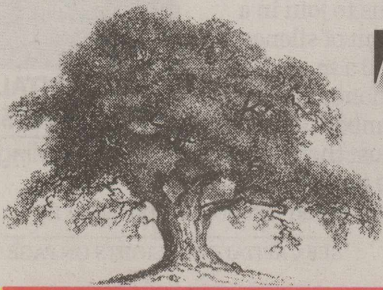


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Lee Bloodworth announced the winners of Saturday's raffle during the annual Sutton County Game Dinner, November 11, 2017, at the Civic Center. Patrons tried their luck on a chance to win one of 57 rifles along with other exceptional prizes. Little Miss and Little Mister, Mia Tovar and Andrew Ozuna Serrano, as well as Miss Sutton County Sterling Smith were also on hand to help draw tickets from the hopper.

KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

## SISD Awarded \$54,849 Grant

Sonora ISD was awarded a grant in the amount of \$54,849 from the San Angelo Area Foundation and the Randeef Fawcett Endowment Fund, earlier this month.

The money will be used to purchase zSpace 300 computer stations for the students of SISD in the spring of 2018 to help enhance their learning, according to Sonora High School Principal Sean Leamon.

Leamon said zSpace will bring virtual and augmented reality (VR and AR) to the students and allow for life-like experiences that are both immersive and interactive.

Each of the all-in-one computer stations will contain the software platforms that will allow students to manipulate virtual 3-D objects ranging from human hearts to helicopters as well as cover concepts such as math, physics, engineering and biology at every grade level.

"Our students and teachers will be able to create experiments that have not been possible in our classrooms, make changes to their designs quickly, and reach a deeper level of knowledge through interaction," Leamon said. "Lab supplies and safety are no longer limitations for our kids."

The FBI, CIA and some of the premier colleges in the U.S. have already been utilizing this technology, and soon, so will the students of Sonora.

On behalf of Sonora ISD, Leamon said the district is thankful to the San Angelo Area Foundation and Randeef Fawcett Endowment for making a dream become a reality for students, faculty and staff alike.

Look for updates on the progress of this remarkable opportunity in the spring of 2018 at [www.sonoraisd.org](http://www.sonoraisd.org).

## Winners Claim Rifles, Prizes and More at 51st Annual Game Dinner

The Sutton County Game Dinner Association hosted its annual Game Dinner this past Saturday, November 11, 2017, in Sonora.

This year marks 51st year to host the most anticipated event of the year in Sutton County.

Better than expected, more than one thousand people participated in the annual Sutton County tradition designed to welcome hunters as well as raise money to help support the local community.

In addition to a meal including brisket, fried turkey, goat, deer, beans and potato salad – all provided and cooked all by donation and volunteer help, patrons took advantage of the opportunity to visit and share hunting tales under the cover of the

Sutton County Pavilion.

Inside the Civic Center, stakes were high as individuals took their chances on winning a variety of exceptional items including fifty-seven rifles while participating in the raffle throughout the evening.

In addition to a variety of rifles, other items included kayaks, gun safes and a 2017 Polaris Ranger.

Door prizes were also awarded to those those who spent the evening taking in all of the action.

In addition to hosting a special evening event of food, fun and friendship, the focus of the Game Dinner Association is to continue to support the people, businesses and local organizations in Sonora, Sutton County.

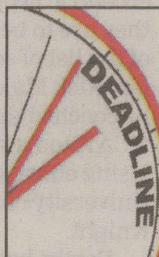
The proceeds from this year's 2017 event totaled \$10,000. As in years past, the money will be used to help support a variety of local activities and projects benefiting the local community.

Event organizer Heather Cearley said the goal of the game dinner is to be bigger and better every year.

Considering the turnout and support during Saturday's event, this year's game dinner was a huge success, she

added.

"I was so excited about the success of this year's game dinner," Cearley said. "We are so thankful for all of the people who participated. Of course, we couldn't do it without all of the donations and support from the community not to mention all of the people who volunteered their time to host the event and help make it successful. It was great. We are already looking forward to next year's game dinner."



### NOTICE: EARLY DEADLINE

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the deadline for next week's edition will be at 12:00 noon on Monday

## 2017 District 3-3A Division II Champions



Players and coaches posed for a group photo with the 2017 District 3-3A Division II Championship trophy following the Broncos game against the TLCA Eagles Friday, November 10, 2017, at Bronco Stadium. Members of the Sonora varsity and junior varsity football teams combined their talents on the field for a 54-0 victory over the Eagles to close out the regular game season.

DANNY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

## Broncos Shut Out TLCA 54-0 for a Perfect 10 Season, Look to Beat Coleman in First Round of Playoffs

With ten regular season wins under their belt, the Sonora Broncos are looking to be 1-0 in their first playoff game against Coleman Thursday, November 16, 2017.

Broncos Head Coach Jeff Cordell said Thursday's game is no different than any other

game the Broncos have played all season. They will prepare for the match as usual and focus on their goal.

Fans should not expect this game to be a blowout despite the two teams regular season records, he added. Because, records do not apply when it

comes to the playoffs. Every team is 0-0 going into each game.

"We will handle Coleman just like we have our last ten opponents," Cordell said. "The Bluecats are a tradition rich football program and they understand what is on the line

Thursday night in San Angelo Stadium. It's not just about Bi-district championship, it's more importantly about not getting ready for offseason basketball the following day."

The Broncos and Bluecats will battle for the win under the lights of the San Angelo

Stadium in San Angelo.

Like the Broncos, the Bluecats are well coached team. Aside from their size and some strong key players, they understand the fundamentals of the game.

However, the Broncos

SEE BRONCOS ON PAGE 10



# Hurricane Harvey Debris Removal Funding Gains Approval

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott and leaders of the Texas Legislature on Nov. 9 announced the approval of \$90 million in emergency state funding to help Hurricane Harvey disaster-declared counties pay for the removal of debris.

