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Broncos Pickup Speed in 48-28 Routing of Junction Eagles

The Sonora Broncos kept the Junction Eagles off balance Friday night, September 9th, with their fast paced no-huddle offense as they cruised to a 48-28 win, the third consecutive victory of the 2016 season in Junction.

"One of the things that we talked about all year long was increasing the tempo," Coach David T. Sine said after the game. "So, we cut down on number formations and we let them loose. We still ended up with eight different formations that we ran but we ran them fast. It gives the defense a hard time because they want to blitz a lot. So, if they can't come up with the blitz and don't have time for the blitz, that takes part of their game away.'

Michael Solis put the Broncos on the score board with a 33-yard TD pass from Kaden Cordell at the 9:47 mark in the first quarter.

Wesley Dutton added a

second TD with a 17-yard pass from Kaden Cordell at the 6:56 mark, and Liam Yourgalite scored a touchdown on a 5-yard run before the quarter was over to give Sonora a 20-0 lead.

Running plays with haste and confidence, the Broncos continued to outpace the Eagles in the second stanza putting more points on the board.

The Broncos defense notched up a safety to score a pair of points as the ball went out the

back of the end zone with 8:48 remaining in the first half.

Kaden Cordell added a touchdown with a 13-yard run to pay dirt at the 8:04 mark. He reached the end zone again on an 8-yard run with 3:57 left in the half.

Darius Carrington put Junction on the board with 27 seconds left before intermission to make the score 35-7 in favor of the Broncos as the two teams headed to the locker room at half time.

"I was really pleased with the

kids performance at the beginning," Sine said. "Everybody got to play in the ball game and that's really what it's all about."

The Broncos leaned on their running game in the second half and worked on taking time off the clock.

Yourgalite caught a pass from Cordell and took it in from 17-yards out with 5:43 left in the third to give Sonora 42-7 lead.

Penalties claimed a bit of the Broncos momentum but the team still managed another score when Jarrett Jackson sprinted 77 -yards down the sideline to notch the Broncos final points with 44 seconds left in the third quarter.

Junction tallied three TDs in the fourth quarter but didn't have enough left in their tank to overcome the Broncos lead.

As the clock ran out, the scoreboard told the tale with Sonora claiming the 48-28 victory.

"The most important thing is that we're 3-0 and we're healthy," Sine said. "We get to go back home and play next week.'

Defensively, the Broncos grounded the Eagles keeping them rebounding much of the

Walker Sine lead the defense with a total 14 tackles. Rafael Mendoza made a total 12 tackles. Drew Buitron, Brandon Martinez, Isaiah Lira and Jose Hernandez added to the Broncos defensive effort with a total 6 tackles each.

As the Broncos celebrated their win, they were already looking forward to the remainder of the season and the need to improve their conditioning.

'Speed helps wear the other team out and they can't keep up," Wesley Dutton said after

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Bryndon Robles lifts his teammate, Jarrett Jackson, into the air in celebration of a touchdown during the game on Friday, September 9th, between Sonora and Junction at Eagles Stadium. The Broncos displayed outstanding effort in overcoming the Eagles 48-28 for a 3-0 record this season.

Lady Broncos Trounce Lady Bulldogs 3-0, Fall to Wildcats

The Sonora Lady Broncos defeated the Miles Lady Bulldogs in three sets during their home non-league challenge game Tuesday, September 6th.

Team effort was clearly demonstrated as the girls made their plays consistently and with

"This was a big win for the girls," Coach Kayla Perez said. 'This was the best we have played all year."

Mary Kyle Johnson led with

12 kills, 5 blocks and 6 digs.

Carly Brown delivered 4 kills, 1 block and 12 digs and Savannah Castro served 5 kills and 1

Lane Cahill had 4 kills, 1 ace and 2 blocks and Delaney Ramsdell had 2 kills and 2 aces.

Riley Walker added 1 kill and 9 digs and Sky Jennings offered 26 assists, 2 aces, 2 blocks and 6

After losing the first set. 25-12, the Lady Bulldogs showed efforts to recover from the loss.

In the second and third game, the Lady Bulldogs continued to fall short with a score of 25-11

The Lady Bulldogs went down 3-0.

The Lady Broncos performed solidly in all three sets with a score of 25-12, 25-11, 25-18 in front of home dozens of fans who came out to show their support.

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SCHD Closes Rocksprings Clinic

Ongoing concerns over financial issues forced the closure of the Rocksprings Rural Health Clinic on Tuesday, September 13.

In an attempt to not close the Rocksprings Clinic John Graves, CEO, was asked by the SCHD Trustees to negotiate with the Edwards County Court of Commissioners to resolve issues to sustain the clinic and its

services. In an effort to help negotiations the board proposed and approved a plan of action.

"In addition to the services currently being provided under the Interlocal Agreement between Sutton and Edwards Counties, Edwards County agree to help fund any operational losses up to \$100,000 per year," Graves said. "Parties would set up a process where they would meet to confirm the amount prior to Edwards County being required to fund the operational losses; and in the event the Rocksprings Clinic generates an annual profit, all or a portion of the net profit will be used to cover expenses associated with Clinic operations."

The District received a response from Judge Souli Shanklin but with no counter proposal.

On Tuesday, September 13th, Sharon Holman, SCHC Board President and Graves met with the Edwards County Commissioners Court to explain their position and why it was necessary to request financial assistance from Edwards County.

The conversation included an additional proposal by Graves to

further share in the profit based on cost contribution.

Ultimately, a compromise could not be reached for resolution.

Finally, Graves presented to the Edwards County Commissioners Court a 30-day notice of termination in accordance with Section VIII, paragraph B, Without Cause, of the Interlocal Agreement between Sutton and Edwards Counties, effective February 18, 2014.

It was agreed that the Rocksprings Clinic be closed.

Effective October 14, 2016, the Rocksprings Clinic will no longer provide medical services to the citizens of Edwards County.

At a minimum, and as required by law, Sutton County will publish the closure in the Rocksprings Record in Rocksprings, and The Devil's River News in Sonora.

In addition, SCHD will serve notification to all patients regarding the clinic closing, offer copies of patient medical records, and notify the Texas Medical Board.

The Rocksprings clinic has been in operation for two years.

" It is disappointing and with great sadness we are closing the Rocksprings Clinic, Graves said. "We had hoped the Edwards **County Commissioners Court** would work with us and offer a joint resolution to offset the cost overrun. Things had begun to turn around and we feel if given more time the clinic with limited financial support from **Edwards County the clinic could** remain open."



Mary Kyle Johnson goes for a kill, one of 12 total, during the home match between Sonora and Miles on Tuesday, September 6th. The Lady Broncos beat the Lady Bulldogs 3-0.

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Paxton: Subpoena of Corporations Records Violates First Amendment

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Sept. 9 announced he had filed a friend-of-the-court brief "in defense of the First Amendment."

The brief, he said, explains that Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Tracy Healey "exceeded her constitutional authority by attempting to shut down a viewpoint on an issue of scientific debate climate change.'

Paxton, in the brief, states constitutional objections to the Civil Investigative Demand that Healey issued to ExxonMobil Corporation for its marketing and sale of fossil fuel-derived products and securities. She demanded more than 40 years of internal company documents. Paxton supports

ExxonMobil's effort seeking to block Healy's demand from being enforced.

Paxton was joined by the state attorneys general of Louisiana, South Carolina, Alabama, Michigan, Arizona, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Utah and Nevada in asking a federal court in Fort Worth to grant ExxonMobil's motion for a preliminary injunction against the subpoena.

On the other side, the attorneys general of Maryland, New York, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands joined in an Aug. 8 friend-of-the-court brief in support of

Healey's action.

