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Martinez Signs with TLU

Kevin Martinez, a senior at Sonora High School, signed a letter of intent with Texas Lutheran University on Wednesday, February 17th. In addition to his studies, Martinez will play football for TLU in the fall.

Texas Lutheran University is an undergraduate coeducational private university of the Liberal Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Martinez said that while he is excited to play football the ultimate goal is to become a trauma Surgeon.

He said he chose TLU because he is familiar with the area and received a lot of support from friends that still live there.

He said he is glad that he came to Sonora to finish out high school.

"Kevin Martinez was a joy to coach and we are extremely proud of him," David Sine,

Broncos Head Football Coach and Athletic Director said.

Coach Sine said Martinez accounted for fifteen touchdowns and rushed for 874 yards, averaging 9.93 yards per carry during his senior year at Sonora High School.

"Coach Padron at TLU is getting a fine young man. Kevin Martinez keeps the streak alive at sixteen years straight this program has sent a young man to play Football at the next level!" Sine said.

Coach Sine said Bronco Nation wishes Kevin the best and everyone will do their best to make sure the streak continues.

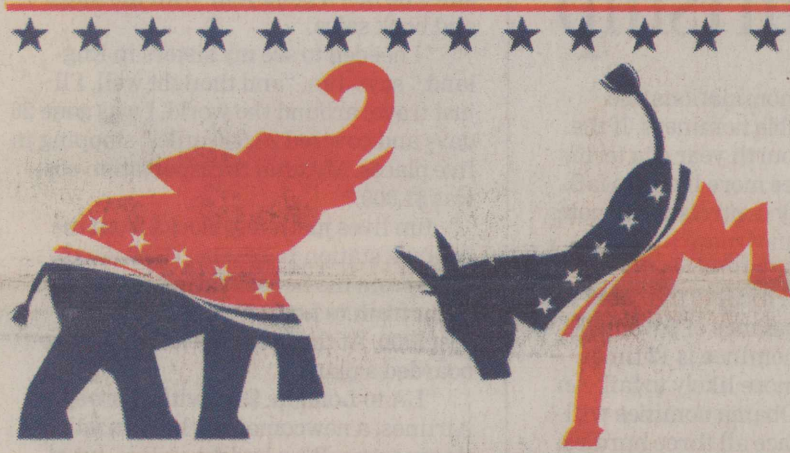
"Win The Day Everyday and Go Big Red!" Sine said.

Martinez will spend the summer preparing for college in the fall.

"I have enjoyed high school in Sonora," Martinez said. "Now, I am ready to go onto the next part of my life."



Kevin Martinez, senior, signs with Texas Lutheran University on Wednesday, February 17th at Sonora High School. JUSTINE WORD | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



Voters to Decide Primary Elections

Despite the fact that there are no local Sutton County races being contested in the Democratic Primary, those Democrats who wish to cast ballots in races above the county level may still do so. The change is a new one mandated by the 84th legislature.

County Clerk Rachel Duran explains that while the Sutton County GOP is paying for the Republican primary, the statewide Democratic Party is picking up the tab for holding its primary in Sutton County.

She noted that only a few early ballots have been cast in the Democratic Primary, with the bulk of those coming by mail.

Meanwhile, all local races are being contested in the Republican Primary with four candidates including Rick Bounds, Oscar Chavez, Joe Fincher and Cody Gann vying for Sutton County Sheriff.

Three candidates are running in the Republican Primary for Sutton County Tax

Assessor-Collector, including Erica Berry, Desiree Hall and Kathy Marshall.

Early voting will continue at the county annex through close of business on Friday, February 26th.

Primary election day voting will begin at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, March 1st and continue through 7 p.m. at the following locations:

- Voting Precinct 101 - Sutton County Civic Center;
- Voting Precinct 201 - Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital;
- Voting Precinct 301 - Court-house Annex Meeting Room;
- Voting Precinct 401 - Fire Station.

Local election results will be posted in the window of the Devil's River News office at 105 N. Concho Avenue, as soon as they become available. The local returns will also be posted on the newspaper's website at www.devilsriver.news as well as on the newspaper's Facebook page.

Broncos Fall to Hawks in Playoffs

The Sonora Broncos basketball team fell to the Wall Hawks by a score of 69-27 Monday evening in the Bi-District round of the State 3A Playoffs.

The game was played in the San Angelo Central High School gymnasium.

Kaden Cordell led scoring for the Broncos with nine points, including six from the field and a three-pointer.

Coach Cannon McWilliams commented after the game that he expected a tough game from the Hawks.

"We took on a good Wall basketball team on Monday night.

They were the winners of the district that came out of and we were the fourth seed. We knew from the beginning that we would need a little luck and some great outside shooting to be able to pull off an upset," McWilliams said.

The Broncos hit only a pair of three-pointers on the night while the Hawks hit 12 long-distance shots for 36 points and sank 14 two-pointers on the night.

Wall led 18-7 after the first period and held a 32-14 lead at the half.

Kade Creek added six points for the Broncos while John

Arrendondo hit for five.

Evan Shannon made a three-pointer while Michael Solis and Liam Yourgalite each scored two points.

"The kids played awfully hard but Wall shot close to 50 percent from the field and the Broncos weren't nearly as hot," Coach McWilliams said.

"I'm so proud of our kids and how far they have come from the beginning of the year.

The seniors will be dearly missed but they were great leaders for our younger kids.

They laid the foundation for the years to come."



Kaden Cordell dribbles past Wall's defense during Monday night's Bi-district game in San Angelo. The Broncos fell to Wall 27-69, ending their season. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

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University President Sets Campus Carry Policies

AUSTIN — University of Texas at Austin President Gregory L. Fenves has adopted policies to implement Senate Bill 11, the campus handgun carry law that goes into effect on Aug. 1.

Fenves adopted 25 policy recommendations developed by the 19-member Campus Carry Working Group that he appointed in 2015. Under the policies, certain laboratories, areas where pre-K-12 programs are held, and, with some exceptions, university residences will be considered gun-exclusion zones and employees with private offices will be able to prohibit handguns inside them. However, classrooms will not be included in gun-exclusion zones.

"Under the law, I cannot adopt a policy that has the general effect of excluding licensed concealed handguns from campus. I agree with the working group that a classroom exclusion would have this effect," Fenves wrote.

But, Fenves also wrote, "I do not believe handguns belong on a university campus, so this decision has been the greatest challenge of my presidency to date. I empathize with the many faculty, staff, students and parents of students who signed petitions, sent emails and letters, and organized to ban guns from campus and especially classrooms. As a professor, I understand the deep concerns raised by so many.

However, as president, I have an obligation to uphold the law."

The University of Texas System Board of Regents may amend the campus carry rules with a two-thirds vote within 90 days of adoption.

Texas Gateway is launched

Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath has announced the launch of the Texas Gateway (www.texasgateway.org), a free online resource library for educators and parents provided by the Texas Education Agency.

Morath said on Feb. 17 that Texas Gateway "not only builds upon the success

of TEA's online learning community Project Share but also expands access to resources — such as videos, interactives, formative assessments, professional development courses, and other classroom support materials — designed to strengthen classroom instruction to help every student succeed."

And, Morath added, "while teachers

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

The Legendary Buffalo Soldiers

Black History Month gives us an opportunity to highlight contributions made by African Americans to the greatness of the United States. One of the hallmarks of our country is our strong military tradition.

Hurd on the Hill



by U.S. Rep. Will Hurd

Having spent nine years as an undercover officer in the CIA, I had the privilege of serving alongside our men and women in uniform and it is with deep gratitude that I represent many cities throughout

South and West Texas with rich military histories. One such place is Ft. Davis, Texas.

New units that allowed African-American soldiers to serve in the peacetime army were created by Congress in 1866, and changed the course of U.S. military forever. The legendary 10th Cavalry "Buffalo Soldier" regiments served at Fort Davis from 1867 to 1885.

The brave men of the 10th Cavalry engaged in a number of battles during the Indian Wars, where they earned the distinctive title of the Buffalo Soldiers, and they fought alongside future President Roosevelt's Rough Riders in the Battle of San Juan Hill in Cuba, the bloodiest battle of the Spanish-American War.

There are many stories as to how they received the name. My favorite version is Private John Randall's, a member of the Cavalry who was attacked and wounded by Cheyenne warriors while escorting civilians. The warriors were moved by Private Randall's courage, remarking that the man fought like a cornered buffalo — fighting to no end, even when inflicted with multiple wounds.

Another notable Buffalo Soldier is the Honorable Colonel Charles Young. The son of former slaves, he was a man of insurmountable character that rose above the circumstances of his birth. Young quickly advanced in the ranks to become one of the most distinguished Cavalry commanders in U.S. Military history. His ambition and propensity to defy odds manifested at a young age. By the age of 16, Charles Young was the first African-American to graduate with honors from the white high school he attended in Ripley, Ohio. Colonel Young progressed to be the third black graduate of West Point, and the first black man to achieve the rank of Colonel and Commander of the 10th Cavalry.

