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## Making a Splash

## WTPA to Award Two \$2,000 Scholarships

Applications are currently being accepted from area students for two \$2,000 Bob Craig Memorial Scholarships awarded through the West Texas Press Association and the Texas Press Association.

The contest is open to applicants in the area served by WTPA member newspapers, and whose career goals include working with a community newspaper. Sonora ISD students are eligible to apply for the scholarships through The Devil's River News' membership in WTPA.

Each scholarship is divided into two payments of \$1,000 each semester. The winners must be enrolled in at least three hours of college or university journalism courses each semester the scholarship is awarded. College students must have at least 60 hours of college course work. Each applicant must also fill out an application form and write an essay based on the theme, "My Future and Career Plans in Community Journalism."

One scholarship will be presented to a graduating high school senior and the other to a student attending a college or university as a print journalism or advertising major, or a communication studies major with a minor in journalism. Broadcast or public relations majors do not qualify.

Applications can be downloaded from the WTPA website, [www.wtpa.org](http://www.wtpa.org). Applicants must be from the area served by WTPA membership.

Applications and essays should be sent to Bob Dillard, WTPA Scholarship Chairman, P.O. Box 1097, Fort Davis, TX 79734-1097, and be postmarked no later than June 19, 2017. Winners will be chosen by the West Texas Press Association board of directors, and announced during the association's 87th Annual Summer Convention in Granbury, July 20-22.

The Bob Craig Memorial Scholarships are named in honor of late West Texas publisher Bob Craig of Hamlin. Craig, who died in 1981, was the long-time publisher of the Hamlin Herald and a member of the West Texas Press Association. He served 18 years on the board in various capacities, including president in 1967, and secretary-treasurer for many years.

The West Texas Press Association is the world's largest regional press organization, by virtue of the vast geographic area it encompasses throughout West Texas and Eastern New Mexico.



Cole Wyatt, of Ozona, quickly learns how to swim above water, Monday morning, June 5, 2017, with assistance from seasoned Life Guards Tammy Favila and Leandra Adame, at the City of Sonora Municipal Pool. Sierra Herrada, a student life guard, works with Edward Mata who is also participating in swimming lessons at the pool. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

## Swimming Lessons Help Kids Make a Splash at Municipal Pool

Nine-year old Jason Alvarado likes to swim, but he's never taken swimming lessons. He and his five-year old twin sisters, Geneva and Kaylin, were among the first to participate in swimming lessons Monday, June 5, 2017, at the City of Sonora Municipal Pool.

"I am excited about swimming lessons," Alvarado said. "I know how to swim a little, but I want to learn how to swim better."

Tyra Wyatt, of Ozona, brought her three children Cole, Jackson and Kinley. She said, although her kids are familiar with swimming pools, she hopes that they will acquire some skills to help keep them safe in the future.

About 30 children ranging in ages from two to ten years were signed up for Monday's lessons, according to manager Tammy Favila.

Favila who has been teaching swimming as well as overseeing lifeguards at the municipal pool for the past six years said water safety is important for all children.

Additionally, Favila said she is proud of her team including assistant manager, Leandra Adame, and five student lifeguards, Angel Covarrubiaz, Sierra Herrada, Felicia Farley, Araceli Marin and Willie Munoz.

Each one of them is well trained and certified in life-saving and water safety.

"This is good experience for them [lifeguards]," Favila said. "They are well trained and certified in CPR, diving and other areas necessary to do their job. They can also take these life skills with them and apply them in the future."

This is Herrada's third year to lifeguard at the city pool. She said she does it because she enjoys helping kids.

Farley, a first-year life guard, said she hopes to take her training to the next level and work as a life guard at a university or at a public water park following her graduation from high school.

"I think it is good for me to be able to apply my skills as a lifeguard here at home first," Farley said. "I hope to take my training

and skills and apply them as a life guard while I am attending college next year. I want to continue to be a life guard in the future and possibly work at Schlitterbahn or another water park."

Aside from the work involved in overseeing the safety of people while they swim and play at the

pool, all of the guards agreed it is also fun.

Swimming lessons are available Monday through Friday through June 16th. More classes will be made available, in July, if necessary.