U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, chair of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology, in July subpoenaed Healey to submit documents and information to the committee pursuant to the Civil Investigative Demand. Healey responded, claiming common law and statutory privileges in her decision not to comply with the committee's subpoena.

Hegar distributes revenue

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Sept. 8 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$629.2 million in local sales tax allocations for September.

The amount, based on sales made in July by businesses that report tax monthly, is 1.4 percent less than the amount distributed in September 2015.

'The cities of Houston, Midland, San Antonio and Frisco saw decreases in sales tax allocation," Hegar said. "The cities of Dallas and

Plano saw noticeable increases in sales tax allocations."

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



In the 1960s, my mother and grandmother were living at the old Brown headquarters on the ranch in Pecos County.

Now, these two widow women both owned ranches that were leased out so they lived comfortably on their income.

It Happened Out West



Now, this was the period before REA brought electricity to the ranch.

In the heat of the afternoon, both women took a short

This story took place one August, in the heat of the day. Now, we have

the time and location. Let's proceed to the characters involved.

My mother had a Border Collie dog that she named Wyoming as this was where the dog came from.

At the same time, my grandmother had a small poodle she called FyFy (Fee-Fee). Now, Wyoming was a typical ranch

yard dog, while FyFy was totally at home in the house. The only other character in this story was an old Yaqui Indian that mother kept

around for yard work. Now, all the participants are in place.

Let's get on with this story. As we have stated, this was in August and miserable hot.

These two women would normally take a nap after lunch. My mother due to the heat and no air conditioning usually took off her shirt before laying down.

Now, she felt safe as they were 11 miles from town with no near neighbors,

About two o'clock, Wyoming began barking behind the barn. So, mother went out of the house and yard to see what the problem was about, not realizing that FyFy had followed her outside of the yard.

When Wyoming came from around the barn and spied FyFy she must have thought that was a small varmint and proceeded to attack her. Viciously. Mother tried to kick the big dog away, but could not. Looking for a tool or a stick, as a weapon, she found none.

The small poodle was about to be killed by the larger dog and mother could find no weapon to defend her.

So, then she jerked off her bra and began whipping Wyoming until she ran her off of the poodle.

Gathering the poodle, she took her in the house to recover.

Now, grandmother and Tio, the Yaqui yard hand had come out to see this commotion and became witnesses to this event.

Otherwise, it would never have been reported.

This became the family legend of the BRA!





Colin Kapernick's Fight Against Racism

In My Opinion

Larry Elder

Recent polls find a majority of Americans believe that "race relations," since the election of the first black president, have gotten worse, not better. Colin Kaepernick, a National Football League quarterback, is Exhibit A for why so many people feel this way.

Kaepernick signed a \$114 million six-year contract in 2014, with \$61 million guaranteed. Like President Barack Obama, he is biracial, with a black biological father and white biological mother.

Obama's father left his wife and toddler son, and from the age of 10, Obama was raised by his white paternal grandparents. Kaepernick's biological father abandoned his pregnant mother, who put him up for adoption. Kaepernick was adopted by a white couple. A standout athlete in basketball, baseball and football, Kaepernick chose to pursue football, making it all the way to the NFL as a quarterback for the San Francisco

49ers, one of the most storied franchises. A blessed life, no? Well, apparently not. Kaepernick, to show solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and to make a stand against "oppression," has chosen not to stand for the national anthem. He said that officers who committed "murder" have been placed on

administrative leave. The first problem with Kaepernick's "protest" is that the Black Lives Matter movement, launched after the death of black suspect Michael Brown of Ferguson, Missouri, is based on a lie. Contrary to the story told by the lying friend who was with Brown when he was killed by an officer, Brown did not have his hands up and did not say, "Don't shoot." Both the grand jury and Department of Justice investigation found that the officer who shot Brown acted lawfully and had reasonable fear for his life.

Still, a "movement" was launched. According to the Centers for Disease Control, police officer killings of blacks are down 75 percent over the last 47 years. Compared with blacks, twice as many whites are killed by cops. True, blacks represent about 25 percent of those shot by the police, and the black population is just 13 percent, but this has to do with higher rates of offending.

As for Kaepernick, did he live a life compromised by racism and oppression? In an interview, he once talked about how on family vacations, when his parents and siblings checked into a motel, inevitably, "in the lobby of every motel, the same thing always happened, and it only got worse as I got older and taller. It didn't matter how close I stood to my family, somebody would walk up to me, a real nervous manager, and say: 'Excuse me. Is there something I can help you with?""

Oh, the humanity! Move over, Jackie

Men and women of all colors, ethnicities and races have died for the flag and the national anthem that Kaepernick refuses to honor. How many veterans -- some wounded -- watch or attend foot-

ball games only to see their sacrifice disrespected by Kaepernick? How many soldiers who were football fans now lay dead and buried?

Kaepernick defenders say that he has a First Amendment right to protest the national anthem. The First Amendment prohibits government from unduly restricting political speech. The NFL is a private organization. The NBA, for example, requires players to stand for the national anthem. The NFL does not, leaving it up to the players. Good thing Kaepernick chose football. So, as

protests go, Kaepernick risks very little. Sure, his popularity has taken a hit, with some fans having taken to burning his jersey. But he's guaranteed millions, no matter what.

Contrast this "protest" with that of former Major League Baseball player Curt Flood. Nearly 50 years ago, Flood, a black player, courageously challenged baseball's infamous "reserve clause" that tied a player to a team until the team no longer wanted that player. Flood's team traded him, and he refused to go, arguing that he was not "a piece of property to be bought or sold" by his team with no say-so.

Flood fought all the way to the Supreme Court, before eventually losing. Flood became a league pariah and even, for a time, engendered the animosity of baseball fans. He career was effectively over as a result of the years-long losing fight. But his protest forced the MLB (followed by national league football, hockey and basketball) into granting players free agency, which led directly to the rich contracts today's professional athletes, like

Colin Kaepernick, enjoy. One might think that an athlete like Kaepernick, not long ago fined for calling an opposing player the N-word, would be a tad reluctant to blast America for its alleged racism and oppression. But this is about America's racism, not his own. The recent Will Smith movie "Concussion" argues that football causes brain damage. As for Kaepernick, it might well be a case of early onset.

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John Morrow is a **Super Handyman**

John Morrow has a water well drilling business in Clarendon. He makes a lot of his equipment.

"The derrick is made out of a swing



by Tumbleweed Smith

set and television antenna poles," he says while smiling and laughing, "I used a sprocket from an old cotton stripper and a four-speed transmission from a Chevro-

let. I use a Ford starter motor to get things going."

John has always been curious about how things work.

"My earliest recollection of any mechanical ability goes back to the little cars I played with as a boy. They had a little centrifugal motor in them and you could push them on the floor a couple of times to get the wheels going, then set them down and they'd take off. After a while those gears would wear out and they wouldn't go any more. I figured out why. They had little bitty tabs and you could bend those tabs out straight, pull the body off and see the working parts of that thing. I bent the frame of that little motor sideways and it would push the gears over where they weren't worn out and they'd re-mesh again and it would work for a

John was doing that at age four. Then he started helping his mother with some of her equipment.

"She had an old Maytag wringer-type washing machine and the wringer quit working. There's a little box there by the wringer and I took the top off of it. I saw that when you tried to make it go, this gear would spin on the shaft. There was a series of small holes where some metal pins went in. One of those pins was missing, so I figured out you could use a nail. You had to bend it, but it worked and the wringer was back in service. Mother was proud of me for fixing it."

His first business venture was mowing

"I tied the handle of the lawn mower to the back of my bicycle and pulled that thing across town mowing lawns."

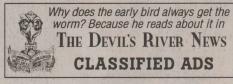
His main transportation around town these days is a pickup from the 70's that he bought new. It has nearly half a million miles on it. One of John's trucks is a retired fire engine from the fire department in Hamilton.