These are just a few of the many examples of extraordinary heroism displayed by African-Americans who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Black History Month is a great time to celebrate and honor the significant contributions African Americans have made to the incredible history of our nation, but we don't have to limit learning more about the bravery of men like the Buffalo Soldiers to just February. Places like the Ft. Davis Historic Site are open year round and are wonderful places to learn about the richness of our country.



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Obama and the Senate GOP's Supreme Courtship

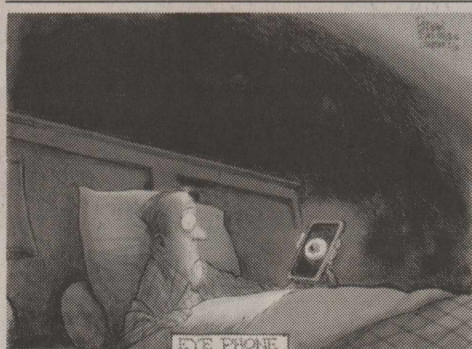
Even before Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell released his before-the-corpse-is-cold statement suggesting that the next president should pick Justice Antonin Scalia's successor, it was clear the Republican Senate is not going to confirm whomever President Obama picks. There's too much at stake. A new Democratic justice would shift the balance of power on the big bench. Facing the same dynamics, Senate Democrats would not have approved a nominee put forward by George W. Bush in his last year.

Indeed, without such stakes, Sen. Barack Obama not only voted against Bush's chief justice nominee, John Roberts, but also supported a filibuster — that is, he tried to block an up-or-down Senate vote — against now Justice Samuel Alito, who nonetheless was confirmed with bipartisan support. Taking on McConnell in the Washington Post, Minority Leader Harry Reid wrote that Democrats in the Senate "always guaranteed Supreme Court nominees a fair hearing and a floor vote." Well, not really. Reid also supported the Alito filibuster. Likewise then-New York Sens. Hillary Clinton and Chuck Schumer.

Supreme Court justices are supposed to be above partisan politics, but first every one of them has to survive a walk over the hot coals of naked partisan angling. The higher the stakes, the hotter the fire.

McConnell's unsolicited advice notwithstanding, Obama will nominate a replacement. He is, after all, president. But his nominee will face what Northern Illinois University political science professor P.S. Ruckman Jr. called "a textbook scenario for failure."

Ruckman crunched the numbers



for Supreme Court nominations and the factors that tumble nominees. If the president is in the fourth year of a term, a nominee is 10 times more likely to fail. If the opposing party controls the Senate, a candidate is six times more likely to

fail. If the vacancy is critical to the court's balance of power, a nominee is 12 times more likely to fail. An Obama nominee will face all three hurdles. Quoth Ruckman: "If Obama were to make a nomination and it were to be confirmed, it would be freakishly amazing, the most amazing nomination in history."

At a news conference Tuesday, Obama voiced his usual complaint about the "obstructionist" Senate. This is why Republicans should hesitate before engaging in feckless exercises like Sen. Ted Cruz's failed bid to "defund Obamacare." The more you go to that well, the less water there is when you need it. Obama didn't look disinterested when he tried to explain how his move to filibuster Justice Alito's confirmation was different from GOP opposition.

Ruckman is baffled at McConnell's failure to play the game. In polite society, you keep your mouth shut at least until Obama names the sorry sucker who will be thrown to the Senate wolves. Who knows? Maybe Obama will pick a consensus candidate. Or sprout wings. I think McConnell simply was cutting to the chase. He didn't say Obama cannot nominate anyone, spokesman Don Stewart noted. Everyone knows how this movie will end.

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Budget Trip Around the World

Jim Glendenning is originally from Scotland but found a home in Alpine. It's like he was planted there. He had a bed and breakfast for a while and has a travel

Rolling Along

by Tumbleweed Smith

company that takes people to Mexico to visit the area around Copper Canyon. He says it's safer now than it has been in previous years

mainly because the Mexican government has made it a priority tourist destination.

Jim has written books about personalities in the Big Bend, a Big Bend Guidebook that is in its 4th printing and a book about his personal travels. Jim, who got his education at Oxford, has little demands when it comes to traveling. He is single and looks for bargains. He has become an expert at budget travel, something he has practiced for fifty years. Late last year he treated himself to a trip around the world, saying he deserved it since he had a good year with his tours and book sales.

"I needed to see my sisters in England," says Jim, "and thought well, I'll just travel around the world. I was gone 26 days and covered 23,600 miles, stopping in five places. My total transportation cost was \$1,800."

Jim lives just a few blocks from the Amtrak station in Alpine. He walked there from his house and got on an overnight train to Los Angeles. The ticket cost \$100. At the Los Angeles airport he boarded a plane.

"LA to London. \$330 with Norwegian Airlines, a newcomer on the transatlantic air scene. It's a budget airline out of Norway. Three of its planes left LA at the same time. One went to London, one to Oslo and one to Copenhagen."

Jim says when you're traveling on a budget, you don't expect planes to leave at a reasonable hour like 11 AM. They leave at 2 AM. And you don't go to fine restaurants or hotels. I asked Jim where he traveled.

"I went to Oxford, England to see my sister who lives there, I then went to Tbilisi, Georgia. That's not the Georgia that we know. It's an independent country that used to be Soviet and is now free of the Soviets. Saint George is their patron saint. Then I went on to Calcutta, India up in the northeast corner to see the India I remembered from many years back. I needed to relax a little because this type of travel is hard work. So I went down to Kuala Lumpur and indulged a little with air conditioning and getting a massage and that sort of thing. And then it was a long haul, seventeen hours back from Kuala Lumpur Malaysia, to Shanghai, to Los Angeles."

Then he got on a train, went to Alpine and walked to his house. He spent two nights on planes and four nights on trains.

"Two of those were on Amtrak getting to and from Los Angeles. The other two were on Georgia railroads, when I was traveling from Tbilisi, Georgia, in that area between Europe and Asia. And I wanted to go to Yerevan, Armenia to see the Armenian genocide memorial, which I did."

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Commissioners Rescind County Burn Ban

Sutton County Commissioners withdrew the burn ban during their meeting on Tuesday, February 23rd. Judge Steve Smith said the rescinded ban is temporary and may be reinstated if conditions necessitate.

In other business, commissioners approved the financial report and library report.

Sheriff Fincher did not have anything to report.

Commissioners heard a request from Jim Polonis and approved waiving rental fees for the Sutton Underground Water Conservation District's use of the Civic Center on May 10th.

Commissioners also approved advertisement for a part-time employee for Road and Bridge as well as a full-time employee for the Cemetery.

Advertisement to request bids for the County Depository Agreement was approved. The present 2-year agreement expires on April 15, 2016.

Following a brief discussion concerning the use of Civic Center grounds for events such as the upcoming carnival and circus, the commissioners approved a standard rate of \$250 a day and a \$500 security deposit for the use of the Sutton County Rodeo arena, parking lot, pavilion and grass grounds.

Judge Steve Smith presided over the meeting with Commissioners Mike Villanueva, John Wade, Carl Teaff and Fred Perez in attendance.

The next regular meeting is slated for Monday, March 14th at the Sutton County Courthouse Annex.

Intermediate Honor Roll

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4th Grade

"A-B" Nayelli J. Aguero, Jared A. Contreras, Johanna E. Dooley, Cassia E. Hernandez, Emma I. Martinez, Jolene A. Pasillas Galaviz, Marcos Perez-Garcia, Caitlynn A. Ramirez, Luis A. Rivas, Agassi J. Rodriguez, Atalia Ruiz Acosta.

5th Grade

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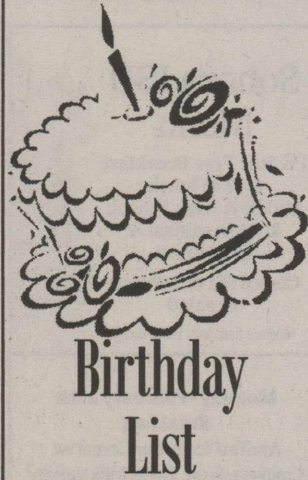


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Elementary and Intermediate Students of the Week



Sonora Intermediate School Students of the Week - Justin Lozano, 3rd, Samantha Tovar, 4th, Justin Vasquez, 5th. | COURTESY PHOTO



FEBRUARY

26th Trey Rushing, Jerry Northcott
27th Tommy Whitehead
28th Brianah Creek, Sam Tidwel, Kayla Fields, Tyler Smith, Bob Malone
29th Betsy Smith, Carrie Mayers

MARCH

1st Barbara Jennings, Wesley Dutton
2nd Staci Espinosa, Paula Hernandez, Mitch Hernandez, James Benson, Courtney Caruthers
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WEDNESDAY March 2nd
Chicken salad on Lettuce, Crackers, Chunky fruit, Chocolate chip cookie, Milk.
THURSDAY March 3rd
Beef tips w/Noodles, Tuscan veggie blend, Iced lemon cookie, Strawberries w/Peaches, Milk.
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FOR SHERIFF OF SUTTON COUNTY

My name is Oscar Chavez. I have been in law enforcement since 1983. I have been employed by Sutton County Sheriff's department for 22-years. I have a law enforcement master certificate and have 1,599 hours of training and education. I am running for Sheriff of Sutton County. I am running on the Republican ticket.