Cities and counties in impacted areas are responsible for 10 percent of costs associated with debris removal. The funding, to be administered by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, is intended to help alleviate that burden as the rebuilding process continues, the Governor's Office said. "Today's action is just one more step

in a long process to help our cities and counties recover and I want to thank all the members of both the Texas House and Senate for their effort to secure this much-needed funding," Abbott said.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick said: "Acting on this priority is essential so we can move forward with rebuilding and recovery efforts."

House Speaker Joe Straus said: "The Texas House remains committed to helping all areas of our state that were impacted by Hurricane Harvey."

Senate Finance Chair Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, said: "All Texas

leaders — local, state and federal — need to work hand in hand to ensure that Texas rebuilds and comes out stronger."

House Appropriations Chair John Zerwas, R-Richmond, said the testimony of his committee is receiving from local officials "is extremely compelling and while I know our local leaders are resilient, the State must support their efforts."

## Day of prayer observed

Gov. Abbott on Nov. 8 proclaimed a statewide day of prayer following the

mass shooting by a lone gunman at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs on Nov. 5.

The proclamation encouraged Texans to join in a moment of silence at 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 12 to honor and remember those who lost their lives in the shooting.

Abbott signed the proclamation at a



**STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Ed Sterling

SEE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS ON PAGE 7

## Who?

This happened back in the 1989 when I was working on the Ocotillo Ranch south of Marfa in Presidio County.

I was the only ranch hand and looked after about 30 sections of the ranch land. The ranch ran crossbred cattle only. No sheep or goats as predators were too bad.



By Joe N. Brown

Now you have the time frame, lets go to the terrain.

The Ocotillo was located on a high ridge running from northwest to southwest, but on the east side we had one pasture under the rim down in the Green Valley. This pasture was about 500 feet lower than the divide and had approximately 1,800 acres of typical desert land. Many dry headers coming off the rim out to our outside fence. I had 30 head of cows and calves down there so I rode the fence regularly.

This is the story on one of those rides.

I had dropped off the divide early on horse back to ride the outside fence. It was a typical morning in the Big Bend desert country. Cool enough for a jacket at sun up, but very pleasant through midday. After noon, it would get very hot, up to 100 normally. These were the conditions that morning as I rode along doing my job very contented.

I would ride along the fence from one dry header across a strip of flat to the next header. Not very exciting, but very necessary to the ranch operation. This is where our story starts and takes place. As I crossed one of these dry headers, I noticed something white in the sand about 50 yards up the draw. Being curious, I rode up the draw to investigate the object. What I was seeing was a white human skull half buried in the sand.

Getting of my horse I discovered the entire skeleton buried there in the sand. After assessing the situation, I decided to ride on and let things be as no one knew how many years that skeleton was there.

As I rode along, thoughts began to run through my brain as to what had happened there sometime in the distant past. First, my thoughts ran to an immigrant headed back to Mexico with a pocket full of wages and was killed by his partners for the money.

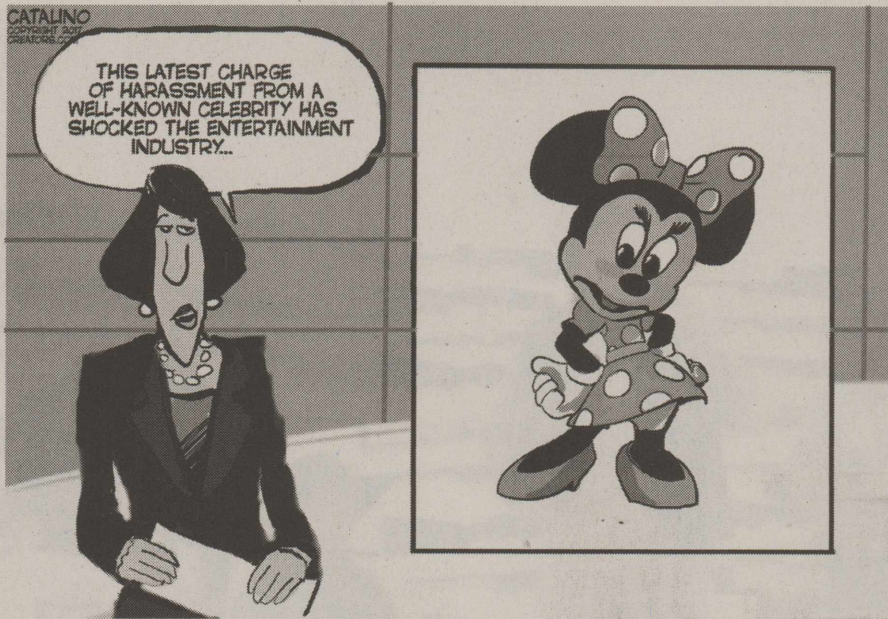
Secondly, I thought about the past where two ranchers met and argued about range and one rode off leaving the other one on the sand.

Thirdly, my thoughts ran to a young cowboy who was fooling around with the neighboring rancher's daughter against the wishes of her father, who came looking to run the young cowboy out of the country. An argument took place and gunfire erupted. Only one rode away and the story put out was that the young cowboy had left the country.

These thoughts did not cover all the possibilities but, were enough to satisfy my curiosity.

I mounted my horse and rode away to continue my job of the fence riding. I did not report the find to the law as my thoughts were to leave the situation as it was and not to get involved in what was already history.

But, as I rode along I could not help but to wonder "Who" that skeleton had been in life?



## The Way We Were

At a time not so long ago--when smiling was a frequent response to something said or done--we were more relaxed, feeling that much was right with the world. Sadly, smiles have pretty much abandoned faces around our shrinking world.

