

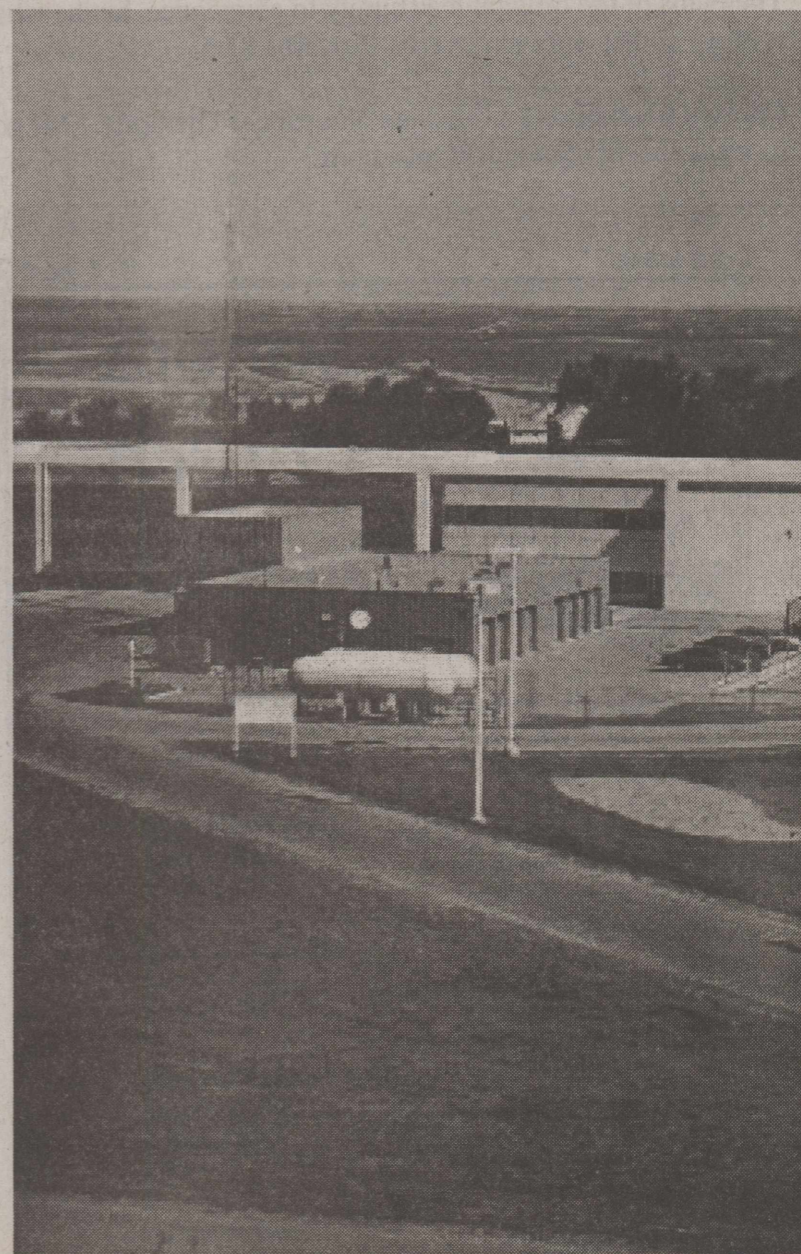
## Sonora ISD Cares for One of Their Own



All of Sonora ISD rallied around one of our students who is receiving medical treatments by raising money for the Cash for Kami campaign. An incredible outpour-

ing of love and generosity was seen in Bronco Nation, as Kami's family was presented with a total of \$1,750. Mrs. Hernandez's 5th grade class led the way by raising

\$257.42. In this picture, they are enjoying their delicious reward of ice cream sundaes! Thanks to everyone who contributed!



## Ports-to-Plains Moving a Growing Portion of U.S./Canada Trade

Canada is the No. 1 export market for U.S. goods. In 2014 the U.S. exported over \$19 billion in goods by truck to the entirety of Canada. The Ports-to-Plains Alliance Corridor connects Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada with Montana and North Dakota. While there are fourteen (14) border crossings from Portal, ND to the east and Sweetgrass, MT to the west, there are four commercial crossings including Portal, ND/North Portal, SK; Raymond, MT/Regway, SK; Wild Horse MT/AB and Sweetgrass MT/Coutts, AB which are used to track trade using the Ports-to-Plains Alliance Corridor. These four crossings will be referred to as the PTP crossings. The data summarized below all address movement by truck.