If elected Sheriff some of my goals are to keep educating and training the officers. I believe it to be imperative and necessary for their safety and the safety of the community. The more we train the better prepared we become for unplanned situations.

I plan to better safeguard IH 10 and Highway 277 North and South. Our presence needs to be seen and felt. The Sheriff's department and jail buildings are aged and need to be upgraded. Modernizing equipment and making necessary repairs are a plus for the people of Sonora. I also plan to modernize the dispatch office. The dispatchers are our life line when we are working in the field. They have first contact with the public and they are responsible for relaying important information to the officers.

I plan to work diligently with surrounding law enforcement agencies. I believe that the law applies to all citizens and all citizens should be treated equal under the law whether it be civil, criminal or be taking care of civil process.

I am proud to be a long time resident of Sutton county. If elected I plan to have an open door policy. I will do my best to represent Sutton County. I am asking for your vote and your support.

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Monday - February 29th
Breakfast
Muffin/Yogurt or Cereal w/ Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk Variety
Lunch
Chicken Sandwich or Beef & Bean Burrito
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Fries, Salsa, Seasoned Corn, Fresh Veggie Cup, Mandarin Oranges, Milk
After School Meal: Cereal, Milk

Tuesday - March 1st
Breakfast
Pancakes/Bacon or Cereal w/ Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk Variety
Lunch
Nachos Grande w/Refried Beans and Salsa or Hot Dog w/Corn Chips
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Petite Tomato Cup, Garden Salad, Pears, Milk.
After School Meal: Fruit, Raisins, Milk

Wednesday - March 2nd
Breakfast
Breakfast Strudel/Yogurt or Cereal w/Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk Variety
Lunch
Corn Dog or Stuffed Baked Potato w/Roll
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Baked Beans, Broccoli, Apricots, Lime Sherbert Cup, Milk.
After School Meal: Baked Chips, Juice

Thursday - March 3rd
Breakfast
Breakfast Burrito or Cereal w/ Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk Variety
Lunch
Country Pot Pie or Salisbury Steak w/ Biscuit & Brown Gravy
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Roasted Potatoes, Garden Salad, Fruity Gelatin, Milk.
After School Meal: Cookie, Milk

Friday - March 4th
Breakfast
Biscuit/Eggs or Cereal w/Crackers, Fruit, Juice, Milk Variety
Lunch
Cheese Pizza or Grilled Cheese Sandwich w/Soup
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NWS San Angelo Office Recommends Participation in March 9th Tornado Drill

The National Weather Service in San Angelo is encouraging all residents, businesses and schools across West Central Texas to conduct a tornado drill on Wednesday, March 9th at 10:00 a.m. The NWS in San Angelo will transmit a Routine Weekly Message through the Emergency Alert System (EAS) at that time. Because of the test format of this message, it may or may not activate certain NOAA Weather Radios.

Two Life Saving Safety Rules

1) Have at least two ways to receive life-saving NWS warnings automatically like NOAA All Hazards Weather Radio and a cell phone app. Some communities and TV stations offer timely warnings apps. Be sure to contact your emergency management office or your local TV station to see if this service is available in your area. Or you can go online

and search for your favorite warning alert app.

Don't depend on sirens. Sirens are used to warn those who are outdoors, and may not be loud enough to awaken you in the middle of the night. NOAA Weather Radio is like a smoke detector that can warn you anytime, both indoors and outdoors. This radio will produce a loud sound when a tornado warning is issued.

2) Have a safety plan ahead of time so you know what to do. The safest place to survive violent, killer tornadoes is in an approved underground storm shelter or in an approved above ground storm shelter.

The next safest place is on the lowest floor of your home, school or business in an interior room like a closet, hallway, or bathroom. Stay low to the ground and cover yourself with blankets, pillows, and/or mattresses.

If a tornado approaches and you live in a mobile

home, abandon it for a more substantial shelter. If nothing is available, lie flat in a nearby ditch covering your head and neck.

Tornadic storms can also produce flash flooding. Watch out when you come to a flooded low water crossing. Always Turn Around, Don't Drown!

When severe weather threatens West Central Texas, your National Weather Service closely coordinates with local emergency managers, volunteer fire fighters, law enforcement officials, SKYWARN storm spotters, storm chasers, and the media to help keep you safe. But you can be your best source for protection when you get a warning from the National Weather Service if you are "weather ready."

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your nearest local emergency manager or you can call us the National Weather Service at 325-944-9445.

Sonora ISD Board of Trustees Renews Six Administrative Contracts for 2016-2017

The Sonora ISD board of trustees met Wednesday evening, February 17th and formally approved six faculty contracts for the 2016-2017 school year.

About 20 concerned residents including teachers and high school students attended the public meeting to show their support and speak on behalf of Ken Wimberley, Sonora High School principal.

The board did not renew his contract for the upcoming school year.

The regular meeting took place in the Vocational Building.

School Board President, Dawn Cahill opened the meeting and following the invocation the board recognized student, Kevin Martinez, on his recent scholarship from Texas Lutheran University.

President Cahill opened the floor to visitor comments at which time Kevin Martinez, a senior, presented a signed petition, on behalf of the Sonora High School student body, to President Cahill. The petition included student signatures supporting the renewal of Principal Wimberley's contract.

Sonora residents Kristy Edwards and Frank Wamble also spoke in support of Mr. Wimberley's contract for the upcoming school year.

In other business, the

Board approved the following agenda items without discussion: Tax Assessor/Collector, payment of current bills, minutes of January 11, 2016 and the Board financial report.

The school's YTD total cash flow was \$3,720,237.62 as of January 31, 2016.

The board also approved an audit engagement letter with Eckert & Company for their annual audit for the time period September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016.

Members also approved a Notice and Order of Election as well as a Joint Election Agreement for the May 7th voting for School Board Position 2 and Position 4.

Board members approved the renewal of membership in the Walsh Gallego's Retainer program for legal services.

Aschenbeck reported that the school is still looking at bids for the middle school drainage project. He reported that the district has \$22,212.00 from a bond proposition designated for school improvements. The drainage project will help eliminate the current issues with flooding in the courtyard when it rains.

Aschenbeck reported on the completion of the 2016-2017 school calendar. He said students are required to attend 75,600 minutes and teachers, 187

days. He named two guest speakers, Jim Bob Salisbury and Larry Bell, who are being considered to speak at the upcoming Regent Service Center.

Before closing his report, Aschenbeck recognized Christina Baker for her participation in the Texas Regional Math Collaborative for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching (TRC).

Following a closed door session to discuss district professional positions and personnel matters the board voted 6-0 (unanimous) on the recommendation of extending administrative contracts for Michael Kissire, Sean Leamon, Brandon Duncan, David Sine, Stefanie Taylor, and Pam Hailey through June 30, 2018.

Board president Dawn Cahill presided over the meeting with trustees Cynthia Perez, Delyse Jaeger, Jesse Bustamante, Jerry Jimenez and Brady Johnson in attendance. Shanna Petty-Castro was absent. School officials present included Superintendent Ross Aschenbeck, Sean Leamon, Ken Wimberley, David Sine and Greta Ramsdell. The next meeting of the board of trustees is slated for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2016, in the Vocational Building.

Big Money for Little Hats



The Little Hats, Big Hearts Organization was presented with a check from the Sonora Bank and Trust on Monday, February 22nd. (L-R) Beth Burleson, Reena McGee, Ileand Baker, Jacque Baker, Pam Payton, Chase Moore, Juanita Estrada, JoAnn Hernandez, Estela Renteria, Rex Ann Friess, Melva Vallejo, Elaine Donaldson, Roy Jean Johnson, Joy Galbreath, Valerie Draper, Branda Smalling and Nancy Johnson.