Today, if Abbott and Costello somehow reappeared on earth with their best verbal exchanges about "who's on first," there'd be quick searches for strait jackets instead of readings on laugh meters.

Most comments from "quotable" people, whether in the world of politics, business, sports or entertainment, are sharp-edged. Gentle souls seeking restorative humor from yesteryear are in short supply...

A single quote, forwarded via email by a friend from college days, affected me warmly. He's long been known for his quick wit, as well as occasional acerbic tendencies. In the autumn of his life, he's digging through historic files of humorous quotes that once caused the world to rock with laughter.

The one he sent is timely, since Americans whose interest in baseball shot upward in all time zones due to the intensity and excitement provided by the 2017 World Series.

A part of me is hesitant to share my friend's "find," since there's clearly an envy factor to admit. Not only is he extremely sharp, he resides in swanky digs across the pond, unless he's sailing the high seas. Whichever, his "location du jour" is such that he thumbs through files in utmost comfort. A drum roll, please, for this denizen of a high-end world, whose favorite sports quote was a sterling response from a baseball umpire about a century ago. It is credited to one Bill Klem, who worked a record 18 World Series....

He was behind the plate when a rookie pitcher complained about a pitch he thought to be a strike. Klem thought otherwise.

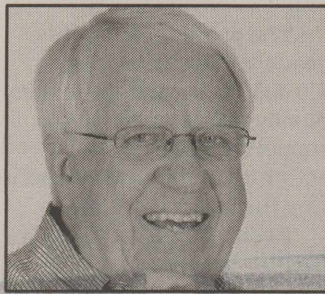
The batter was one Rogers Hornsby, thought by many baseball experts to be the best hitter of all time.

The "judge and jury" calling balls and strikes responded in classic fashion--his few words carefully chosen and rolling off his tongue into a vault

of classic quotes worthy of "smile consideration" in 2017. He countered, "Son, when you throw a strike, Mr. Hornsby will let you know." (Hornsby was a native of Winters, TX)...

My friend's collection also includes current quotes.

## The Idle American



By Dr. Don Newbury

An example is a response to recent allegations that NBA basketball king LeBron James is cheap.

My buddy agrees, figuring James would climb over a gate to save the hinges. Never mind he's paid 32 million in US dollars annually, not counting millions more for endorsements. Still, he chooses a phone app with advertisements to save money....

I have long believed that the more eccentric people are, the more likely they are to be quotable. Near the top of the list of eccentric coaches was the late Rick Majerus, best known when he coached the Utah Utes to the 1996 NCAA tournament's "final four" for a losing effort against powerful Indiana University coached by the fiery Bobby Knight.

Portly, bald and a hotel resident throughout his adult life, the bachelor's wit was keen, sharp and usually self-effacing. When he had open-heart surgery, it required seven bypasses. He claimed "one for each food group." He thought maybe his burial should be at the finish line of Churchill Downs, so he could be "run over one more time." Pointing out that Indiana had four McDonald's All-Americans, Majerus said four of his players were from towns so small, they didn't even have a McDonald's.

Majerus managed to keep life in perspective. Sadly, he died too soon at age 64, and left no clones. Too bad he and Klem (no relation to Red Skelton's Klem Kadiddlehopper) left no clones -- at least none that I know of. I'll ask my friend; he'll enlighten me after dressing me down for suggesting he ever has acerbic tendencies....

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## Elvis Is Still in the Building

"I was always a big fan, as you might expect. As a teenager I watched his movies and listened to his records."

Harvey McFadden of Hawley, a small place north of Abilene, spent twenty years in the Navy, then taught for eleven

years. Along the way he started imitating Elvis Presley. He did it so well he quit teaching and started doing it full-time in 2001. He manages to stay busy performing at fairs, rodeos, nursing homes, retirement centers, church banquets, birthday and anniversary parties, car shows and all kinds of events.

"I do fifteen or twenty shows a month on average," he says. "Sometimes I do two shows a day. December is my biggest month and then I often do three shows a day. Last December, my record-breaking month, I did forty-two shows and only two of them were after Christmas."

When Harvey sang in a church choir, people told him he sounded like Elvis. He liked that, even though he was not trying to imitate the icon. Elvis had a repertoire of seven hundred songs. Harvey can sing three hundred of them. He is often invited back to the places where he performs, so he has to have fresh material for his audiences.

"However, they expect to hear Blue Suede Shoes, Love Me Tender and certain songs. I recently had my three thousandth performance on August fourteenth of this year so I have a pretty good idea of what they expect to hear and what they want to hear."

He gives his audiences a full show, both in length and breadth. When I saw him at a birthday party for an older woman in a retirement center, he got down on his knees in front of her and actually crooned to her while he held her hand. She thought that was special.

"I do an hour and fifteen minutes for my retirement and nursing homes. At fairs and festivals I do two hours."

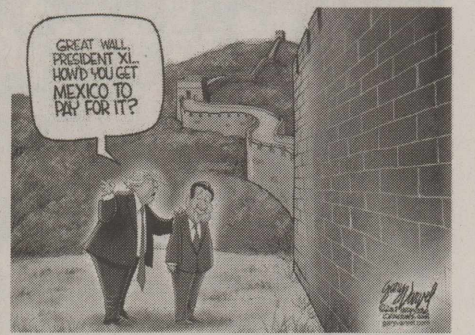
When he's learning a new song he studies a video of Elvis performing it. "When I'm driving I listen to a new song and sing along with it. I do a lot of driving. That's my practice time."

Harvey has eight Elvis suits. He also has four children and eleven grandchildren. He's sixty-two.

"I know of three or four who are older than me, and they're still singing. I'm keeping an eye on them. The bottom line is I want to do this as long as I can feel I'm doing a quality job."