"When I went to pick it up, the entire Hamilton fire department was there to see old 307 leave. They requested that if I ever used it to put the number 307 somewhere on it. When we repainted the truck, right up on the corner of the hood we put number 307. That's a tough old truck. When I got it we had just had a big snowstorm up here. I did some work on it and took it through a six-foot snowdrift in nothing flat. I drove it over a wheat field covered in deep snow and it never slowed down. The wheels just kept turning."

John has had some unique experiences. On his wedding night his souped-up car blew a front tire while going 115 miles an hour. He and his bride both walked

John bought an old drive in theater that had been closed for years and brought it back to life. He cleared trees that had grown up around it, repaired the screen, added digital equipment and started showing the latest movies. The drive in has become a destination for panhandle residents.

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+ 7th Grade Colts Fall in Season Opener

Submitted by Coach AJ Valdez The Sonora Middle School Colts football players began their season on

Thursday, September 8th. The 7th grade team traveled to Junction to play their season opener. Meeting the challenges of size and numbers, the Colts managed a good game.

Falling behind on the scoreboard 8-0, the Colts drove down the field running out the clock during the first quarter and part of the second.

Mario De La Fuente put the Colts on the score board late in the second stanza on a 2-yard run to paydirt.

De La Fuente got the call again for the two-point PAT and the Colts fought back to tie the game 8-8 with three minutes remaining in the first half.

Junction quickly returned the kickoff for another touchdown and successful PAT to make the score 16-8

Just before intermission, Zach Hailey intercepted the ball, grounding the Eagles, to keep the score close heading into the intermission

In the second half of the game, the Colts offense continued to move the ball while running down the time clock. Despite their efforts they were unable to punch through the Eagles defense and reach the end zone.

Late in the fourth quarter, Junction added another touchdown and two-point PAT sealing the win with a final score of 24-8.

Next, the Colts make their home debut on Thursday, September 15th at Bronco Stadium as they host Jim Ned. Kickoff is set



Seventh grade Colts football players (Front L-R) Fernando Gonzalez, Guillermo Garcia, Edward Juarez, Sean Mugia, Adam Sanchez, Lane Taylor, Mario Fernandez. (Middle L-R) David Adams, Jason Hernandez (Back L-R) Cristoval Lira, Justin Hernandez, Damien Martinez, Tyler Walther, Alex Renteria, Catarina Hernandez III, JR Perez, Lucas Rivas, Ivan Fuentes, Marcos Villalobos, Mario De La Fuente. |соиктех рното

8th Grade Colts Beat Eagles 36-6 in Season Opener

Submitted by Coach AJ Valdez

The Sonora Middle School 8th grade Colts opened their 2016 football season with an impressive offense performance in Junction on Thursday, September 8th.

Starting the first quarter, the Colts scored on their first possession on a pass from Michael Creek to Preston Gonzales for a 60-yard touchdown. Creek added another two points on the PAT with a strike to Elias Perez to make the score 8-0.

Perez scored again on their next possession with a 41-yard run and added two more on the PAT on a pass from Creek to lead Junction

Junction took over after the kickoff in the second quarter and Michael Morales intercepted a pass and returned it for a picksix to give the Colts a commanding 24-0 lead.

It was more of the same in the second as Creek connected with Caleb Nolen for a 64-yard touchdown to give the Colts a 30-0 lead.

Nolen wasn't finished as he would score again on a 19-yard run to push the score to 36-0.

Junction finally got on the board late in the third quarter but were denied the PAT as Preston Gonzalez intercepted the ball and returned it 97 yards to give the Colts the win with a final score 36-6.

Next, the Colts will the Jim Ned Indians on Thursday, September 15th at 5:30 p.m. at Bronco Stadium.



Eighth grade Colts football players (Front L-R) Felipe Estrada, Preston Gonzalez. (Middle L-R) Trainer Yesenia Garza, Aaron Noriega, Juan Hernandez, Michael Creek, Brady Vyvlecka, Elias Perez, Kalvin Hernandez. (Back L-R) Trainer Alexis Gaytan, Kevan Flores Jovan Garza, Caleb Nolen, Reagan Owen, Trainer Madelyn Fischer, Michael Morales, Saul Bermen, Trainer Mykenzi Githens, Trainer Sky Hernandez, Jose Figuroa, Felipe Dehoyos, Ricky Castilleja.

BRONCOS:

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 the game. "At half time we realized that we were all sucking wind. So, we told Coach Sine that we need to start running 20-40s again. It will help us play faster and do better.'

"We've been working on it since the beginning of the season," Jarrett Jackson added. "We're all fairly fast and we do our best when we go fast."

"One of the things is that we have never run a sprint all year long," Coach Sine said. "We just play fast in practice."

"At half time the kids came to me and said, 'Coach I think we need to start running the 20-40s on Monday." Sine added. "So for kids to do that it means they totally bought into what we are doing and it was really awesome,"

Kaden Cordell (overall), Jarrett Jackson (offensive), Walker Sine (defense) and Rafael Mendoza (special teams) were named as Players of the Game.

Friday night's win gives the Broncos a 3-0 record and sets the stage for a showdown with Jim Ned Indians next Friday night at Bronco Stadium.

'Friday night's game vs. Jim Ned will be our toughest test so far," Sine

said. "The game is labeled Bronco Nation 7on7 Night. All donors will be honored at halftime. We hope to see more fans in the victory line Friday night."

Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the Broncos. However, for those who are unable to make the trip, the game will be carried on KHOS 92.1 FM with Virgil Burge and Craig Leonard bringing you the action live from the press box. Streaming audio of the game is also available on the Internet at KHOS921.com.

Players of the Week Special Teams Player of the Week: Mark Chavez Sponsored by Eddy Smith **KHOS FM 92.1**

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Sponsored by Kirk Joy Hit of the Week: Michael Solis Sponsored by Leonard

Livestock Defensive Player of the Week: Walker T. Sine Spon-

sored by Virgil Burge Offensive Player of the Week: Jarrett Jackson Sponsored by Sonora

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SCORE BY QUARTER SONORA 20 - 15 - 13 - 00 = 48 JUNCTION 00-07-00-21=28

FIRST QUARTER SONORA - 9:47 Michael Solis 33 yd pass from Kaden Cordell (Carter Zook

SONORA — 6:46 Wesley Dutton 17 yd pass from Cordell (Zook PAT) SONORA — 1:53 Liam Yourgalite 17 yd pass from Cordell (PAT Failed) SECOND QUARTER SONORA — 8:48 two-points Junction

SONORA — 8:04 Cordell 13 yd run (PAT SONORA - 3:57 Cordell 8 yd run (Zook

JUNCTION — 0:27 Carrington pass from Adam Carpenter (PAT good) THIRD QUARTER

OZONA - 5:19 Kobe Rodriguez 1 yd (pass failed) SONORA - 5:02 SanMiguel 66 yd (kick failed)

SONORA - 0:44 Jackson Jarrett 77 yd run (PAT failed)
FOURTH QUARTER JUNCTION - 8:57 Carpenter 12 yd run

JUNCTION — 4:34 Carrington 23 yd run (PAT good)
JUNCTION — 1:57 Parker Plumley 3 yd run (PAT good)

INDIVIDUAL STATS

RUSHING SONORA — Jackson 11-152, Cordell 8-52; Drew Buitron 6-50; Solis 5-14; Yourgalite 2-9; Ojeda 1-8; Wilson Johnson 1-1; Ariel Lugo 1-1 PASSING SONORA — Cordell 13-18-229 yds; SanMiguel 1-1-17 yds; Solis 1-2-7