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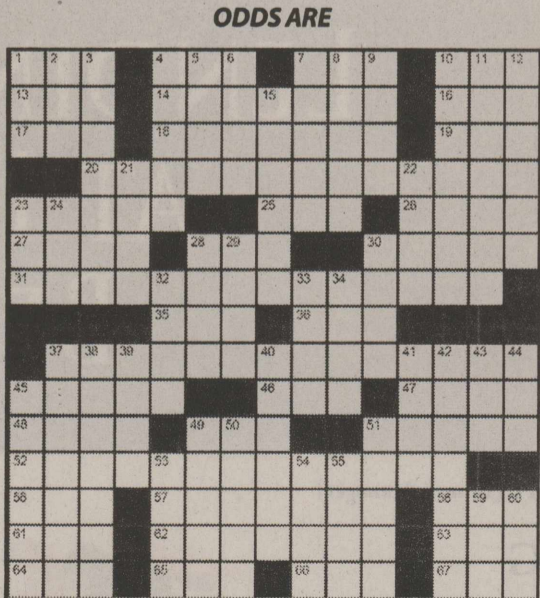
Weekly Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
1. "___ show time!"
 4. Graze
 7. Trickery
 10. Capp and Capone
 13. Vet
 14. Panting dog, e.g.
 16. Upholstery problem
 17. "I'm impressed!"
 18. Insulin regulates the amount of it in the blood
 19. Nashville-based awards org.
 20. "You choose"
 23. Meteorological effects
 25. Kind of grass
 26. Some small batteries
 27. Rush job notation
 28. "Alley ___!"
 30. Heavy water, for one
 31. Classic children's nursery song
 35. Remote abbr.
 36. "I got an ___ my test!"
 37. 1970 Jack Nicholson film
 45. Some grape sodas
 46. Put to work
 47. Orange juice feature

48. Harem rooms
49. Car ad abbr.
51. Hardly a he-man
52. 1955 Marilyn Monroe movie, with "The"
56. Chopper
57. Better
58. Publicity, slangily
61. Hula hoop?
62. Early MP3 sharing site
63. Ninny
64. Summer hrs. in D.C.
65. "___ luck?"

- DOWN**
1. Phrase of commitment
 2. Extremely
 3. Librarygoer
 4. Nips
 5. 1968 folk album
 6. ___ de force
 7. Football's ___ Bowl
 8. Change, as a clock
 9. Early smartphone

10. Extremely old
11. Citrus drink
12. Spread out
15. Cousins of squids
21. Slangy denial
22. Kind of stand
23. Pillbox, e.g.
24. Volcano output
28. Wind up on stage?
29. Earthen pot
30. All: Prefix
32. Nights before
33. Those opposed
34. Numbskull
37. Overnighted, perhaps
38. "Eureka!"
39. Workbench attachment
40. Body substances
41. Huge
42. Banquette item
43. Golfer Ernie
44. 007, for one
45. Key on some registers
49. "Homey!"
50. Full of energy
51. Unsmiling
53. Columbus ship
54. Goes bad
55. "Concord Sonata" composer
59. "Uh-uh"
60. No Clue



See solution on Page 7

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Girls take 1st Place in Middle School Track Meet

The Middle School Sonora Colts completed their first track meet of the season coming out on top in 3 of the 4 divisions on Thursday, February 18th.

The 7th grade and 8th grade girls claimed first place as well as the 8th grade boys in their respective divisions.

The 7th grade boys came in second place. The Colts competed very well in all aspects of the track meet, scoring points in every event.

The teams will be competing in Ozona Feb. 25th for their second track meet of the season.

Results 7th Grade Girls

Discus: A. Nixon 51'3, 3rd and S. Hernandez 46'9, 6th
Shot Put: A. Nixon 26'11, 2nd and S. Hernandez 25'6, 3rd
Triple Jump: F. Gonzales 27'2, 1st, A. Martinez 26'9, 2nd and J. Dutton 22'9.5, 6th
High Jump: F. Gonzales 4', 1st, M. Renteria -3' 8, 2nd, E.

Salazar 3' 8, 3rd and C. Mota 3' 6, 5th
Long Jump: C. Rodriguez 12' 3, 3rd and P. Velasquez 12' 1.5, 4th
Pole Vault: C. Rodriguez 6', 1st and A. Martinez 6', 2nd
2400 Run: P. Velasquez 11:29, 2nd
400 Relay: Sonora 57.21, 2nd
800 Run: P. Velasquez 3:11, 3rd and C. Mota 3:13, 5th
100 Hurdles: C. Rodriguez 20.64, 1st, J. Dutton 23.24, 2nd and S. Hernandez 27.72, 6th
100 Dash: A. Nixon 14.37, 1st
S. Alvizo 15.84, 3rd
800 Relay: Sonora 2:16, 2nd
400 Dash: E. Salazar 1:17.81, 4th, H. Ramirez 1:21.46, 5th and M. Renteria 1:22.81, 6th
300 Hurdles: A. Martinez 56.84, 1st
200 Dash: F. Gonzales 30.90, 2nd
Mile Run: E. Salazar 6:47, 3rd, I. Contreras 8:50, 5th and M. Githens 9:30, 6th

Mile Relay: Sonora 5:02, 2nd
Results 7th Grade Boys
Discus: M. Morales 79'8, 3rd
Triple Jump: P. Gonzales 26', 3rd
High Jump: C. Nolen 4'8, 1st
Long Jump: E. Perez 14'7, 3rd and P. Gonzales 13'7, 5th
Pole Vault: C. Nolen 8', 1st, B. Vyvlecka 6', 3rd and M. Creek 6', 4th
Shot Put: M. Morales 30'6.5, 2nd
2400 Run: J. Ruiz 12:42, 4th
400 Relay: Sonora 54.72, 4th
800 Run: E. Perez 2:50, 2nd
110 Hurdles: C. Nolen 23.28, 5th
100 Dash: D. Torres 14.97, 4th
J. Saminanejo 15.44, 5th
800 Relay: Sonora 2:03.68, 3rd
400 Dash: K. Flores 1:06.55, 2nd
300 Hurdles: P. Gonzales 54.84, 1st

Mile Run: B. Vyvlecka 7:02, 4th
Mile Relay: Sonora 4:36, 2nd
Results 8th Grade Girls
Discus: I. Samaniego 50'6, 2nd, M. Fernandez 45'1, 5th and D. Hernandez 43'2, 6th
Triple Jump: A. Smith 27'6, 1st, A. Gonzales 25'5.5, 3rd
High Jump: D. Jimenez 3'10, 3rd and D. Lopez 3'6, 6th
Long Jump: A. Zook 14'2, 1st and A. Gonzales 13'1, 3rd
Pole Vault: A. Smith 6'6, 2nd
Shot Put: I. Samaniego 23'4.5, 3rd
2400 Run: T. Vickers 12:09, 3rd
400 Relay: Sonora 1:01.31, 3rd
800 Run: A. Palacios 3:20, 4th and D. Seaton 3:27, 6th
100 Hurdles: A. Zook 20.71, 2nd, H. Daniel 21.92, 4th and D. Jimenez 25.72, 5th
100 Dash: A. Smith 14.03, 2nd

CORRECTION

The information in the City Council story in the February 11th issue was incorrectly stated. The Devil's River News reported that the City Council approved the de-annexation of Loma Alta and Sinaloa. Council members approved adding de-annexation of Loma Alta and Sinaloa to the May ballot. The Devil's River News regrets the error and any confusion it may have caused.

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Beginning on Feb. 29th teams and individuals will start counting their steps and the program begins!

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If you need help registering or have any questions please contact Jessica Stapper CEA-FCS at 387-3604, by email jstapper@ag.tamu.edu, or come by the Sutton County Extension Office.

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Sonora Tennis Team Takes Second Place at Reagan County High School Tennis Tournament

On Friday, February 19, the Sonora Tennis Team began their season with a bang.

All team members improved as the day went on.

Tyler Hampton and Sky Jennings won first place in girls' doubles.

They shook off the rust of only being out to tennis for three days by easily defeating a team from Crane in the finals, 6-1, 6-1.

The team of Bianca Fay and Noelia Tovar made the consolation finals.

In girls' singles, Shelby Aschenbeck won second place, falling in the finals to Arispe from Eldorado, a state qualifier from last year.

Mary Kyle Johnson lost a tough three set match to start the day, but rebounded to make it to the consolation finals.

In mixed doubles, Esteban Marin and Carly Brown took fourth place and the team of Audry Nolen and Carlos Regino lost the consolation finals in a tie breaker.

In boys' singles, Brian Van Winkle won consolation and Sergio Solis lost in the second round after taking an easy win in round one.

In boys' doubles, the team of Carlos Mendoza and

Dylan Taylor fell in a close first round match before rebounding to make the consolation finals.

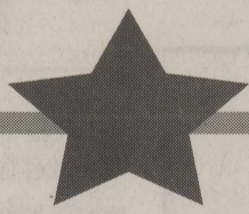
Team mates JD Garza and Marcos Talamantez won their first match before falling in the second round.

The Sonora team came in second place behind host team Reagan County.

Players are preparing for their upcoming match in Fort Stockton on February 26th and 27th.

