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## Sold! Devil's River News Has New Owner

Ben D. Taylor and Sam C. Taylor of Sonora announced this week the sale of The Devil's River News newspaper to Randy and Kathy Mankin of Eldorado.

Mankin, president of Masked Rider Publishing, Inc., confirmed the deal which becomes final at 12 noon on Thursday, January 28, 2016.

The Mankins also owns and publish The Eldorado Success and The Big Lake Wildcat newspapers.

"I am delighted to be the new owner of the Devil's River News and am looking forward to spending more time there," Mankin said after the deal was inked on Monday afternoon.

Mankin has named Kimberley Meyer to serve as editor of The Devil's River News.

"Kimberley is an experienced journalist with a proven track record at the San Angelo Standard-Times," Mankin said. "I am pleased that she has joined our team."

Meyer and her husband Danny are moving to Sonora where she will oversee the day-to-day operation of The

Devil's River News.

Justine Word is also joining the newspaper staff as a receptionist and production assistant.

The newspaper office is relocating to 105 N. Concho Avenue, in the building owned by John Tedford. It was most recently the office of the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program. The building also housed the Radio Shack when it was attached to Tedford Jewelry.

Mankin is an experienced community newspaper publisher. He and his wife Kathy have owned and operated The Eldorado Success since 1994. They purchased The Big Lake Wildcat in 2005 and publish both newspapers under the corporate banner of Masked Rider Publishing, Inc.

Mankin is the immediate past-president of the Texas Press Association and serves as chairman of the group's board of directors. He is also the current president of the West Texas Press Association. Mankin's son, J.L. Mankin, is editor of The Big Lake Wildcat.

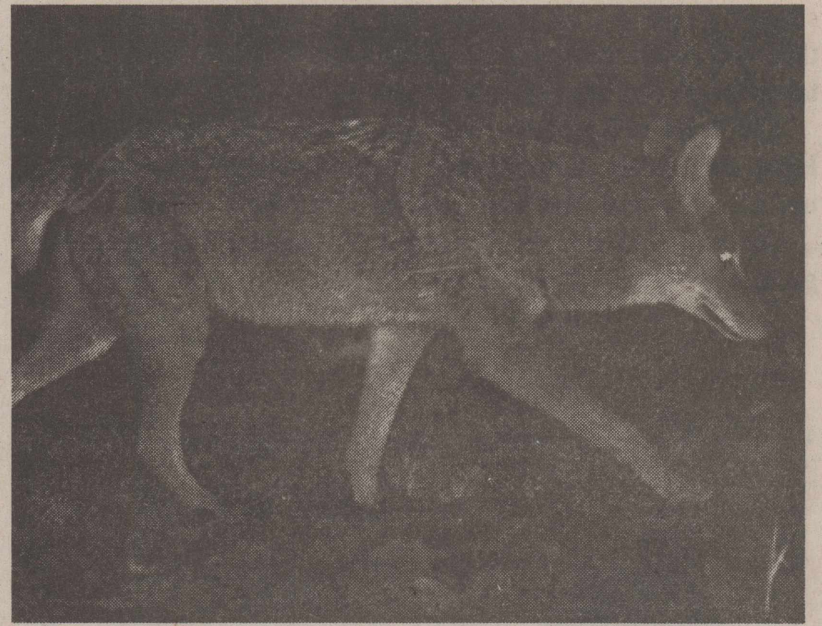
"The Devil's River News is an historic newspaper with a storied past," Mankin commented. "I am honored to carry on the tradition in Sutton County."

Mankin expressed his appreciation to the Taylors for keeping the newspaper open and viable during challenging times.

Ben and Sam Taylor have owned The Devil's River News since 2008.

The next edition of The Devil's River News will be published on Thursday, February 4, 2016. Mankin invites everyone to pick up a copy and read about the exciting changes that will be coming at the newspaper.

One of those changes will be the email addresses for the Devil's River News. To email Kimberley send a message to [editor@devilsriver.news](mailto:editor@devilsriver.news) or you can email Randy at [publisher@devilsriver.news](mailto:publisher@devilsriver.news). To contact the Devil's River News via telephone you can temporarily call 325-853-3125 (that number will change to 325-387-2507 no later than February 6th).



