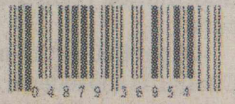


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Road Ranger Coming to Sonora

BY KIMBERLEY MEYER
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Construction of a new Road Ranger Travel Center along the exchange between U.S. Hwy 277 and I-10 in Sonora is scheduled to wrap up in the early spring of 2016.

The Road Ranger Travel Center will feature a restaurant, nine truck parking stops, truck fueling bays and 23 new incomes for the community of Sonora, including full and part-time job opportunities, according to Robin Street, administrative assistant at the Sonora EDC.

She said Road Ranger did not seek any assistance from the EDC.

Road Ranger purchased the land from Sonora resident and entrepreneur, Joe David Ross.

"Road Ranger bought the property directly from the owner Jo David Ross and they have only inquired about signage," Street said.

Contracts were signed on October 28th and November 3rd, 2015, according to Anita Harris, Road Ranger, L.L.C.'s legal assistant, Anita Harris.

Jo Will Ross said that dirt work for the facility began in November of 2015 and Harris confirmed that work on the new site began the second week of November, 2015.

"It appears to be a great town and location," Harris

said. "It will also help extend our network in Texas."

Harris said that Road Ranger is currently operating locations in Pharr, Moore, Odessa, Encinal, Combes and Mathis.

City Manager Ed Carrasco said he is excited about the new Road Ranger because of the promise of economic growth and provision of local jobs.

"I'm looking forward to having more business in economy

and help with city's infrastructure," Carrasco said.

Street, agreed that the new Road Ranger is good for the economic infrastructure of Sonora.

Harris said she estimates 23 full time and part time

employees with an estimated annual payroll of \$375,000.

Total annual non-petroleum sales are estimated to be \$3,000,000. Maintenance and on-going operation of the facility will also have an impact locally.

"Our desire is to draw from the local community and County as much as possible," Harris said. "Many of the general contractors we use are regional instead of local but they employ as much local labor as the process and conditions allow."

The approximately 6,744 sq. ft. facility includes semi-truck parking, auto parking, restaurants and a variety of prepared food offerings, full service convenience store with a large variety of consumer goods, trucking supplies, showers, rest rooms, diesel, gas, and many other professional driver and traveler amenities according to Harris.

"We expect to open by mid-March," Harris said. "The current scheduled opening date is March, 11, 2016."

Both Carrasco and Street added that they think there is sufficient traffic to support the establishment.

"The interstate traffic is vibrant and people are continuing to travel," Street said.

One thing is for sure, IH 10's exit 400 is about to get a lot busier.



Construction continues on the new Road Ranger Travel Center located at the I-10 and Hwy 277 exchange in Sonora. The new facility will include a Chester's Chicken and Texas Taco restaurants. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



Burn Ban in Place in City and County

Vyvlecka Pleads Guilty to Indecency with Child

Morgan P. Vyvlecka, 22, pleaded guilty to one count of indecency with a child on Tuesday, February 9th in 112th District Court in Sonora.

Judge Stephen Able presided over the plea hearing.

Vyvlecka was convicted of one count of indecency with a child resulting in a sentence of deferred adjudication with five years probation, a \$500 fine and 300 hours of community service.

Five additional counts charging Vyvlecka with indecency with a minor were dismissed as part of the plea bargain.

Judge Able also granted a request for restoration, exempting Vyvlecka from registering as a sex offender once the terms of her plea are completed.

Sonora Local Returns Home for First DPS Post

Strength, perseverance and a positive attitude transported Roland Solis down a long road to accomplishing his goal of becoming a DPS Trooper.

The recent graduate of the Department of Public Safety Academy, last December, is now

a member of one of the most highly respected police agencies in the nation. Moreover, Solis has been assigned to serve in his home town of Sonora.

"It gets easier as each day passes," Solis said. "I am grateful for the opportunity to be in this position."

His parents Johnny and Viola Solis agree that they are surprised to see their son as an officer and they are proud of him too.

"I never expected to see one of my own children in law enforcement," Johnny Solis said. "To have a son that is a graduate of the DPS is amazing."

As a youth Solis helped his dad with yard work and odd jobs.

Solis' dad said he taught his son to have a good attitude, be respectful and work hard.

Following graduation from Sonora High School in 2006, Solis worked as a teller and loan

processor, at the Sonora Bank in San Angelo, for six years while studying Psychology and Criminal Justice at Angelo State University.

Keeping in mind his goal of becoming a DPS trooper, Solis applied and was accepted into the Academy at the Department of Public Safety Headquarters in Austin immediately following his graduation from Angelo State University in May 2015. He graduated from the academy on December 18, 2015.

Solis said it has been a journey to get in and complete the academy because he didn't come from a law enforcement background. He said he believes it is a calling from the lord to be a DPS trooper.

"It is brand new to me," Solis said. "I keep learning one day at a time and do the best that I can."

Solis said that in addition to the overwhelming support of his parents and the people in his hometown of Sonora, he attributes his accomplishment to the influence and support of fellow trooper, Samuel Gonzales, who has been a good friend and mentor.

"He influenced me and believed in me," Solis said. "That shows a lot of who they [DPS troopers] are."

Now in his first six months of field training, Solis is paired up with veteran Trooper Weatherby, out of Big Lake, to learn the ins and outs of his new duties while patrolling the roadways along Sutton, Crockett, Schleicher and Reagan

Counties.

Solis said he is thankful for the training he receives because it helps to prepare him mentally and physically for his new duties. Like all new probationary officers, Solis is required to complete one year of field training before patrolling solo.

As with every mother, Solis' mother, Viola said she is both excited and worried about her son's new career in law enforcement.

"You know how the world is now," Solis said. "It's upside down and we worry."

Solis' father proudly agreed adding that his son is dedicated to following up on everything that he starts.

"We are lucky to have him for a son," Solis said.

Serving in and around Sonora Solis said he is happy to be home.

"I always knew I would become someone that Sonora could be proud of."



Roland Solis
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Roland Solis, Sonora native, completed the Academy at the Department of Public Safety headquarters in Austin on December 18, 2015. Solis is serving his first post in Sutton, Crockett, Schleicher and Reagan counties. | COURTESY PHOTO

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Governor, Congressman Seek Details on Border Security Cuts

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott and U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-McAllen, are asking U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson for detailed information regarding border security cuts.

Of particular interest to Abbott and Cuellar is the federal agency's decision to cut resources for aerial-based border security support in a program known as Operation Phalanx. Specifically, the Department of Homeland Security's request for aerial detection, situational awareness and monitoring capability support for Operation Phalanx from the Department of Defense for calendar year 2016 was 50 percent lower than that of recent years.

The decrease came despite the governor's Sept. 30, 2015, request for additional aerial observation resources along the border, and despite the fact that Congress fully funded Department of Defense support for Operation Phalanx in the recently passed omnibus appropriations bill, according to the governor's office.

"Given the recent surge of migrants from Central America and Cuba along the southern border, we believe (the Department of Homeland Security) should be requesting more surveillance and security resources, not fewer," Abbott and Cuellar wrote in a Feb. 1 letter to Johnson. "Any decrease in aerial observation is not only

imprudent, but contradicts the very mission of border security enforcement."

Abbott and Cuellar noted that the Department of Homeland Security's decision to decrease surveillance resources "is unsettling" and requested the following information:

- Metrics used to determine that a 50 percent reduction in aerial resources would sufficiently support Operation Phalanx;
- Detailed plans on how the cuts would impact staffing, resource allocation and operation levels in Laredo, the Rio Grande Valley and Tucson; and
- What resources the department plans to use "to backfill any gaps" the reduction presents.

Abbott posts first year report

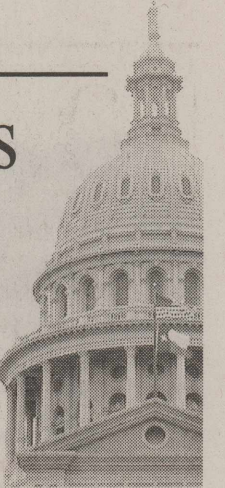
Gov. Abbott on Feb. 2 released a "Report to the People of Texas" listing highlights of his first year in office.

The report, as stated in a news release, "takes a look at the economy and businesses that expanded or relocated to Texas, in addition to providing an overview of legislation passed to cut taxes, improve Texas' public

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

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Super Bowl Ads

Everything about the Super Bowl is super. Super teams. Super players. Super stadium. Super day. Super parties. Super national anthem. Super halftime show. Super fans. Super nacho cheese sauce in my slow cooker. And of course, my personal favorite, super commercials.

Slices of Life



By Jill Pertler

When it comes to the Super Bowl, football is only part of the day. Advertisements during the big game have become so popular they create a conundrum for viewers. When to replenish your beverage - during the game or during the commercials? You really don't want to miss either so most of us do what I call the penalty flag dash.

The hype surrounding a 15 or 30 second spot for Doritos is almost as exciting as the game itself (not to mention the birth of a baby). The anticipation grows during the days preceding Super Sunday. Which will have the better ad - Coke or Pepsi? Who's not going to be themselves until they eat a Snickers bar?

How will the Clydesdales and Labrador pups tug at our heartstrings this year?

Unfortunately for me, they didn't. The majestic horses weren't teamed with little puppies in the name of selling beer. Instead the company opted for a British actress who lectured viewers saying people who didn't listen to her message were a, "shortsighted, utterly useless, oxygen-wasting human form of pollution." While her message was a fine one, I'm not sure how calling millions of people useless will lead to increased beer sales. But I'm no advertising guru. Even so, I would have preferred a few puppies.

In a year where the Panthers faced the Broncos, it seemed fitting there were a number of ads that featured animals. I'm always in favor of a cutesy, clever critter commercial.

You've got to love the ingenuity and inspiration that went into the wiener dog ad. It takes nothing short of creative brilliance to come up with the idea of dressing a wiener dog like a wiener. And then (wait for it...) multiplying the effect with dozens of wiener dogs and having them run toward people dressed as giant bottles of ketchup, mustard and other assorted condiments. That's the exact sort of unique cleverness I tune in to see each year - even though this one made me lose my appetite.

