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Dr. Hall Receives \$500K Settlement, SCHD Lawsuit Dismissed

Sutton County Hospital District has agreed to pay Dr. Chris Hall and his attorney a total of \$500,000 under the terms of a settlement agreement obtained this week by The Devil's River News.

The agreement was reportedly reached following a mediation session in which both sides approved the terms on June 8, 2016.

The agreement was accepted by U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings who dismissed the case with prejudice on July 28th. That means the case was dismissed

for cause and cannot be brought before the court again.

Hall filed a lawsuit against the hospital district in state district court on September 1, 2015 after he was terminated from his position by John Graves, the district's chief executive officer.

Hall also sued Graves in his individual and official capacity.

The case was later moved from state court to federal district court in San Angelo.

As part of the settlement, the district will pay Dr. Hall \$365,000 for back wages, minus taxes. Additionally, the district

will pay Dr. Hall \$10,000 in "non-wage" damages.

The remainder of the half-million dollar settlement, or \$125,000 will be paid by the district to attorney Brian Carney of Midland for attorney's fees and costs incurred as part of the case.

The settlement was approved by the SCHD board of trustees on Monday, July 11th and signed by board president Sharon Holman on that date.

The agreement was withheld from the public pending final approval by the court, according to John Graves.

Graves made the following statement after the settlement was made public. "The board of directors of Sutton County Hospital District, John Graves, and Dr. Chris Hall would like to publicly announce they have mutually agreed to resolve all disputes between them. The Hospital District and Dr. Hall believe this resolution is in the best interests of all parties and the community of Sonora. The district looks forward to continuing to provide high-quality health care and services the community has come to expect."

The hospital district's insurance carrier will pay for all legal defense fees as part of the district's "directors and officers" insurance policy.

Graves said it is the purpose of such insurance, to provide coverage for the board of directors as well as the administrator in circumstances like these. The same insurance contributed an additional \$100,000 to the overall settlement.

Hall was employed by the district on November 2, 2012. He was terminated on June 4,

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Broncos Gear up for Two-a-Days



The Sonora Broncos football players got an early start heading out to the practice field to begin two-a-days football training Monday morning, August 1st. "The first day of practice was the best I've seen in twenty-five years!" Head Coach David T. Sine said. A Red and White scrimmage takes place on Friday, August 5th followed by a fish fry at the Bronco Nation Stadium.

KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Funeral Home Changes Name, Under New Ownership

After years of dedication to Sonora and Sutton County residents and their families, Kerbow Funeral Home is under new ownership and Glen Love, long-time community resident, vows to continue the same services, traditions and friendships that people have come to expect and appreciate.

On June 1st, Love purchased the business from Jessie Kerbow.

Now, the establishment will operate under a new name, Love Funeral Home.

Understanding the communities needs and the local people, he doesn't plan on changing the day to day business of the facility.

"I'm not going to make any major changes," Love said. "Aside from the name change, I will keep things the same."

Love has been involved in the Sonora funeral home since the 1980's when he began working for Bruce Kerbow while completing High School.

Developing a passion for delivering compassion and professionalism while helping people Love decided to pursue a life's vocation in the business. He completed the Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science and began working full-time at the funeral home in 1987 fulfilling

the responsibilities as a licensed mortician, as well as assisting has assisted in every function of the facilities services.

Realizing a goal of owning his own funeral home, Love provides more than comfort to families experiencing a loss. He takes care of every detail involved in the loss of a life.

Operating the business together Love and his wife, Tamie, who takes care of business accounting, are committed to providing care and services to their patrons.

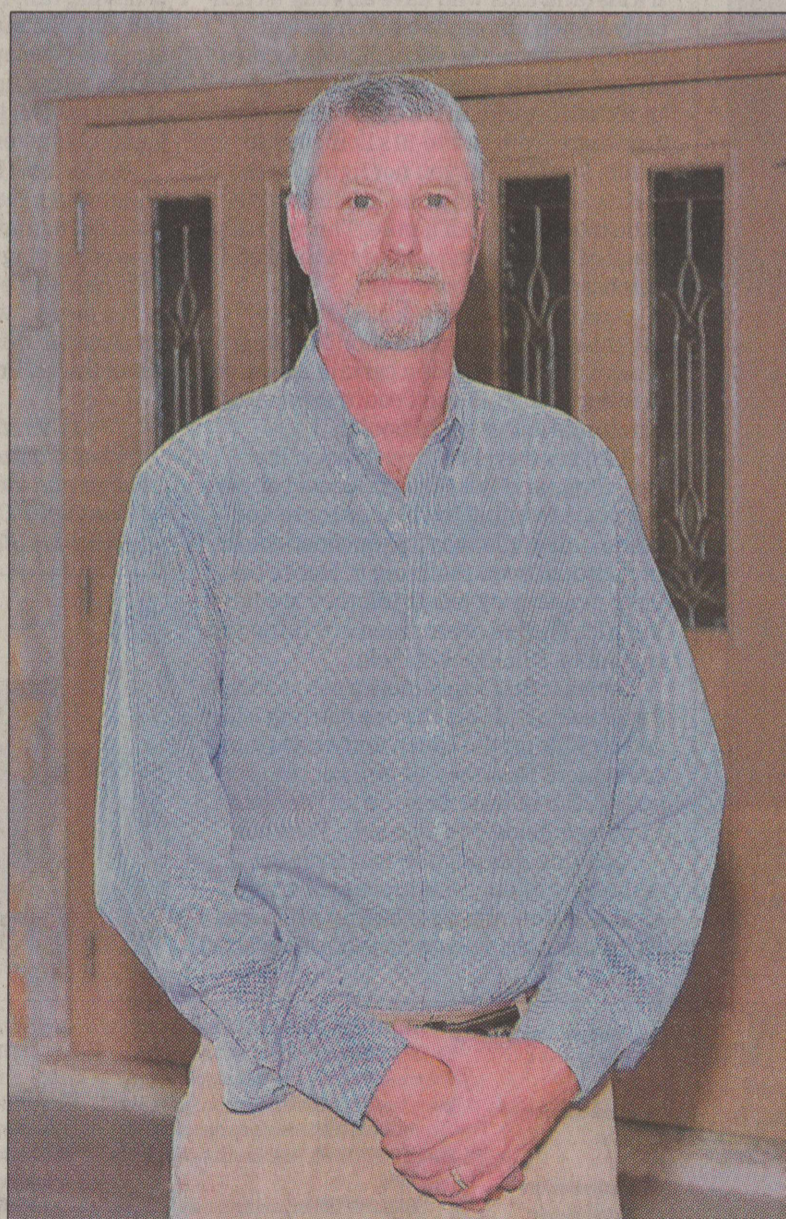
"We do everything," Love said. "It's a twenty-four, seven, life style but we are OK with that."

Services include all aspects of funeral arrangements, services and burial.

The funeral home, known as Kerbow Funeral Home, has been in continuous service in its present location since the 1940's when Jack Kerbow began the Business. His son, Bruce, partnered with him in 1986 operating the facility in Sonora.

The present facility in Sonora underwent a renovation in 2008.

"I look forward to continuing to serve my hometown and provide the best service in the funeral profession," Love said.



Glen Love, Owner, Love Funeral Home provides care and professionalism when helping people with funeral service and burial needs.

DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Congressman Will Hurd Comes to Sonora for Tech2Town Workshop

Congressman Will Hurd will be in Sonora on August 4th for the Tech2Town Sonora Workshop.

The event offers free technology training workshops focused on teaching 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.

The workshop open to the public and citizens are encouraged to attend.

Thursday's workshop is slated 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.

FMI please contact Congressman Will Hurd's office at 210-921-3130.

State Rolls Out Revised Women's Health Program

AUSTIN — A women's health program is in effect and ready to deliver more care to more women statewide who are 15 to 44 years old and whose income is up to 200 percent of federal poverty guidelines.

Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, and Texas Health and Human Services Executive Commissioner Charles Smith, in a joint announcement on July 25, said they expect the "new and improved" Healthy Texas Women program to serve some 300,000 women, while earlier programs served 270,000 women. Participation for minors will require parental consent.

Nelson, current chair of the state Senate Finance Committee and former chair of the Senate Health and Human Services

Committee, said the program combines and streamlines two of the state's previous women's health programs to provide a full range of women's health services, including:

- Pregnancy testing and counseling;
- Family planning;
- Immunizations;
- Breast and cervical cancer screenings;
- Screenings and treatment for diabetes, hypertension, and high cholesterol; and more.

"State funding for women's health services has reached an all-time high," said Sen. Nelson. "We have expanded our provider network to the largest it has ever been and will continue working to make

sure women all over the state can access family planning and other preventative health services."

"We place a high priority on helping all Texas women access the comprehensive healthcare services they need," Smith said, "and we're committed to helping ensure more women know what benefits are available to help them take charge of their health."

More information is available online at HealthyTexasWomen.org.

Certification program debuts

Secretary of State Carlos Cascos on July 27 invited Texas businesses to participate in the Human Trafficking Prevention

Business Partnership Program created by the Texas Legislature in 2015.

The program requires the secretary of state to present a certificate of recognition to a participating corporation or private entity to recognize its contributions to the efforts of federal, state and local officials engaged in combatting human trafficking and prosecuting human-trafficking crimes.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

My Acting Career

Although this is a very small part of my life, I believe it needs to be recorded. This occurred during the 1990s and I forgot which month. Every word of this story is the gospel truth as I lived every day of it.

It Happened Out West



by Joe N. Brown

During the mid-90s I was out of a job and needed some income. I heard that a movie company was hiring at Alpine so I went down and applied. I was hired on the spot

and told to go costume to get fitted for period clothing.

I went to their clothing trailer where their manager fitted me with three different sets of clothes. I was told to go to the set on the Macaliff Ranch and report to the director. I did and he gave me dates to appear and which costume for the shoots that day. I finally got up enough nerve to ask what are we shooting? He informed me that the movie was "Dead Man's Walk" by Larry McMurtry who had written "Lonesome Dove."

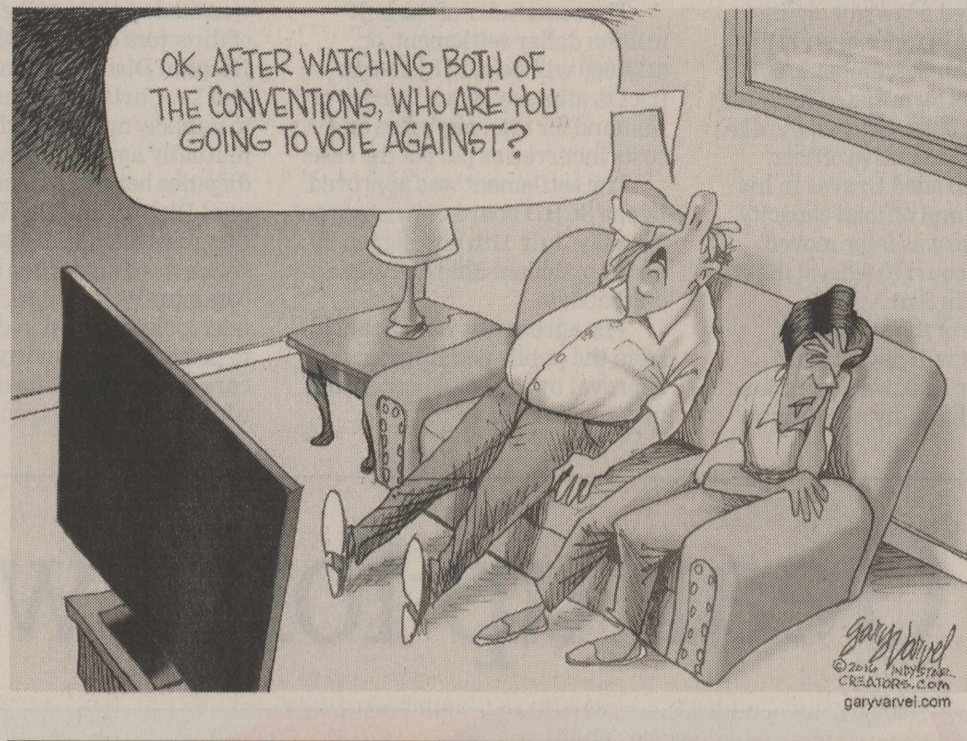
I reported on the days ordered and appeared in three scenes of this movie which I will try to describe in the following section.

In the first scene I appeared as the mayor of Austin in the 1840s. I was dressed in khaki pants, a colored vest, black top coat, a large top hat and a long cigar. In this get up I walked down the main street of Austin to the church at the end of the street as the Rangers ran by horseback.

Scene number two for me was several days later at a monastery on a hillside. I was dressed as a Spanish calvary man in blue pants, red jacket and a shining steel helmet. We rode into this monastery yard and delivered the prisoners who were riding in a wooden wheeled cart pulled by two mules.

The next day I was still cast as a Spanish soldier in the same uniform except now I was given a fake wooden rifle to hold. My action was as a guard as the prisoners were lined up for execution by firing squad. We shot the execution scene probably 15 times before the director was satisfied.

Thus ended my movie actor career of only 3 days for about \$300 dollars. The author Larry McMurtry was on location but I never met him.



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On the Go, Pokémon Style

It's all the rage and a cutting-edge craze—sweeping not only the nation, but the entire world. If you don't have an inkling of understanding about what the verve is all about, chances are you're aware of the buzz about Pokémon Go. And, if you're like me, you wish you had the foresight to invest in the Nintendo Company a couple of months ago.

Pokémon Go is a new game played on mobile devices. On July 12, less than a week after it was first released, the app became the most active mobile game in the United States ever with 21 million users. This thing is bigger than Candy Crush Saga.

Mobile apps are a dime a dozen (or often free, as is the case with Pokémon Go). Except this game is different from the others in one major way. It is location-based. You can't play while sitting in your living room. The game requires that you go out into the real world to find and catch imaginary Pokémon (animal-like cartoon creatures) and hatch their eggs.

Makes perfect sense. Hatching eggs requires a couple of things: a virtual incubator and walking. If kids (and kids who have already technically grown up) want to hatch an egg, they first place it in an incubator located on their phone. Then they get moving. In the real world, in real time. Eggs take anywhere from two to 10 kilometers to hatch. For those of you not living on the metric side of things, one kilometer is a little more than half a mile. The app keeps track of the distance you've traveled and hatches the egg accordingly.

And don't even think about cheating the system. Distance counting stops when a player exceeds a certain speed, so driving in a car doesn't count toward egg hatching. You've got to hoof it.

Players travel between places like PokeStops and PokeGyms (located at various places around town) to capture and battle—all while they are outside, exercising without even realizing it. Here's the Poké magic: they just think they are having fun. There's hasn't been anything this ingenious since kick-the-can.

At least that's this mom's perspective. Pre-Pokémon, I was the one battling—to get my kids off the couch and away from the screen. Now they've still got the screen, but at least they are off the couch. Playing outside. With friends. Poke me.

Nothing this popular can skate (or walk) by without some amount of criticism. People walking or biking while staring at their phone screens is like distracted

driving without the car. Walking the streets after dark may put kids at risk of not being seen by motorists. And, players hunting Pokémon at places like museums, cemeteries, memorial sites and fire stations isn't always embraced by the non-players visiting or working at those sites. Still, I'm a proponent.

My kid hasn't played any indoor video games in the last week. If you are the mom of a 14-year-old boy, you understand the immensity and nearly miraculous significance of that statement.

