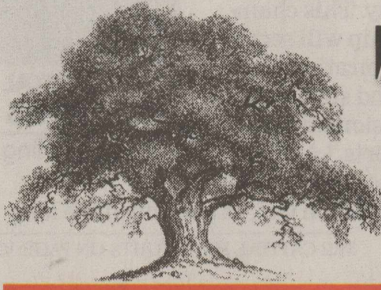


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## Affordable Care Act (ACA) Open Enrollment

Do you have the required healthcare coverage under the Affordable Care Act?  
If no, did you know there is a penalty? See article on page 3 for details on ACA open enrollment.



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## Low Voter Turnout in Sutton County for Special Constitutional Election

Sutton County realized low voter turnout during the November 7th special constitutional election to decide on seven proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution, providing voters options ranging from a tax break for disabled veterans and their spouses to reducing home equity loan fees during Tuesday's November 7 special election.

Of the 2,472 registered voters in Sutton County, only 112 cast ballots. The early voting number was about half, showing 53 ballots cast between

October 23rd and November 3rd.

All Texans were asked to approve seven proposed amendments to the state's constitution. No individuals or other local matters were on the ballot for Sutton County.

These amendments resulted from proposed changes by lawmakers that affect current Texas laws.

During legislative sessions, lawmakers typically agree on changes to law that require an amendment to the state's constitution.

Any changes to the Texas Constitution must be approved by a majority of Texas voters.

Sutton County results from Tuesday's election are listed below:

**Proposition 1:** Allowing property tax exemptions for certain partially disabled veterans or their surviving spouses on homes that were donated to them by charity for less than market value.

For: 95

Against: 17

**Proposition 2:** Lessening restrictions on borrowing

against home equity in Texas and allowing Texans easier access to their equity as well as lowering the maximum fees that can be charged in connection with home equity loans.

For: 77

Against: 34

**Proposition 3:** Limiting the service of certain officeholders appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate after the expiration of the person's term of office.

For: 95

Against: 17

**Proposition 4:** Requiring

courts to notify the state attorney general of any constitutional challenges to state laws.

For: 82

Against: 27

**Proposition 5:** Expanding the definition of a "professional sports team," to allow more team-connected foundations the ability to hold charitable raffles.

For: 58

Against: 51

**Proposition 6:** Allowing property tax exemptions to surviving spouses of first

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## Sonora Claims Area Championship, Falls to Alpine in Regional Quarterfinal

The Sonora Lady Broncos varsity volleyball team beat Amarillo River Road to win the 3A-4 Area Volleyball Championship Saturday, November 4, 2017, in Andrews.

The ladies were back on the road again Tuesday, November 7th for a match up with Alpine and a chance to take home the Regional Quarterfinal trophy. Unfortunately, the Lady Broncos fell to the Lady Bucks in all three sets, ending an exceptional season for the Lady Broncos.

"I'm so proud of how far we have come together as a team," Head Coach Kayla Perez said. "The girls played with so much intensity and excitement on Saturday. I believe all together this was the best we had played all season."

Determined to bring home the win Saturday, Sonora swept their competition in all three sets with scores of 25-17, 25-5, 25-13.

Leading the Lady Broncos with their victory, Mary Kyle Johnson had 8 kills, 3 aces, 9 digs and 3 blocks and Carly Brown 11 kills, 7 digs and 1 block.

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Sonora varsity volleyball players pose with the 3A-4 Area Volleyball Championship trophy following their win over Amarillo River Road this past Saturday, November 4, 2017 in Andrews. Pictured (L-R) Back Row: Coach Dana Tomesch, Delaney Ramsdell, Carly Brown, Avery Leamon, Mary Kyle Johnson, Lane Cahill, Coach Don Brown, Dekota Morrow, Noelia Tovar and Head Coach Kayla Perez. Front Row: Karah Martinez and Jackilyn Sykes. | COURTESY PHOTO

## Broncos Put Away Bearcats 57-3 for 9th Win this Season, Will Host TLCA this Friday

The Sonora Broncos will host the Texas Leadership Charter Academy this Friday, November 10, 2017, for their final regular season game before moving into the playoffs.

The Eagles are 0-3 in conference play and will be looking to end their loss record. The Broncos, 3-0 in district and 9-0 overall will want to notch their season wins to a perfect 10.

Sonora's Head Coach Jeff Cordell said the plan for Friday night's game against TLCA remains the same as all other games played this season - business as usual and to be 1-0 at the end of 48 minutes of play.

At the same time, the Broncos will need to stay healthy and continue to improve in some areas as they prepare for their playoff run.

"We want to concentrate on the Sonora Broncos and keep our momentum headed into the playoffs," Cordell said. "We will have a game plan headed into Friday night's contest with the TLCA Eagles. It involves a lot of different factors. First, we have to take care of business and then fans could possibly see those plans begin to unfold."

There will be some new faces on the field for the Broncos during Friday's game as

members of the junior varsity squad have been pulled up to the varsity team for this match up.

Additionally, it is senior night for Sonora. Players who have spent the past four years as a member of the Sonora

Broncos football team will be extra motivated for one more win while they play their last game at Bronco Stadium.

Everyone is encouraged to fill the stands and cheer for the players during Friday's last varsity football home

conference game this year. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m.

### Sonora 57 - Ballinger 3

The Sonora Broncos beat the Ballinger Bearcats 57-3 Friday November 4, 2017, at Bearcat Stadium defending

the Broncos perfect season record, now 9-0, and another 3A-Div II District Championship.

"It's nice to be undefeated with one game remaining on the schedule Sonora's Head Coach Jeff Cordell said. "We have a chance to go 10-0, something I believe hasn't happened since 2011."

While Ballinger prevailed in their previous game against TLCA, the Broncos proved to be a challenge for the Bearcats stumping their ability to find paydirt all evening.

The Broncos defense held the Bearcats to seven first downs, 48 yards passing and 106 yards rushing.

If not for a three-point field goal by the Bearcats, the game would have been a shutout victory for the Broncos.

Sonora racked up thirty first downs, 226 yards passing, and 338 yards rushing and eight touchdowns in the game.

Sonora's Quarterback Kaden Cordell threw 160 yards two touchdowns in the first half of the game and Brian Van Winkle ran the show in the second half with 60 yards passing and a touchdown pass to Evan Shannon in the fourth quarter.

Cordell described this game as just "more business as usual for the Broncos."

Thwarting the confidence

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Sonora's Wide Receiver Brandon Martinez fights off a Bearcat on a run down the field during Friday's game against Ballinger, November 3, 2017, at Bearcat Stadium. Martinez had 2 for 21 yards during Friday's game. The Broncos beat Ballinger 57-3 Friday clinching the 2017 3A-2 District title. | KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

# Flags at Half Staff in Memory of Church Shooting Victims

AUSTIN — Gov. Abbott on Nov. 5 ordered that flags across Texas be lowered to half-staff through sunset on Nov. 9 in memory of those who lost their lives in a mass shooting in Sutherland Springs, a town 20 miles southeast of San Antonio.

Some 26 people were killed and dozens injured when a lone gunman opened fire with an assault rifle in a church while members attended Sunday morning services on Nov. 5. The gunman, identified as Devin Patrick Kelley of New Braunfels, was found dead in his truck with a gunshot wound several

miles from the scene. Details continue to emerge in the shooting.

## Proclamation Honoring Astros

Gov. Greg Abbott proclaimed Nov. 3 as Houston Astros Day, honoring the American League champions for winning the 2017 Major League Baseball World Series.

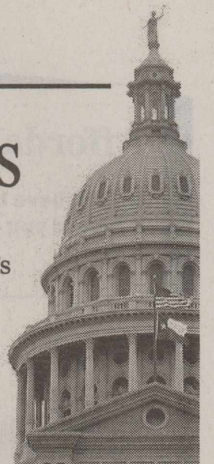
The Astros won their fourth game in the best-of-seven Series against the National League champion Los Angeles Dodgers on Nov. 1. It's the first World Series championship for the Houston Astros in the 55-year history of the

franchise and the first for a Texas team. Players wore "Houston Strong" patches on their uniforms in honor of those affected by Hurricane Harvey's widespread devastation. More than one million fans lined the streets of downtown Houston Nov. 3 to see the players hoist the championship trophy during a victory parade.

"This victory is a great honor for the Astros and the Houston community, which has been severely impacted by, and continues to recover in the aftermath of, Hurricane Harvey. Like the Astros, Texans are known for their

spirit and resolve, and in the wake of Harvey's devastation, we were able to see the persevering nature of Texans on full display. This championship will serve as inspiration to a city and state that is passionate about its sports," Abbott wrote.

Abbott on Oct. 24 continued the long  
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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS  
By Ed Sterling

## The Comforts of Not-at-Home

There's something luxurious about an overnight hotel stay. And hotels work hard to make us feel that way.

### Slices of Life



By Jill Pertler

The term hotel bedding has become synonymous with generous thread-count, high-end crisply pressed white cotton sheets.

I've stayed at a handful of hotels over the last few months and could, quite honestly, get used to lavishing myself with the convenience and splendor of new sample-size bottles of shampoo and conditioner each morning—that, and having a housekeeper make my bed each day. What better way to be pampered than having someone make your bed? You can't get any more posh.