The PTP crossings accounted for over \$6 billion in exports from the nine states in the Ports-to-Plains Alliance region. Since 2004, the exports through the PTP crossings have increased by 184.3% or almost \$4 billion. This increase outpaces the 65.5% increase in all U.S. exports to Canada. This represents 31.6% of all U.S. exports to Canada in 2014. So in terms of the market share of total exports from the U.S. to Canada, the PTP crossings have gained 13.2% of the market share.\*

In what is certainly a positive trade balance, the U.S. imported over \$13 billion in goods from all of Canada in 2014. The PTP crossing processed over \$3.8 billion or 29% of those imports. Again, the PTP crossings accounted for an increase of almost 132% or almost \$2.2 billion since 2004. As with exports, U.S. imports from Canada, using the PTP crossings gained an additional market share of 10.4% since 2014. The strength of export and import market shares demonstrate the strength of economies in both the nine-state Ports-to-Plains region and Alberta and Saskatchewan in Canada.

The U.S. /Canada trade relationship cannot be discussed without including the impact of the Alberta Oil Sands to the nine-state Ports-to-Plains region. Canada is the largest supplier of oil to the U.S. For every two jobs created in Canada from the oil sands, a third job is created in the U.S. New oil sands development is projected to generate \$521 billion in economic activity in the U.S. over the next 25 years. The Alberta Oil Sands will contribute over \$901 million in terms of GDP to the Ports-to-Plains Alliance region, 15.5% of the entire U.S.

In the FAST Act recently passed by Congress, freight program funds are available to state designated Critical Rural Freight Corridors (CRFC). The Act allows each state to identify up to 150 miles of CRFC which includes principal arterial roadways or facilities; access or service to energy exploration, development, installation, or production areas; provides access or service to— agriculture facilities or connects to an international port of entry. The Ports-to-Plains Alliance Corridors certainly fulfill those criteria.

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## Say Thanks to Our School Board Members!

January 2016 is School Board Recognition Month, and Sonora ISD joins other districts across the state as the honor the countless contributions of these locally elected advocates for public education.

"Serving on a local school board is no easy task, particularly in today's climate of rapid change and financial uncertainties. These men and women are elected to establish the policies that provide the framework for our public schools. They tackle a difficult job and shoulder enormous responsibilities. Overall, they represent you and take their leadership roles seriously by attending lengthy

meetings; broadening their knowledge at conferences and seminars; and talking about the schools with business leaders, parents, and neighbors," said Ross Ashenbeck, Sonora ISD superintendent.

"Too often we neglect to recognize the dedication of these local citizens who work without pay. So each year the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) encourages communities to show appreciation to these individuals for their unfailing commitment to the success of all students. The staff and students of our district applaud our board members for their vision and voice to help shape a

better tomorrow," he said.

"Our children benefit every day from the hard work and long hours contributed by our trustees. Serving as a crucial link between the community and classroom, this board is responsible for an annual budget of \$12 million, 950 students, 175 employees, and 4 campuses. Please take a moment and tell school board members "thanks for caring about our children and giving so much to our community. Let them know we support them and their dedicated service is recognized and truly appreciated," Ashenbeck said.

## Lions Roar



The regular Tuesday meeting of the Sonora Downtown Lions Club was held on the 12th in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church. It was very exciting to have Kaden Cordell, Isaiah Lira, and Liam Yourgalite, who were named All West Texas Super Team, and Daniel Pechacek, who was named All-State Academic as our guests! We were honored to share a meal and fellowship

with these fine young men.

Our guest speaker was Sarah Teaff. Sarah joined us to speak about the new Alvis F. Johnson Home Health & Hospice Agency. The agency should be in full operation by June or July, but will be accepting clients in a few months. They are recruiting volunteers who will do various jobs for the agency, from reading, cleaning, or just sitting with clients, as well as

some administrative duties. Driving clients to treatments or doctor appointments, or the grocery store will also be a part of the volunteer program. Volunteers will be required to pass a criminal background check and complete orientation, which is on February 8th at noon, and will be two hours long. For more information you can listen to 92.1 KHOS on Wednesdays or contact Sarah Teaff at 325-387-2521.