## Sutton County Predator Management Association News

This time of year, ranchers are looking forward to lambing and kidding season. So are predators such as coyotes and bobcats. With that in mind, let's take a minute to discuss the work of the Sutton County Predator Management Association (SCPMA).

The purpose of the SCPMA is to assist area ranchers, land owners and trappers in their efforts to manage the predators responsible for a negative impact and harm to crops, livestock and wildlife. The dues received from members are dispersed in several ways.

Bounties are paid on predator species at the following rates: \$100 - Lion, \$50 - Cub; \$70 - Coyote - \$35 - Pup; \$40 - Bobcat, \$25 - Kitten; \$25 - Red Fox, \$12.50 - Pup. The taking of these predators result in lower breeding numbers within the specie and consequently lower birthrates. This ultimately lessens the negative impact of local predators on local agrarian resources.

Landowners and their employees are afforded the opportunity to collect bounties on the above listed species if taken on their property. No bounties are paid on live animals and the harvested predators required to be presented to the SCPMA representative for payment of bounty. Also, only ranches enrolled with SCPMA (by paying dues based on the number of sections held by the ranch) may participate in

the bounty program.

The SCPMA also provides and maintains equipment for trappers. This helps the county with increasing costs of operations and declining taxable values.

Membership is available to anyone, and dues are currently \$30/section, with a minimum of \$50 per landowner. The SCPMA is currently operating at less than \$.05/acre. In comparison, Edwards and Menard Counties are at \$.15/acre, while McLivestock and wildlife. Cullough County is at \$.20/acre.

Since the Sutton County Predator Management Association began, the fiscal year has been April 1st through March 31st. Through the years, there has been confusion among members as to whether they are current on their dues. The association's fiscal year has now been changed to January 1st through December 31st to help members recognize when dues are payable. Due to this change we ask that you please remit your 2016 dues at your earliest convenience.

If you are interested, be aware that the annual general membership meeting for SCPMA will be held at 1:00 pm, February 29, 2016 at the Sutton County Civic Center. Directors for 2016 will be elected at this time.

For any questions, you may contact Association president, Lee Bloodworth, at 325-387-3048 or email at [scpma.sonora@gmail.com](mailto:scpma.sonora@gmail.com).



## Mexico Trade Grows Using Ports-to-Plains

crossings have increased by 118.8% or \$15.5 billion. This increase outpaces the 94.4% increase in all U.S. truck exports to Mexico. This represents 37.6% of all U.S. exports to Mexico in 2014. So in terms of the market share of total exports from the U.S. to Mexico, the PTP crossings have gained 4.2% of the market share.

The U.S. imported over \$67.1 billion in goods from all of Mexico in 2014. The PTP crossing processed over \$34.1 billion or 50.9% of those imports. Again, the PTP crossings accounted for an increase of 91.2% or \$16.2 billion since 2004.

Mexico is a growing market for various commodities.

Exports of live animals from the nine Ports-to-Plains states to Mexico have grown 81% to \$89.2 million since 2004. In the same period, meat exports have grown 206% to \$2.1 billion. Manufactured products classified as Electrical Machinery; Equipment and Parts have grown 71% to \$18.3 billion.

The Ports-to-Plains Alliance Corridor provides an alternative corridor to the congested Interstate 35 and Interstate 25 corridors. The border crossings at Del Rio and Eagle Pass, combined with Mexico investments in highway infrastructure in the state of Coahuila, support that alternative.



## Wellness Ministry

Imagine a stair case. You are standing at the bottom step. The person you WANT to be is standing on the top step. She is the ultimate version of you. She is living into her fullest God-given potential. She is confident and strong. She is healthy and prosperous. She is loving and kind. She is patient and full of self control. She is well-rested and energetic. She blesses and is blessed. When we start setting goals, we want envision the person we want to be, what that would feel like, and the value it would add to our life. That becomes your motivation. It's not a bikini or a finish line. It's the way you feel about yourself. All that stands between the person at the bottom of the stairs and the one at the top are the steps in between. What are the steps you need to take to become the best version of yourself? Is it to drink 1 less soda a day? Or maybe make 2 extra laps around the track? Maybe it's to eat 3 cups of veggies per day. Maybe it's to get to sleep by 10. You don't get to the top of the stairs by taking a giant leap. You set small, actionable goals that reflect the person you want to be and you start moving toward her, one step at time.

