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Council Disarray Means No Tax Rate Increase for City of Sonora

There will be no tax rate increase for the 2017-2018 fiscal year for the City of Sonora.

Instead, the city will collect ad valorem taxes based upon the 2016 rate of 61 cents per \$100 of property valuation and now city administrators are left scrambling to figure out how to shore up the budget deficit.

This comes after the City

Council was unable to revote on a proposed increased ad valorem tax rate of 69 cents during a special meeting set for Friday, September 29, 2017 did not take place.

Upon the advice of City Attorney James Kosub, a special meeting to vote again was called because motions were made and votes were taken out of order during a previous

meeting of the council earlier in the week. At that time, council members voted on an amended motion to approve a new rate of 63 cents, the same as the effective tax rate for this year.

A no show by city council members Manuel Martinez and Juanita Barrera prevented a quorum necessary to hold a special meeting Friday

afternoon so that the council could vote again.

When asked why Martinez and Barrera were absent, City Office Manager Betty Hernandez said Martinez informed her ahead of time that he could not attend the meeting and attempts to contact Barrera went unanswered.

While a large crowd of interested citizens eagerly

waited in the council room as well as in the lobby of City Hall, Attorney Clint Griffin, standing in for Kosub, offered an explanation to visitors about the events leading up to Friday's special meeting.

Griffin said that although city attorney Kosub was not present during the September 25th special meeting he

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Sonora Celebrates Homecoming Rout Over Crane, Look to Beat the Braves

Now 5-0 for the season, the Sonora Broncos are looking forward to keeping their streak alive with another win this Friday, October 6, 2017, when they match up against Iraan in Braves' territory.

Coming off of two losses in a row, the Braves are also looking for a win and a repeat of last year's game against the Broncos.

Head Coach Jeff Cordell said his team understands what is at stake in Friday's game.

"Despite Iraan losing two straight ball games, we know the Braves are very capable of handing the Broncos their first loss of the season," Cordell said. "Bronco fans remember that both ball clubs were undefeated coming into last year's game at Bronco Stadium and the Broncos suffered their first and only loss of the regular season."

That being said it is a safe bet that Friday's game will nothing less than a fierce grid-iron battle for the win.

As they prepare for their upcoming games, neither the players nor the staff take any opponent for granted, Cordell said. Emphasizing the importance of everyone remaining focused on the game throughout the duration if they intend to come away with another

win.

"Iraan is a team that made it to the State Championship game last year, Cordell said. "They are ranked #9 in the state of Texas in Class 2A. They will be a challenge for the Broncos again this year. Their offense alone will pose a huge challenge for our defense and our ball club. They run the veer and do a great job doing it. The Bronco Defense will have to play with discipline for 48 minutes."

After playing 5 full games and 2 scrimmages, the Broncos have sustained their fair share of bumps and bruises, Cordell added. However, the overall health is good and the hope is to remain this way after Friday's game against the Braves.

Fans should keep their eyes on all of the Sonora Broncos players in uniform because each one has the potential to add excitement on the field. As well, it will take everyone in the red and white to pull out this win.

As for the Braves, fans should watch Brody Myers, QB/DB and Kyle O'Bannon, RB/OLB.

Game time is set to begin at 7:30 p.m. at Brave Stadium. Everyone is encouraged to make the trip and cheer for

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Former Queen Jessica Paredes crowns Noelia Tovar, the 2017 Sonora High School Homecoming Queen, as her father Noe looks on during half time Friday, September 29, 2017 at Bronco Stadium. The Broncos sent their competition home empty handed, while taking the win 64-22 over the Golden Cranes.

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Mark Chavez stood center field with fellow teammates, students and coaches following Friday's game between Sonora and Crane, September 29, 2017, at Bronco Stadium. The Broncos defeated the Golden Cranes 64-22 for a Homecoming victory, notching their season record to 5-0. Next, the Broncos travel to Iraan looking for their sixth win this season.

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Former SISD Principal Agrees to Pre-Trial Intervention Contract on DWI

Former SISD Middle School Principal Brandon Duncan has entered into an agreement with Schleicher County Attorney Clint Griffin and the Schleicher County Court, allowing him to participate in a pre-trial intervention program, in order to avoid prosecution on a charge of driving while intoxicated with an open container.

Duncan was arrested north of Eldorado on January 20, 2017, and charged with driving while intoxicated.

Court documents show that on September 12, 2017, Schleicher County Judge Charlie Bradley approved a deal that Duncan and his attorney had previously reached with Clint Griffin.

The program calls for Duncan to complete a year-long period in which he complies with restrictions that are, in many ways, identical to probation requirements. He is required to communicate with

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Governor Applauds TxDOT Efforts in Removing Hurricane Debris

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Sept. 27 announced the Texas Department of Transportation had collected more than 2.4 million cubic feet of debris left behind by Hurricane Harvey in roadways across the four districts hardest hit by the storm.

TxDOT is continuing to assist in the removal of debris from roadsides in Corpus Christi, Houston, Beaumont and a number of areas along the Gulf Coast region, Abbott said in a news release.

"This is a tall order, but I want to assure Texans that TxDOT is up to the challenge and has already made great

progress. We will not rest until this important job is finished, and we are working to do so as quickly as possible," he added.

Texas Transportation Commission Chair J. Bruce Bugg Jr. pointed to TxDOT's "remarkable progress" in bringing agency employees from across Texas to impacted areas. He made special mention of those working through the protracted cleanup while "dealing with their own personal losses" caused by Hurricane Harvey.

More than 600 employees from all 25 TxDOT districts are involved in debris removal in areas impacted by

Hurricane Harvey, Bugg said.

Patrick assigns tasks

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick on Sept. 28 issued a list of interim legislative charges to certain committees of the Texas Senate.

Patrick called for the committees on Agriculture, Water and Rural Affairs, Business & Commerce, Education, Finance, Health and Human Services, Intergovernmental Relations, and State Affairs to study and make recommendations on a wide range of issues related to hurricanes and other severe weather events.

Texans are nominated

The White House on Sept. 28 announced President Donald Trump's nomination of Texas Supreme Court Justice Don Willett and former Texas Solicitor General James Ho to the New Orleans-based United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

The Fifth Circuit hears cases on

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Learning New Things

We've known each other for more than 30 years and I'm still learning new things about him. This weekend it was all about scented candles.

Most of us enjoy the aroma of a nice scented candle. I do. I guess I didn't realize he did. I never really thought about it. As chief procurement officer of my domicile, I

Slices of Life



By Jill Pertler

typically choose the scent to which we subject our sniffers.

In an attempt to bring nature inside, I gravitate toward fresh, outdoorsy fragrances. Pine and eucalyptus are two of my favorites. I prefer my kitchen to smell like a forest. I also take into consideration wax color because a scented candle should not only smell good; it should look good too.

Not everyone is a back-to-nature scentation seeker. Some want their kitchen to smell like a kitchen — one that bakes homemade cookies, pecan pie or maybe apple cobbler — of the wax variety. There isn't a candle that smells like beef stew or split pea soup — at least not that I know of. But someone is probably inventing such a product right now.

Lots of people enjoy floral fragrances. It's like having a flaming bouquet of roses or lilacs or gardenias right on your counter — except without any real flowers.

Then there are the dreamers. They prefer candles that create a mood and are labeled with names such as Paris café, crisp morning air or mahogany driftwood.

I have a friend who likes to go on tropical holidays courtesy of her candles. She picks flavors like tiki colada or coconut Malibu dream. The scents transport her to a pristine beach on an island in the sun — all without paying any airfare. She is a smart friend.

There are candles for those who want to imbibe without the imbibement. Chocolate martini, cherry merlot and champagne fizz are a few of my favorites. You can even get a candle infused with the aroma of beer, although I'm not sure why. To each their own.

There are practically infinite choices for candle scents. And, although I can tell you the favorites of most of my friends, I'm a bit embarrassed to admit I'd never explored preference from my husband's perspective.

Until last weekend.

During an innocent errand to the store we ventured by the candle aisle. I suggested getting one.

"Which kind?" he asked.

In a moment of marital selflessness I said, "You pick."

I figured he'd go with something like, forest floor, or juniper or maybe even the one called simply "wood," because that's the kind I would have chosen and the kind we've always burned in our kitchen.

He bypassed all of the above and surprised me.

"Peach," he said, putting the peach-colored candle into the cart.

"Peach?" I asked.

"Yeah," he said. "I like the smell of peaches."

I couldn't argue with his obvious and indisputable logic. I didn't even mention (out loud) that the peach candle was a complete mismatch for our kitchen décor. That made for two acts of marital altruism in one day — nearly a record for me.

We took the candle home and lit the wick. The room filled with a warm fruity scent. Fresh. Simple. Sweet. Peachy.

Maybe peach wasn't my first choice, but it wasn't all bad. I kind of liked it. The same way I like learning new things about the guy who goes on errands with me to the store.

Besides, it could have been worse. He could have picked one that smelled like beer.

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The World of 'Isms'

What we knew of "isms," during days of our youth, was limited. There were many "isms" about which we were totally unaware, and that's still the case.

Initially, though, we figured words ending in "ism" were bad "moccus," and to be avoided whenever possible.

Old-timers complained of painful rheumatism; some of 'em said they had "rheumatiz." Years later, it dawned on us that the two terms are interchangeable. Astigmatism came into focus to expand our limited inventory of "isms," and "communism" may have been our first "ism" word unrelated to health....

Russia's Nikita Krushchev personified communism; his name dominated radio and TV news, as well as newsreels at the movies. We considered him to be an outspoken "bad hombre."

