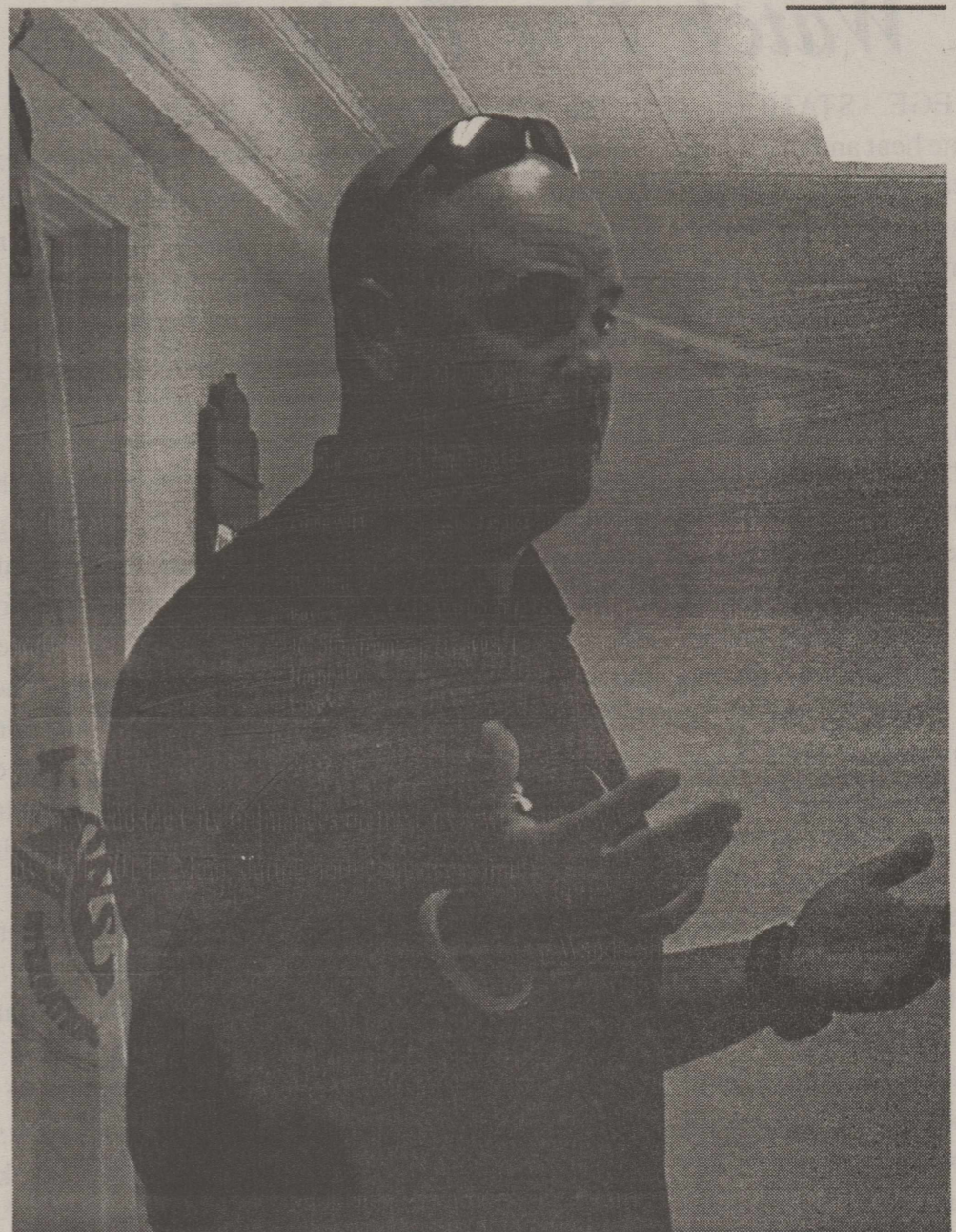
of San Angelo on up into the lower part of the Rolling Plains, roughly anywhere west of U.S. Highway 83."

Rollins said blue quail, like bobwhites, have "come back with a vengeance," with reports from the Permian Basin and Trans-Pecos region touting good quail numbers.

"So if the wheels don't fall off — and anybody you'll talk to adds that caveat — this should be a banner year," he said. "This should be a year that you not only get your shotgun out on opening day, Oct.

31, but also take some new people quail hunting and introduce them to the sport."