The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in Him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with His hand. Psalm 37:23-24

Chelsea Blackbird is a Certified Nutritional Therapist. FMI go to [www.thechristiannutritionist.com](http://www.thechristiannutritionist.com)

## Inspection Sticker Change

Sutton County is stepping up to assist customers during the second year of the "Two Steps, One Sticker" program for vehicle inspection and registration.

Beginning on March 1, 2016, the transition year ends, and vehicles will have one convenient expiration date for inspection and registration. Here is what Sutton County vehicle owners need to do from that point forward: Take a look at the date on your vehicle registration sticker then follow the two steps.

Step 1: Pass a vehicle inspection no earlier than 90 days prior to your registration expiration and retain your vehicle inspection report. To find your nearest inspection station in (COUNTY NAME) County, visit the Texas Department of Public Safety's (DPS) website.

Step 2: After your vehicle passes inspection, renew your registration online, by mail or in person at the Sutton County Tax Assessor-Collector's office, and your inspection status will be verified electronically.

Remember that your vehicle inspection and registration will expire on the last day of

the month that's indicated on your sticker

"Following the two steps will help ensure a smooth registration renewal process," said Sutton County Tax Assessor-Collector Erica Berry. "Before coming to our office or submitting your registration renewal online or by mail, be sure to pass inspection no earlier than 90-days before your sticker expires."

For example, if your registration sticker expires in August 2016, you can pass your inspection as early as June 3 which is 90 days before your sticker expires on August 31, 2016.

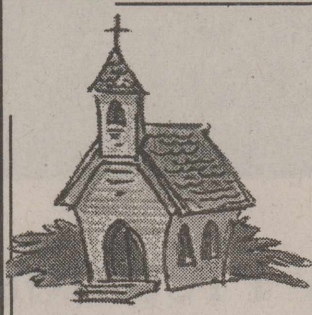
The state of Texas stopped issuing vehicle inspection stickers on March 1, 2015, as a result of House Bill 2305 that passed during the 83rd legislative session (2013). The Sutton Tax Assessor-Collector's office has been working closely with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to implement the changes required by law.

For more information, visit [www.TwoStepsOneSticker.com](http://www.TwoStepsOneSticker.com).

## Advancing to State: Knights of Columbus Free Throw Challenge



The girls advancing are Mariana De la Fuente, Montserrat De La Fuente, Alexis Gaytan, and Danica Jimenez. The boy advancing is Michael Samaniego with 22 out of 25 free throws!