SONORA — Yourgalite 2-66; Solis 4-54;

RECEIVING

SanMiguel 2-47

Sonora ISD Menu

PK-5th: Free Breakfast & \$2.45 lunch Middle & High School: \$1.95 Breakfast & \$2.85 lunch Choice of 1 of 2 entrees or salad

Monday-September 19th **Breakfast**

Menu Subject to Change

Waffles w/Bacon Or Cereal/Toast, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk Variety Lunch Pizza Choice w/ Broccoli Bites or HB/

CH. Burger w/Hamburger Garnish

Oven Fries, Baby Carrots, Mixed

Fruit Milk Variety Tuesday-September 20th **Breakfast** Breakfast Strudel/Cheese Stick Or

Cereal / Toast, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk Variety Lunch

Hot Ham & Cheese Pretzel Sandwich or Asian Bowl w/Egg Roll

Tomato & Cucumber Cup, Garden Salad, Snowball Salad, Milk Variety Wednesday-September 21st **Breakfast** Cinnamon Roll w/Sausage Or

Cereal/Toast, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk Variety Lunch Chicken Alfredo w/Breadstick or **Texas Basket**

Carrot Coins, Apple Slices, Cookie, Milk Variety Thursday-September 22nd

PBJ Sandwich Or Cereal/Toast, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk Variety Lunch Fish Strips w/Texas Toast or BBQ on a Bun

Coleslaw, Pinto Beans, Orange Smiles, Milk Variety Friday-September 23rd **Breakfast** Breakfast Burrito Or Cereal/Toast,

100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk Variety Lunch Rowdy Chicken Bowl w/Gravy & Roll or Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich w/ **Potato Rounds**

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Strauch Updates on Veterinary Treatment of Common Illnesses

In keeping with new technologies and treatments of animals, Patti Strauch, DVM, of Animal Care Laser and Ultrasound Clinic. Sonora, recently returned from The Vet Emergency and Critical Care Symposium in Grapevine.

"I learned new techniques such as what medicines to administer to animals in shock, specific antidotes for poisons and new techniques to treat snake bites," Strauch said.

While attending the conference, Strauch studied emergency treatment, snakebite treatment, microsurgery, and ultrasound.

Strauch sees a variety of animals daily at her clinic including dogs, cats, exotics, birds and snakes.

She said the most common emergencies among these animals includes severe illness, eating poisons and snake bites

Every year Strauch completes 50-100 hours of continuing education to maintain her membership in the Texas Academy of Veterinary Practice. She acquired a total

40 hours for attending the recent conference. Strauch has been prac-

ticing Veterinary Medicine in Sonora for 40-years.



The Lillian M Hudspeth Hospital District Board of Directors invites you to attend

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Weekly	Rain	fall Report	00
September 1-15	.38 in.	September 1-15	.63 in
August	1.74 in.	August	4.82 in
July	.19 in.	July	.00 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 ir
February	0.77 in.	February	1.04 in
January	0.36 in.	January	0.38 ir
2016 Year-to-Date TOTAL	15.27 in.	2016 Year-to-Date TOTAL	21.72 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
Rainfall data collected at LCF station located 14 miles southeas		Rainfall data collected at LCRA working located 17 miles east-northeast	



Still Time To Register For Toxic Range Plant Workshop

More than 100 species of toxic plants infest Texas rangelands. The impact of these plants on ranching is

not restricted to livestock death. Poor conception rates, lower weaning weights, increased supplemental feeding costs and reduced production of more desirable range forage are examples of indirect losses

Pascual Hernandez

associated with toxic plants. Some toxic plants produce easily identifiable symptoms, while many cases of livestock poisoning are misdiagnosed and mistakenly blamed on disease. Weather patterns, grazing systems, and vitamin or mineral deficiencies can all lead to toxic plant consumption.

To address those issues, a Toxic Range Plant Workshop is being offered on September 22 at the Sutton County Civic Center. On site registration starts at 8:30 and the program begins at 9 a.m.

Topics include: Identification of Toxic Plants in Our Area; Understanding The Clinical Signs of Poisoning In Livestock; Integrated Pest Management Strategies; and Planned Research at The Sonora AgriLife Research Station.

Speakers will include Dr. Bruce Carpenter-Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Livestock Specialist, Dr.

William Edmiston-DVM, Eldorado Texas, Dr. Alan McGinty-Professor and Extension Range Specialist Emeritus, and Dr. Doug Tolleson-Superintendent, Sonora Experiment Station.

The program offers 3 CEUs for those with a pesticide applicator license.

Cost to attend is \$20 (includes lunch) by September 16, with checks payable to Sutton County Ag Program Fund. Registration may be mailed to P.O. Box 1047, Sonora TX 76950. Or you may also drop it off at the Sutton County Extension Office.

For more information, call us at 387-3101.

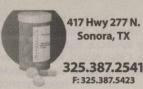


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15th Loretta Webster, Amy Sykes, Venetta Smith 16th David Walsh 17th Steve Morriss, Carson Cahill, Joaquin Chavez, Becca Love, Samantha Serrano 18th Wanda Shurley 19th Jack Baker, Edwina Gandar, Hilton Bloodworth, Trent Harris, Kyle Donaldson 21st Alex Mendez 22nd Steely Ingham, Stella Ingham, Frisby Bible Kody Word Jordan Hilliard

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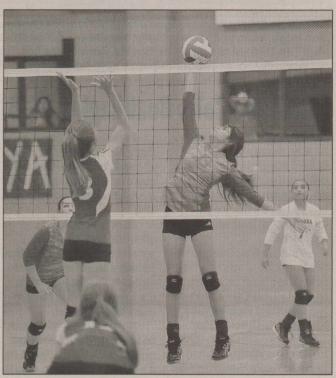
Winning Dig



Haley Smith and Shyanne Gamez posture for a dig to keep the ball in play during the game between the Lady Broncos Freshman and the Lady Bulldogs on Tuesday, September 6th.

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In for the Kill



Danyse Cantu goes for a kill during the game between the Sonora Lady Broncos JV and the Miles Lady Bulldogs on Tuesday, September DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

LADY BRONCOS:

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 10th, the Lady Broncos traveled to Water Valley for their non-league challenge against the 15-10 Lady Wildcats.

The Lady Broncos didn't bring their best game with them and it showed in the final scores 9-25, 16-25, 25-19 and 24-16.

Carly Brown led the ladies with 13 kills, 1 ace, 2 blocks and 9 digs. Mary Kyle Johnson served 10

kills, 1 ace and 12 digs. Riley Walker had 3 kills and 15 digs and Sky Jennings delivered 1 kill, 3 aces, 27 assists and 9 digs.

Savannah Castro added 2 kills and 1 ace and Delaney Ramsdell had 1 kill and 1 ace.

Lane Cahill had 1 block. Next, the Lady Broncos travel to Early for a nondistrict challenge against the Lady Longhorns on Tuesday, September 13th.

13. 100-member

19. One billion years

24. Elephant's ivory

26. Layered pasta dish

25. All over again

legislature

18. Family

27. Polished

29. Cagney's TV

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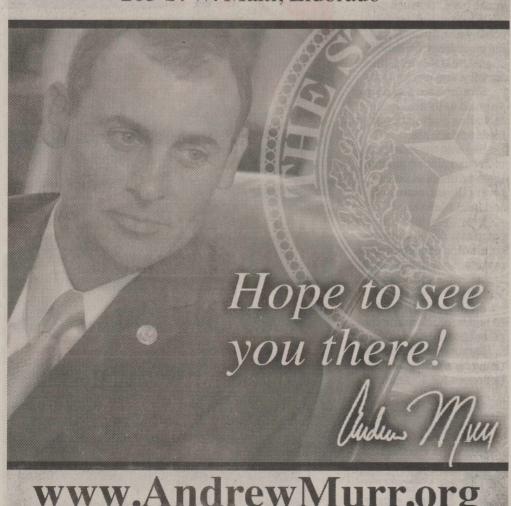
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Weekly Crossword Puzzle 46. Kick

ACROSS 1. Quite a hgt.