For more information please contact the City of Sonora at 325-387-2558.



Life Guard staff prepare for Monday mornings swim lessons, June 8, 2017, at the City of Sonora Municipal Pool. Front Row (L-R) Angel Covarrubiaz, Sierra Herrada and Felicia Farley. Back Row (L-R) Tammy Favila, Araceli Marin, Willie B. Munoz and Leandra Adame. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

## VBS Opens New World for Kids

Astronaut Scott Gaskill stood among the stars welcoming everyone making their way into a galaxy themed sanctuary Monday, June 5, 2017, as young explorers began their week-long Vacation Bible School adventure at the First Baptist Church of Sonora.

This year's program theme, "Galactic Starveyors" is geared towards teaching kids God's word and discovering their relationship with the God of the universe.

More than ninety children ranging in ages Pre-K through 5th grade spent the morning participating in a variety of activities including out-door recreation, crafts, music and scripture study.

They also enjoyed refueling

their energy on Moon Pies and Capri Sun.

Church staff and volunteers including adults and youth will be on hand all week to keep kids engaged in fun and learning.

Students will wrap up their week of excitement and discovery with a special program Friday at 11:30 a.m., in the church sanctuary.

"This week it's all about growing our Kingdom," Pastor Matt Killough said. "Jesus said it is important to grow your church but it is also important to grow your kingdom. Vacation Bible School is a way to grow our Kingdom, our community. We welcome everyone in the community to come be apart of our church family and worship with us at First Baptist Church."



Volunteers Kaden Cordell and Dylan Taylor join a group of kindergarteners in outdoor recreational fun and games Monday on the first day of Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church of Sonora. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



**STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Ed Sterling

HB 62, the statewide ban on texting while driving, has not yet been signed by the governor. Authored by Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, and sponsored by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, HB 62 has been sitting on the governor's desk since May 25.

SB 8, by Dr. Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown, was amended in the House to become an omnibus abortion regulation

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# State Budget Awaits Final Approval from Governor Abbott

AUSTIN — Governor Greg Abbott as of June 4 had not signed Senate Bill 1, the 2018-2019 state budget finally approved by both houses of the 85th Texas Legislature on May 27. SB 1 appropriates \$216.8 billion in total spending for the state's budget during the 2018-19 biennium.

A long wait for Abbott's signature may fit a pattern. The governor did not sign the 2016-2017 budget until June 20, 2015, the final day for him to approve or veto legislation. The governor has the power to veto line items in the bill, instead of rejecting it wholesale.

SB 1, a lot to contemplate at 969 pages in length, could take every remaining day for the governor's office to digest, until this

session's veto deadline of June 18. The budget bill, however, has already earned the approval of state Comptroller Glenn Hegar, who signed the document on June 1. "Even before I released the Biennial Revenue Estimate back in January, lawmakers understood this session would be difficult and coming to a budget consensus would require sacrifice and compromise," Hegar said. "I commend legislators for crafting a conservative budget that remains within my revenue forecast."

**Bills signed and not signed**

A mere 1,211 of the 6,631 bills, concurrent resolutions and proposed constitutional amendments filed by state

representatives and senators this session gained passage by both houses. That comes to 18.3 percent, or a success rate of about one in five.

Gov. Abbott signed Senate Bill 5, the voter photo-identification bill that opponents promised would be challenged in federal court over constitutionality. Supporters said the bill by Joan Huffman, R-Houston, would allow a person to sign an affidavit stating they have a reasonable impediment to obtaining a photo ID and cast a regular ballot. Opponents, however, testified that proposed changes in the law still would have racially discriminatory effects. The bill is slated to take effect Sept. 1.

## 3 Camp Essentials

In the early days of our married life, we put together the normal tools of a home kitchen. These were the usual things a housewife required to operate a house hold kitchen. This is a story about the things a single man can get by with living in the country alone.

In the 1980s, when we quit ranching, I started taking ranch jobs in the country. This usually entailed a live camp shack that my wife refused to occupy. This meant she had a house in town and always got a good job. So, therefore, I ranched all week

and went back to town on the weekends to visit my wife, to go to church and catch up on my mail or news. Living in the remote line camp meant not going to town at all for anything all week.