### Sonora Church Directory

<p><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b> 504 Santa Clara 387-2035</p> <p><b>The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian</b> 319 E. Mulberry 387-2616</p> <p><b>Lighthouse Community Church</b> 1705 N. Crockett 387-9100</p> <p><b>St. Ann's Catholic Church</b> 311 W. Plum 387-2278</p> <p><b>Jehovah's Witness</b> 310 St. Ann's St 387-5658/387-5518</p> <p><b>Faith Apostolic Church</b> 120 N. Concho Ave. 206-0277</p>	<p><b>Church of Christ</b> 304 N. Water 387-3190</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b> 11 E. Oak 387-2951</p> <p><b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b> 404 E. Poplar 387-2955</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b> 201 N. Water 387-2466</p> <p><b>Casa Del Altarero Asamblea De Dios</b> 306 W. 4th St 325-226-1789</p>
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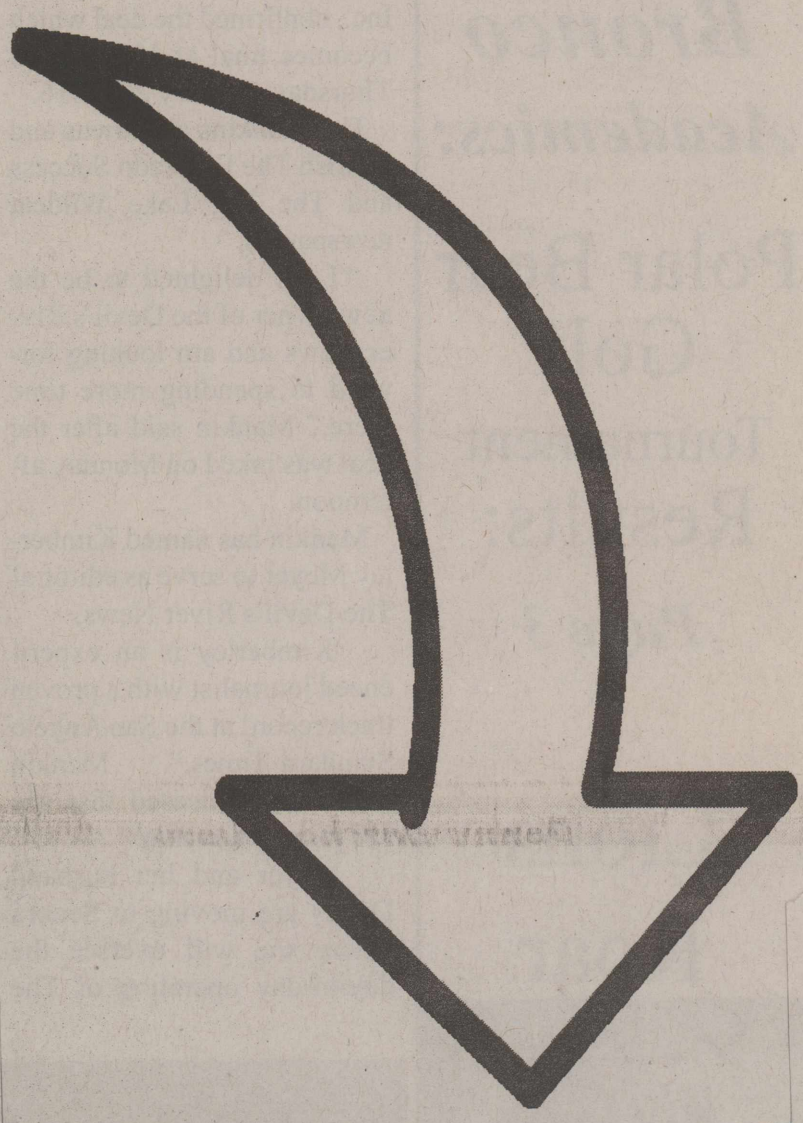
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## Polar Bear Golf Tournament Results:

The Annual Polar Bear Golf Tournament fundraiser was held at the Sonora Golf Club on Saturday. We had 62 golfers participate. We split golfers into 12 teams, which consisted of 5 to 6 players. The tournament format is 18 holes of Par 3's. The variation in distances made for a challenging day. Thanks to the Sonora Community our tournament was a success!

Tournament results:  
 1st place Team—13 under: Clint Cearley, Heather Cearley, Cole, Heather "Red" Cearley, and Gus Cearley  
 2nd place Team—9 under: (winning by a scorecard playoff) Darla, Steve Tackel, Gary H., Mark, and Frances  
 3rd place Team—9 under: Phillip, Jesse P., Aley, Joe San Miguel, and Arnold B.  
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## 8th Grade Girls Basketball

**By Coach Sheets:**  
 Your 8th grade Lady Colts had a busy weekend coming off the Colorado City win to competing in the Wall Tournament. The Lady Colts took on Wall during the first round of tournament play followed by San Angelo Lincoln. The girls fell to the Lady Hawks but came back to outh Lincoln by three points to compete in the Consolation game on Saturday. The girls' went up against Brownwood in the final game of the tournament. The girls' worked to improve defensively transitioning between a man and zone defense throughout the tournament! The girls' also worked to apply pressure to the ball in their own press! The girls' continued to have success breaking the opponents' press but struggled offensively and taking care of the ball. The Lady Colts left the tournament by adding one more win to their record and learning from the two losses in preparation for the final three district games left in the season!  
 The Lady Colts matched up against the Coahoma Lady Bulldogs last night. The Lady Bulldogs won the battle in the first game of the season after the Thanksgiving break and your Lady Colts were ready them a whole new team and

take the win on their home court!  
 The 8th grade B team started out short handed due to injuries and played with 7 strong! The Lady Bulldogs lead the Colts 4 to 0 at half. The girls' pulled together playing man to man defense and tied the ball game in the second half with 20 seconds left to play. The game ended in a tie making the girls' record 3-0-1! After the exciting come back the 8th grade A team hit the floor! The girls' came out aggressive from the beginning and applied pressure the entire game! The girls' were up 14 to 11 at half time and continued to apply aggressive defense the second half leaving the Lady Bulldogs scoreless during the 3rd quarter! The girls' lead the entire game and ended up winning 22 to 17; improving their overall record to 7-4 with a district record of 5-1. The Lady Colts will be looking to WIN the DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP in the next two games of the season! The Lady Colts will face off against the Reagan County Owls and the Stanton Buff to end the season! Come out to cheer these ladies on as they continue to improve and play with a lot of heart!

