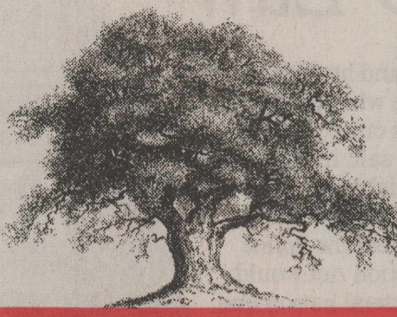


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## County Commissioners Implement Burn Ban, Effective Immediately



### Burn Ban in Place in Sutton County

County Commissioners approved a burn ban for the unincorporated areas of Sutton County, effective immediately, during their regular meeting on Monday, July 25th.

Although the forecast calls for a chance of rain - commissioners agreed that the drying conditions warrant the burn ban for Sutton County.

"Just as we have a chance of rain in the forecast," Smith said. "I think we need to go ahead with a burn ban."

Judge Steve Smith reported that there are only six other counties experiencing conditions similar or less dry than Sutton County, according to the drought index.

In regular business, the commissioners approved the minutes from the July 11th regular meeting, as well as, the accounts payable report as presented.

In other business, Judge Smith opened two sealed bids received for renovation of the existing EMS building.

Following a comparison between the bids and discussion, the commissioners approved a bid from Web Construction in the amount of \$31,500 to complete the renovation.

Permission was granted for T.J. Thorp to notify Web Construction to begin work.

Additionally, the commissioners approved raising the 2017 Precepts fee from \$50.00 to \$80.00

for Sheriffs and Constables. This fee is charged and collected for serving written notices to appear in court.

The commissioners approved recognition of annual Sutton County Treasurer's Certificates for required CEU education be reflected in the regular meeting minutes.

The court discussed road work needed along Calle de San Antonio, a street located in the Loma Alta subdivision.

Work includes paving and general maintenance to keep the road traversable. No action was taken. Discussion was tabled pending additional information and review.

Also, the court approved

waiving the rental fee and electric charges of the Civic Center for Sonora Sensation-West Texas. The West Texas Rehab 3rd annual event is slated for August 20th at the Sutton County Civic Center in Sonora.

Following a short recess, the commissioners spent the rest of the morning and continued discussions about the upcoming 2017 fiscal year budget.

Judge Steve Smith presided over the meeting.

Commissioners Mike Villanueva, Carl Teaff and Fred Perez were in attendance. Commissioner John Wade was absent.

The next regular meeting is slated for August 8th at 9 a.m. in the Sutton County Annex.

## Sonora High School Welcomes Sean Leamon as High School Principal

Sean Leamon has been selected as the new principal of Sonora High School beginning with the 2016-17 school year.

Leamon, Principal for Sonora Intermediate school for the last six years replaces Ken Wimberly who is moving to a new position at the administration building.

Leamon said he is ready to transition into the next level of his leadership in education.

"I am excited to be working with the older kids, the opportunity to help them go off and be successful and see them realize their dreams," Leamon said.

As a bonus, at the end of this school year, Leamon will be handing a diploma to students he has known since they began elementary school.

Although he is used to an administrative role, Leamon said his new position has some new challenges including getting to know his staff and instructors - existing and new members.

So far the biggest challenge is locating and placing specialized teachers, he said.

Aside from this, Leamon said he thinks his high school staff and instructors are amazing and they are willing to work on offering the best education possible for Sonora students.

"It's a good place," Leamon said. "Sonora provides for its students. We are a small school with big school amenities."

As for his duties as high

school principal, Leamon said he thinks of himself as approachable, open and honest.

He said he is always open to ideas and suggestions and that is what helps him be successful as a leader.

There will be some changes beginning with the start of the new school year Leamon said. The biggest changes include a longer school day and implementing the Teacher Evaluation and Support System (TESS), a program designed for educators to provide support, training, and technical assistance.

This year students will ending their regular school days at 3:40 p.m.

"I think it's going to be good," Leamon said. "This allows for tutorials to take place during the school day ultimately helping the kids be more successful."

As well, Leamon said he is excited about TTESS because he thinks it will benefit teachers through working together towards professional growth, ultimately helping students.

Additionally, Leamon said he has specific expectations for all students, teachers and staff.

"I want them to do right," Leamon said.

He said part of the experiences in high school include grooming kids for life after high school.

Leamon said he expects students to obey the rules and show respect for others.



Assistant Principal Pam Hailey and Principal Sean Leamon begin another week of working on back to school details on Monday, July 25th, at Sonora High School. Leamon began his new role as High School Principal on July 1st.

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The same is expected of the teachers. In addition to educating students in the usual academics, Leamon said he requires his staff and teachers to treat students as if they were their own children, helping them grow and be successful.

"Life is about to happen to them," Leamon said. "It is important to me that they are nurtured and ready for life after high school."

Leamon, originally from Merkel, brings with him years

of experience including teaching and coaching.

Before completing his master's degree and becoming a Principal at Sonora Intermediate School, Leamon coached base ball and football while living in Junction.

Leamon said his goal is to become a Superintendent in the future.

Leamon's wife, Dana Leamon, works as a counselor at Sonora Middle School. They have two children, Avery and Aidan.

Also, Assistant Principal Pam Hailey will work alongside Leamon overseeing student and professional development as well as scholarships.

Leamon said he is grateful for her experience and help.

Beginning a new school year, Leamon said he wants kids to be excited about school.

"School is hard as it is. It should be welcoming with friendly people to help kids," Leamon said. "I'm excited and ready to get going."

## Dr. Douglas Tolleson Named to AgriLife Research Station Post at Sonora

After more than three decades, the Texas A&M AgriLife Research Station at Sonora is changing leadership.

Dr. Douglas Tolleson, who is no stranger to the Texas A&M University System or its AgriLife Research or Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agencies, picked up the reins to guide research at the 3,400-acre Sonora facility as associate professor effective July 15.

Dr. John Walker, AgriLife Research resident director at San Angelo who oversees the 100 year-old facility, said Tolleson assumes the day-to-day on-site leadership duties previously held for 32 years by Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, former superintendent at the station. Taylor retired on May 31 after 45 years with the agency, served almost exclusively at the station.

"I'm excited about this unique opportunity to become another in the long line of productive scientists to work at Sonora," Tolleson said. "I am keenly aware of the station's history and its long-standing support from a variety of stakeholders, and the many contributions to rangeland and animal science that have come from this facility over the last 100 years."

Walker said Tolleson has a wide breadth of experience in rangeland and ranch management as well as experience working with a diverse public to develop collaborative resource management solutions for public lands.

"He will use these skills to develop practical solutions to problems related to the conservation and utilization of natural resources in the Edwards

Plateau," Walker said. "Dr. Tolleson is an expert in using near-infrared spectroscopy as a low-cost method for monitoring the nutrition and health of free-grazing herbivores and will continue this line of research in his new job."

"He will also continue the work on prescribed fire that was begun by Dr. Taylor. In fact on his second day on the job Dr. Tolleson participated in a prescribed fire at the Texas A&M center in San Angelo."

In addition to earning a doctorate in rangeland ecology and management in 2007, Tolleson also earned a master's in physiology of reproduction and a bachelor's in animal science, all from Texas A&M University, College Station.

He has over 30 years of experience in science, management

and education in a variety of ecosystems with multiple animal species on both public and private lands, Walker said.

Tolleson was previously a University of Arizona rangeland Extension specialist and research scientist on the 71,000-acre V Bar V Ranch Agricultural Experiment Station. His job entailed providing information on sustainable rangeland management to the ranching and natural resources management community in northern Arizona.

He also conducted research on rangeland management topics, primarily dealing with livestock grazing and nutrition, wildlife, wildfire and range monitoring techniques. His efforts there also included work to determine the long-term effects of juniper removal and

prescribed fire on an 8,000-acre mid-elevation section of the ranch. The overall objective was to return the site to a grassland and improve pronghorn antelope habitat.

Prior to his Arizona appointment, he spent nine years as director of the Texas A&M department of rangeland ecology and management Grazingland Animal Nutrition Lab. He has also worked as an AgriLife Research associate at Vernon and Uvalde, and as a research specialist for the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station at Booneville, Arkansas.

Tolleson has served as the vice president and president of the Arizona Section, Society for Range Management. He also holds memberships in the Society for Range Management,

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## Sonora News Online, All the Time

# Appellate Court Strikes Down Texas Voter ID Law

AUSTIN — Texas' voter photo identification law is racially discriminatory, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit ruled July 20.

In striking down the law passed by the Texas Legislature in 2011, the Fifth Circuit said it disproportionately and negatively affects African-American and Hispanic citizens' right to vote.

Gov. Greg Abbott decried the ruling in *Veasey et al. v. Abbott et al.*, saying: "The Fifth Circuit ... wrongly concluded the law had a discriminatory effect. Voter fraud is real and it undermines the integrity of the election process."

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton also reacted, saying: "Preventing voter

fraud is essential to accurately reflecting the will of Texas voters during elections and it is unfortunate that this commonsense law, providing protections against fraud, was not upheld in its entirety."

SB 14 required voters to present government-issued photo identification when voting at the polls. Acceptable forms of photo ID, as specified in the legislation, included: Texas driver license, Texas election identification certificate, Texas personal ID card, Texas concealed handgun license, U.S. military ID card, U.S. citizenship certificate and U.S. passport. Prior to the implementation of SB 14, a Texas voter could cast a ballot in person by presenting a registration certificate, a document

mailed to voters upon registration.