I enjoyed the talking grizzly bears, especially the one that claimed to be vegan. (Gotta love the sarcastic humor of bears.) Another favorite was the sheep singing a classic Queen song. A cappella. In perfect harmony. Who even knew sheep could sing?

The marmot spot pushed a bunch of cuteness buttons. Plus it educated a few of us about marmots, which I've always called ground hogs. Prior to last Sunday, I'd never even heard of a marmot. Varmint, yes. Marmot no. Not that I'm mistaking one for the other. But if it looks like a rodent and walks like a rodent...

I've saved the best for last. One word: puppy-monkey-baby. By creating a creature with the head of a pug dog, the body and tail of a monkey and legs of a baby (complete with diaper) the ad coined a new term for all things weird in less than 30 seconds. Plus the little critter had a rattle and wasn't afraid to shake it. I used to be afraid of clowns. Now I have to worry about a puppy-monkey-baby hiding under my bed.

The Super Bowl: more than 100 million people tuned in this year - some to watch the game, some to watch the commercials (and all to eat nachos). Now we wait. For a whole 12 months to see which teams make it to the big game and which commercials to our flat screens.

Like many of us, I'll be watching eagerly to find out. Because as effective as the marmot and monkey-puppy-baby were, next year I really hope they bring back the horses and the puppies.



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Working to put Patients Back in Charge of their Healthcare

ObamaCare was passed amidst a lot of promises - lower premiums, smaller out-of-pocket costs, claims that the average family would save about \$2,500 a year, and maybe most famously, the President's pronouncement "That if you like your health care plan, you can keep it," which went on to become Politifact's Lie of the Year.

For most Americans, none of this has come true. Millions of working families discovered that the plan they liked was no longer available and that the alternatives offered cost more than they wanted to spend and mandated coverage they simply did not need or want. Seniors sadly came to learn that the doctor they trusted and had visited for years was no longer available under new plans they had no choice but to accept. Those who were able to keep their plans have in many cases seen back-to-back double-digit premium increases.

Taxes associated with ObamaCare are hurting the economy and job growth - especially in the medical device industry. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the equivalent of 2 million jobs will be lost during the next decade. Small businesses have had it with the added overhead cost that ObamaCare compliance has created. The 106 regulations associated with the Affordable Care Act are costing small businesses and families more than \$45 billion and require 165 million hours of paperwork. In many cases these increased compliance costs and future burdens like the "Cadillac Tax" are actually forcing businesses to decrease the quality of the plans they offer to their employees.

No one believes that our health care system was perfect before, but since ObamaCare passed, access to quality, affordable health care has decreased for millions of Americans. We can do better.

That starts with repealing the Affordable Care Act. House and Senate Republicans worked together to put legislation, for the first time, on the President's desk

which would have gutted ObamaCare. Predictably, he vetoed it. But we decidedly proved that repealing ObamaCare is just a matter of having the right person in the White House to sign that legislation.

But it's not enough to just repeal bad legislation. We have to follow up with a plan that puts patients firmly back in control of their own health care decisions. To start with, no one should be forced to purchase health insurance against their will. We can increase access to Health

Savings Accounts (HSAs) and allow consumers to purchase plans from across state lines to help lower costs. We should also expand support for state high-risk pools and portability so that those with pre-existing conditions continue to receive care. Speaker Ryan has guaranteed that a conservative alternative will be offered this year to show that we mean business.

There are other things

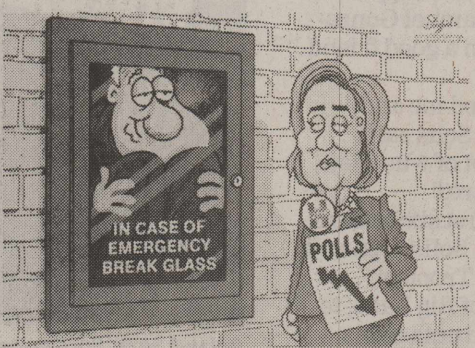
Congress can do to help increase access to affordable health care. The legislation that the President vetoed and Democrats voted against took tax dollars currently being given to abortion providers and redirected that money to the thousands of community health clinics that provide quality, affordable health care to women and families in our underserved communities. We have more than three dozen such clinics in the 23rd Congressional District of Texas and these funds would make an enormous difference to them and the families they serve. Last year, I voted for legislation that saved these centers from the "fiscal cliff" they were facing, and I am committed to making sure these federal approved community health clinics continue to be able to provide quality care for the people I represent.

ObamaCare was unpopular with the American people before it was passed, and after seven years, more than half of Americans still disapprove. Congress is ready to repeal this failure of a law and work to ensure that Americans have more freedom and access to affordable health care.

Hurd on the Hill



by U.S. Rep. Will Hurd



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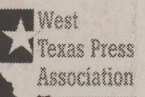
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Writing While Walking

Patrick Dearen of Midland has written a shelf full of books. One of his recent ones, THE BIG DRIFT won a Spur award from the Western Writers of America Association. The award is presented annually to the author of what the judges consider to be the best western traditional novel. The book is about cattle drifting



by Tumbleweed Smith

he says, "Including my Spur award for the Big Drift, I did these on my daily walks. I walk four and a half miles every day and I literally wrote them, start to finish, while I'm walking along."

On his walks, usually to a park and back, he will take three or four sheets of typing paper, fold them to give him a good writing surface and he goes along writing.

"I think better when I'm on the move. On THE BIG DRIFT I put in eighteen hundred and fifty miles. I developed a new method for writers: WPM words per mile. I average about thirty-five words per mile, WPM."

He doesn't just jot down notes. He writes complete sentences. The first part of his walk he'll write. The last part he'll make corrections. He says usually there aren't many things to correct.

"I measure my progress in terms of miles. Someone will ask me how long it'll be before I finish a project. And I'll tell them, 'o, about six hundred miles.' I work every day when I'm on a project. I wrote on THE BIG DRIFT three hundred ninety-five days straight."

Sometimes he gets so absorbed in his writing he forgets where he is. He has been lost a few times when he is in unfamiliar places doing research.

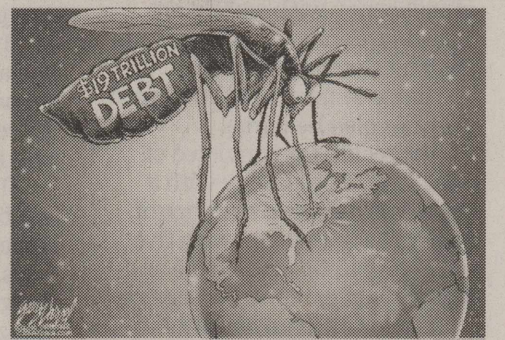
"The real trick is when I cross a busy street. I have to drag myself out of the period I'm writing about, say the eighteen hundreds, where there were no cars, long enough for me to get across the street and not get run over. That's one of the hazards you have to look out for when you're writing while walking."

He started writing while walking to honor a fellow writer, Elmer Kelton.

"On the way home from his funeral services, I asked myself how could I best honor this special man. I decided to write a novel set in the country we both have loved, and dedicate it to him. The trouble was I was in the middle of a massive research project and I had no time to write. But every day I made an hour and twenty minute walk. So two days after I got home I got my paper and pen and headed out. When I came back from my walk I had wordage. I realized it works."

Patrick says he tried to win a Spur award for thirty-four years and finally won it after he started writing while walking. THE BIG DRIFT has won other awards as well.

Tumbleweed Smith has traveled nearly two million miles on Texas highways finding all kinds of folks with all kinds of stories. Contact: ts@tumbleweedsmith.com



Why does the early bird always get the worm? Because he reads about it in
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OBITUARIES

Mozelle "Nell" Mills Wallace March 16, 1926 - February 8, 2016



Nell peacefully left this earthly life on Monday, February 8, 2016. She was born March 16, 1926 on her family ranch in Sterling County, the seventh of 10 children to Herbert Moss & Elva Henry Mills. She lived there on that ranch until the age of 16 when the family moved to Brewster County. She married Eugene Trainer Wallace on June 10, 1947 in Alpine where they had Big Bend Feed Company before moving to Gene's family ranch in Sutton County and forming the Libb Wallace & Son Hereford Ranch. There she worked side by side with her husband and parents-in-law, Libb & Evelyn Wallace to raise quality registered Hereford cattle.

She was well known by family & friends for her skills in the kitchen, especially her pound cakes, potato cakes and her biscuits. She had a beautiful voice and loved singing in the Methodist Church choir, but loved nothing better than going dancing. Even as her body aged and would no longer allow her to dance, she could not keep her feet from tapping to the beat of the music. She loved history and spent endless hours walking over the ranch in search of arrowheads. After Gene's passing she began to deliver meals to the elderly for the Sonora Senior Center and continued that service for 20 years. She belonged to many different organizations through the years and served each and every one of these organizations with hard work and leadership. She was awarded the Silver Spur for being the Outstanding Sutton County 4-H Adult Leader and was awarded Sonora's Citizen of

the Year by Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Gene Wallace; her precious grandson, Libb Wallace; her parents, her parents-in-law, all five of her brothers, Herb, Ott, Woody, George & Billy Mills; three of her sisters, Sis Roark, Allene Rogers, & Betty Bach; one nephew, Lou Rogers & one niece, Carol Dacus; sisters-in-law, Libbye Young, Joyce Palm, Jane Mills, & Eva Jeanne Mills; brothers-in-law, Leroy Roark, Shelly Lowe, & Dub Wallace.