## Wellness Ministry

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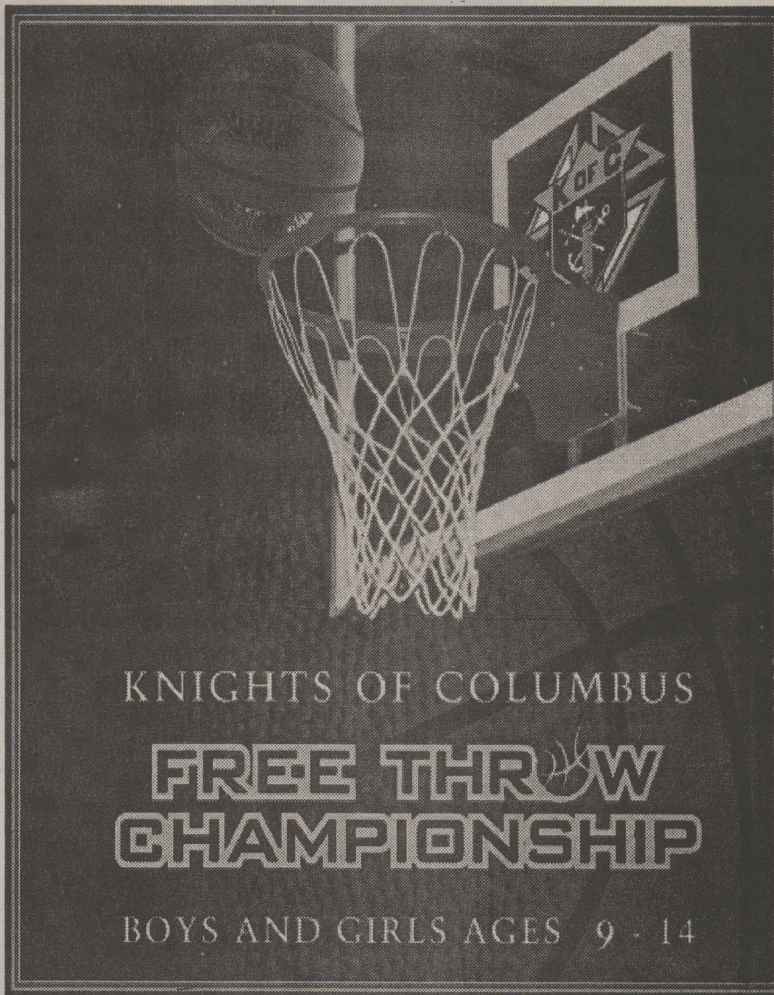
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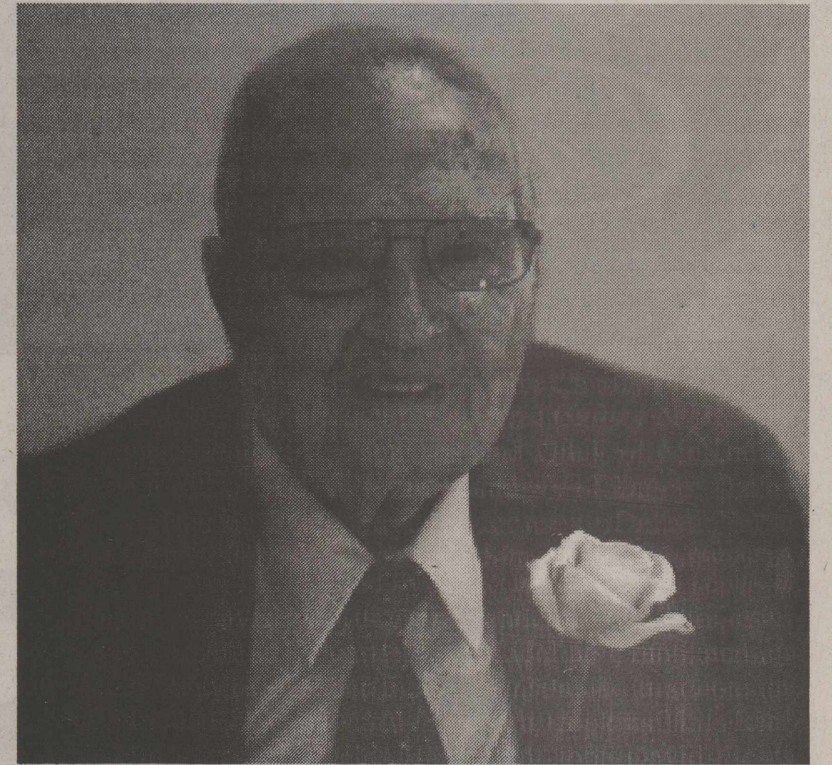
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## Obituary