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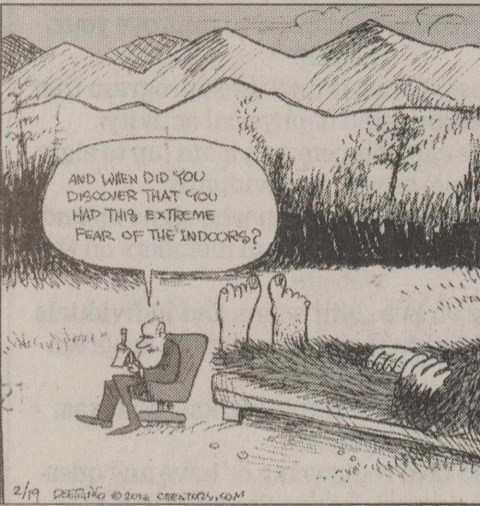
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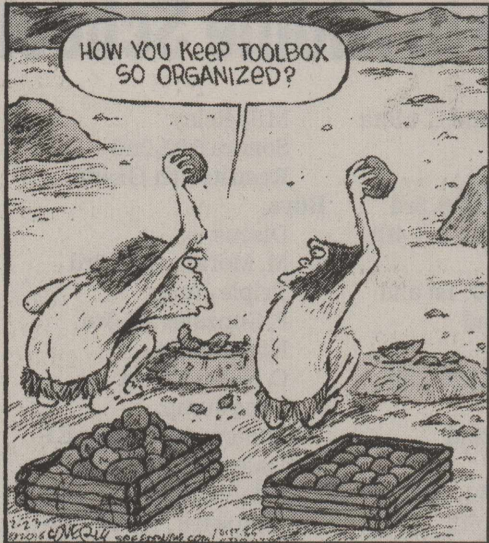
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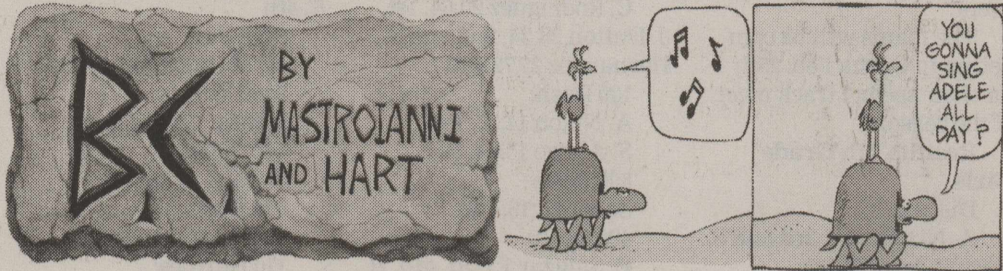
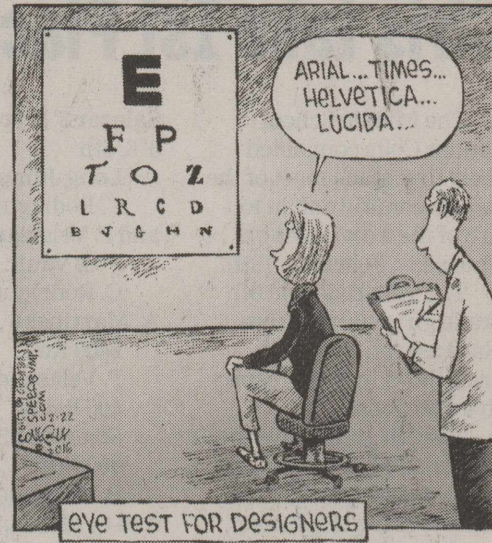
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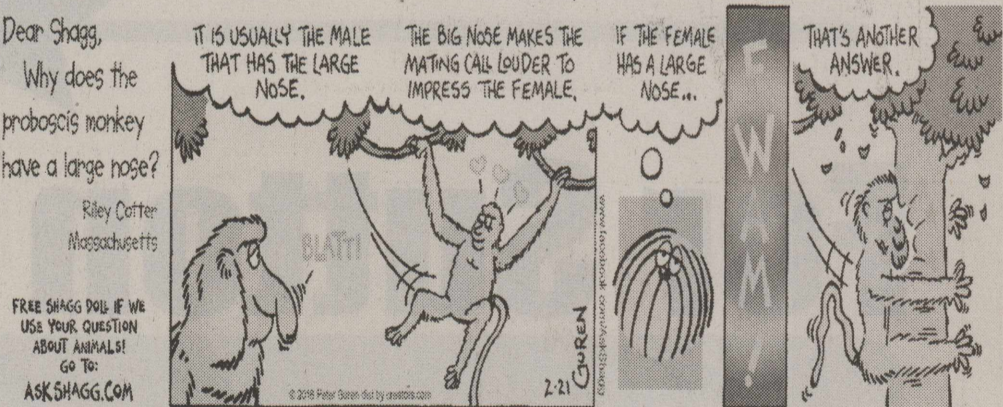
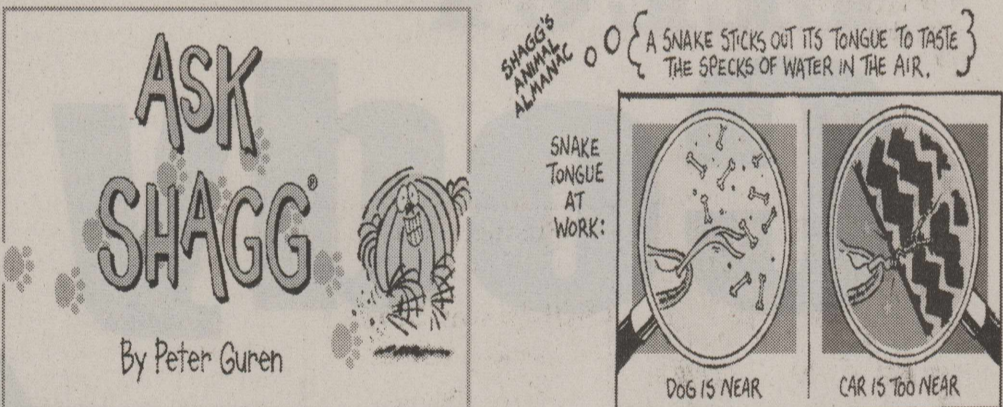
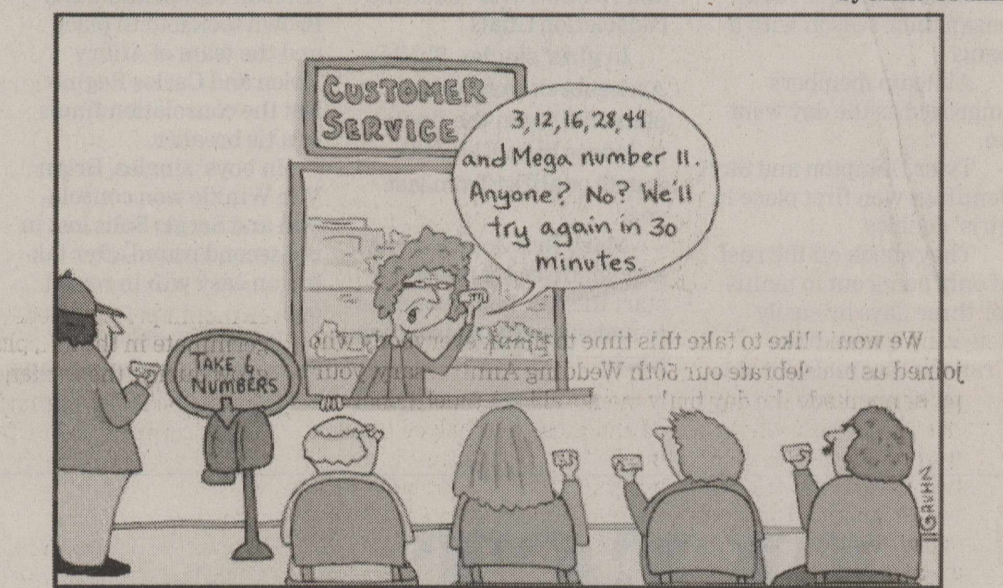
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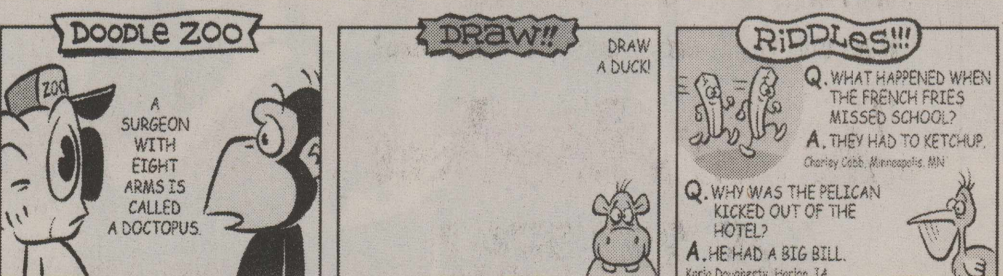
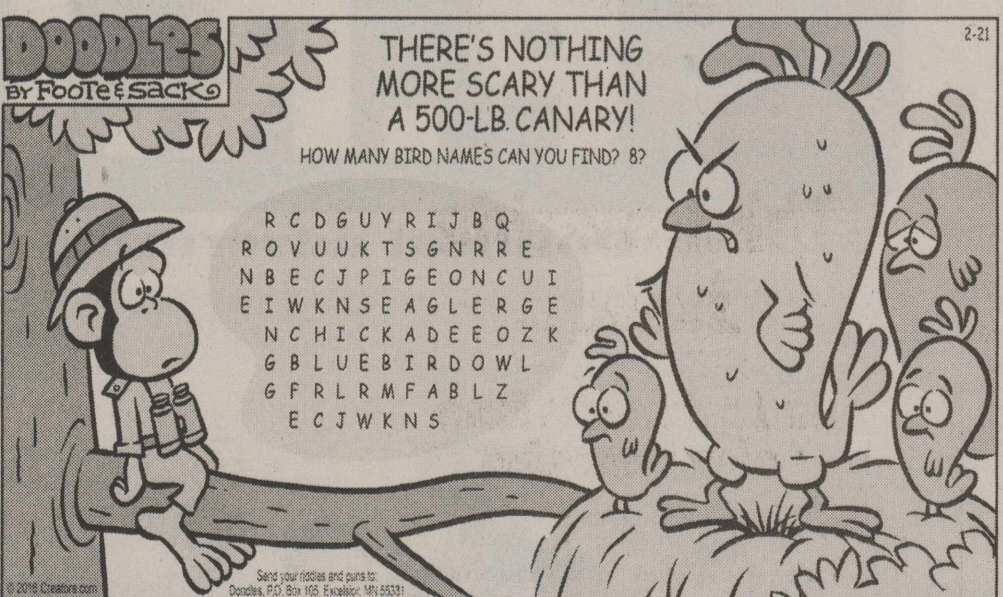
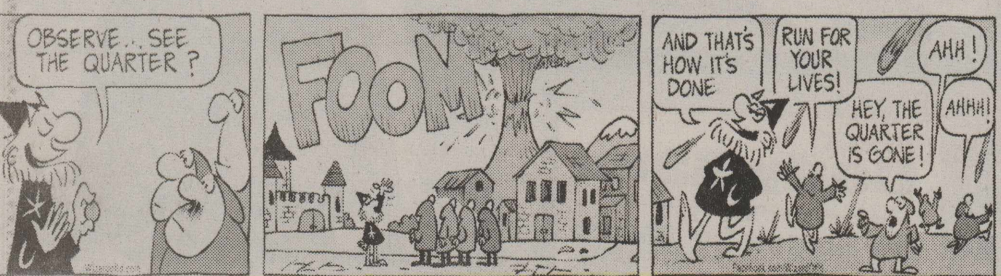
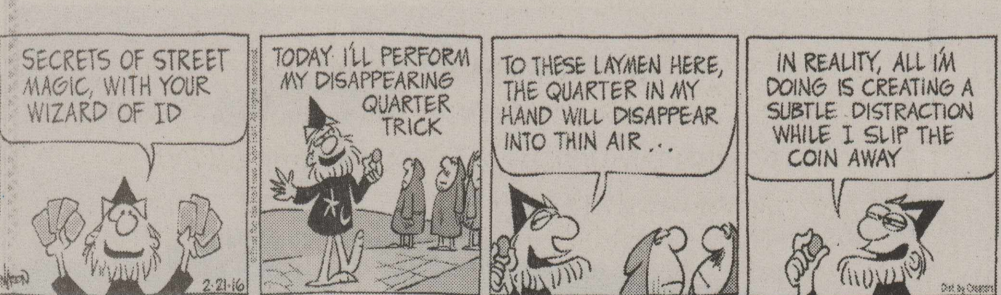
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OBITUARIES

