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Transparency and Integrity



Sheriff-Elect Oscar Chavez has spent the first days in office implementing new goals including shared responsibilities and cross training for him and his staff. Chavez and his Chief Deputy, DuWayne Castro, are also working towards improved technology, equipment and training for all of the members of the Sheriff's Office and jail.

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SC Sheriff Chavez Busy in First Days in Office

Transparency and unity are just a few of the objectives that Sutton County Sheriff Oscar Chavez had in mind when he took the oath of office on January 1, 2017.

Chavez said he is pleased and fortunate to be taking over the Sutton County Sheriff's department and he thinks it is important for everyone in his department to work together with respect and trust for each other in order to better serve the community.

"Full transparency is important in building trust between the members of the Sheriff's Office and the public" Sheriff Chavez said. "I want to improve

communication between all of us and keep residents informed about what is going on in the community."

Identifying the need for change and improvement to keep himself and his fellow deputies up-to-date with technology, equipment and training, Chavez ran for office and beat out former Sheriff Joe Fincher in this past November election.

He replaced Fincher who held the position since 2000. Fincher served more than fifty years in law enforcement.

Sheriff Chavez has spent the past twenty-three years serving in various areas of law enforcement including K-9 Officer and

Deputy under Fincher.

"We need change," Chavez said. "And, it is time for me to move up and do what I need to do."

He is already working hard at implementing his goals.

For example, with only nine days into office, repairs and updates are underway on the county jail.

Taking care of ongoing issues with the jail facility was at the top of Chavez's promises during his campaign.

In an effort to comply with Jail Standards, all of the plumbing and fixtures must be updated. As well, the facilities

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Sonora Firefighters Battle Grass Fire on Sutton/Schleicher County Line

Sonora Volunteer firefighters battled a grass fire Tuesday, January 24, 2017, on the county line between Sutton County and Schleicher County.

Firefighters were originally called to the location Monday when the a grass fire was ignited by an electrical line. The blaze was extinguished but rekindled

early Tuesday morning.

Firefighters were again called to the location about 11:00 a.m. according to Sutton County dispatch.

Three Sonora firetrucks, equipment, six volunteers firefighters and Sonora Fire Chief Rick Cearley spent the day attempting to contain the blaze.

The Eldorado Fire Department and Texas Forest Service was also called to assist Sonora in battling the fire as winds picked up during the day increasing the risk of spreading to nearby land.

No structures were reported damaged and the fire was contained by early evening Tuesday.



Sonora firefighters battle a grass fire located on the county line Tuesday afternoon, January 24, 2017. The Eldorado Fire Department assisted in battling against high winds to help prevent the spread of the blaze to nearby land.

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Brandon Blayne Duncan
Sonora Middle School Principal



Raul Ramos Chavarria
Ozona Superintendent of Schools
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Sonora, Ozona Administrators Jailed in Schleicher County on Alcohol Charges

Sonora MS Principal, Ozona Superintendent of Schools

Brandon Blayne Duncan, 41, of Sonora was booked into the Schleicher County Jail on Friday, January 20th on a charge of Driving While Intoxicated with an Open Container.

Duncan, who is currently employed as the principal of Sonora Middle School, was released on a \$1,500 surety bond the following day.

Raul Ramos Chavarria, 51, of Ozona, was arrested during the same traffic stop and charged with Public Intoxication and having an Open Container in a motor vehicle. Chavarria is currently employed as the superintendent of schools at Crockett County Consolidated Common School District in Ozona. He was released from jail the following day on a misdemeanor citation.

Prior to taking the job as Crockett County CCCD superintendent, Chavarria was the principal at Sonora High School.

Schleicher County Deputy Kevin Herbert reports that he initiated the traffic stop at about

10 p.m. on Friday, January 20th. The deputy says he noticed a 2016 Jeep driven by Duncan, proceeding slowly on the south-bound shoulder of U.S. Highway 277 some three miles north of Eldorado.

Herbert says he administered a field sobriety test to the driver and determined him to be intoxicated. Duncan was also taken to Schleicher County Medical Center for a blood-alcohol test. The results of that test are pending, according to the deputy.

Herbert explains that Chavarria told him during the traffic stop that he was unaware that Texas has a law against having an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

The two men were transported to the Schleicher County Jail where they were booked in and held overnight.

Justice of the Peace Phil Edmiston set a \$1,500 surety bond for Duncan the following morning and he was released on bail. Chavarria was released on a citation.

Commissioners Handle Lengthy Agenda

Sutton County Commissioners handled a lengthy agenda during their regular meeting Monday, January 23, 2017.

Commissioners tackled agenda items such as reading out loud John Wilson's resignation, setting dates to interview for a new Justice of the Peace, jail repairs and updating policy regarding the use of Wi-Fi at the County Library.

Judge Steve Smith read out loud a formal letter of resignation by John Wilson. Wilson is retiring from his position as Sutton County Justice of the Peace effective March 15, 2017. Wilson has served as JP for the past ten years.

The court approved the acceptance of his resignation and moved forward setting a designation of ending date, of February 2, 2017, for applications for JP. Applications will be accepted from January 24 to February 2.

Applications will be reviewed during a special meeting slated for February 6 and commissioners will interview applicants during a special meeting set for February 9.

The court will appoint a new JP during their next regular meeting slated for February 13. The appointee will serve out the remainder of Wilson's term.

Commissioners also approved updating the policy regarding public use of Wi-Fi at the County Library. Due to unauthorized use and abuse of this service during non-business hours the court approved a revision making Wi-Fi available only during regular Library hours

Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Library is closed Saturday and Sunday.

Sheriff Chavez updated the court on the plumbing repairs at the County jail. Chad Sparks of 3D's Plumbing spoke to commissioners explaining issues found while making repairs.

The court approved and additional \$2500 to pay for necessary repairs and updates to the plumbing system. The money was already budgeted for such need.

In regular business, commissioners approved the minutes of the January 9, 2017 regular meeting, accounts payable, Commissioner's report and Tax-Assessor's report as presented.

County Auditor Maura Weingart reported that she still has not received an electric utility contract from Hunt Energy for the County. There is some discrepancy in the rate that was agreed upon when the court approved the bid. County Attorney David Wallace recommended enforcing the rate entered into a binding contract upon approving the bid.

In other business, the court approved advertising for a dispatcher for the Sheriff's office. They also approved setting salaries for Deputy Marcos Guajardo and Chief Deputy DuWayne Castro. Due to his level of skill and expertise in the areas of law enforcement, commissioners approved an annual salary of \$56,920 for Guajardo. They also approved an annual salary of

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

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Texans Among Crowd at Inauguration of President Donald Trump

AUSTIN — Thousands of Texans were on hand to witness the inauguration of Donald J. Trump as the 45th president of the United States on Jan. 20 in Washington. President Trump closed his 16-minute inaugural address by saying: "Together, we will make America strong again. We will make America wealthy again. We will make America proud again. We will make America safe again. And yes, together we will make America great again."

Displays of patriotism took other forms the following day, when the Women's March on Washington attracted a multitude ranging in size from 500,000 to more than one million people. Similar gatherings were held in Austin and other

large cities around the country and the globe. Counters estimated that somewhere between 50,000 and 90,000 people took part in the Women's March on Austin. The 12-block march up Congress Avenue from the city's Ann W. Richards Bridge on Lady Bird Lake ended on the south side of the Texas Capitol grounds.

In Washington, Austin, and in many other cities, Women's March participants spoke in favor of women's rights and to protest racial inequities. Other prominent topics included "LGBTQ" rights, immigration reform, equal pay for equal work, minimum wage increase and environmental issues.

Most elected representatives were

on hand for the inauguration, but 67 Democratic members of Congress refused to attend, following the example of civil rights champion Rep. John Lewis of Georgia. Among those who did not attend were Texas U.S. Reps. Joaquin Castro of San Antonio, Lloyd Doggett of Austin, Al Green of Houston and Filemon Vela of Brownsville.

Budget proposals are made
Earlier in January, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar released a 2018-2019 biennial revenue estimate of just under \$105 billion in general revenue available for lawmakers to use in crafting a new state budget. Hegar's estimate set a benchmark

for budgets to be written in the coming weeks by each house of the Texas Legislature.

Last week, the Senate Finance Committee released an initial budget that includes \$103.6 billion in general revenue spending. The House Appropriations Committee's version tipped the scales at \$108.9 billion, signaling much work to be done before the two bodies can agree.

Taking a Sick Day

I hardly ever get sick. I guess I'm lucky that way. Besides, I'm a mom. Despite what the commercial says, we don't get sick days. It's easier to take care of others when you don't need anyone to take care of you. So it's convenient to be in good health – robust and well with a constant and never-ending supply of acetaminophen and throat lozenges to dispense to the young folks living with you.

I'm tough, but unfortunately I'm not totally immune. I found this out last week when I got hit with a bigger-bugger of a cold. A common cold for goodness sakes. Usually I can barrel right through a batch of the average and ordinary sniffles. This time the sniffles conquered my entirety in an overwhelming manner.

Each morning for about a week I wanted to get up out of bed and head straight for the couch. No, I take that back. Each morning for about a week I wanted to stay in bed. Period.

Whoever coined the phrase "common cold" obviously never had one. There is nothing common about an inability to breathe like a normal person. My nose alternated between complete stuffiness and uncontrolled runniness 24/7. The inability to breathe led to an inability to sleep. When I did manage to snooze, I woke up mouth wide open with my tongue dried up like a piece of beef jerky. My throat was sore. I had an annoying tickle of a cough. My ears were plugged. My head ached. My shoulders ached. My neck ached. My back ached. I think even my hair ached. My nose was chapped from blowing. There seemed to be a foginess surrounding me. I found it hard to think clearly and was literally at a loss for words. I started hoarding Kleenex. I was miserable.

Unfortunately couch time was not available in the quantity I desired. Life marches on – no matter how achy-breaky one might feel. Kids still need rides to school. Work doesn't automatically complete itself.