Lions Roar



The Sonora Downtown Lions Club met on Tuesday, August 25, 15 in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist church, with over thirty people in attendance, including our Queen, Shayna Edwards. We were honored to have Coach Sine as our guest speaker. Coach Sine talked about the schedule, as well as some of his secret plays. Sorry you missed it. Just kidding! He did talk about some of his plays, but I don't think they were secret. Coach Sine told us about Daddy Decal night on the 26th of August, where fathers will actually apply the bronco decal to their son's helmets. For those whose fathers cannot attend, a friend or family member will be called in to participate. He stated that there were 116 campers at the Little Bronco Camp this year and those campers will be leading the Sonora Broncos onto the field on Friday night. I have to admit that he got us fired up and ready for some Bronco Football!

NOTICE OF 2015 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR

Sutton County

A tax rate of \$0.565355 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Sutton County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.565355 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.529804 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.554269 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Sutton County from the same properties in both the 2014 tax year and the 2015 tax year.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{property tax amount} = (\text{rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Sutton County 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 2.000112 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 the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on September 3, 2015 at 8:00 AM at Sutton County Annex.

The second public hearing will be held on September 14, 2015 at 9:00 AM at Sutton County Annex.

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

FOR: JOHN WADE, CARL TEAFF, MIKE VILLANUEVA, FRED PEREZ
AGAINST: NONE
PRESENT and not voting: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Sutton County last year was \$98,318. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.529804 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$520.89.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Sutton County this year is \$106,773. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.554269 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$591.81.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.565355 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$603.65.

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

Special Provisions if Applicable

Criminal Justice Mandate (use for counties, if applicable):

The Sutton County Auditor certifies that Sutton County has spent \$5,915 in the previous 12 months beginning 08/01/2014, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Sutton County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

* "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.

City of Sonora Notice

Notice is hereby given to all citizens of the City of Sonora that City ordinances are in effect for you and your real property. The City will grant a 90-day grace period from the date of this publication for the citizens to come in to compliance; during this time warning will be issued.

Under state law, on June 29, 2015 the City has annexed new areas to the City pursuant to Chapter 43 of the Texas Local Government Code. Prior to that date the City accepted several voluntary annexations in to the City. These newly annexed areas are governed by the same ordinances that govern the entire City. The areas annexed voluntarily and non-voluntarily are as follows:

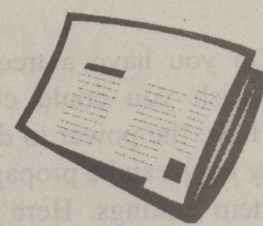
2015	Legal Descriptions	General Description	Area (AC)	Area (AC)	Percent of Existing City Limits	Cumulative Area (AC)
		Current City Limits	59,285,786.960	1,361,014		1,361,014
Tract 1	A-834.3.72 Ac, Sec 66, HE& WT Ry Co		162,043.848	3.720	0.27%	1,364.734
Tract 2	A-315, 0.24 Ac, Sec 85, HE& WT Ry Co. & 1.91 Ac		18,774.435	0.431	0.03%	1,365.165
Tract 3	Lomax, Sec 85, HE&WT Ry Co. 0.25 Ac		10,890.044	0.250	0.02%	1,365.415
Tract 4	A-1186, 0.42 Ac, Sec. 84, Steve J Murphy		18,295.273	0.420	0.03%	1,365.835
Tract 5	A-1186, 25.305 Ac, Sec 84, Steve J Murphy		1,102,290.209	23.305	1.86%	1,391.140
Tract 6	A-809, 0.757 Ac, Sec 54, HE&WT Ry Co.		32,975.052	0.757	0.06%	1,391.897
Tract 7	Southwest Subdivision, Lot 1, 10, 0.56 Ac & 0.24 Ac		34,848.139	0.800	0.06%	1,392.697
Tract 8	A-809, 5.2382 Ac, Sec 54, CF Adams & Southwest Div.		232,088.608	5.328	0.39%	1,398.026
Tract 9	Slide 9b, Plat Records, Sutton Co.	Sinaloa	736,079.824	16.898	1.24%	1,414.924
Tract 10	Slide 27a, Plat Records, Sutton County, Texas	Loma Alta	1,265,423.062	29.050	2.13%	1,443.974
Tract 11		Hospital	2,657,170.629	61.000	4.48%	1,504.974
Tract 12		Love's	653,402.614	15.000	1.10%	1,519.974
Tract 13		467 Strip from Hospital to Love's	217,800.871	5.000	0.37%	1,524.974

You may read the City ordinances on the City's website: www.sonora-texas.com or read them at City Hall, 201 E. Main, during normal business hours.