Of course I appreciate the highly polished granite counter tops, wet bar and stainless steel sinks with upscale, motion sensor faucets. I'm thankful for the king-sized bed with lots of extra pillows—soft or firm, the choice is yours. I enjoy a suite with a fireplace, comfy couch and view of the lake (or oversized flat screen, take your pick). And when I am treated to a room with a desk equipped with ample charging stations (not to mention free WiFi) my heart swells with gratitude.

Hotels go out of their way. They do. They give us a fancy coffee maker in-room so we can make a cup before venturing down to indulge in the free breakfast in the expansive lobby with marble floors and glass elevator. They place bottled water in the mini fridge so it is nicely chilled when we are ready to drink it. They honor our requests for extra towels (extra, extra fluffy towels) and always provide us with a hair dryer. In the very best of circumstances rooms are outfitted with plush bathrobes to further indulge us after a long soak in our very own, private soaking tub.

Hotels work hard to satisfy and that's why I'm puzzled. They spend thousands on décor, artwork, swimming facilities, workout centers and hot tubs. They have a restaurant and bar on-site should we ever get hungry or thirsty. They cut no corners—except for one. And it's a corner every hotel guest is familiar with because we all have to—you know—go.

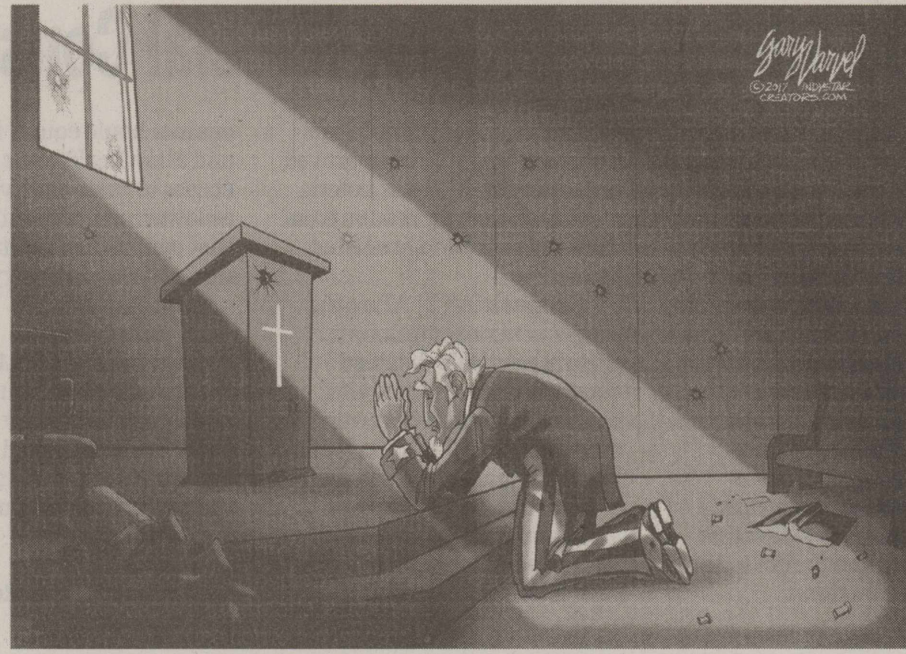
And when we do, our feet may be planted firmly on expensive terrazzo tile flooring and the surfaces surrounding us may be of the highest quality, but when we reach over to grab what we need our hand takes hold of the thinnest, stingiest, one-ply toilet paper known to humankind. I'm not sure the stuff is even available at the local store. Hotels probably order it special just to torture us.

Hotels go out of their way to pamper their guests, yet when it comes to the tiniest (and probably least expensive) of details they scrimp on the one-ply. I'm not sure why.

How much more could an ultra-soft, super-soft two-ply roll of TP cost? A dollar? That's my estimate and I am the toilet paper procurement CEO at my house, so I know a thing or two about these matters.

And a one-buck roll would likely cover a couple of guests for a couple of nights. I've never been keen on math, but that equates to about 25 cents per person per day—or maybe even less. Perhaps we could trade in some of the other luxuries for one that we all can appreciate in a deeply sensitive way.

Seems like a good investment to me. But then again, I've never been a big fan of terrazzo.



## Community Resources for Our Veterans

As we approach another Veteran's Day it is time for me once again to take over the Hurd on the Hill column. As a reintroduction, I am a ten-year army veteran, Purple Heart Recipient, the Director of Constituent Services for Congressman Hurd, and I manage all military and VA issues, as well as jokingly serve as Will's "stuntman".

In my first Hurd on the Hill column back in 2015, I thanked my fellow veterans and their families across the 23rd District of Texas for their willingness to answer our country's call. Last year, I told my personal story about my passion in serving veterans and highlighted some of our amazing veteran residents continuing to serve our community in various ways. This year, I want to highlight some of our great veterans organizations and the services they provide to veterans and their families every day.

I have spent each day with veterans in every town from San Antonio to El Paso, and what stands out to me the most is the number of veterans I meet who still have a deep passion to serve—within local non-profits, their churches and as volunteers in their communities.

As many of you know, the 23rd District spans 29 counties, two time zones and takes eight and a half hours to drive across at 80 mph (the speed limit in most areas). Covering a territory that vast is a challenge, and there is no way our office could assist our veterans without the assistance of Veteran Service Organizations and various non-profits. If you are unaware, the Texas Veterans Commission is the state agency tasked with assisting veterans, and each county is served by a County Service Officer. Your County Service Officer can help with filing claims, explaining VA benefits, and assisting surviving family members after a veteran is put to rest. They also keep our office informed of trends and concerns that they are seeing across their counties. The County Service Officers in TX-23 do a great job of voicing their concerns and regularly communicating with our office to advocate for veterans issues.

Next, there are our Veteran Service

Organizations like the VFWs, American Legions, Military Order of the Purple Heart, American GI Forum, the USO, Disabled American Veterans, Paralyzed American Veterans, Military Peer Network and Vietnam Veterans of America. They have

been instrumental in bringing projects to our office and raising our awareness to special individuals and veteran happenings in their areas. For example, our VSOs made our office aware of WWI Veteran Marcelino Serna who we had the pleasure of memorializing by renaming the Tornillo Port of Entry in his honor. VSOs have also coordinated memorial services for Vietnam Veterans whose remains were recently returned and awarding the Bronze Star with Valor devices to the family of a Uvalde veteran.

Lastly, there are veteran non-profits that operate throughout our district, each with their own mission and niche. Organizations such as The Mission Continues and Team Red White and Blue help veterans from our most recent wars get involved in community service and share their stories with the civilian populations in their communities. Women's veteran groups such as Grace After Fire and Women's Veterans of San Antonio provide a platform for our growing number of women's veterans to address their unique experiences. Equally important are local veterans who meet weekly or monthly to share a meal, coffee and fellowship, and keep each other informed.

If you or someone you know is a veteran in TX-23, know that you are not alone. There are formal and informal groups that you can reach out to for assistance, information, service opportunities or just a pleasant conversation. Our office is happy to share resources and put you in contact with an organization near you. To all the County Service Officers, VSOs and veteran non-profits, thank you for your service and more importantly, thank you for your continued, long, proud tradition of service.

Jon Arnold is a Purple Heart recipient and the Director of Constituent Services for U.S. Representative Will Hurd.

### Hurd on the Hill



by Jon Arnold

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## Heard Around Town

What is this world coming to? Killing people in church. Shooting babies in church. Lord, help us all.

## Adobe: The Old Becomes New

When you think of adobe you have a tendency to picture an old small decaying structure made of mud that has only parts of a few walls standing and a



### Rolling Along

by Tumbleweed Smith

pile of hardened mud in the middle of it. But you need to re-think adobe. Some million-dollar homes are

being built with adobe bricks. Steve Belardo has Rainbow Adobe in Alpine. He has been building fine homes with thirty pound adobe bricks since 1979 and stays busy.

"I've never been out of work and typically have a one to two year waiting list also. People like what we do with adobe."

The walls of the homes he builds are ten inches thick and are energy efficient.

"I'm building a house for a client and took him to two different homes I've built. The utility bills are a hundred dollars a month."

He says adobe costs about the same as wood, brick or stone.

"I get to do a lot of upper end homes but adobe is not the expensive part. It's the tile and appliances, gold plated faucets and onyx sinks. The adobe work itself is competitive with conventional construction."

In older adobe homes, the adobe had to be covered over with stucco. Not so with the homes Steve builds.

"My clients want to see the adobe. They want that rustic look. The homes we build are rustic. You see the wood beams, wood ceilings. We built cabinets and furniture. I design most of the homes we do."

"I have my degree in architecture from A&M, experience working for an architectural firm in New York and I went to an adobe design school in New Mexico. People will bring me a rough sketch of what they want or a picture from a magazine. They tell me how big they want to make it and how much money they want to spend and I start doing the drawings for them."

Steve lives on the outskirts of Alpine in an adobe house he designed. He used more than ten thousand adobe bricks (four inches thick, 14 inches long and 10 inches wide) in the construction. He landscaped it with desert plants. It is an attractive home site with a pool and inviting patios.