I've heard adults (myself included) lament nostalgically over the good old days, when summer and childhood meant getting on your bike and exploring the woods or going to a nearby park and whiling away the hours until it was time to go home for lunch, or maybe even supper if you'd eaten a big enough breakfast or packed yourself a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

My kid is doing that. His bike is broken, so he's been riding mine—a no speed, over-sized, fender-laden mom bike if you've ever seen one. He doesn't care about his lack of fancy wheels because he is having fun. He leaves in the morning and makes a quick pit stop for lunch. His face has developed a warm summer glow. He's meeting up with friends and finding new ones. The game's even taught him about kilometer conversion.

So, for now I can overlook the fact that his summer reading isn't yet complete. We'll get to that. Summer should be a time of playing outside with your friends. This new game may not be perfect, but it isn't a perfect world. I'll take what I can get. And for this summer, at least, it's all about the go. Pokémon Go.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright, author and member of the National Society of Newspaper Columnists. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.

Slices of Life



By Jill Pertler

Gun Pranks in Del Rio

Gary Humphreys has a gun shop in Del Rio. A giant sculpture of a six-shooter stands beside his building.

Gary is one popular guy. He loves history, explores old battle sites and is active in all sorts of shooting events for kids. He has a buddy named Anthony Kusenberger who is a great practical joker. They are

Rolling Along

by Tumbleweed Smith

both members of the Lions Club and when Gary was running for some office within the club, Anthony served as his campaign manager. At a club luncheon, he got up and made a speech in Gary's behalf.

"Nobody in Del Rio knows more about guns than Gary Humphreys," spoke Anthony from the podium. "He stays real busy at his shop taking care of his many customers who bring in their guns for repairs. Sometimes, though, he gets behind and is late getting the guns fixed and back to their owners. Some time ago, a twelve-year-old boy had a small rifle that needed repairing and he and his mother took it to Gary's shop. I'm glad to say I've got that rifle right here and the owner is here to pick it up. So little Jimmy Blocklinger please come up here."

Jimmy Blocklinger is a survivor of Pearl Harbor who is in his eighties. The Lions Club members had a good laugh. Gary, though, was not amused.

"Back at my shop," says Gary, "I found a twenty-two that I've had there since the mid-eighties. This little teenager and his mother brought it in to be repaired. It would have cost more to repair it than what it was worth, so I called the mother and told her it'd be better to just replace it with something and she could pick up the gun. She never came to pick it up. The woman happened to be Anthony's mother and that gun belonged to Anthony."

Last fall Del Rio had its annual wild game dinner during which 125 guns were given away at a raffle. Anthony won a rifle worth about \$700 and was going to pick it up at Gary's gun shop.

"One of my employees, who had heard about the prank Anthony pulled on me," says Gary, "suggested a good way to get back at him and get rid of that old gun. He said we could take that expensive gun out of its box and put that rusty old twenty-two in it. I thought that was a good idea, so that's what we did. We sealed up the box real good to look like it had never been opened. Anthony came down, filled out the necessary paper work, picked up the gun and out the door he went."

Gary got a call from Anthony later that afternoon.

"He said he got home and opened up that box and was looking at the gun, not realizing that it was the one he had as a teenager. His wife commented that she thought the guns were supposed to be new. Anthony got the right gun and he's happy now, probably thinking about another prank to pull on me."

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Eighty-two youth ranging in age from 6 years to 15 years participated in the 8th annual Sonora Bronco Football Camp at the Bronco Stadium, Sonora. The three day camp, July 26 - 28th, included basic skill training, conditioning, friendly competition and a camp t-shirt. [COURTESY PHOTO]

Young Broncos Participate in 8th Annual Bronco Football Camp

Submitted by David T. Sine

The Sonora Bronco Football Coaching staff put on the 8th Annual Sonora Bronco Football Camp on July 26th, 27th, and 28th.

"The tradition of Sonora Bronco Football is alive and well as 82 campers received instruction for every offensive and defensive position," Coach David T. Sine said.

Also, the campers competed on a daily basis in the following competitions: 40 yard dash, punting, kicking, receiving drills, pass accuracy, and passing distance competition.

Points were awarded in every category and the following campers were

awarded plaques for winning in each age division.

Super Bronco Camper Awards are given based on demeanor, mannerisms, and hustle throughout the camp.

The annual event is not possible without the generous support and donations of local sponsors including Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, GiGi's on Main, Mungia Southwest Heating and Cooling, Taco Grill, Diamond Tryon Fields Ranch, Sonora Bank, Everett's Pharmacy, Eddy Smith, Sonora Sonic, The Bank and Trust, Devil's River Auto Parts, and Athletes World of San Angelo.

Each camper received a camp water bottle, Bronco camp towel, and camp t-shirt.

Additionally, every camper is invited to Lil Bronco Night on September 2nd. Each camper that wears their camp t-shirt will receive free admission and will lead the Broncos onto the field prior to the 2016 home opener versus Llano.

Finally, Coach Sine said he and his staff were truly pleased at the number of participants as well as appreciate the support of all parents who came out to show their support.

"We will continue

to strive for the "NEXT LEVEL" so get ready for the 9th Annual Sonora Bronco Football Camp in 2017!

BOOYAH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!," Sine said.

2015 Sonora Bronco Camp Champions:

6 Year Old:
Champion-Landon Guerra 127 points
2nd Place-Aaron Segura 96 points
3rd Place-Tres Garza 69 points
7 Year Old:
Super Bronco Camper-Armani Coronado
8 Year Old:
Champion-DeMarcus Johnson 119 points
2nd Place-Evan Arredondo 98 points
3rd Place-Peyton Bailey 58

points
Super Bronco Camper: Jayce Martinez
9 Year Old:
Champion-Angel Diaz 228 points
2nd Place-Colton Webb 104 points
3rd Place-Slevin Solis 101 points
Super Bronco Camper-Destany Castillo
10 Year Old:
Champion-Juan Castillo 190 points
2nd Place-Marquis Johnson 106 points
3rd Place-Brennan Castro 105 points
Super Bronco Camper: Jorge Leija
11 Year Old:
Champion-Carmelo Alviso 146 points
2nd Place-Braden Bailey 126 points
Super Bronco Camper: Braden Bailey
12 Year Old:
Champion-Cuatro Wardlaw 178 points
2nd Place-Gage Owen 155 points
3rd Place-Aidan Leamon 154 points
Super Bronco Camper: Jamie Buitron

Champion-Rino Hernandez 174 points
2nd Place-Andres Sanchez 151 point
3rd Place-Adam Hopper 129 points
Super Bronco Camper-Gabriel Valdez
13 Year Old:
Champion- Jared Lozano 170 points
2nd Place- Lane Taylor 159 points
3rd Place- Michael Creek 156 points
Super Bronco Camper-Reagon Owen
14 Year:
Champion-Wilson Johnson 214 points
2nd Place-Caleb Nolen 203 points
3rd Place-Leandro Alviso 195 points
Super Bronco Camper: Ethan Hamm
15 Year Old:
Champion-Slade Dermody 219 points
2nd Place-Victor Garza 214 points
3rd Place-Ty Perez 199 points
Super Bronco Camper: Joe Angel Torres
Overall Point Champion :
15 Year Old Slade Dermody 219 Points

High School Registration

High school registration will take place during the week of August 8th - 12th for all high school students. Students will receive their schedules, pick up paperwork, and pay for their parking stickers (\$10). To purchase parking stickers students must present valid driver's license and proof of insurance on the vehicle they will be parking. Also, if you would like to make any changes to your schedule you will be able to do at this time. Here are the dates and times for each:

August 8th
8:30 - 11:30 AM Seniors
1:00 - 3:30 PM Juniors

August 9th
8:30 - 11:30 AM Sophomores
1:00 - 3:30 PM Freshmen

August 10th - 12th
8:30 - 11:30 AM New Students
1:00 - 3:30 PM New Students

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MONDAY August 8th
Oriental Cherry Chicken, Fluffy Rice, Broccoli, Wheat Roll, Fruit Yogurt, Milk
TUESDAY August 9th
Lemon Baked Fish, Black-eyed Peas, Spinach, Wheat roll, Fresh fruit, Milk
WEDNESDAY August 10th
Chilli, Tossed Salad W/ Ranch Dressing, Cornbread, Lemon Pudding, Milk
THURSDAY August 11th
Chicken Fried Steak W/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green beans, Wheat Roll, Cake, Milk
FRIDAY August 12th
Santa Fe Pork Cubes, Buttered Noodles, Carrots, Wheat Roll, Seasonal Fresh Fruit, Milk

Transportation to and from the center may call 325-387-3941.