/s/ Wanda Shurley, Mayor

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, THAT:

The City of Sonora, Texas proposes to institute annexation proceedings to enlarge and extend the boundary limits of said city to include the following described territory, to-wit:

Tract 1
A tract of land containing 3.720 acres situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of portion of Abstract 834, Sec. 66, HE & WT Ry. Co., Official Public Records of Sutton County, Texas.

Tract 2
A tract of land containing 0.431 acres (0.24 and 1.91 acres) situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of portion of Abstract 315, Sec. 85, HE & WT Ry. Co., Official Public Records of Sutton County, Texas

Tract 3
A tract of land containing 0.250 acres situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of portion of Loma Alta Subdivision, Slide 27a, Plat Records of Sutton County, Texas.

Tract 4
A tract of land containing 0.420 acres situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of portion of Abstract 1186, Sec. 84, Steve J Murphy, Official Public Records of Sutton County, Texas.

Tract 5
A tract of land containing 25.305 acres situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of portion of Abstract 1186, Sec. 84, Steve J Murphy, Official Public Records of Sutton County, Texas.

Tract 6
A tract of land containing 0.757 acres situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of portion of Abstract 809, Sec. 54, HE & WT Ry. Co., Official Public Records of Sutton County, Texas

Tract 7
A tract of land containing 0.800 acres (0.56 and 0.24 acres) situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of Southwest Subdivision, Lot1 and Lot 10, Official Public Records of Sutton County, Texas.

Tract 8
A tract of land containing 5.328 acres situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of portion of Abstract 809, Sec. 54, C F Adams & Southwest Division, Official Public Records of Sutton County, Texas.

Tract 9
A tract of land containing 16.898 acres situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of portion of Sinaloa Subdivision, Slide 9d, Plat Records of Sutton County, Texas.

Tract 10
A tract of land containing 29.050 acres situated in the County of Sutton, Texas, being a part of portion of Loma Alta Subdivision, Slide 27a, Plat Records of Sutton County, Texas.

A public hearing will be held by and before the City Commission of the City of Sonora, Texas on the 15 day of June, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the City Hall of the City of Sonora, Texas, located at 201 E. Main, for all persons interested in the above proposed annexation. At said time and place all such persons shall have the right to appear and be heard; of all said matters and things, all persons interested in the things and matters herein mentioned, will take notice.

By order of the City Council of the City of Sonora, Texas this the 18 day of May, 2015.

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Public Notice

Notice
Public Hearing
Sutton County UWCD
Amended Rules
August 20, 2015
6:30 p.m.
Lillian Hudspeth Wellness Center
conference room
308 Hudspeth
Sonora, TX 76950

Employment

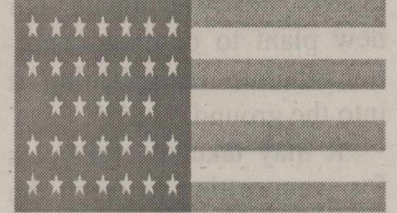
NOTICE is hereby given that Sutton County is now accepting applications for a full time Secretary for the Sutton County Extension Office. Applicants must have a strong work ethic and desire to work with all audiences, regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. Applicants must be able to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing and must have a minimum education of High School Diploma or GED. Computer skills required. For additional information on duties; call Extension Agent Pascual Hernandez at 325-387-3101.

Sutton County offers health, dental, vision, life insurance, vacation and sick leave benefits.

Applications can be obtained at the Sutton County Auditors' office and must be returned at the Auditors' office by August 20, 2015. Sutton County is an equal opportunity employer.

Employment

For Sale By Owner
House with Acreage West of Sonora, \$ 296,000. Go To www.zillow.com (type in the Sonora Zip code 76950) FOR DETAILS. Or call 325-450-4807



Employment

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Registered Nurse needed in Sonora and surrounding area including Ozona and Big lake.
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Want to buy a 1979 Sutton County History Book? Please Call 325-387-2826 FMI.

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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE BUDGET HEARING

The Sutton County Underground Water District will hold a public budget hearing on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 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 2014-2015 budget at the District office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Public Notice

The City of Sonora Municipal Court reminds violators that they have until September 15, 2015 to take care of outstanding citations to avoid having their names shared with the news media and published in the local newspaper. Sonora Municipal Court is located at 201 E. Main St. Sonora, Texas 76950. You can come in person to address your citation or call our office at (325) 387-5237.