She is survived by her loving sister Jerry Wallace; by her children; Libb & Linda Wallace of the ranch in Sutton County, Ruth E Wallace of Sonora, & Will & Peggy Wallace of Blanco; by 6 of her grandchildren, Brandy & Rich Calentine, Shawn & Andy Wray, Walker & Amber Wallace, Jason & Pam Bounds, Tonya Bounds, Hunter & Kirby Wallace, & Brenna Wallace; 6 great grandchildren Beau, Jude & Ewan Wray, Jaci & Kinsley Wallace, & Meyer Jane Wallace. She is also survived by brother-in-law, John Bach and sister-in-law Kay Mills along with her 25 nieces & nephews that were very special to her; Pancho, Christie, Banks, Rick, Mike, David, Rob, Charlie, Linda, Jenny, Larry, Janet, Jeannie, Homer, Marsha, Keith, Ronnie, Gary Don, Andy, Scott, Sharilyn, Lance, John, Joann & Evelyn Jane, and their families; her extended Wallace & Mills family members, and her friends.

A service for Nell Wallace will be held Thursday February 11, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Sonora, under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home with interment following at the Sonora Cemetery. Her nephews will serve as pall bearers.

The family suggests that any memorial gifts be given to Hospice of San Angelo or your favorite charity.

Birthday List

FEBRUARY

- 11th Leandra Castaneda, Kim Lewis, Ty Fincher
- 12th Scott Neff, Jerry Lopez, Eddie Favila
- 13th Beverly Arnwine, Billy Burnham, Jessica Snyder
- 14th Mitzi Matthews, Jim Gulley, Tina Gallegos, Koda Davis, Don Spiller, Christian Martinez, John Zook
- 15th Cody Barber
- 16th Jerry Wallace, Jack Turney, Karen Fincher
- 17th Doug Hudleston, Lisa Seaton
- 18th Chance Dillard, Sam Mata Jr., Mary Lou Creek

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Delaney B. "Laney" Cook April 25, 1949 - February 5, 2016



Laney Cook, 66, passed away the morning of Friday February 5, 2016 peacefully in his home, surrounded by his beloved family. Born in San Angelo, Texas to parents Vernon Turner Cook and Lila D. Chalk, he grew up in Sonora, Texas developing his strong work ethic over many summers on the Frank Fish ranch. It was about this time when he found his passion for football. Skilled in a variety of sports in high school, he received the moniker "Mr. Bronco" which he treasured. He made lifelong friends playing in the North/South All-American high school game before receiving his scholarship to Baylor, where he also played baseball and ran track in addition to football. From Baylor he headed to Denver to play for the Broncos before a career ending injury his first season. He moved to Austin in the late 70's and began a legendary career in the food and beverage industry.

On a flawless Texas day, he met his beloved wife pitching horseshoes at the old Posse West on 24th and Rio Grande. After a whirlwind courtship, they married in the summer of 1982 to begin a true "happily ever after". He is predeceased by his father Vernon Cook, and his sister Alice Ruth Cook. He is survived by his wife, Bette Gould Cook and children William Delaney Cook,

Alice Lucile Cook, and Erin Wynne McCorquodale; brother J.V. Cook and his children: Bryan Delaney Cook, Alice Amanda Cook, and her children Luke and Jeffrey; brother Jesso Cook and sister Christa Cook; brother-in-law John Gould and his children, Harrison and Clayton.

Laney's passions are, but not limited to, hunting, fishing, watching the smoke rise from his barbecue pit, cracking a cold Miller Lite, and creating adventures for his family. You didn't need to know him long before he made you feel part of his posse. He left you with wonderful memories of time spent with him. He was a mean domino player and the only serious moments were the last 2 minutes of the football game. This true Texas cowboy would light up a room and had never met a stranger. He was one of a kind.

The family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to the staff at Seton Hospital and to Hospice Austin for their commitment to Laney's care.

Graveside service will be held Sunday, February 14th, 2016 at 1:00 pm at Austin Memorial Park, 2800 Hancock Drive, Austin, TX 78731. Celebration of life at Posse East, 2900 Duval Road, Austin Texas 78705 at 3 pm to 6 pm to follow. Per Laney's request, attire is boots and jeans. Call 512-568-2635 for additional parking information.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in his name to Texas Fire Walkers, 123 Wyers Place, Cedar Creek, Texas, www.texasfirewalkers.org, or Helping Hand Home for Children, 3804 Avenue B, Austin, TX 78705, www.helpinghandhome.org

Obituary and memorial guestbook available online at www.wcfish.com.

Card of Thanks

We want to show our gratitude and appreciation to the Sonora High School Student body.

We were so touched by their over willingness to give up their lunch, practices, and other school activities to help move and setup flower arrangements in efforts to make the memorial service special for Stevie Smith's family and friends.

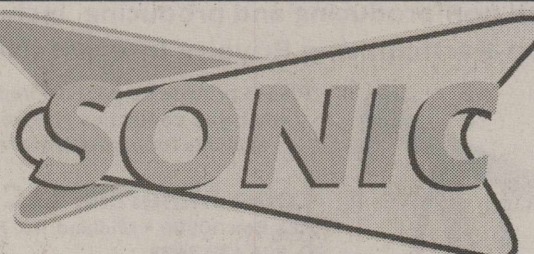
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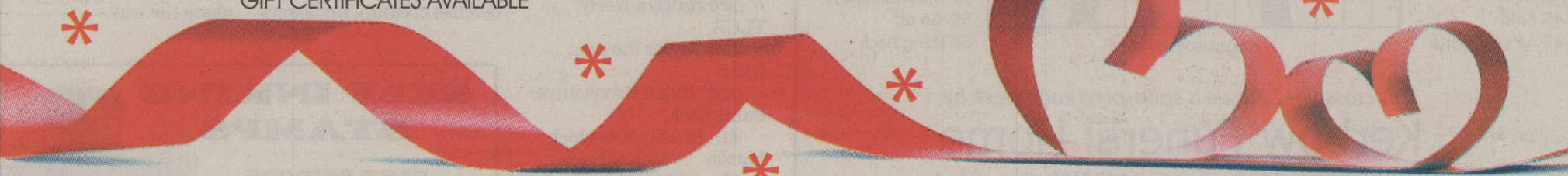
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- TUESDAY February 16th
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- WEDNESDAY February 17th
Breaded Pork Cutlet, Black-eyed Peas, Veggie Blend, Roll, Cinnamon Apples, Milk.
- THURSDAY February 18th
Hamburger Stroganoff over Noodles, Peas and Carrots, Tossed Salad, Wheat Roll, Pudding, Milk.
- FRIDAY February 19th
Country Fried Steak w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Squash, Garden Salad, Strawberries and Peaches, Milk.



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PK-5th : Free Breakfast & \$2.45 lunch
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Choice of 1 of 2 entrees or salad
Menu Subject to Change

Monday - February 15th
STUDENT HOLIDAY

Tuesday - February 16th
Breakfast
Pancakes with Bacon or Cereal with Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Variety Lunch
Chili Cheese Combo or Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich
~
Potato Rounds, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fresh Fruit, Pudding, Milk.
After School Meal: Fruit, Raisins, Milk

Wednesday - February 17th
Breakfast
Dutch Waffle with Bacon or Cereal w/Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Variety Lunch
Cheeseburger or Corndog
~
Hamburger Garnish, Fries, Baby Carrots/Ranch, Peaches, Crispy Cereal Treat, Milk.
After School Meal: Baked Chips, Milk

Thursday - February 18th
Breakfast
Breakfast Boat or Cereal w/ Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Variety Lunch
Chicken Nuggets or Steak Fingers
~
Mac and Cheese, Savory Green Beans, Apple Slices, Milk.
After School Meal: String Cheese, Fruited Jello

Friday - February 19th
Breakfast
Muffin w/Yogurt or Cereal w/ Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Variety Lunch
Cheese Pizza or Asian Stir Fry over Noodles or Rice
~
Breadstick, Garden Salad, Fruit Cup, Milk.
After School Meal: PBJ Sandwich, Milk

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Tate Shannon Named to ATSSB All-State Band

HOUSTON – The Association of Texas Small School Bands is pleased to announce the selection of the 2016 ATSSB All-State Band.

More than 9,000 high school band students from across Texas auditioned in twenty different regions for a place in their respective all-region bands.

The top chairs in each region advanced to one of five area auditions held this past weekend across the state and only 290 of these 1980 students were selected for all-state honors.

The ATSSB All-state Bands will meet in

rehearsals in San Antonio, Texas, February 10-13 and will present a concert beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 13, 2016, in the Lila Cockrell Theatre on the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center in Downtown San Antonio.

Tate Shannon (Junior), a member of the Sonora High School Band, was selected as a member of this band. He was chosen after placing 1st at the region and area levels.

Shannon is a private student of Dr. Jeff Womack, Professor of Bassoon- Angelo State

University, and plays Clarinet at school under the direction of David Andrus and Sarah Stewart, who are a members of the Association of Texas Small School Bands, a 1200-member group of band directors in class 1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A high schools in Texas.

This is his second time to perform as a member of the ATSSB All-state Band, the first representative from Sonora in 14 years, and the only the 11th member all-time for Sonora ISD.

Tate is the son of Savell and Shelly Shannon, in Sonora.

Sonora ISD Hosts 70th Annual Speech and Academic Meet

Sonora ISD hosted the 70th annual Speech and Academic Meet this on Friday, February 5th.

This is the longest running Speech meet in the state. A total of 18 schools, including Sonora, participated in the event.

Brackett secured an all area win in all categories. Congratulations to all of the students who participated.