On one occasion, he was so upset at a United Nations meeting that he took off a shoe, using it as a drum stick and the conference table as a drum. He also is remembered for his threats to bury us.

Had Twitter been an option at the time, no telling what he might have said, but I'm thinking his 140 characters would have been smoking....

My reflections on "isms" bubbled to the top recently upon learning of The Washington Post's winners in its annual neologism contest. Readers are asked to supply alternate meanings for common words. (Yes, if you figure I had no idea what "neologism" means, you are correct.)

I was determined to read the article, realizing that the chance to read a piece in the Post devoid of extremism isn't all that common.

Some of the submissions made me smile; maybe they'll have that effect on you, too....

The winner "neologized" the word

"coffee." Should it not be obvious that the "coffee" is the person upon whom one coughs?

Runner-up and third-place winners are somewhat related, perhaps deserving equal weight. "Flabbergasted" measures the shock felt upon learning how much weight has been gained. "Abdicate" is an abandonment of hope of ever having a flat stomach.

Some of the other winners include: Esplanade, an attempt at explanation while drunk; negligent, describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown; lymph, to walk with a lisp; gargyle, gross, olive-flavored mouthwash; balderdash, a rapidly-receding hairline, and frisbeetarism, the belief that when you die, your soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there....

If I hear of another contest like this, I intend to enter. Why not neologize "whimperism." Actually, the definition will be soundless, depending totally on a gesture to clarify it. It is suggested for immediate use by the Texas Rangers. That's the baseball team that teases us with play-off hopes before being swept in three games by the last place Oakland A's. The neologism, as suggested, would be a team-wide "shrug." (For full effect, the gesture should be enacted with all players standing, like all teams formerly did during the National Anthem.)

The Rangers' lackluster finish, however, could serve a useful purpose. After Ranger games won at home this season, TV interviews with star players have been interrupted by Gatorade dousings administered by playful teammates.

This tired antic is "high schoolish," and needs to be retired....

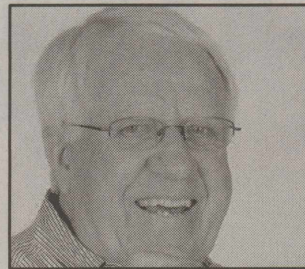
For persons whose interest in "isms" runs deep, it is noted they are suffixes with Greek origins, used to form action nouns from verbs, or "denoting action or practice, state or condition, principles, doctrines, a usage or characteristic, devotion or adherence." Whew.

If much more is said, there'll be equal time requested by persons who "wax algebraic," and others who may want to revisit famous quotes attributed (rightly or wrongly) to historical figures. I don't qualify for membership in these groups, either.

Maybe I'll spend some time today reflecting on diagramming sentences, conjugating verbs or reviewing formulas. More likely, though, is that I'll pass on such commitments. It is my habit, instead, to doze off, with two rescue dogs joining me in repose. And sometimes "nap" is plural....

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Seven Dead Puppies

Carl Prewit has taught English and coached tennis at the same high school for thirty-one years. He lives in Portland, near Corpus Christi and rides a bicycle all over the Texas coast. He collects stories about his family and is beginning to put them in a book.

"One of my favorite stories is one titled 'Seven Dead Puppies.' It occurred while I was growing up in Rule, near Stamford, where everybody knew everybody and their kids. They also knew which dog belonged to whom. We always had dogs and we had a dog named Rosie who had seven puppies.

"Dad worked in the oilfield so Mom and the other ladies in the neighborhood played Canasta probably every two weeks or so. They'd meet at each other's house. When my mother was hosting the group it was my job to watch my little four-year-old brother and his friend, who was also four-years-old. His mother was one of the Canasta players.

"So I'm supposed to be watching these two little kids. It was summertime and I didn't want to have to do that. So I ignored them for a little bit. That's when they pulled a tub up and filled it with water. It wasn't long before they had all seven of Rosie's puppies in the water. I don't know if they were baptizing them or what. They didn't really know what they were doing. Anyway, these little puppies were drowning.

"My mother and another woman came out and saw what was going on. I've gotta tell you my mother was one resourceful person. She never, never, never gave up on anything or anybody. I had trouble with math in school and she stayed up till midnight with me showing me how to do those problems.

"Anyway she dashed outside and took those puppies out of that tub and got some towels and started drying off these little puppies. They rubbed their stomachs and even gave them artificial respiration, but got no response. The little dogs appeared to be dead.

"Finally, talking about my mother never giving up, she ran into the kitchen and we heard her banging around in there and I knew I was not going to survive this because I didn't do my job.

"She came out with two big aluminum platters like you put pizza on. She put four on one, three dead puppies on the other one and went into the kitchen with that big porcelain gas oven, pulled open the door, cranked up the pilot light and put those puppies in there. She pulled up a chair and sat down in front of that stove and waited.

"One of those puppies we thought were dead started wagging its tail. Then the others slowly began to show signs of life. They all lived. Every one of those puppies lived. We gave them all away except for one that we kept. He was the runt and grew up to be a fine pet, despite getting a shaky start at life."

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Bill Webster and Bob Hartman were honored during a retirement celebration Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at the Sutton County Park in Sonora. A variety of people including fellow officers came out to thank both men for their years of service in law enforcement.

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Hartman and Webster Honored for Years of Law Enforcement Service

Life-long Sutton County law enforcement officers, Bill Webster and Bob Hartman were recognized for their service during a special retirement celebration Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at the Sutton County Park.

Friends, family and a number of fellow law

enforcement officials came out to shake hands, spend time, and share stories past and present before returning to their post.

Webster officially stepped down from his duties this past November 2016. Hartman began his retreat September 1, 2017.

Combined the two

have fulfilled more than 70 years upholding the law to ensure the protection of all citizens.

The local community wishes to thank Webster and Hartman for their extraordinary commitment throughout the years. Congratulations and Best wishes in the future.

Litterell Officially Sworn In as Postmaster

Kevin Litterell was officially sworn in as the Postmaster for the Sonora Post office during a formal ceremony Wednesday, September 27, 2017, in Sonora.

Area Postmaster Wendy Groves, of Abilene, presided over the ceremony and presented Litterell with a certificate to mark the event.

Litterell took over the Sonora Post this past April and manages all operations including city and rural routes, two carriers and two clerks.

Now that he has settled into his position as Postmaster, Litterell said he has "fine tuned" a few things to help his office serve the community more efficiently.

For example, recently he added a new clerk, Larissa Brown, who transferred from Menard. Brown began working at the Sonora Post office August 5th.

"This is a great office," Litterell said. "The community has also been welcoming and supportive and I am enjoying being a part of Sonora."

Sonora PD Advises Public to Stop and Lock

The Sonora Police Department is reminding everyone of the importance of making complete stops at all stop signs.

As a reminder, stop signs are located in areas around homes, businesses, city and county offices, schools, child care centers and churches where people may be walking.

As always, safety

remains a top priority for the Sonora Police Department.

Violators will be cited. Additionally, the Sonora PD advises all citizens to remove all valuables including Dollar bills and coins, especially FIREARMS, from vehicles and remember to always lock unattended vehicles.

Again, multiple

burglaries of unlocked vehicles, locally, have been reported in the past month.

Prevention is key in preventing theft as well as other crimes.

The Sonora PD is asking everyone do their part to help ensure and maintain safety in the local community by abiding by all traffic laws and taking action to prevent crimes.

Trunk or Treat, Oct. 22

It's time to start thinking of ideas for decorating cars and filling the trunk - all in the spirit of the annual "Trunk-or-Treat".

The event is set for Sunday, October 22nd, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sutton County Park Parking lot.

Participation is free and it is open to the public.

Youngsters are encouraged to dress up in their favorite costume and bring plenty of bags to fill with goodies.

Everyone is invited to come out in their decorated vehicles and enjoy a safe evening of fun.

Prizes will be awarded for the best car, spookiest, and most creative.

For more information please call 325-387-3888.

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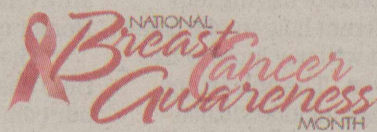
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Monday October 9
Breakfast
Pancake Wrap, or Cereal, Crackers, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch
Boneless Chicken Wings, Celery Sticks, Carrot Sticks, Orange Smiles, Brownie, Milk
After School Program
Muffin, Milk


Tuesday October 10
Breakfast
French Toast, Sausage, Yogurt or Cereal, Crackers, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch
Popcorn Chicken, Roll, Broccoli Bites, Oven Fries, Grape Fruit, Milk
After School Program
Fruit Yogurt

Wednesday October 11
Breakfast
Sunrise Sandwich, or Cereal, Crackers, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch
Mexican Combo Plate, Mexicali Corn, Refried Beans, Lettuce, Tomato Garnish, Salsa, Peaches, Milk
After School Program
Baked Chips, Juice

Thursday October 12
Breakfast
Pancakes, Bacon, or Cereal, Crackers, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch
Steak fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Carrot Coins, Roll, Gravy, Strawberries, Bananas, Milk
After School Program
Nutrigrain Bar, Milk