His building material comes from a pasture behind his house. Stacks of adobe bricks are all over his property. He has made hundreds of thousands of them, and is continually refining the process. He feels he has pretty well perfected the technique. Where old adobe bricks were made of water, dirt and straw, his bricks have Portland cement in them.

"I make between thirty and forty thousand a year, digging down about four feet. We make them here and deliver them to the site. Old adobe construction wasn't intended to last forever. You hire me to build you a home and spend half a million dollars, you don't want to have to rebuild it in twenty years. You want it to be there for your great grandkids."

Steve says adobe is good for people with allergies.

"A client was incredibly petro-chemically sensitive but didn't have any problems with adobe."

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Local 4-H students filled garbage bags during their clean up project Saturday, November 4, 2017, in Sonora. Pictured (L-R) Back Row: Dalissa Sanchez, Jillian Castro, Kadee Petty and Makinna Price. Front Row: Joe Ivan Abrego, Summer Hall, Ashton Bryant, Johnathan Cardenas, Christina Hernandez, Cara Hernandez, Cassia Hernandez and Catarina Hernandez.

[COURTESY PHOTO]

## Local 4-H Help Keep Sonora Beautiful

Local 4-H students did their part to help keep Sonora beautiful this past Saturday, November 4, 2017.

As part of a community service effort, Dalissa Sanchez, Jillian Castro, Kadee Petty, Makinna Price, Joe Ivan Abrego, Summer Hall, Ashton Bryant, Johnathan Cardenas, Christina

Hernandez, Cara Hernandez, Cassia Hernandez, and Catarina Hernandez collected trash from the Post Office located on Crockett Street and Main Street to St. Ann's Catholic Church located on W. Plum Street.

In addition, they filled garbage bags with litter that they picked up trash along the streets in

between.

Committed to a litter free community through their good stewardship, 4-H members hope to inspire residents to also do their part in keeping Sonora free of unsightly and unsanitary debris.

All of the students deserve commendation for their effort in helping clean up Sonora.

## Help Protect Those Who Protect You

Chief Art Fuentes and the Sonora Police Department would like to remind everyone how important it is to move over and slow down when you are approaching emergency vehicles when lights are activated.

While our first responders signed up to face danger, if necessary,

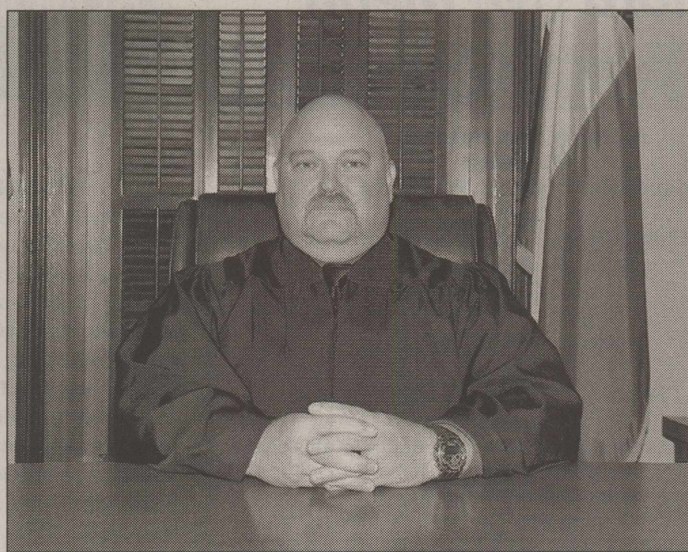
they shouldn't have to confront it in the form of a vehicle that isn't giving them room to work safely.

If you see the flashing lights on the roadside, you know what to do - move over to protect the men and women who do so much to protect all of us.

"It's not just the

Officer(s) safety to keep in mind, it's the individual(s) that is being assisted or has violated the traffic law, their passenger(s), and their families," Fuentes said. "Your actions affect everyone involved, including your family. These crashes are

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I Joseph (Jody) Harris would like to announce that I will be running as a Republican for Sutton County Justice of the Peace in the upcoming election. The primary will be held on March 6, 2018.

I was appointed by the Sutton County Commissioners Court on February 9, 2017 to replace my predecessor John K. Wilson as Justice of the Peace due to his retirement. I did at the time and still do believe it was a very positive move for me and opportunity to continue my service to the citizens of Sutton County.

I moved to Sonora in 2001 from Iraan after being hired as a Deputy Sheriff for the Sutton County Sheriff's Office. I served the citizens of Sutton County as Deputy Sheriff and Chief Deputy Sheriff with the Sheriff's Office for 16 years. I have two children that grew up and graduated as Sonora Broncos. I am a member of the Downtown Lions Club and a Coach for the 4-H Shooting Sports.

I get asked all the time what does a Justice of the Peace do and honestly, I did not know what the office completely involved until I took over. Justice of the Peace is the Justice Court Judge whose duties include but not limited to Marriages, Magistrate Inmates, Inquest of Deaths, Arrest Warrants, Search Warrants, Mental Health Commitments, School Truancy, Administrative Hearings on Driver's License, Criminal Docket, Civil Docket and Office Administration. I was very lucky John K. Wilson left the office in good shape and with a very knowledgeable staff. I have been to a multitude of schools since my appointment to get the required certification and training needed. My staff and I continue to attend training to stay up to date on everything. Although the office was in good shape when I took over I felt with the growing case load there were some changes that needed to be made to help maximize our efficiency. Some of the changes include more public phone lines for better access, more information on the Sutton County website [www.co.sutton.tx.us](http://www.co.sutton.tx.us) to assist the public, software updates, system security updates, equipment and citation processing updates.

Sutton County is my home. I am very excited and look forward to the opportunity to be able to continue to serve the citizens of Sutton County if elected.

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Avoid the penalty by accessing [Healthcare.gov](http://Healthcare.gov) for finding and purchasing a plan best suited for individuals and families. Enrollment must be complete by December 15, 2017. Stages of enrollment and coverage are as follows.

November 1, 2017: Open Enrollment started — first day to enroll, re-enroll, or change a 2018 insurance plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace

December 15, 2017: Last day to enroll in or change plans for 2018 coverage. After this date, you can enroll or change plans only if you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period.

January 1, 2018: 2018 coverage starts, if premium paid.

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## Sonora **ISD** Menu

Elementary - Breakfast Free & Lunch \$2.60  
Middle & High School - Breakfast \$2.10 & Lunch \$3.00  
\*Menu Subject to Change

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**Monday November 13**  
**Breakfast**  
Early Bird Sandwich, or Cereal, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch**  
Enchiladas, Charro Beans, Corn, Salsa, Fruit Gelatin, Milk  
**After School Program**  
Muffin, Milk

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**Tuesday November 14**  
**Breakfast**  
Bacon Pizza or Cereal, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch**  
Hamburger, Cheese Burger Garnish, Potato Rounds, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruit, Milk  
**After School Program**  
Fruit Ice Cream

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**Wednesday November 15**  
**Breakfast**  
Cinnamon Roll, Sausage, or Cereal, Crackers, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch**  
Fiesta Bowl, Lettuce, Tomato Slices, Baby Carrots, Cinnamon Applesauce, Cookie, Milk  
**After School Program**  
Baked Chips, Juice

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**Thursday November 16**  
**Breakfast**  
Pancake Wrap, or Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch**  
Turkey, Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Dressing, Gravy, Roll, Savory Green Beans, Fruit, Cranberry Sauce, Milk  
**After School Program**  
Nutrigrain Bar, Milk

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**Friday November 17**  
**Breakfast**  
Chicken and Biscuit, or Cereal, Crackers, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch**  
Pizza, Corn, Red Bell Pepper, Stirps, Fruit, Milk  
**After School Program**  
1/2 Ham and cheese Sandwich, Juice

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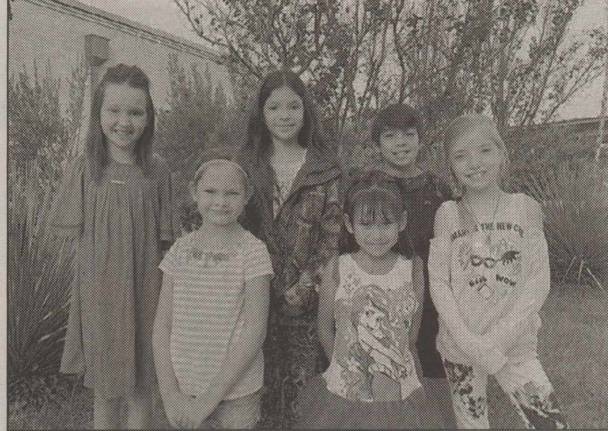
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"A/B" Sianne Alviso, Reese Baird, Jose Figueroa, Madalyne Fisher, Fernanda Gonzalez, Kalvin Hernandez, Sky Hernandez, Alyssa Martinez, Miguel Montoya, Aaron Noriega, Elias Perez, Miranda Renteria, Esmeralda Salazar, Marko Vasquez and Brady Vyvlecka.