News Writing:
1st Elizabeth Wolfe, TLCA
2nd Britney Tan, Big Spring
3rd Ruby Aguirre, Grape Creek
4th Sasha Montag, TLCA
5th Christian Islas, Big Spring
6th Cortnee Graham, Iraan

Speaking Novice

Prose:
1st Graci Maddox, Brackett
2nd Casey Shipman, Eldorado
3rd Coulter McWilliams, Ozona
4th Brynn Stewart, Brady
5th David Landin, Ozona
6th Kaitlyn Lindsey, Eldorado

Speaking Prose:

1st Aaron Santellano, Eldorado
2nd Julie Mae Drazan, Maon
3rd Brody Myers, Iraan
4th Thomas Garcia, Crane
5th Gaby Chavez, Iraan
6th Tailyn Gillette, Crane

Social Studies:

1st Gunner Baker, Christoval
2nd Briana Palacias, Sonora
3rd Travis Carter, Iraan
4th Austin Reeves, Brady
5th Spencer Bier-schwale, Mason
6th A.J. Augustine, Grape Creek

Spelling and Vocabulary:

1st Sadie Arguello, Iraan
2nd Alex Zipper, TLCA
3rd Christina Hernandez, Sonora
4th Marine Ramon, Mason
5th Sofia Shah, Grape Creek
6th Baylee Barton, Reagan County

Team Placement:
1st Iraan
2nd TLCA
3rd Brackett

Literary Criticism:
1st Rylea Self, Eldorado
2nd Julie Mae Drazan, Mason
3rd Kaitlyn Neely, TLCA
3rd Taylor Farmer, Iraan
3rd Vivien Brookshire, Paint Rock,
6th Brooke Wheelock, Mason

Team Placement:
1st Mason
2nd Paint Rock
3rd Brackett

Ready Writing:

1st Julie Marshall, Ozona
2nd Emma Palmer, Brackett
3rd Morgan Anguliano
4th Janae Jensen, Sonora
5th Delaney Ramsdell, Sonora
6th Kendra Klaerner, Mason

Science:
1st Sean Hastings, Brackett
2nd Ethan Peace, Brackett
3rd Jackie Pang, Brackett
4th Asia Nguyen, TLCA
5th Jose Luis Olivares, Eldorado
6th Dylan Bryant, Brady

Top Biology: Sean Hastings, Brackett
Top Chemistry: Sean Hastings, Brackett
Top Physics: Ethan Peace, Brackett

Team Placement:

1st Brackett
2nd TLCA
3rd Eldorado

Computer Science:

1st Ethan Peace, Brackett
2nd Sean Hastings, Brackett
3rd tie Shayna Edwards, Sonora
3rd tie Kristy Sanchez, Sonora
5th Jackie Pang, Brackett
6th Kaden Cordell, Sonora

Team Placement:

1st Brackett
2nd Sonora
3rd Crane

Computer Applications:

1st Jaime Palacio, Rocksprings
2nd Brittany Rauch, Sterling City
3rd Codah Preston, Sterling City
4th Xavier Coward, Iraan
5th Lauren Garlock, Iraan
6th Jacob Joclyn, Big Spring

Accounting:

1st Jose Roddco, Rocksprings
2nd Cierra Martinez, McCamey
3rd Juan Rosas, Brackett
4th Destiny Terrazas, Brackett
5th Vanessa Figueroa, McCamey
6th Cheybrae McDonald, McCamey

Team Placement:

1st McCamey
2nd Sonora
3rd Iraan

Number Sense:

1st Jackie Pang, Brackett
2nd JD Garza, Sonora
3rd Anthony Olivares, Eldorado
4th Kaden Cordell, Sonora
5th Wesley Dulton, Sonora

Team Placement:

1st Brackett
2nd Sonora
3rd Eldorado

Calculator Applications:

1st Jackie Pang, Brackett
2nd Ethan Pearce, Brackett
3rd Sean Hastings, Brackett
4th Jeyson Prica, Brackett
5th Angel McKee, McCamey
6th Savannah Jio, Grape Creek

Team Placement:

1st Brackett
2nd Sonora
3rd Iraan

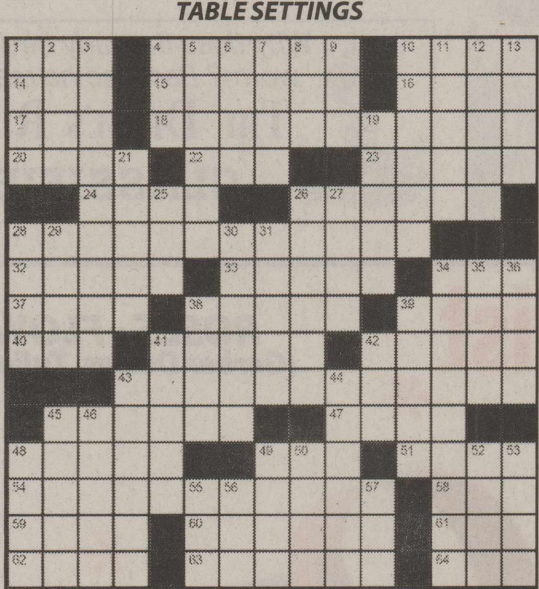
Mathematics:

1st Jackie Pang, Brackett
2nd Sean Hastings, Brackett
3rd Ethan Peace, Brackett
4th Jeyson Price, Brackett
5th Jacob DeHpyos, TLCA
6th Tara Priest, Crane

Team Placement:
1st Brackett
2nd Sonora
3rd Brady

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ACROSS | 48. Synagogues | DOWN | 12. Was sweet (on) |
| 1. Numbskull | 49. Mind factor | 1. Climax | 13. Palm reader, e.g. |
| 4. Binds | 51. Long hike | 2. Zoom | 19. "Fork it over!" |
| 10. Makes one | 54. Competition first | 3. ___-on-Avon | 21. Sunless state |
| 14. Camp sight | 58. Poet's preposition | 4. File folder feature | 25. Ram's mate |
| 15. Counsel | 59. Snack in a stack | 5. "Same here" | 26. "Constant Craving" singer |
| 16. Soothing agent | 60. Oman's land | 6. Pop singer Sands | 27. ___ above |
| 17. Damage | 61. Deception | 7. Sediment | (better) |
| 18. Formulaic writing | 62. Fork-tailed flier | 8. Consume | 28. Gala |
| 20. History units | 63. Intrusive | 9. Price word | 29. Steel ingredient |
| 22. Asian occasion | 64. Wish | 10. Beat, and how! | 30. Band's helper |
| 23. Fix | | 11. Buoy | 31. Shade of white |
| 24. "Divergent" series star ___ James | | | 34. Complimentary close |
| 26. Sent to the canvas | | | 35. Award for a play |
| 28. Quadrennial soccer championship | | | 36. Floor it |
| 32. Slip away | | | 38. Some stingers |
| 33. Lubricate | | | 39. Speak boastfully |
| 34. Soak | | | 41. World-weary |
| 37. Pulled apart | | | 42. ___ jacket |
| 38. Rushed toward | | | 43. Attacked |
| 39. Feeling | | | 44. Strand at the chalet |
| 40. Wind up | | | 45. Task |
| 41. When doubled, a German city | | | 46. Sovereign |
| 42. Craze | | | 48. Highlander |
| 43. UFO | | | 49. Web auctioneer |
| 45. Fold | | | 50. Asian desert |
| 47. All's opposite | | | 52. Iroquoian Indian |
| | | | 53. Wail |
| | | | 55. Mountain pass |
| | | | 56. Go off |
| | | | 57. Hang back |



See solution on Page 8

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Colts Finish Undefeated

Monday night, February 8th, the 8th Grade Colts ended their season with a great win against the Stanton Buffaloes. Jalen Lopez led the Colts in scoring with 7 points, followed by Slade Dermody with 6. Wilson Johnson and Jansen Morris each contributed 5 points. Blayze Sykes, Brock Ashenbeck, Kevin Ramos and Aldo Deluna led the Colts defense creating turnovers

and holding Stanton to just 3 points in the third quarter. Ty Perez, Dakota Love, Thomas Talamantez, and Ethan Hamm dominated the boards getting rebounds offensively and defensively for the Colts all game. The Colts finished the season going UNDEFEATED with a perfect 13-0 record, winning the Ozona tournament and McCamey tournament along the way.

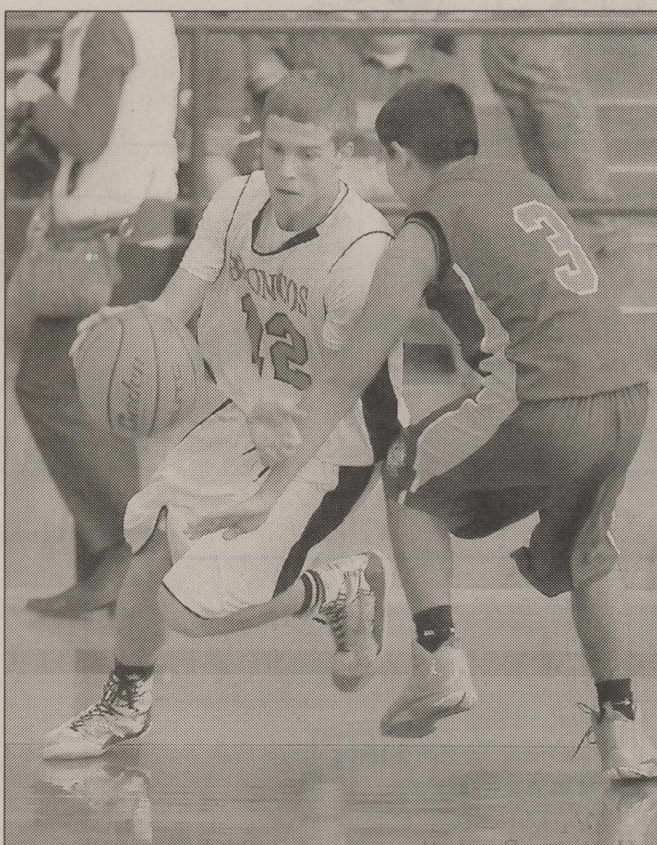
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Karah Martinez dribbles the ball down the court for a lay-up during Friday's game, Feb. 5, between the Lady Broncos and the Lady Owls in Sonora. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