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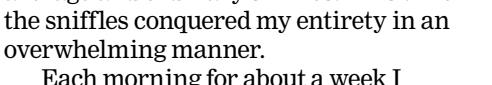
I muddled through with lozenges under my tongue and Kleenex in my pocket. I drank weak green tea in an attempt to stay hydrated and warm. I popped a couple of acetaminophen tablets every four hours as needed. I rested when I could, and even when I couldn't.

Relief was elusive, even with the medication. I wanted a nap and clear nostrils. Neither was available. I worried the rest of my family would get the crud. If it hit me hard, it would hit them harder. That much was a for sure. Luckily that didn't happen. Despite my sneezing and coughing and inadvertent germ-sharing, no one else got sick, which is the happy ending to this sad and sniffley story.

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By Jill Pertler



Slices of Life

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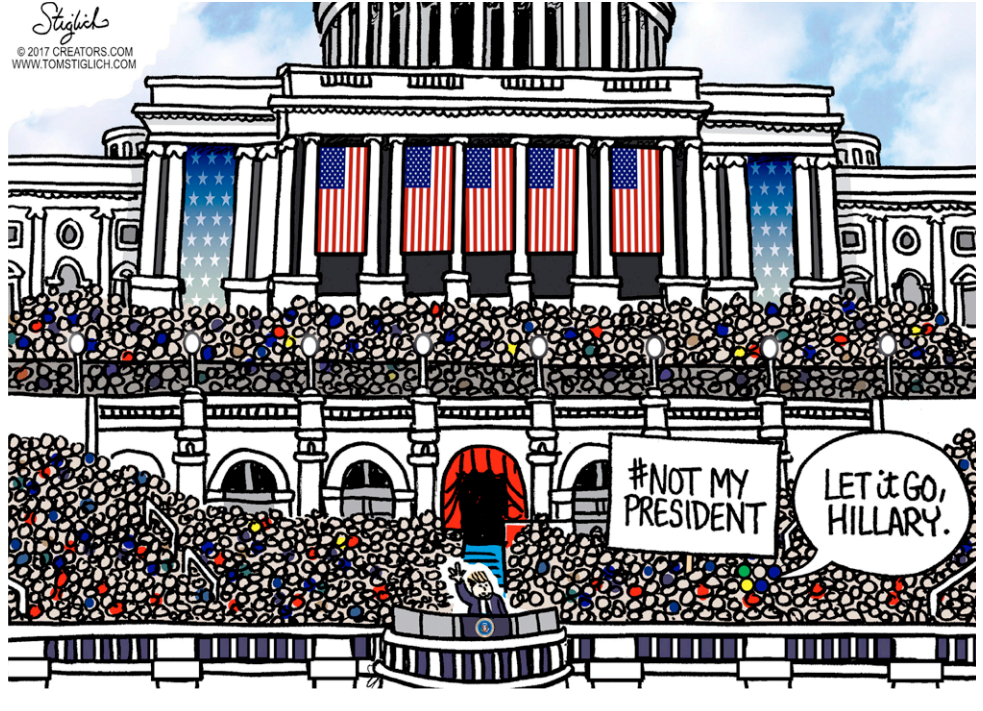
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And So, We Trudge On

Church marquees all over Arkansas touted the Razorbacks in the 1969 season's so-called "game of the century." Many messages something like: "Football is only a game. Eternal things are spiritual. Nevertheless, beat Texas." (The Longhorns and the Razorbacks were ranked #1 and #2 nationally.)

UT prevailed, 15-14, thanks to a couple of fourth-quarter touchdowns. It took years for Arkansas fans' breathing patterns to be fully restored, and for life grips to reach pre-game condition.

Only days have passed since the Dallas Cowboys' heartbreaking loss to Green Bay, and many tears remain undried. It's difficult for non-fans to fathom how the hardest-of-core Dallas backers are finding it difficult to carry on with usual workday assignments. For them, not much matters these days....

They might not truly perceive the impact of current real-world news. Perhaps it would be helpful—particularly to spouses indifferent to football—if they break news gently, and not too much at once.

Starting points might be on topics considered obscured, like puddles in great oceans of concerns of life as we know it. For example, who can imagine the future without Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus? After the month of May, this "big top" will fade to memories of what once was.

Less gentle is the news that FM radio is under threat, albeit in Norway. FM (frequency modulation, just so you'll know I'm not totally wood-headed on this topic) was a big hit in the US—20 years ahead of the Norwegians—but now, they think new digital technology will make FM obsolete. Is everything 'going digital'?"....

It's easy to conjure negative images about "what if's" should the US take a hard stance on FM radio. Shucks, in the 1950s, FM radio gave us reason to "save up" money to buy transistor models that picked up both AM and FM signals.

Never mind these newfangled "digits" may offer better quality. I dunno.

I always wonder what younger folks are listening to with their "ear buds." I've

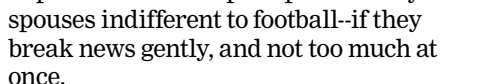
no clue as to the sounds' origin or content. Mostly, I just smile, with my silence a lame admission that whatever they're hearing doubtless is more welcome than what I might have to say....

Do you remember when transistor radios were BIG? No, not in size; they were small, but BIG in popularity.

Cleburne's George Marti, who died about a year ago at age 95, was a broadcasting legend, longtime mayor, a grand visionary and much more. When he added an FM station in Cleburne, TX, he was aware many listeners didn't have FM receivers. So, he handed 'em out to locals who stopped by the station.

Establishing the Marti Foundation which made higher education possible for hundreds of Johnson County citizens, he "put his money where his faith

The Idle American



By Dr. Don Newbury

was." An inventor who made remote broadcasts possible, he made a fortune, most of which he gave away....

The world needs more folks like Marti, a man who had a clear view and understanding of the "big picture," much of it through radio.

Don't worry. They say it will be decades—maybe longer—before FM radio is abandoned in the USA.

Now, I hope this helps, even if I've dipped into once-upon-a-time topics. Have I gotten our minds off football?...

We old-timers remember our parents limiting use of home radios. "Turn the radio off, or you'll run the 'battery' down." My dad (and many other fathers) could spell "battery," but verbally, it always came out "battry."

Late comedian Grady Nutt (Remember him on TV's Hee Haw?) told about the old fellow who bought a radio for a single reason: to hear the Grand Ole Opry every Saturday night. Upon initially tuning in Nashville Radio Station WSM, he pulled the knobs off the radio.

I'm at that place, desiring access to limited technologies. Knobs can be pulled off the rest....

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The Amazing Raye Virginia

People told me about this fascinating woman who lived in Temple. I'm immediately suspicious when someone brags to me ad infinitum about a potential interviewee. My thought was that she couldn't possibly live up to the hype that I had heard. So I called this woman named Raye Virginia Allen. Her voice on the phone let me know

by Tumbleweed Smith

I was talking to a fireball, someone who gets things done. We made arrangements to meet at her home on the outskirts of Temple.

Her house was a surprise. I guess I was expecting a mansion. It is an ordinary farmhouse built in 1882. Her parents bought it in 1939. "They restored it," she said. "It was a wreck. The previous owner had been raising chickens inside here. My parents filled the house with custom furniture built by fine craftsmen in San Antonio."

Raye Virginia and her husband H.K. Allen spent 12 years working with architect Zale Logsdon, a student of Frank Lloyd Wright, designing a house just down the road from the farmhouse. "I live in both of them," she says. Both are filled with books.

She is 87 now, but has a life of accomplishment and still sits on a number of boards and advises artists, writers, historians and scholars.

She is a land steward among other things and has created Friar Creek Preserve on her 60-acre Green Oaks Farm. She takes groups on tours free of charge, but by appointment only, and points out archeological sites and plants native to central Texas. "I take every type of group from Boy Scouts to the Red Hat Ladies of Killeen."

Her Texas roots are deep. "I was reared in a family that it was just part of our blood to care about Texas history and traditions," she told me. Raye Virginia was a cheerleader when she attended Temple High School. Her parents encouraged her to study and it paid off.

She was in the Plan II Honors Program at the University of Texas. "That's a very small program," she reminded me. "We studied Aristotle and Thomas Aquinas and all the great thinkers from all over the world. But I got interested in women's history, especially women artists who had been ignored."

Raye VA, as some people call her, spent 13 years writing an illustrated biography of Gordon Conway, a prominent artist and social icon of the 1920's jazz age whose drawings appeared in Vanity Fair and Vogue Magazines, in newspapers, on posters and in costume and set design for 119 stage productions and 47 films. The book, published in 1997, is a classic and won several awards. She gave me a copy of it and it is something I treasure. It has more reference pages than a dissertation.

Raye VA did graduate studies in folklore. She has been involved in folklore on both state and national levels. "It was a great honor for me when I was appointed by the Congress of the United States to be on the founding board of the American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress." She was later elected chairman of the board.

Raye VA lived up to her hype.

Heard Around Town

Madonna says she has thought a lot about blowing up the White House. Maybe she should stop and consider what some people think about her.

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Valerie Gonzales achieved 535 in the 148 lb. Division - 8 during the Irion County Invitational January 14, in Mertzon.

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Sonora Powerlifting Teams Place 7th at Irion County Invitational Meet

With more than a dozen key lifters, Sonora athletes pumped their way to 7th place during the Irion County Invitational Saturday, January 14, in Mertzon.

Both, Broncos and Lady Broncos teams participated in the first meet of the 2017 Powerlifting season.

Sonora is one of about a dozen area High Schools including Ozona, Reagan County, San Angelo Lake View, Eldorado, Irion County, Grape Creek, Sonora, Christoval, Rocksprings, Iraan, McCamey and Miles that participated in Saturday's competition.

Next, the Broncos and Lady Broncos will participate in the Eldorado Invitational Meet, Saturday, January 28, 2017, in Eldorado.

Results:

Lady Broncos

114 lb. Division - 2. Jordan Paredes, total 510.

123 lb. Division - 10. Kayla Gee, total 415.