**SOPHOMORES**  
"A" Enequina Alvarez, Oscar Gutierrez, Ethan Hamm, Catarina Hernandez, Wilson Johnson, Jansen Morris, Melanie Perez, Kadee Petty, Isabella Samaniego, Aleasha Smith, Blayne Sykes, Traci Vickers, Katy Wardlaw and Ashley Zook.  
"A/B" Leo Alviso, Brock Aschenbeck, Jayde Bean, Tully Flanagan, Shyanne Gamez, Kole Gann, Christina Garza, Angela Gonzalez, Deborha Hernandez, Danica Jimenez, Jalen Lopez, Kami Lux, Adamari Mata, Hailey Meador, Analay Palacios, Jordan Paredes, Kevin Ramos, Haley Smith and Thomas Talamantez.

**JUNIORS**  
"A" Morgan Anguiano, Juan

Baez, Lane Cahill, Payton Dawson, Wesley Dutton, Kayla Grace Edwards, Noe Estrada, Cheyenne Haynes, Cara Hernandez, Mary Kyle Johnson, Avery Leamon, Scarlot Longoria, Araceli Marin, Keeley Moore, Rebeckah Owen, Perla Salazar, Evan Shannon, Sterling Smith, Jackilyn Sykes and Dylan Taylor.  
"A/B" Chance Anderson, Viviana Arellano, Jacqueline Baez, Hunter Bunch, Danyse Cantu, Brittney, Contreras, John Deleon, Kayla Gee, Daniel Gonzales, Adriana Gonzalez, Valerie Gonzalez, Ezequiel Gutierrez, Zayda Gutierrez, AJ Lopez, Rivers Martinez, Logan McDonald, Carlos Mendoza, Lesli Ramirez, Yesenia Rivas, Ana Salas, Sabrina Serrano, Brian Van Winkle, Natalia Villalobos and Sheridan Walther.

**SENIORS**  
"A" Chris Adkins, Carly Brown, Savannah Castro, Kaden Cordell, Angel Covarrubiaz, Kristin Garrett, Christina Hernandez, Sierra Herrada, Hazel Kent, Peyton Matthews, Keegan McCollum, Elyssa Prieto, Delaney Ramsdell, Sydney Robles, Zavier Rodriguez, Amber Vasquez, "A/B" Melanie Acevedo, Marisol Capuchin, Mark Chavez, Abel Cruz, Felicia Farley, Bailey Gonzales, Summer Hall, Jesus Herrera, Jarrett, Jackson, Ray Kimbrell, Dariela Lopez, Yesenia Lujan, Hector Mendez, Audrey Nolen, Kaytlan Noriega, Marcos Talamantes, Noelia Tovar, Dylan Vaughn and Alexis Villanueva.



Elementary School Students for the week of November 6th through November 10th. Hannah Rogers (not pictured), Pre-K, Harper Trainer, K, Kaylin Alvarado, 1st, Kenzee Bryant, 2nd, Lynden Cearley, 3rd, Jennifer Garcia, 4th and Jorge Leija, 5th. | COURTESY PHOTO

## Sonora ISD Students of the Week



Sonora Middle School Students for the Week of November 6th through November 10th. Michal Brunclik, 6th, Brandon Torres, 7th and Abigail Fuentes, 8th. | COURTESY PHOTO

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You may have seen the orange-vested 4-H kids picking up trash this past weekend. That is part of their community service work.

November 15th offers another opportunity for all of us to do something for our community. November 15th is the date for the annual Recycle Roundup.

It will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Bronco Bubbles Car Wash located at 404 S Crockett Avenue.

It's an opportunity to recycle and to donate items which someone else can use. Some items collected are available for anybody in the community who can make use of them. These include gently used coats and clothes, toys and sports equipment in good repair. You may also bring in furniture in good repair, computers, electronics, TV's and microwaves. You will also have the opportunity to bring in

customary recycle items such as corrugated cardboard and chipboard such as 'cereal box' material, magazines, phone books, catalogs and books.

Please box books separately. Other paper items include newspaper and newspaper flyers, office paper, and junk mail.

Aluminum Cans, tin Cans, No. 1 and No. 2 plastics (separated and no caps) are also welcomed. Lastly, are items such as old cell phones and dry cell batteries, both chargeable and non-rechargeable. The event is a local effort of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Keep Sonora Beautiful, and the City of Sonora.

Here's your chance to clean out your storage and free up a little room. Please call the Suttun County Extension Office at 387-3101 for more information. Hope to see you then!



Pascual Hernandez

### Weekly Crossword Puzzle

<p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1. Quick kiss</p> <p>5. Civil War genl.</p> <p>10. Stickum</p> <p>13. To me: Fr.</p> <p>14. Near the shoulder</p> <p>16. Put two ___ two together</p> <p>17. Surrounded</p> <p>18. Recapped</p> <p>20. Credit</p> <p>22. Bad mark</p> <p>23. WWII craft</p> <p>24. Filled to the gills</p> <p>27. Bankroller</p> <p>29. Fur</p> <p>33. Come ___ halt</p> <p>34. Cubic meters</p> <p>36. Caviar</p> <p>37. Ward, with off</p> <p>38. Family man?</p> <p>41. Rust-colored pear</p> <p>44. Writer Rand</p> <p>45. Kind of prunes</p> <p>49. You ___ My Sunshine</p> <p>50. After home or bed</p> <p>52. Hoist</p> <p>53. Old "Nam" capital</p> <p>55. Silkworm</p> <p>57. ___ a jolly good ...</p> <p>58. It figures</p> <p>63. She figures to be</p>	<p>a good wife</p> <p>65. Unique person</p> <p>66. Fuss</p> <p>67. ___ run: leave after dining</p> <p>68. The ___ Griffin Show</p> <p>69. Each</p> <p>70. Dog that "arfs"</p> <p>71. Being: L.</p> <p><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>1. Buddhist towers</p> <p>2. Of high rank</p> <p>3. Retinue</p> <p>4. Acquaintances</p> <p>5. Files</p> <p>6. Is jubilant</p> <p>7. ___-kohu: edible algae</p> <p>8. Shade trees</p> <p>9. Guido's high notes</p> <p>10. Newspaper</p> <p>11. Bill</p> <p>12. Eccentric</p> <p>15. Get ___ out of</p> <p>19. President McKinley's wife</p> <p>21. President Arthur's wife</p> <p>25. Age upon age</p> <p>26. "Paw"</p> <p>28. Entertainer Clapton</p> <p>30. Byrne Meadowlands ___</p> <p>31. Scarf</p> <p>32. Not as much</p> <p>35. Improvisation</p> <p>37. Release</p> <p>39. Bread</p> <p>40. Moral custom</p> <p>41. Christmas jeer</p> <p>42. A feast ___ famine</p> <p>43. Pell of Washington, D.C.</p> <p>46. Some hula dancers</p> <p>47. Planers</p> <p>48. Merit</p> <p>50. Move edgeways</p> <p>51. Lay legal claim to</p> <p>54. Harem room</p> <p>56. Crude</p> <p>59. "When ___ a lad"</p> <p>60. ___ creature was stirring ..."</p> <p>61. Late J. Edgar Hoover, for one</p> <p>62. Residence</p> <p>63. Faucet</p> <p>64. Pindar work</p>
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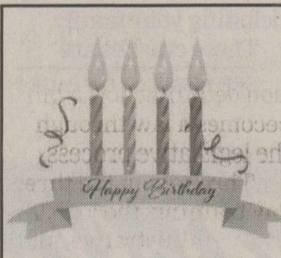
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13th Steve Thorp, James Edmondson, Alexis Galindo, Tony Russell Adkins, Erica Berry, Jessica Barnett  
14th Armie Sanchez  
15th Tryon Fields, Jeremy Doran, Imoni Cross  
16th Lynn Barber

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### Sonora Senior Center

**Monday November 13**  
Chicken Parmesan, Egg Noddles, Italian Veggies, Garlic Toast, Peach Cobbler, Milk  
**Tuesday November 14**  
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**Wednesday November 15**  
Turkey, Poultry Gravy, Cornbread Dressing, Cranberry Sauce, Carrots, Pumpkin Bars, Milk  
**Thursday November 16**  
Beef Enchiladas Casserole, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Apple Crisp, Milk  
**Friday November 17**  
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# OBITUARIES

## Joe Lance Lowe July 15, 1944 - November 5, 2017

Joe Lance Lowe, 73 of Sonora died Sunday, November 5, 2017 in Del Rio.

Memorial services were held Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at St. John's Episcopal Church of Sonora.

Survivors include his wife Glenda Lowe of Sonora, daughters Janice Contreras of Odessa and

Lancey and husband John Ronspez of Ft. Worth, grandchildren Tristin Ronspez of Ft. Worth, Katelyn Ronspez of Shreveport, L.A., and Alicia Lowe of Midland, and great-grandchild Connor Lipham of Midland.

Online condolences may be made at [lovefuneralhome.net](http://lovefuneralhome.net).

## Brenda Fish October 4, 1953 - October 31, 2017



Brenda Fish, 64, left her earthly body on Tuesday, October 31, 2017.

Brenda was born on October 4, 1953 in Sonora, TX to Bob Granger and Ora Faye Crites.

She was a dedicated wife to James M. (Jim) Fish of Ozona, Texas. Her and Jim's relationship grew strong over their 38 plus years, surviving the many setbacks and pitfalls of life by always seeking out solutions and ever moving forward.