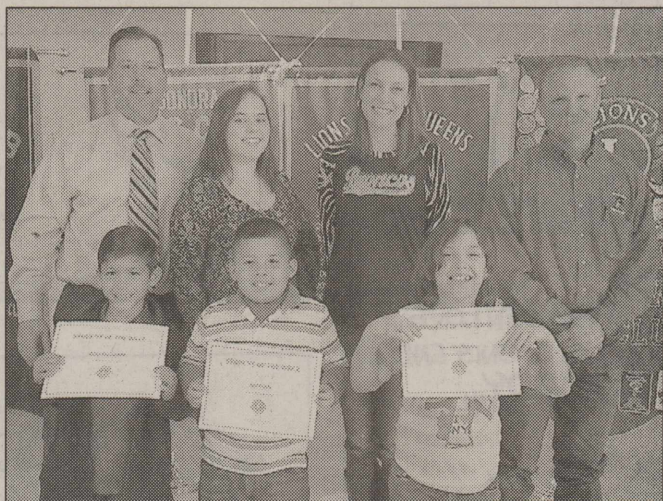
Broncos Tyler Hampton fights to get around the Owls defense on his way to the net for a lay-up during Friday's game, Feb. 5, between Sonora and Reagan County. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

SONORA BRONCOS 2016 Football Schedules

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 12	Mason (Scrimmage)	Mason	TBA
Aug. 18	Brady (Scrimmage)	Brady	TBA
Aug. 25	Ozona	Away	7:30
Sept. 2	Llano (Lil' Bronco Night)	Home	7:30
Sept. 9	Junction	Away	7:30
Sept. 16	Jim Ned (Bronco Nation 7-on-7)	Home	7:30
Sept. 23	Crane	Away	7:30
Sept. 30	Iraan (Homecoming)	Home	7:30
Oct. 7	Open		7:30
Oct. 14	*Alpine	Home	7:30
Oct. 21	*Reagan County	Away	7:30
Oct. 28	*Ballinger (Senior Night)	Home	7:30
Nov. 4	*San Angelo TLCA	Away	7:30

JV Schedule				Freshman Schedule			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
August 12	Mason (Scr)			August 12	Mason (Scr)		
August 18	Brady (Scr)			August 18	Brady (Scr)		
August 24	Ozona	Home	5:00	August 24	Llano	Away	5:00
September 1	Llano	Away	6:30	September 1	Jim Ned	Away	5:00
September 9	Junction	Home	6:30	September 9	Crane	Away	6:30
September 15	Jim Ned	Away	6:30	September 15	Jim Ned	Away	5:00
September 22	Crane	Home	6:30	September 22	Iraan	Away	6:30
September 30	Iraan	Away	6:30	September 30	Open		
October 6	Open		6:30	October 6	Open		5:00
October 13	*Alpine	Away	6:30	October 13	*Alpine	Home	5:00
October 20	*Reagan County	Home	6:30	October 20	*Reagan County	Away	5:00
October 27	*Ballinger	Away	6:30	October 27	*Ballinger	Home	6:00
November 3	*TLCA	Home	6:30	November 3	*TLCA	Away	5:00

7th Grade				8th Grade			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
September 9	Junction	Away	4:30	September 9	Junction	Away	6:00
September 15	Jim Ned	Home	4:00	September 15	Jim Ned	Home	5:30
September 22	Crane	Away	5:00	September 22	Crane	Away	6:30
September 30	Iraan	Home	5:00	September 30	Iraan	Home	6:30
October 6	Open		5:00	October 6	Open		6:30
October 13	*Alpine	Home	5:00	October 13	*Alpine	Home	6:30
October 20	*Reagan County	Away	5:00	October 20	*Reagan County	Away	6:30
October 27	*Ballinger	Home	5:00	October 27	*Ballinger	Home	6:30
November 3	*TLCA	Away	5:00	November 3	*TLCA	Away	6:30



Mr. Ross Aschenbeck, Queen Shayna Edwards, and Jennifer Nichols stand with Sonora Elementary School students Jesus Tres Garza, K, Mayci Grace McGuire, 1st and Axel Botello, 2nd grade during Tuesday's Lion's Club meeting at the First United Methodist Church. | COURTESY PHOTO

The Lion's Roar

The Sonora Downtown Lions Club met on Tuesday the 9th of February in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church. Cindy Feagin and the Sutton County Steakhouse served the noon meal. We were happy to have a group of about 40 this week.

Ms. Jennifer Nichols accompanied the Sonora Elementary School students to the meeting. The students are kindergartener Jesus Tres Garza, first-grader Mayci Grace McGuire, and second-grader Axel Botello. Queen Shayna Edwards interviewed each of the students. They were a lively group this week! We were happy to welcome several of the parents also.

John Graves brought Dick Sweeden who is doing a Community Needs Assessment at the hospital.

He explained that it is required by regulations to have a needs assessment done periodically. He will create a report and present it to Mr. Graves, who will then present it to the hospital board for approval. The report will then be made public. Mr. Sweeden explained that he is interviewing groups of three to four citizens at a time to discuss the needs of the community, but assured us that we are welcome to contact him any time over the next few days.

Because our Club is growing so fast, we are developing a club directory. If you are a member of Lions Club, but don't regularly attend the meetings, you will be receiving a questionnaire in the mail for the directory. Please take a few minutes to fill it out and return to us, so that our directory is complete.

Elementary and Intermediate Students of the Week



Sonora Elementary Students of the Week — Kaylin Alvarado, Pre-K, Jesus Tres Garza, K, Mayci Grace McGuire, 1st, and Axel Botello, 2nd. | COURTESY PHOTO



Sonora Intermediate School Students of the Week — Sicily Gutierrez, 3rd, Nayelli Agüero, 4th, and Alex Hernandez, 5th. | COURTESY PHOTO

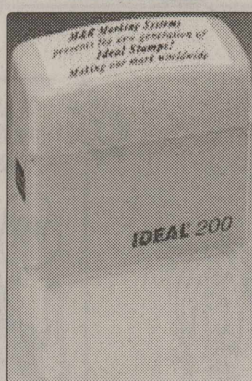
DATE	TOURNAMENT	SITE
Monday-February 8	Ingram Warrior Invitational Scott Schreiner Golf Course	Kerrville
Wednesday-February 17	Wylie Invitational Diamondback Golf Club	Abilene
Tuesday-February 23	Brownwood Invitational Brownwood Country Club	Brownwood
Tuesday-March 1 Wednesday-March 2	Iraan Invitational-1st Team Llano Invitational-2nd Team	Iraan Llano
Friday-March 11- Day 1 Saturday-March 12- Day 2	San Angelo Central Invitational San Angelo Country Club Bentwood Country Club	San Angelo
Wednesday- March 16	Jim Ned Invitational Shady Oaks Golf Course	Baird
Monday-March 21 Round 1	*District Golf Tournament Comanche Trails	Big Spring
Monday-April 4 Round 2	*District Golf Tournament Bentwood Country Club	San Angelo
Monday-April 11- Round 1 Tuesday-April 12- Round 2	Regional Golf Tournament Regional Golf Tournament Diamondback Golf Club	Abilene
April 25-29	State Golf 3A Tournament Grey Rock Golf Course	Austin

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- Defensive Player of the Year**
Chan Amie-Sr-Waskom
- Coach of the Year**
Whitney Keeling-Waskom
- 1st Team Speciality**
Ricardo Ramirez-Jr-Crockett-K
AJ Phillips-Sr-Crockett-KR
Kyree Ratliffe-Sr-Elysian Fields-P
AJ Phillips-Sr-Crockett-PR
- 2nd Team Speciality**
Octavio Mendez-Sr
- Sonora-K Tie**
Victor Tapia-Jr-Waskom-K Tie
Chan Amie-Sr-Waskom-KR
Kaden Cordell-So-Sonora-P

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Basketball Update

Friday February 29th the Broncos and Lady Broncos will be taking on the Wolves of Colorado City. Game time for the JV teams is 5:00 p.m. Teams will play in both gyms. Game time is 6:30 p.m. for varsity girls and 8:00 p.m. for varsity boys. The Lady Broncos will have a silent auction for a basketball signed by the Lady Broncos players. Come out and show your support.