Harvey has won awards for his Elvis impersonation.

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## Heard Around Town

Him -- What do you call a person who gets caught red-handed then tries to blame everyone but themselves?

Her -- I'm not sure of their name, but I know they spend a lot of time on Facebook trying to make their case.

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## Sonora Names Seven to All District 4-3A Volleyball, Perez Awarded Coach of the Year

Sonora named seven Lady Broncos to All District 4-3A volleyball for the 2017 season. Highlighting her

team, Mary Kyle Johnson was named the Most Valuable Player. In addition, the Lady Broncos celebrated three

other superlative awards as Kayla Perez was named Coach of the Year, Carly Brown was named Outstanding Defensive

Player and Jackilyn Sykes was named Outstanding Setter. Sonora's Delaney Ramsdell and Noelia

Tovar were named to the First Team All-District 4-3A while Lane Cahill and Karah Martinez were named to Second team All-District 4-3A. Finally, Avery Leamon, Karah Martine, Brown, Ramsdell, Johnson, Sykes, and Cahill earned Academic All-District recognition. Sonora finished the

2017 season 28-13 undeniably earning the District title with their perfect 8-0 record in district play. The ladies completed two playoff games before falling to Alpine in the regional quarterfinals. All of the ladies deserve commendation for their hard work and success this season. Congratulations!



Mary Kyle Johnson  
All District - MVP, Academic



Carly Brown  
All District - Outstanding Defensive Player, Academic



Jackilyn Sykes  
All District - Outstanding Setter, Academic



Delaney Ramsdell  
All District - 1st Team, Academic



Head Coach Kayla Perez was named 2017 All District 4-3A Coach of the Year. She received a special recognition ball during the final regular season game Tuesday, October 24, 2017. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



Noelia Tovar  
All District - 1st Team



Lane Cahill  
All District - 2nd Team, Academic



Karah Martinez  
All District - 2nd Team, Academic



Avery Leamon  
All District - Academic

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### Sutton County Outpatient and Rural Health Clinic Services for Family Practice and Primary Care

By Hospital Staff

Culture of "Patient First" is the single most important aspect of the Sutton County Hospital District's long-term strategy.

This begins with local family practice and primary care services offered by the Sonora Medical Clinic; Clinics A and B.

Like 4,000 other rural communities across the country the Sutton County Hospital District (SCHD) owns and operates a rural health clinic (RHC), known as Clinic B, designed to provide access to the residents of Sutton County and surrounding areas; particularly, the medically underserved and Medicare population.

Medical direction for the RHC is currently provided by Dr. Gordy Day. Dr. Will Griffin will

join the RHC late July 2018 and will assume the duties of Medical Director. The SCHD Board of Directors authorized Mr. John Graves, CEO, to execute a letter of intent with Dr. Griffin earlier this year outlining compensation and general terms & conditions. The full employment agreement for Dr. Griffin will be presented to the board November 27, the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Additionally, the RHC employs two nurse practitioners, Beckie Sullivan and Amanda Lindo. The RHC will be fully staffed upon Dr. Griffin's arrival.

Demographics indicate 68% of the patients seen in the RHC since January 2017 are from Sutton County, 11% from Schleicher County, 8% from Crockett, 5% from Edwards, and the

remaining 8% from other areas. The distribution for prior years is similar plus or minus one to two percent for each county.

The RHC employs a health benefits coordinator, Roy Reyes, whose primary responsibility is to assist new and established patients obtain health insurance required under the Affordable Care Act.

Roy also assists hospital patient representatives in finding health coverage alternatives for patients received in the emergency department and referred for ancillary care for radiology and laboratory.

Clinic A is independently owned and operated by Dr. Charles Pajestka, who employs Diana Arteaga, physician assistant. The hospital district is very appreciative and grateful to Dr.

Pajestka and Diana for their extraordinary partnership. Dr. Pajestka and Diana share in the emergency room on-call schedule along with participating in the Medical Staff Function, Trauma, etc. The hospital district could not succeed without their partnership.

The Department of Health and Human Services provides lots of information regarding RHCs but the following describes the basics.

The Rural Health Clinic (RHC) Services Act of 1977 (Public Law 95-210) was enacted to address an inadequate supply of physicians serving Medicare patients in rural areas and to increase the use of non-physician practitioners such as nurse practitioners (NPs) and physician assistants (PAs).

RHCs are paid an

all-inclusive rate for medically necessary primary health services and qualified preventive health services furnished by a RHC practitioner.

Currently, about 4,000 RHCs nationwide furnish primary care and preventive health services in rural and underserved areas.

To qualify as a RHC, a clinic must be located in a non-urbanized area, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau and designated as a certified shortage area.

"Rural Health Clinics must employ a Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant to provide services in the RHC at least 50 percent of the time the RHC operates.

The physician providing medical direction may be the owner of the RHC, an employee of the clinic or under

agreement with the clinic to carry out the physician responsibilities.

The RHC must directly furnish routine diagnostic and laboratory services, have arrangements with one or more hospitals to furnish medically necessary services not available at the RHC, have available drugs and biologicals necessary for the treatment of emergencies, and post their days and hours of operation.

RHCs must file a cost report annually to determine their payment rate and reconcile interim payments including adjustments for graduate medical education payments, bad debt, and influenza and pneumococcal vaccines and their administration."