## 7th Grade Boys Basketball

**By Coach Barnett:**

Last night the Sonora Colts took on the Coahoma Bulldogs in a district matchup. The boys played well but at the end of the 3rd quarter, found themselves down by 8. They scratched and clawed their way back in the game eventually tying the game at 26 with 40 seconds left. But it was too little too late as the Bulldogs hit a couple free throws to take the game 28-26. The boys played hard and fought their way back with key steals from Elias Perez and Michael Creek. Michael Morales led all scorers with 12 points. And Caleb Nolen grabbed 14 rebounds for the Colts. Each player contributed to the game and I couldn't be more proud of them. This is the third game in a row that the outcome was decided by 4 points or less. Now it's time to rebound and get after the Regan County Owls!

## 8th Grade Boys Basketball

**By Coach Jennings:**

This past weekend the 8th Grade Colts traveled to McCamey for the Andy Andrews Classic Basketball Tournament. The first game on Saturday the Colts took on Rankin. The Colts came out shooting and never looked back. Jalen Lopez led all scorers with 11 points, while Wilson Johnson added another 9 of his own. Thanks to our big men Jansen Morris and Blayze Sykes for dominating down low and getting big rebounds. Kevin Ramos and Brock Ashenbeck shut down Rankin's offense with great steals that would lead to fast breaks. The Colts would go on to win 42-12. The Colts would have to go through the Iraan Braves to win the Championship. Building off momentum from the previous game, the Colts would come out and dominate the championship game, winning 51-6. Aldo DeLuna would come off the bench and lead all scorers with 14 points. Slade Dermody and Ethan Hamm would lead the defensive charge creating turnovers in our press that would turn into Colt points. Dakota Love and Thomas Talamantez controlled the boards during this game down low. The boys have improved every game and tonight we will take on the Coahoma Bulldogs looking to improve our season to 10-0. Come out and show your support for a great group of young men who are fun to watch!

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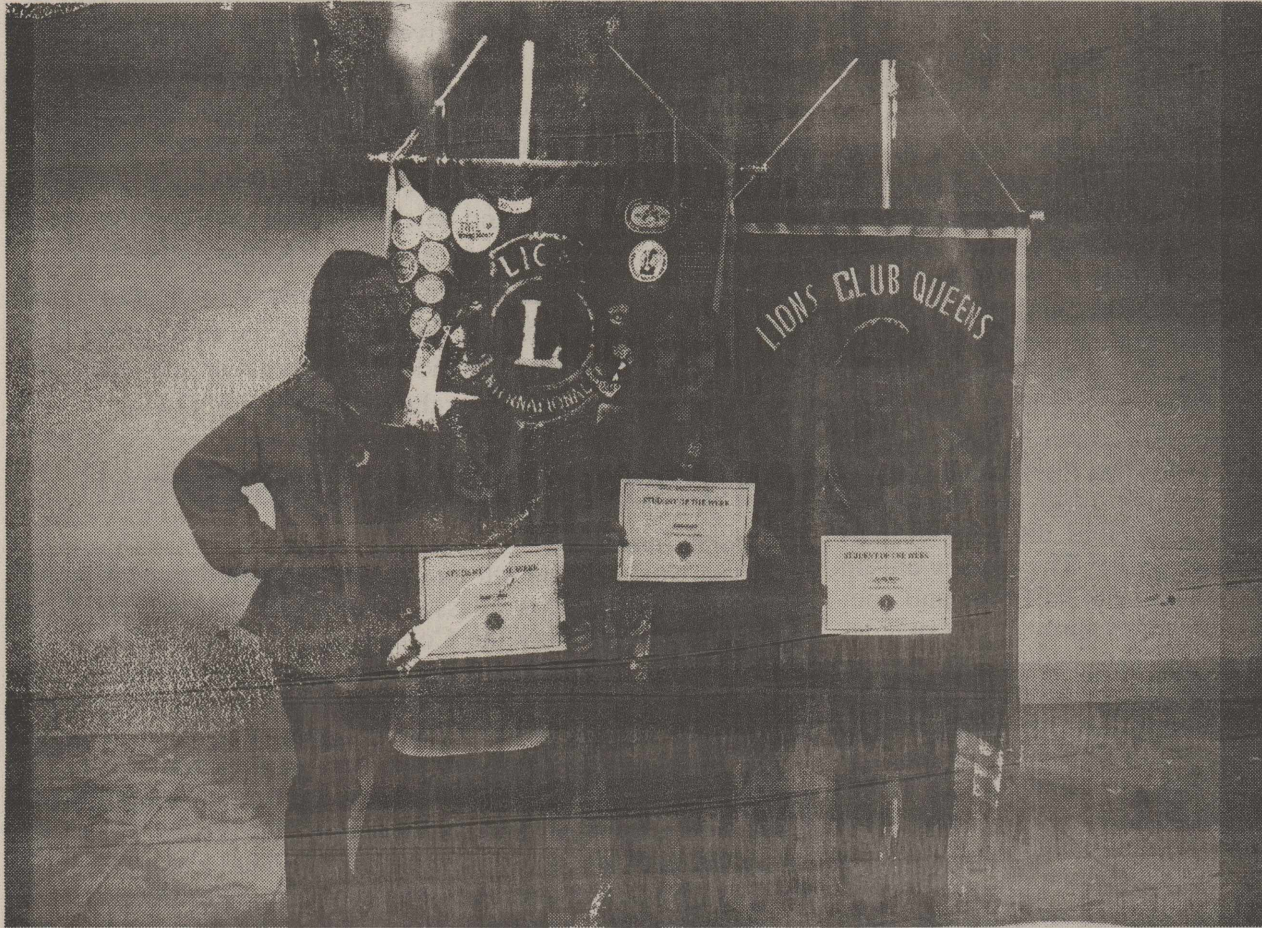
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## Lions Roar