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Take Time to be Heard, Attend Local Conservation Program Meeting

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Sutton County and the Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation District cordially invite the public to attend their Fiscal Year 2017 Local Working Group (LWG) meeting

The meeting also updates attendees on recent conservation efforts and allows for an opportunity to collect public input to help guide future conservation activities.

Through regular identification of conservation opportunities, effective Farm Bill investments can continue to benefit Sutton County. Farmers, ranchers, conservationists, and others interested in obtaining Federal technical and financial assistance to improve private lands are invited to participate.

When: August 10th
Time: 4:00-5:00 pm
Location: USDA-NRCS Office Sonora

meeting August 10, 2016, from 4:00 to 5:00 pm at the local USDA-NRCS office at 301 Crockett Street.

The purpose of this annual LWG meeting is to bring together conservation stakeholders to discuss conservation topics and issues, and to set local conservation priorities to help farmers, ranchers and private landowners conserve and manage the natural resources.

For more information, please contact Tom Payton, district conservationist, at (325) 387-2730, Ex 3 or visit the NRCS web site at <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/>.

DEATH NOTICES

Sonora- Linda Jeanne Hamilton, 55 of Arlington passed away Thursday, July 28, 2016 in Arlington.

Graveside services were held Monday, August 1, 2016 in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were with Love Funeral Home Sonora.

Survivors include son Clayton Harlan Britton of Arlington, brother Dick Hamilton and sister Norma Gayle Hamilton-Bobermin of Grand Prairie.

How Much Should We Water The Lawn?

The lawn is an integral component of the landscape. During these hot, dry periods, lawn grasses can suffer and require more attention. Proper maintenance is a key principle in reducing irrigation requirements in the landscape.

It should be noted that most lawns receive twice as much water as they require for a healthy appearance.

It is best to not water by the calendar, for example, once a week.

It is better to water when the plant needs watering.

The key to watering lawns is to apply the water infrequently, yet thoroughly.

To know when to water the lawn, simply observe the grass.

Wilting and discoloration are signs of water stress. At the first sign of wilting, you have 24 to 48 hours to water before serious injury occurs. Apply 1 inch of water to the lawn as rapidly as possible without runoff.

Watering only when needed and watering thoroughly produces a deep-rooted lawn which is more

water efficient and drought enduring.

In general, cool-season grasses need about one to 1.5 inches of water per week to maintain green color and active growth. Allow lawns to naturally slow down in growth during extreme

conditions. You may let the lawn go almost completely dormant in hot weather.

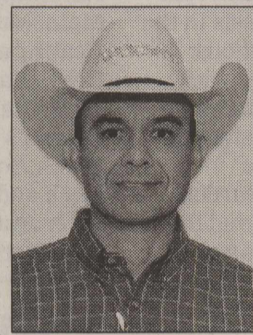
Raising the mowing height on turfgrasses helps lawns survive drought conditions.

For example, the typical mowing height for St. Augustine

grass is 2-2 1/2 inches. You can raise the mowing height on St. Augustine to 3 1/2 to 4 inches during drought. Bermuda grass typical mowing height is 1-1.5 inch while Buffalo-grass mowing height is 2.5-3 inches. These too can be raised.

Other cultural practices that add to the efficient use of water by plants are periodic checks of the irrigation system, properly-timed insect and disease control and elimination of water-demanding weeds.

For more information call the Extension Office at 387-3101.



Pascual Hernandez

HALL:

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2015. The reason for his dismissal has not been made public. Nor is the reason for the termination likely to be revealed since all parties in the lawsuit have agreed to not disparage one another.

All sides also agreed to keep confidential the terms of the settlement. However, public entities like the hospital district are prohibited by law from keeping settlement terms such as these away from the public.

It should be noted that none of the parties involved admitted any wrongdoing in the case and all sides have agreed that the settlement resolves all matters related to Dr. Hall's employment at SCHD.

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Food Safety Classes, Aug. 9-10

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Sutton County is offering two food handlers classes titled *Food Safety: It's In Your Hands*. on August 9th at 3:00 p.m. and August 10th at 9:00 a.m. at the Extension office at 1700 North Crockett Street, Sonora.

The class, accredited by the Texas Department of State Health Services, offers a basic overview of food safety practices including instruction on good personal hygiene, cross contamination, and time and temperature abuse.

Certification is good for 2 years and is valid

anywhere in the State of Texas.

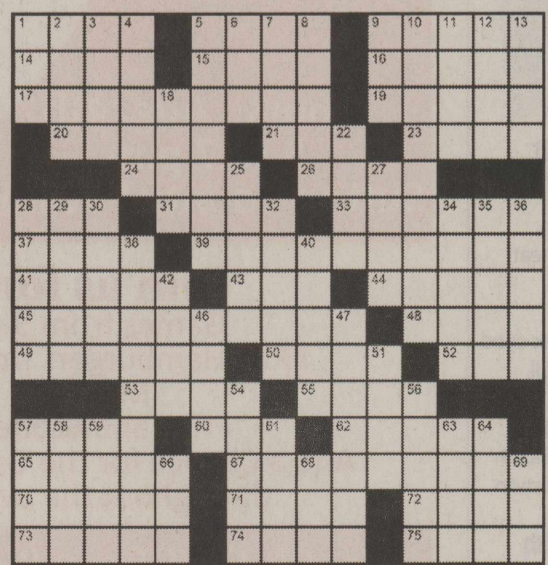
To register, call the Extension office at 325-387-3604. The cost is \$20.00 per person.

Individuals with disabilities who require auxiliary aide service or accommodation in order to participate are encouraged to contact our office within 5 working days prior to the program. Educational programs of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, national origin or genetic information or veteran status.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS	57. "Typee" sequel	DOWN	12. Uncivil
1. Native of Novi Sad	60. Sleuth Spade	1. Freelancer's enc.	13. Cross
5. Election losers	62. Shopworn	2. Rescue op	18. Broadcast
9. Moves a muscle	65. Prefix with -gon	3. Full-bodied	22. Moonshine mix
14. Adidas rival	67. Dual nature	4. Persian faith	25. Country bumpkin
15. Building block	70. Send, in a way	5. Got past	27. Pleads
16. Carry on	71. Choice word	6. Durham sch.	28. Southern sound
17. Words of reciprocity	72. First name in humor	7. Echelon	29. Comaneci
19. Silents star Bara	73. Online call site	8. Play, in a way	30. Arcade name
20. P.F. ___'s	74. Film ___	9. Convened	32. Lummoxes
21. Coke's partner	75. Paper buy	10. Trifle	34. Spirit
23. Gathering clouds, say		11. Gossip tidbit	35. Play center
24. Modest reply			36. Shooting sport
26. Sail holder			38. Early king of Egypt
28. It's in the genes			40. Scouting group
31. Calf's meat			42. Roasting rod
33. Like			46. Fashion lines
37. Pro ___			47. Lay on thick
39. "Hunh?"			51. Continental capital
41. First V.P.			54. Burdened
43. Lord's Prayer starter			56. Carafe size
44. Go blading			57. Goes (for)
45. AP pics			58. Not bold
48. HOMES part			59. Sole
49. Actress Kazan			61. Venus de ___
50. Lemon ___			63. Rushed headlong
52. Little bird			64. Jane Austen novel
53. WWW code			66. Fire truck item
55. Rider Revere			68. Vegas drama
			69. Thanksgiving side dish