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## Sonora ISD Menu

Elementary - Breakfast Free & Lunch \$2.60  
Middle & High School - Breakfast \$2.10 & Lunch \$3.00  
*\*Menu Subject to Change*

### Monday November 20

**Breakfast**  
French Toast, Sausage, or Cereal, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch**  
Breaded Pork Chop, Gravy, Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Fruit Cup, Pudding, Milk  
**After School Program**  
Cereal, Milk

### Tuesday November 21

**Breakfast**  
Pancake Wrap, Yogurt, or Cereal, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Lunch**  
Spaghetti, Breadstick, Garden Salad, Vegetables, Strawberries, Bananas, Milk  
**After School Program**  
Fruit, Yogurt

### Wednesday November 22

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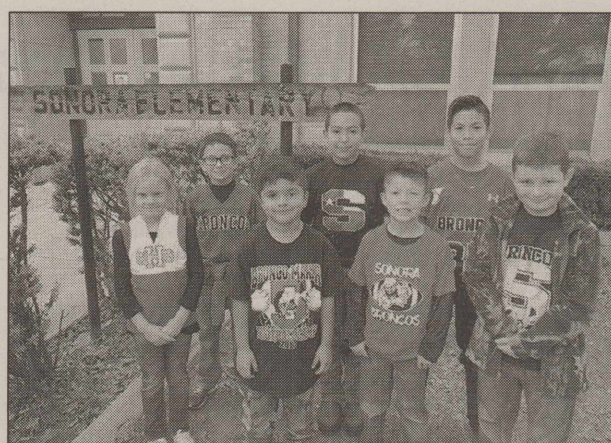
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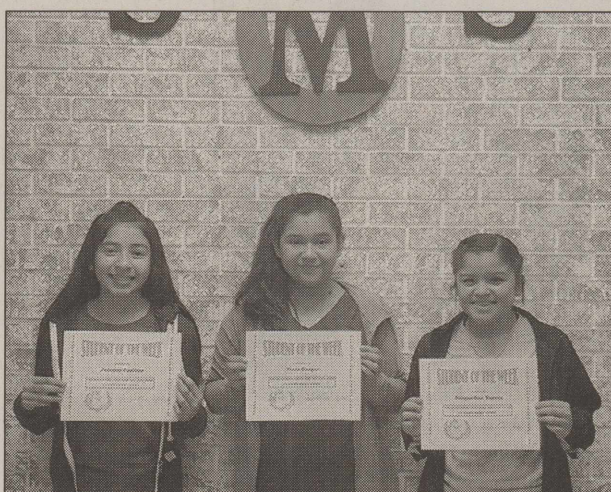
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## Sonora ISD Students of the Week



Sonora Middle School Students for the Week of November 13th through November 17th. Jolene Pasillas, 6th, Nora Gaspar, 7th, Jacqueline Torres, 8th. | COURTESY PHOTO

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### SEDC Asks residents to shop local for Christmas

Dear Friends,  
I want to ask you to do yourself and your town a favor. Many of you will begin your Christmas shopping soon and I want to encourage you to make yourself a family rule to determine a good percentage of your holiday shopping money that you will spend right here in Sonora before you go and spend it all on line or in San Angelo or elsewhere.

Times are tough in Sonora right now and especially so for folks in the retail merchandise business. My job is to try to bring new businesses or jobs to Sonora, and goodness knows, I am trying. But it doesn't do much good to create some new jobs if old ones are being lost at our established businesses.

I am not suggesting you spend all of your holiday money in Sonora. I know as well as you do that there are some things you cannot buy in Sonora anymore. But the thing is, if we don't go out of our way to support the businesses we have that list of things you cannot buy in Sonora is going to get a lot longer.

So, when you make that list of who you need to buy for, think about where you might shop in Sonora to buy something for that person. If you can think of something or find something here, forget the catalogs, the internet and that trip out of town BUY IT HERE! Take your list and try the stores and shops on Crockett Street and the shops on Main Street and at the Ranch Museum. Go to More the Merrier on November 16th and Ladies Night Out on the 30th - but more than that. VISIT THE STORES! I just know you can find something in the shops for every woman on your list. Throw in the NAPA, Parker and the feed stores and you can do it for the men too. Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a MERRY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TIME - in Sonora.

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## Plans Underway for Annual Community Christmas Event

It's that time of year again, when the community comes together for the annual community Christmas, downtown Sonora. This year's event is set for Wednesday, November 29th beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Event organizer Debra Hobbs said plans are underway to make this year's event bigger and better.

While the event is family oriented Hobbs said she wants it to appeal to all ages.

"We want to make it enjoyable for everyone," Hobbs said.

Donations from local churches, businesses and the Chamber of Commerce will help make it a success.

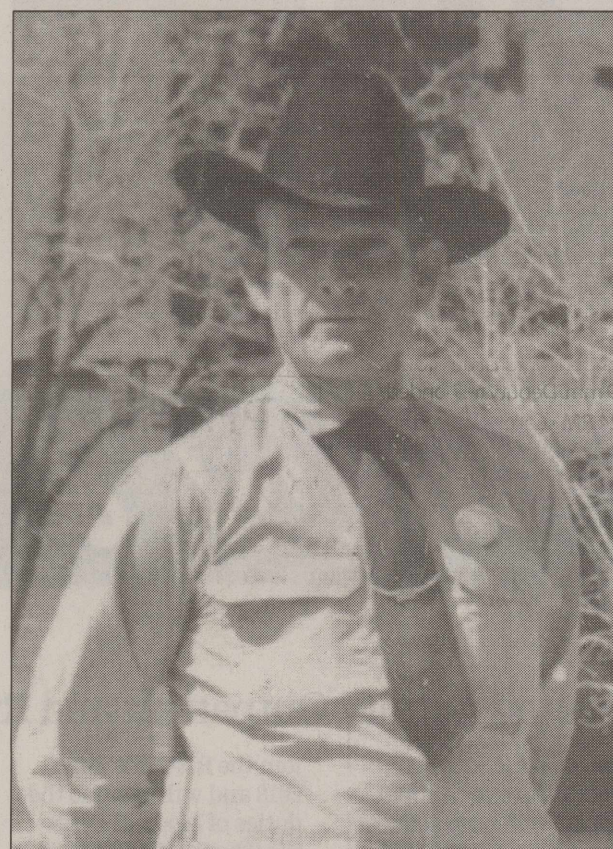
To start things off, Santa will make a special visit downtown to hear the wishes of all the girls and boys. Those who bring a canned good will receive an ornament to take home.