The usual line camp had a stove, ice box and a bed. Nothing else was furnished by old time ranches.

Beyond a bedroll, some spare clean clothes, all that was needed for a lone man was these three kitchen essentials.

So, sit and listen while I show you how to survive alone in the lonely distant line camp.

Now, assuming that you stock the kitchen with the usual foods: beans, onions, salt pork, potatoes, coffee and various canned fruits and molasses; then, you get to the very needed utensils to survive.

These consist of, and speak from many years of experience, a coffee pot, a bean pot, and a skillet.

First, a coffee pot because that's the first thing every day and the last at night.

We are not talking about these new electric pots, no way.

A good pot you fill with water, then measure the needed grounds and put it on the stove to boil. A large pot will last all day - just heat as needed.

Then a large bean pot is required. It can be made of tin, aluminium, enamel or cast iron. Cast iron was much preferred but all will do if large enough to hold about four cups of beans, onions, and salt pork.

When soaked overnight, then simmered all day until done, a good pot of beans will last a week by warming at meal time. Then, putting it in the ice box till next meal. Seasoning can be done at each meal, jalapenos, Tabasco, pequins, or salt as preferred.

We now come to the last utensil that is required to batch. This would be a large, 12-inch preferred, cast iron skillet.

With this skillet you can fry bacon, ham, eggs, steak, deer, meet, rabbit, doves or quail. It can be used to make stew out of any meat or thick gravy.

These meat items come from living off the land. I have also made camp bread in a skillet, or as some cooks refer to it as pon de campo.

At some periods I have made some good corn bread in a skillet.

As any sensible person can see, these three kitchen items would make batching in the country easily acceptable.

Now, it has been many years since I hung up my saddle and moved to town, but I still own these items described here.

My bed roll in the closet, my camp utensils are packed in a box in the store room.

Probably will never need or use these things again, but they were a big part of many life on many ranches for many years.

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## The Lost Art of Leg Pulling

Back in the 20th century, kids – as well as adults who sometimes acted like them – seemed destined to “make their own fun.” Not too much in the way of “time-passing” was in play if it cost anything, thus fertile minds were often in “creative mode,” if only in the sharing of jokes and stories.

Many times conversations began with, “Did you hear the one about...?” Sadly, these words rarely are heard anymore.

My old daddy could tell stories with the best of ‘em, and he’d laugh as heartily as hearers at “punchline time.” Clearly, such banter lessened the cares of the day....

Much “fun-poking” came at the expense of youngsters. They took most everything seriously from adults who’d “been there, done that.”

Carpenters took advantage of apprentices, often asking them to retrieve make-believe items. Such requests seemed legitimate to the eager-to-please, wide-eyed youngsters. A carpenter, sawing away, exclaimed, “Dad blame it, I sawed this board an inch too short. Would you please run down to the lumber yard and borrow their board-stretcher?”

The youngster immediately headed downtown. He returned empty-handed, telling the carpenter that the man at the yard had “loaned out the board-stretcher, and it’s not due back until tomorrow.” (The guy was, of course, in on the joke, and played along.)...

There was a whole ‘nother category for the military, what with a steady inflow of recruits to send hither and yon on aimless tasks.

Many wandered around military bases seeking keys to the parade grounds. Not every installation had parade grounds, and those that did rarely had fences. And if they had fences, the gates were never locked....

Ask locals in resort areas if you’d like to be regaled by dumb questions they’ve fielded from tourists on first visits to distant locales. One “flat-lander,” amazed upon first seeing mountains, asked, “Reckon where they came from?”

When the local answered that the glaciers brought them, the visitor countered, “Where are the glaciers now?”

The local’s answer: “They’ve gone back for another load.”...

Lonn Taylor, a recognized author/historian/columnist who traded in life in Washington, D. C. and Austin, TX to reside in the Big Bend area of Texas, wrote recently about a Marfa hotel clerk who fields questions regularly about the

mysterious Marfa lights. Many ask him about the best time to see the lights. “We don’t turn them on until after dark,” he answers.