Friday October 13
Breakfast
Burrito, Hash Browns, or Cereal, Crackers, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk
Lunch
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After School Program
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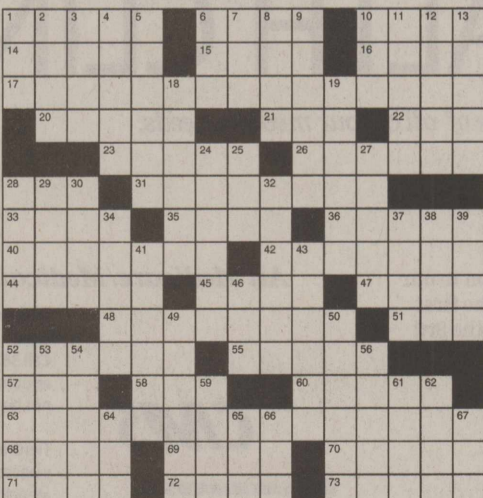
ACROSS

1. Strays
6. Rodeo equipment
10. Crooked
14. Love, in Italy
15. Yeti's hangout
16. Musical syllables
17. Noise-hater's remark
20. Hinder
21. What a patient needs: abbr.
22. Emulate Ananias
23. Alarm
26. Listen
28. Late impresario Hurok
31. Girls' names
33. Prune
35. Moon vehicles: abbr.
36. Seagoing
40. Without religion
42. ___ one's steps
44. Songstress Della
45. Tehran's country
47. Archaeological research location
48. Calumniate
51. Household god
52. Swollen membranes
55. Central American mammal

DOWN

1. Existed
2. In the thick of
3. Eurytus' daughter
4. Worries
5. New York lake
6. So, in Dundee
7. Between chi and omega
8. Island off Scotland
9. Kind of sleeve
10. Opposite of nothing
11. Kind of spoon
12. Liquid fat
13. Like a hothouse
18. The ___ will fall
19. Measurer of angles
24. Land a catch
25. Street name
27. Peter I and Ivan IV
28. Moil
29. Bay of Biscayne feeder
30. Being
32. Mideast country
34. Youngster's nickname
37. Ski area
38. Deeds
39. Ogile
41. Home of the Oracle
43. Sign up
46. Aves' relatives
49. Yoga positions
50. Does this to conquer
52. Pied one
53. Stewpots
54. Last but not ___
56. Man's name in Rouen
59. Lusterless
61. Where to find Pierre: abbr.
62. Dotted: her.
64. Letter
65. Byre complaint
66. Wager
67. Draft org.

"PRECIOUS STUFF"



See solution on Page 9

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A New Chapter



Florie Gonzales and Brigitte Rogers pose for a photo during a retirement celebration Friday, September 29, 2017, at the Sutton County Library. After 28 years as Librarian, Gonzales is turning the page on a new chapter in her life beginning October 1.

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Water - Your Future Depends on It

Submitted by Jim Polonis, Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District

Looking out over a lake one can quickly determine the approximate amount of water in it.

If the water in the lake shows no white line we know the lake is full. Likewise, as the level of the lake drops we can see more features of the lake below the so called full mark.

If the level drops further we know that we must conserve or we could face a situation where there is no usable water left.

When it comes to groundwater we do not have the same handy references to view and determine whether we can relax because we have plenty of water or that we must restrict our use of this resource.

We cannot guess whether it is full or near empty. It is like being in a room without windows, one doesn't know if the sun is shining or if it is raining.

So we must have resources available that can help us determine the status of the level of water in the aquifer and how fast we may be using it.

The Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District has a network of 31 water wells throughout the County it monitors and collects data from on a monthly basis.

We also gather rainfall data to determine how much rain fell throughout the county and with the water well level data "see" whether the water levels in the aquifer were influenced by this rainfall.

Over time this collected information has formed a "picture" of the water levels in the aquifer so we can determine where the "water line" in the aquifer is.

This information helps the District to better manage the aquifer. However, it is not the complete picture.

Pumping is also an important factor for the District to consider when determining how much water is taken from the aquifer.

Agricultural, municipal and commercial needs all depend on the availability of water in the aquifer.

In order to complete the picture of our water levels, we must know the amount of water that is entering the aquifer from rainfall and exiting the aquifer from pumping.

This makes the task of managing the aquifer much more accurate.

The District depends on reports of pumping amounts by landowners in order to determine that portion of water withdrawn for agricultural, commercial and municipal usage.

With this information the District can determine the status of the aquifer and facilitate the determination of how well it is managing its desired future conditions.

Incidentally, keeping track of pumpage is a good tool for the landowner because one is able to better manage the application of water to not only conserve it but control the cost to pump it, which makes the operation more efficient.

Knowing the cost of pumping water and how much application is needed for a specific use allows a landowner to make more informed decisions for their future water need.

By gathering rainfall amounts and water levels, as well as pumping information we are able to complete the "picture" of our aquifer levels and manage our resource accurately.

Eldorado Lions Club to Host Golf Tournament

The Eldorado Lions Club will be hosting a benefit golf tournament on October 7th, 2017. The tournament will be a two-man select shot with a bonus of having four different hole-in-one holes that will pay large prizes if won. The hole in one prizes include \$10,000 cash, two airline tickets to any destination in the United States, a set of golf clubs and a \$500 credit for golf equipment or clothing.

Eldorado Lions Club President Kurtis Homer notes this is our thirteenth year to sponsor this tournament. "This is a fun tournament and is extremely popular with our local golfers" Homer went on to explain that all the tournament fees are returned back to the golfer in the form of prizes. "Our sponsors also generously donate a meal and drinks."

The Eldorado Lions Club celebrated its 87th anniversary this year. Homer commented "The Eldorado Lions Club has been serving our community for almost 9 decades. We continue to make donations for college scholarships, purchasing eye glasses for the needy, support various charity causes, and give donations to other local organizations or groups."

If you are interested in signing up for this tournament, please contact Eddie L. Albin at 325-226-5312. Entry fee is \$50.00 per person and entries are limited to the first 33 teams.

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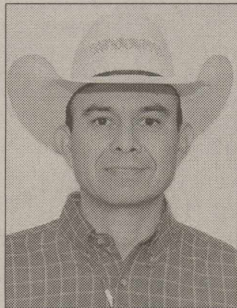
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Fall Is Time To Control Thistles

Ten species of thistles are found in Texas. They thrive in disturbed or overgrazed areas, in abandoned fields and along roadsides. Each plant begins growth as a rosette (a circular cluster of leaves) during the cool season and sends up a flowering stalk in the spring. The leaves are extremely spiny and located alternately along the stems. In some species, the leaf bottom may be woolly with small hairs.

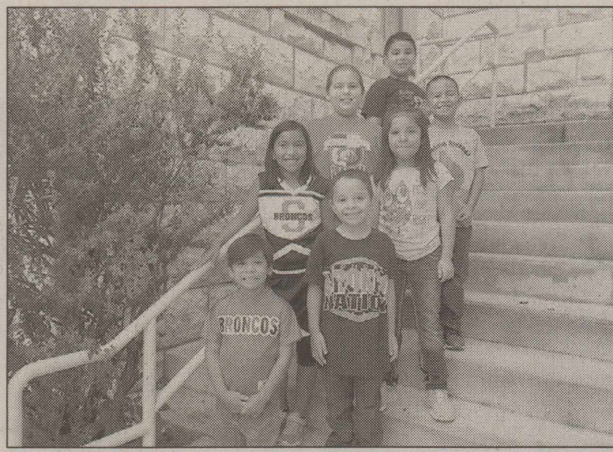


Pascual Hernandez

them. Mowing thistles is another alternative, but timing is important (before flowering) to insure a good control. Herbicides are a third option. While in the rosette stage, hand spraying or broadcast spraying can offer adequate control. Left untreated, thistles can produce numerous seeds that can be blown in the wind making the population for next year even bigger. In isolated areas, a hand-held sprayer, backpack sprayer or one on the back of an all-terrain vehicle can offer adequate control while using low volume products.

Most thistles are considered a biennial plant. This means the plant germinates from seed, sprouts up and produces a rosette and tap root the first year. The second year the plant stem elongates, produces flowers, produces seeds, and then this plant dies. Control of thistles is best done in the rosette stage before stem elongation occurs. Stem elongation of the thistle usually occurs in spring.

So how do we control thistles? One option is mechanical control. In light infestations, a garden hoe or shovel can easily remove



Elementary School Students for the week of October 2nd through October 6th. Cade Diaz, Pre-K, Marcos Onofre, K, Alison Lopez, 1st, Eduardo Salazar, 2nd, Madison Noriega, 3rd, Mary Jane Cantu, 4th, Michael Angelo Lujan, 5th.

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Sonora ISD Students of the Week



Sonora Middle School Students for the week of October 2nd through October 6th. Jaime Buitron, 6th, Imanol Gaytan, 7th, Damain Martinez, 8th.

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County Approves Budget and Tax Rate for 2017-2018

Without incident, Sutton County Commissioners approved to adopt the 2017-2018 budget as discussed and the 2017-2018 effective tax rate for Sutton County Monday, September 25, 2017 during a special meeting.

Both items were approved as discussed and agreed upon by all members of the court.

The 2017-2018 fiscal year budget is based upon the adopted tax rate of 67 cents per \$100 of property value in Sutton County.

In other business, commissioners heard an explanation from County Treasurer Janalyn Jones regarding a recent examination of Sheriff's Deputy pay rate. Adjustments are expected based upon her findings and information presented.

Additionally, the court approved a plat and bylaws for the Rolling Oaks Ranch Subdivision as presented. Bylaws include a mandate for buyers to join, by membership, the Sutton County Predators Association.

Commissioners also heard a presentation by Chief Deputy DuWayne Castro regarding the

need to update the Sheriff's Office dispatch system.

Additionally, the court approved to waive the Pavilion fee for a retirement party for Bob Hartman and Bill Webster. They also waived the Civic Center fee for the Boy Scouts to host their annual banquet in January.