The annual Christmas parade begins at 6:30 p.m. in front of the elementary school and ends in front of the Court House.

While wandering Main Street, patrons can enjoy a variety of goodies including Frito Pie, provided by The Bank and Trust, baked goods provided by the Sonora Woman's Club and a warm delicious S'more, for a few coins in the Salvation Army bucket.

In addition to holiday lights and decorations, a live nativity will take place atop the Court House lawn.

The event is free and open to the public and everyone is invited to participate in the annual community Christmas tradition.



Texas Ranger Leo Bishop

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## Texas Ranger Leo Bishop to be honored at Carta Valley Cemetery

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A Texas Ranger Cross Dedication Ceremony is being held to honor the service of Leo Bishop Saturday, November 25, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon in the Carta Valley Cemetery, Edwards County.

Bishop was born in January 1903 and died in September 1973.

He served as a Texas

Ranger during the 1930s and 1940s, primarily in San Augustine, TX.

After leaving the Rangers, he served as a special deputy in Sutton County, Sonora and a Special Ranger to local ranchers during the 1950s.

The ceremony is open to the public. Family and friends and individuals are invited to share this honor. A reception will follow.

## Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Agreement
5. Storms
10. Extorted money
14. Bitter plant
15. Worship
16. Wander
17. Embellish
18. Sink
19. Encourage
20. Finnish seaport
21. She had a box
23. Prior to
24. Boat
26. Tricks
28. Came into view
31. Fortune-teller
33. Surfeit
34. Plant
36. Strikes gently
37. Declares on oath
38. So be it!
42. Strained
43. Animal
47. Seaman
49. Scent
51. Join
52. Room
53. Ate
54. Went to a point

60. Pertaining to:

61. Flower
63. Bird
64. Goad
65. Ban
66. System of principles
67. French department
68. Garden
69. Collections of

cattle

70. Performs

DOWN

1. Regal residences
2. State
3. Crown
4. Spread hay
5. Kind of grass
6. Arabian gulf
7. Nobleman
8. Therefore: L.

9. Prophet

10. Italian town

11. Flower

12. Mountain

13. Hates

21. Fastener

22. Sharp tool

25. Native mineral

27. Scamp

29. Puff up

30. English port

31. Container

32. Animals

35. Number

38. Causing fun

39. Fertilized

40. Arsenate of copper

41. Insect's egg

43. Wager

44. A Great Lake

45. Consisting of minute granular concretions

46. Goes back

48. Snare

50. Morose

55. Cunning

56. Shave

57. Always

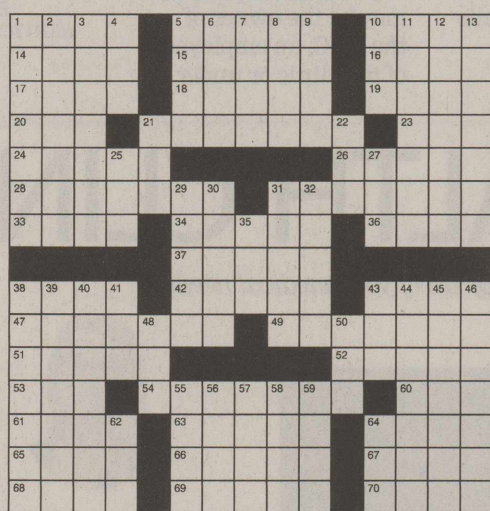
58. Plant

59. Ceases

62. Offspring

64. Shell

"OPEN WITH CARE"



See solution on Page 12

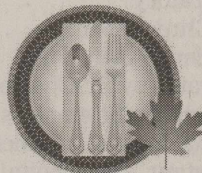
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**Tuesday November 21**  
Grilled Chicken Breast, Gravy, Fluffy Rice, Mixed Veggies, Roll, Orange Zephyr, Whip, Milk

**Wednesday November 22**  
Hamburger on Bun, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onion, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Banana, Milk

**Thursday November 23**  
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Happy Thanksgiving  
**Friday November 24**  
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For transportation to and from the center call 325-387-5657

## Devil's River News Weekly Rainfall Report

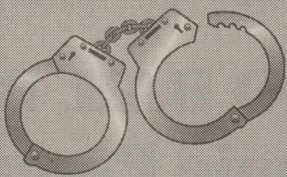
Month	2017 Year-to-Date Total	2017 Year-to-Date Total	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
November 1-14	0.17 in.	0.13 in.	29.22 in.	25.31 in.	12.72 in.	25.00 in.	17.82 in.	10.49 in.	17.94 in.	28.44 in.
October	0.11 in.	0.07 in.	29.22 in.	25.31 in.	12.72 in.	25.00 in.	17.82 in.	10.49 in.	17.94 in.	28.44 in.
September	3.83 in.	3.05 in.	29.22 in.	25.31 in.	12.72 in.	25.00 in.	17.82 in.	10.49 in.	17.94 in.	28.44 in.
August	1.82 in.	3.66 in.	29.22 in.	25.31 in.	12.72 in.	25.00 in.	17.82 in.	10.49 in.	17.94 in.	28.44 in.
July	4.21 in.	3.79 in.	29.22 in.	25.31 in.	12.72 in.	25.00 in.	17.82 in.	10.49 in.	17.94 in.	28.44 in.
June	3.07 in.	0.41 in.	29.22 in.	25.31 in.	12.72 in.	25.00 in.	17.82 in.	10.49 in.	17.94 in.	28.44 in.
May	3.68 in.	2.92 in.	29.22 in.	25.31 in.	12.72 in.	25.00 in.	17.82 in.	10.49 in.	17.94 in.	28.44 in.
April	1.23 in.	2.48 in.	29.22 in.	25.31 in.	12.72 in.	25.00 in.	17.82 in.	10.49 in.	17.94 in.	28.44 in.
March	0.79 in.	1.00 in.	29.22 in.	25.31 in.	12.72 in.	25.00 in.	17.82 in.	10.49 in.	17.94 in.	28.44 in.
February	1.36 in.	1.48 in.	29.22 in.	25.31 in.	12.72 in.	25.00 in.	17.82 in.	10.49 in.	17.94 in.	28.44 in.
January	2.40 in.	1.68 in.	29.22 in.	25.31 in.	12.72 in.	25.00 in.	17.82 in.	10.49 in.	17.94 in.	28.44 in.
<b>2017 Year-to-Date Total</b>	<b>22.67 in.</b>	<b>20.67 in.</b>								