The Fifth Circuit sent the case back to the federal district court in Corpus Christi and ordered the court to find an "appropriate remedy" to the discriminatory effects of SB 14 in time for the impending general election in November.

### Abbott proposes legislation

Gov. Abbott on July 18 asked the Texas Legislature to pass the Police Protection Act in the 2017 session commencing in January.

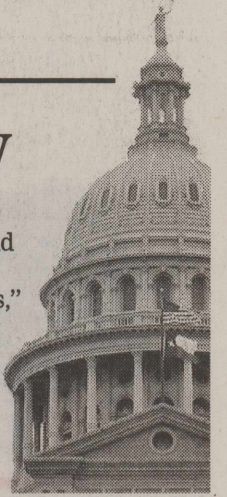
"At a time when law enforcement officers increasingly come under assault simply because of the job they hold, Texas must send a resolute message that the state

will stand by the men and women who serve and protect our communities," Abbott said in proposing the legislation.

Abbott said that if enacted, the Police Protection Act would:

- Extend hate crime protections to law enforcement officers;
- Increase criminal penalties for any crime in which the victim is a law enforcement officer, whether or not the crime qualifies as a hate

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### STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

## Outnumbered 6 to 1

This story took place in Brewster County in 1992.

I had some ranch country leased in Maxon Canyon which was about 90 miles from where I lived.

Having a job in Ft. Davis I could only check on my cows and water on weekends.

So this is a tale It Happened Out West



by Joe N. Brown

that happened in Maxon Canyon on a Saturday morning about 9 a.m.

I left home about 7 a.m. and drove down US 90 through Alpine and Marathon 'til I reached the "Bullis Gap" road. Here I turned off and

started south about 15 miles to my lease.

Now let me describe the conditions here. The house sat beside the county road with the gate and house both locked.

As I arrived and saw one front window opened and the curtain blowing out in the breeze, my first thoughts were "Oh, I've been burglarized again."

About then a young Hispanic male stuck his head out the window then jerked back.

Deciding my burglars were still in the house, I reached for my .357 magnum pistol and stepped out of the truck. Seeing no further activity I fired one shot toward the sky.

Business picked up in a heartbeat. Six young Hispanic men rolled out of the window one at a time. All lined up with their hands in the air.

Wow! Here I am with six burglars and 50 miles from the nearest town which was Sanderson.

Using my "Mex-Tex" lingo, I told them to sit down by the fence and to keep their hands in the air.

They complied readily while looking down the barrel of my .357 magnum.

Then asking for any weapons or contraband I received, "NO!"

Now as a probation officer I had a two-way radio issued by the Sheriff of Jeff Davis County.

I also knew well that down in this canyon it would not work, but my six captured burglars did not know this fact.

I went to my truck with gun in hand and turned on my radio, then caused it to make a loud squelching noise strictly for their benefit.

Then I began talking as if it was the Border Patrol in Sanderson. I squelched the radio again just for effect.

Then I went back in the yard and told my prisoners we were going to town and they should get in the back of my pickup. They agreed and when all were seated I explained in Mexican lingo how the trip would go down.

My exact words were, and I quote, "You men understand that there are six of you and only one of me, but I have the pistol with six bullets in it and if you try to escape my only choice is to shoot you, do you understand?"

The answer from all six was "Si, Senior."

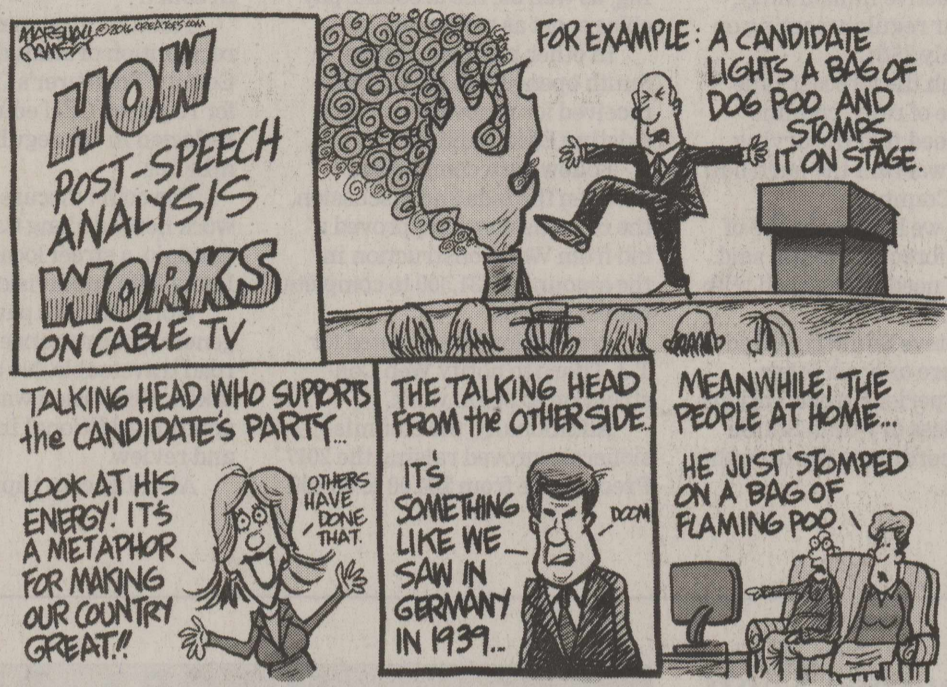
With this I started the truck and drove to the Border Patrol office in Sanderson.

At gunpoint I had the men get out of the truck and sit down against the building. An officer came out and asked the particulars, he then searched each man and found no weapons.

He asked if I wanted to file charges and I declined as all that would be done was deportation to Mexico.

So ended my confrontation with six hispanic burglars.

My ranch house was burglarized on a regular basis but I never again caught the burglars in the act.



## On Matters of Reflection and Prayer

May artists of the world be tender-brushes poised to capture on canvas their impressions of a troubled world.

For the rest of us, though, perhaps the closest we can come to artistry is to spin life's color wheel, praying its arrow will land on blue, remaining there for a while.

People of goodwill are of like mind: With all that is being sorted out—in Dallas and throughout the land—law enforcement personnel are on the front line. They forge ever forward, working extra hours when many of us would prefer going back to bed, pulling the covers over our heads, wishing the world to go away...

When ugliness and hate boil over, men and women of blue are there. Sometimes ultimate sacrifices—like those made by the five officers in Dallas—cause us to reflect deeply on their worth.

That defenders of peace are able to remain calm in the chaos erupting without warning seems miraculous enough. That they keep coming back for more in a profession whose parameters of danger balloon ever larger seems even more unbelievable. It is what "blue do."

Much is made about what matters. Yard signs of opposition to bullying first appeared a year or so back. "Kindness Matters," they proclaimed. Kindness does matter. Surely it is an admonition we all can claim, in attitudes of reflection and prayer...

With assumed agreement that life matters—as does death—may we then commit to reflection and prayer. Someone said, "Yesterday is history, and tomorrow is hope. Today is getting from one to the other as best we can." May our attitude about the living of this day—and all future days—abide in the belief that the same God who has intervened in the affairs of humankind throughout history remains in charge....

When first learning of the Dallas mayhem, I thought of a challenging song from the 1950s—Let There Be Peace on Earth. The words "and let it begin with me" are included in all five stanzas. (Please consider reviewing the lyrics, reflecting on the message of the song's entirety.)

Unless we embrace a renewal of our faith in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, we're all subject to drowning in a growing ocean of tears. The opportunity to renew such a bedrock

belief lies within each of us...

Ironies abound. A few days "before Dallas," a "jail break" occurred in the holding area in the Parker County District Courts Building's basement jail in Weatherford, TX. Eight prisoners saw the lone guard slump forward. Like minded to help, they stormed the locked door, simultaneously yelling to authorities upstairs, fully cognizant their commotion might invite lawmen with guns drawn.

Moments later, authorities arrived, firearms drawn. Guns were quickly holstered and prisoners soon were back behind bars as the jailer—without a pulse—was resuscitated. Authorities said the prisoners' quick action saved the man's life.

The inmates—none seeking recognition or praise—simply thought it the "right thing to do." This statement was made by one awaiting trial on charges of assaulting a public servant. Such irony....

Community "reach-out" activities are born regularly. They occur when folks assemble, communicate and commit to working cooperatively to make life better for others.

In our town, Burleson, TX, the library has a new program for homebound folks. They can request titles for mail delivery. There's no cost to participants; even for return envelopes already adorned with postage.

Our "Meals on Wheels" volunteers go extra miles. They also periodically deliver food for participants' pets, calling them "animeals."

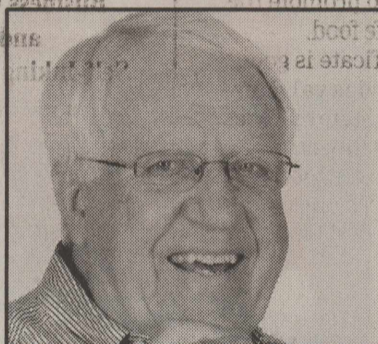
What's happening in your town? Are there programs of encouragement? Are you helping? For many years, I handed out diplomas to graduates completing degree requirements. Imprinted thereon were the words "rights and responsibilities." If weighed on scales, they should be evenly balanced. Too often, the "rights" side is heavier.