Finally, the court approved the ESRS Poll Book agreement for the purchase of voting equipment necessary to conduct local elections.

In regular business, commissions heard a report by Standley Clay Anderson regarding the Road and Bridge Department.

Kathy Marshall, Tax Assessor-Collector, also provided the August financials. Her report included a total of \$43,231.47 collected for vehicle titles and registration during the month of August. Of that amount, \$15,207.43 was retained by the County.

Additionally, a total of \$27,073.13 was received for property taxes collected during August. Of that portion, \$22,810.12 was retained by the county.

It was noted that a new HVAC unit was installed this past week, replacing the existing unit that provided air to the Tax Assessor-Collector office for the past 30 years.

The court also approved the minutes of the September 11 meeting as well as the accounts payable as presented.

Judge Steve Smith updated commissioners on the most recent Port-to-Plains information including a "must do" list and designation of a reliever route. This comes after Smith's attending the Port-to-Plains meeting in Lubbock this month.

During the public comment segment, Joe David Ross shared his thoughts and concerns regarding the need and importance for all local entities to work together for the benefit of the community as a whole.

Without further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

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

present.

The next regular meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners is set for Monday, October 9, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Sutton County Annex Building.

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Legislative Update
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State Representative Andrew Murr

Hear from Rep. Murr about the important issues addressed in this year's Legislative Session.

Wednesday, October 18
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TAX RATE:

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 reviewed a recording of that meeting to determine what happened and advised the council to call for a re vote.

"After listening to the tapes, Mr. Kosub rendered an opinion to the city council that in order for it to be correctly done, you need to go back and have a meeting, need to have the same agenda item and you need to redo it," Griffin said.

It was determined that an original motion was made and seconded during Monday's meeting. Immediately following, Martinez made a motion to amend that motion and it was also seconded, according to Griffin.

However, that motion to amend was never voted on voiding all actions thereafter.

Subsequently, a

second motion to amend was made by Martinez.

However, according to the rules of parliamentary procedure, the second motion to amend was out of order, and although the council took a vote, the vote did not count.

The original motion was called back and another motion to amend was made but both of those motions were also out of order because the original motion to amend had never been voted.

Going forward the city will begin the 2017-2018 fiscal year with a deficit of about \$64,000.

City Manager Ed Carrasco said he expects to amend the budget and make adjustments including cuts where it is necessary.

"We didn't think we would get to this point," Carrasco said. "We did have two public hearing

where council members could have input. They all agreed to the proposed 69 cents but when it came time to vote, some of them back off without having a discussion about it. It would have been better to have gone with the effect rate of 63 cents but now we have to stay with the 2016 rate of 61 cents. I guess we will just have to make it work."

A special meeting of the City Council is set for Thursday, October 5, 2017, to consider and take action on adopting a resolution stating that the City Council did not adopt a tax rate for 2017.

The meeting time is set for 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The next regular meeting of the City of Sonora City Council is set for Monday, October 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

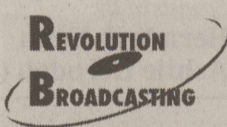
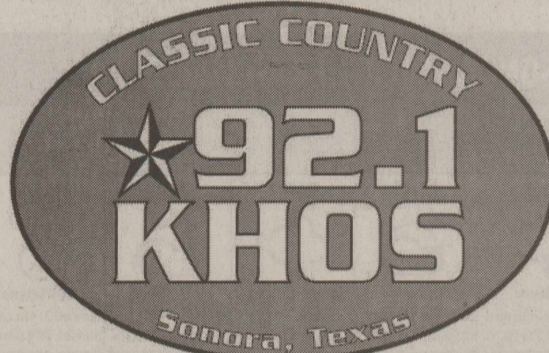
Card of Thanks

The Sutton County Health Foundation thanks the good citizens who patronized our recent fish fry fundraiser. We are especially grateful for the invaluable service of time and deep fryers donated by the Sonora Firefighters Association. We also appreciate the generous help of manpower, food, plates, and utensils provided by the hospital staff. We also acknowledge the super-generous donations of the following sponsors:

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Hog Tails



Nubia Robles, Michael Kissire, Mike Glover, Juan Patino and Quincy Crain were on hand for the hog tail contest winner drawing Monday, October 2, 2017, at the Sonora Woolhouse. A total of 10 winners received a cash prize for their participation in the annual contest.

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Annual Hog Tail Contest Winners Announced

Only a few people were on hand Monday morning for the drawing of the winners of this year's annual Hog Tail Contest.

A total of 10 names were drawn and the winners received anywhere from \$1500 to \$50 dollars depending upon their luck.

Feral Hogs are responsible for the loss of livestock as well as destruction of property in and

around Sutton County. Each year hunters and landowners arm themselves in an effort to eradicate Feral Hogs as well as take their chances on winning prizes for collecting the most hog tails.

This year 15 participants submitted a total of 491 hog tails collected throughout this past year. Of those participants, the names of ten were drawn to receive a cash prize.

The winners of this

year's Hog Tail contest are listed below:
Kelsey Prescott, 1st place, \$1500.
David Knowles, 2nd place, \$500.
Reyes Lozano, 3rd place, \$400.
Quincy Crain, 4th place, \$300.00.
John Goldston, 5th place, \$250.
Tom E. Valliant, 6th place, \$225.
Ben Hanson, 7th place, \$125.

Tim thorp, 8th, place, \$100.
David Peterson, 9th place, \$50.
Jason Prescott, 10th place, \$50.

Ongoing efforts to eradicate wild hogs from the area are vital to the protection of wildlife, livestock and preservation of property in Sutton County.

Hats off to all of those who participated in this year's event.

DUNCAN:

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the Adult Community Supervision Department officer on a monthly basis and appear in person at least once every three months.

Duncan will also pay all fees associated with administration of the year-long program.

Upon successful completion of the intervention program, the DWI charge, a Class B misdemeanor, will be dismissed. Failure to comply with the terms of the agreement will result in an immediate trial before the judge, according to the document.

Schleicher County Attorney Clint Griffin says such deals are appropriate in cases involving a first offender. He notes, however, that the charge is a serious one and explains that Duncan had consented to a blood test at the time of his arrest. The test revealed a blood alcohol level well in excess of the legal limit, Griffin said.



Kelsey Prescott, age 8, daughter of Jason and Ginger Prescott, stands beside a feral hog she killed this past June while hunting on the Jerry Johnson Ranch located in the SW area of Sutton County. Prescott was the 1st place winner of the Hog Tail Contest and her father Jason won 10th place.

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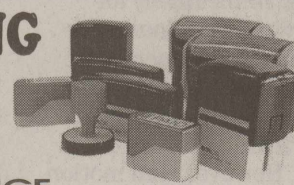
Devil's River News Weekly Rainfall Report

October 1-3	2.20 in.	October 1-3	2.70 in.
September	1.63 in.	September	0.27 in.
August	1.82 in.	August	3.66 in.
July	4.21 in.	July	3.79 in.
June	3.07 in.	June	0.41 in.
May	3.68 in.	May	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.
2017 Year-to-Date Total	22.39 in.	2017 Year-to-Date Total	20.39 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.
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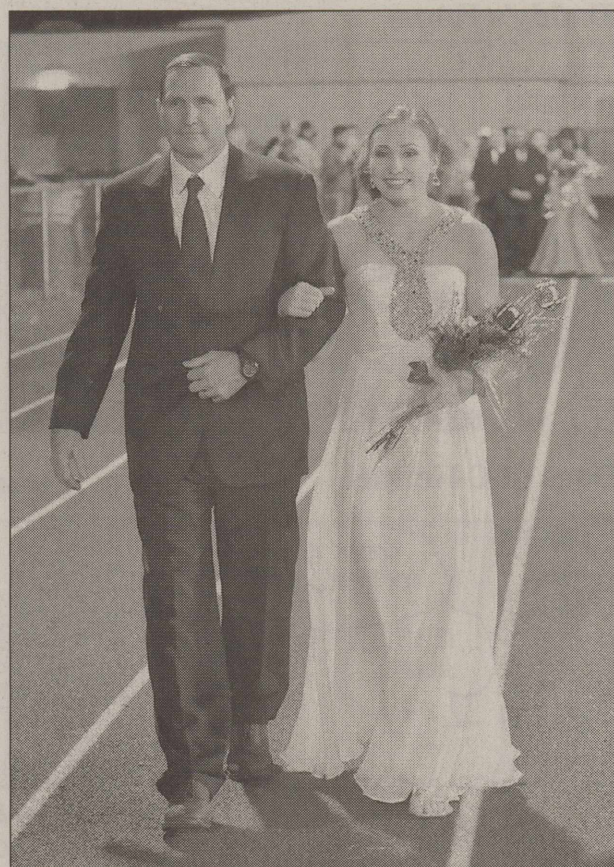
Scenes from SHS 2017 Homecoming