I’ve heard about these lights since Hector was a wee pup, and saw them in the 1960s. (Theories abound, including Taylor’s mention that some folks believe the lights can be traced to the glow of radioactive jackrabbits)...

Sometimes real life occurrences are funnier than made-up stories. Another from the Big Bend is an account of the late Hallie Stillwell, a crusty ranch woman, peace justice and columnist for the weekly Alpine Avalanche.

Pad in hand, she was among journalists and broadcasters invited to a Davis Mountain press conference for America’s first astronauts prior to their first moon mission.

Present were nationally-recognized figures from TV networks, wire services and major newspapers. Hallie asked just one question: “Now you fellows don’t really think you’re going to walk on the moon, do you?”...

Much has been made lately of “fake news.” It has been around for quite a spell. As a lad, I wondered about blaring claims that seemed largely unsubstantiated.

For several years, an over-the-counter elixir called Hadaacol was heralded as a cure-all for everything, as were “uranium-sitting” emporiums that attracted sitters from far and wide to claim the magical cures. Two centers where ailing folks sought magical sand in which to sit were in Marlin and Mineral Wells. (In the latter city, many “sitters” also soaked in the mineral water for which the community is known.)

I never knowingly swallowed Hadaacol, or sat in sand beyond the boxes, but many friends did. Bottom line, there may not be much truly new under the sun....

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### The Idle American



By Dr. Don Newbury

## The Language of Texas Wildflowers

During March and April of this year I was able to travel the entire state for speeches, interviews and meetings. Everywhere I went the wildflowers were spectacular. It all started in early March when I was in Brenham, one of the best



### Rolling Along

places in Texas to see wildflowers in the spring. Bluebonnets were just beginning to burst with color. Later in East Texas the dogwoods and redbuds brightened the woods with color.

I’ve never seen such a display of Indian paintbrush and primrose like I saw between Sweetwater and Fort Worth. There were blankets of them along the Interstate where you usually don’t find many wildflowers.

On the way to and from San Antonio in late April the bluebonnets, Indian paintbrush, winecups and gaillardias decorated the fields and pastures. I saw more types of yellow flowers than I can name. Vines, shrubs and trees were also displaying their spring colors.

When we went to California to visit our son and his family in mid April, our daughter in law gave us a book titled “The Language of Flowers” by Vanessa Diffenbaugh that is all about what different flowers convey (ranunculus: you are radiant with charm). Now I know what the advertising slogan “Say It With Flowers” means.

I began thinking about what meanings some of our Texas wildflowers might have. I went to the internet and various floral dictionaries to discover that primrose conveys childhood, bluebell conveys constancy. Here are others: cactus-ardent love, daffodil-new beginnings, daisy-innocence, dandelion-rural deity, lady’s slipper-capricious, moss-maternal love, nettle-cruelty, Indian paintbrush-friendship, bluebonnet-imagination, buttercup-ingratitude, foxglove-insincerity, scarlet geranium-stupidity, gladiolus-you pierce my heart, grapevine-abundance, hawthorne-hope, honeysuckle-devotion, broom-humility, coreopsis-always careful, goldenrod-encouragement, marigold-grief, sunflower-false riches, yellow rose-infidelity, sage-good health and long life, verbena-pray for me, forsythia-anticipation, wisteria-welcome, oleander-beware, bird of paradise-magnificence, heliotrope-devoted affection, lavender-mistrust, mimosa-sensitivity, pansy-thinking of you, phlox-our souls are united, queen Anne’s lace-fantasy, trumpet vine-fame, zinnia-I mourn your absence, rosebud-betrayal, dogwood-love.

Knowing all this, I’ll be careful the next time I choose a bouquet. I probably won’t have any scarlet geraniums, yellow roses, buttercups, foxglove, lavender, rosebud or nettles. I prefer dogwood, bird of paradise, grapevine, hawthorne, phlox, heliotrope, and honeysuckle, with maybe some verbena and forsythia mixed in.

Anyway, it was a great time to enjoy the beauty of spring. Texas writer Jack Maguire once said bluebonnets are to Texas what tulips are to Holland, what the shamrock is to Ireland. That beautiful lupine has been our state flower since 1901. Not all are blue. Some are pink, purple, red and maroon.