Dr. Alvis Francis Johnson was born in Sonora, TX, on October 5, 1917 and passed away peacefully on November 27, 2015 in Dallas, TX. He was born to Alvis Johnson and Thelma Fields Johnson on the Fields family ranch in Sonora, Sutton County, TX. He learned ranching at an early age and spent his childhood roaming the ranch on horseback. Following graduation from Sonora High School, he attended the University of Texas at Austin and earned a bachelor of arts. He attended medical school at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and completed his MD in 1946. As an intern in Cleveland, OH, he met a student nurse, Patricia Craig, and they returned to Texas and were married on January 31, 1948.

Following his internship, Alvis accepted a pediatric residency at The Children's Hospital of Texas, now known as Children's Medical Center, in 1947. After several years practicing as a pediatrician, Alvis transitioned to specialty care and became the first pediatric cardiology fellow at the UT Southwestern Medical Center in 1952. When he finished his fellowship, pediatric cardiology was a new field with only about 12 other pediatric cardiologists nationwide. He remained in Dallas at Children's Medical Center and the Department of Pediatrics at UT Southwestern Medical School, where he rose to the rank of Associate Professor. In addition to teaching to residents and medical students and managing his pediatric cardiology practice, Alvis served as the medical director of Freeman Clinic, the only clinic for indigent children in Dallas, for eleven years.

Alvis and Patricia had five children and he loved spending time with them at the North Shore Club on Lake Grapevine. Alvis had a love for boats, slalom water skiing and spending time on the water. He bought his first boat in 1957 and had lake houses on Lake Grapevine, Lake Amistad and Lake LBJ at different times in his life. Spending time with friends and family and having large barbeque cookouts on the lake were some of his most favorite times.

Alvis retired from teaching and practicing pediatric cardiology in September of 1983 having served at Children's Medical Center for 32 years. Alvis and Patricia moved to Sonora where he returned to his roots and the land he loved, raising cattle and Angora goats for seventeen years. Alvis served as the Board President for the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital for fourteen years. He was instrumental in the creation of the Sutton County Hospital District and the Sutton County Health Foundation to establish a firm financial structure to ensure the future operation of the hospital to serve the residents of Sutton County. His work on the hospital earned him the Citizen of the Year Award from the Sonora Chamber of Commerce in 1998. Also while in Sonora, Alvis was a founding board member of Friends of Big Bend (now Big Bend Conservancy). After retiring again in 2003, they moved to Granite Shoals, TX to be near their lake house on Lake LBJ. In 2012, they relocated, once again, to Presbyterian Village North in Dallas, TX where they enjoyed socializing with their many friends.

Alvis' life consisted of many roles: physician, husband, father, grandfather, rancher, boat enthusiast and water skier, master rib cooker, expert hotcake and waffle chef, poker player, stock trader, and many other talents. He spent his 98 years living a full life and doing everything he did with determination and resolve. He loved the outdoors, tinkering in his shop, and was able to fix just about anything that was broken. Above all, Alvis was a teacher and he spent his life teaching all of us. For this, he will be greatly missed.

Alvis is survived by his wife of 67 years, Patricia Craig Johnson and five children: Beverly Johnson Smith and husband Tom of Coppell, Sarah Johnson of Dallas, Craig Johnson and wife Susan of Dallas, Becca Johnson Munsch and husband Joe of Heath, and Scott Johnson of Marble Falls; eight grandchildren: Thomas G. Smith III, MD and wife Christy of Bellaire, TX, Heather Smith Crane and husband Doug of McKinney, Liz Johnson of Dallas, Ben Johnson and wife Emily of Dallas, Hillary Munsch of Dallas, Austin Munsch of Dallas, Jordan Johnson of Marble Falls and Cage Johnson of Austin. Dan is also survived by his sister Nancy Groom Turner who remarried in July of 2015 and is survived by once niece and three nephews. Alvis is also survived by four great grandchildren: Thomas G. and Samuel Smith and Scarlett and Madeline Crane, and another on the way, Alexander Fields Johnson and first cousins, George Milton Hopkins, Mary Elizabeth Hopkins Hill, Betty Fields Smith, Francine Fields Hardeman, John David Fields, Jr. and Tryon Lewis Fields. He will also be missed by many other cousins, friends and colleagues.