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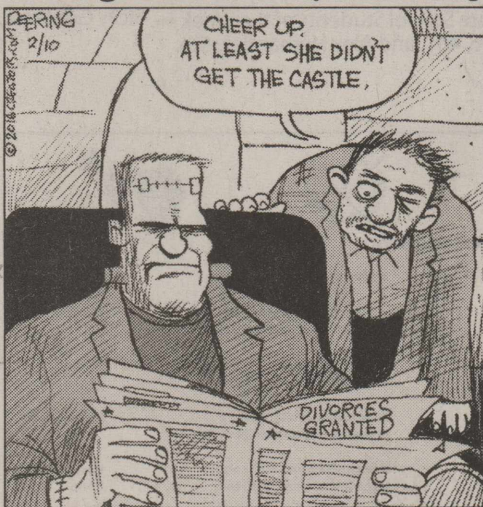
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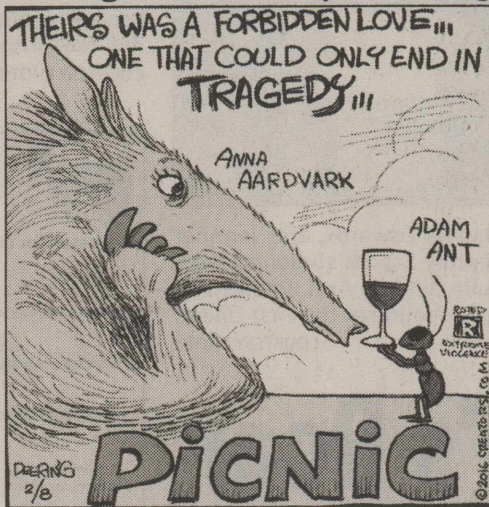
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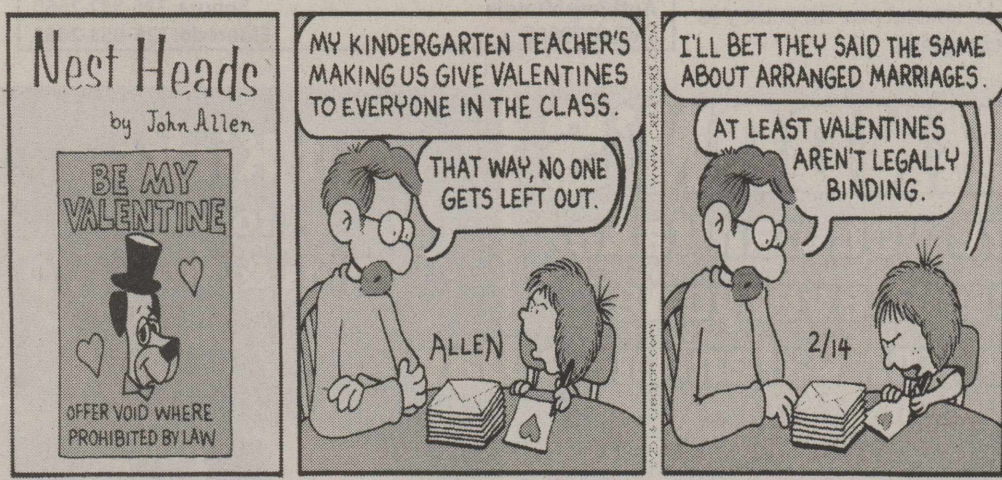
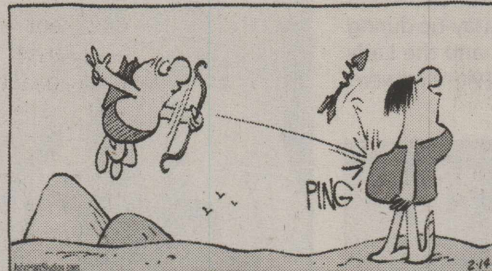
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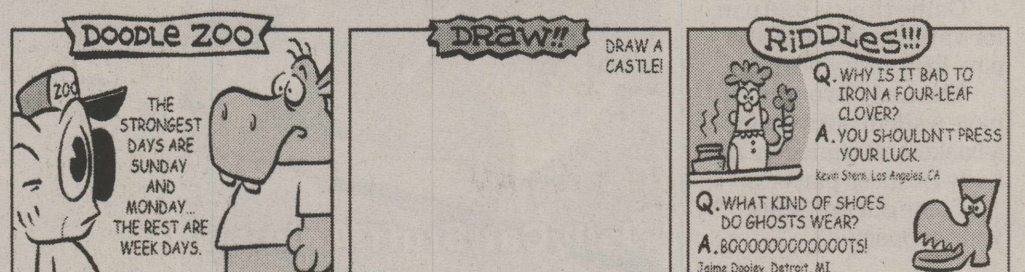
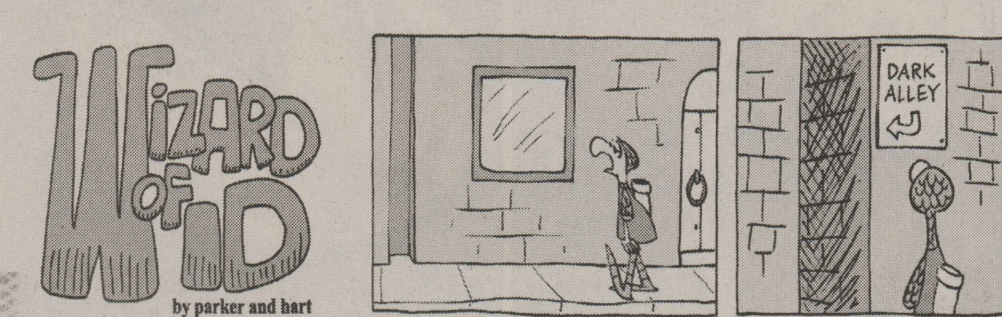
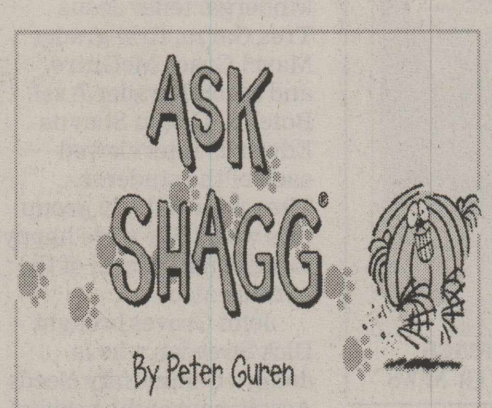
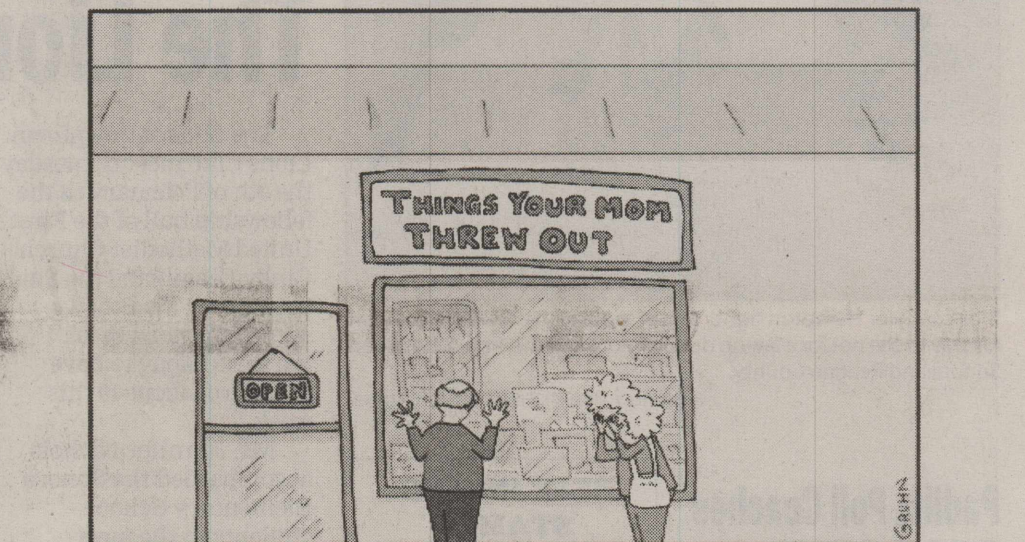
Speed Bumps

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WebDonuts

by Mike Gruhn





Mary Kyle Johnson fights to hold on to the ball during Friday's game, Feb 5, between the Lady Broncos and Lady Owls in Sonora. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Lady Broncos Ground the RC Lady Owls, 51-24

The Lady Broncos ruffled some feathers defeating the Lady Owls 51-24 during Friday night's game, February 5th in Sonora.

After a slow start in the first half defensively, the Lady Broncos still led going in with a score of 26-17.

The defense came alive in the second half holding the Lady Owls to a mere 7 second half points while adding 25 to their own score.

The Lady Broncos held

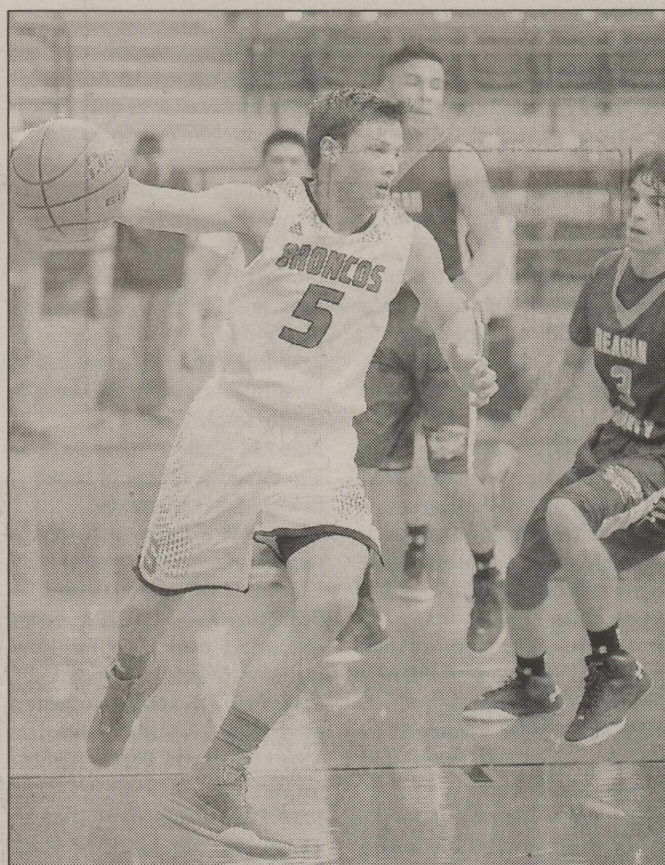
all Reagan County scorers under double digits.

Leading the scoring effort for the Lady Broncos was #14 Mary Kyle Johnson with 13 points.

Janelle Vasquez #22 also gained double figure scoring with 1.

Rebounding after their recent court performance, the Lady Broncos demonstrated strong scoring capability.

The Lady Broncos move forward to their next district game in Stanton on February 9th.



Kade Creek takes a curl cut and goes for a shot during Friday's game, Feb. 5th, between Sonora and Reagan County in Sonora. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Frontier Families of Texas Symposium

Attention Texas history buffs! The DRT Republic of Texas Museum will hold its Second Annual Symposium at the Austin Club, 110 E. 9th Street, Austin, Texas, on Thursday, February 25, 2016. Presentations on "Frontier Families of Texas" will start at 10:00 a.m., to include:

• Dr. Carolina Crimm - "DeLeon, A Tejano Family History"

• Mary M. McAllen - "I Would Rather Sleep In Texas"

• James Haley - "Texas Hill Country"

Tickets for the Symposium are \$75, which includes a buffet luncheon. Seating is limited and must be received by February 17. Reservations may be made in one of three ways:

• PayPal on www.

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The Daughters of the Republic of Texas, a 501(c)(3) organization, is the oldest patriotic women's organization in Texas, and one of the oldest in the nation. The mission of the Republic of Texas Museum is to preserve the heritage of The Republic of Texas historic period and to educate the public about the history and culture of that time. For more information about The Daughters of the Republic of Texas, The Republic of Texas Museum, or how to become a member, go to www.drinfo.org.