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## Heard Around Town

I have a friend in England who is typical of most Brits – very reserved – stiff upper lip. You know the type. But he’s changed since all the terror attacks over there. More determined, I think. Told me it’s time for another Churchill.

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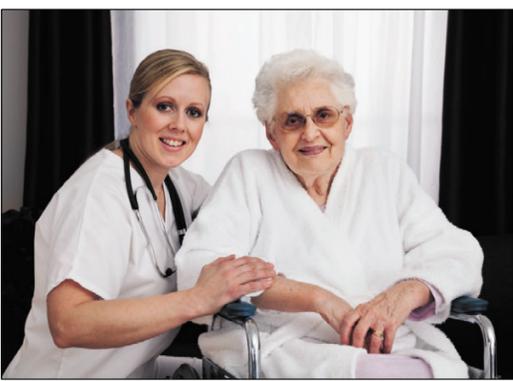
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Singer Tommy Horton, the Singing Surveyor will entertain everyone again this year from about 10:00 until the grand auction begins.

The t-shirts and hats have been picked up. Corry Fleniken and an army of volunteers have a lot of nice things for the silent auction. Some of the items donated for the grand auction include a TV, a DPMS Panther Arms, a garden cart, West Bear Creek gift certificates, dozier/excavator work, jewelry, an afghan, a lap quilt, a desk, 3 beautiful paintings on glass panels, and a Black Buck Hunt!

We have sold a lot of the raffle tickets but we will sell them on Friday and Saturday until they are gone. The prizes this year are a little different and the group thinks they will be popular. 1st Prize is \$1,000 in Visa Gift Cards, 2nd Prize is a Remington Model 700ADL-200th Anniversary Commemorative Edition Rifle and 3rd Prize is a .22LR Henry Golden Boy rifle with a brick of shells. The tickets are still \$1 a piece or 6 tickets for \$5. The

drawings will take place during the grand auction which starts at 2:00 p.m. The area has been blessed with a lot of rain but it looks like Saturday will be a beautiful sunny day. We hope that a lot of people will join us to catch up with their neighbors and raise some money for a very worthy cause.

Our next meeting will be Monday, July 10, 2017. We will gather at 6:00 p.m., eat about 6:30 p.m. and we will hold the meeting after the meal. We will be reporting on our annual fundraising event, projects, training, etc.

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**Emery Faith McKee**  
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"Emery left a lasting impression on everyone she met."

Emery Faith McKee, age three, earned her angel wings on May 30, 2017.

She was born in Odessa, Texas on September 29, 2013 to parents Amber West-Lewis and Preston McKee.

Emery was filled with love and laughter. Her personality filled the room. Emery loved Disney Princesses. Rapunzel and Princess Poppy were favorites, but especially Frozen's Elsa and Anna.

You could always count on Emery playing with her dogs, Sophie and Molly, often having Sophie ride shot-gun in her toy jeep. Her blue eyes and spirited self-confidence left footprints on our hearts.

Left to treasure Emery's memory are her parents, Amber and Preston.

Also surviving Emery are grandmother and grandfather, Kim West Lewis (Granna) and Casey 'Petie' Lewis (Grandad); grandmother and grandfather, Liz McKee (Nana) and Jay McKee (Papa); great grandmothers, Nancy West Tejada and Mary Lewis, great

grandfather Joe McKee and great-great grandmother, Emerance Gawlik.

Emery is also survived by aunts and uncles; Kaci Lewis, Terri McKee, Valerie McKee and Jon Rubio, Kevin West, Derek and Angela West, Gus and Bobbie Mann, James and Estella McKee, Justin and Teresa McKee, Patty Rhine, Matt and Mary Ramos, Leeta Lewis, Marty and Leslie Lewis and her cousins, but known to Emery as her best friends, Avery and Peyton West, Gibson and Gage Davis, Mackenzie Rhine and Gracie West.

Preceding Emery in death were Bobbie Jean McKee, Hershel West, Gerald Lewis, Alfred Gawlik, Ted Tejada and Darrell Tibbitts.