Services were held at 1:00 P.M. Saturday, January 16, 2016 at The Church of Christ in Llano Texas. A reception will be held immediately following at the church.

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## Agrilife Research Sets Rangeland Prescribed Burn Training For February, March



SONORA – The Academy for Ranch Management will host two rangeland burning schools in February and March at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research-Sonora Station located on State Highway 55 between Sonora and Rocksprings.

“Texas finally received good rainfall across most of the state, resulting in more grass production than we have seen in several years,” said Ray Hinnant, a Texas A&M AgriLife Research senior research associate in College Station.

“During the summer we also saw an increase in wildfires as a result. These

courses will assist landowners in using prescribed fire for habitat restoration, rangeland restoration and wildfire mitigation. Recovery from wildfires and prescribed burning will also be discussed.”

An introductory Prescribed Rangeland Burning School will be held Feb. 18-20, Hinnant said. This workshop will provide an overview of prescribed burning and will include information on the history of fire, weather, planning a burn, fuels and fuel moisture, and equipment.

“The introductory school is for those interested in

prescribed burning as either a volunteer on a burn or to burn on their ranch,” he said.

The Advanced Rangeland Burning School on March 3-5 builds on the previous school, providing more information on fire behavior, fire effects, and planning and conducting a prescribed burn, Hinnant said.

“These schools provide the basics of prescribed burning and can be used throughout the state of Texas,” he said. “We have also had volunteer firefighters and land owners and managers in several other states take the prescribed burning

classes.”

The cost for each school is \$395, which will include meals and lodging. In addition, Hinnant said, there will be a \$45 facilities-use fee due upon arrival for each school.

Lewis Allen of Sonora said he has attended three workshops, with the biggest benefit being the thorough information provided regarding issues of safety relating to personnel and pasture preparation for a safe burn.

“The money and time spent have been well worth it to me,” Allen said. “It has enabled us to conduct 12 fires on our ranch, resulting in at least twice the forage production annually compared to the years before we began using prescribed fire.”

The Academy for Ranch Management is a program of AgriLife Research and the Texas A&M University department of ecosystems science and management in College Station. The Sonora facilities provide a teaching

laboratory for hands-on experience.

Hinnant and Dr. Charles “Butch” Taylor, superintendent of the research station, are prescribed burning board lead instructors. Other speakers during the two courses include Dr. Mort Kothmann, Texas A&M department of ecosystems science and management professor, and Nick Garza, an AgriLife Research associate at Sonora.

The Academy for Ranch Management has provided training for over 15 years and more than 150 students have passed the Texas Prescribed Burning Board’s course, which is the educational component to apply for a Certified and Insured Prescribed Burn Manager license.

“Our classes are designed to be limited in enrollment so the participants can ask specific questions about their ranch or land management burning and to have camaraderie with other participants with similar problems and potential so-

lutions,” Hinnant said.

Successful completion of both courses and passing the exam will provide the educational component to begin application for either a private, commercial, governmental or not-for-profit certified prescribed burn manager license through the Texas Department of Agriculture, he said.

Persons interested in attending either school should go to [www.agrilife.org/arm](http://www.agrilife.org/arm) for a registration form, and mail it along with payment to Jeanne Andreski at: Department of Ecosystem Science and Management, 2138 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-2138.

Hinnant also asked those planning to attend to send him an email at [ray.hinnant@gmail.com](mailto:ray.hinnant@gmail.com) so he can get them on the list. For more information, call Hinnant at 979-820-1778.

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## FSA Announcement

The FSA Office would like to wish all our producers and customers a very happy and prosperous New Year.