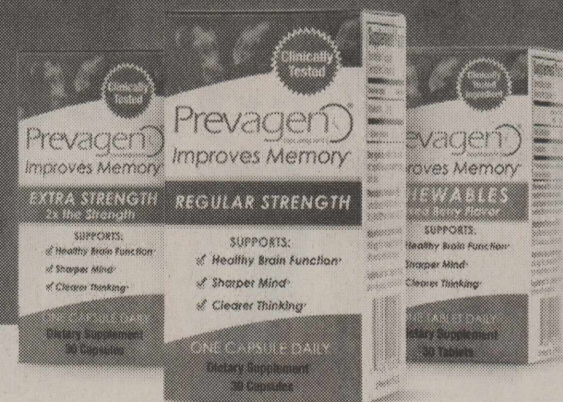
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CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Trafficking

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To apply for a certificate of recognition, a business must submit information demonstrating a zero-tolerance policy toward human trafficking and that measures have been taken to ensure employees comply with the policy.

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Hurricane season continues

The Texas Department of Public Safety on July 26 encouraged Texans to evaluate their emergency plans and monitor weather forecasts for potential hurricanes and tropical storms. Hurricane season began June 1 and continues through Nov. 30.

Historically, August and September are the more active months during a hurricane season.

DPS Director Steven McCraw listed measures to prepare:

- Assemble an emergency kit that includes essential documents, supplies and provisions;
- Review hurricane evacuation maps and select a route;
- Plan how family members and pets will evacuate safely;
- Consider any special needs for individuals with disabilities or older family members; and
- Stay informed about changing local and regional weather conditions.

More information is available online at texasprepares.org.

Panel gets budget input

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar expects the state economy to continue to grow, but at a slower rate than in recent years, when the oil and gas industry provided added stimulus.

Hegar, in testimony

before Texas' 10-member Legislative Budget Board on July 25, said other oil- and gas-producing states have been similarly affected.

The board's job is to develop budget and policy recommendations for legislative appropriations, to analyze proposed legislation for its fiscal consequences and to evaluate and review the efficiency and performance of state and local governmental operations.

Tom Currah, chief revenue estimator for the Office of the Comptroller, told the panel he anticipates \$5 billion less than the current revenue projection of \$113 billion for general spending in the next budget. The estimate, a critical component of the budget-writing process, is delivered at the beginning of each legislative session.

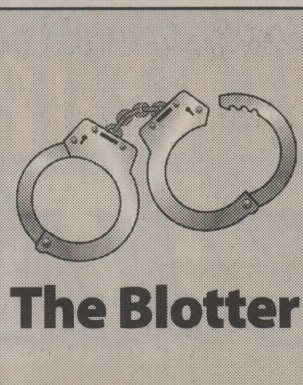
New area code is added

The Public Utility Commission of Texas on July 21 announced the North American Numbering Plan Administrator has assigned 726 as the overlay area code within the 210 Area Code.

This action includes almost all of Bexar County and small portions of Atascosa, Comal, Guadalupe, Medina and Wilson Counties. The new area code is needed to handle regional growth combined with added demand for wireless phone numbers and business landlines, the PUC said.

The overlay means current 210 area code customers will get to keep their 210 numbers.

New customers could be assigned either the 210 or 726 area code. All customers will be required to dial 10 digits for all local calls and 11 digits for long distance, the PUC said.



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 28 • Fred Anthony Velazquez, 37-yr-old male, warrant arrest out of Sutton County.
JULY 31 • David Andrew Andrus, 36-yr-old male, arrested for Public Intoxication.

INCIDENTS

JULY 25 - 1:18 AM • Suicidal subject on 800 block of St. Ann's/200 block of E. 2nd. Offi-

cer responded.

10:12 AM • Caller reported illegally parked vehicle on 700 block of N. Crockett. Officer responded.

6:03 PM • Complainant requesting to speak to an officer for a civil matter. Officer called complainant.

8:35 PM • Caller requested welfare check on 600 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

11:10 PM • Caller reported gun shots around Crockett/College and Tayloe/Wardlaw area. Officer responded.

JULY 26 - 4:08 PM • 9-1-1 call on 800 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded to assist.

5:18 PM • Caller reported accident/wreck at the Bank and Trust parking lot. Officer responded.

8:33 PM • Caller reported kids playing in street in S. Crockett area. Officer responded.

JULY 27 - 11:34 AM • Caller reported traffic hazard at HWY 277 S and Glasscock. Officer responded.

4:10 PM • Caller reported theft on 200 block of W. Chestnut. Officer responded.

7:26 PM • Burglary call at Gypsy

Chix Boutique. Officer responded.

JULY 28 - 9:44 AM • Funeral escort requested. Officers responded.

12:38 PM • 9-1-1 call on 400 block of E. 2nd. Officer responded to assist.

1:16 PM • Theft reported on HWY 277 N. Officer responded.

3:40 PM • Caller reported four-wheeler in draw at Tres/St. Ann's. Officer responded.

JULY 29 - 3:37 PM • Caller requested welfare check on 700 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

4:00 PM • Caller requested welfare check at local motel. Officer responded.

7:32 PM • Caller reported animal at Golf Course. Officer responded.

7:45 PM • Complainant wanting to speak to officer on 1500 block of Crockett. Officer responded.

JULY 30 - 12:36 AM • Com-

plainant called requesting officer on 100 block of Dos. Officer responded.

1:41 AM • Caller reported a disturbance on Dos Street. Officer responded.

12:21 PM • Caller reported a theft on 500 block of S. Crockett.

12:44 PM • Caller reported a suspicious person on 700 block of E. Poplar. Officer responded.

5:36 PM • A suspicious vehicle reported at E. 2nd and Castle Hill. Officer responded.

JULY 31 - 7:12 AM • Alarm call at Dollar General. Officer responded.

8:54 AM • Suspicious vehicle at LMH. Officer responded.

3:35 PM • Theft reported on 100 block of Deerwood. Officer responded.

5:35 PM • 9-1-1 call on 100 block of Tres. Officer responded to assist.

5:36 PM • Found Property reported at Holiday Host. Officer responded.

SONORA WEATHER FORECAST

Thu 8/4	Fri 8/5	Sat 8/6	Sun 8/7	Mon 8/8
100/75 Mainly sunny. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the mid 70s.	99/76 Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	98/75 Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	97/75 Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	97/75 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.
Sunrise: 7:02 AM Sunset: 8:34 PM	Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 8:33 PM	Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 8:32 PM	Sunrise: 7:04 AM Sunset: 8:31 PM	Sunrise: 7:05 AM Sunset: 8:30 PM

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Month	2016 Year-to-Date TOTAL	2016 Year-to-Date TOTAL
August 1-4	.00 in.	.00 in.
July	.19 in.	.00 in.
June	3.16 in.	3.97 in.
May	2.70 in.	5.31 in.
April	2.58 in.	2.95 in.
March	3.39 in.	2.82 in.
February	0.77 in.	1.04 in.
January	0.36 in.	0.38 in.
2016 Year-to-Date TOTAL	12.15 in.	16.27 in.
2015	23.87 in.	25.31 in.
2014	14.32 in.	12.72 in.
2013	25.12 in.	25.00 in.
2012	16.06 in.	17.82 in.
2011	11.50 in.	10.49 in.
2010	20.37 in.	17.94 in.
2009	21.87 in.	28.44 in.