Balancing the scales could strengthen our hope not only for the "sweet by and by," but also for the living of the "bitter here and now."

Here's hoping you'll manage a happy tune this day. How about Let There Be Peace on Earth? And if you cross paths with members of the blue, extend deepest thanks....

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## 100 Horses in History

The other day Gayle Stewart of Spice-wood was looking at some of her books and found *Black Beauty* signed by her Godmother in 1964. She has several books about horses which she considers treasures and will never get rid of them. She describes herself as horse crazy.

"From the time I was four years old



### Rolling Along

by Tumbleweed Smith

I've always loved horses. I took my first riding lesson at eight, then got the whole family involved. My brother rodeoed, my

sister had a Shetland pony named Jim Bob, named after Jim Bob Altizer, the famous roper from Del Rio. The fascination with horses just grew and grew and became a family project that was just wonderful. It was the best time of my family's life, really. Then we turned eighteen and couldn't compete in junior shows any more so we turned to other interests."

She studied political science and journalism at the University of Oklahoma and after graduation worked for newspapers and ad agencies doing feature stories on horses. Some of her writings have appeared in major publications and she has won numerous awards. She has written a book titled *100 Horses in History*, true stories of horses who shaped our world.

"My brother came to visit and it's funny how these things happen," says Gayle. "I was opening a magazine and there was an ad from Franklin Mint for a small statue of Traveller, Robert E. Lee's horse. So we went around the table taking turns mentioning famous horses. My brother, who is really smart and is a college professor, said to me, 'You've been writing about these horses, why don't you open a file on your computer and every time you think of a horse, put him in. Before you know it you'll have a book.' It wasn't quite that easy, but that's how it got started."

The book features horses from all over the world and includes western movie stars Trigger, Silver and Champion; Wimpy, the quarter horse from the King Ranch; Black Jack, the ceremonial horse for JFK's funeral procession; Copenhagen, who carried the Duke of Wellington into the Battle of Waterloo against Napoleon and the horse Lady Godiva rode nude through the streets of Coventry.

Gayle traveled all over the US and the UK doing research for her book. Her husband is a pilot and that helped with some transportation bills.

"I just scoured libraries and made sure I footnoted everything. It took ten years to do the research and write the book. I kind of took my time. It took a while to get letters and information back, then I checked and double-checked all my facts. I drew on my own experiences and my own love of certain horses and then added others, like Snowman, the first jumper to win the triple crown of show jumping."

Her book contains vintage photographs and artwork. *100 Horses in History* is available for \$19.95 at museums, horse parks, bookstores and Amazon.

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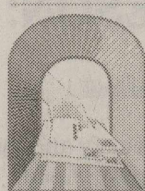
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### A Hospital Board Member's Perspective

Most of our members of the Sutton County Hospital District board have chosen not to engage in public disruptions concerning business with Sonora Clinic B, and the Rockspring Clinic. The Letter to the Editor in last week's newspaper, and a Facebook statement that was forwarded to me, prompted a response.

Sonora Clinic A is a private practice, operated by Dr. Charles Pajestka. He is responsible for all of his employees and other expenses incurred by his business. He rents his offices from the Sutton County Hospital District. The newspaper letter stated, "all funds derived in Dr. Pajestka's office go to him." Anyone who has been in charge of a small business knows that anything left over after salaries, supplies and taxes, go to the business owner. In January, 2017, he will have served us for thirty years.

Historically, Sonora has been a two physician community with one physician in Clinic A and one physician in Clinic B, each serving as private practice facilities. There have been many fine physicians over the years, and they were not like "revolving doors." When the rural health clinic started, Sutton County Hospital District became responsible for incurred expenses, and physician salaries.

Bob Pascasio arrived here in 2013 as a new administrator, and found physician contracts dated March, 2012. The board did not know those particular contracts existed when he presented them. Those contracts are now becoming unsustainable with the downturn in the economy. Our present administrator/CEO is dealing with these inherited problems, and the Rocksprings clinic problems.

Dr. Pajestka became our family physician, after coming here to replace Dr. Brown. He and I also worked together in the emergency room together and he is an excellent physician. I am proud of the many staff professionals in all departments of our medical team. Dr. Pajestka and this team make our medical system great. He should not have to put up with being publicly insulted.

The Facebook message I received states, "We got a Chinese nurse practitioner who could not speak good English. As you know, as well as I do, we like people who speak English. We cannot relate to their culture." The Nurse Practitioner has resigned and is moving from our community. Another insult from community members.

I have served on the hospital board for over 15 years, and was part of the Sutton County Emergency Medical Service for 15 years before becoming a board member. I have family members, who helped start the Sutton County Health Foundation; who served on the Hudspeth Hospital Ranch board; ones who volunteered their time to the emergency medical service; and family who helped start the Sutton County Food Pantry and Resource Center. I, also, have a four-year old Chinese grandson, who is an American citizen, and dearly loved by his family. With this background experience, I felt I should stand up to these unprecedented slanders.

If you are truly looking for answers concerning hospital finances and staff problems, please come to our board meetings the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Sutton County Hospital Wellness Center meeting room, or get in touch with board members, or hospital staff members. We are not the enemy.

Lenora Pool  
Sutton County Hospital District Board Member

### Congressman Will Hurd Takes Part in Summer Road Trip to Sonora

Congressman Will Hurd will be in Sonora on August 4th for the Tech2Town Sonora Workshop and return for the DC2DQ Workshop on August 10th. Both events are free and open to the public.

The Tech2Town Sonora Workshop, is scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m. at the The John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Depot (Next to the Sutton County Library), 332 E. Mulberry Street.

The DC2DQ Sonora Workshop is slated for 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Dairy

Queen, 134 Hwy 277 N, Sonora.

The event features free technology training workshops.

The workshops will teach basic computer and internet skills to individuals of all ages and small businesses.

Also, representatives from Microsoft and non-profit organization SASTEMIC will be present to answer questions and provide hands-on training. FMI please contact 210-921-3130.

### Sign up Begins for August Food Handlers Classes

Submitted by Jessica Stapper

A major change in the "Texas Food Establishment Rules (TFER)" revision now requires all food employees to complete an accredited food handlers training program within 60 days of employment.

The rules were updated and revised on October 11, 2015.

The revision is effective September 16, 2016.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Sutton County now offers an accredited food handlers course.

Accredited by the Texas Department of Health Services, the course Food Safety: It's In Your Hands is scheduled for August 9th at 3:00 p.m. & August 10th at 9:00 a.m. at the Extension office at 1700 North Crockett Street, Sonora, TX 76950.

All food service employees are now required to complete the 1-2-hour course to help promote the service of safe food.

The certificate is good for 2-years and is valid anywhere in the State of Texas.

Also, focusing on a basic overview of food safety practices, the course helps ensure that food

is served safely at your establishment.

Practices discussed include good personal hygiene, cross contamination, and time and temperature abuse.

To register for the course, call the Extension office at 325-387-3604.

The cost is \$20.00 per person and must be paid in full before the course begins.

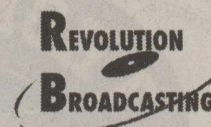
Individual with disabilities who require auxiliary aide service or accommodation in order to participate in the event are encouraged to contact our office within 5 working days prior to the program.

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crime; and  
- Create a culture of respect for law enforcement by organizing a campaign to educate young Texans on the value law enforcement officers bring to their communities.

"The recent (July 7) shooting in Dallas is not the first time law enforcement officers in Texas have been targeted. Our goal is to do everything possible to make it the last," added Abbott.

#### Court blocks haze rule

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit on July 19 ruled against the Environmental Protection Agency's "regional haze" air pollution abatement rule.

The rule, Attorney General Paxton said, would have imposed \$2 billion in costs "without achieving any visibility changes in the time period included in the Federal Implementation Plan." Those costs, Paxton added, included "costly, unnecessary upgrades."

#### Sales tax holiday is set

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on July 18 promoted the state's Aug. 5-7 sales tax holiday, during which shoppers will save an estimated \$92 million in

state and local sales taxes.

The law providing for the annual tax holiday exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced below \$100 from sales tax, saving shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend over that weekend. Lists of apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax-free can be found at TexasTax-Holiday.org.

#### Texas adds jobs in June

Texas added an estimated 171,100 seasonally adjusted jobs over the past year with the addition of 7,200 nonfarm jobs in June, the Texas Workforce Commission announced on July 22.

Also, Texas has added jobs in 14 of the last 15 months, and, while the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.5 percent in June, up slightly from 4.4 percent in May, it remained below the national average of 4.9 percent.

The Amarillo and Austin-Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Areas recorded the month's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 3.3 percent, followed by the Sherman-Denison and Lubbock MSAs each with rates of 3.9 percent in June.

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**TOLLESON:**

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the Wildlife Society and the American Society of Animal Science.

He recently received the Western Section, American Society of Animal Science, Extension Award for 2016 in Salt Lake City.

His other honors include the University of Arizona College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Extension Faculty of the Year, the U.S. Forest Service National Rangeland Research and Development Award and the Texas Section Society for Range Management Special Publication Award.

For more information, contact Tolleson at 325-387-3168, Douglas.Tolleson@ag.tamu.edu.

**ANNIVERSARY**

Joe and Goldie Brown recently celebrated 62 years of marriage.

They were married in Reno, Nevada on July 20, 1954.