4. ____ salad

9. Gemstone

14. "You ___ here" 15. Diamond weight

16. Delete 17. Avoid answering

20. Long play part

21. Tidy sum

22. Wizards' org.

23. Cruel 24. Claw

27. MLB no.

28. Abbr. on old

Asian maps 29. Like some cycles

30. English county

31. Some are inert 32. Leg areas

33. Moving in a squatting posture

35. Sign of spring

36. Like hot fudge 37. Cunningly 38. Broth brand

39. Move like a bunny 42. Leaf unit

43. Sunday entrée 44. Spanish lady 45. "I believe," briefly

2. Breathers 3. Sweet stuff

option

8. Daze

47. He's toast

48. Warm winter coat

53. More eccentric

54. Amp knobs

55. Word of support

56. Irritable

57. Dominant 58. Spread, as hay

DOWN

1. Women's titles

CHILD'S PLAY

10. Know-how 11. Oil, e.g.

4. Security guard's

5. Derisive laugh

6. Bard's "before"

7. E-help listing

12. Forecaster's lines

__we forget..."

30. More likely to

retire

partner

31. Cunning

32. LPGA garment

33. Textiles

34. WCs

35. Like some desserts 37. Water bearer?

38. ___ dragon (giant lizard)

39. Greet with a beep 40. Feature of some

jacks

41. Said goodbye

43. Relieve

44. M.D., familiarly 46. Actual

47. Sound astonished

49. Go down

50. Take home

51. Turner of note 52. Singer Jennifer's nickname

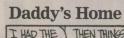
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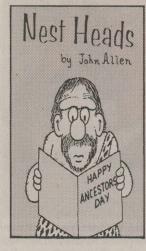


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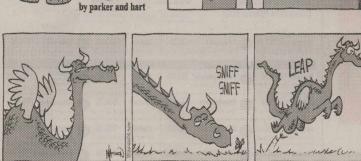






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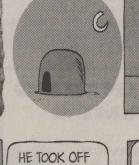


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by Mike Gruhn

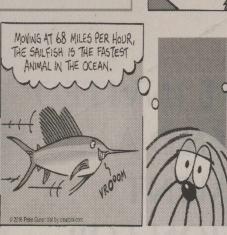




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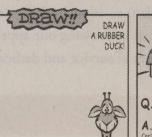


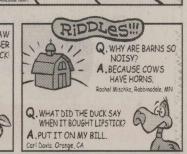
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Marcos Talamantes hauls in a touchdown during the Broncos JV game between Sonora and Junction on Thursday, Septemebr 8th. The Broncos routed the Eagles 58-12.

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Broncos JV Red Downs Eagles 58-12

Submitted by Coach Blake Weston

Within the first two minutes on the gridiron, the Broncos sealed the fate of the Eagles deciding their second win of the season on Thursday, September 8th.

Wilson Johnson put the Broncos on the scoreboard with an 84-yard run to pay dirt. The offensive line helped pave the way for astonishing numbers. Alex Lozano, Jansen Morris, Dominic Solis, Logan McDonald, Juan Baez and Noe Estrada did the dirty work in the trenches to let both the passing and rushing attacks prevail.

The passing attack was led by Brian Van Winkle who was 10-14 for 204-yards and 3 touchdowns. The first of those touchdowns being a 30-yard pass to Slade Dermody. The Broncos tallied a score was 12-0 in the first 3 minutes of the ball game. Two minutes later Dylan

Taylor carried for 43-yards for another Bronco touchdown. That was just the start of an impressive night of scoring for the Bronco Nation. Keeping the Eagles at bay in the first quarter, the Broncos had the lead 18-0 going into the second quarter.

The second quarter started with the Eagles getting a 22-yard run for a touchdown but that didn't stop the Bronco momentum. Immediately, Talamantes hauled in another TD on a pass from Van Winkle bringing the score 24-6 over Junction. The defensive held back the Eagles in every run attempt and a herd of Broncos blocked every pass attempt.

By the end of the second quarter, the Eagles were grounded. Dylan Taylor found pay dirt on a pass from Van Winkle. Brock Aschenbeck and Jon Deleon led the effort to continue the

Broncos momentum and Deleon sprinted 11-yards to pay dirt ending the quarter.

Giving up few receptions, the secondary also played well. After some back and forth action, the Broncos were in scoring position once again. Taylor again found pay dirt on a

22-yard run.

The Broncos defense ruffled some feathers causing the Eagles to fumble the ball which was recovered by Aschenbeck who made to the goal for another TD. JR Velasquez completed the 2-point conversion for the Broncos, bringing the score 52-12 at the end of the third quarter.

Carlos Mendoza capped the night by returning an interception for 76-yards for a touchdown on the last play of the game to seal the deal 58-12.

Next, the Broncos travel to Tuscola to play Jim Ned on Thursday, September 15th.

Sutton County



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Broncos JV White Overcome by Indians 20-6

Submitted by Coach Caleb

Despite a good effort, the Broncos JV White team didn't match up against their opponent the Jim Ned Indians on Thursday, September 8th.

Defensively, the Broncos held off the Indians baying them at 20 points.

Brayden Adams put the Broncos on the score board with the only touchdown of the game. He rushed the ball 55-yards to paydirt in the first half.

Perez led the defense in tackles on the Indians, holding them back despite their

offense.
Eddie Infante displayed good effort breaking up several passes by Jim Ned

but it wasn't enough. The Broncos lost the battle 20-6.

The Broncos will get another shot at the Jim Ned Indians to even the score next Thursday, September 15th at Jim Ned. Kickoff is set for 5 p.m.



Ethan Hamm and Ty Perez and Davien Vasquez gang tackle an Indian to stop a run during the game between Sonora and Jim Ned on Thursday, September 8th. Despite their efforts the Broncos fell to the Indians 20-6.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOR JO BESS JACKSON.

Tuesday, September 20th
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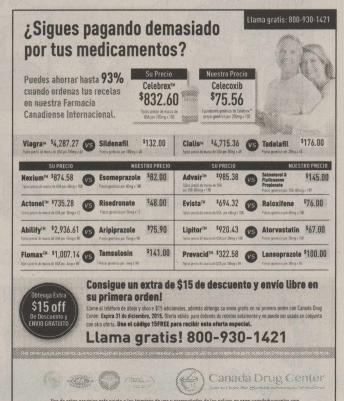
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OBITUARIES

Greta Elizabeth Smith January 2, 1911 - September 6, 2016



Greta Elizabeth Smith went to be with her heavenly father at the age of 105, on September 6, 2016.

Greta was born Jan. 2, 1911, in Mercury, Texas, to the late Roscoe E. Cawyer and Fannie Johnson Cawyer.

She received her teaching degree from Tarleton College and then moved to Sonora in 1931 to teach at the L.W. Elliott School. On Feb. 8, 1932, she married her one and only love, George E. (Bud) Smith. Through the course of their marriage, they owned and operated the Sonora Grocery Store and later built and operated the Twin Oaks Motel for several years. After Bud's death in 1973, Gretta continued operating the motel for nine more years before retiring. She was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ and

a Christian inspiration to all who knew her. Gretta lived her long life with one goal in mind, to keep God's Commandments. Now she has her home with the Lord whom she loved and trusted to get her through her long years on earth. She was an example of what God wants us to be.