The Sonora Downtown Lions Club met on Tuesday, January 26, 16 at noon, in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church. New member, Kimberley Meyer was welcomed, and is sponsored by Eddy Smith. Queen Shayna Edwards interviewed Sonora Intermediate students,

third grader Hope James, fourth grader Arely Ortiz, and fifth grader Koda Davis. A big thanks to Mrs. Aschenbeck for bringing UIL Students, Slade Dermody, Jansen Morris, and Sophia Gutierrez to read their poetry. All three students were medal winners in the UIL competition.

On February 5th, at 3:30, Lions Club will be providing a hamburger meal at the high school for all UIL students and teachers.

Our club continues to grow, please join us in serving our community.

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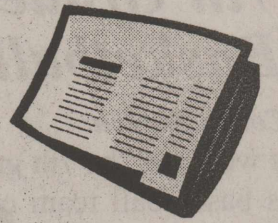
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**Employment**

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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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

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  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 1508  
Sonora, Texas 76950.

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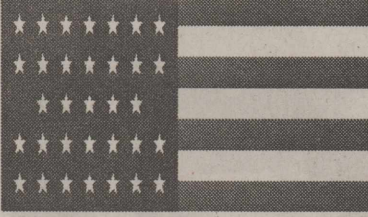
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Mallie Gilbert Turner, Deceased, were issued on July 13, 2015, in Cause No. PR-1428, pending in the County Court of Sutton County, Texas, to: Debra Jean Pogue.

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.

c/o: Elizabeth W. Wallace  
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Reliable transportation is a must.

**Public Notice**

**PUBLIC NOTICE BUDGET HEARING**

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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## 7th Grade Basketball

By Coach Barnett:

This weekend the 7th grade boys basketball team competed in the Andy Andrews Classic basketball tournament in McCamey. The boys first played McCamey in a close game that was decided in the last 20 seconds of the game. They played hard but was just not enough to beat a very good McCamey team. Elias Perez led all scoring with 7 points. In the 3rd place game the team faced a familiar foe in Reagan County. The boys played them tough and like the previous game, it came down to the wire. The boys were down by 8 with 3 minutes left in the game and eventually pulled within one point. They eventually ended losing by 4. I am so proud of these kids for never giving up and playing extremely hard. On a positive note, every single one of them scored points during the tournament. Tonight we play the Coahoma Bulldogs in a rematch that the boys are ready for. So come out and cheer on these boys!!!! Have a super bronco day.