He was serving in the U.S. Navy as a Boatswain Mate Second Class aboard the USS Oriskany CVA-34.

Goldie was a high school senior at Sanderson, Texas.

Since their marriage, they have lived all over West Texas, ranching.

They are now retired and living in Sonora, Texas.

The Brown's have three children Charlie Brown, of Iraan, Cindy Brown, of Abilene, and Ben Brown, of Tioga, Texas.

**Vitamin A Requirements During Dry Times**

July is usually dry in our part of the world, so we expect our rangelands to need help providing nutrition for livestock. So we supplement livestock if necessary, and look forward to September rains. However, one thing we sometimes overlook during dry times is vitamin A deficiency because it is usually not a problem.

Vitamin A is common in green plants in the form of beta-carotene, and the body easily changes beta-carotene to vitamin A. Cattle can store from two to four months' supply of vitamin A in the liver when they are on green forage diets as these are high in vitamin A. However, that supply can be depleted when dry times persist.

So how do you supply supplemental vitamin A? Here is a quick summary of supplementation options.

1) Most fortified range/

breeder cubes fed at 1-1 1/2 lbs. per day for dry cows or 1 1/2 - 2 lbs. per day for lactating cows should provide adequate levels of vitamin A.



Pascual Hernandez

2) Mineral supplements, if fortified with 200,000 units vitamin A per lb. would provide adequate levels when consumed at rates of 2-4 oz per day.

3) This third option is usually not necessary, but injectable vitamin

A can be used to provide reserves, depending on the cow's stage of production and the concentration and dose of the product.

Vitamin A is essential for normal growth, reproduction and maintenance. Insufficient Vitamin A is associated with lowered fertility in both bulls and cows. Supplementation of vitamin A is relatively inexpensive & should be an integral part of drought management.

And so we look forward to the next good rain.

**As Pastures Wither, Poisonous Plants Can Be a Problem**

AgriLife Extension sets Aug. 15 pasture and poisonous plant management workshop in Lubbock

Sparse pastures can force hungry livestock to eat toxic plants. To help producers manage their land properly, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct a pasture and poison plant management workshop Aug. 15 in Lubbock.

The free educational program, which starts at 6:30 p.m., will be in The Bank Lobby located at 916 Main St., said Robert Scott, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Lubbock County.

"We've had a few cases of weed toxicity and I've noticed some toxic weeds in the county," Scott said. "With the pastures burning up in this summer heat, toxic weeds will be more evident as more desirable forage is eaten, so livestock will be more likely to feed on them."

"Our speaker will be Dr. Tim Steffens, AgriLife Extension rangeland resource management specialist at West Texas A&M University. And as the workshop's name implies, he'll speak on poison plant management and pasture management."

RSVP by noon Aug. 15 by calling 806-775-1740. More information is also available by calling that number.

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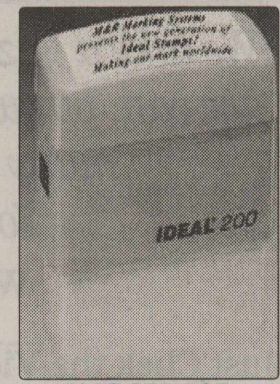
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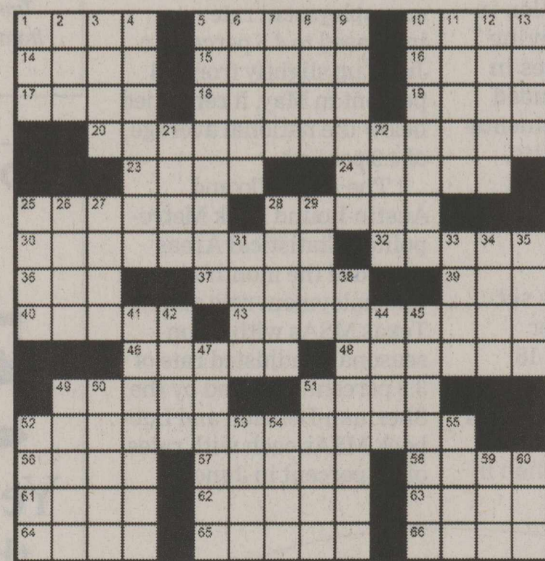
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- ACROSS**
- 1. Highlander
  - 5. Receded
  - 10. Escalator part
  - 14. Actor Jackman
  - 15. TLC provider
  - 16. Has
  - 17. Up to it
  - 18. Takes a spill
  - 19. "Dracula" heroine Harker
  - 20. Back door, say
  - 23. Tan and Fisher
  - 24. Takes five
  - 25. Isolated mountain
  - 28. Sharp of dance
  - 30. Long absence
  - 32. Harps' kin
  - 36. Vitamin bottle info
  - 37. Fudd of cartoons
  - 39. Kind of trip
  - 40. Corolla part
  - 43. Popular 2016 app with monsters
  - 46. Kind of buddy
  - 48. "They crushed us"
  - 49. Swashbuckling Flynn
  - 51. Really steamed
  - 52. Trench
  - 56. Mojave-like
- DOWN**
- 1. \_\_\_ Na Na
  - 2. Pack animal
  - 3. Stare at
  - 4. 1994 Jim Carrey movie
  - 5. Cover charge
  - 6. Small towns
  - 7. Cheese on crackers
  - 8. Locker room shower?
  - 9. Catch sight of
  - 10. Start of a rumor
  - 11. Between, to bards
  - 12. Bandleader Skinny
  - 13. Jr.'s practice exam
  - 21. Oscar winner Jannings
  - 22. Raise the roof
  - 25. Letters on a car sticker
  - 26. Lieutenant
  - 27. "Beat it!"
  - 28. Carol, on "The Brady Bunch"
  - 29. Time span
  - 31. Chow chow chow
  - 33. City near Sparks
  - 34. Breakfast choice
  - 35. Lampblack
  - 38. Second drafts
  - 41. Cut
  - 42. "Crazy" bird
  - 44. Heated competition?
  - 45. Brit's buddy
  - 47. Hit (the brakes)
  - 49. Trial's partner
  - 50. Torrents
  - 51. Driver's lic., e.g.
  - 52. Go with
  - 53. See stars, maybe
  - 54. Hall-of-Famer Slaughter
  - 55. Place for an ace
  - 59. Airport org.
  - 60. Sponge

**YOU DON'T SAY**



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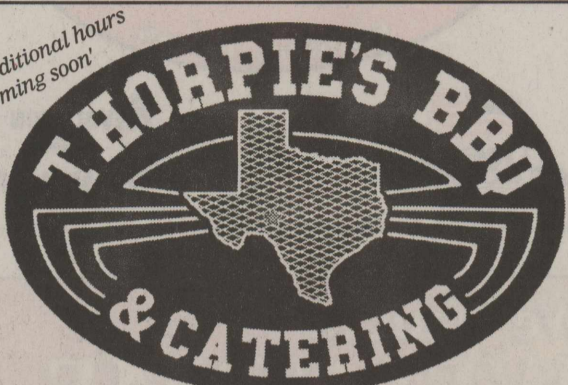
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# OBITUARIES

## Antonia "Tonie" Vara April 20, 1954 - July 24, 2016

Antonia "Tonie" Vara, 62, passed away peacefully on the 24th of July at her Sonora home. Her family was by her side.

Tonie was born April 20th 1954 in Zaragoza, Coahuila, Mexico to Jesus and Victoria (Rivas) Capuchina.

She was a person whom devoted all her time to anyone in need. With an open heart and open arms she was a blessing to all who knew her.

Most will vouch for her strong belief in values and her moral conviction, putting God and family before all else, having made her a incredible role model to all.

Tonie was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She will be dearly missed and never forgotten.

Tonie is survived by her husband of 42 years Gilberto G. Vara Sr. and her three children. Sons Gilberto C. Vara Jr. and spouse,

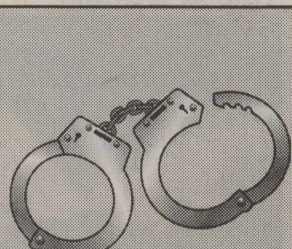
Christina and children, Jasmine and Amaya Vara; Daniel C. Vara and child, Kashton Vara. She is also survived by daughter, Victoria V. Presas and spouse Bryan and children, Areanna and Breanna Presas.

Also, she is survived by three brothers, two sisters and thirteen nieces and nephews.

A special remembrance for family and friends will be held at Kerbow Funeral Home, Sonora.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, July 28th, at St. Ann Catholic Church, Sonora. Burial will follow at the Sonora Cemetery and a reception will be held at St. Ann's Parish Hall.