Gretta is survived by her daughter, Beverly Howard of Sonora; and her son, Eddie and wife Vanetta Smith of Sonora. She was blessed with her grandchildren: Debbie and husband Robert Hard of Sonora, Curtis Howard of Palm

Springs, California, Duray and wife Celia Smith of Odessa, Daphney and husband Stanley Adams of Sonora, and Devoe and wife Melanie Smith of Sonora. Greta also cherished her nine greatgrandchildren and her five great-great-grandchildren.

Services to honor Greta Elizabeth Smith were held on Friday, Sept. 9, 2016, in Sonora Cemetery.

Memorials are to be sent to Sonora Church of Christ, P.O. Box 333, Sonora, TX 76950.

~ Don't think of me as gone, for my journey has just begun. My life's work has been to prepare for the time that I can be with My Lord. ~

Card of Thanks

From the Family of Ernestina C. Perez The greatest comfort during our sorrow was the expression of sympathy conveyed to us in many ways. Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat upon a chair. Perhaps you sent us beautiful flowers. If so, we saw them there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words that any friend

Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us on that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we

thank you so much, whatever your part. Your support at this difficult time was very much appreciated and of great comfort to all of the family.

We would like to thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy on the sad loss of our mother, Ernestina. Your thoughts and prayers have been a great source of comfort to us all.

Sincerely,

Francisco J. Perez Ada E. & Ruben Castilleja Hermin C. & Laura Perez Olinda & Oscar Jimenez Juan C. & Dorothy Perez Maria Elena Perez & Danny Palmer Maribel Perez Jose E. & Lynda Perez Grandchildren

"To live in the hearts of those we love is not to die."

Women's Club



2016-2017 Women's Club Officers (L-R) Jen Jones, Treasurer, Susan Hall, President, Chelsea Blackbird, Vice President, Sandy Glover, Auditor and Debby Murphy, Secretary. Not pictured are Tai Araujo, Corresponding Secretary and Allie Moore, Parliamentarian.

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as the cemetery, 1925 and

a monetary contribution

the Sonora schools.

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lows at the rodeo, to lots of

cookbooks and a Tag Day

at the library. In 100 years

the Sonora Woman's Club

has produced a total of five

cookbooks full of delicious

recipes. Also, the members

have served dinner to more

than 400 guests on the Sutton County Court House

This organization is

of great value to the com-

hard work and dedication

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Woman's Club has helped

rule the destiny of Sonora

community.

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There have been count-

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Sonora Women's Club Celebrates a Century of Community Service

Submitted by Susan Hall Organized in 1916 and federated in 1917, the Sonora Woman's Club has remained true to its roots in purpose throughout the years.

Its mission 'to promote the culture and entertainment of its members and to promote a medium through which they may work for the general good of the community' and its motto 'To live in Deeds'.

After only a few years as an organization, a committee was appointed to acquire a housing place of the club and all the books they had accumulated, on Dec 4, 1920.

Seven years after its inception, a club house fund was established. That October, the SWC held its first meeting in the building built and owned by the Club, later on Jan. 21, 1927.

With an initial membership of 27 active and 6 associate members, the first meetings of the Sonora Woman's Club were held in a variety of places in town including private homes, school rooms, the courthouse, Happy Hour theatre, and the Craddock Building.

At that time, member dues were \$1. and associates paid \$1.50.

Since 1920 the Library has been the outstanding project of the Woman's Club.

In addition, each spring, the SWC holds a "Spring outdoor clean-up to help keep the community beautiful."

Other contributions by the SWC over the years includes, voter education for women in the community, May 1918, sponsorship of Mayor and 2 Aldermen, 1919, funding the construction of a fence around the

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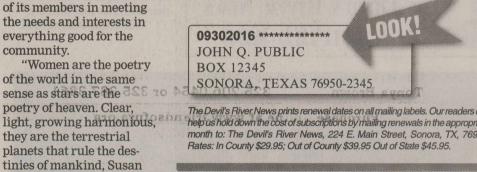
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our family safe. Words cannot express our gratitude to each and every one mentioned and others who also have stepped forward. We are truly grateful to all the family, friends and church groups who called, sent cards and made donations along with many prayers!

morning of June 27. The Firefighters, the Sonora

Volunteers, we cannot thank you enough for your heroic efforts to get Turney out of the house and keep

Police Department, the Sheriff's Department and all

It may be a while before we get a chance to acknowledge friends, families, and first responders individually, but know that we have seen every text, listened to every voicemail, read each email, seen every Facebook post, treasured each of the beautiful cards that have been mailed to us and have felt the many prayers sent

The loss of our family home saddened us deeply but the outpouring support from the community, family and friends has been truly humbling!

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Database

Database ready for use

Comptroller Hegar on Sept. 6 announced the debut of a statewide online eminent domain database, a publicly available tool making it possible to identify which governmental and non-governmental entities have reported to the Comptroller's office their authority to exercise eminent domain.

"This is clearly an area in which transparency is absolutely essential," Hegar said. "Knowing who can use eminent domain is the first step to ensuring that this potentially oppressive power is used wisely."

The database was created to comply with Senate Bill 1812, legislation approved during the 2015 legislative session. The bill requires public and private entities with eminent domain authority to report certain information to the Comptroller's office.

Currently, the database contains 5,042 entities, including cities, counties, school districts, special purpose districts, pipeline and energy companies, water supply corporations, telecommunications companies and other public and private entities.

Zika count reaches 174

Texas has had 174 reported cases of Zika virus disease, the Department of State Health Services reported Sept. 9.

Included in the count are 11 pregnant women, two infants infected before birth and one person who

had sexual contact with a traveler.

Texas' four most populous counties lead in cases reported, with Harris County at 51 cases; Dallas, 35; Tarrant, 19; and Bexar,

There is no vaccine or treatment for the Zika virus, DSHS says, and the best protection to avoid infection is to prevent mosquito breeding and to avoid getting mosquito bites. DSHS is the lead state agency for preparing for, coordinating and responding to public health and medical incidents involving the virus.

Grid should meet needs

The electrical grid that covers all but 10 percent of Texas should be able to handle the state's projected power needs for the months of October through February, according to the **Electric Reliability Council** of Texas.

ERCOT, the grid's operating organization, on Sept. 1 released its Seasonal Assessment of Resource Adequacy, a report that examines variables that affect demand. Weather naturally is a major variable.

Warren Lasher, ERCOT director of system planning, said, "We study multiple scenarios, including extreme cases of very cold conditions and outages of significant amounts of generation capacity. Based on the current forecast, we expect to have sufficient generation to carry us through high demand periods during the upcoming

Why does the early bird always get the

worm? Because he reads about it in

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Cannizzaro - Newton Engagement

Edward & Lori Newton of Sonora are thrilled to announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Newton, to Robert Cannizzaro, son of Joe and Joanne Cannizzaro of Waco, TX.

Ms. Newton, a graduate of Baylor University, is a patrol officer for the Waco Police Department in

Mr. Cannizzaro also Attended Baylor University and is a graduate of Tarleton University, and works as a patrol officer for the city of Valley Mills, TX. The wedding is planned for November 2016.

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 until proven guilty in a court of law.

ARRESTS

SEPTEMBER 4 • Maria Ernestina Araujo, 23 year-old female, arrested for DWI.

SEPTEMBER 13 - John Mata Lopez, 21 year-old male, arrested for consuming an alcoholic beverage during prohibited hours. John E. Lopez III, 34 year-old male, arrested for consuming an alcoholic beverage during prohibited hours.

INCIDENTS

SEPTEMBER 5 - 10:40 AM - Animal reported at practice football field. Officer responded.

2:28 PM • Animal call on 200 block of College. Officer responded.

9:21 PM · Officer requested for civil matter on 1000 block of Tayloe. Officer responded.