Rainfall data collected at LCRA weather station located 14 miles southeast of Sonora. Rainfall data collected at LCRA weather station located 17 miles east-northeast of Sonora.

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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

**NOVEMBER 7** • Ruben Coronado, 38-year-old male of San Antonio. Arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. • Bryant Rodriguez, 29-year-old male of San Antonio. Arrested for a warrant out of Bexar County.  
**NOVEMBER 9** • Juan Flores, 33-year-old male of Houston. Arrested for Driving While License Invalid with Previous Conviction.  
 • Idalia Limon, 22-year-old female of Sonora. Arrested for a Sutton County warrant.  
**NOVEMBER 12** • Josue Arellano, 24-year-old male of Houston. Arrested for a Harris County warrant.

## INCIDENTS

**NOVEMBER 6 - 6:00 AM** • Caller reported a possible accident on U.S. Hwy 277 S, 10-miles. Deputy responded.  
**NOVEMBER 7 - 7:56 AM** • Caller reported a car blocking the roadway due to a possible accident on U.S. Hwy 277 N. Deputy responded.  
**10:30 AM** • Caller reported a reckless driver on I-10 at the 399 mm. Deputy responded.  
**10:26 PM** • Caller reported a stranded motorist on I-10 at the 434-435 mm. Deputy responded.  
**NOVEMBER 8 - 7:04 PM** • Caller reported an accident on SCR 106. Deputy responded.  
**NOVEMBER 10 - 1:54 PM** • Caller reported a reckless driver on I-10 at the 401 mm. Deputy responded.  
**NOVEMBER 12 - 12:16 AM** • Caller reported a reckless driver on Bloodworth Rd. Deputy responded.  
**4:36 PM** • Caller reported a stranded motorist on I-10 at the 399 mm. Deputy responded.  
**9:24 PM** • Caller reported an accident on I-10 at the 411 mm. Deputy and DPS responded.

## SONORA PD ARRESTS NONE REPORTED INCIDENTS

**NOVEMBER 7 - 12:59 PM** • Caller reported two suspicious persons at the 300 Block of Del Rio. Officer responded.  
**5:31 PM** • Caller reported vandalized property at the 600 block of S. Prospect. Officer responded.  
**9:00 PM** • Caller reported an intoxicated person at La Mexicana. Officer responded.  
**NOVEMBER 8 - 10:37 AM** • Caller reported an unattended vehicle that rolled into the roadway in front of Parker Lumber. Officer responded.  
**NOVEMBER 9 - 8:36 AM** • Caller requested Animal Control Officer at the 500 Block of E. 2nd St. ACO responded.  
**5:45 PM** • Caller reported suspicious activity at the 400 Block of W. 4th St. Officer responded.  
**NOVEMBER 10 - 8:03 AM** • Caller requested Animal Control Officer at the 1600 Block of Glasscock. ACO responded.  
**6:02 PM** • Caller reported an oversized load coming through town. Officer responded.  
**NOVEMBER 11 - 11:51 AM** • Alarm call at Post Office. Officer responded.  
**11:13 PM** • Alarm call at 7-11. Officer responded.  
**NOVEMBER 12 - 2:13 PM** • Caller reported loud music at the 200 Block of W 2nd St. Officer responded.  
**4:15 PM** • Caller requested Animal Control Officer at Crockett and W 2nd St. ACO responded.

# OBITUARIES

## Nancy Ann Neill Law October 23, 1934 - November 8, 2017

Nancy Ann Neill Law passed away on November 8, 2017, in San Antonio, Texas.

She was born on October 23, 1934, in San Angelo, Texas, to George H. "Jack" and Elizabeth Neill.

Nancy grew up in Sonora, Texas, thriving on ranch life, working livestock, and riding horseback.

After graduating from Hockaday School in Dallas, she went on to earn her Bachelor of Arts Plan II from the University of Texas in Austin.

Nancy was married to Dr. Paul F. Law from 1958 to 1978.

An avid traveler from her youth, she was happiest when traveling with friends or family, whether by steamship, train, or elephant.

She reveled in touring the wilds of Africa and riding the trains of India, especially with her daughter.

She spoke Spanish and taught herself African dialects. She participated in and helped fund infant mortality studies in Zimbabwe and Kenya, interviewing expectant mothers using Swahili.

At other times, you would often find her enjoying a rousing game of Rummikub at her son's home in Virginia.

Unable to remain idle, she enjoyed embroidery and bookkeeping and was a Master Gardener.

She raised three children on her farm in Leon Springs, where she

lived for nearly 60 years. Nancy continued the tradition handed down by her parents of spending family and fishing time on the beautiful Devil's River in West Texas.

Her children, her nieces, and their families are blessed by this tradition.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her son David Paul Law, and her niece Carolyn Cooper Earwood.