Billy Wayne Yosten February 3, 1972 - February 9, 2016

Sonora resident Billy Wayne Yosten died on February 9, 2016.

He was a driver for Pike's Peak Energy Services and died from his injuries following an early morning, a single passenger, roll-over accident just outside of Ozona.

He had lived in Sonora for the past 4-years and was previously employed by Carl J Cahill Inc.

Billy is remembered by

everyone he met. People would say "He's always so nice, he seems like a really good man."

He was born on February 3, 1972.

He is survived by his loving, loyal girlfriend (spouse) Angela Kaye Kreneck.

He is also survived by a half-sister from San Antonio, a brother David, 2 adult daughters and a son who lives in New Mexico.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone that joined us and our parents Cale and Maggie Mesa in celebrating their 50th Golden anniversary on February 13th. They have been beyond blessed with those in attendance, near and far. A big thank you to those that helped set up and serve and helped in many other ways. Parents are very special; we only have one set, hold on to them and cherish every moment you spend with them. Bless you all.

Thank you,
Florie Gonzales and Family
Ruben Mesa and Family
Rita Mendez and Family



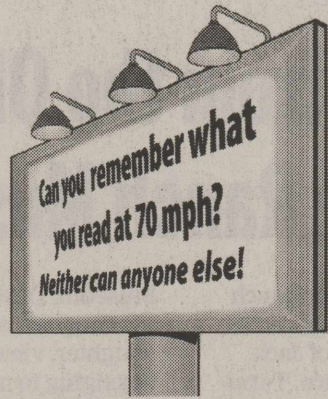
We would like to take this time to thank everybody who joined us to celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary, your presence made the day truly memorable. A much generous thanks to those who traveled and those that helped in one way or another. A special thanks to our children Florie & husband Frankie, grandson Daniel Gonzales, Ruben and wife Maria, granddaughter Selena Mesa and great-grand daughter Jossi Campa, grandson Chacho and wife Deatra, great-grandson Nicholas Mesa, Rita and Husband Hector Mendez, granddaughter Krystianna and husband Austin, great-grandsons Cason, Korbin, and Kade Castaneda, granddaughter Kali and grandson Hector Mendez. God Bless.

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John Quincy Adams May 23, 1949 - February 16, 2016

John Quincy Adams passed away on February 16, 2016 in his home in Roosevelt, Texas.

He was the son of Eugene & Delores Adams. John is survived by his wife Susie and daughter Johnna Dorman.

He is also survived by two granddaughters Reese Riley Thibodeau & Quincy Kale Dorman and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

John was born on May 23, 1949 in San Angelo, Texas. He graduated from Sonora High School and attended Angelo State University as well as Texas Tech.

He worked hard in the oilfield service industry for over 30 years and retired from Baker Hughes in May 2013.

Nothing could surpass

John's love for family and friends. His door was always open with a cup of coffee and warm friendly smile.

John loved the great outdoors not to mention his love for fishing, all kinds from bass to redfish. He enjoyed golfing, auctioneering, singing and loved to go to the mountains to smell the pine trees. He was an active member in Cedar Hill Church of Christ in Roosevelt.

Graveside services were held on Friday, February 19th, at Cedar Hill Cemetery near Roosevelt Texas.

Services were conducted by Kerbow Funeral Home of Sonora with Clyde Dukes officiating.

A family visitation and lunch, at the Cedar Hill Church of Christ followed the service.

SONORA WEATHER FORECAST

Thu 2/25	Fri 2/26	Sat 2/27	Sun 2/28	Mon 2/29
69/36 Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	70/43 Sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.	72/48 Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	75/48 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	75/41 More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 6:37 PM	Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 6:38 PM	Sunrise: 7:11 AM Sunset: 6:39 PM	Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 6:40 PM	Sunrise: 7:09 AM Sunset: 6:40 PM

Time to Control Winter Weeds

Though we haven't seen an abundance of rainfall this winter, we have certainly had enough to help winter weeds. This is true both for rangeland as well as home landscapes.

Much of the vegetation that grows in the winter is annuals. Winter annual broadleaf weeds complete their life cycle within a 12-month period. Seeds germinate in the fall; plants grow during the winter, and flower the following spring.

Sometimes we like these annuals, and sometimes we don't. Let's look at 3 examples.

If the plant produces attractive flowers, we call them wildflowers and actually plant them. An example is Texas bluebonnets which are annual plants that germinate in the fall and grow throughout the winter. They usually bloom around the end of March. In mid-May, they form a seedpod. Though they offer no grazing value, they are showy and we enjoy them.

Not so with Western bitterweed, a cool season annual that can reach 2 feet in height. This plant has a bitter taste and a distinct odor. Bright yellow flowers bloom from April through June and occasionally in the fall. With adequate rainfall, it is common to see pastures turn yellow with this plant in the spring. Western bitterweed is highly toxic to sheep, especially during drought. It is most common where soil disturbance or overgrazing has occurred. Livestock managers seek to control it.

Some winter annuals, like Bur Clover, are a mixed bag. This cool-season annual can be 12 inches tall. The flower cluster consists of 3-5 small yellow flowers which bloom in early spring. Bur clover has been grown as a winter feed source and is valuable deer forage, however,

overgrazing can cause bloat in livestock. The fruit has prickles with hooked tips, and these burs accumulate in the fleeces of sheep and Angora goats. Homeowners also dislike the plant because it likewise catches in the fur of pets.