## Students of the Week



PK - Carson Wardlaw, 1st - Keanu Hernandez, 2nd - Lane Trujillo, 3rd - Hope James, 4th - Arely Ortiz, 5th - Koda Davis



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## Updated Property Tax Information Now Available for Texas Taxpayers

SONORA — New and updated property tax information has just been compiled by Sutton County Appraisal District and is available now to assist taxpayers. This property tax information is current and covers a wide range of topics, such as taxpayer remedies, exemptions and appraisals, and has information for select groups, such as disabled veterans and persons age 65 or older.

"Whether you are a homeowner, business owner, disabled veteran or taxpayer, it's important you know your rights concerning the property tax laws," said Mary Bustamante, Chief Appraiser of the Sutton County Appraisal District. "You can contact us about any property tax issues with full confidence that we will provide you the most complete, accurate and up-to-date available information to assist you."

This includes information about the following programs.

**Property Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans** - The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, surviving spouses and surviving children of deceased disabled veterans. This includes homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost to the disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The exemption amount is determined according to percentage of service-connected disability. The law also provides a 100 percent homestead exemption for 100 percent disabled veterans and their surviving spouses and for surviving spouses of U.S. armed service members killed in action.

**Property Tax Exemptions** - Non-profit organizations that meet statutory requirements may seek property tax exemptions and must apply to their county appraisal district by a specific date. Businesses that receive tax abatements granted by taxing units; ship inventory out of Texas that may be eligible for the freeport exemption; store certain goods in transit in warehouses that are moved within 175 days; construct, install or acquire pollution control property; own and operate energy storage systems; convert landfill-generated gas; or store offshore drilling equipment while not in use may also be eligible for statutory exemptions.

**Rendering Taxable Property** - If a business owns tangible personal property that is used to produce income, the business must file a rendition with its local county appraisal district by a specified date. Personal property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property such as church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming.

**Appraisal Notices** - Normally, taxpayers receive a notice of appraised value from the appropriate local county appraisal district. The city, county, school districts and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district's value to set property taxes for the coming year.

**Property Taxpayer Remedies** - This Comptroller publication explains in detail how to protest a property appraisal, what issues the county appraisal review board (ARB) can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the options of taking a taxpayer's case to district court, the State Office of Administrative Hearings or binding arbitration if the taxpayer is dissatisfied with the outcome of the ARB hearing.

**Homestead Exemptions** - A homestead is generally defined as the home and land used as the owner's principal residence on Jan. 1 of the tax year. A homestead exemption reduces the appraised value of the home and, as a result, lowers property taxes. Applications are submitted to the appropriate local county appraisal district.

**Productivity Appraisal** - Property owners who use land for timber land production, agricultural purposes or wildlife management can be granted property tax relief on their land. They may apply to their local county appraisal district for an agricultural appraisal which may result in a lower appraisal of the land based on how much the taxpayer produces, versus what the land would sell for on the open market.

**Residence Homestead Tax Deferral** - Texas homeowners may postpone paying the currently delinquent property taxes due on the appreciating value of their homes by filing a tax deferral affidavit at their local county appraisal district. This tax relief allows homeowners to pay the property taxes on 105 percent of the preceding year's appraised value of their homestead, plus the taxes on any new improvements to the homestead. The remaining taxes are postponed, but not cancelled, with interest accruing at 8 percent per year.

**Property Tax Deferral for Persons Age 65 or Older or Disabled Homeowners** - Texans who are age 65 or older or disabled, as defined by law, may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit. Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred, but not cancelled, as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Interest continues to accrue on unpaid taxes. You may obtain a deferral affidavit at the appraisal district.

**Notice of Availability of Electronic Communication** - In appraisal districts located in counties with a population of more than 200,000 or that have authorized electronic communications, and that have implemented a system that allows such communications, chief appraisers and ARBs may communicate electronically through email or other media with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically instead of mailing.

**Protesting Property Appraisal Values** - Property owners who disagree with the appraisal district's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district's ARB.

For more information about these programs, contact Sutton County Appraisal District at (325) 387-2809. Information is also available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at [comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/proptax/](http://comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/proptax/).

## 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.

# USED & NEW MODULAR BUILDINGS

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