Jim's love for Brenda sustains him still and reminds him... "it is better to have loved and lost than to have never loved at all."

She was a devoted and adored mama to her three children Cody, Cami and Kyle.

She was also considered a "second mom" to several nieces, nephews, and friends and played an integral part in their early memories and upbringing.

She took great pleasure in watching her boys play football and could be found many Friday nights in the bleachers jumping up and down while cheering them on.

She also enjoyed crafting and would spend countless hours sewing outfits and often stayed up all night creating spirited costumes for her daughter.

She was a remarkable Nanny to all of her grand babies. They often looked forward to spending time at "Nanny's house." She was an immaculate housekeeper and made the best fried chicken, apricot pound cake, banana nut bread, chicken-fried venison and sweet tea in Texas.

Brenda was a true embodiment of kindness in her many displays of care and concern for others in all facets of her life. Empathy was her strength.

She never turned away anyone in need, "We may be a little crowded, but we will make it work" and she always did. She made everyone feel welcome in her home.

Brenda was a waitress at Sutton County Steakhouse in Sonora for over twenty years. Later, she cared for residents for over 13 years as a CNA at Crockett County Care Center in Ozona where she retired in 2013.

She was a Christian and attended First Baptist Church of Sonora and enjoyed visiting various other churches throughout her life.

Brenda is survived by her husband Jim, son Cody Bush, and wife Mistie of Grandview, son James Kyle Fish and wife Jackie of Fort Hood, and daughter, Cami Williams of Lewisville.

She is also survived by nine grandchildren Rhett and wife Jaron, Quealy, Grady, Trista, Jayce, Jaelie, Tatum, Taylor and Denton and three great-grandchildren Addison, Jett, and Rylenn.

Additionally, she is also survived by her father, Bob Granger of San Angelo, her loving siblings (known as the "5 Bs" during their school years), twin brother Bobby Granger of Andrews, sister Barbara Boyd and husband Steve of Center, TX, brother Benny Granger and wife Shana of Andrews, and sister Bernice Holder of Montgomery, TX.

She also leaves behind numerous beloved nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends.

She is preceded in death by her "Mom", Ora Faye (Crites) Stephens and beloved niece Brittney Granger.

Please join us in honoring her memory on Friday, November 17, 2017, at 4:00 p.m., at First Baptist Church of Sonora.

## Helen Drake Hokit October 12, 1931 - October 20, 2017



Helen Drake Hokit, age 86 peacefully passed away October 20, 2017 in the home of her daughter Caroline & Ray Vogt, a resident of Sonora for over 35 years where she owned Sonora Trailer Park.

She is preceded in death (from Lung Cancer) by her parents, husband Earl Ray Hokit, sister Mary Roberts,

She is also preceded in death by two brothers, CA and Robert Lee Drake and son Jesse James Wood.

Helen is survived by three children. Her daughter Caroline and husband Ray Vogt, of

Kingwood, TX., son Robert Glynn Wood and wife Darlene of Jacksonville, FL., and daughter Linda Jean Johnson of Sonora.

She is also survived by nine grand children, Michael and wife Amy Stewart of Gold Hill, NC., Glynn and wife Kristy Wood of Jacksonville, FL., Angie and husband Wesley Pamplin of Mobile, AL., Kandy Lloyd of Jacksonville, FL., Brand and Chris Dennison, of Jacksonville, FL., Marlin Ellington of El Paso., Donald and Autumn Johnson of Chesapeake, VA., William and Kelly Johnson of Waskon, TX. and Jessica and Michael Desoto of Bowman, SC.

She is also survived by 16 great grand children and one great-great granddaughter.

A Memorial service will be held November 11, 2017 at the "Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church" in Sonora, TX.

Lewis Allen will be officiating.

## 17th TX Silver-Haired Legislature Preparing for Spring 2018 Session

The Texas Silver-Haired Legislature held its fall session last week in Austin, which included training sessions for new and returning legislators.

The three day event included sessions on effective communication, how to work with your representatives and senators, effective advocacy, and the resolution process.

Representative Roland Guterrez also led a session detailing how a bill becomes a law through the legislative process.

Throughout the three-day training, the legislative, administrative, and special committees also met to prepare for the April 22 - 27, 2018 TSHL Legislative Session.

At that time, representatives from throughout Texas will meet in the House Chamber for three days to introduce

resolutions, move them through committees for consideration on the House floor, debate and vote on those resolutions, and finally approve the TSHL Top Ten resolutions.

Those top ten will be included in the TSHL 2018 Legislative report, which will be delivered to Texas House and Senate members and the Governor.

TSHL members will then work with their respective House and Senate members to introduce legislation in the 2019 Texas Legislative Session that directly relates to TSHL resolutions.

TSHL members would like to hear from Texas's senior citizens regarding changes that can be made in law to improve their quality of life.

For more information please contact the local Area Agencies on Aging.

## ELECTION:

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responders killed in the line of duty.

For: 98  
Against: 14  
Proposition 7: Allowing banks, credit unions

and other financial institutions to conduct promotional activities, such as raffles, to encourage customer savings.

For: 50  
Against: 58

### Card of Thanks

The Jimenez and Sepeda families would like to extend our warm and sincere thanks to everyone who accompanied us on our journey to say goodbye to our beloved "Ama" Guadalupe N. Jimenez. The food flowers, and prayers sustained us, and your presence comforted us. Thank you all.

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### Devil's River News Weekly Rainfall Report

November 1-7	0.00 in.	November 1-7	0.00 in.
October	0.11 in.	October	0.07 in.
September	3.83 in.	September	3.05 in.
August	1.82 in.	August	3.66 in.
July	4.21 in.	July	3.79 in.
June	3.07 in.	June	0.41 in.
May	3.68 in.	May	2.92 in.
April	1.23 in.	April	2.48 in.
March	0.79 in.	March	1.00 in.
February	1.36 in.	February	1.48 in.
January	2.40 in.	January	1.68 in.
2017 Year-to-Date Total	22.50 in.	2017 Year-to-Date Total	20.54 in.
2016	25.10 in.	2016	29.22 in.
2015	23.87 in.	2015	25.31 in.
2014	14.32 in.	2014	12.72 in.
2013	25.12 in.	2013	25.00 in.
2012	16.06 in.	2012	17.82 in.
2011	11.50 in.	2011	10.49 in.
2010	20.37 in.	2010	17.94 in.
2009	21.67 in.	2009	28.44 in.

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## VOLLEYBALL:

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Also assisting their teammates, Jackilyn Sykes had 27 assists, 9 digs, 1 ace.

Delaney Ramsdell had 5 kills and 3 digs, Noelia Tovar had 2 kills, 5 digs, 2 aces, 2 blocks and 2 assists, Lane Cahill had 2 kills, 3 digs and 3 aces,

Karah Martinez had 6 digs and Avery Leamon had 1 kill and 1 dig.

The final scores for Tuesday's game against Alpine were 17-25, 16-25 and 14-25.

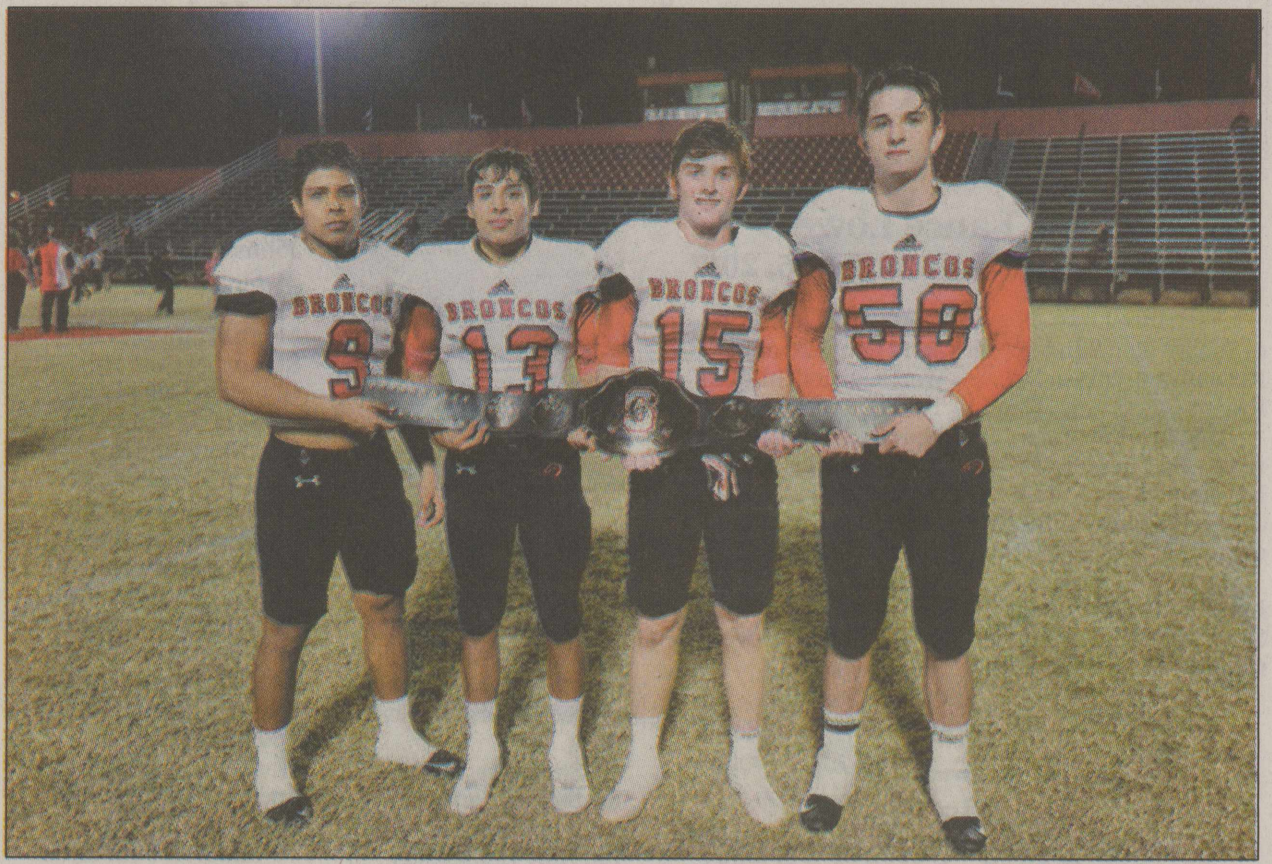
All of the ladies deserve commendation on their accomplishments this season.