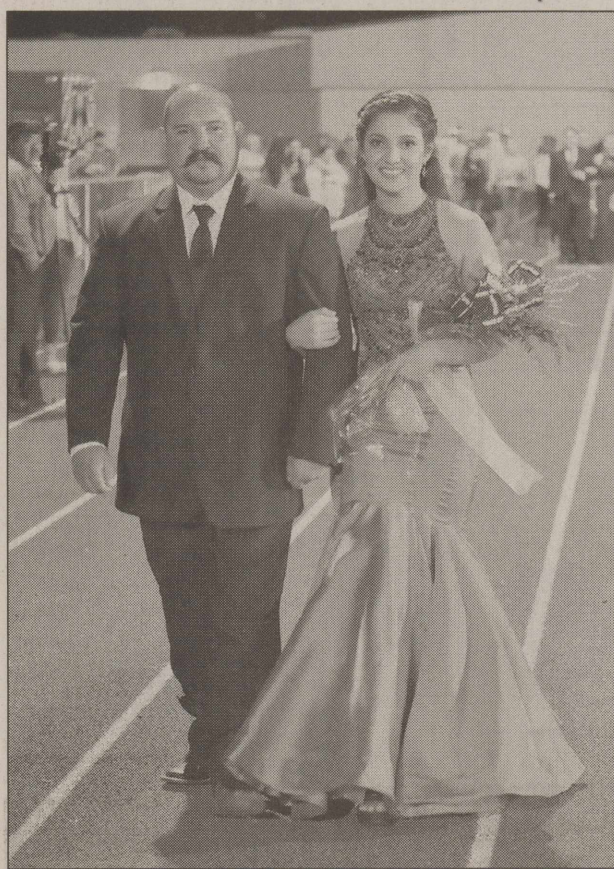
Queen Candidate Noelia Tovar was escorted by her father Noe Tovar during the Homecoming court recognition ceremony Friday, September 29, 2017. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



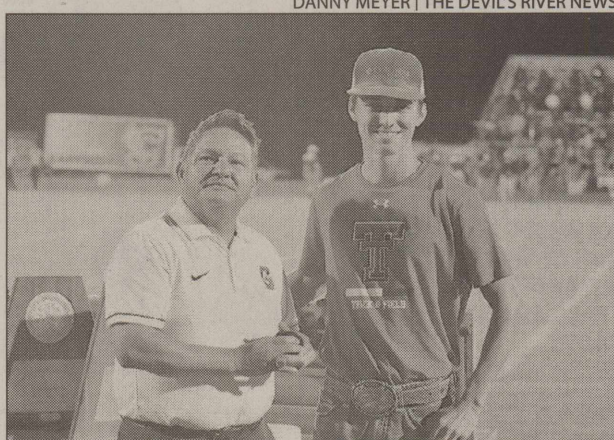
Queen Candidate Lane Cahill was escorted by her father Chacho Cahill during the Homecoming court recognition ceremony Friday, September 29, 2017. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



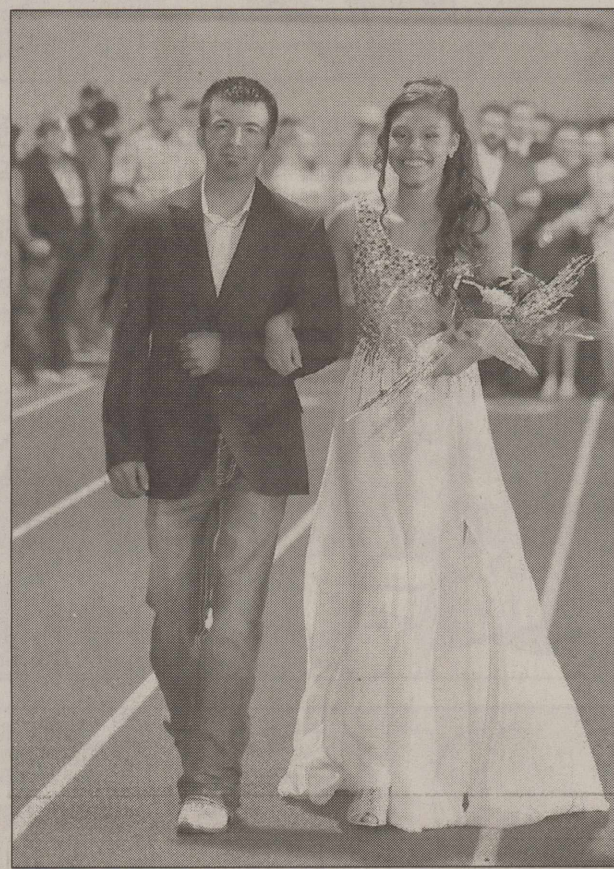
Queen Candidate Carly Brown was escorted by her father Don Brown during the Homecoming court recognition ceremony Friday, September 29, 2017. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



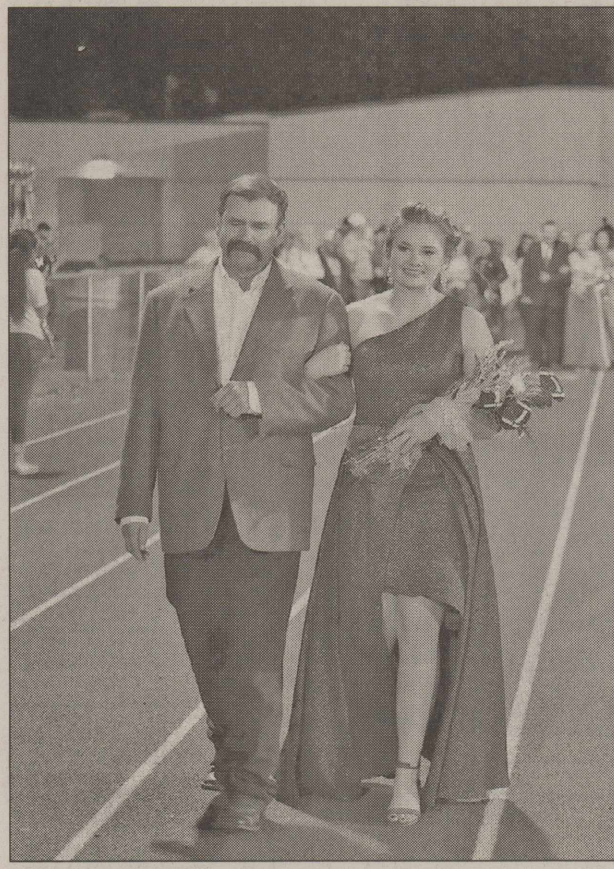
Queen Candidate Savannah Castro was escorted by her father Sammy Castro during the Homecoming court recognition ceremony Friday, September 29, 2017. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



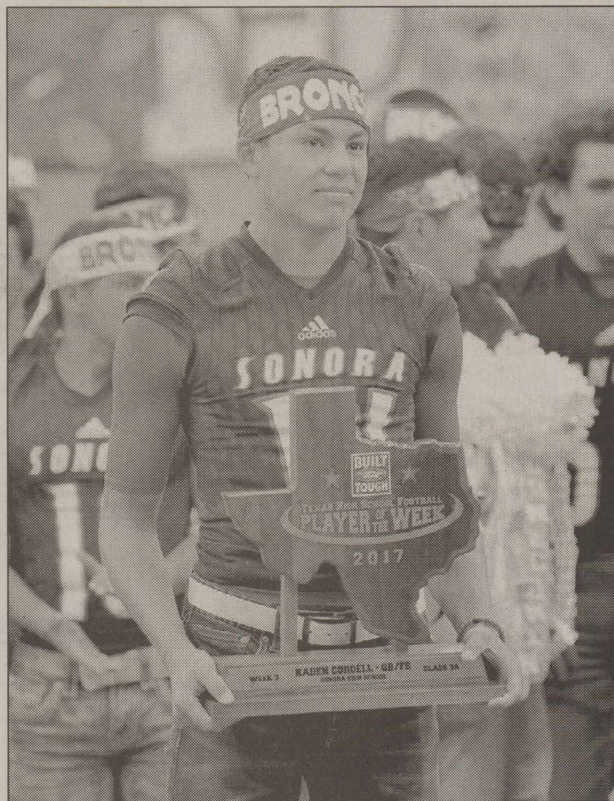
Carter Zook was awarded a 2017 state championship ring during Friday's game half time events, September 29, 2017, at Bronco Stadium. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



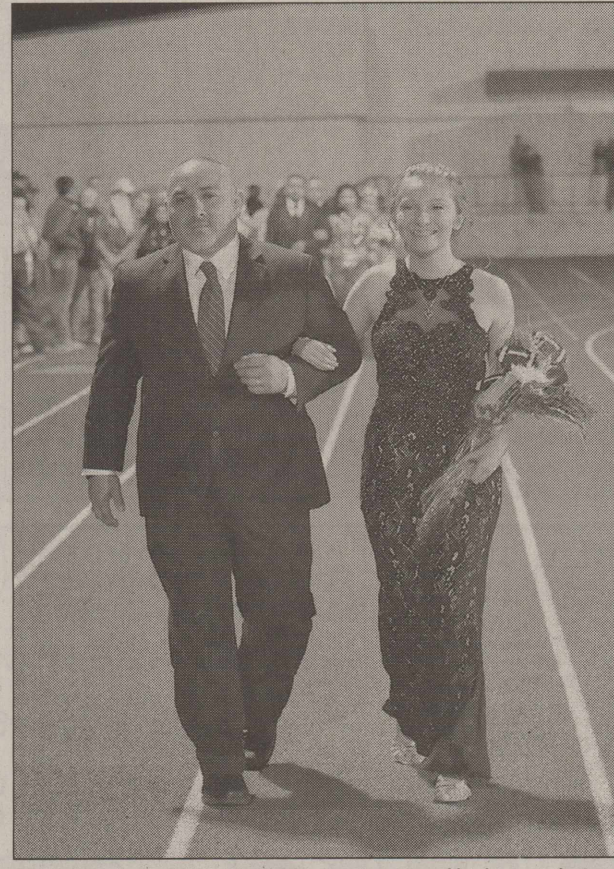
Freshman Duchess Martha Fernanda Gonzalez was escorted by her uncle Emmanuel Gutierrez during the Homecoming court recognition ceremony Friday, September 29, 2017. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