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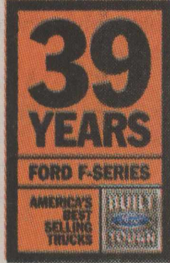
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Sutton County, Three-Peat Winner of "Hog Out" Grant

The Texas Department of Agriculture awarded Sutton County the first place grant in the amount of \$22,500, earned for the 2016 Hog Out Competition.

This is the third time that Sutton County was awarded the TDA's County Hog Out Management Program (CHOMP) grant.

This year's grant money will go towards the reimbursement to the county for helicopter expenses incurred during the month long harvest which took place this past May.

The annual competition was based on the number of hogs eradicated as well as participation of landowners, county wild life service agents and others in educational programs during the month of May.

"That's pretty impressive for what we get done in one month," Grant Co-Coordinator Sharon Holman said.

Sutton County removed 275 hogs during the month long event. That along with a total 470 participants in educational programs helped Sutton County earn first place, according to Holman.

Holman said that, along with harvesting, public awareness and education are imperative to helping

control the number of feral hogs in Sutton County.

Information was presented to High School students making them aware of the dangers of hogs in the area as well as the destruction they cause to property and livestock.

Additionally, students were educated on safety when harvesting and handling hogs to avoid injury or the spread of disease.

Feral hogs can weigh up to 400 pounds, stand 3 feet tall and have razor sharp tusks. They destroy pastures and fields, killing livestock and spreading disease by contaminating water supplies.

Additionally, the pose hazards on the roads for motorist. There are more than 2 million hogs in the State of Texas and they cause more than \$500 million in damages every year, according to the TDA.

Holman said every year land owners, Sutton County Wildlife Services and individuals work together to help control the hog population. Helicopter harvesting is more effective for hog harvesting in Sutton County because hogs become smart to traps and snares.

"You can get a lot done in a small amount of time with helicopter harvesting,"

Holman said. "It is the most effective and efficient means of harvesting hogs."

The county pays for helicopter services during Hog Out month. In turn they are reimbursed for these expenses through the CHOMP grant funding.

The grant money comes from funds designated by the Texas Legislature to eradicate feral hogs.

Based upon the identification of population hot spots Wildlife Services and Predator Management Association personnel decide when and where to employ helicopters for harvesting hogs to keep expenses down and use of helicopters to a minimum.

The feral hog harvesting challenge takes place every year throughout the State of Texas and TDA randomly assigns a month for eradication.

The CHOMP grant is available once a year and the harvesting challenge takes place every year. Hog Out months are assigned randomly each year.

"This grant is important to help us continue to control Feral Hogs in Sutton County," Holman said. "Grant applicants must stay informed to know when the next opportunity is available to apply for the grant."

PUBLIC NOTICE

2016 Property Tax Rates in Sutton County, Sutton County Hospital District and City of Sonora

2016 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN SUTTON COUNTY, SUTTON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT AND CITY OF SONORA

This notice concerns 2016 property tax rates for Sutton County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	County General	County FM&FC	County Hospital	City of Sonora
Last year's tax rate:				
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 2,787,474	\$ 598,657	\$ 1,084,799	\$ 793,336
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 2,787,474	\$ 598,657	\$ 1,084,799	\$ 793,336
Last year's tax base	\$ 599,266,082	\$ 597,420,056	\$ 631,401,798	\$ 132,144,352
Last year's total tax rate	\$.465148/\$100	\$.100207/\$100	\$.171808/\$100	\$.551806/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:				
Last year's adjusted taxes (after Subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 2,793,676	\$ 599,992	\$ 1,085,502	\$ 734,480
+This year's adjusted tax base (After subtracting value of new Property)	\$ 530,452,395	\$ 528,775,045	\$ 564,787,067	\$ 115,893,340
=This year's effective operating rate	\$.526659/\$100	\$.113468/\$100	\$.192196/\$100	\$.633755/\$100
(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)				
This year's rollback tax rate:				
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after Subtracting taxes on lost property and Adjusting for any transferred function, Tax increment financing, state criminal Justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent Health care expenditures)				
	\$ 2,793,676	\$ 599,992	\$ 1,085,502	\$ 734,480
+This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 530,452,395	\$ 528,775,045	\$ 564,787,067	\$ 115,893,340
=This year's effective operating Rate	\$.526659/\$100	\$.113468/\$100	\$.192196/\$100	\$.633755/\$100
X 1.08 = this year's maximum Operating rate	\$.568791/\$100	\$.122545/\$100	\$.207571/\$100	\$.684455/\$100
+This year's debt rate	\$.000000/\$100	\$.000000/\$100	\$.000000/\$100	\$.000000/\$100
=This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.568791/\$100	\$.122545/\$100	\$.207571/\$100	\$.684455/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.691336/\$100			
- Sales tax adjustment rate				\$.319257/\$100
=Rollback tax rate				\$.365198/\$100

PUBLIC NOTICE

State Criminal Justice Mandate For Sutton County

The Sutton County Auditor certifies that Sutton County has spent \$5,625 in the previous 12 months beginning 8/01/2015 for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Sutton County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculation at Sutton County Appraisal District.

Mary Bustamante
Chief Appraiser

August 01, 2016

Statement of Increase/Decrease

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If SUTTON COUNTY adopts a 2016 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.640127 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2015 taxes by \$28,966.

If SUTTON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT adopts a 2016 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.192196 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2015 taxes by \$8,155.

If CITY OF SONORA adopts a 2016 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.633755 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2015 taxes by \$58,030 **FUND BALANCES**

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	BALANCE
Sutton County	General Fund	\$ 3,937,663
	FM&FC	\$ 714,903
Hospital District	General Maintenance	\$.00
City of Sonora	Restricted Fund	\$ 1,877,508
	Unrestricted Fund	\$ 540,798

2016 DEBT SERVICE for CITY OF SONORA

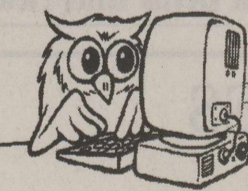
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid From Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Infrastructure	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total required for 2015 debt service				\$ 0
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$ 0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$ 0
- Excess collections last year				\$ 0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2015				\$ 0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95.000000% of its taxes in 2015				\$ 0
= Total Debt Levy				\$ 0

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71ST Annual Membership Meeting
Tuesday, August 09, 2016

Schleicher County Courthouse Lawn
Eldorado, Texas

-PROGRAM-
7:00 p.m.
Barbecue for members and their guests.
8:00 p.m.
Business session begins.

in the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be moved to the Schleicher County Civic Center on Highway 277 South

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Sonora Middle School Registration

Middle school registration will take place on Thursday, August 18th. Here are the dates and times for each grade:

6th grade 9am
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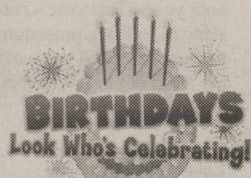
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Sutton County Hospital Board Members (Back L-R) John Graves, John Henry Strauch, (Front L-R) Adaleta Alvarez, Sharon Holman and Lenora Pool attended the 2016 Texas Healthcare Trustees (THT) Conference in San Antonio to learn valuable information regarding today's healthcare and governance education. [COURTESY PHOTO]

Sutton County Hospital Board of Directors Attends Healthcare Governance Conference

Submitted by John Graves

Four of the seven Board of Directors and CEO for the Sutton County Hospital District attended the 2016 Texas Healthcare Trustees (THT) Healthcare Governance Conference in San Antonio last week where they were provided information on healthcare and governance education.

The Group along with 90 plus other health systems in Texas listened to their peers and experts from state and national levels on current issues facing healthcare systems nationwide.

Many topics were discussed including changes in healthcare consumerism, effective physician alignment and collaboration, dos and don'ts for board members, financial risk resulting from significant federal and state budget cuts, customizing revenue strategies and controlling costs, legislative trends and hot topics, economic driving healthcare reform, and much more.

When asked of their experience attending the conference board members shared positive feedback.