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-26



## 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

**JULY 18** • Jose Alfonso Romo-Anzua, 21-year-old of Sonora, arrested on City Warrant.

**JULY 19** • Favio Media Adame, 44-year-old male of Sonora, arrested for Assault Family Violence.

### INCIDENTS

**JULY 17 - 12:42 AM** • 9-1-1 caller requested assistance on 1900 block of Tayloe. Officer responded.

**8:07 AM** • Alarm call at St. Ann's Church. Officer responded.

**1:23 PM** • Officer requested to meet complainant at Sheriff's office. Officer responded.

**8:59 PM** • Intoxicated pedestrian on 277 S. Officer responded.

**JULY 18 - 2:48 AM** • Child abuse call at 1400 Golf Course Rd. Officer responded.

**9:01 AM** • 9-1-1 call for assistance on 200 block of Martin. Officer responded.

**9:28 AM** • Officer requested for a civil matter on 1400 block of Golf Course Rd. Officer responded.

**7:33 PM** • Traffic control call for AirMed at LMH. Officer responded.

**9:56 PM** • Traffic hazard call at Tayloe and Del Rio. Officer responded.

**JULY 19 - 11:13 AM** • Officer requested for a civil matter on 500 block of N. Crockett. Officer responded.

**4:27 PM** • Caller requested a welfare check on 100 block of Chestnut. Officers responded.

**7:31 PM** • Disturbance call on 800 block of St. Ann's. Officer responded.

**7:59 PM** • Criminal Trespass call on N Service Rd. Officer responded.

**11:02 PM** • Caller reported children running in street call on 1000 block of Tayloe Ave. Officer responded.

**JULY 20 - 12:05 PM** • Caller requested a welfare check on 900 block of S. Crockett. Officers responded.

**11:47 PM** • 9-1-1 call for officer assistance on 200 block of Rock Ave. Officer responded.

**JULY 21 - 8:55 AM** • Officer requested to meet complainant for civil matter at PD. Officer responded.

**9:05 AM** • Agency requested assistance with translating. Officer responded.

**10:39 AM** • Officer requested to meet complainant for civil matter at Road Ranger. Officer responded.

**2:56 PM** • Caller reported suspicious vehicle at 100 block of W. Main. Officer responded.

**8:47 PM** • Agency requested as-

sist on 1200 block of N. Crockett Ave. Officer responded.

**9:45 PM** • Caller reported suspicious activity at football field. Officer responded.

**JULY 22 - 9:23 AM** • Officer requested to contact complainant for civil matter. Officer responded.

**10:53 AM** • Animal reported at 408 W. 2nd. Officer responded.

**3:19 PM** • Caller reported suspicious circumstance at Railroad and Hwy 277 S. Officer responded.

**5:44 PM** • Caller reported reckless driving at Loop 467 and S. Crockett Ave. Officer responded.

**6:33 PM** • Caller reported theft on 600 block of Orient. Officer responded.

**9:01 PM** • Motorist called for assistance at Road Ranger. Officers responded.

**JULY 23 9:48 AM** • Caller requested funeral escort. Officer responded.

**10:28 AM** • Caller reported theft at Hwy 277 N. Officer responded.

**3:09 PM** • Caller reported criminal trespass on 100 block of Lorene. Officer responded.

**5:23 PM** • Officer requested for civil matter on 1000 block of Tayloe Ave. Officer responded.

**9:38 PM** • Agency requested assistance on Hwy 277 N. Officer responded.

**JULY 24 - 1:14 AM** • Agency requested assistance at Ben Juarez and Santa Rosa. Officer responded.

**12:20 PM** • Caller reported criminal trespass on 100 block of Lorene. Officer responded.

**2:48 PM** • Officer requested for civil matter at 400 Mata. Officer responded.

**5:06 PM** • Caller reported reckless driving on 1200 block of S. Concho. Officer responded.

**5:08 PM** • Hospice reported death on 100 block of Kisselburg. Officers responded.

**9:08 PM** • Caller reported disturbance at Stripes 266. Officers responded.

**10:18 PM** • Caller reported suicidal subject on 200 block of E. 2nd. Officer responded.



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# DEATH NOTICES

## Feliberto "Moses" Carreno

Feliberto "Moses" Carreno, 76 of Sonora died Wednesday, July 20, 2016 in Eldorado.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 23, 2016 in St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery.

Survivors include sons Trini Banda of Sonora, Raul Carreno of Mexico, Mario Carreno of Arkansas, and Agustin Carreno of California, and daughter Becky Levario of Sonora, Mona Prieto of Sonora, Esperanza Carreno of Mexico, Teresa Carrena of California, and Claudia Carreno of California.



## Texas Sales Tax Holiday is Aug. 5-7

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds shoppers they can save money on certain items priced for less than \$100 during the state's annual sales tax holiday.

This year, the sales tax holiday is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 5-7.

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This event provides Texas families with some relief from state and local sales taxes."

Lists of apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax-free can be found on the Comptroller's website at TexasTaxHoliday.org.

This year, shoppers will save an estimated \$92 million in state and local sales taxes during the sales tax holiday.

The tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.

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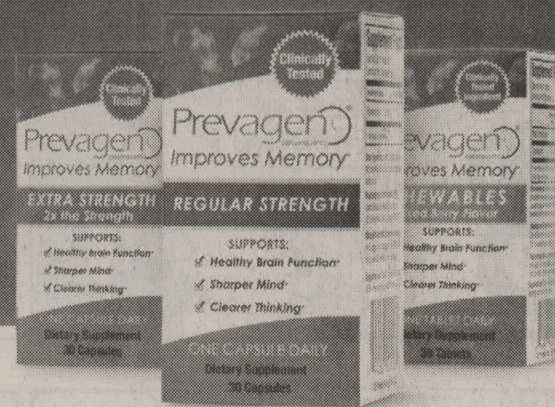
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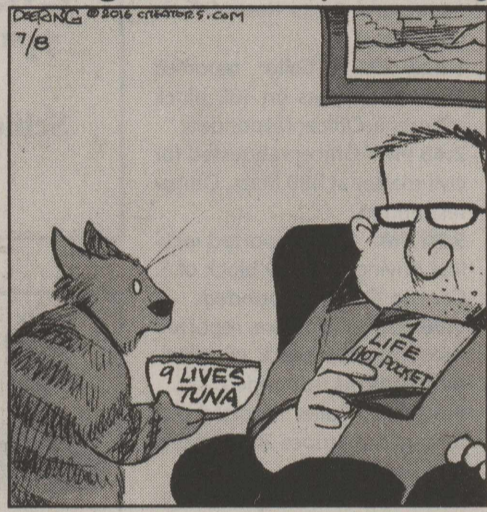
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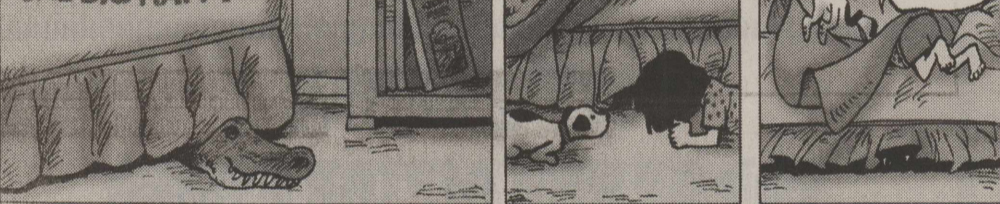


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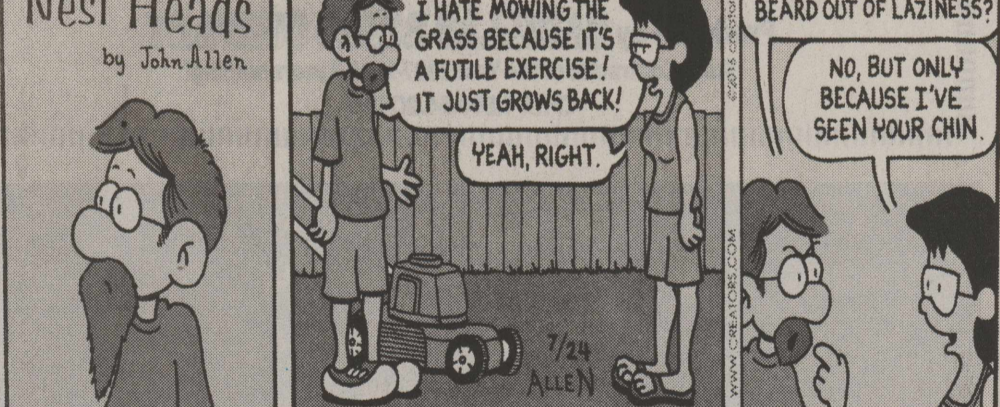