148 lb. Division - 8. Valerie Gonzalez, total 535; 10. Natalia Villalobos, total 425.

181 lb. Division - 3. Place Olivia Martinez, total 530.

Broncos

148 lb Division - 4. Henry Ramos, total 885.

181 lb. Division - 5. Juan Baez, total 890; 8. Joseph Delgado, total 785.

198 lb. Division - 7. Mark Chavez, total 905; 11. Ty Perez, total 680.

220 lb. Division - 6. Christian Ramon, total 870.

275 lb. Division - 2. Bryndon Robles, total 1235; 3. Julian Guerra, total 1160.



Julian Guerra, total 1160 in the 275 lb. Division - 2 during the Irion County Invitational Saturday, January 14.

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Natalia Villalobos, total 425 in the 148 lb. Division - 8 during Saturday's Irion County Invitational January 14, in Mertzon.

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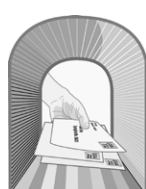
Bryndon Robles lifted a total 1235 in the 275 lb. Division - 2 while competing in the Irion County Invitational Saturday, January 14.

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Kaitlyn Gann challenged the competition during the Irion County Powerlifting Invitational Saturday, January 14, 2017.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Resident Gives Opinion on Rural Health Clinic Changes

I have read on the Facebook posting of the Hospital Administrator and must admit, try as I might, I just can't seem to get through to the Hospital that what is being done is not in the best interests of a vast majority of the residents of Sonora, especially those of limited financial means. This is not about statistics or what percent of people are poor or what percent have money as the Administrator seems to think. This is not about rumors or misunderstanding of the facts. This is about providing the best medical service possible to meet the needs of Sonoran's and smoke and mirrors can't divert the public from the truth.

Let's take a look at where we were prior to the present Administration, and where we are now. Previously, we had 2 full time physicians, 3 nurses, 1 business manager and 1 clinic tending to the needs of Sonoran's. Now, we have no fulltime physicians, nurses or business managers and what is, in my opinion, a patch work approach to running a clinic. I am hard pressed to see how any rational person could contend that we are better off now.

Second, let's take a look at what this "remodeling" has cost us so far. As a result of the removal of Dr. Hall, it cost \$500,000 to resolve his suit against the hospital, that's right, a half million dollars. But that's not all. To facilitate the departure of the next two physicians, they had to be paid \$250,000 each. That's right, another one half million dollars. Add it up, totaled that's one million dollars (\$1,000,000). So, what did Sonora gain from this? Paired down medical care where we received the good hands-on care of three well qualified physicians have been replaced with the care of no full-time physicians! Competent nurses and Physician's Aides are nice to have however, I don't know about you, but I, for one, prefer the direct care of a fully qualified doctor, not supervision from afar by a doctor who doesn't even live here.

Third, the big "if" here is why has this happened? Was it because finances were not available to pay the three doctors? No. Finances are good. Was it because the three doctors we had weren't good? No. They were great. Was it because the doctors didn't work hard or fulfill their contracts? No. They did just the opposite. The fact that there was no good cause to lower the standards of medical care for this community.

The Hospital Administrator proudly points out that what was done meets the legal requirements imposed on the hospital. He totally misses my point. Meeting minimum "legal" standards is not the same as providing top notch medical care. Medical standards are not the same as "legal" standards. This community and its citizens deserve the best, not just the "legal" minimum.

I have no personal ill will toward the Administrator, however, I do strongly believe that Sonoran's deserve far better medical care than is being offered and I fully intend to keep pushing to see that they get it. I view this as my obligation as a citizen and of every public minded citizen out there.

Respectfully,

Brigitte Rogers

Area Agency on Aging Hosting No-Cost Caregivers Luncheon

The Area Agency on Aging will be hosting a Caregivers United luncheon, Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017, from 11:45am to 1:00pm, in San Angelo.

Clinical Nutritionist Shawna Kunselman will also be available to help educate participants about healthy low cost meals.

Caregivers United provides a safe, supportive community in which to walk the caregiving journey with others who understand.

The event is free and lunch is included with registration. Seating is limited, so reserve your spot today. To register online go to http://www.cvcog.org/cvcog/aaa/aaa_Caregiver_United_Feb_9_2017.php or call Abigail Perez at 325-223-5704 or toll-free 1-877-944-9666.

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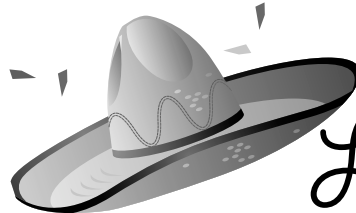


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- TUESDAY January 31**
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Daniel "Danny" Adrian Hulsey July 20, 1971- January 19, 2017



Daniel Adrian Hulsey "Danny" beloved son, brother, husband, father, and friend departed this life on January 19th, 2017, at the young age of 45.

Daniel was born to Roy and Glenna Hulsey in Hico, Texas on July 20th, 1971.

Daniel graduated from Sonora High School in 1991. From a young age, Danny was an avid baseball player. He enjoyed anything outdoors, especially fishing with his dad.

As a family man Daniel took great pride in spending time with his four children, nieces, and nephews.

It would not be unusual to find him at a sporting event, hollering for our kids and even at the officials, or at a ballet performance, holding dance bags and flowers.

He loved his family more than life itself. His contagious laugh, smile, and bright blue eyes will truly be missed and never forgotten by his friends and family.

Danny was preceded in death by his infant son, Zachery, his paternal grandparents Liddie and Hurshel Hulsey, of Dublin, Texas, maternal grandparents Dessie and Jack Couch of Sonora and numerous cousins, aunts, and uncles.

He is survived by his parents Roy and Glenna Hulsey and Elva Hulsey and their children, Jordan, Chelsey, Noah, and Morgan Hulsey.

He is also survived by his sisters Becca Love and her children, Tyrell, Shane, Kylie, and Dakota Love; Skeeter Hocutt and her children, Ashton and Edward Garcia, Paige Johnson, and Ethan Hocutt; Stephanie Hulsey and her children, Natalie Gaytan, Kaydence and Gabriel De La Rosa as well as great nieces, nephew, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at the Brushy Top Cowboy Church, 5424 South Highway 277. Graveside followed at Sonora Cemetery.

Services were officiated by his uncle Richard Couch, from Brownwood, Texas.

Pallbearers were Dave Love, Tyrell Love, Shane Love, Russell Conger, Jack Johnson, and Michael Goodloe.

Online condolences may be made at lovefuneral-home.net



Elementary School Students for the week of January 23-27, Alison Fernandez-Ramirez, Pre-K, Andrea Pena, K, Jesiah Martinez, 1st, Madelyn Hernandez, 2nd. | COURTESY PHOTO

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Intermediate School Students for the week of January 23-27, Lane Abalos, 3rd, Sabrinah Castro, 4th, Mariana DeLaFuente, 5th. | COURTESY PHOTO



Sonora Middle School Students for the week of January 23-27, Tanner Flanagan, 6th, Jacqueline Torres, 7th, Fernanda Gonzalez, 8th. | COURTESY PHOTO


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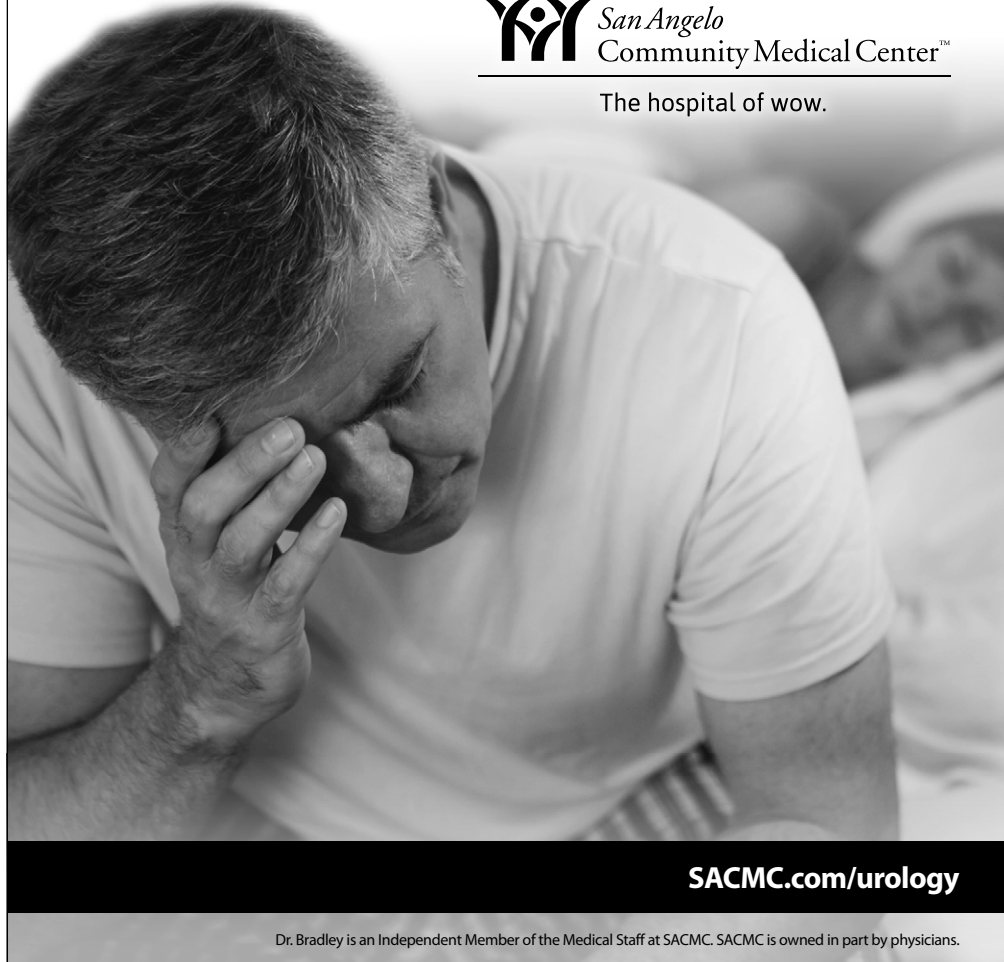
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ACROSS