City Council Approves Sewer Rate Changes

City Council members approved a change order in the current sewer rate billing system during their meeting Tuesday night at City Hall.

Eliminating the present three months averaging system, the council implemented monthly billing at the current rates of \$4.05 and \$5.06 for residential and commercial usage respectively.

The monthly usage charges will begin with the next billing cycle effective March 2016 and continue through the end of the fiscal year or January 2017.

City Water Supervisor, Charlotte McElwain provided council members with statistics comparing customer water usages and billing using a focus group. She explained that the city cannot afford to continue billing under the current averaging system because of the excessive water usage

among some residents and businesses coupled with the lack of revenue to make up the deficit in operating the sewage treatment facility.

The water usage directly affects the city's sewage operation.

Issues concerning the shortfall include maintaining the City's sewer facility along with excessive water usage and customers unlawfully using water that is not for practical purposes.

In addition, constituents approved an ordinance prohibiting excess water runoff into streets and roadways following discussion regarding the unlawful use of customers using water that is not for practical purposes.

Mayor Wanda Shurley opened a second public hearing on proposed annexation of the Town and Country Food Stores, Inc. c/o Stripes, LLC and property owned by Dora Hilda

Fuentez.

The hearing was closed without any comments or further discussion.

In other business council members approved a request from Ann's Catholic Church to accommodate the annual Walking the Way of the Cross procession along Plum Street on March 25th.

The council discussed a wording change request to the Tax Abatement Criteria and Guidelines reflecting full time employee entitlement to living wages.

Council members tabled the adoption of a City Fire Code pending further discussion in a special meeting slated for March.

Members approved the modification of the City's current Social Media Policy as well as approving a joint election resolution with the Sutton County Hospital District to be included on the May 7th ballot.

Following a lengthy

discussion and legal council advise from attorney Jose Garza of Rio Grande Legal Aide and James Kosub-constituents approved the de-annexation of Loma Alta and Sinaloa.

The council approved a resolution amending the May 7th ballot to reflect Mayor, SM1, SM2, P1 Loma Alta and P2 Sinaloa.

Quarterly reports for the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Chamber Director and the 2016-17 budget for Motel Tax revenues for the Chamber were approved.

Mayor Wanda Shurley presided over Tuesday night's meeting with City Council members Doug Chandler, Jeremy Dawson, Todd Munn and Terri Johnson in attendance. The next meeting of the Sonora City Council is slated for 6 p.m. Monday, February 22, 2016 in the council chambers at City Hall.

County Commissioners Enact Burn Ban

Sutton County Commissioners approved a burn ban during their meeting on Monday, February 8th.

Judge Steve Smith said the ban is necessary due to present wildfire warnings, winds and dry conditions in and around the area.

In other business

commissioners approved the minutes from the January 25th, accounts payable, auditor's report, JP report, Sheriff and jailer's report, treasurers report, extension office report, library report and Tax Assessor-Collector's report.

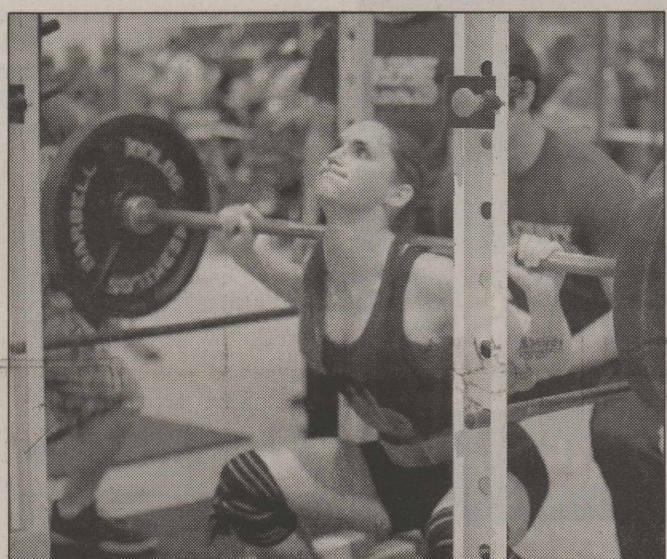
Commissioners tabled

approval of a rental contract for the pavilion for further discussion.

Finally commissioners are still looking at options for upgrading the emergency call service and considering a \$2,100 estimate to replace the existing Fire Alarm system.

Judge Steve Smith presided over Monday's meeting. Commissioners Mike Villanueva, John Wade, Carl Teaff and Fred Perez were in attendance.

The next regular meeting is slated for Tuesday, February 23rd at the Sutton County Civic Center.



Sonora's Julia Pope placed 2nd in the 105 lb. weight division with a total lift of 505 lbs. at the Irion County Powerlifting Meet held January 23rd in Mertzon. LUPE ELIZONDO | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

I.C. hosts Powerlifting Meet

MERTZON - Thirteen high school boys teams and 14 girls teams competed on Saturday, January 23rd at the Irion County Invitational Powerlifting Meet in Mertzon.

Ozona won the girls team championship with 27 points. Irion County won the boys team championship with 30 points.

Grape Creek's Sierra Paredes was the individual champion in the girls 97-148-pound class, with a score of 694.01 points. Grape Creek's Amber Bauman was the individual champion in the girls 165-200-plus weight class, with a score of 545.25.

Irion County's Caleb Wilson was the individual champion in the boys 114-165 class with 918.53 points. Kermit's Cris Stallings as the individual champion in the boys 181-super heavy weight classes with 813.45 points.

Irion County's Wilson was named most outstanding lifter.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Ozona, 27 points; 2. Grape Creek, 24; 3. Kermit, 22; 4. Monahans, 22; 5. Eldorado, 19; 6. Sonora, 18; 7. San Angelo Lake View, 15; 8. Reagan County, 15; 9. Irion County, 13; 10. (tie) Christoval, 6; and Iraan, 6; 12. McCamey, 4; 13. Crane, 3.

Sonora lifters finished as follows:
105 POUNDS: 2. Jessica Paradez, Sonora, 505;
148 POUNDS: 2. Julia Pope, Sonora, 800;
181 POUNDS: 5. Kayla Grace, Sonora, 485,
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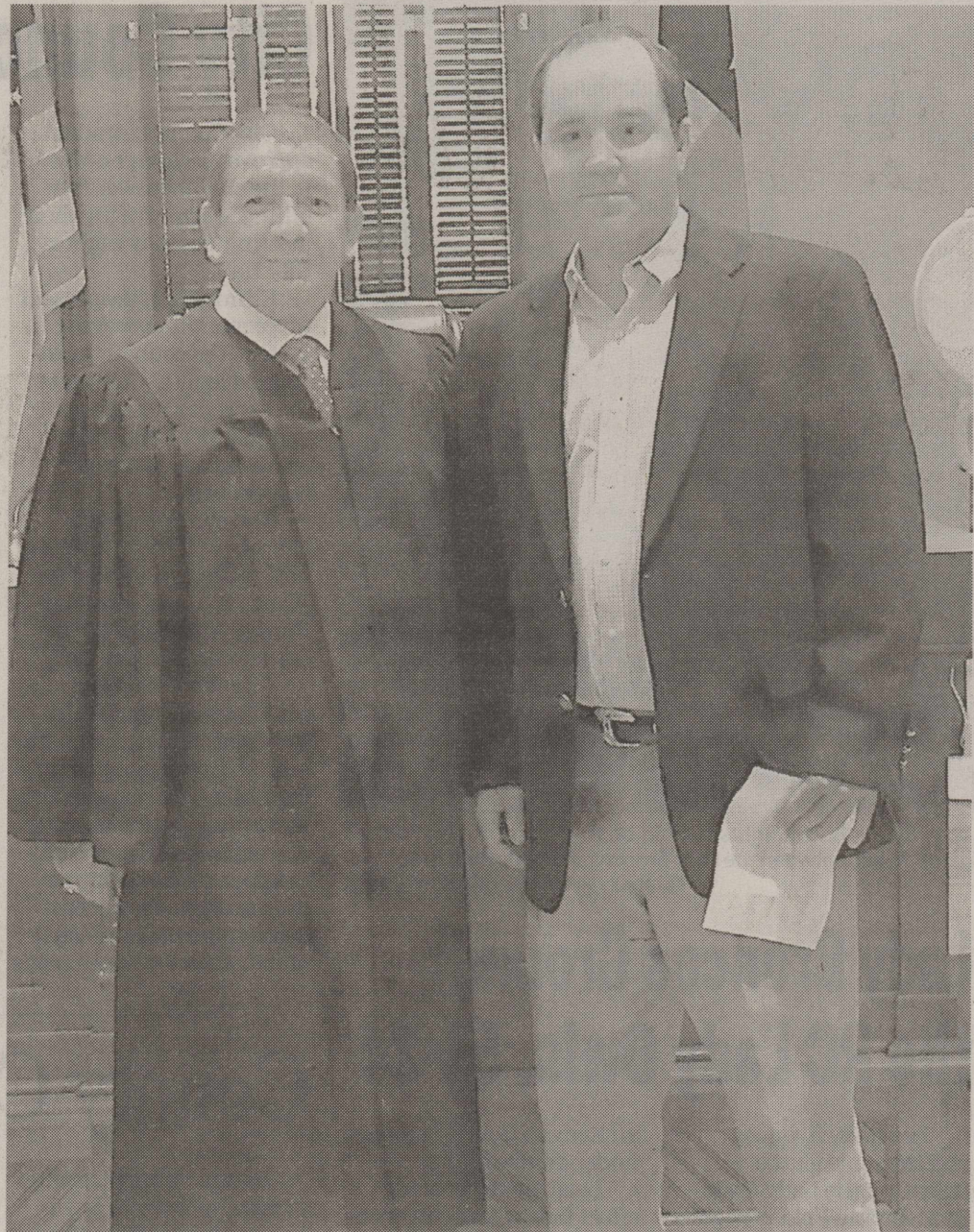
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In 2010 he received his Bachelor of Arts in Government from the University of Texas prior to graduating the Ranch Management program at Texas Christian University. Wallace is a 2006 graduate of Sonora High School and class salutatorian.