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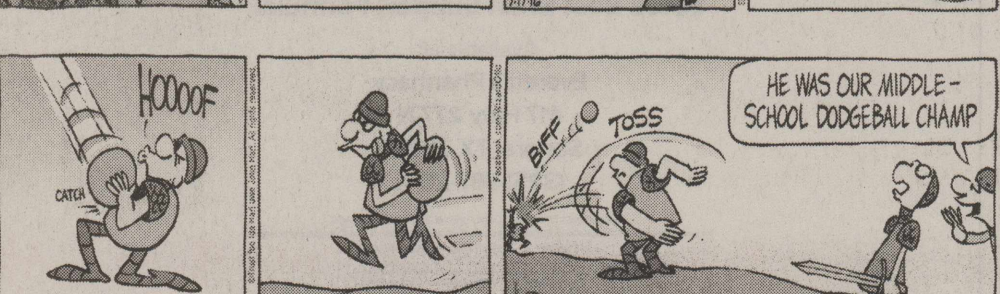
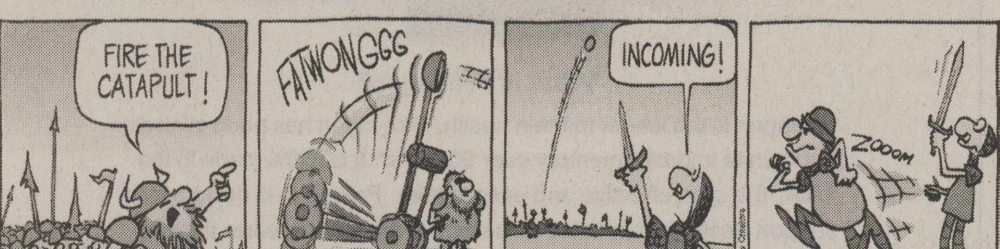
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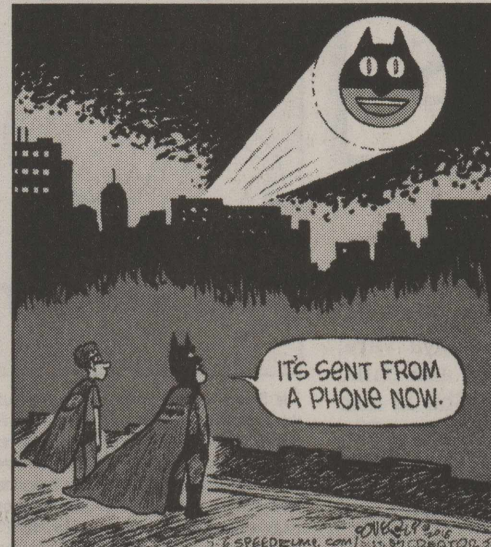
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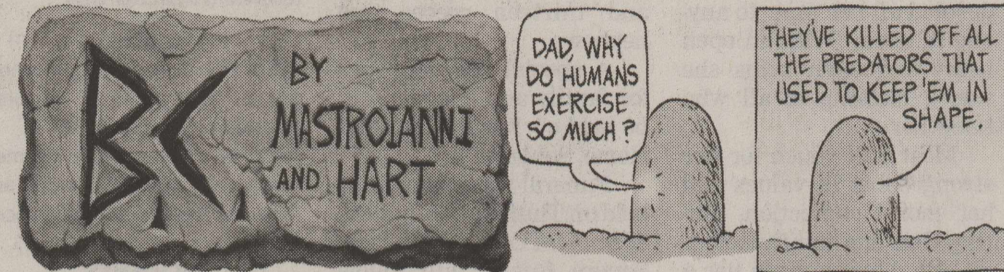
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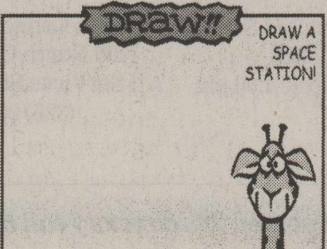
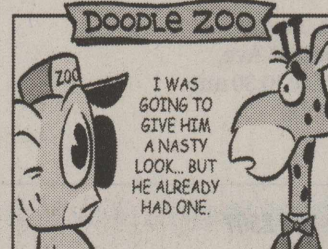
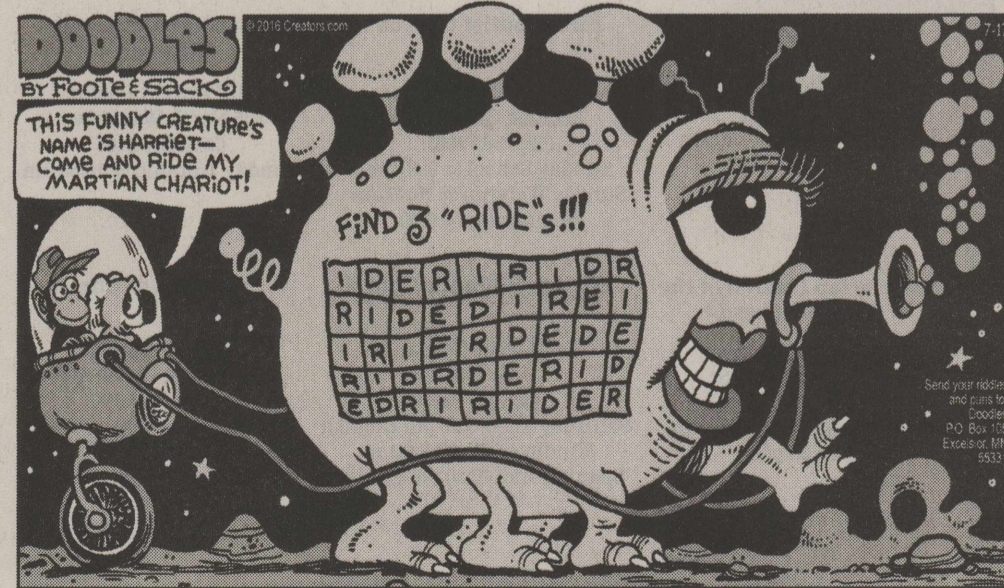
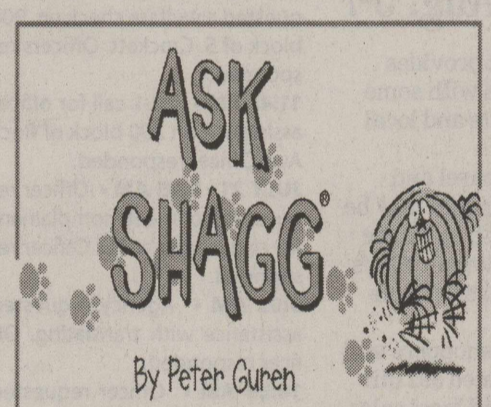
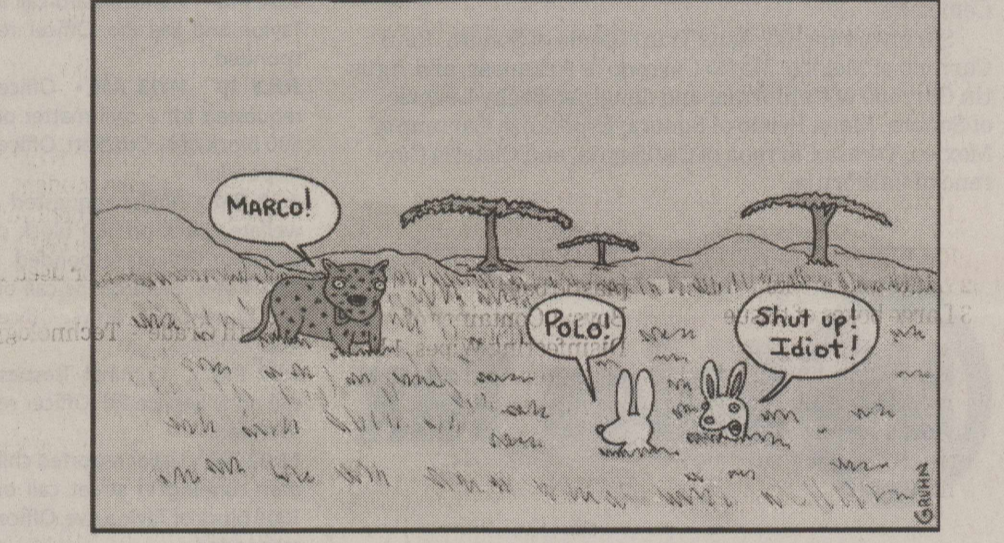
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# School Supply CHECK LIST

## ELEMENTARY

### PRE-KINDERGARTEN

- 1 Full-Size backpack or school bag
- 1 towel or Small blanket (for naptime)
- 1 change of clothes (for any type of accident)
- 2- sets of crayons (regular, thin crayons)
- 1 pair of student scissors
- 2 bottles of white glue
- 2 Jumbo glue sticks
- 2 large-box tissues (Kleenex)
- 2 box of "wipes"
- 1 set of four Play-Doh
- 1 box of gallon-sized storage bags (any brand)
- 2 containers of sanitizing wipes (like Lysol or Clorox)
- 1 watercolors set
- 1 bottle of GermX

\* Pencil boxes/bags are not needed at this level.  
 \*\* Please write your child's name on each item with a permanent marker.

### KINDERGARTEN

- 1 Backpack
- 1 Plastic pencil box
- 14-Pack of 5 oz. cans of Play Doh
- 1 Pair of blunt scissors (Fiscar brand)
- 1 Box of colored/map pencils
- 1 Watercolor paints
- 2 Black, low odor dry erase marker
- 2 Large pink erasers
- 2 Boxes of broad line 10 count Crayola classic markers
- 210 pack of #2 pencils (regular size)
- 4 Boxes of 24 count crayons
- 28 oz. bottles Elmer's school glue
- 2 Large glue sticks
- 3 Large boxes of tissue

Please write your child's first and last name on school supplies prior to bringing them up to school. Thank you!

### FIRST GRADE

- 1 box for supplies (no larger than 6"x9")
- 1 zippered pencil pouch
- 2 boxes 24 count Crayola crayons
- 12 #2 lead pencils (regular size)
- 1 pair metal scissors (Fiscar only)
- 1 watercolor set (Crayola brand only)
- 4 8 oz. bottles Elmers glue
- 1 set of 12 Crayola colored pencils
- 2 large boxes Kleenex
- 1 Backpack
- 1 box of Ziploc Bags
- 2 containers Clorox Wipes
- 1 Pencil Sharpener with cover
- 1 package index cards

\*Please DO NOT write your child's name on any supplies! Supplies will be labeled at school as needed.