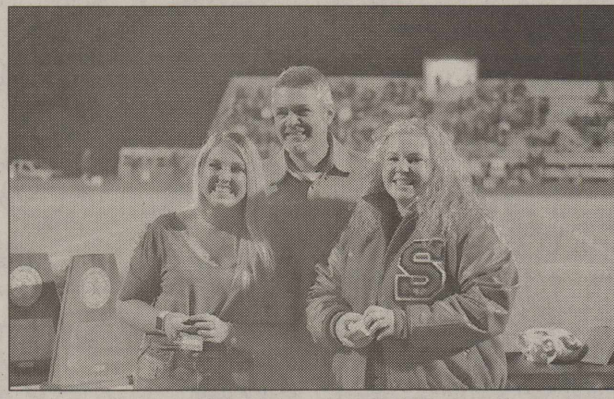
Sophomore Duchess Kadee Brian Petty was escorted by her father Brian Petty during the Homecoming court recognition ceremony Friday, September 29, 2017. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



Kaden Cordell was awarded the 2017 Built Ford Tough Texas High School Football Player of the Week trophy for week 3, during a pep rally Friday, September 29th at Sonora High School. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



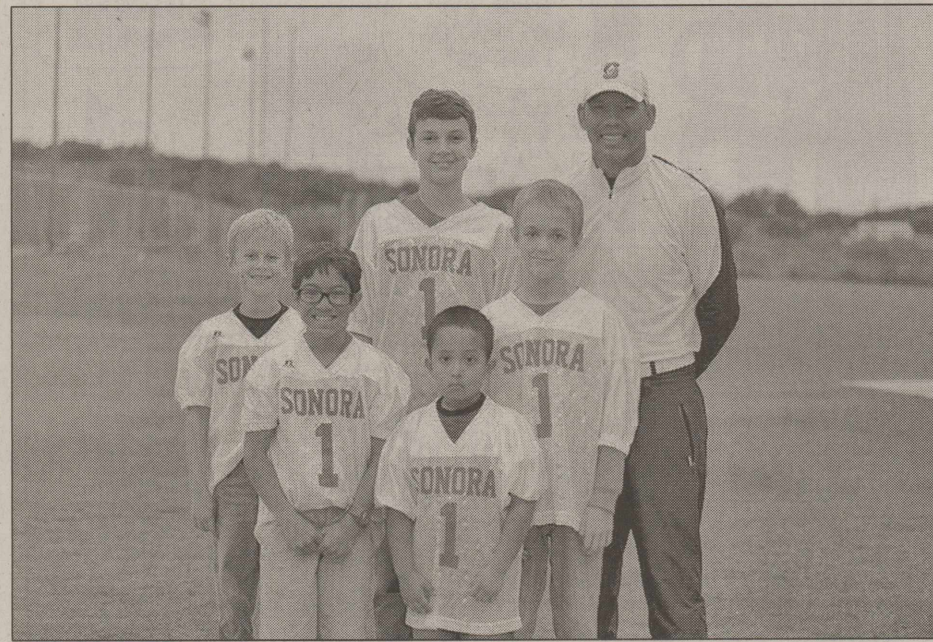
Junior Duchess Bailey Gonzales was escorted by her uncle Joey Gander during the Homecoming court recognition ceremony Friday, September 29, 2017. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



State Tennis Champions Sky Jennings and Peyton Matthews were awarded rings during Friday's half time activities at Bronco Stadium, September 29, 2017. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



SHS Golf Champions (L-R) Araceli Marin, Elyssa Prieto, Kylie Reiner, Holly Sparks and Marisol Capuchin were recognized during the half time activities Friday, September 29, 2017, at Bronco Stadium. The ladies were presented with a state trophy and state ring. DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



Honorary Ball Persons and Head Coach Jeff Cordell prepare to lead the varsity football players onto the field at the start of Friday's Homecoming game between Sonora and Crane, September 29, 2017, at Bronco Stadium. Pictured (L-R) Front row: Emory Jones, Sebastean Garza, Jonathan Canava and Brody Brian. Back row: Aiden Leamon and Coach Jeff Cordell. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

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Daddy's Home

by Tony Rubino and Gary Markstein



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Strange Brew

by John Deering

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by John Allen

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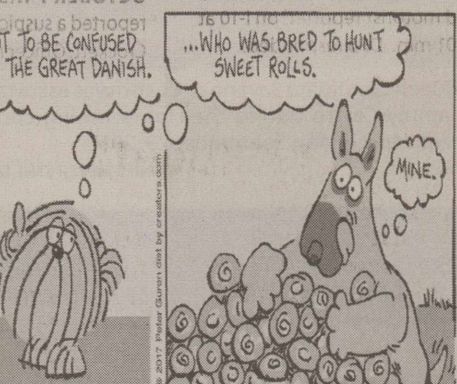
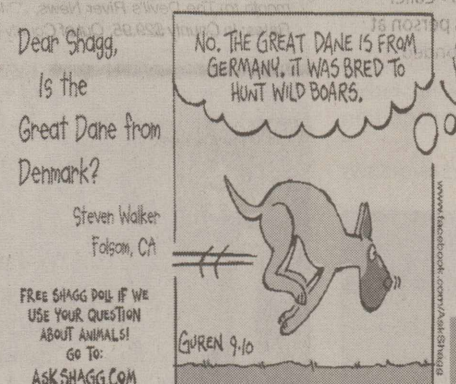
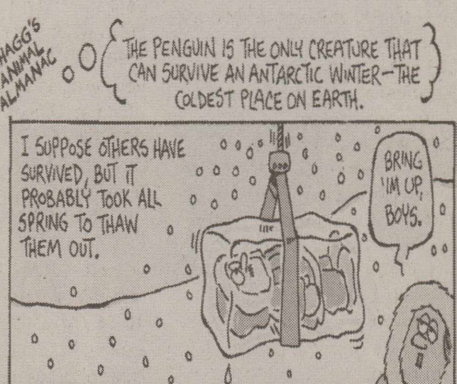
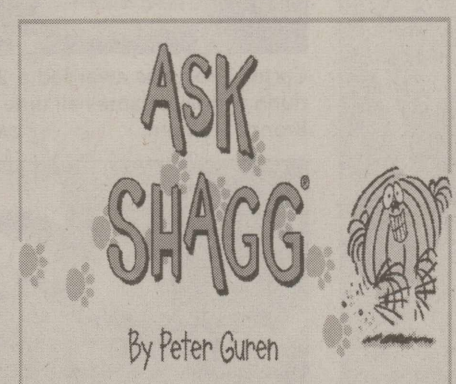
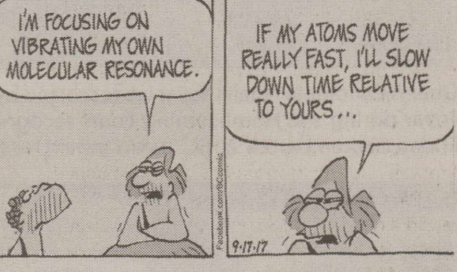


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The Blotter



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
SEPTEMBER 29 • 3 illegal persons held for pickup by Border Patrol.
OCTOBER 1 • 1 illegal person held for pickup by Broder Patrol
 • Jesus Resendez, 69-year-old male of San Antonio. Arrested for Failure to Identify and Driving While License Invalid with Prior Convictions.

INCIDENTS
SEPTEMBER 25 - 8:26 PM • Caller reported suspicious activity on Hwy 277 S. Deputy responded.
9:03 PM • Caller reported an injured deer on Santa Clara St. Deputy assisted PD and ACO.
SEPTEMBER 27 - 12:08 PM • Caller reported a one vehicle accident on I-10 at 401 mm. Deputy and DPS responded.
2:53 PM • Caller reported a 3 vehicle accident on I-10 at 410 mm. Deputies and DPS responded.
4:33 PM • Caller reported a reckless driver on I-10 at 386 mm. Deputy responded.
SEPTEMBER 28 - 5:41 PM • Caller reported a reckless driver on I-10 at 393 mm. Deputy responded.
7:04 PM • Caller reported a reckless driver on I-10 at 384 mm. Deputy responded.
10:16 PM • Caller reported a reckless driver on I-10 at 396 mm. Deputy responded.
SEPTEMBER 29 - 12:10 AM • Caller reported a reckless driver on I-10 at 424 mm. Deputy responded.
6:20 AM • Caller reported a reckless driver on I-10 at 393 mm. Deputy responded.
10:00 AM • Caller reported a stranded motorist on I-10 at 420 mm. Deputy responded.
3:08 PM • Caller reported 3 illegal persons on Hwy 277 S. and St. Ann's. Deputies responded.
7:45 PM • Caller reported a welfare concern to the Shurley ranch. Deputies and Sheriff all responded.
OCTOBER 1 - 9:18 PM • Stranded motorist reported on I-10 at 401 mm. DPS responded.

SONORA PD ARRESTS
SEPTEMBER 29 • Juan Gomez, 43-year-old male of Rocksprings. Arrested for Driving While License Invalid with Previous Convictions.