- Tease
- Scotland's ____ Flow
- Russia's ____ Sea
- Refs
- Actor Peter
- ____ en scene
- Soda fountain purchase
- Vanished
- Saw: comb. form
- Paid for
- Pains' partners
- Sensation: Scots
- Dark
- Assistant
- Shoo!
- Mao ____ -tung
- ____ now and then
- Abdicates
- Dream: Fr.
- Has qualms
- Unpaid
- Chef's concern
- Kind of tube
- Metal: abbr.
- Apartments of a sort
- Dislike
- Impairs
- Russian city
- Figure of speech
- Craft wood
- Campus bldg.
- Department store section
- Store event
- Or ____!
- Botanical suffix
- Reproach or tease
- ____ up with: encounter
- Card games
- Fictional canine

DOWN

- ____ on: scold
- Persian name
- Dwelling
- White House initials
- More dilatory
- Reckoning
- Craft: lt.
- Broadway VIPs
- 1918 initials
- Friends: L.
- Conservative statutes
- Ex-US Davis-cupper
- Permits
- Seasons
- Minds
- ____ moi le deluge
- Siestas
- Droves
- Turn inside out
- Certain social gatherings
- European
- Over
- Returns
- Old Dutch coins
- Decree
- Revel
- US author
- Catcalls
- Unexpected result
- Dressmaker's concern
- Pronoun
- Part
- Zone
- Came down
- Greek letter
- Common verb
- Depot: abbr.

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Karah Martinez dribbles the ball to the net for a lay-up during the varsity game between Sonora and Grape Creek Tuesday, January 17, 2017.
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LADY BRONCOS
JUNIOR VARSITY
JANUARY 17, 2017

SONORA v. GRAPE CREEK
18 - 04

SONORA 03-05-04-06=18
GRAPE CREEK 00-02-00-02=04

SCORERS: Danica Jimenez 2; Shyanne Gamez 2; Zyda Gutierrez 6; Aleasha Smith 8.

LADY BRONCOS
JUNIOR VARSITY
JANUARY 20, 2017

SONORA v. REAGAN COUNTY
26 - 09

SONORA 08-07-04-07=26
R.C. 03-02-01-03=09

SCORERS: Danica Jimenez 2; Shyanne Gamez 3; Aleasha Smith 6; Zyda Gutierrez 15.



Danica Jimenez charges the net during the JV Lady Broncos home game against the Grape Creek Lady Eagles Tuesday, January 17, 2017.
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LADY BRONCOS
VARSITY
JANUARY 17, 2017

SONORA v. GRAPE CREEK
43 - 46

SONORA 12-06-17-08=43
GRAPE CREEK 08-19-04-15=46

SCORERS: Audry Nolen 17; Carly Brown 2; Jackilyn Sykes 2; Karah Martinez 7; Riley Walker 15.

LADY BRONCOS
VARSITY
JANUARY 20, 2017

SONORA v. REAGAN COUNTY
34 - 32

SONORA 08-07-09-10=34
R.C. 03-10-06-13=32

SCORERS: Audry Nolen 1; Carly Brown 1; Jackilyn Sykes 11; Karah Martinez 2; Keeley Moore 1; Riley Walker 18.



Thomas Talamantez cuts around the Eagles defense on his way to the net during the JV Broncos game against Grape Creek Tuesday, January 17, 2017.
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BRONCOS
VARSITY
JANUARY 17, 2017

SONORA v. GRAPE CREEK
75 - 34

SONORA 19-23-18-15=75
GRAPE CREEK 09-05-11-09=34

SCORERS: Kade Creek 17; Michael Solis 15; Kaden Cordell 14; Raully Ojeda 9; Liam Yourgalite 8; Evan Shannon 7; Abel Cruz 5.

BRONCOS
VARSITY
JANUARY 20, 2017

SONORA v. REAGAN COUNTY
43 - 47

SONORA 15-10-13-05=43
R.C. 06-14-16-11=47

SCORERS: Kaden Cordell 15; Kade Creek 13; Raully Ojeda 6; Michael Solis 6; Evan Shannon 2; Abel Cruz 1.



Evan Shannon takes a shot for two-points during the Broncos home game against the Grape Creek Eagles Tuesday, January 17, 2017. Shannon contributed 7-points to the score helping his team with their 75-34 win over the Eagles
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BRONCOS
JUNIOR VARSITY
JANUARY 17, 2017

SONORA v. GRAPE CREEK
37 - 27

SONORA 09-12-10-06=37
GRAPE CREEK 04-10-08-05=27

SCORERS: DeLuna 14; Infante 2; Lazano 15; Vasquez 3; Sykes 3.

BRONCOS
JUNIOR VARSITY
JANUARY 20, 2017

SONORA v. REAGAN COUNTY
26 - 36

SONORA 03-13-06-04=26
R.C. 15-05-04-12=36

SCORERS: Thomas Talamantez 10; Aldo DeLuna 7; Blayze Sykes 4; Braden Adams 3; Joe Angel Torres 2.

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January 1-25	2.21 in.	January 1-25	1.60 in.
2017 Year-to-Date Total	2.21 in.	2017 Year-to-Date TOTAL	1.60 in.
2016	25.10 in.	2016	29.22 in.
2015	23.87 in.	2015	25.31 in.
2014	14.32 in.	2014	12.72 in.
2013	25.12 in.	2013	25.00 in.
2012	16.06 in.	2012	17.82 in.
2011	11.50 in.	2011	10.49 in.
2010	20.37 in.	2010	17.94 in.
2009	21.67 in.	2009	28.44 in.

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Sunrise 7:37 a.m. Sunset 6:13 p.m.	Sunrise 7:36 a.m. Sunset 6:14 p.m.	Sunrise 7:36 a.m. Sunset 6:15 p.m.	Sunrise 7:35 a.m. Sunset 6:16 p.m.	Sunrise 7:35 a.m. Sunset 6:17 p.m.

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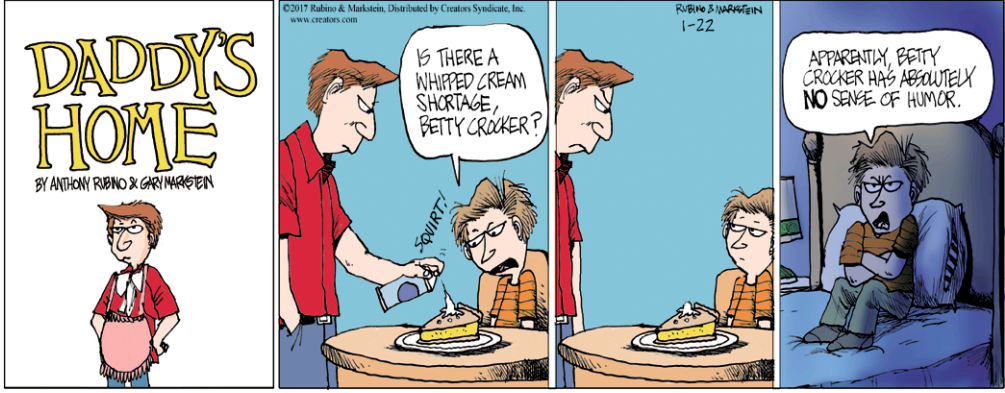
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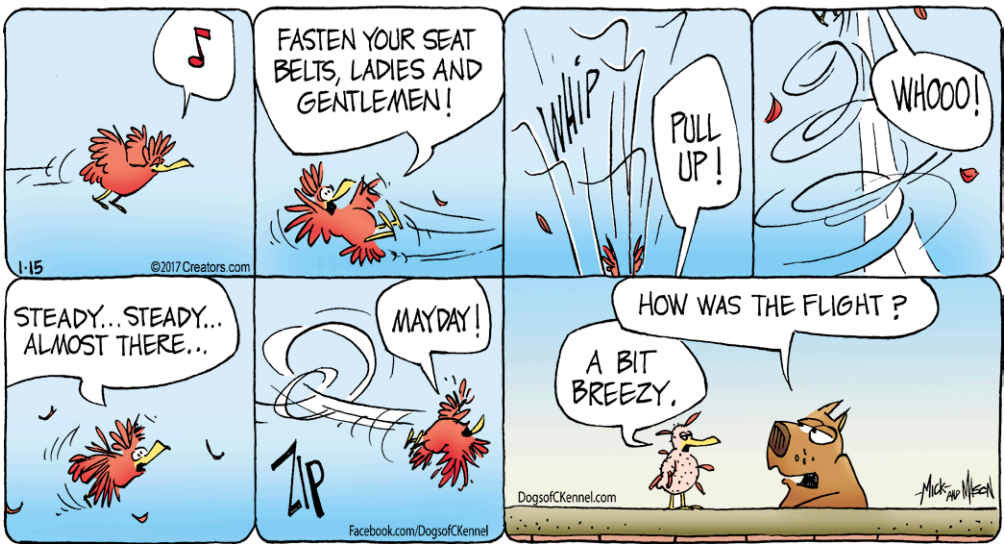
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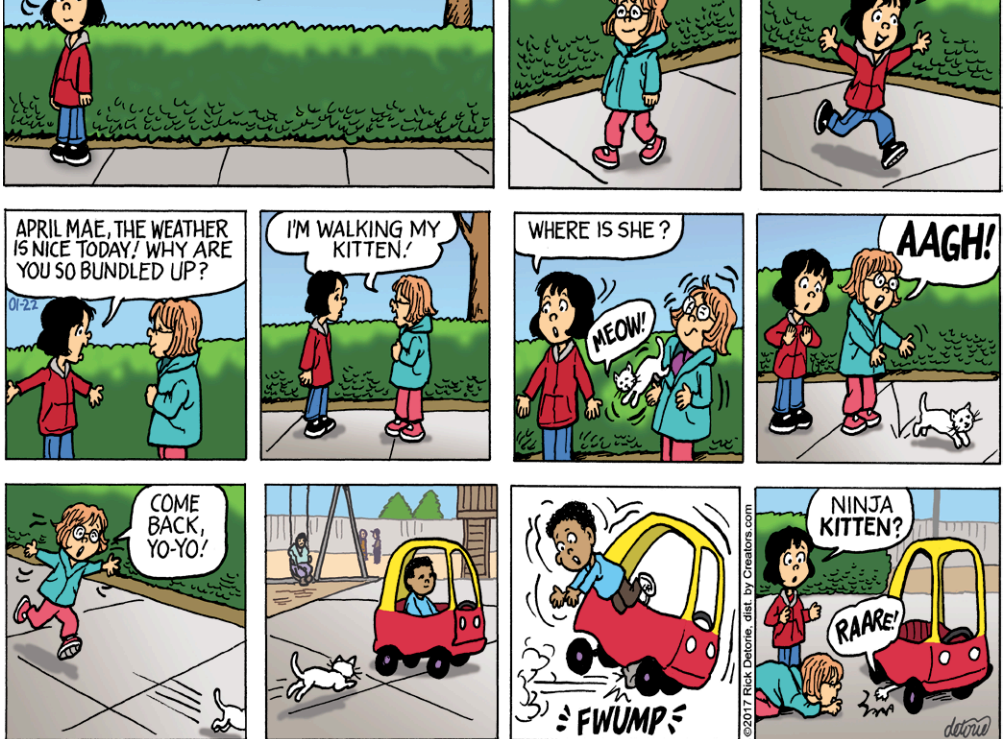