### SECOND GRADE

- 2 Box of Crayola Crayons (24 count)
- 1 1 inch 3 ring binder (Black with plastic pocket on front)
- 3 Packages of pencils
- 2 Big pink erasers
- 1 Pair of Fiskar scissors
- 1 Package of assorted markers
- 1 Packages of Crayola colored pencils 24 count
- 2 Large bottles of glue
- 3 Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Plastic Pocket folders (1-blue...with holes and no brads)
- 2 Pencil sharpener
- 1 Black/white Composition Book
- 2 Dry-Erase Markers
- 1-box of Ziploc bags (girls-gallon, boys-quart)

Please do not write your child's name on any supplies.

## INTERMEDIATE

### THIRD GRADE

- 1 Plastic folder (Label with student's name)
- 1 zippered pencil pouch (Label with student's name)
- 1 pair Fiskar scissors (Label with student's name)
- 1 pkg. crayons (8-count) (Label with student's name)
- 1 bottle of Elmer's glue (Label with student's name)
- 3 composition books (Mead brand, Wide ruled, Label with student's name) 50 #2 pencils, Ticonderoga brand
- 6 red pens
- 4 highlighters
- 2 large pink erasers
- 1 Large box of Kleenex
- 1 container of disinfecting wipes

### FOURTH GRADE

- Trapper Keeper (with 3 rings)
- 1 Pack twistable colored pencils
- 1 bottle of School glue
- 2 Large packages of wide rule notebook paper (Not college rule)
- Pencils (at least 50)
- Scissors with a pointed tip
- 1 Pocket Folders with holes for notebook
- 4 Red pens for grading (not pencils)
- Large Eraser
- 1 package of pencil top erasers
- Pencil pouch for Trapper Keeper
- 2 Highlighters
- 2 Large boxes of Tissue
- 3 Composition Books (Mead- wide rule)
- 1 Bottle of hand sanitizer
- Girls: 1 box of baby wipes, 1 box Quart sized resealable plastic bags
- Boys: 1 Container of Disinfecting Wipes, 1 box of Gallon sized resealable plastic bags

### FIFTH GRADE

- 50 Regular #2 pencils (NO Mechanical)
- 1 Bottle of Elmer's Glue
- 1 Box of map colors (12 count)
- 1 Hand sharpener
- 2 Large boxes of tissues
- 1 Pkg of notebook paper (wide ruled)
- 2 1 Subject spiral notebooks (70 Pgs.)
- 1 Red Pocket folder w/ brads (Plastic Please)
- 1 Folder w/pockets and brads
- 3 Large Erasers
- 1 Trapper Keeper
- 2 Composition notebooks
- Girls: 1 box of baby wipes
- Boys: 1 container of Clorox wipes

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### SIXTH GRADE

- Black/blue pens\*
  - 1 one subject spiral notebook (wide-ruled/SS)
  - #2 pencils/Mechanical is optional\*(math)
  - 1 one subject spiral notebook (wide-ruled/Math)
  - Notebook paper (wide rule)\*
  - Large scissors\*
  - 1 pkg of any size grid paper (math)
  - 1 one inch 3 ring binder (ELA)
  - 2 dry erase chisel tip markers (Expo brand)
  - 13 prong pocket folder (SS)
  - 1 container Clorox Wipes(girls only-Science)
  - 2 large boxes of Kleenex tissue
  - pouch or small box for pencils & pen
  - 1 box quart or gallon size baggies(boys only-Science)
  - Large scissors\*
  - 4 red pens
  - 1 pkg index cards (ELA)
- Any item with an \* will be required of each student throughout the school year and will need to be replaced if lost, damaged, or used up. Backpacks brought to school must fit into a 9" wide x 11" deep x 26" high locker.

## SEVENTH GRADE

- Highlighters (4 different colors)
- 4 pkgs. of notebook paper (All subjects)
- Pkg. #2 pencils (if not more)
- 3 - large boxes of Kleenex (last all year)
- Pkg. Black or blue pens
- 1 Spiral notebook (Math)
- 1 red pen
- 6 pocket folder (ELA)
- Map colors
- 4 composition books (2 ELA, 1 Sci, 1 Tx Hist)
- 1 1" binders (Math)
- 1 dry erase markers (Expo brand-Math)

## EIGHTH GRADE

- 2 boxes of Kleenex
  - 2 pkgs. notebook paper (wide ruled) \*
  - 1 single subject spiral (Math)
  - 1 2 pocket folder w/out brads (ELA)
  - 1 1" 3 ring binder(Hist)
  - 3 2 pocket folders with brads (ELA)
  - 2 2" 3 ring binder (Math,Science)
  - 1 container Clorox Wipes (girls only-Science)
  - 3 composition notebooks (1-Science-2-ELA)
  - 1 - bottle hand sanitizer (boys only-Science)
  - 1 4oz. bottle of elmers glue (boys only) (ELA)
  - 1 pkg. 3x3 post its (girls only) (ELA)
  - 1 pkg blue ink pens\*
  - 1 pkg. #2 pencils \*
- Any item with an \* will be required of each student throughout the school year and will need to be replaced if lost, damaged, or used up

## Sixth Grade - Technology Applications

- 1 Pocket Folder
- 1 500 Count Ream/Package White Copy Paper

## Seventh and Eighth Grade- Technology Applications

- 1 Pocket Folder
- Art
- 1 Sketch Pad
- Spanish
- \*1 Spiral Notebook or Composition Notebook
- 1 package of dividers (count of 5)
- \*1 dozen pencils
- 1 Folder with pockets
- 1 set of map colors
- \*1 red pen
- 1 box of kleenex
- 1 glue
- 1 2 inch or 3 ring binder
- 1-pencil pouch

## Sixth, Seventh & Eighth Grade Physical Education Class

- Deodorant
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July 1-26	0 in.	July 1-26	0 in.
June	3.16 in.	June	3.97 in.
May	2.70 in.	May	5.31 in.
April	2.58 in.	April	2.95 in.
March	3.39 in.	March	2.62 in.
February	0.77 in.	February	1.04 in.
January	0.36 in.	January	0.38 in.
2016 Year-to-Date TOTAL	11.96 in.	2016 Year-to-Date TOTAL	16.27 in.
2015	23.87 in.	2015	25.31 in.
2014	14.32 in.	2014	12.72 in.
2013	25.12 in.	2013	25.00 in.
2012	16.06 in.	2012	17.82 in.
2011	11.50 in.	2011	10.49 in.
2010	20.37 in.	2010	17.94 in.
2009	21.67 in.	2009	28.44 in.

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## USDA Seeks Applications for Funding to Develop Advanced Biofuels and Plant-Based Products

*Development Will Contribute to America's Strong Bioeconomy and Bring Jobs to Rural Areas*

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking applications for funding to help support the development of advanced biofuels, renewable chemicals and biobased products.

"The bioeconomy is a catalyst for economic development in rural America, creating new jobs and providing new markets for farmers and ranchers," Vilsack said. "Investing in the businesses and technologies that support the production of biofuels and biobased products is not only good for farm incomes. The whole economy benefits from a more balanced, diversified energy portfolio, less dependence on foreign oil and reduced carbon emissions."

"The Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program is building the foundation for a clean energy economy

and protecting our environment while making America less dependent on foreign and fossil fuels and increasing rural economic growth," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development Texas State Director.

The program now provides loan guarantees of up to \$250 million to develop, construct and retrofit commercial-scale biorefineries and to develop renewable chemicals and biobased product manufacturing facilities.

For this announcement, USDA will seek applications in two cycles. Applications for the first funding cycle are due October 3, 2016.

Applications for the second cycle are due April 3, 2017.

For more information, see page 48377 of the July 25, 2016, Federal Register (https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2016/07/25/2016-17486/notice-of-solicitation-of-applications-for-the-biorefinery-renewable-chemical-

and-biobased-product).

Application materials can be found on USDA's Rural Development website (<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/biorefinery-renewable-chemical-and-biobased-product-manufacturing-assistance>).

In October 2015, Rural Development implemented a redesigned two-phase application process.

This new process helps the Agency identify the projects that have made the most progress in the development stage and have the greatest capacity for implementation and loan closing.

The first two application cycles under the new process yielded complete applications from projects producing biogas, biodiesel, cellulosic ethanol, biobased lubricants and oils, lignin cake and syrup, and fertilizers.

Eligible borrowers include individuals, corporations, federally-recognized tribes, units of

state or local government, farm cooperatives and co-op organizations, associations of agricultural producers, national laboratories, institutions of higher education, rural electric cooperatives, public power entities – or a consortium of any of these borrower types. Entities that receive program financing must provide at least 20 percent of the funding for eligible project costs.

Since 2009, USDA Rural Development @USDARD has invested \$11 billion to start or expand 103,000 rural businesses; helped 1.1 million rural residents buy homes; funded nearly 7,000 community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care facilities; financed 185,000 miles of electric transmission and distribution lines; and helped bring high-speed Internet access to nearly 6 million rural residents and businesses.

For more information, visit [www.usda.gov/results](http://www.usda.gov/results).

## Southern End of Big Spring Truck Relief Route Completed

The Texas Department of Transportation, Howard County, City of Big Spring and the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce hosted the Grand Opening of the U.S. 87 William B. Crooker Memorial Highway last week, marking the completion of construction on the southern portion of the truck relief route near Big Spring along the Ports-to-Plains Corridor.