We would also like to let you know that our temporary employee's final date in the office was December 31st 2015. We thank Victoria Powers and Belinda Martinez for their work during their temporary employment with this office. **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

January 15th, 2016 – Final date to certify small grains, fall planted crops. Please call 325-853-3535 to make an appointment if you haven't certified your fall planted crops yet. There will be a minimum of a \$46.00 a farm number penalty for late filing

and most of the programs we offer require a certification to be on file.

January 18th, 2016 -This office will be closed in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 1st, 2016 – Final date for Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde producers to sign up for the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFDP). If you feel that you had a grazing loss during the 2015 grazing season and are interested in participating please contact the office and we will start the process for application.

February 26th, 2016 – Final date to sign up for General CRP Signup. Land must be cropland that is planted or considered planted to an agricultural

commodity for four of six crop years from 2008 to 2013, and that is physically and legally capable of being planted (no planting restrictions due to an easement or other legally binding instrument) in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity. Land also must meet one of the following criteria:

- Have a weighted average erosion index of eight or higher;
- Be enrolled in a CRP contract that expires Sept. 30 or;
- Be located in a national or state CRP conservation priority area
- We are not located in a CRP conservation priority area

## Students of The Month!



6th grade- Jina Dooley, 7th grade- Miranda Renteria, 8th grade- Kadee Petty

## Students of the Week



6th- Belle Aripse, 7th-Alyssa Martinez, 8th-Dakota Morrow

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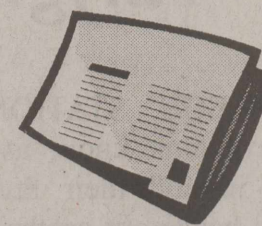
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Rodney Ayres Knight, Deceased, were issued on June 15, 2015, in Cause No. PR-1430, pending in the County Court of Sutton County, Texas, to: Kathy Rae Knight.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Elizabeth W. Wallace  
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Mallie Gilbert Turner, Deceased, were issued on July 13, 2015, in Cause No. PR-1428, pending in the County Court of Sutton County, Texas, to: Debra Jean Pogue.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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**Employment**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Sonora is now accepting applications for the position of Field Laborer. Applicants should have a valid Texas Driver's License, a high school diploma or GED. Applicants must be able to maintain and repair property of the municipality, be self-motivated and responsible. Applicants will also be required to obtain a water and wastewater license. All applicants are subject to a criminal background check. Applications can be picked up at City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950 and should be returned to City Hall. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For further information, applicants can call City Hall at (325)387-2558. We are Equal Opportunity Employer, who fully and actively supports equal access for all qualified applicants, regardless of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability status, Genetic Information or Testing, Family & Medical Leave, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law, and prohibits retaliation against individuals who bring forth any complaint, orally or in writing, to the employer or the government, or against any individuals who assist or participate in the investigation of any complaint, or otherwise oppose discrimination.

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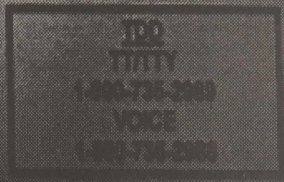
The City Council will hold a public budget hearing on September 14, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas. All citizens are invited to attend and provide the council with comments and ask questions concerning the city's proposed 2015-2016 Budget. The public can inspect the proposed budget at City Hall, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

**Employment**

The 112th District Attorney's office is searching for an Investigator who will handle all aspects of felony investigations filed with the 112th District Attorney's Office from inception through trial. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Receives and reviews cases filed with the District Attorney's office, prepares case summaries and written requests for information needed to complete the cases, with diligent follow-up to obtain the requested information; works with prosecutors on cases and responds to requests for various documents and materials; assists various prosecutors with all aspects of trial, including juries, evidence, testimony, and progress of cases; assists with special investigations as requested by the District Attorney; provides support to other agencies for investigations upon request by the agency and approval by the District Attorney; helps present cases for both grand jury and pre-trial hearings; issues subpoenas for witnesses and records; prepares and operates power point presentations for grand jury and trial. EDUCATION AND/OR EXPERIENCE: Requires an equivalent combination of education and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities with knowledge of Texas Criminal Laws and procedures. CERTIFICATIONS: TCOLE (formerly TCLEOSE) certification required. SALARY: \$50,000.00 DOE, Plus Full County Benefits. Usual working hours, 8:00 to 5:00, Monday through Friday; however, additional hours may be necessary as workload dictates. Applications may be obtained at the 112th District Attorney's Office, 400 S. Nelson (Judicial Building), Fort Stockton, Texas 79735, (432-336-6294) or the Ozona Office located in the Crockett County Courthouse, 907 Avenue D, Ozona, Texas 76943 (325-392-2025). EOE. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: November 13,

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## Turfgrass Researcher Works To Keep Athletic Fields Green Longer

COLLEGE STATION — Sports fans know as fall sets in and their favorite team heads out on the turf, the bright green grass begins to turn brown from the wear and tear and changing temperatures.