Board President Sharon Holman said that she is better aware of the importance of a productive and forward-thinking health care system to stay competitive in today's market place.

"The business of healthcare is changing faster now than any time in history due to advances in technology and extreme cuts in federal and state funding. It does not matter how big or small your system or market, those that survive will have to be efficient and innovative," Holman said. Additionally, Edward Earwood, Vice President, said he acquired valuable knowledge and a better understanding about his responsibilities as a trustee.

"To my knowledge there are few such intense educational opportunities designed to help board members learn the ever-more complicated world of healthcare. This THT conference was both valuable and informative! Due to the significant changes in governmental funding, it is imperative we become much more efficient while at the same time providing

excellent healthcare. Many thanks to John for encouraging us to go!" Earwood said.

Finally, Board Members Lenora Pool and Adelita Alvarez said conferences like THT offer vital information regarding the duties of both trustees and hospital administrators.

"My experience with the THT Conference was an eye opener. Thanks to John Graves. Physicians, executives, employees, and board members have to work as collaborators and not adversaries and competitors. Elections will have a huge impact on rural health care in 2017. We will be working closely with the THT in order to save our hospitals," Pool said.

"I enjoyed the THT Conference, and am thankful we were encouraged to attend by John Graves. As a new board member I am overwhelmed at the information given, truly an eye opener in learning the responsibilities of not only the board members, but of the administration, hospital and rural clinic staff to keep a health center intact. Thank you!" Alvarez said.

Fatal Balloon Crash Raises Safety Concerns

by Madeline Conway and John Reynolds, The Texas Tribune

Sixteen people died in a hot air balloon crash outside Lockhart on Saturday that left no survivors, raising questions about the safety of hot air balloons and how they are regulated.

The Austin American-Statesman reports that the balloon "had been gliding along a portion of Caldwell County near Jolly Road, about two miles west of Lockhart, when witnesses said it appeared to strike high-voltage power lines and catch fire." The Statesman called the crash "one of the most deadly single incidents to hit the Austin

area" and "the worst such accident since a 2013 balloon crash in Egypt killed 19."

The tragedy drew a reaction from Gov. Greg Abbott, who said in a statement that "the investigation into the cause of this tragic accident will continue, and I ask all of Texas to join us in praying for those lost," as well as U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz and other Texas officials. Pope Francis also offered his condolences.

As the Statesman reports, the National Transportation Safety Board called for federal officials to more strictly regulate hot air balloons more than two years ago, given what it described as the potential

for a "high number of fatalities in a single air tour balloon accident." Just months ago, the Federal Aviation Administration rejected those recommendations.

"It's unclear whether the safety recommendations could have prevented Saturday's catastrophic balloon crash near Lockhart," the Statesman writes. "But it seems likely that the foretold crash will renew calls for enhanced safety regulation of an industry that has experienced a number of deadly accidents in recent years."

This article originally appeared in The Texas Tribune at <http://www.texastribune.org/2016/08/01/brief-august-1-2016/>.

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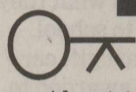
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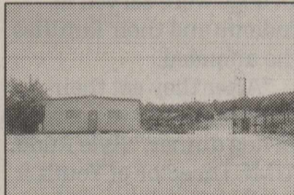
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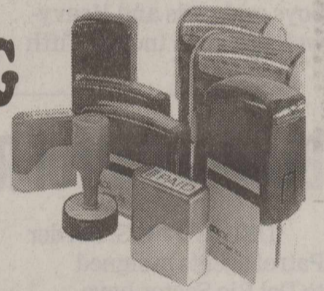
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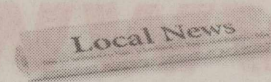
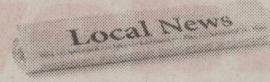
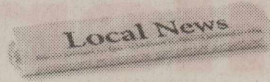
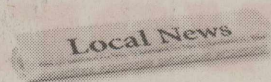
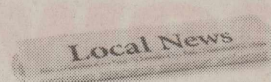
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SCHD Board Seeks Reasonable Solution to Conflict with Physician Agreements

The Sutton County Hospital District, board of directors went behind closed doors immediately following the call to order of a special meeting on Monday, August 1st.

Following the executive session, the board approved a motion by Don Longoria for the district contract with Burroughs Healthcare Consulting Network, more specifically Dr. Jon Burroughs, to work with both doctors, Mark and Kristy Edwards in reaching a reasonable solution to the conflict surrounding their physician agreements.

The motion was unanimously supported.

The contract with Dr. Burroughs will not be executed unless the Edwards agree to the consultation.

Several board members of the hospital district and John Graves, CEO, listened to a presentation by Dr. Burroughs at last week's Texas Healthcare Trustees Governance Conference. Graves reached out to Dr. Burroughs asking for his assistance in resolving the issues regarding the agreements.

Dr. Burroughs is a physician and consultant who strives to create a culture of collaboration aligning the interests of the physicians, community,

Board of Directors, and administration.

No other business was discussed before the meeting adjourned.

Board President Sharon Holman presided over the meeting with board members Edward Earwood, Adelita Alvarez, Don Longoria, Lenora Pool, John Henry Strauch and Mary Humphrey in attendance.

The next regular meeting of the Sutton County Hospital District, Board of Directors is slated for August 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the wellness center at LMH Memorial Hospital.



Cali Vanvegal selects a new backpack with the help of her grandmother, Lisa Aikin, during the First United Methodist Church's BackPack event on Tuesday, August 2nd. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

FUMC Gives Away 86 Back-to-School Backpacks, School Supplies

Since its inception in 2003 the First United Methodist Church has been helping kids prepare to learn and succeed in the classroom by providing free school supplies during their annual "BackPack" event.

Eighty-six children in the community received back to school supplies and a new backpack of their choice on Tuesday, August 2nd.

The collaborative effort between the church and Sonora ISD has grown to be the largest community event focused on helping families provide back-to-school needs for their children.

"Through the school we invite people to participate in the program," Dana Leamon said. "It has grown over the past several years."

The school ready supply program is dedicated to providing school supplies to students ranging from Kindergarten through eighth grade.

Arriving early Jason Hernandez, and his sister, Leslie, couldn't wait to receive their supplies and pick out a backpack.

This is the third year that the Hernandez family has participated in the annual program.

Although her children are up-to-date on their vaccinations, Hernandez said she likes the opportunity to get shots for her kids during the annual event.

"I have four children and this program really helps out a lot," Cristie Hernandez said.

Lisa Aikin helped her granddaughter, Cali

Vanvegal carry her bag of supplies while she picked out a new backpack.

Aikin who is new to Sonora said she is grateful for the program and agrees that it is most helpful to families with multiple school age children.

"We just moved here from New Mexico and it is great to have a program like this, Aikin said. "This community is amazing."

Leamon, Sonora Middle School Counselor and Back Pack Program Coordinator said about \$5,000 is spent each year on back to school supplies for students who qualify for the program by completing an application.

Postcards are mailed to recipients once their application is received and approved. The program affords to provide back-to-school basics for up to 100 children each school year, according to Leamon.

If more children are in need they will receive supplies through other available programs and resources, she added.

Along with giving away supplies, professionals from the Texas Department of Health were on hand to administer immunizations to those in need during the event.

Also, a member of the Sutton County Food Pantry was available to provide meal information while hot dogs were served to students and their families who attended.

"After they get their school supplies we provide a hot dog dinner," Kyle Rudd, FUMC Director of Youth & Family Ministries said.

"It's good fellowship and everyone has a good time."

Community churches, local businesses and individuals in the community donate to the annual cause. The event wouldn't be possible without their support said Leamon.

She said the common goal is to make sure that every child gets what they need for back to school.

In years past gift certificates were awarded to recipients so that they could shop locally and purchase supplies themselves. This year, all of the supplies were purchased through Triple C General Store in Ozona.