After three years of

construction, this southern portion of the entire truck relief route was completed eight months ahead of schedule. This U.S. 87 Ports-to-Plains Corridor ran through downtown Big Spring and its traffic is approximately 30% trucks, which creates traffic congestion. The new US 87 Truck Relief Route will allow vehicles on the Ports-to-Plains Corridor to travel at speed with less

congestion while still allowing access to downtown Big Spring through Business U.S. 87.

This 8.5 mile relief route was named the William B. Crooker Memorial Highway in honor of the long-time Howard County commissioner and Ports-to-Plains Board Member and advocate. The project cost \$51 million including funding from the federal government, Texas Proposition 12

and 14 funding.

"This project demonstrates the importance of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor to west Texas as the project included \$25 million in Proposition 12 funding from other TxDOT districts," said Michael Reeves, President, Ports-to-Plains Alliance. "How often do you see funding allocated to one TXDOT District voluntarily shared with another portion of the state?"

The construction of the 7.5 mile northern leg is expected to begin construction later this year at an estimated cost of \$67 million.

## San Angelo Community Band Concert

The San Angelo Community Band, directed by Dr. Constance Kelley of the Angelo State University music faculty, will host the final concert of its summer season on Monday, Aug. 1, in the Life Center of Sierra Vista Methodist Church, 4522 College Hills Blvd.

Titled "Strike Up the Band!" the concert will begin at 7 p.m. and is open free to the public.

The musical program will include "Gavorkna Fanfare" by Philip Sparks, "Manhattan Beach March" by John Philip Sousa, a rhapsody on "O Waly Waly" arranged by Jay Bocook, and a rousing closer by Leroy Anderson, among others. Special features will include a euphonium solo by San Angelo native Jake Martin, as well as a piece highlighting the entire trumpet section.

The San Angelo Community Band is an all-volunteer, nonprofit ensemble that offers a creative outlet for amateur musicians. Its members annually perform a variety of summer concerts, as well as at various special events, and represent a cross-section of the local community, including ASU students, faculty and staff.

Kelley is an associate professor of music at ASU.

## Sheep & Goat Org. to Meet in Junction Aug. 1

The Hill Country Sheep and Goat Organization will meet Monday August 1, 2016 at 9:30am at Isaacks Restaurant, 1606 Main Street in Junction.

The speaker will be Dale Naumann of Bandera who with his wife has a business selling mohair and alpaca rovings among many other items.

Guests are welcome to make reservations by July 22nd with Suzy Stewart (830-669-2204).

Please bring silent auction items so the labeling preparation can be done for the 48th Annual Wool and Mohair Fashion Show and Texas Products Luncheon to be held October 25, 2016 at the Y O Ranch Resort Hotel in Kerrville. 100% of the profit will go for education/scholarships. The organization has given \$269,350.00 in scholarships through the years. For tickets, please call Fran Dendy (830-257-5942).

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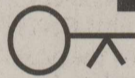
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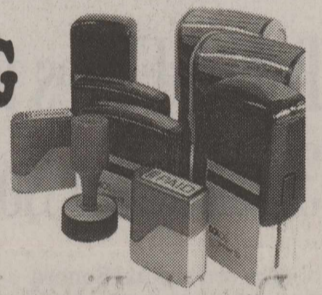
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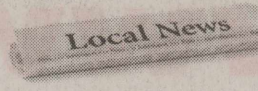
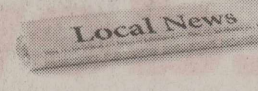
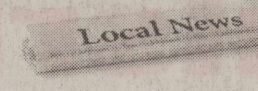
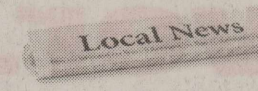
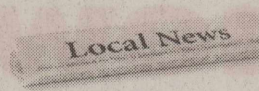
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## Corale at the Caverns



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### Church of Christ Invites Youth to Singing and Devotional in Caverns

Unless you've heard 100 kids singing acapella while at the bottom of a cave, you've never experienced anything like the Sonora Church of Christ annual Youth Fellowship in the Caverns of Sonora.

"This is something worth doing," Roy Smalling said.

For the past two years Smalling has lead the ministry of the Church of Christ in Sonora.

Youth Minister Jason Yarbrough of the Church of Christ, San Angelo looks forward to this event each

year so that he can hear the voices ring throughout the caverns while leading the youth chorus.

This is the 15th year that the event has welcomed youth to participate in the one of a kind experience, according to Smalling.

On Tuesday, August 2nd, another group of youngsters will begin their decent to the Great Room located at the bottom of the Caverns of Sonora where they will spend an hour socializing, singing and worshipping.

Every year, youth ranging from Junior High

School and up take part in the event that includes people from nearby towns including San Angelo, Abilene and Kerrville.

"We are a small church in a small community so, to be able to have something that people from all over can come together is special," Smalling said.

Smalling said he thinks that the event has sponsored about a thousand kids through the caverns.

As well, the annual no cost event is available to adults.

The church absorbs

the \$1.00 admission fee per person as well as offering a hamburger to everyone in attendance during the event.

"Kids like to sing and the acoustics in that big room are wonderful," Smalling said.

Smalling said the event is not intended to convert kids - instead it is an opportunity to be together and have fun doing something extraordinary.

"It's all about the experience of going down into the cave and spending about an hour singing and teaching,"

he added.

A good time was had by all.

He said it is his hope that each person participating in the unique experience leaves with the understanding that "there is beauty in everything and realize what God created in these caverns."

This is Smalling's third time to participate in the annual event.

Since his first cave experience two years ago, he has abandoned his power point presentation. One of his first lessons in

cave dwelling was that the humidity isn't kind to electronics.

Now, he enjoys the gifts of song and praise coming from those participating. And, although participation is less each year, Smalling said he hopes that people will come again this year to take part in the truly special experience.

"We operate based on faith," Smalling said. "We do this just because we love kids."

For more information or to sign up for a tour, call 387-3190.

### Bobby Flores to Headline 3rd Annual Sonora Sensation

The 3rd annual Sonora Sensation will be August 20, 2016 at the Sutton Country Civic Center in Sonora. The Sensation is presented by Sonora Bank and will welcome Bobby Flores & The Yellow Rose Band as this year's entertainment. Proceeds from the event benefit West Texas Rehabilitation Center in San Angelo and Ozona which continue to treat 500 patients per day.

Associated with WTRC's 57th Annual Round-Up for Rehab campaign, Sonora Sensation is a dance, dinner and silent auction and begins at 6:30 PM. The meal is catered by Kenny Blaneck's Village

Café, gun prize boards, and a silent auction featuring items from local businesses will be on display. Bobby Flores & The Yellow Rose Band will take the stage at 8:00 PM and the event will go until midnight. For those not familiar with Bobby Flores, he is a 2003 Grammy Award winning musician and is a multi-instrumentalist, vocalist, arranger, producer, and composer and first call session musician. Bobby has performed with many Country Music Superstars such as Marty Robbins, Johnny Rodriguez, Tanya Tucker, Conway Twitty, George Strait, and Garth Brooks.



Bobby Flores | COURTESY PHOTO

Tickets are \$25 each and tables for 8 are \$200. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online by visiting SonoraSensation.bpt.me or by visiting the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, West Texas Rehab, or by calling 325-223-6313. Tickets will not be sold at the door and the event is anticipated to sell out. For more information, call the number provided.

### Annual Angora Goat Production Sale Event Profits for 29th Year

Submitted by Doris Haby

The 29th Annual Haby, Lockhart, Ross, Speck Production sale was held Saturday, July 16, 2016 at the Hill Country Youth Exhibit Center in Kerrville.

Preston Farris of Sonora served as the auctioneer.

This year the goats were offered by the Haby Ranch and Speck Ranch.

Several out of state buyers had a positive impact on the sale.

Eighty five lots of yearling bucks and does grossed \$40,525.00, averaging \$476.76. Thirty two does averaged \$491.41, and fifty three bucks averaged \$467.92.

The top doe was purchased for \$1000.00 by Nancy Burton of Burnet.

Also, Burton purchased the second and third high selling does for \$850.00 and \$700.00.

The top buck was purchased by Tracy Stamatakis from Price, Utah for \$1700.00. The second high selling buck was purchased by Jarita Thomson of Plato, Missouri for \$1000.00. The third high buck was purchased by Terry Schenkel from Sonora, Texas for \$900.00. The fourth high buck sold for \$850.00 to David Ross of Sonora, Texas.

These top selling goats

were offered by the Speck family.

New buyers were Tracy Stamatakis of Price, Utah, Jarita Thomson of Plato, Missouri, David Steinberg of Leon, Iowa, Rymond Haby of Brackettville, John McMahon of Rockdale, Texas, and David Monroe of Uvalde.

Volume buyers included: Nancy Burton-14 head for \$7375.00, Jarita Thomson-11 head for \$5700.00, Cal and Pam Hengst of San Angelo, Texas -10 head for \$4,200.00 Tracy Stamatakis -5 head for \$3600.00, Jim Cummings of Evant, Texas-10 head for \$3550.00, and Terry Schenkel -6 head for \$3475.00.

Other volume buyers include Kathy Bader of Brackettville, Allen Stieler of Rocksprings, John McMahon, David Monroe, Rymond Haby, and David Ross.

Addition buyers include Wayne Brown of Del Rio, Clay Kneese of Harper, Cole Crenwelge of Sonora, John Sweeten of Rocksprings, Daniel Raab of Fredericksburg, David Steinberg, and Buddy Weaver of Rocksprings.

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