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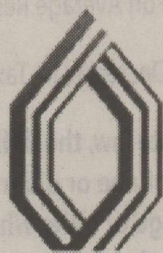
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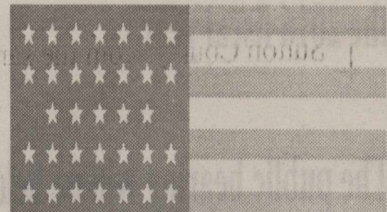
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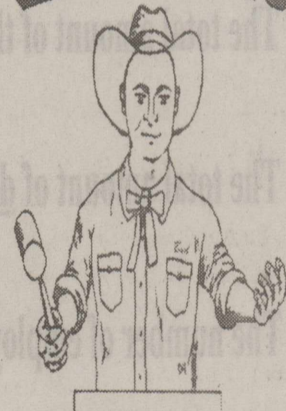
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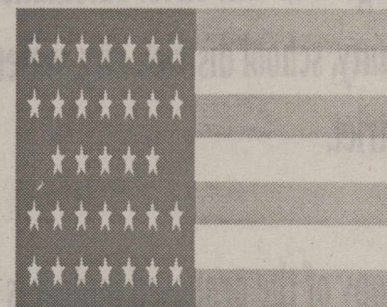
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You Can "Clone" Your Favorite Tree

Do you have a tree that you wish you could clone? You have the power to do so. Many trees can be propagated by stem cuttings. Here's the quick version.

Cuttings taken from the succulent, new growth that occurred this spring are referred to as softwood cuttings. Current-season stems taken in the summer are called semi-hardwood, and those taken in winter from the previous year's growth are referred to as hardwood.

Softwood cuttings usually root easier and faster than cuttings taken from harder wood later in the season. However, softwood cuttings do wilt more readily and thus require close attention to water and relative humidity. Take softwood cuttings in spring, semi-hardwood in the fall and hardwood cuttings in winter.

First, select a 6-10 inch section of stem with a healthy crown of leaves at the tip. Make cuts just below a node,

the area where the leaf joins the stem. Then remove leaves in the bottom 2 or 3 inches of the cutting.

Next, wound hardwood cuttings on the bottom 1 to 2 inches by making vertical cuts on each side with a sharp knife. Just be sure to stay in the surface wood. Wounding allows more rooting hormone and water to absorb into the cutting while increasing cell division

Pour about 1 teaspoon of rooting hormone into a clean container. Dip the wounded end of the branch into the hormone. Roll the bottom 2 inches in the hormone, coating the branch. Gently shake off excess. Discard any hormone left over.

Insert the cut ends into a moist rooting media such as vermiculite or potting mix. Placing cuttings directly into water is not recommended because the developing roots are deprived of oxygen. The resulting root system is weak

and spindly and does not adapt well to a soil environment.

Place your cuttings in bright but indirect light while they are rooting. Make sure to check the media frequently for moisture. Mist the leaves with room-temperature water when you check on the cuttings. A slight tug on the branch indicates that roots have developed. When roots reach about 1 inch long, the cuttings are ready to pot in a good quality soil mix. Move the potted cuttings to a bright, sunny location, such as a south-facing window.

After about one year of growth, slowly acclimate your new plant to outdoor conditions before transplanting it into the ground.

It may take several years for your cutting to reach the size of what you would buy at the nursery. But you'll have a copy of that special tree that you produced from a cutting.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON

SUTTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Sutton County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2016 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on September 14, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at the Sutton County Annex Building meeting room.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget. **\$ 466,942**

The total amount of decrease over the current year's budget. **\$ 4,891**

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget. **3**

The number of employees compensated under the current budget. **3**

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school district, city, water district and hospital district served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Sonora Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 PM, Monday, August 31, 2015 in Vocational Building, 805 Prospect

Sonora, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ <u>1.04</u> / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$ <u>.04637</u> / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	_____ % increase	or	<u>(.51)</u> % (decrease)
Debt service	_____ % increase	or	<u>(6.5)</u> % (decrease)
Total expenditures	_____ % increase	or	<u>(.66)</u> % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ <u>669,631,013</u>	\$ <u>648,258,709</u>
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ <u>6,770,920</u>	\$ <u>5,174,600</u>
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ <u>601,080,351</u>	\$ <u>576,043,173</u>
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ <u>6,638,128</u>	\$ <u>4,793,417</u>

* "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.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 522,193

* Outstanding principal.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04	\$.05 *	\$ 1.09	\$ 7,752	\$ 4,655
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.04	\$.04637 *	\$ 1.08637	\$ 7,306	\$ 5,145
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04	\$.04637 *	\$ 1.08637	\$ 7,314	\$ 5,140

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 109,762	\$ 113,283
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 62,099	\$ 60,583
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.09	\$ 1.09
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 676.88	\$ 660.35
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (16.53)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.088476. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.088476.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 7,910,202
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 61,212