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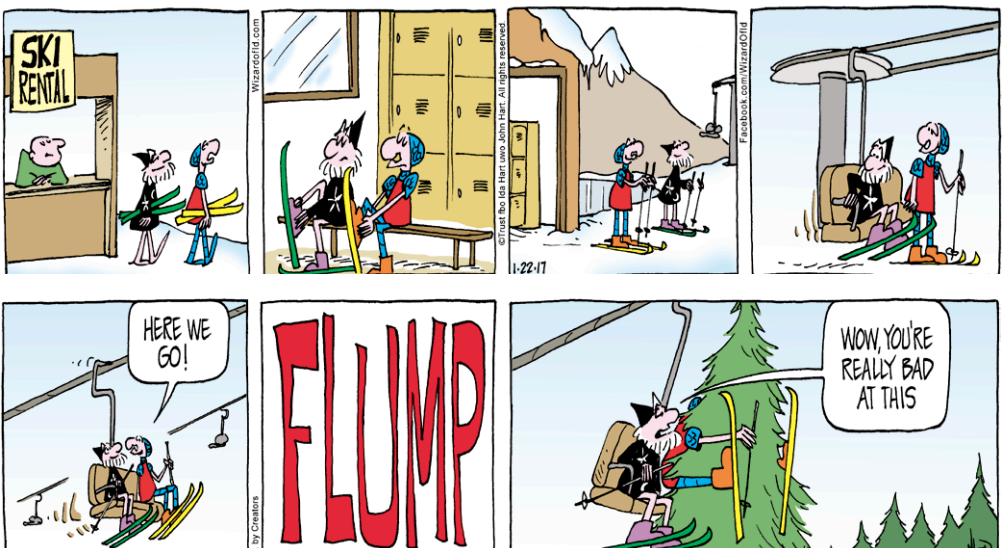


Nest Heads

by John Allen



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Speed Bumps

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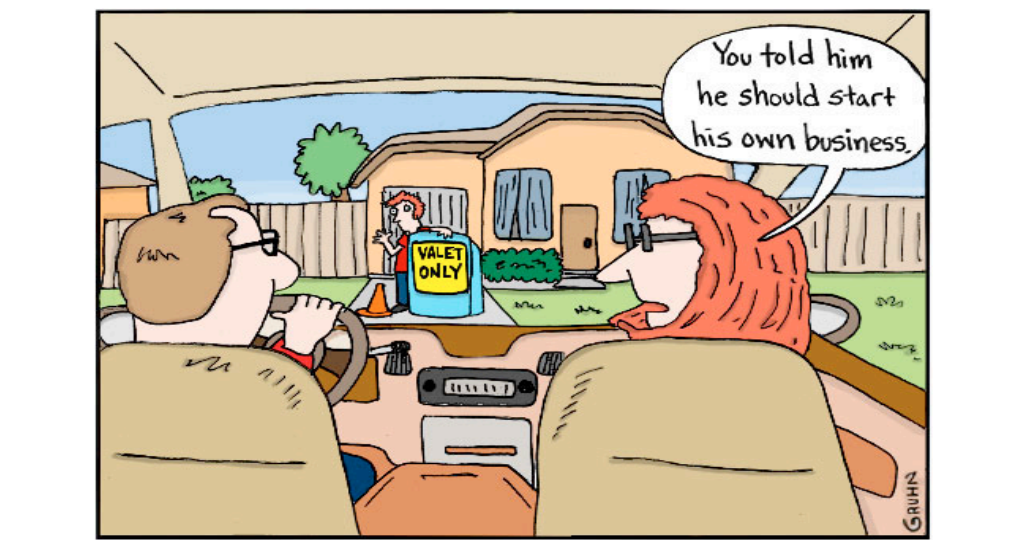


BY MASTROIANNI AND HART



WebDonuts

by Mike Gruhn



ASK SHAGG

By Peter Guren

SHAGG'S HELPFUL HINT: THE JELLYFISH GETS ITS NAME BECAUSE IT LOOKS LIKE A BLOB OF JELLY.
 I GUESS "CHICKEN FAT" FISH AND "ICKY MUCOUS" FISH JUST NEVER CAUGHT ON.

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Sutton County Junior Livestock Show Awards



Makinna Price was awarded 2017 Champion Finewool Cross & Reserve Champion Finewool during the SC Junior Livestock Show, January 6, 2017. | COURTESY PHOTO



Kadee Petty earned 2017 Champion Finewool during the SC Junior Livestock Show, January 6, 2017. | COURTESY PHOTO



Summer Hall was awarded 2017 Champion Registered & Commercial Angoras during the annual SC Junior Livestock Show, January 6, 2017. | COURTESY PHOTO



Summer Hall earned 2017 Grand Champion Angora-during the SC Junior Livestock Show, January 6, 2017. | COURTESY PHOTO



Kodi Davis was awarded 2017 Grand Champion & Reserve Champion Wether Doe during the annual SC Junior Livestock Show, January 6, 2017. | COURTESY PHOTO



Lane Cahill was awarded 2017 Grand Champion Lamb & Champion Hair Sheep during the SC Junior Livestock Show, January 6, 2017. | COURTESY PHOTO



Rebeckah Owen was awarded 2017 Grand Champion Market Hog- during the annual SC Junior Livestock Show, January 6, 2017. | COURTESY PHOTO



Koda Davis earned 2017 Grand Champion Meat Goat during the SC Junior Livestock Show, January 6, 2017. | COURTESY PHOTO



Madalyn Fisher earned 2017 Junior Angora Showmanship during the annual SC Junior Livestock Show, January 6, 2017. | COURTESY PHOTO



Makinna Price was awarded 2017 Junior Market Lamb Showmanship during the annual SC Junior Livestock Show, January 6, 2017. | COURTESY PHOTO



Koda Davis was earned 2017 Junior Meat Goat Showmanship during the SC Junior Livestock Show, January 6, 2017. | COURTESY PHOTO



Reagan Owen was awarded 2017 Junior Swine Showmanship during the annual SC Junior Livestock Show, January 6, 2017. | COURTESY PHOTO



Weston Fisher earned 2017 Reserve Champion Commercial Angora during the SC Junior Livestock Show, January 6, 2017. | COURTESY PHOTO



Christina Hernandez was awarded 2017 Reserve Champion Finewool cross during the annual SC Junior Livestock Show, January 6, 2017. | COURTESY PHOTO



Carson Cahill earned 2017 Reserve Champion Hair Sheep during the SC Junior Livestock Show, January 6, 2017. | COURTESY PHOTO



Madalyn Fisher was awarded 2017 Reserve Grand Champion Angora & Reserve Champion Registered Angora during the annual SC Junior Livestock Show, January 6, 2017. | COURTESY PHOTO

Sutton County Junior Livestock Show Awards



Tate Shannon was awarded 2017 Top Hand Award during the annual SC Junior Livestock Show, January 6, 2017.

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Reagan Owen earned 2017 Reserve Grand Champion Market Swine during the SC Junior Livestock Show, January 6, 2017.

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Catarina Hernandez was awarded 2017 Senior Meat Goat Showmanship during the annual SC Junior Livestock Show, January 6, 2017.

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January Ag and 4-H News

This time of year, many licensed pesticide applicators are seeking continuing education units (CEUs) to meet Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) requirements.

All TDA private applicator license holders are required to earn 15 continuing education units in specific categories over the five-year period the license is valid.

Commercial and noncommercial applicators are required to earn five units yearly.

Older licenses renew at the end of February, though more recently issued licenses renew on the anniversary of the date they were originally issued.

To help those in need of CEUs, the Tom Green County Agrilife Office will offer a "Last Chance CEU Workshop" on Jan. 31 from 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center located north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87.

Five CEUs will be available: 1 in IPM category, 2 general, 1 laws and regulations, and 1 drift minimization.

It's called the last chance course because it's

the last time Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered before this year's Feb. 28 deadline.

Topics and speakers will include:



Pascual Hernandez

- Integrated Pest Management Strategies to Protect Yourself from Mosquitoes and the Zika Virus, and Weed and Brush Herbicide Update and General Recommendations, Josh Blanek, AgriLife Extension Agent in Tom Green County.

- Fruit and Pecan Tree Management, Allison Watkins, AgriLife Extension horticulturist in Tom Green County.