If you consider these to be weeds, the best way to control them is by maintaining grass cover. Bare ground offers an opportunity for these plants to take hold.

Herbicidal control measures implemented in the fall are often more effective than those applied in the spring once flowering has initiated. Young, actively growing plants are more readily controlled than fully mature, flowering plants. If not controlled, plants will produce seed in the spring that will remain in the soil until environmental conditions are appropriate for germination. Controlling winter annual broadleaf weeds before seed set will reduce future weed problems.

For herbicide recommendations or more information, contact the County Extension Office.

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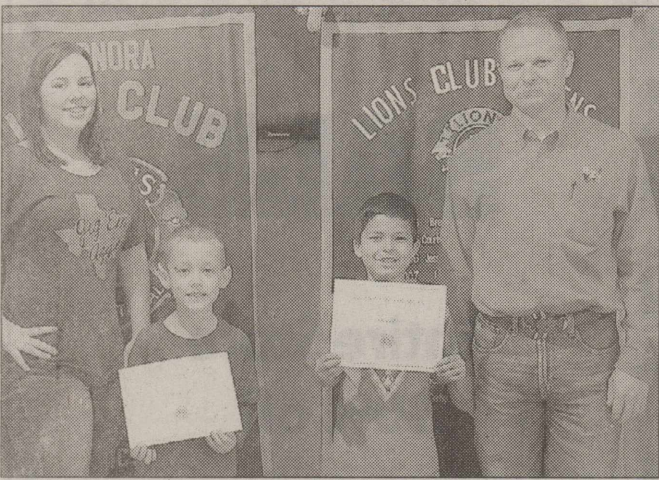
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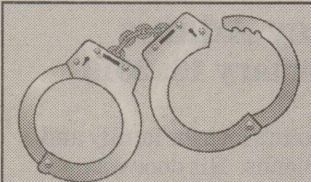
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Sonora Elementary Students of the Week were recognized during Tuesday's Lion's Club Meeting on February 23rd (L-R) Mrs. Jones, Eian Duncan, 1st, and Steven Robles, 2nd, and Mr. Kissire. | COURTESY PHOTO



The Blotter

The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Sonora Police Department. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the police department, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Accidents of major impact may be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ARRESTS

FEBRUARY 20 • Martha Borrego Alfaro, 48 year old female. Offense - Public Intoxication.
 • Maximiano Garunazy Reyes, 48 year old male. Offense - DWI and Driving While License Invalid.
 • Jorge Rolando Gaytan, 23 year old male. Offense - Public Intoxication.

INCIDENTS

FEBRUARY 15 - 5:18 AM • Caller reported disturbance on 700 block of St. Ann's. Officer responded.
 9:50 AM • Agency requested assistance on 100 block of Deerwood Drive. Officer responded.
 11:38 AM • Caller reported animal on 500 block of W. Oak. Officer responded.
 4:21 PM • Caller requested officer at local business. Officer responded.
 4:35 PM • Caller requested officer escort for High School Basketball Team. Officer responded.
 11:52 PM • Agency requested assistance along HWY 277 South. Officer responded.
FEBRUARY 16 - 2:04 PM • Agency requested assistance on 300 block of New Street. Officer responded.
 2:55 PM • Caller requested assistance on 200 block of Rock Avenue. Officer responded.
 11:32 PM • Caller reported disturbance on St.

Ann's and Calle de Castillo. Officer responded.

FEBRUARY 17 - 11:46 AM • Agency requested assistance on College and S. Crockett. Officer responded.

3:40 PM • Caller reported animal and requested assistance from ACO on College and Glasscock. Officer responded.

6:02 PM • Caller reported welfare concern on 100 block of Deerwood Drive. Officer responded.

7:50 PM • 9-1-1 follow up call Sonora Elementary. Officer responded.

FEBRUARY 18 - 9:11 AM • Caller requested assistance on Martin and Tayloe. Officer responded.

9:35 AM • Caller reported fallen cable on 300 block of E. 2nd. Verizon was notified.

3:41 PM • Agency requested assistance on 200 block of Rock Avenue. Officer responded.

7:31 PM • Caller reported accident/wreck on MM 399 I-10. Officer responded and assisted with traffic control.

9:09 PM • Caller reported accident/wreck on MM 401 I-10. Officer responded and assisted with traffic control.

FEBRUARY 19 - 8:01 AM • Caller requested assistance on 800 block of St. Ann's. Officer responded.

4:33 PM • Caller requested officer on Savell and Cornell. Officer responded.

5:40 PM • Caller reported suspicious person near local business. Officer responded.

7:03 PM • Caller reported welfare concern on 300 block of Paseo del Norte. Officer responded.

8:05 PM • Caller requested assistance on 400 block of E. Oak. Officer responded.

8:44 PM • Caller reported disturbance on 400 block of W. 2nd street. Officer responded.

8:50 PM • Agency requested assistance on 1600 block of Glasscock Avenue. Officer responded.

FEBRUARY 20 - 12:03 AM • Caller reported loud music on 500 block of W. Oak. Officer responded.

5:07 AM • Caller reported family violence on 300 block of Wardlaw. Officers responded.

6:49 AM • Agency requested assistance on 1600 block of Glasscock Avenue. Officer responded.

7:31 AM • Caller requested assistance on 500 block of W. Oak. Officer responded.

10:21 AM • Caller reported a hit and run on 1600 block of Glasscock. Officer responded.

1:00 PM • Caller reported burglary on 1500 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

2:12 PM • Caller reported suspicious person at local business. Officer responded.

2:18 PM • Caller requested assistance on 200 Block of Rock Avenue. Officer responded.

11:13 PM • Agency requested assistance on 300 block of W. Chestnut. Officer responded.

FEBRUARY 21 - 9:17 AM • Caller reported animal at local business. Officer responded.

1:50 PM • Caller requested officer on Santa Rosa and St. Ann's. Officer responded.

2:51 PM • 911 prank calls on 1000 block of S. Crockett and Del Rio. Officer responded.

5:17 PM • Agency requested assistance at local business. Officer responded.

6:27 PM • 911 prank calls on 1000 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Texas Gateway

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 will no doubt find the resources on this site to be valuable tools, items found on the Texas Gateway are also available to parents, students, and all Texans at no cost."

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Officials express condolences

After the Feb. 13 death of U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonin Scalia was made public, Gov. Greg Abbott and Attorney General Ken Paxton released statements. Here are excerpts:

Abbott remembered Scalia as "a man of God, a patriot and an unwavering defender of the written Constitution and the Rule of Law."

Paxton said Scalia was "a powerful voice for liberty and a passionate defender of the freedoms guaranteed to all Americans by the Constitution. His passing is a deep loss for our nation."

Scalia, 79, was a guest at the Cibolo Creek Ranch resort in Presidio County when he died. His body was found in his room at the resort. No autopsy was performed and the death was ruled as resulting from natural causes.

Texans feel Pope's visit

Pope Francis celebrated mass in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, on Feb. 17, and the visit was felt by people across the border in El Paso and far beyond. According to a story by The Associated Press, Pope Francis "also offered a silent prayer for the thousands of immigrants who have died while trying to reach the U.S." The State of Texas' case against the Obama administration over the president's executive order protecting the majority of undocumented people living in Texas and elsewhere across the country is on the current docket of the U.S. Supreme Court.

March 1 primary nears

Feb. 26 is the last day for early voting in the March 1 primary elections. The primaries will determine which candidates appear on the ballot as the nominees from the Republican and Democrat parties in the November general election. Voters will need to bring one of the accepted forms of photo identification if they cast a ballot in person.

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Jack Davis, Jr., of Waco, Texas stands with his daughter, Ashley Davis Hamilton and granddaughter, Hensley Belle Hamilton, of McKinney Texas while visiting the Old Ice House Ranch Museum on February 13th. Davis and Hamilton came to Sonora to see artifacts that once belonged to his great-grandfather J.L. Davis. | COURTESY PHOTO

News from the Old Ice House Ranch Museum

The Ice House Ranch Museum was honored by the recent visit of Jack Davis, Jr., of Waco, Texas and Ashley Davis Hamilton and her daughter, Hensley Belle Hamilton, of McKinney Texas on February 13th.

Jack Davis, a biologist for the Brazos River Authority is the great-great grandson of J.L. Davis.

J.L. Davis was a former Sutton County Deputy Sheriff who was involved in a shootout at a bakery along Main Street in Sonora involving Will Carver, another member of the Wild Bunch gang and then Sheriff E.S. Bryant, in 1901. Davis was later elected Sheriff of Sutton County.

The former Sheriff Davis was the son of Civil War Veteran Richard Walter Davis, Dr. who came to Sonora in 1831. While visiting the

Museum, Davis, along with his daughter and granddaughter, viewed artifacts belonging to members of the Davis family. Also, they visited local sites relating to their family history including the old jailhouse located next to the courthouse and the Sutton County Cemetery where they saw Davis family burial sites as well as the grave site of Will Carver.