10:01 PM · Criminal mischief reported on 500 block of S. Crockett

SEPTEMBER 6 - 11:56 AM • Immigration violation reported on 500 block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

SEPTEMBER 7 - 9:10 AM • Criminal trespass reported on 200 block of E. 2nd. Officer re-

sponded. 11:40 AM · Officer requested at LMH. Officer responded.

SEPTEMBER 8 - 8:46 PM • Caller reported welfare concern on 400 block of W. 1st. Officer responded.

SEPTEMBER 9 - 3:13 PM • Suspicious vehicle reported on 500 block of Gonzales. Officer responded.

SEPTEMBER 10 - 12:02 PM • Alarm reported on 1900 block of Tayloe. Officer responded. 7:54 PM · Animal reported at Stadium Trailer Park. Officer re-

sponded. 9:45 PM · Agency requested assistance on 300 block of Oak. Officer responded.

SEPTEMBER 11 - 9:49 AM • Agency request assistance at LMH. Officer responded.

2:52 PM • Agency requested assistance on 100 block of Dos. Officer responded.

4:56 PM · Officer requested for civil matter on 1200 block of Savell. Officer responded.

8:58 PM · Caller requested welfare check on 100 block of US Hwv 277.

11:37 PM · Ministerial Alliance called on 1000 block of N. Crockett. Officer responded.

SC Friends of NRA Hosts 9th Annual Banquet

The Sutton County Friends of NRA are inviting the public to join them in a special evening of dining, socializing and fun activities on Saturday, September 17th at the Civic Center.

The annual fund raiser dinner event features a little bit of everything from a catered meal, games to a silent auction, exclusive merchandise and jewelry.

"Our organization held

27 West Texas events last year and awarded \$300,000 + in grants as a result of last year's efforts, Tonya Brown said. "Fifty percent of the money raised in the West Texas Region stays in West Texas to benefit Police, ROTC, 4H Shooting Sports, Boy Scouts, etc., and fifty percent goes toward national education and safety efforts."

Every year, thousands of NRA Field Staff and **Committee Volunteers** throughout the United States participate in the program because of their concern about the future of the shooting sports and firearm safety.

In addition to raising funds for the shooting sports through collect donations, selling tickets and hosting a banquet in their local communities, individuals also collaborate with law enforcement, business owners and citizens in the community in support of the Second Amendment.

Since its inception in 1992, Friends of the NRA has held over 17,600 events, reached over 3.2 million people and raised over \$600 million for The NRA Foundation, a 501(c) (3) charitable organization.

Committee volunteers including Charlie & Tonya Brown, Carl & Terri Johnson, Cliff & Danine Brister, Kyle & Elaine Donaldson, Billy & Bobby Dictson, Donna Keese, Billy Martin, Glen Love and Tim Thorp are appointed to State Fund Committees to make recommendations for local grant funding in areas such as youth firearm safety and education programs, range development and improvement, wildlife conservation effort, hunter education and law enforcement training.

To become a member or for more information, please contact: Tonya Brown @ 325-206-0454.



Elementary School Students for the week of September 12th - 16th, Andi Archer, Pre-K, Carlos Lopez, K, Miranda Montoya, 1st, Audrey Castilleja, 2nd. COURTESY PHOTO

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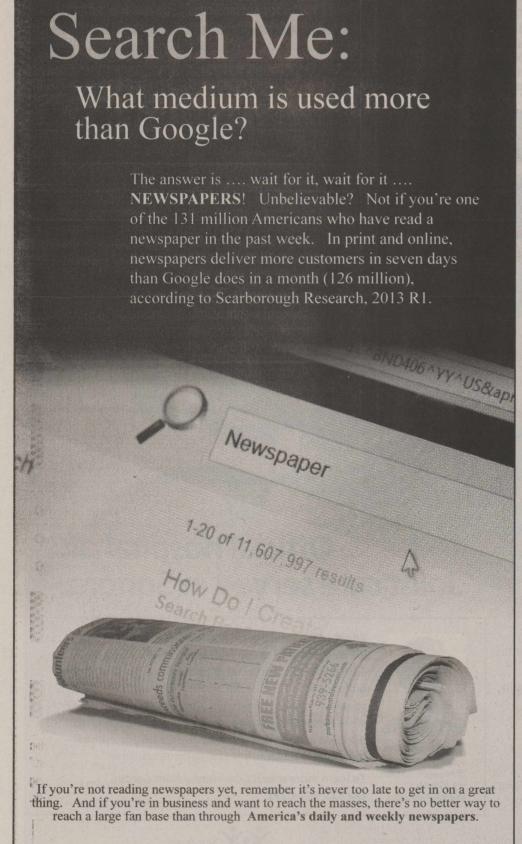


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PUBLIC HEARING FOR EXPENDING SECTION 4B TAX PROCEEDS

The City Council will hold a public hearing concerning the Sonora Economic Development Corporation expending Section 4B sales tax funds for the following projects:

Proposed community development project to provide assistance to Eaton Hill Nature Center for a portion of their expenses for fiscal year 2016-2017. These expenses include, but are not limited to, administrative, nature center displays, repair and maintenance and employee training.

The hearing will be held on Monday, September 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas.

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SC Hospital District Board Meets, Handles Lengthy Agenda

In front of a crowd of about 25 people, Sutton **County Hospital District** Board members debated at length over what was discussed in a prior meeting and the exact wording of a motion made by Don Longoria regarding Burroughs Healthcare Consulting and doctors Mark and Kristy

Longoria asked to strike the word "contract" from the minutes of the August 1st meeting before agreeing to approve those minutes for record. He stated that he does not recall using the word "contract" in his motion to employee Dr. Burroughs to help in the resolution of differences between the Hospital and the Edwards.

After much discussion, including referring to what may have been said during executive session, the board agreed to approve the minutes of the August 1st and August 8th meetings as amended.

John Henry Strauch suggested that all meetings be recorded to avoid any confusion in the future.

Before adjourning the board opened the floor to visitor comments. Brigitte Rogers, again, asked John Graves if he was bonded and requested validation information.

In addition, she requested a copy of the **Torch Management** Services, Inc. report as presented to the board by Richard Hoeth. Graves gave

his copy of the report to her. Rogers also questioned the hospital's status with Medicare. "I talked with Medicare months ago and was told that our Home Health Care Agency was not approved."

Graves explained that Lillian Hudspeth Hospital accepts Medicare benefits. Presently, the hospital and its patients are subject to two issues at hand. Awaiting the completion of the Home Health Care accreditation, coupled with the recent moratorium by the State Legislature, prohibits the home health from billing and collecting Medicare payments; although Medicare patients are accepted as part of the accreditation

Jim Brisbin asked the board why they do not have a doctor sitting on the board as an ex-officio member to help with issues relating to physicians and the practice of healthcare.

"I've been over here to different hospital board meetings in different areas from time to time and I've been to this on off and on for the last 30 years and the one thing I've observed that's missing around here and I'm amazed by it is that ya'll are so well medically versed in medicine that you don't think you need a doctor serving on this board as ex-officio," Brisbin said.

Graves responded that Mark and Kristy Edwards are ex-officio members of the hospital board. Brisbin

replied with a question as to why he hasn't seen them sitting with the board any time prior to this meeting.

'They have always been ex-officio members," Graves said.

Longoria asked if they can attend the board's closed sessions. Board President Sharon Holman responded that they may attend with condition to the meeting's subject. Further, the Edwards may participate as non-voting members

In other business, no action was taken following the closed session held immediately after the call

Richard Hoeth presented to the board a brief overview of the assessment and recommendation of the Torch Management Services, Inc. report. Among the items noted in his presentation Hoeth reported that the rural clinic operations are not earning enough revenue to offset the expenses. Overall, the hospital and clinic expenses outweigh the number of patients and revenue collected.