- Drift Minimization and Equipment Calibration, Dr. Billy Warrick, retired AgriLife Extension agronomist, San Angelo.

- Pesticide Laws and Regulations, Cory Pence, Texas Department of Agriculture representative, San Angelo.

Individual registration is \$25 due upon arrival.

For more information and to RSVP so an accurate training materials count can be made, call the AgriLife Extension office in Tom Green County at 325-659-6523



Summer Hall was awarded 2017 Senior Angora Showmanship during the annual SC Junior Livestock Show, January 6, 2017.

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Katy Jo Wardlaw earned 2017 Senior Market Lamb Showmanship during the SC Junior Livestock Show, January 6, 2017.

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Sutton County 4-H News

By Pascual Hernandez

In Sutton County 4-H news, several 4-H and FFA exhibitors spent last week in Kerrville at the Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show. Results are as follows:

In the Commercial Doe Kid show, Weston Fisher placed 7th, Madalyn Fisher, 10th, and Corbin Crenwelge, 15th.

Summer Hall placed 5th and Corbin Crenwelge earned 6th and 8th place in the Commercial Yearling Does show.

The Commercial Aged Doe show produced a 7th place for Madalyn Fisher and a 10th place for Corbin Crenwelge.

Summer Hall enjoyed a 6th place finish with Registered Buck Kid, and a 10th place with a Registered Aged Doe.

All these placings found the kids in the money.

Summer also received

the Senior Showmanship buckle.

Dalissa Sanchez won 8th place with her lightweight meat goat and Makinna Price was awarded 6th place with her finewool lamb.

In the swine barn, Reagan Owen finished 4th, while Rebeckah Owen was 7th with Duroc gilts.

In the OPB gilts, Dakota Love won a 2nd place, and Grady Bush finished 4th with a Cross gilt.

Meanwhile, Rebeckah Owen took 2nd with an OPB barrow, and Reagan Owen placed 8th with a Cross barrow.

Next, SC 4-H students will compete for top awards in the annual Fort Worth Stock Show, from January 23 to February 3, in Ft. Worth.

We'll be providing the results from the Fort Worth Stock Show.

Congratulations to all.



Katy Jo Wardlaw earned 2017 Senior Wether Doe Showmanship during the annual SC Junior Livestock Show, January 6, 2017.

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Dalissa Sanchez was awarded 2017 Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat during the annual SC Junior Livestock Show, January 6, 2017.

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Trista Bush earned 2017 Senior Swine Showmanship during the SC Junior Livestock Show, January 6, 2017.

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Kadee Petty was awarded 2017 Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb during the SC Junior Livestock Show, January 6, 2017.

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Card of Thanks

The family of Rita Lopez would like to thank each and everyone for their prayers, calls, flowers, and food during our difficult time. We were greatly comforted by the love and support we received from family and friends. Our loving mommy Rita Lopez will be deeply missed.

God Bless,

Mary Barron
John Lopez Jr.
Josie Emiliano
Arturo Lopez
Pete Lopez

Letter from Heaven

When tomorrow starts without me,
and I'm not here to see
if the sun should rise and find your eyes,
filled with tears for me.
I wish so much you wouldn't cry,
the way you did today
while thinking of the many things
we didn't get to say
I know how much you love me,
as much as I love you,
and each time you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too.
When tomorrow starts without me,
don't think we're far apart,
for every time you think of me,
I'm right there in your heart.

By David M Romano

The Blotter



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Sonora Police Department and the Sutton County Sheriff's Office. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the police department or Sheriff's Office, 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.

SONORA PD INCIDENTS

JANUARY 16 - 10:46 PM • Caller reported loud music on 800 block of Saint Ann's. Officer responded.

JANUARY 17 - 4:54 PM • Warrant Service on 200 block of E. Chestnut. Officer responded.

5:14 PM • Miscellaneous call on Castlehill Rd. Officer responded.

7:55 PM • Illegally parked vehicle reported at Love's Funeral. Officer responded.

10:11 PM • Caller reported an intoxicated driver on 100 block of S. 2nd. Officer responded.

JANUARY 18 - 4:09 PM • Warrant service on 100 block of W. 2nd. Officer responded.

6:52 PM • Civil matter reported on 1400 block of N Crockett. Officer responded.

9:15 PM • Truancy reported on 100 block of E. Chestnut. Officer responded.

10:43 PM • Funeral Escort requested on 400 block of E. 2nd. Officer responded.

10:54 PM • Caller requested assistance on N. Concho. Officer responded.

11:32 PM • Ministerial alliance call on 500 block of US 277 N. Officer responded.

11:32 PM • Funeral Escort requested on W. Plum St. Officer responded.

JANUARY 19 - 9:33 AM • Truancy reported on 100 block of E. Chestnut. Officer responded.

4:15 PM • Caller reported criminal trespass on 900 Block of S. Crockett. Officer responded.

4:20 PM • Disorderly conduct reported on 200 block of US 277 N. Officer responded.

4:42 PM • Warrant Service on 100 block of Lorene. Officer responded.

5:06 PM • Caller reported suspicious person on 500 block of 277 N. Officer responded.

7:24 PM • Agency requested assistance at LMH. Officer responded.

8:24 PM • Officer requested on 500 block of 277 N. Officer responded.

11:06 PM • Violation of city ordinance reported at Carver Park. Officer responded.

JANUARY 21 - 10:06 AM • Animal reported on 300 block of N. Water Ave. Officer responded.

8:40 PM • Officer requested on 100 block of Deerwood. Officer responded.

9:12 PM • Caller reported loud music on 500 block of Glasscock. Officer responded.

JANUARY 22 - 10:20 AM • Caller reported debris on Roadway between 800-900 blocks of 2nd. Officer responded.

10:29 AM • Theft reported on 600 block of S. Crockett Ave. Officer responded.

SUTTON COUNTY SHERIFF ARRESTS

JANUARY 17 • Ray Borrell Villarreal, arrested on a county warrant for FTA/Child Support.

• Alvaro Davila Gonzalez III, arrested for DWLI with prior convictions and Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility.

JANUARY 18 • Edward Allen Motal, arrested for DWI/open container.

JANUARY 19 • Tommy Gene Matthews, arrested on a county warrant for FTA/DWI.

INCIDENTS

JANUARY 7 - 1:06 PM • Callers reported a one vehicle rollover 18-19 miles down 277 south. Deputy responded.

1:40 PM • Callers reported a 2 vehicle accident at Mile Marker 404-405 east I-10. Deputy responded.

1:51 PM • Callers reported a one vehicle accident at Mile Marker 381 west I-10. Deputy responded.

2:18 PM • Caller reported a one vehicle accident at Mile Marker 385 west I-10. Deputy responded.

JANUARY 18 - 7:40 AM • Motorist requested assistance 277 north. Deputy responded.

9:29 PM • Caller reported a reckless driver at Mile Marker 429 east I-10. Deputies responded.

JANUARY 19 - 12:29 PM • Caller reported a reckless driver near Mile Markers 430-431 east I-10. Deputy responded.

3:09 PM • Deputy assisted PD with a disturbance at Sonic.

3:44 PM • Caller reported a reckless driver 277 south. Deputy responded.

7:18 PM • Deputies responded at a family disturbance on Dos St. in Sonora.

7:33 PM • Caller reported a reckless driver at Mile Marker 394 West I-10. Deputy responded.

9:21 PM • Deputy responded to suspicious activity on PR 3312 in Sutton County.

11:02 PM • Deputy responded to suspicious activity at Carver Park.

JANUARY 20 - 11:58 AM • Deputy responded to a fire on SCR 110.

12:29 PM • Deputy responded to a child calling 9-1-1 on Paseo De Norte.

1:43 PM • Deputy responded to Mile Marker 381 west I-10 and Mile Marker 388 west I-10 for abandoned vehicles.

JANUARY 21 - 10:56 AM • Female came in to speak with a Deputy about a civil matter.

1:37 PM • Agency requested assistance. Deputy responded.

9:49 PM • Deputy responded to a suspicious person on PR 3373.

JANUARY 22 - 9:21 AM • Deputy responded to a tree blocking the road on 2129 and 1312.

6:38 PM • Deputy responded to loose livestock on 277 North.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor express the opinions of their author. They do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the staff, management or ownership of the Devil's River News.

County Treasurer Offers Insight into Office

Have you ever thought about seeking an elected position? The well-being of our governing bodies depends upon dedicated and qualified individuals who serve in these positions.

I am honored to serve as Sutton County Treasurer. My term ends December 31, 2018, and I intend to retire at that time. Filing for this office as well as the other county offices whose terms also end in 2018 will occur this November/December.

Any individual considering a candidacy should first research the core duties and responsibilities associated with the position. You should fully understand the skills and knowledge requirements that are necessary to perform those duties and responsibilities.

I invite anyone interested in discussing the duties and responsibilities of a county treasurer to call and schedule a visit. I look forward to sharing any and all information that might help in your decision to file for office.

Your servant,
Janalyn Jones

COMMISSIONERS:

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\$58,586 for Castro because of his promotion to Chief Deputy.

The court recognized accreditation of Bob Brockman for his recent training on Open Meetings Act. All elected officials are required to complete Open Meetings Act requirements each time they are sworn into office.

Lastly, commissioners approved the acceptance by the county of playground equipment donated by First Presbyterian Good Shepherd Church of Sonora.

Commissioners discussed the use of trash cans at the Civic Center and decided to continue to locate five receptacles at the Civic Center to be used Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. only. The trash containers are intended for use at the Civic Center. However, concern over area residents dumping household trash in them

on a regular basis is becoming a concern.

Judge Steve Smith confirmed that DPS Sergeant Tanner Purvis will begin working in Sutton County January 29, 2017. He also reported that negotiations with TxDOT are underway to house Sgt. Purvis and three troopers at the TxDOT business office located on Hwy 277.

Without further discussion or comments the meeting adjourned.

Judge Steve Smith Presided over the meeting. Carl Teaff, Fred Perez, Mike Villaneuva and Bob Brockman were present.