### SONORA WEATHER FORECAST

Thu 11/9	Fri 11/10	Sat 11/11	Sun 11/12	Mon 11/13
65/48	66/56	71/55	72/49	73/46
Partly Sunny Sunrise 7:03 a.m. Sunset 5:49 p.m.	Partly Sunny Sunrise 7:04 a.m. Sunset 5:49 p.m.	Mostly Cloudy Sunrise 7:05 a.m. Sunset 5:48 p.m.	Mostly Cloudy Sunrise 7:06 a.m. Sunset 5:47 p.m.	Possible Showers Sunrise 7:07 a.m. Sunset 5:47 p.m.

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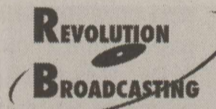
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Carlos Mendoza, John Deleon, Dylan Taylor and Jansen Morris were awarded the turnover belt during Friday's game between Sonora and Ballinger, November 3, 2017, at Bearcat Stadium. The Broncos beat the Bearcats 57-3 for their third conference game win and ninth win over all this season.  
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## BRONCOS:

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of the Bearcats, who had just celebrated a 35-6 win over TLCA, Sonora sealed their fate in the first half of Friday's game by scoring 45 points before both teams headed to the locker room for the intermission.

By the end of the first quarter, the Broncos Cordell and Abel Cruz had racked up 17 points over the Bearcats with two touchdowns and a 3 point field goal. Then, Cordell, Wesley Dutton, Jarrett Jackson and Willie Munoz added another 28 points in the second quarter shutting out the Bearcats.

It didn't seem to matter that Sonora's second and third string players took over the field in the second half of the game because the Bearcats

couldn't stay close to the end zone long enough to score.

Sonora's Evan Shannon and J.R. Velasquez gave the Broncos extra points in the fourth quarter with two more touchdowns.

The first half scoring by the Broncos gave their reserves an opportunity to see some valuable playing time in the second half.

"It was good to see these players come in and play, Cordell said. "The experience will benefit the Broncos program down the road."

With this loss, Ballinger's record fell to 3-6.

"We accomplished our goal again tonight - to be 1-0 at the end of the game," Cordell told his team following the game. "The Broncos left no

doubt tonight who is the better ball club."

Pleased with the effort of both the first and second-string players, Cordell said Friday's win over Ballinger showed how the Broncos never take any team for granted

"I was very happy in the second half that our reserves kept the same mindset that our starters had, do not let the Bearcats offense score," Cordell said. "On the reverse side, after the Bronco Offense lit up the scoreboard in the first half, our reserves came in and added two more touchdowns. Something that we haven't done very well despite some of our lopsided victories."

Although the Broncos are assured the 3A-2 District championship, they will be looking to keep

their record spotless this Friday when they host the TLCA Eagles for the regular season finale at Bronco Stadium.

Sonora will also honor its seniors during Friday's game.

Game time is set for 7:30 p.m.

### SCORE BY QUARTER

SONORA 17-28-00-12=57  
BALLINGER00-00-00-03=03

### INDIVIDUAL STATS

**RUSHING**  
SONORA — Kaden Cordell 6-101; Jarrett Jackson 10-100; J.R. Velasquez 13-105; Willie Munoz 1-3; Wesley Dutton 1-21; Wilson Johnson 1-7; Brandon Martinez 2 (-4); Brian Van Winkle 3-5

**PASSING**  
SONORA — Kaden Cordell 7-12-160 yds; Jarrett Jackson 1-1-16 yards; Brian Van Winkle 5-10-50

**RECEIVING**  
SONORA — Jarrett Jackson 2-36; Willie Munoz 1-52; Evan Shannon 1-9; Wesley Dutton 1-10; Kaden Cordell 1-16; Dylan Taylor 2-20; Brandon Martinez 2-21; Abel Cruz



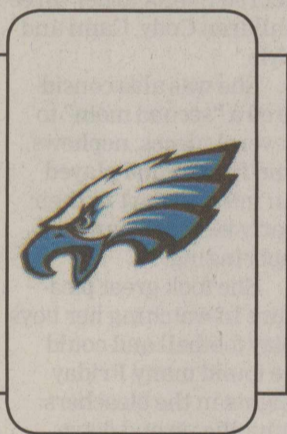
## Sonora vs. TLCA

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## Broncos Junior Varsity Action

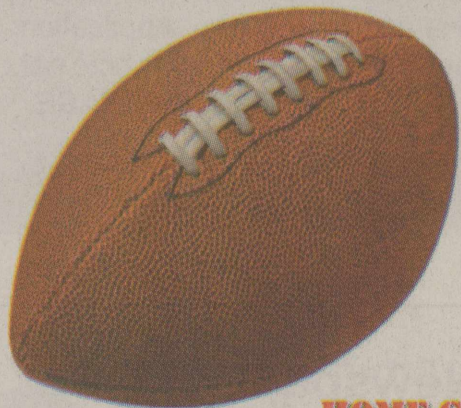


Preston Gonzales breaks through the Bearcats defense during Thursday's junior varsity game between Sonora and Ballinger, November 2, 2017, at Bronco Stadium. The JV Broncos beat the Bearcats 20-15 to celebrate an end of season game victory.  
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# The Blotter



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## SUTTON COUNTY SHERIFF ARRESTS

**OCTOBER 30** • Jacob Vazquez, 28-year-old male of San Antonio. Arrested for possession of controlled substance and driving while license invalid.

• Andy Candanos, 26-year-old male of San Antonio. Arrested on Bexar County warrants and local charges of possession of controlled substance, possession of marijuana and Evading Arrest.

**OCTOBER 31** • Jose Sanchez 49-year-old male of Roma. Arrested for public intoxication.

**NOVEMBER 2** • Isabel Ybarra 57-year-old female of Del Rio. Arrested on a warrant of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

**NOVEMBER 5** • Michael Biles 26-year-old male of Avon Co. Arrested for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

### INCIDENTS

**OCTOBER 3 - 1:30 AM** •

Caller reported a suspicious person at the Steak House. Deputy responded.

**3:04 AM** • Caller reported a reckless driver on I-10 at 399 mm. Deputy responded.

**11:07 AM** • Caller reported lose goats on I-10 at 394 mm. Deputy responded.

**OCTOBER 31 - 6:20 AM** • Caller reported a stranded motorist on loop 467. Deputy responded.

**NOVEMBER 1 - 10:29 AM** •

Caller reported a reckless driver on I-10 E. Deputy responded.

**5:23 PM** • Caller reported a stranded motorist on I-10 at 419 mm. Deputy responded.

**6:25 PM** • Caller reported a stranded motorist on I-10 at 411 mm. Deputy responded.

**10:03 PM** • Caller reported a car hit a deer on I-10 at 419 mm. Deputy responded.

**NOVEMBER 2 - 10:00 AM** • Caller reported an armed subject left a ranch on Bond Road and was located in city limits. Deputy and PD responded.

**6:19 PM** • Caller reported a reckless driver on I-10 at 387 mm. Deputy responded.

**NOVEMBER 3 - 1:33 AM** • Caller requested deputy assistance with EMS on I-10 at 388 mm. Deputy responded.

**1:02 PM** • Caller reported a reckless driver on I-10 at 401 mm. Deputy responded.

**9:39 PM** • Caller reported a stranded motorist on RR 864 -12 miles out. Deputy responded.

**11:24 PM** • Caller reported an 18 wheeler blocking the exit at the road side park on I-10 at 394 mm. Deputy responded.

**NOVEMBER 4 - 12:24 AM** • Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on the south service road at about the 394 mm. Deputy responded.