But a Texas A&M AgriLife Research turfgrass ecologist has completed a study identifying ways to reduce the look of wear and tear from athletic turf traffic.

Dr. Ben Wherley, an assistant professor for turfgrass science/ecology with AgriLife Research and the Texas A&M University soil and crop science department in College Station, spent the summer looking at the effects of nitrogen

and the fungicide Civitas on foot traffic tolerance on athletic turf.

The plots were Tifway Bermuda grass, which is an industry standard for athletic fields in the south, Wherley said.

“What we’ve done is traffic these plots with a Brinkman traffic simulator,” he said, adding they did either zero, two or four passes per week through the summer and into the fall. “What we’re trying to do is simulate athletic field traffic that would be equivalent to football.”

Past research has shown that two passes per week is equivalent to the amount of stress produced by one NFL

football game between the hash marks and the 40-yard line, Wherley said.

“So looking at these traffic levels of one versus two games a week versus no games a week, what we were trying to determine was the relative effects of nitrogen rate and also a biweekly application of a product known as Civitas, which is labeled as a fungicide but also has been shown to have some other side benefits in terms of various types of stress tolerance.”

The application treatment every two weeks included no Civitas, an 8.5 ounces rate of Civitas per thousand square feet and 17 ounces

per thousand square feet rate.

“So every two weeks through the summer we basically evaluated percent green cover, the amount of green coverage in the plots, also rating the amount of the injury we’re seeing in the plots,” Wherley said.

“Particularly we were interested as we got into the later fall months when temperatures cooled, daylight or solar radiation was lower and Bermuda grass started going dormant to see whether Civitas could prolong the green cover in the plots,” he said. “Representative of a football field getting into the late fall, we wanted to know if this might be used

as an alternative to over-seeding because of the benefits of the fungicide combined with pigment in this product.”

He said the results showed improvement in green turf cover and color from the Civitas application across all treatments of traffic, “but we had mixed results in terms of improved resistance to or recovery from injury with Civitas.”

Wherley said it was also interesting to note that there wasn’t a big difference between the low applications of nitrogen, a quarter pound per growing month, and the high, typically 1 pound per growing month.

“This is probably a result of the fact that the soils in our plots have a good amount of inherent organic matter and fertility in them,” he said. “The site is an old dairy farm pasture. So what this tells the turf manager is if you have good levels of soil organic matter, there may not be as high of a nitrogen requirement on your turf.”

Wherley said they learned more about the use of Civitas for athletic turf and hopefully through additional testing, will have a good recommendation in the future.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, THAT:

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

First Property: Town & Country Food Stores, Inc. c/o Stripes, LLC- Abstract 318, 1.726 acres, Section 91, HE & WT RY

Second Property: Dora Hilda Fuentes-Abstract 892, 1.21 Acres, Section 92, Sim White

A public hearing will be held by and before the City Commission of the City of Sonora, Texas on the 19th day of January, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers in the City Hall of the City of Sonora, Texas, located at 201 E. Main St., for all persons interested in the above proposed annexation. At said time and place all such persons shall have the right to appear and be heard; of all said matters and things, all persons interested in the things and matters herein mentioned, will take notice.

By order of the City Council of the City of Sonora, Texas this the 30th day of December, 2015.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Application is being made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a (BQ) WINE AND BEER RETAILER'S OFF-PREMISE PERMIT by ROAD RANGER, L.L.C., d/b/a ROAD RANGER #275, to be located at 601 HIGHWAY 277 NORTH, SONORA, SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS, 76950. Members and officers of said limited liability company are: Estate of Daniel J. Arnold - Member; Ranger Enterprises, Inc., an Illinois corporation - Member; Sunil Puri - Member; David J. Saporta - Manager; and Steven E. Brooks - Secretary.

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