"It has a huge impact on our community," Leamon said. "The average cost for school supplies is \$50 per child and for a family with multiple children that adds up to a lot. Hopefully this program alleviates some of the stress of going back to school."



Jason Hernandez carries a bag of school supplies received during the annual Backpack event on Tuesday, August 4th. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

YMCA Still Registering for 2016 Football Season

Registration for the new season of YMCA football continues through August 10th.

Membership fees are paid to the San Angelo YMCA which is \$85.00 for non-members.

Scholarships are available to those who qualify. An additional \$15 fee applies after August 11th.

The 2016 season will kick off on Saturday, September 24th and continue through November 13th.

Pee Wee teams include third and fourth grade boys and girls and Heavy-weight teams include fifth

and sixth grade boys and girls.

You may purchase your own equipment or you may rent them from the YMCA for the season.

Helmet rentals are \$22.00 and shoulder pads rentals are \$18.00.

Also players will need football pants and a jersey for practice.

There are two tackle football clinics beginning August 1st through 5th and August 8th through 12th from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

Equipment check out is August 6th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and August 20th from

2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Punt, pass and kick is scheduled for August 20th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Old Bobcat Stadium.

Additionally, weigh ins are scheduled for August 20th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Old Bobcat Stadium.

A coaches meeting is slated for August 21st at 3 p.m. at the YMCA.

For more information or questions, contact Stacy Duffell or Brittney Smith at 325-655-9106, sduffell@ymcasanangelo.org, bsmith@ymcasanangelo.org, or Jerry Jimenez at 325-226-2250.

Border Patrol Reports Rise in Migrant Deaths

DEL RIO – U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to Del Rio Sector have recovered a total of seven deceased individuals during the months of June and July.

"These summer temperatures and scarce water resources create a very costly, often deadly reality for individuals attempting to enter the United States illegally," said Acting Del Rio Sector Chief Patrol Agent Matthew Hudak.

The loss of life is tragic and Del Rio Sector along with the entire Border Patrol, have been proactive in trying to decrease those numbers. A comprehensive strategy known as the Border Safety Initiative (BSI) was created to help reduce injuries and prevent migrant deaths along the

Southwest Border. In particular, the BSI is intended to educate and inform potential migrants of the dangers and hazards of crossing the border illegally and to respond to those who are in life-threatening situations.

The Del Rio Sector Emergency Medical Program has a total of 82 paramedic/EMTs to help in combating the loss of life and injury. These certified agents are able to provide IVs and other technical medical attention to not only fellow agents but also the people they encounter while working in the field. Along with the paramedic/EMTs, all Border Patrol agents are certified in providing first-aid.

Del Rio Sector also has an elite unit known as the Border Patrol Search,

Trauma, and Rescue Team. These agents are trained in various facets of search and rescue and capable of responding to emergency situations along our southern border. They are trained in emergency medical, tactical medicine, dive and swift-water rescue along with other specialized medical training.

This time of year can be very deadly to those migrants making the dangerous trek through the desolate areas of the United States/Mexico border. Often times, the migrant seeks help too late and it ends up costing them their life. The Border Patrol will continue doing its part in educating the public in regards to the risks and dangers associated with illegal crossings.

Texas Files Lawsuit Challenging EPA's Crackdown on Oilfield Methane

BY JIM MALEWITZ
THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

The state of Texas is again taking the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to court, this time challenging new rules aimed at slashing methane emissions in the oil patch.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton announced the lawsuit Friday, calling the agency's rules "a gross demonstration of federal overreach" and accusing regulators of failing to consider the price tag for oil and gas producers to comply.

Filed in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, the challenge has been consolidated with those from other states.

It is Texas' 43rd lawsuit against the federal government since President Obama took office in 2009. Paxton has filed 12 of those challenges.

The federal regulations would slash emissions of methane, a gas that often leaks from well pads,

compressor stations, processing plants and other equipment used in petroleum production.

Part of Obama's multi-pronged effort to crack down on emissions of gases that contribute to climate change, EPA officials have suggested that the regulations will protect public health and reduce other forms of pollution wafting from oilfields.

But the move has rankled Texas petroleum industry groups — especially those representing small producers — who call it a solution in search of a problem that will hurt producers already reeling from low oil prices.

Environmental and public health groups have cheered the regulations, calling them a needed way to combat climate change.

Other U.S. efforts to fight climate change have focused on carbon dioxide, which accounts for the vast majority of greenhouse gases emitted in the country.

But methane, the

primary component of natural gas, is much better at trapping heat. One pound of methane has more than 20 times the impact on global warming as one pound of carbon dioxide over a 100-year period, scientists estimate.

The regulations — part of the president's broader plan to cut methane emissions by 40 to 45 percent of 2012 levels by 2025 — would require the industry to limit releases of methane and volatile organic compounds at hydraulically fractured oil wells. The rules also target leaks "downstream" from production sites, including equipment that compresses and transports natural gas. They would also phase in "green completion" requirements — that operators capture methane that's otherwise burned off at existing wells.

The EPA says its new rules would yield \$690 million in climate benefits in 2025, outweighing the estimated cost to industry of \$530 million.

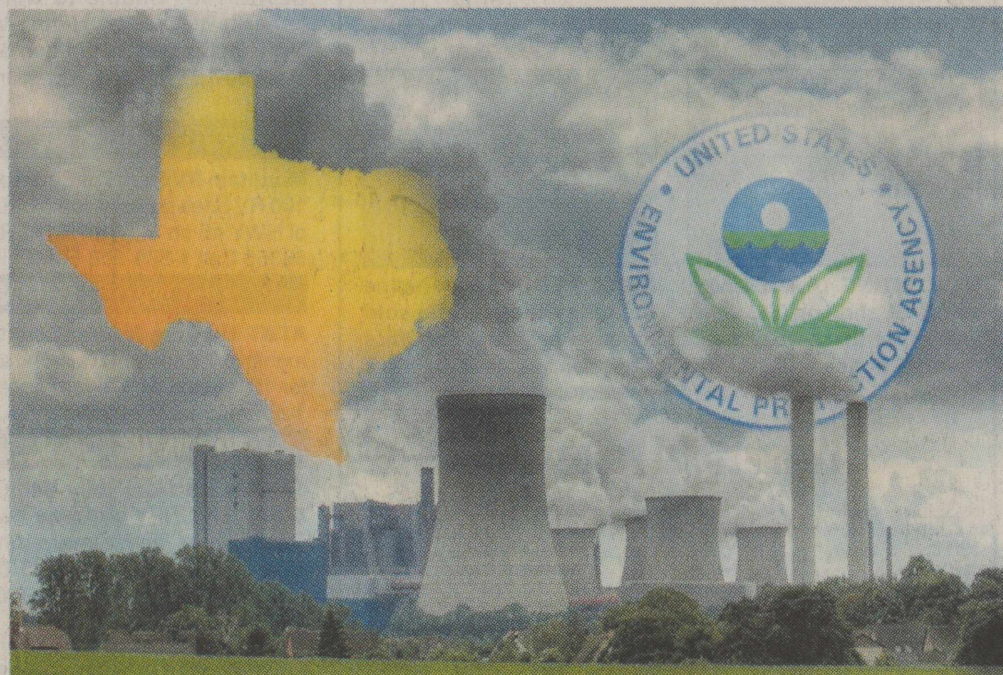


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Oil and gas industry representatives have pointed to EPA data showing total greenhouse gas emissions in the country have dropped amid a drilling surge to suggest that fracking yields climate benefits — as cleaner-burning natural gas replaces coal-fired power.

In its latest emissions inventory, the EPA, incorporating more data and analyses, dramatically increased its estimate of methane releases from oil and gas industry sources. It concluded that natural gas systems were the biggest U.S. methane emitters — larger than agriculture, as

previously thought. And petroleum systems emitted the fourth-highest totals, behind landfills.

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