**3:52 AM** • Caller reported a vehicle on fire at hte 200 block of Benito Juarez. Deputy responded.

**12:01 PM** • Caller reported a camper that lost its tire and was sparking on I-10 at 418 mm. Deputy responded.

**NOVEMBER 5 - 11:23 AM** • Caller reported a reckless driver on I-10 at 435 mm. Deputy responded.

**12:27 PM** • Agency assistance requested with a traffic stop on I-10 at 380 mm. Deputy responded.

**12:52 PM** • Caller reported an accident involving an 18-wheeler on I-10 at 393 mm. Deputy responded.

## SONORA PD ARRESTS

**OCTOBER 30** • Fernando Ramos, 54-year-old male of Sonora. Arrested for City Warrant. • John E. Lopez III, 41-year-old male of Sonora. Arrested for City Warrant.

### INCIDENTS

**OCTOBER 30 - 10:37 AM** • Caller requested assistance at Middle School. SRO responded.

**10:40 AM** • Caller requested officer to High School regarding truancy. SRO responded.

**4:35 PM** • Caller reported a fire/explosion at 600 block of S. Crockett Ave. Officer responded.

**4:43 PM** • Agency Assistance requested for Air Med Traffic Control at LMH. Officer responded.

**5:11 PM** • Caller reported possible fraud at Sonic. Officer responded.

**6:05 PM** • Officer served a Warrant at 600 block of Railroad. Officer responded.

**6:37 PM** • Caller requested officer at Sonora Pool. Officer responded.

**9:21 PM** • Officer served a Warrant at 600 block of Fay. Officer responded.

**9:38 PM** • Caller requested an officer at Stadium Drive regarding runaways. Officer responded.

**OCTOBER 31-2:38 PM** • Officer met with two runaways and their parents at the PD Station. Officer responded.

**5:00 PM** • Agency Assistance requested for Air Med Traffic Control at LMH. Officer responded.

**7:23 PM** • Agency Assistance requested at Stadium Drive. Officer responded.

**9:03 PM** • Caller reported disorderly conduct near 200 block of Sawyer. Officer responded.

**NOVEMBER 1-1:40 PM** • Caller reported loud music at 100 block of W 2nd. Officer responded.

**10:07 PM** • Caller reported an accident/wreck on I-10 at 418 mm. Officer responded.

**7:22 PM** • Caller reported theft at 400 block of 4th. Officer responded.

**NOVEMBER 2 - 9:52 AM** • Caller requested to speak to an officer at 100 block of Deerwood. Officer responded.

**10:19 AM** • Agency Assistance requested at 200 block of Rock Ave. Officer responded.

**12:03 PM** • Officer served a Warrant at U.S. Hwy 277 South and Railroad. Officer responded.

**4:54 PM** • Caller requested agency assist at 200 block of Rock Ave. Officer assisted.

**NOVEMBER 4 - 10:39 AM** • Caller requested Animal Control at 700 block of Fay Street. Officer responded.

**8:36 PM** • Caller reported theft at 1900 block of Tayloe. Office responded.

**9:28 PM** • Agency Assistance requested at 1300 block of Glasscock. Officer responded.

**10:32 PM** • Caller reported a dog hit by vehicle in the area of 3rd and Water. Officer responded.

**NOVEMBER 5-11:43 AM** • Caller requested to speak to an officer at 400 block of Cactus. Officer responded.

# Reader Recipes

## "Cot's Potatoes"

This Woman's Club recipe is courtesy of Darlette Bloodworth. The recipe was given to Darlette by her great aunt more than 40 years ago. It is a family tradition to have "Cot's Potatoes every holiday!

- 4-5 potatoes, boil and refrigerate
- 1 large can evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup grated American cheese
- 1 tsp salt and pepper
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 1 cup sour cream
- 4 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled

Preheat oven to 350°. Remove skins & grate potatoes. Add the next 5 ingredients and mix well. Pour into greased baking dish. Bake for 35 minutes. Top with sour cream and bacon crumbles.

## PROTECT:

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100 percent preventable if drivers are attentive, obey the law, and Move Over to give first responders space to work."

If you've ever broken down on the side of a highway, you know how unnerving it is to feel traffic closely rushing by at 55 or 65 mph. Now imagine that's part of your workplace, as it is for our first responders, Fuentes added.

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# Chamber Chatter

With the holidays just around the corner, the Sonora Chamber of Commerce is busy with the details of upcoming events taking place throughout the month of November.

Starting things off, the annual More the Merrier Christmas Bazaar is set for Thursday, November 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center.

The Bazaar features a variety of booths stocked with arts and craft items, as well as homemade baked goods.

Holiday gift givers can take advantage of local shopping for a variety of special and unique gift items while checking off their list.

Next, the Community Christmas Parade and program is set for Wednesday, November 29th, at 6:30 p.m.

Those wishing to participate in the parade, please contact the Chamber of Commerce.

As well, additional activities will be taking

place along Main Street beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Santa will be making an appearance in Sonora, so the chamber is asking that there be no Santa's on parade floats.

The parade line up starts at 5:30 p.m. in front of the elementary school on Concho Avenue before making its way to Main Street and then the Court House.

To close out the month, local gals are welcome to take part in the annual Ladies Night Out Thursday, November 30th, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

This is a great opportunity for ladies to step out for a night of fun, food, shopping and socializing.

Local businesses all over town will be providing refreshments and door prizes throughout the evening.

For more information on these or any other local events, please contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 325-387-2880.

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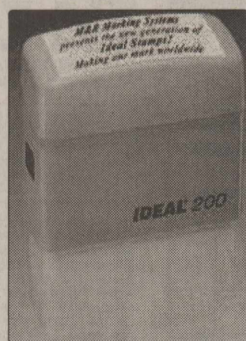
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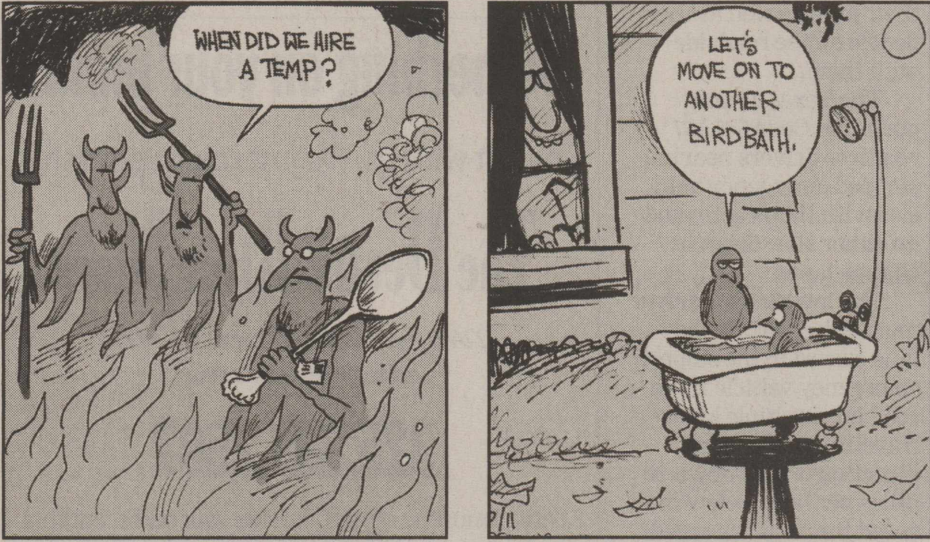
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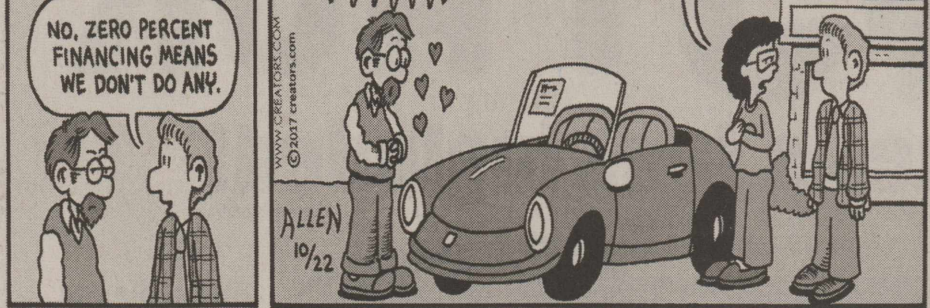
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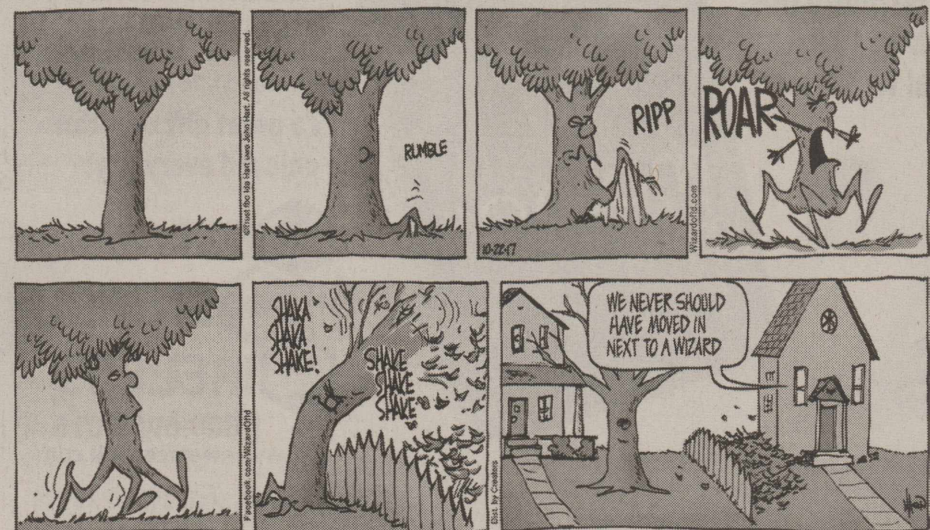
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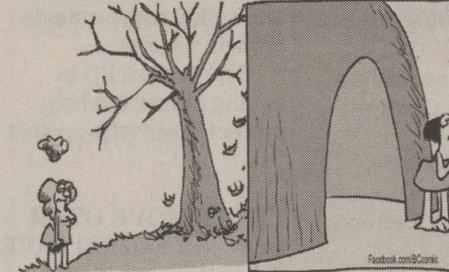
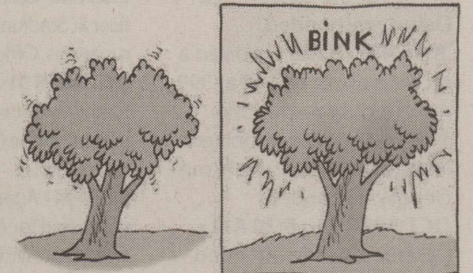
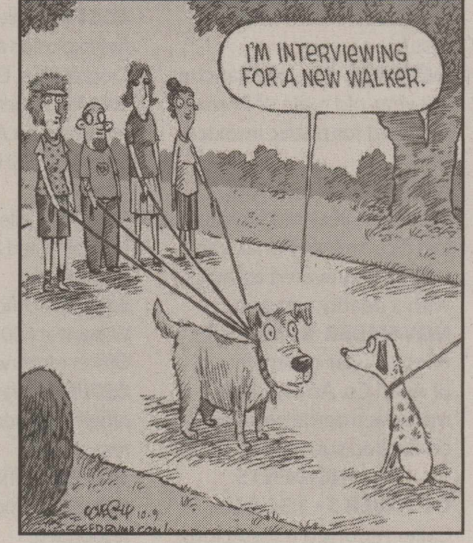