Before returning home, Davis and Hamilton toured the J.L. Davis ranch north of Sonora, where Mr. Davis ranched until his death in 1914.

Following his death, Mr. Ben F. Meckel, Davis' son-in-law, purchased and managed the ranch until he retired when he sold his interest to his son-in-law Mr. Bill Tittle.

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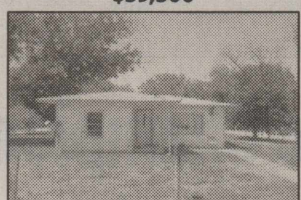


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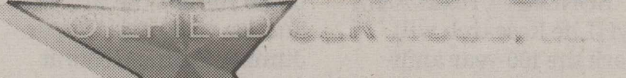
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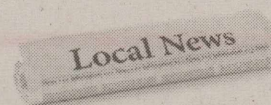
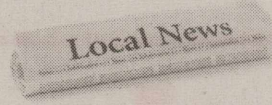
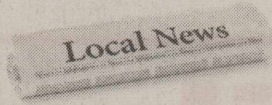
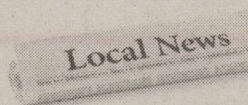
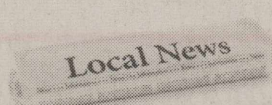
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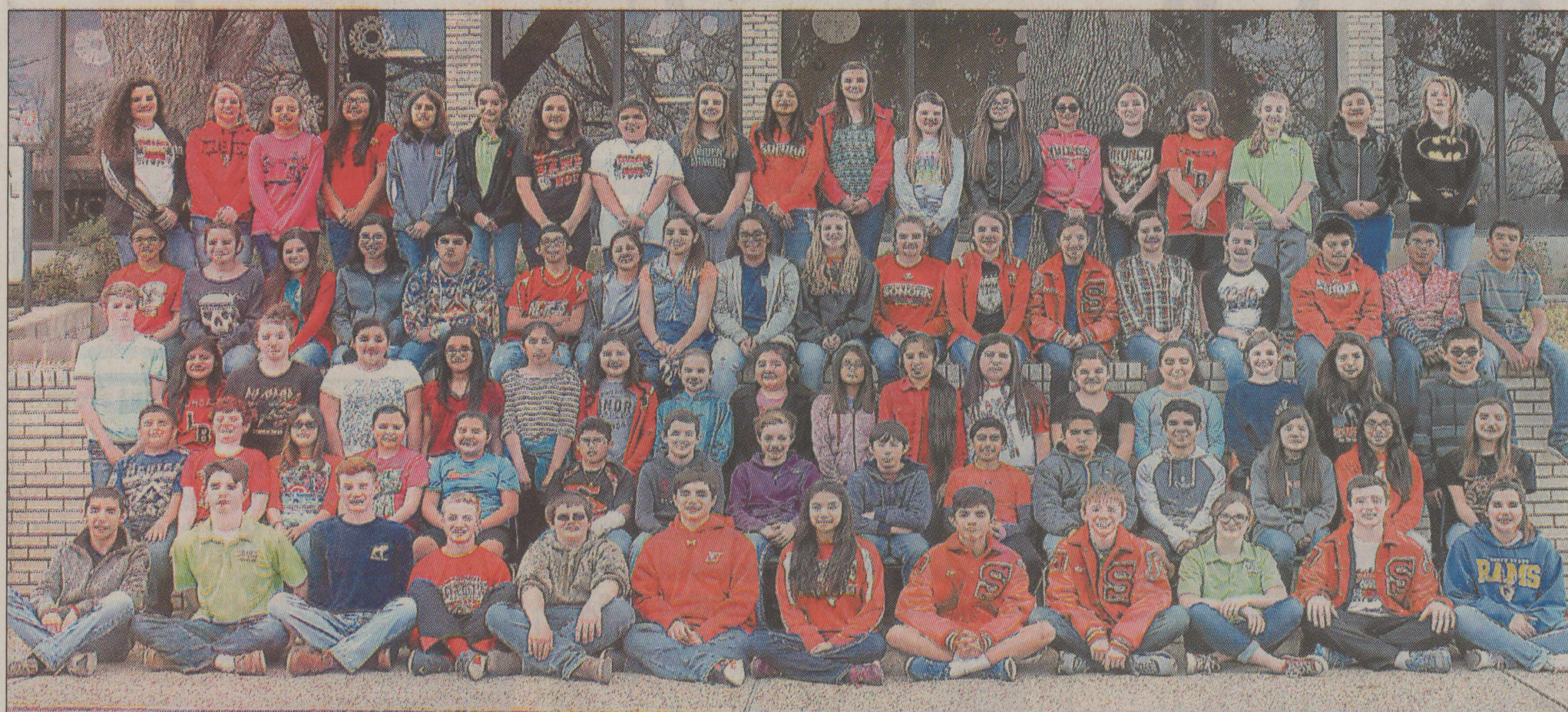
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AgriLife Research Station at Sonora marks 100 years with April 23 celebration

SONORA – Texas A&M AgriLife Research will mark the 100-year anniversary of the agency's AgriLife Research Station at Sonora with a full day of events on April 23.

The station is located on State Highway 55 between Sonora and Rocksprings.

"We'll start the day with registration from 8:30-9:30 a.m.," said Dr. John Walker, AgriLife Research resident director of research at San Angelo. "We'll have different professors from Texas A&M University and other universities who have done research there to talk about the history of the station. We'll also have field tours

of the station, the first-ever auction of 10 of our Super Juniper Eating Goats at 1 p.m. and other educational and social activities throughout the day."

"We'll furnish a free lunch as well as an appreciation dinner and dance at 6 p.m.," Walker said. "Case Hardin and the Day Money Band will be our featured talent."

"In the old days when folks came to field days at the station, they often stayed two or three days, because it took so long for many people to get there. They always had dances and entertainment, so we are going to recreate that; we want people to just

have a really good time. I think it's going to be a fun, educational day and a good chance to meet up with old friends and maybe make some new ones."

The station, long known as the Sonora/Rocksprings Experiment Station or Sub-Station 14, was founded in 1916 at the request of area ranchers and the then newly formed Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, Walker said.

"The station's first charge was to find what was causing livestock losses to the condition known as 'bighead,'" Walker said. "It was later determined to be caused from livestock consuming the flowers and

seeds of the native plant sacahuista, although they didn't understand what it was at the time."

Walker said initially the station addressed animal diseases, many of which were related to poisonous range plants.

"So early researchers came to understand that range management was an important part of managing these animal diseases," he said. "From there, the research focus expanded to include grazing management, evaluation of different livestock breeds and the genetic improvement in the predominant breeds of the time. Those breeds, Rambouillet sheep and Angora

goats, are the subject of the longest-running central performance tests for these two species of livestock anywhere."

Today, Walker said the station's research has branched into a number of areas relating to noxious plant control, profitability of ranching and wildlife management.

"We're looking at prescribed fire for managing brush encroachment as well as developing goats that have a high preference for consuming juniper, one of the most invasive species in the Edwards Plateau area." Walker added that some of the goats produced through the Super Juniper Eating

Goat Project will be those auctioned to the public during the anniversary celebration.

"We now have enough excess billy meat-goats that have a high enough genetic potential for juniper consumption to sell, and be comfortable knowing they can pass on that juniper- or cedar-eating trait to their offspring."

Walker said proceeds from the auction will go toward an endowment with the goal of funding a chaired professorship at the station.

"The main thing though, is that we just want everybody to come out and help us celebrate this historic occasion," he said.

Hill Country Sheep & Goat Organization to Meet March 7th Scholarships Available

Hill Country Sheep & Goat Organization is to meet at 9:30am Monday Mar. 7 at Mamacitas 215 Junction Highway in Kerrville.

Dynamic speaker, HCSGO member Chris Summers will tell of her experience ranching and how she markets registered Dorper sheep and Dorper lamb meat.

Members will be working at the fabulous Lamb Jam in Austin Feb. 28th.

HCSGO Scholarships forms for hill country

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This organization formally named the "Hill Country Chapter Women's Auxiliary Texas Sheep and Goat Raiser's Association" now named "Hill Country Sheep and Goat Organization" gave \$21,200 in scholarships this past year and have been giving scholarships yearly for the past 27 years.

Lone Star State Elk Hunt



Joe Brown along with his wife, Goldie and son, Ben were invited to a private preserve in Cameron, Texas, to hunt Elk. "The owner had an old Bull Elk he wanted to dispose of from his heard," Joe Brown said. Brown explains that on the morning of February 9th, about 10 a.m., he shot the large Elk from 100 yards away using a Win Mag 300. (L-R Ben Brown) Goldie Brown and Joe Brown. | COURTESY PHOTO

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