INCIDENTS
SEPTEMBER 25 - 12:57 PM • Caller reported a suspicious person on Glasscock. Officer responded.
2:25 PM • Caller reported a female traveler requesting help with gas. Officer responded.
7:40 PM • Caller reported suspicious activity on St. Ann's St. Officer responded.
9:03 PM • Caller reported injured deer on Santa Clara St. ACO, PD and So responded.
SEPTEMBER 26 - 5:51 PM • Caller reported a stranded motorist on ramp to I-10 at 399 mm. Officer responded.
8:35 PM • Caller reported suspicious activity at cemetery. Officer responded.
9:54 PM • Caller reported loud music on Tayloe Ave. Officer responded.
10:53 PM • Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 277 N near the city limits. Officer responded.
SEPTEMBER 28 - 8:28 AM • Caller reported a vehicle break-in at Stadium Trailer Park. Officer responded.
10:32 AM • Caller reported an open door at Prospect Ave. Officer responded.
2:24 PM • Caller reported a 2 vehicle accident on S. Crockett by Subway. Officer responded.

5:56 PM • Caller reported a one vehicle accident at I-10, 400 mm off ramp. Officer responded.
7:14 PM • Caller reported a skunk on Glasscock Ave. ACO responded.
SEPTEMBER 29 - 6:04 PM • Caller reported a one vehicle accident at the I-10 400 mm off ramp. Officer responded.
10:06 PM • Caller reported a 2 vehicle accident at Stripes Taco Laredo. Officer responded.
OCTOBER 1 - 1:15 AM • Caller reported a suspicious person at Crockett. Officer responded.



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 appeal from federal district courts in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and the Panama Canal Zone. It is authorized to have 17 active judges.
 Gov. Abbott on Sept. 28 released the following statement: "The nominations of Don Willett and James Ho to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals are outstanding choices by President Trump. As Texas attorney general, I had the pleasure of working with both Don and James and can attest to their brilliance as lawyers and their unwavering commitment to the rule of law. I look forward to their swift approval by the U.S. Senate and to their service on the 5th Circuit, where I know they will uphold the Constitution."

Abbott posts reaction
 Gov. Abbott posted his thoughts regarding the failure of the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill in the U.S. Senate on Sept. 26.

"With healthcare premiums skyrocketing and access to affordable insurance shrinking, it is irrefutable that Obamacare is broken, and must be repealed. The question is whether our healthcare system evolves into a Bernie Sanders-style government-run single-payer healthcare system or we empower states with the flexibility to craft patient-driven health care plans that meet the unique needs of their citizens," Abbott wrote.

"The Graham-Cassidy bill aspires to the goal of reducing the role of the federal government in health care decisions and giving states more flexibility to help their

citizens make health care decisions better tailored to their unique needs. I trust Texans know better how to address their health care needs than bureaucrats in Washington," Abbott added.

AARP, the American Medical Association and the American Hospital Association have refuted assertions that the current healthcare law, widely known as Obamacare, is broken, and did not support passage of the Graham-Cassidy bill.

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Flu shots encouraged
 Texas Influenza Awareness Day was Oct. 1, and the Texas Department of State Health Services is encouraging everyone six months old and older to get vaccinated.
 "The flu vaccine causes your body to make antibodies to fight influenza, but it takes about two weeks for this to happen. So, it's important to get the flu vaccine early, before influenza hits your community," said DSHS Infectious Disease Medical Officer Jennifer Shuford.

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Sutton County 4-H students spent their day off from school Monday, October 2, 2017, selling baked goods to help raise money for victims of Hurricane Harvey. Efforts are still on going to provide relief to those who were affected by the recent hurricane that devastated areas of South Texas. Pictured (L-R) Dalissa Sanchez, Makinna Price, Jillian Castro, Grace Moore, Cainan Miller, Aidan Leamon, Hollis Snyder, Jayla Williams and Jessica Stapper.

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Lady Broncos Varsity Volleyball Dominating District Competition

The Lady Broncos varsity volleyball team traveled to Wall to play the Lady Hawks Tuesday, September 26, 2017.

Sweeping the Lady Hawks in 3 out of 4 sets, Sonora took the win against Wall with final scores of 25-20, 27-25, 16-25, 25-14.

Mary Kyle Johnson led her teammates in their victory by shutting down the competition

with 15 kills, 2 aces, and 14 digs.

Additionally, Delaney Ramsdell had 2 kills and 1 ace of her own.

Also helping to ensure the win, Lane Cahill contributed 2 kills and 4 digs, Carly Brown had 8 kills and 12 digs, Jackilyn Sykes had 3 aces, 20 assists, and 14 digs, Noelia Tovar had 4 aces and 10 digs and Karah Martinez had 5 digs.

Although both junior varsity teams also traveled to Wall to take on the Lady Hawks, they each went home with a loss.

On Saturday, September 30th, all three volleyball teams were back on their home court for a match against the TLCA Lady Eagles.

Sonora's varsity ladies added another win to their season record and notched their district



Noelia Tovar keeps the ball in play during Saturday's match between Sonora and TLCA at Sonora. The Lady Broncos celebrated another win following their game against the Lady Eagles with final scores of 25-14, 25-15, and 25-11.

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record to 2-0 after and exciting game win over TLCA. The final scores were 25-14, 25-15, and 25-11.

All of the players in Saturday's game stepped up to help ensure the Lady Broncos victory.

Individually, Carly Brown had 2 aces and 7 kills, Mary Kyle Johnson had 15 kills and 2 blocks and Delaney Ramsdell had 4 kills.

Additionally, Lane Cahill had 5 kills and 1 ace, Noelia Tovar had 1 kill and Jackilyn Sykes had 1 ace, 1 kill, and 32 assists.

Adding to the excitement of the day, both JV teams also celebrated a win over the TLCA Lady Eagles. The JV White finished 3-sets with final scores of 18-25, 25-11, 25-11. They are now, 1-1 in District play. The JV

Red won both sets against TLCA with final scores of 25-10, 25-9. They also have a 1-1 District record.

Next, the Lady Broncos are on the road again for their next two games Tuesday, October 3rd, in Grape Creek and Saturday, October 7th, in Reagan County.

All Bronco Nation fans are encouraged to make both trips to cheer for the ladies.



Alyssa Martinez goes for a kill to help the Lady Broncos Junior Varsity team earn the win over the TLCA Lady Eagles Saturday, September 30, 2017, in Sonora.

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Jaci Dutton keeps the ball in play during Saturday's Freshman Volleyball game between Sonora and TLCA. Sonora's freshman team won 25-10 and 25-9.

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CORRECTION: The name of the boys varsity 1st place winner of the Spring Creek Invitational Cross Country Meet was incorrectly reported in the September 28th issue of the Devil's River News. The correct name is Evan Shannon. We regret any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.

Shannon Brings Home Another XC Gold

Keeping a steady pace ahead of the competition, Evan Shannon earned yet another gold medal this past week while competing in the Spring Creek Invitational Cross Country Meet, Wednesday, September 20, 2017.

As a team, the Sonora varsity boys were also awarded first place for finishing with a total time of 1:44:49 ahead of runner from surrounding counties.

The Varsity girls placed 4th among the competition with a total time of 1:13:43.

In addition to the high school varsity runners, the Sonora Middle School Colts and Lady Colts also participated in the annual meet in Mertzon.

The 8th grade girls placed 7th and boys 5th. The 7th grade girls placed 13th and boys 7th.

It was noted that

several Broncos and Colts competitors were awarded medals for their exceptional performance.

On the heels of his team mate, Broncos varsity runner Jalen Lopez finished second in the meet. Sonora's Manuel Fuentes and Leo Alvizo came in the top 20.

Junior Varsity runners Ariel Salazar placed 6th and Kole Gann earned 9th place during the meet.

The varsity Lady Broncos team was awarded 4th place overall for their distance time in the meet.

Individually, Traci Vickers placed 7th and received a medal. Fernanda Gonzalez and Angela Gonzalez were in the top 20.

Also competing for top spots in the meet, the Colts 8th grade boys placed 5th as a team.

Individually, Giovanni

Gamez placed 3rd and Fernando Gonzalez placed 10th out of 95 runners and both received medals.

Competing for the Lady Colts, Joselyn Rodriguez & Jessica Campa were in the top 30 runners out of 118 total runners.

Cross Country athletes from 10 area school districts competed in the annual meet.

Individual Results:
Varsity Boys:
Evan Shannon, 1st, 18:28.49.
Jalen Lopez, 2nd, 20:22.37.
Manuel Fuentez, 13th, 21:45.13.
Leo Alvizo, 15th, 21:51.31.
Joshua Barerra, 21st, 22:22.33.
David Delgado, 23rd, 22:29.61.
Elias Perez, 28th, 23:08.26.
Kalvin Hernandez, 46th, 25:33.80.

Varsity Girls:
Traci Vickers, 7th, 14:05.13.
Fernanda Gonzalez, 16th, 14:32.75.
Angela Gonzalez, 18th, 14:40.50.
Esmerelda Salazar, 25th, 15:08.52.
Carla Mata, 29th, 15:17.00.
Analy Palocios, 38th, 15:55.07.
Rivers Martinez, 44th, 16:30.43.
Miranda Renteria, 45th, 16:47.06.

JV Boys:
Ariel Salazar, 6th, 13:54.04.
Kole Gann, 9th, 16:10.79.

8th Girls:
Joselyn Rodriguez, 19th, 15:15.33.
Jessica Campa, 25th, 15:31.59.
Alisa Paredes, 53rd, 16:49.95.
Vicky Regino, 55th, 16:57.71.
Abigail Fuentes, 171st, 17:35.26.
Jacque Torres, 97th, 19:43.34.