Pallbearers were be Brett Smith, Derek West, Justin McKee Jr., Kevin West, Clay Fernandes, and Joey Lux.

Honorary Pallbearers were Robert Mann, Ethan Mann, Steffen Vickers, Marty Lewis, Tyler Lewis, Dustin Lux, Charles Pierce, Ronnie Wipff, Kenneth Gawlik, Steve Morriss, Arthur Crittendon, Mickey Sharp, Jon Rubio, Cody Everett, Lance Castro, Jace McKee, and Carl Kosub.

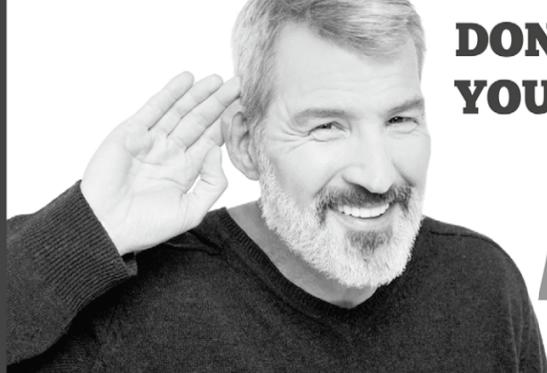
Visitation with family was held Sunday, June 4, 2017 and a Rosary followed at Love Funeral Home in Sonora, Texas.

Services were held Monday, June 5, 2017, at the Lighthouse Community Church, Sonora.

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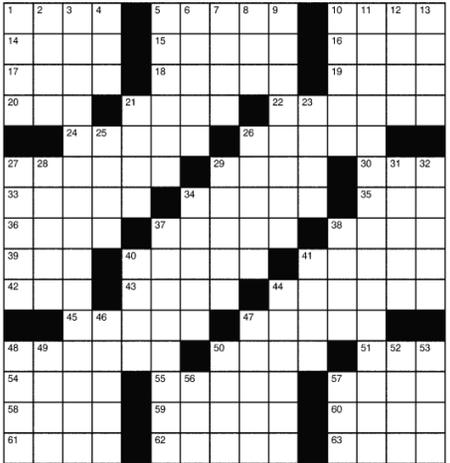
**ACROSS**

- Type of tax
- Chastises
- Salad
- Bread spread
- Heaven
- Insect stage
- Hit hard
- Footloose fellow
- Maple tree genus
- Chinese river
- Uncultured
- Ascending
- Quartz variety
- Soothing
- Martial art
- Wasteland tract
- Hardwood
- Confuse
- Style
- Great general
- Hebrew prophet
- Infective agent
- Champion jumper
- Invasion
- Greek letters
- Things stored
- standstill
- Soviet sea
- Crude
- Corrupt
- Orchestra instrument
- Came up
- Valley
- Hand or sand
- Desire
- Extinguish
- Paris priest
- Formerly
- Wetlands tree
- Streamlet
- Animal abode
- Threadbare
- Diamond immortal

**DOWN**

- Elegant
- Earthen jar
- Illustrious Italian
- Record
- Early English king
- Habitation
- Alaskan locale
- Stowe's Little \_\_\_\_
- Painstaking
- Bring forth
- Illustrious Italian
- Coycat
- City section
- Be worthy of
- Reduce
- Dames
- Not genuine
- Islam shrine
- Confess
- Righteous
- Evil glances
- Gettysburg general
- Essential
- Open galleries
- Young farm animal
- Author Grey
- Difficulty
- Vegetable
- Acid salt
- Enclosed
- GI offense
- Frog genus
- \_\_\_\_ ranches
- In a competent way
- Thickens
- Cordoba cheer
- Weapon

**"ILLUSTRIOUS ITALIANS"**



See solution on Page 8

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# Dermody Named to USC Spring 2017 Dean's List

Sidney Dermody of Sonora has been named to the Spring 2017 Dean's List at the University of South Carolina Upstate.

Dermody, a 2014 Sonora High School graduate, is the daughter of Dean and Louise Dermody of Sonora.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, freshmen students must earn a 3.25 or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 course hours and upperclassmen must earn a 3.5 or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 course hours.