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## ASK SHAGG

By Peter Guren

TODAY, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET ANOTHER MEMBER OF MY FAMILY TREE.

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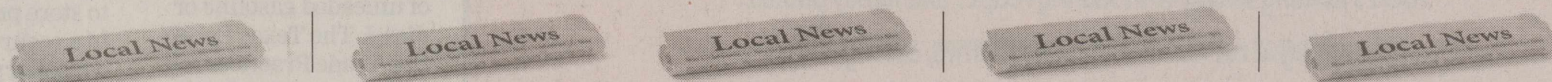
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## Texas A&M Agrilife Offers Tips on Packaging and Storing Wild Game at Home

By Rebecca Dittmar, M.Ed, RS, Program Specialist, Food Protection Management Program, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

Game meat can provide a nutritious, tasty and sometimes less expensive alternative to the traditional meat products sold in grocery stores. Nevertheless, you need to handle and store game meat properly to keep it from spoiling or allowing the growth of disease-causing organisms (pathogens) that can cause food borne illness.

Game meat is defined as the meat of any animal that is hunted for food or sport instead of being raised on a farm. Examples include: deer,

elk, wild hogs, and game birds, such as quail, pheasants, or turkeys.

To keep your game meat safe to eat, field dress the carcass with the right equipment and under the proper conditions. Although the techniques for field dressing vary by the type of game animal, some important basic tools are common to all: rubber gloves, sanitized knives, coolers that are sanitized and insulated, also large enough to contain both meat and ice from potable water, and a plan for transporting the carcass from the field into an insulated cooler or another cold-storage unit as quickly as possible.

To enable the meat to cool more quickly, trim

large muscle cuts into small pieces, and package them individually before moving them to a refrigerator or freezer. Do not package, chill, or freeze large cuts of meat, because they require more energy and time to cool and completely freeze than smaller cuts of meat. Freezing smaller cuts also helps maintain the overall meat quality longer by minimizing exposure to air and re-sealing, which can result in off-odors.

Maximize the airflow in the cooler to make sure the meat adequately cools. After the carcass has been properly field dressed, quartered, and cooled to below 40° F, it is ready to be packaged for

storage in the freezer.

Freezing is the easiest way preserve wild game. Freeze meat at 0° F, or below, as quickly as possible to reduce or inactivate pathogen growth and other chemical changes that can affect its quality. Done properly, freezing causes little to no loss in the nutrient content of wild game meats.

By following basic guidelines for freezing, you can help ensure a safe, high-quality product.

Use packaging material such as butcher/freezer paper, flexible freezer bags, or a vacuum sealer and compatible packaging for small cuts of meat. All of these materials work well if used

correctly.

If you use a vacuum sealer, follow the manufacturer recommendations for selection of packaging materials and vacuum conditions. Do not try to vacuum-seal using films or packaging materials not recommended by the manufacturer — because the heat sealer may not be rated to melt the plastic enough to create a strong, airtight seal.

Vacuum-sealing meat also helps prevent potential freezer burn and spoilage. When using freezer bags, it's important to press each package to expel as much air as possible before closing it.

For paper packages, follow the steps below and label them with the date and wild game contents.

Step 1: Wrap the meat in plastic cling wrap.

Step 2: Place the wrapped meat in the center of freezer paper.

Step 3: Bring the opposite sides of the paper together and fold down the edges about 1 inch deep.

Step 4: While folding down the edges, push out the air.

Step 5: Fold the ends tightly to form a V.

Step 6: Flip the package so that the seam is down, and then fold the ends over each other.

Step 7: Seal the edges with freezer tape.

Step 8: Label the package with its contents and

the date.

Visit our YouTube page for a step-by-step video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oChAoQ21b3A>.

Keep your freezer in a cool, dry, ventilated place. Never put it in direct sun or next to a stove or water heater, which makes it difficult for the freezer to remain at 0° F or lower.

Also, be sure the freezer sits level, and avoid overloading it. Overloading can slow down the freezing rate and could reduce the meat quality.

Instead of stacking the packages in one area of the freezer, spread them out to allow air circulate among the packages more easily, which helps the product freeze faster.

For best quality, the U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends consuming frozen wild game within 8 months to a year. If you store meats in the refrigerator, keep them at 40° F or below, and eat or freeze them within two or three days. Use an appliance thermometer to make sure that your refrigerator stays at the proper temperatures.

To keep the meats from contaminating other foods in the refrigerator, store them separately from other foods.

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Continued from page 2 tradition of governors by making a friendly wager with California Gov. Jerry Brown on the outcome of the Series. Abbott offered a six-pack of Houston-brewed beer and Texas barbecue. Brown offered a selection of wine from his state's Sonoma, Napa and Mendocino counties that were impacted severely by recent wildfires.

**Revenue total comes in** State Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Nov. 2 reported that state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.46 billion in October, an amount 6.9 percent more than he reported in October 2016.

Receipts from the mining and manufacturing sectors led sales tax revenue growth, and most other economic sectors also grew moderately compared to the same month last year. Hurricane Harvey does not appear to have had a significant net effect on state sales tax revenue, he added.

Also, Hegar said, total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in October 2017 was up 5.2 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Details on monthly sales tax collections can be found at the Comptroller's Monthly State Revenue Watch, which is accessible through the website [comptroller.texas.gov](http://comptroller.texas.gov).

**AG goes after gougers** Attorney General Ken Paxton's Consumer Protection Division on Oct. 30 sent notices of violations to 127 Texas businesses accused of price gouging during the state of disaster declared for Hurricane Harvey.

All of the cases involve consumer complaints against gas stations that allegedly charged \$3.99 or higher for a gallon of unleaded gasoline or diesel. The Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act prohibits anyone from taking advantage of a disaster declared by the governor and selling or

leasing necessities for excessive prices. The Consumer Protection Division received an estimated 5,500 complaints alleging price gouging by businesses. Many Texans emailed photos and receipts as evidence, Paxton said.

**Job count decreased** The Lone Star State lost some 7,300 jobs in September, due largely to effects from Hurricane Harvey, the Texas Workforce Commission reported.

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.0 percent, down from 4.2 percent in August, and remained below the national rate of 4.2 percent. Annual employment growth for Texas was calculated at 2.1 percent.

"Texas' economic growth is boosted by the resilience of our employers, who have added 230,300 private-sector jobs over the past year," said Ruth R. Hughes, the TWC commissioner who represents employers. "TWC is committed to ensuring our state resources and services are provided to help get Texans get back to work after the devastating impacts of Hurricane Harvey."

**Depository site chosen** Comptroller Hegar on Nov. 3 announced the city of Leander as the future home of the Texas Bullion Depository, with construction to begin in early 2018.

In its 2015 regular session, the Texas Legislature created the depository as an agency within the Office of the Comptroller.

The depository, according to the official statement of legislative intent, would be established "so the state, state agencies and private individuals would be able to store precious metals in a secure, Texas-based depository to reduce reliance on out-of-state facilities and to insulate their assets from unstable market forces."



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