8th Grade Boys:
Giovanni Gamez, 3rd, 11:50.48.
Fernando Gonzalez, 10th, 12:38.91.
Rino Hernandez, 26th, 13:53.15.
Jonathan Lozano, 53rd, 15:15.34.
Romeo Torres, 54th, 15:15.67.
David Adams, 64th, 15:43.97.
Austin Figueroa, 73rd, 16:34.74.



Sonora High School's Evan Shannon takes home a gold medal for his first place finish in the Spring Creek Invitational Cross Country Meet, Wednesday, September 20, 2017, in Mertzon.

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Sebastian Garza, 39th, 15:22.43.
Josh Esquivel, 44th, 15:42.60.
Brandon Torres, 53rd, 16:44.75.
Juan Alvarez, 54th, 16:45.64.
Alex Hernandez, 67th, 18:44.11.

All of the cross-country competitors deserve commendation for their hard work.

Catching their breath,

the Broncos and Colts will take a week off before traveling to Ozona, to compete. The Colts and Lady Colts are set to run on Tuesday, October 3rd followed by the Broncos and Lady Broncos Wednesday, October 4th.

Everyone is encouraged to make the trip down I-10 and cheer for the runners as they make their way around the course.

Reader Recipes

"Pumpkin Caramel Pound Cake Cake"

This Pumpkin Caramel Pound Cake will surely make you think of fall! This is a favorite recipe of Carla Garner, a 20 plus year member of Sonora Woman's Club. You will have people asking for the recipe!

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| 2/3 cup Crisco shortening | 3 cups all purpose flour |
| 1 stick butter (softened) | 1 tsp baking powder |
| 3 cups sugar | 1/2 tsp salt |
| 3/4 cup Caramel ice cream topping | 1 tsp cinnamon |
| 1 cup canned pumpkin | 1/2 tsp pumpkin pie spice |
| 5 eggs | |

Preheat oven to 350'. Spray bundt pan with non-stick spray. Beat shortening, butter & sugar until well blended. Beat in Caramel topping & pumpkin. Add eggs, one at a time. In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking powder, salt & spices. Stir. Add dry ingredients to wet ingredients & beat on medium speed for 2 minutes. Pour batter in prepared bundt pan & bake in lower oven for 60-70 minutes or until toothpick inserted in middle is clean. Do not overtake! Cool in pan for 15 minutes, remove and let cool completely.

Glaze

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| 2 cups confectioners sugar |
| 3 Tbsp Caramel ice cream topping |
| 2 tsp water, add more if needed to thin |
| 1/4 cup English toffee bits |

Beat together sugar, topping and water. Drizzle over cooled cake. Sprinkle toffee bits over top! Enjoy!

SONORA:

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the team. Of course, the game will be carried live on KHOS 92.1 FM with Virgil Burge and Craig Leonard bringing all of the action from the press box.

Sonora 64 - Crane 22

Once again, the Sonora Broncos took care of business and left no doubt that they are a powerhouse team following a 64-22 rout over the Crane Golden Cranes Friday, September 29, 2017, at Bronco Stadium.

The victory was a fitting close for a week of Homecoming festivities for everyone in Bronco Nation.

"Our kids played well against Crane," Cordell said. "Homecoming and the threat of weather for the entire week, concerned myself and the coaching staff. Coaches are creatures of habit and like routines. This past week was far from routine. Homecoming is great but it comes with a lot of distractions. However, this staff did a great job of preparing our kids for a game Friday night. I think that was evident based on the performance by the Broncos against a good Crane team. Due to weather and field conditions the Broncos only got two quality practices in during the week. We utilized the time off the field to watch a little more film on our opponent and I think that paid off. Our defense is really playing great under the direction of Coach Bunch. And, our offense continues to roll. We had some "unknown" players starting to gain confidence and have an impact on the game."

A crowd of fans sporting homecoming accessories filled the stands and cheered for their team while watching the Broncos out run and out score the Cranes from start to finish during Friday's game.

With the help of Jarrett Jackson and Wesley Dutton, the Broncos racked up a total of 44 points in the first half

of the game leaving the Golden Cranes treading behind with only 10 points.

Taking a break from the action, students and fans celebrated the coronation of the 2017 Homecoming Queen and presentations of state championship rings during a half time intermission.

Queen Candidate Carly Brown, Bailey Gonzales, Noelia Tovar and Savannah Castro as well as Duchesses Lane Cahill, Junior, Kadee Brian Petty, Sophomore and Martha Fernanda Gonzalez were escorted down the track to take their place in front of cheering fans.

By announcement from the press box, Noelia Tovar was named the SHS 2017 Homecoming Queen. She was crowned by Jessica Paredes, 2016 Queen.

State Golf Champions Sky Jennings and Peyton Matthews were presented with a ring to commemorate their accomplishment this past year. Additionally, State Track Champion Carter Zook and State Golf Champions Araceli Marin, Elyssa Prieto, Kylie Reiner, Holly Sparks and Marisol Capuchin were presented individual rings of their own.

In the second half, the Broncos continued to notch up the score board adding another 20 points with the help of Willie Munoz, John DeLeon and J.R. Velasquez before the clock ran down.

The Cranes managed

to add another 12 points but it wasn't enough to change their fate and give a decisive 64-22 win to the Broncos.

Similarly, Crane lost to Sonora 68-7 in last year's match up.

This year's win pushed Sonora up to 5-0 and dropped Crane to 1-4 this season.

Overall, the Broncos offense completed 620 yards including 328 yards passing and 292 yards rushing.

Passing Willie Munoz lead as Wide Receiver with 2/138 yards and 1 TD. Wesley Dutton completed 2/63 and 1 TD. Jarrett Jackson had 1/84 and 1 TD. Wilson Johnson had 3/36.

Rushing Jackson rushed 14 times for 177 yards and 4 TDs, JR Velasquez rushed 5 times for a total 81 yards and 1 TD and John DeLeon completed an 81-yard fumble recovery for a defensive TD.

Some of Friday's success can also be attributed to fewer penalties. Something the Broncos have been striving for all season.

"We were much better in the penalty department this week, Cordell said. "We addressed it in our team meetings, as well as in practice. We were averaging 10-11 penalties a game and last Friday night we only had 3. Big improvement for our ball club. This something we must do a great job at if we want to play for a State Championship in December."

Moving forward

Cordell said his team as well as his staff understands that each of the next few games and opponents will pose a different challenge. However, they will continue to stay focused and work hard towards their ultimate season goal of playing for the state championship title.

SCORE BY QUARTER	
SONORA	30 - 14 - 07 - 13 = 64
CRANE	07 - 03 - 00 - 12 = 22

FIRST QUARTER	
SONORA	— 11:31 JARRETT JACKSON 49 yd run (2 pt. Conversion Good)
SONORA	— 7:24 WESLEY DUTTON 64 yd run on pass from Kaden Cordell (2 pt. Conversion Good)
SONORA	— 2:46 JARRETT JACKSON 1 yd run (Kick Good)
CRANE	— 2:34 CHRIS MARTINEZ 82 return on kickoff (Kick Good)
SONORA	— 0:38 JARRETT JACKSON 5 yd run (Kick Good)

SECOND QUARTER	
SONORA	— 10:20 JARRETT JACKSON 30 yd run (Kick Good)
CRANE	— 0:39 ALEJANDRO GOMES 31 yd field goal attempt Good
SONORA	— 0:21 JARRETT JACKSON 84 yd run on pass from Kaden Cordell (Kick Good)

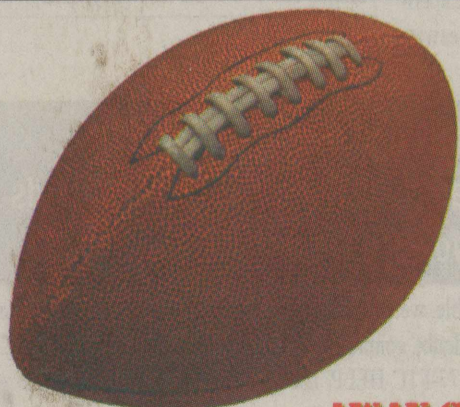
THIRD QUARTER	
SONORA	— 2:02 WILLIE MUNOZ 85 yd run on pass from Kaden Cordell (Kick Good)

FOURTH QUARTER	
SONORA	— 5:11 JOHN DELEON recovered fumble (Kick failed)
CRANE	— 3:06 MOOKIE WOODS 2 yd run (Conversion pass failed)
SONORA	— 2:20 J.R. VELASQUEZ 63 yd run (Kick Good)
CRANE	— 2:00 BRANDON CERNA 53 yd run (Conversion failed)

INDIVIDUAL STATS	
RUSHING	
SONORA	— Kaden Cordell 3-23; Jarrett Jackson 14-177; J.R. Velasquez 5-81; Carlos Mendoza 3-11
PASSING	
SONORA	— Kaden Cordell 7-11-321 yds; Brian VanWinkle 2-4-7 yds; Jarrett Jackson 0-1-0 yds
RECEIVING	
SONORA	— Wesley Dutton 2-64; Dylan Taylor 1-10; Willie Munoz 2-137; Wilson Johnson 2-35; Jarrett Jackson 1-83; Carlos Mendoza 1-(-3)

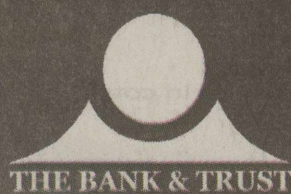
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There is no JV game this week or Colts game. The following week October 9-13 is open therefore there are no games scheduled for the 12th and 13th.

Sonora Broncos vs. Iraan

Friday, Oct. 6

7:30 p.m. Kickoff

Braves Stadium, Iraan, TX