# Early-Season Tomato Questions

For the second week, we'll have a tomato story. We regularly get garden questions during this time of year. We'll share three common questions with you.

Q. How often should my tomatoes be fertilized?

A. It is necessary to fertilize the garden before planting tomatoes. Apply the fertilizer again when fruit first sets. From then on, fertilization every two weeks is probably enough. A general recommendation is 1-2 tablespoons of a complete fertilizer scattered around the plant and worked into the soil. If using a high-nitrogen fertilizer such as ammonium nitrate or sulfate, reduce the rate to 1 tablespoon per plant.

Q. My tomato plants look great but, the flowers are not forming any fruit. What's the deal?

A. Several conditions can cause tomatoes to not set fruit. Too much nitrogen fertilizer, nighttime temperatures over 70 degrees F., irregular watering, insects (such as thrips) or planting the wrong variety may result in poor fruit set. Any of these conditions can cause poor fruit set, but combinations can cause failures. Another reason tomato plants do not set fruit is because they are not planted where they can receive 8-10 hours of direct

sunlight daily. Any less direct sunlight will result in a spindly growing, non-productive plant.

Q. When caging tomatoes, how large should the cage be?

A. The diameter of the cage should be at least 18 to 20 inches. Smaller cages often restrict plant growth and reduce yields. Height of the cage will vary but generally 2 feet is enough for most recommended varieties. However, if vining types such as Better Boy are used, a cage 5 feet in height is preferred.

Q. What causes tomato leaves to curl?

A. The exact cause of tomato leaf roll is not fully known. Tomato leaf roll shows up about the time of fruit setting. The leaflets of the older leaves on the lower half of the tomato plant roll upward. The overall growth of the plant does not seem to be greatly affected and yields are normal. It occurs when rainfall or over-watering keeps the soil too wet for too long. It is also related to intensive sunlight which causes carbohydrates to accumulate in the leaves. Some varieties of tomatoes are naturally curled.

This summer, we'll discuss some of the mid and late-season questions from the garden. If you have particular questions, please call us at the Sutton County Extension Office at 387-3101.



Pascual Hernandez

# 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.

## SUTTON COUNTY SHERIFF ARRESTS

**MAY 29** - Stephen Bendele, 34-year old male of Castroville. Arrested on a parole warrant.

**JUNE 1** - Eric Fernandez, 23-year old male of Del Rio. Arrest on a Val Verde warrant and possession of marijuana under 2oz.

• Jose Estrada, 22-year old male of Midland. Arrest for possession of marijuana under 2oz.

**JUNE 4** - Dean Rutland, 56-year old male of Sonora. Arrested on a court order to serve 72 hrs.

## INCIDENTS

**MAY 29 - 1:09 PM** - Caller requested EMS on Ben Juarez. Deputy assisted.

**10:00 PM** - Caller reported an accident on Myers Rd. Deputy and DPS responded.

**MAY 30 - 12:05 PM** - Caller reported an accident at the 400 off ramp. Deputies responded.

**12:58 PM** - Caller reported RV struck by lightning on I-10 at 411 mm. Deputies responded.

**MAY 31 - 7:11 AM** - Caller reported a one vehicle accident on Hwy 277 South 18 miles. Deputy and DPS responded.

**8:00 AM** - Caller reported a Phillips 66 sign being stolen on RR 189. Deputy responded.

**11:37 AM** - Caller reported an 18 wheeler jack knifed on Hwy 277 South and Hwy 55. Deputy and DPS responded.

**JUNE 1 - 3:09 PM** - Caller reported suspicious people on the South Service Road about the 399 mm area. Deputy responded.

**JUNE 2 - 7:50 PM** - Caller reported loose livestock on I-10 at 420 mm. Deputy responded.

**JUNE 3 - 4:25 PM** - Caller reported an accident on Hwy 277 North 3-4 miles out. Deputy responded.

**11:42 PM** - Caller reported a possible fight out at the golf course. Deputy and PD responded.

## SONORA PD ARRESTS

**JUNE 4** - Jeffery Alvarado, 40-year old male of Sonora. Arrested for Driving While Lic Invalid With Previous Conviction (DWLI).