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ARRESTS

FEBRUARY 2 • Sergio Jose Gutierrez, 22 year old male, Sonora. Offense - Driving While License Invalid; released on February 3.

FEBRUARY 3 • Joshua Macias, 25 year old male, Eagle Pass. Offense - Driving While License Invalid and Warrants from Frio County; released on February 4.

FEBRUARY 4 • Venise Rose Faz, 29 year old female, Del Rio. Offense - Public Intoxication; released on February 5.

INCIDENTS

FEBRUARY 1 - 9:54 AM • Caller reported disturbance on 800 block of St. Ann's. Officer responded.

FEBRUARY 2 - 2:45 AM • Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on 400 block of W. 3rd. Officer responded.

10:33 AM • Alarm call on 100 block of Uno Street. Officer responded.

1:47 PM • Caller reported an illegally parked vehicle at local business. Officer responded.

10:33 PM • Caller requested assistance on 300 block of W. 3rd. Officer responded.

FEBRUARY 3 - 8:43 AM • Caller reported traffic control at Hwy 277 and I-10. Trailer parked in traffic lane. Officer responded.

9:56 AM • Caller requested EMS assist call on 100 Block of Tres Street. Officer responded.

10:12 AM • Caller reported solicitor operating w/o a permit near Days Inn. Officer responded.

4:00 PM • Caller requested Escort for Memorial Procession. Officers responded.

11:37 PM • Alarm call for local business on 500 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

FEBRUARY 4 - 4:20 PM • Caller requested a standby assist for CPS agency at 300 block of W. 2nd. Officer responded.

6:48 PM • Caller requested assistance on 1900 block of Tayloe Avenue. Officer responded.

FEBRUARY 5 - 9:18 AM • Motorist Assist call area of W. Frontage Road. Officer responded.

1:08 PM • Alarm call for resident on 700 block of Prospect. Officer responded.

1:22 PM • Caller reported a reckless driver near local business area of Hwy 277. Officer responded.

2:27 PM • Motorist assist call at local business area of Hwy 277. Officer responded.

3:56 PM • Caller reported a reckless driver near area of baseball fields. Officer responded.

11:55 PM • Caller reported a reckless driver near area of Hwy 277 North. Officer responded.

FEBRUARY 6 - 11:42 AM • Caller requested assistance for local business. Officer responded.

2:18 PM • Agency requested assistance w/ traffic control at Mile Marker 416 IH I-10. Officer responded.

9:34 PM • Caller requested an officer on 200 block of Hudspeth. Officer responded.

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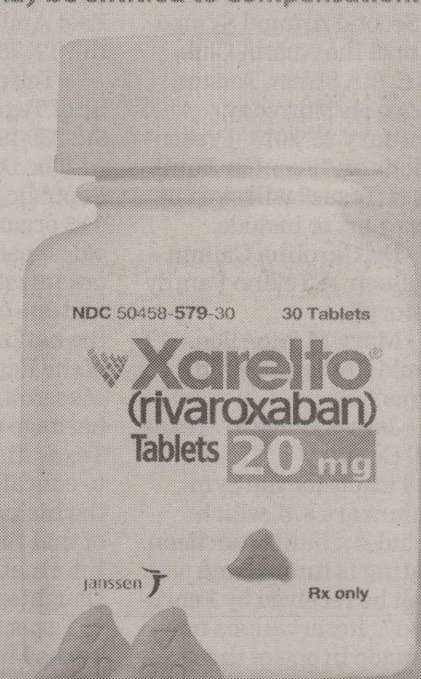
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of John W. Monych, Jr., Deceased, were issued on the 28th day of December, 2015, in Cause No. 1439, pending in the County Court of Sutton County, Texas, to: John W. Monych, III

The residence of the Executor is in Dallas, Texas, and the mailing address is:

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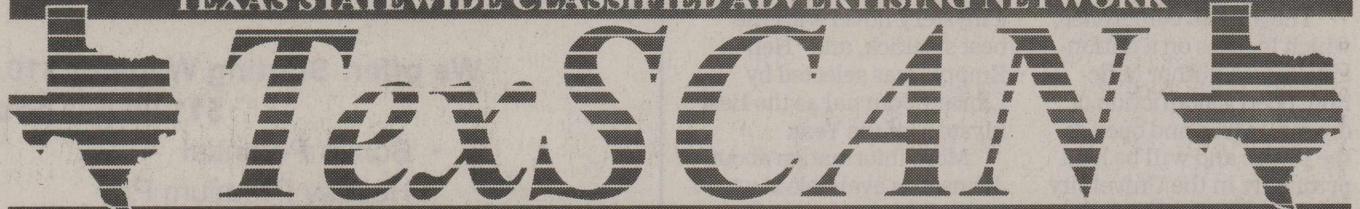
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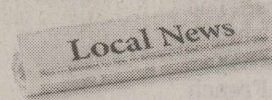
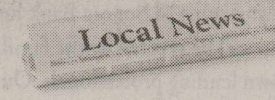
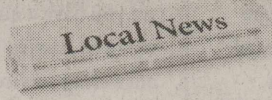
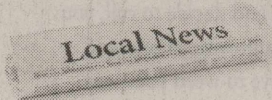
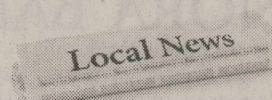
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State representative resigns

State Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon, D-San Antonio, who is suffering from lung cancer, resigned from office effective Jan. 26.

Gov. Abbott set May 7 as the date for a special election to fill the House District 120 seat held by McClendon for the last 20 years.

The winner of the special election will serve out the rest of McClendon's term, which expires Dec. 31, 2016.

Sales tax revenue decreases

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Feb. 2 said state sales tax revenue in January totaled \$2.47 billion, down 4 percent compared to January 2015.

"As expected, reduced spending in oil and gas-related sectors resulted in a fall in total sales tax revenue," Hegar said. "Collections from industries mainly driven by consumer spending, including retail trade, restaurants and services, continued to grow, as did receipts from the construction sector."

However, Hegar noted, sales tax collections in January 2015 were a record high and represented a double-digit percentage increase over January 2014, meaning this month's collections are being compared to unusually high

collections from a year ago.

Heroes Day is proclaimed

Gov. Abbott has proclaimed Feb. 2 to be Texas Military Heroes Day.

Last year, Feb. 2 was celebrated as Chris Kyle Day to honor the late Medal of Honor recipient who became widely known as the U.S. military's most prolific sniper.

Abbott said his proclamation now calls Texans to remember "scores whose names are unrecognized and have quietly done their duty, serving Texas and the United States faithfully. Today, and from every Feb. 2 hereafter, we will honor all who have sacrificed and served on behalf of the Lone Star State. No matter the battle, no matter the job, they deserve our thanks."

1st Zika case is reported

The Texas Department of State Health Services on Feb. 2 reported the first case of Zika virus disease contracted in Texas.

According to the agency, the case involves a Dallas County resident who had sexual contact with someone who acquired the Zika infection while traveling abroad.

Seven other Texas cases of Zika virus disease are known and all are related to foreign travel to areas where Zika is currently being transmitted, the DSHS reported.

There is currently no vaccine or treatment for the virus, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control currently recommends that pregnant women delay travel to foreign countries where Zika is being transmitted.

Little Red Hats



The Little Red Hat Ladies deliver a shipment of hats to newborn babies at San Angelo Community Hospital. Pictured above are (L-R) Jamie Muth, director of AHA, Mimi Allison, Nancy Johnson, Jackie Baker, Elaine Donaldson, Ileana Baker, RexAnn Friess, Sondro Ord, Roy Jean Johnson and Jen Ottero. COURTESY PHOTO

ASU Writer's Conference

Angelo State University will host novelist Craig Johnson, author of the western crime series that is the basis for the "Longmire" TV show, as the featured speaker at the 20th annual Writers Conference in Honor of Elmer Kelton March 2-4 in the Houston Harte University Center, 1910 Rosemont Drive.

The annual conference, which focuses on a nationally known author of fiction, poetry, nonfiction or drama, is free and open to the public and will be held primarily in the University Center's C.J. Davidson Conference Center. A special screening of "Longmire" episodes will run 3:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, in Room 004 of the Academic Building, 2502 Dena Drive.

The conference will include eight sessions featuring readings and presentations by numerous writers from Texas and beyond during March 3-4. Highlights on Thursday, March 3, will include "A Conversation with Craig Johnson" at 9:30 a.m., hosted by Dr. Mark Jackson of the ASU English faculty, and "An Evening with Craig Johnson" at 7 p.m. The conference will also feature "A Tribute to Elmer Kelton," with the late western writer's son, Steve, as special guest, at 11 a.m. on March 3.

The most famous resident of Ucross, Wyo., population 25, Johnson has written 13 books featuring Walt Longmire, sheriff of the fictional Absaroka County, Wyo. He serves as creative consultant and often provides plot lines for episodes of "Longmire," a TV series launched in 2012 by the A&E network and picked up in 2015 by Netflix.

Even before the TV series debuted, the West Virginia native was a New York Times best-selling author with a number of writing awards. His first book in the series, "The Cold Dish," published in 2004, was a Dilys Award finalist, and the French edition won Le Prix du Polar Nouvel Observateur/BibliObs. "Death Without Company" was named the Wyoming State Historical Association's Book of

the Year and France's Le Prix 813. "Another Man's Moccasins" was a Western Writers of America's Spur Award winner and the Mountains & Plains Independent Booksellers' Book of the Year. "The Dark Horse" was a Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year. "Junkyard Dogs" won the Watson Award for a mystery novel with the best sidekick, and "Hell is Empty" was selected by Library Journal as the Best Mystery of the Year.

More information about Johnson is available at www.craigallenjohnson.com/.

The ASU conference is sponsored by the university and hosted by the Department of English and Modern Languages.

For more information about the Writers Conference, contact Dr. Chris Ellery, ASU professor of English, at 325-486-6142 or go online to www.angelo.edu/writers_conference.



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