A special meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners is slated for February 6, 2017 and February 9, 2017.

The next regular meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners is slated for February 13, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Annex Building.

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Budget

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One of several key differences in the committees' budget calculations comes from growth projections in public education. The Senate estimates an increase of 80,000 students in Texas public schools over the next two years. The House estimates an increase of 165,000 students over the period.

Paxton joins others in letter

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Jan. 19 announced his decision to join 13 other state attorneys general in signing a letter to the Trump administration. Those states include: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, South Carolina, West Virginia and Wyoming.

The joint letter urges the repeal of two new rules that signatories said would expand the definition of critical habitat for endangered species promulgated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service.

"The Obama administration abused the limits of its office when it expanded the power of unelected bureaucrats to kill economic development on private property," Attorney General Paxton said. According to the letter, "Critical habitat designations, by their very nature, limit human activity. That limitation almost always results in a lost economic opportunity."

Funding method is studied

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar, in the December 2016/January 2017 edition of Fiscal Notes,

referred to certificates of obligation as a "controversial funding tool" for local projects.

Local governments, Hegar wrote, normally must seek voter approval before taking on new bond debt for the construction of projects such as hospitals, schools and water infrastructure. Instead of going that route, he pointed out, some local governments use certificates of obligation to fund such projects without voter approval.

Between fiscal 2006 and fiscal 2015, Hegar said, outstanding debt in the form of certificates of obligation issued by local governments rose by nearly 85 percent, compared to the 50-percent growth rate for total debt held by these entities.

"Fiscal Notes" can be found at www.comptroller.texas.gov.

DPS looks at safety threats

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Jan. 20 released the 2017 Texas Public Safety Threat Overview, an intelligence estimate drawing data from law enforcement and homeland security agencies.

"As terrorism has become more disaggregated, communities in Texas and across the nation are facing a heightened threat of terrorism and the continued potential for attacks against civilians and members of law enforcement is a serious ongoing concern," said DPS Director Steven McCraw.

The report, in addition to terrorism, identifies threats such as organized crime and cartels, natural disasters and cyber attacks.



JANUARY
26th Rhonda Blackman,
Tommy Gomez, Cody Gann

27th Adrianna San Miguel, Tonya Brown, Sierra Samaniego, Jesus Guerra, Erasmo Lumbreras, Ken Wimberley, Hunter Lawson, Pat Gillit

29th Jody Luttrell, Nilda Hernandez, Armando Sanchez

30th Lewis Allen, Jeremy Surber, DeVoe Smith, Chap Traylor, Nash Traylor

31st Gloria Miears, Lu Ann King, Oscar Jimenez, Juan Sanchez, Jeanette Cooper, Arturo Gandar Sr., Jim Phillips

FEBRUARY
1st Graham Bloodworth, Brandy Neff, Marci Parks, Kristina Hernandez, Kaci Lewis
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Monday January 30 Breakfast

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Lunch
Ravioli w/Meat Sauce, Chicken Nuggets w/Mashed Potatoes, or Chicken Fajita Salad

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Roll, Garden Salad, Peas, Fresh Seasonal Fruit, Milk

After School Program
Chex, Strawberry Milk

Tuesday January 31st Breakfast

Pancake/Sausage or Cereal/Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch
Asian Bowl w/Eggroll, Pizza, or Chef Salad

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Baby Carrots, Steamed Broccoli, Chilled Pineapple, Sugar Cookie, Milk

After School Program
Fruit, Raisins, Milk

Wednesday-February 1st Breakfast

Biscuit, Egg, & Sausage or Cereal/Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch
Tex-Mex Stack, Chicken Fajitas, or Santa Fe Salad

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Lettuce & Tomato Garnish, Refried Beans, Salsa, Tiny Tomato Cup, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Milk

After School Program
Baked Chips, Juice

Thursday February 2nd Breakfast

Sausage Kolache/Yogurt Or Cereal/Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch
HB/Ch. Burger w/Hamburger Garnish, Pig in a Blanket, or Crispy Chicken Salad

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Oven Fries, Fresh Veggie Cup, Orange Smiles, Milk

After School Program
Granola Bar, Milk

Friday-February 3rd Breakfast

Breakfast Club Or Cereal/Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk

Lunch
Chicken Parmesan w/Breadstick, Pulled Pork Slider w/Multi Grain Chips, or Tuna Salad

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 COUNTY OF SUTTON § DATED: January 4, 2017

and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court, 112th Judicial District, of Sutton County, Texas, by the District Clerk on said date, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on the 6th day of January, 2017, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in February, 2017, the same being the 7th day of said month, at the Courthouse door, of said County in the City of Sonora, beginning at 11:00 o'clock a.m., on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of the defendants in such suit to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Sutton and the State of Texas, to-wit:

CAUSE NO. 5954; SUTTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT V. JOHNNY ESPARZA, ET AL

TRACT 1: R101546
 Being Lot 6, Block W-38, City of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas; being that property more particularly described in a Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 298, Page 493 in the Official Records of Sutton County, Texas.

CAUSE NO. 6039; SUTTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT V. ELIZABETH KAREN BROWN, A/K/A ELIZABETH KAREN VOIGHT, ET AL

TRACT 1: GEO: R101167
 SONORA, BLOCK 27E, LOT S 50' OF 7 & SE 25' OF 8

CAUSE NO. 6050; SUTTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT V. RACHEL CASTILLEJA

TRACT 1: GEO: R100596
 Being all of Lot 2, Block 9, Mexico Addition, City of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas; being that property more particularly described in a General Warranty Gift Deed recorded in Volume 368, Page 299 in the Deed Records of Sutton County, Texas.

CAUSE NO. 6054; SUTTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT V. ANGELICA V. GUERRERO

TRACT 1: R100394
 Being all of Lot 1, Block 17, Loma Alta Addition, City of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas; being that property more particularly described in a Warranty Deed recorded in Instrument #59873 in the Deed Records of Sutton County, Texas.

CAUSE NO. 6055; SUTTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT V. MARIA DELROSARIO LUMBRERAS

TRACT 1: R101232
 Being the SW/4 of Lot 2, Block A, Town of Sonora, fronting 50' on Oak Street and extending back 100'; property more particularly described in a Special Warranty Deed recorded in Instrument #61000 of the Deed Records of Sutton County, Texas.

CAUSE NO. 6058; SUTTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT V. KIRK JOY, A/K/A LOWELL KIRK JOY, INDIVIDUALLY & D/B/A KJ'S BBQ, ET AL

TRACT 1: GEO: R100806
 Being Lot 5, part of 6, Block 33-A, South Heights Addition, Sonora, Sutton County, Texas; being that property more particularly described in a Warranty Deed Recorded in Volume 262, Page 20 of the Records of the Sutton County, Texas.

TRACT 2: GEO: R150254
 Being Lots 11 and 12 and 10' of the alley adjacent, Block 16-A, South Heights Addition, and Lots 7 and 8 and 10' of the alley adjacent, Block 17-A, South Heights Addition, and 30' of Tayloe Street and a portion of Second Street, all in the South Heights Addition Town, City of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas; being that property more particularly described in a Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien Recorded in Volume 342, Page 345 of the Official Records of the Sutton County Clerk.

CAUSE NO. CV06109; SUTTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT V. ADRIAN A. MATA, ET AL

TRACT 1: GEO: R100974
 Lots Ten (10), Eleven (11) & Twelve (12), Block 63-A, South Heights Addition, City of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas; being that property more particularly described in a Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien recorded in Volume 368, Page 615 of the Deed Records of Sutton County, Texas.

TRACT 2: GEO: R100975
 Lots Three (3), Four (4), Five (5) & Six (6), Block 63-A, South Heights Addition, City of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas; being that property more particularly described in a Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien recorded in Volume 368 Page 615 of the Deed Records of Sutton County, Texas.

or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties, and costs; subject, however to the right of redemption by the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem said property, or their interest therein, in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, penalties and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

I have appointed the following as agent to conduct the sale, to-wit:

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At the time the sale begins, all bidders at the sale must be registered with the above named agent conducting the sale and be eligible to bid according to the Property Tax Code.

Dated at Sonora, Sutton County, Texas, this the 6th day of January, 2017.

/s/Oscar Chavez
 SHERIFF, SUTTON COUNTY

SUTTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT January 2017

Updated Property Tax Information Now Available for Texas Taxpayers

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

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

This includes information about the following programs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information about these programs, contact Sutton County Appraisal District at (325) 387-2809. Information is also available on the Comptroller’s Property Tax Assistance Division’s website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RURAL HEALTH CLINIC OPERATIONS

As of December 31, 2016, Drs. Mark and Kristy Edwards will no longer provide services at Clinic B, also known as Sonora Medical Clinic or Rural Health Clinic. You may continue to seek care from other physicians at the clinic and/or you may obtain a copy of your medical records from the Clinic.

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BID NOTICE

The City of Sonora, Texas will receive bids for the Loves Infrastructure - Force Main project until **1:00 p.m., on Tuesday, February 7, 2017** at City of Sonora Council Chambers, 201 E. Main Street, Sonora Texas 76950. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud after 1:05 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at City of Sonora Council Chambers.

Bids are invited for several items and approximate quantities of work as follows:

- 1) 15,560 linear feet of 6" Force Main by open cut (AWWA C900-16, DR18, Colored Green)
- 2) 130 linear feet of 6" Force Main by Bore with Steel Encasement
- 3) 2,300 linear feet of 6" PVC Gravity Sewer (SDR-35)
- 4) Eight 4-ft dia. Manholes; seven 2" Air Release & Vacuum Valves in Manholes; Eight 6" Plug Valves

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CITY OF SONORA Edward Carrasco, City Manager, 2017

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BID NOTICE

The City of Sonora, Texas will receive bids for the Loves Infrastructure - Lift Station project until **2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, February 7, 2017** at City of Sonora Council Chambers, 201 E. Main Street, Sonora Texas 76950. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud after 2:05 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at City of Sonora Council Chambers.—

Bids are invited for several items and approximate quantities of work as follows:

- 1) 7-ft diameter duplex lift station with 35-hp submersible pumps, piping, pump accessories and 6-ft diameter valve vault with all piping, valves and site work.
- 2) 629 linear feet of 6" Force Main by open cut (AWWA C900-16, DR18, Colored Green).