## INCIDENTS

**MAY 29 - 11:28 AM** - Caller reported loose dogs on Glasscock and Wardlaw. Officer responded.

**5:17 PM** - Caller reported reckless driving on US Hwy 277 South. Officer responded.

**5:43 PM** - Caller requested to speak to an officer at Sheriff's Office. Officer responded.

**7:01 PM** - Caller requested to speak to officer 500 block of Virgin. Officer responded

**10:28 PM** - Caller requested EMS assistance at 200 block of Sawyer Dr. Officer responded.

**MAY 31- 11:24 AM** - Caller requested animal control assistance at 400 block of Santa Clara. Officer responded.

**2:40 PM** - Caller reported reckless driving on S. Crockett near High School. Officer responded.

**JUNE 2 - 7:39 AM** - Caller reported suspicious person at E. 2nd and Concho. Officer responded.

**JUNE 4 - 9:31 AM** - Caller reported a found dog. Officer responded.

**9:42 AM** - Caller complained of harassment. Officer responded.

**10:24 AM** - Caller requested an officer at Best Western. Officer responded.

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Fieldhouse Patio. Games are set to begin at 9:00 a.m. at Bronco Stadium.

For more information please contact Pete Bradley at gr6gr6@verizon.net.

# CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Budget

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bill. According to the Senate News Service, the bill would require that fetal tissue "be given a proper burial or cremation after an abortion, would ban a certain type of second-trimester abortion and would reaffirm the ban on partial birth abortions in Texas and give state officials the power to prosecute violators." SB 8 is awaiting action by the governor.

SB 12, by Royce West, D-Dallas, would create a \$25 million grant program to help local law enforcement entities pay for body armor resistant to high-powered ammunition. The governor signed West's bill on May 27 and the legislation took effect the same day.

**Revenue total reported**  
Comptroller Glenn Hegar on June 2 announced that state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.5 billion in May, an amount 4 percent more than in May 2016.  
"State sales tax collections in May indicate a Texas economy expanding at a moderate pace," Hegar said. "Growth in sales tax revenue occurred across most major industry sectors, including oil- and gas-related sectors. Only the construction sector showed

a slight decline."  
Hegar also said total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in May 2017 is up 3.2 percent compared to the same period a year ago, but state franchise tax revenue for fiscal 2017 totaled \$3.2 billion in May, 8.9 percent less than in May 2016.

**Some praise withdrawal**  
Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton thanked President Donald Trump for his June 1 decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris Climate Agreement.

According to the United Nations, the international agreement's goal is "to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change by keeping a global temperature rise this century well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase even further to 1.5 degrees Celsius."

Examples of other officials publicly applauding President Trump's decision last week were: Texas Railroad Commissioner Wayne Christian, U.S. Sens. John Cornyn and Ted Cruz, and U.S. Rep. Louie Gohmert of Tyler.

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May 1-30	3.68 in.	May 1-30	2.92 in.
April	1.23 in.	April	2.48 in.
March	0.79 in.	March	1.00 in.
February	1.36 in.	February	1.48 in.
January	2.40 in.	January	1.68 in.
<b>2017 Year-to-Date Total</b>	<b>12.39 in.</b>	<b>2017 Year-to-Date Total</b>	<b>9.65 in.</b>
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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# Reader Recipes

## "Hawaiian Cheese Ball"

Fostering individual talents within its organization is another way that The Sonora Woman's Club has strengthened its cause in the community. At one point in its history the club's leaders decided if enough interest is shown, by at least 7 members, a department could be established. The first two departments were the needlework department and the music department. If she had been around in those days, Mrs. Doris Morriss would definitely have been a part of the needlework department. Aside for her exceptional stitching, she is also known for her culinary skills.

Her recipe for Hawaiian Cheese Ball is the perfect appetizer.

- 2 (8 ounce) pkg. Cream Cheese
- 1 small box instant Banana pudding mix
- 1 large can crushed pineapple (Optional) coconut, as desired
- Toasted, chopped pecans

Combine first 3 ingredients and if desired add coconut, to taste. Form mixture into ball roll in toasted pecans.

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