"Rural hospitals in 2016 are an endangered species." Hoeth said.

Board members approved the financial report as presented before going behind closed doors for a second time. No action was taken following executive session.

Trustees approved medical staff consultants as recommended. As well, they approved Policy and **Procedure Manuals for** Medical Records, Radiology, Laboratory, Pharmacy, Swing Bed, Dietary, Physical Therapy, Plant Operations, Administration, Mammography, Infection Control, Cardio/Pulmonary and Compliance.

The board approved amending the signature card at Sonora Bank removing Gary Leonard, Preston Faris, Lance Castro and adding Mary Humphrey, Adelita Alvarez and Don Longoria.

In addition, the board approved the iVantage Service Agreement.

Graves reported on the status of the Burroughs Healthcare Consulting

Network and Mark and Kristy Edwards. Concerns have been outlined by Joshua Flynt, attorney for the Edwards. A letter of intent to restructure or replace the Edwards' contracts is forthcoming.

Graves also reported on the updated financial metrics of the hospital and clinic. Presently, the hospital has cash on hand to continue operating for 143 days without additional incoming revenue.

Clinic B is currently operating a negative \$534,251 year-to-date as of July 31st and the hospital's overall year-to-date loss is \$262,899.

Before adjourning. Graves reminded the crowd of the Town Hall meeting

slated for Thursday, September 15th at the Civic Center.

The meeting is open to the public.

Trustees will be available to answer questions of the public.

Rules of Order will be followed.

President Sharon Holman presided over the meeting. Trustees Leonora Pool, Adeltia Alvarez, Mary Humphrey, Edward Earwood, Don Longoria and John Henry Strauch were present.

The next regular meeting of the SCHD Board is slated for October 10th at 6 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the wellness center at LMH Memorial Hospital.



Jim Brisbin speaks out during the SCHD Board meeting on Monday, September 12th. Brisbin and his wife, Brigitte Rogers voiced a variety of concerns in front of board members as well as a crowd of citizens. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

SC Commissioners Eye Hotel Occupancy Tax as Revenue in 2017

The Sutton County Commissioners discussed the possibility of collecting a Hotel Occupancy Tax during their regular meeting on Monday, September 12th.

The tax affects businesses providing room accommodations that are not inside the city limits. The tax money will bring additional revenue needed by the county to help pay for the upkeep of the Sutton County Civic Center and County Park. If approved, the county could begin collecting Hotel Occupancy Tax revenue on September

As well, Commissioners acknowledged the end of the Lifeline Program in Sutton County. Judge Steve Smith reported that letters were mailed to about 30 citizens who are listed as program recipients. Six of those letters were returned marked undeliverable. Smith

attempted to hand deliver the letters in person.

In other business, A report was presented on the LMH and Sutton County reimbursement on EMS. A loss of \$174,955 was reported. The financial responsibility is shared by the hospital and the county.

Commissioners approved changing the county's policy on the accrual of vacation time eliminating rollover hours. Effective September 12th, county employees are required to take annual leave time before the end of the year or it will be exhausted. Employees will receive a notice of change

until the next regular meeting pending further review and discussion.

In regular business, commissioners approved

Service Appreciation

the minutes from the August 22nd and 23rd meetings.

Additionally, they approved accounts payable, auditor's report and treasurer's report and Road and Bridge report as presented.

No report was available for the Library or commissioners.

Commissioners approved advertising for the employment position of County Judge's Court Administrator as well as plumbing bids for the Sutton County Jail.

Justice of Peace John Wilson reported a total of \$124,990.15 collected on 530 cases during the month of

Sheriff Joe Fincher reported 36 additional inmates booked into the jail during the month of August. The jail averaged 16.3 inmates and a total \$4,564 was generated in revenue.

County Clerk Rachel Duran reported \$3,743.26 collected from County Court, \$8,511 collected from District Court and \$4,750 collected from OPR and Vitals for the month of

The new docket system software is up and running. Now, County Court and District Court dockets are available to view online at www.co.sutton.tx.us

Commissioners approved the adoption of updated subdivision rules effective October 1st. Subdivision Rules are available to view on the county's website at www.co.sutton.tx.us.

Before closing, Judge Smith reminded the court that State Representative Andrew Murr will be visiting Sonora on Wednesday, September 21st.

Without further

2016 THCDA 10th Annual Show/Sale Experiences

discussion or comments the meeting adjourned.

Judge Steve Smith presided over the meeting. Commissioners Carl Teaff, Fred Perez, Mike Villanueva and Bob Brockman were present.

The next regular meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners is slated for Monday, September 19th at 9 a.m. in the County Annex Building.

Record Setting Buyers, Sellers and Livestock and explanation with their August 2016. next pay check. champion White Dorper time to judge in the United Records fell at almost A change from sick days States, so I tried not to every turn Friday and to personal days was tabled The Bernhard Ranch of

Saturday (Sept. 9-10) in the Texas Hill Country Dorper Association's 10th Annual Show/Sale held at the Gillespie County Fair Grounds Show Barn here.

The annual show/sale, one of the top shows in the country for many years, attracted a record number of registered buyers (120), who purchased 175 Dorper and White Dorper sheep for a record average sales price of \$1,246 per animal.

Buyers were especially aggressive in shopping for

The show featured a record number of pens of three ewes (25), and those 75 ewes brought an average of \$1,318 each.

Top-selling pen of three belonged to the Holman Ranch of Sonora and was purchased by Conrad Matysiak of Stonewall for \$12,000.

Top-selling ram was a Dorper fall lamb offered by the Powell Ranch of Eldorado and went to Jody Lewis for \$5,000.

The Powell Holman Ranch of Sonora dominated the judging as its entries included the champion White Dorper ram, the champion White Dorper ewe and the reserve

Harper had the champion Dorper ram, while the Holman Ranch of Sonora showed the champion and reserve champion Dorper ewes. The Oak Hill Ranch of Sonora showed the reserve champion White Dorper ram, while the Roeder Ranch of Fredericksburg had the reserve champion Dorper ram.

Roy Heiner of Fredericksburg had entries that included the winning pen of three (Dorpers) along with the champion Dorper ram and ewe in the unhaltered division.

Oak Hill Ranch showed the champion White Dorper ram and M Bar W Ranch of Thorndale had the champion White Dorper ewe in the unhaltered division.

"We just had an outstanding show," said THCDA president Robert Yelverton of Harper. "We had by far the best quality sheep ever entered in our show all these years. The ewes especially were just exceptional quality.'

Judge of the show was Justin Kirkby of New South Wales, Australia, one of the foremost authorities on Dorper sheep in the world. "This was my first

have any preconceived ideas about the sheep," said Kirkby. "The overall quality of sheep in this show was better than I thought it would be. What I found is a lot of producers with sheep here who are trying to produce sheep according to the Dorper breed standards.

"There were plenty of good classes of sheep in this show, especially ewes. The difference between the top and bottom ewes was really slight, and I really had to think about how to explain those slight differences.

"As a whole though the quality of sheep in this show was very good."

Sheep in the unhaltered and pens of three classes were judged Friday afternoon. Sheep in the haltered class were judged Saturday morning, and the auction was conducted Saturday afternoon.

Highlighting the association's business meeting Friday evening was election of new officers for the 2016-17 year: President (reelected), Robert Yelverton of Harper; Vice-President, Justin Marschall of Harper, Secretary, James Hurst of Boerne and treasurer, **Chris Summers of Center** Point.

Left to right: Jacqui Thomas, Max Howorth, Robert Sol Mayer, Bob Brockman, Jim Polonis, Meredith Earwood. (Back) Joe David Ross. Bob Brockman is presented with a plaque commemorating his 17-years of service with the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District.

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