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NOON TUESDAY Classified Deadline Classified 20 words \$5⁰⁰

EMPLOYMENT

Administrative Assistant

- Full Time, Mon-Fri, 8a-5p
- Provides administrative support to Chief Nursing Office and HR Director
- Duties include general clerical, payroll and project based work.
- Must be proficient in Microsoft Excel and Word
- High School Diploma/GED
- 1 to 2 years of clerical experience, preferred
- Payroll experience preferred

Chronic Care Coordinator

- Coordinates team-based care to provide health services to individuals through effective partnerships with patients, their caregivers/families, community resources and their physician/provider.
- LVN or RN, BSW or MSW preferred.
- Full Time, Mon-Fri, 8a-5p
- Previous experience in caring for chronic disease patients required.
- Previous Care Coordination, Case Management or Home Health experience.
- 3-5 yrs experience in clinical or community health setting, preferred.
- Previous experience in health IT systems and data reports, preferred.
- BLS certificate
- ACLS, PALS, and Certificate of Competency as a Clinical Health Coach, highly recommended
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DPS State Report Highlights Public Safety Threats to Texas

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has released the 2017 Texas Public Safety Threat Overview, a state intelligence estimate that offers an assessment of the current public safety threats to Texas.

“Protecting Texans from the full scope of public safety and homeland security threats is the foremost goal of DPS, and the department works with our fellow law enforcement partners at all levels of government to prepare for the unthinkable,” DPS Director Steven McCraw said. “This report provides an invaluable assessment of the most significant threats facing our state and is a crucial tool in combating those threats.”

The report draws on the data and perspectives of multiple law enforcement and homeland security agencies, whose contributions were essential to developing this assessment.

It also includes a description of the state’s systematic approach to detect, assess and prioritize public safety threats within seven categories, including

terrorism, crime, natural disasters, motor vehicle crashes, public health, industrial accidents and cyber threats.

The report ascertains that, due to recent terrorist attacks perpetrated by domestic lone offenders and large foreign terrorist organizations like ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria), the current terrorism threat to Texas is elevated.

The assessment also recognizes that the heightened threat is expected to persist during the next year, due in part to the relatively high number of recent terrorism-related arrests and thwarted plots, and the prevalence of ISIS’s online recruitment and incitement messaging.

Additional significant findings include:

- Threats from violent domestic antigovernment extremists remain concerning in light of standoffs with federal law enforcement in Oregon in 2014 and Nevada in early 2016, as well as a series of ambush murders of police officers.
- Crime threatens the public safety and liberty

of all Texans in some way. DPS Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program data for 2015 shows a 4.7 percent decrease of the major crime rate in Texas from 2014. This is positive for the safety and welfare of our citizens. Conversely, violent crimes in particular increased for the second year in a row. Texas’ UCR program includes seven index crimes: homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft.

What the index crime data does not currently account for are other crimes typically committed by criminal organizations that impact the security of Texas communities, such as human trafficking, drug trafficking, kidnapping, extortion, money laundering, and public corruption.

- Criminal organizations – including Mexican cartels and transnational gangs – and individual criminals engage in a wide range of illicit activities in Texas. Among the vilest crimes these organizations and other criminals engage in is the exploitation and

trafficking of children and other vulnerable victims. Human trafficking is highly profitable, and is the fastest growing organized crime business in Texas.

- All eight of the major Mexican cartels operate in Texas, and they have enlisted transnational and statewide gangs to support their drug and human smuggling and human trafficking operations on both sides of the border.

- Gangs continue to pose a significant public safety threat to Texas, and their propensity for violence and many kinds of criminal activity is persistent. While the greatest concentrations of gang activity tend to be in the larger metropolitan areas, gang members are also present in the surrounding suburbs and in rural areas. Gang activity is especially prevalent in some of the counties adjacent to Mexico and along key smuggling corridors, since many Texas-based gangs are involved in cross-border trafficking.

- Motor vehicle crashes killed 3,520 people in Texas in 2015. In addition, the high volume of commercial motor vehicles on Texas’ roadways is a particular

concern because of the increased potential for loss of life when large-mass commercial vehicles are involved in crashes.

- Texas faces an array of natural threats, including floods, hurricanes, wildfires, tornados, and drought, with more major disaster declarations than any other state in the nation. These disasters result in loss of life, damage to infrastructure, and billions of dollars in personal property damage and economic losses.

- Public health threats to Texas remain a significant concern, with emerging infectious diseases and other illnesses such as influenza and enteroviruses.

- Major industrial accidents constitute another potential threat to public safety, especially because of the large industrial base in Texas. The state’s vast size and economic importance contribute to the potential for severe consequences if any significant accidents occur.

- Since technology has become a target, a vulnerability and a tool used by criminals and foreign governments, cyber threats

continue to be a significant area of concern, and we are especially concerned about the potential consequences of a successful cyberattack on the state’s critical infrastructure.

“As terrorism has become more disaggregated, communities in Texas and across the nation are facing a heightened threat of terrorism, and the continued potential for attacks against civilians and members of law enforcement is a serious ongoing concern,” Director McCraw said. “The report identifies several other unique threats to our state – including organized crime and Mexican cartels, natural disasters and cyber attacks – for which we must be prepared. With the 2017 Texas Public Safety Threat Overview in mind, DPS will continue working with our law enforcement partners to prevent, respond to and recover from all potential threats facing our state.”

To view the complete 2017 Texas Public Safety Threat Overview, visit http://www.dps.texas.gov/director_staff/media_and_communications/2017/threatOverview20170115.pdf.

Sonora Rural Health Clinic, Clinic B

Medicare and Medicaid Welcome

The Sonora Rural Health Clinic (RHC), Clinic B, welcomes all Medicare and Medicaid patients and we also accept most health insurance plans. For questions regarding eligibility for Medicare, Medicaid, Primary Health, or other, please contact Ms. Noemi Samaniego at 387-1318.

The RHC program is intended to increase access to primary care services for Medicaid and Medicare patients in rural communities such as Sonora.

The Sonora RHC uses a team approach to meet the RHC program qualifications. Family and primary care services are provided by non-physician practitioners, Beckie Sullivan, MSN, RN, FP-C (Nurse Practitioner) and Steven Alexander, PA-C (Physician Assistant) under the supervision of Medical Director W. Gordy Day, M.D.

Appointments are only scheduled for Dr. Day upon recommendation of practitioners.

Upon completing his residency with Texas A&M University, Dr. Will Griffin will also be arriving to Sutton County in late Spring 2018. Partial funding of Dr. Griffin’s medical school training was made by the Sutton County Hospital District and Health Foundation. Additional information about Dr. Griffin will be provided in the future.



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SHERIFF:

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roof must be replaced and other necessary repairs to the interior of the facility must be completed to meet code and safety requirements.

Sheriff Chavez also believes that Sutton County deserves the benefit of full law enforcement.

He is already working to strengthen the partnership with neighboring law enforcement agencies including the Sonora Police Department and Department of Public Safety, by collaborating and expanding the capabilities of collecting crime scene evidence including finger prints and DNA.

Acknowledging that Sutton County and Sonora has a high incidence of theft and drugs, Sheriff Chavez said working with other law enforcement is vital to helping solve more crimes in Sutton County and Sonora.

To help him bring everything together, Chavez

appointed long-time friend and fellow officer DuWayne Castro as his Chief Deputy.

Sheriff Chavez and Chief Deputy Castro have worked together in law enforcement for the past seventeen years.

Chief Deputy Castro describes Sheriff Chavez as being an “awesome person” and “trusted fellow officer.”

“I am happy to work with him as his Chief Deputy,” Castro said. “We have a good working relationship. He has knowledge in law enforcement and initiative to get things done.”

Sheriff Chavez chose Castro to be his Chief Deputy because of his knowledge and understanding of the department, his skills in specialized areas of law enforcement and the bond they share from years of field work together.

Chief Deputy Castro also contributes to the department through his grant writing.

Keeping in mind his limited budget, Sheriff Chavez is continuing to seek grant funding to help offset the costs of purchasing necessary equipment, improved technology and further training for his employees.

Sheriff Chavez is employing three reserve units in an effort to boost patrol along Interstate-10. Deputies along the Interstate serve to assist motorist and DPS officers as well as help bring in additional revenue for the county.

Likewise, he pledges heightened patrol in the county.

Additionally, Sheriff Chavez is focusing on more community outreach. He wants to ensure that he and his deputies become more engaged with citizens in Sutton County and Sonora to better meet their needs and educate them on how to

protect themselves.

Through Emergency Preparedness and Emergency Response training courses, deputies can teach residents safety and well-being in the event of an emergency or threat to their safety.

Law enforcement officers also benefit from these programs.

“Being prepared and getting citizens involved in helping with law enforcement benefits all of us,” Chief Deputy Castro said. “We hope it [emergency] doesn’t happen but we never know. We need the communities help and involvement as much as they need us.”

Also, looking to the future of public safety, the Sheriff and his deputies will have less lethal options for enforcing the law. Tasers will be made available for he and his staff to use in addition to their usual firearms.

Further, the SO team has already begun to share responsibilities and cross train so that the department as a whole functions more efficiently and effectively.

Of course, taking over the Sheriff’s Office has a couple of headaches too. Chavez said the biggest challenge for him so far has been sorting through paperwork. But, he is confident that he will get the job done.

More importantly, Sheriff Chavez said it is important that the public knows that they can expect nothing less than professional and fair service from him and his deputies no matter what side of the law they may be on.

“I want the community to know that they can trust and depend on us,” Chavez said. “We are going to do whatever it takes to protect the community and uphold the law.”

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