Nancy is survived by her sister Jane Neill Cooper, her daughter Judith Neill Law, her son Jack Neill Law (Commander, U.S. Navy, Retired) and his wife Rebecca, her grandchildren Paul Carter Law, Tanner David Law, and Cooper Thomas Law, her nieces Elizabeth Cooper Davis, Charlotte Franklin, Margie Ann Nunn, and Barb Nell Myers and her grandnieces Madeline Davis Fetterly, Emily Earwood Whitworth, Meredith Earwood Allen, and Libbye Davis Moyer.

A memorial service was held Saturday, November 11, 2017, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Sonora.

The Reverend Casey Berkhouse officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

You Are Invited To Sign the Guestbook at [www.porterloring.com](http://www.porterloring.com) Arrangements were under the direction of Porter Loring Mortuary North, San Antonio.

# Wreaths Across America Honors Local Veterans

Local volunteer efforts are underway to ensure that all veterans laid to rest at the Sutton County, Sonora, cemetery are honored this December on National Wreaths Across America Day, Saturday, December 16, 2017.

The ceremony will be held simultaneously across the country at more than 1,200 locations.

The goal is to place a live, balsam fir, wreath at the headstone of every veteran buried in the local cemetery as well as spread patriotism and commemoration for the ultimate sacrifices they made for our country.

From now until November, volunteers will host various fundraisers to sponsor the 250 wreaths needed to honor every veteran buried in the Sutton County

cemetery. For every two-wreath sponsorship sold, three wreaths will be provided to Sutton County cemetery as part of a special fundraising program developed by Wreaths of America.

"Every donation and wreath sponsorship is a meaningful gift from an appreciative supporter who knows what it means to serve and sacrifice for the freedoms we all enjoy," Karen Worcester, Executive Director of Wreaths of America, said. "We are so grateful to the community of Sonora for participating in our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach."

National Wreaths across America Day is a free event, open to all.

For more information, please visit [www.wreath-sacrossamerica.org](http://www.wreath-sacrossamerica.org).

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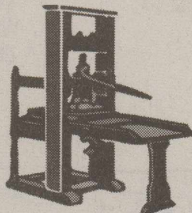
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## Winterizing the Landscape

We've had a taste of cold weather already, and in a future article we'll re-visit preparing our homes for winter. Today, however, we'll discuss "winterizing" the landscape. It simply means fertilizing with nitrogen prior to a "killing frost".

Is it too late? For lawns, probably yes.

Research has validated the importance of fertilizing perennial plants 4-6 weeks prior to winter freeze. Because of the cool temperatures, short days, and high light intensity, nitrogen fertilizer applied at this time helps the photosynthetic production of carbohydrates. These carbohydrates are stored for use the following growing season, providing earlier spring green-up and an energy source for turf grasses to recuperate from winter.

The benefits of fall fertilizing include a healthier turf before winter, a healthier root system, and stimulating a turf that greens up earlier in the spring without excessive top growth.

Stated differently, fertilizing when top growth is minimal but when soil temperatures are still warm enough for nitrogen absorption, allows plants to resume growth

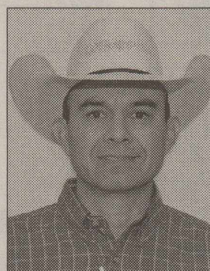
and green-up early the following spring without the excessive shoot growth associated with early spring nitrogen applications. That means dense, green spring lawns without the mowing chores that come with spring fertilization. Just keep in mind that for warm season grasses, winterizing should be completed before November (when killing frost normally occurs). It should really be done sometime during late September to late October. Select a fertilizer with low phosphorus such as 16-4-8, 21-7-14 or similar analysis.

Should trees be winterized?

The answer is yes. The benefits of fall fertilization for trees and shrubs have also been confirmed by researchers. But it should be done about a month after the first killing frost. The explanation is lengthy, so we'll leave that for another time.

One last comment on fertilizing. Be careful to read label directions closely if weed and feed fertilizers are used. Some may damage trees and shrubs when roots are near the treated area.

For more information, contact the County Extension Office.



Pascual Hernandez

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### SONORA ISD RESCHEDULED NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS SONORA ISD'S SCHOOL FIRST RATING (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas)

The public hearing scheduled for 5:00 PM, Thursday, November 16, 2017 has been rescheduled on Thursday, November 30, 2017 at 5:00 PM, in the Vocational Building, 805 Prospect, Sonora, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Sonora ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

**NOVEMBER**  
 16th Lynn Barber  
 17th Jennie Sue Trainer, Diane Reiner  
 18th Cadesman Pope, Micky Jackson  
 19th Melissa Teaff, Jessie Kerbow, Diane Benson,  
 20th Chelsea Martinez, Blanca Fay, Jose Dominguez, Eva Hernandez, Pete Gomez,  
 21st Brian Payton  
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## Daddy's Home

by Tony Rubino and Gary Markstein



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by Mick and Mason Mastroianni

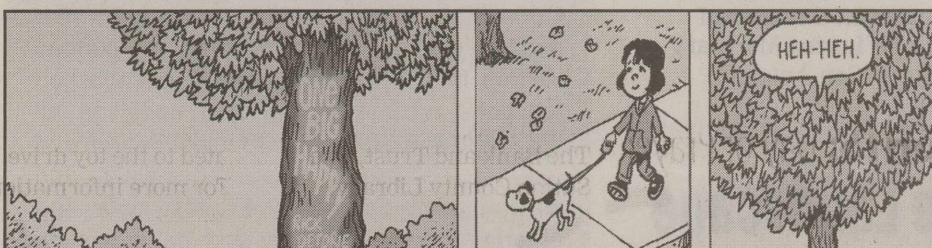
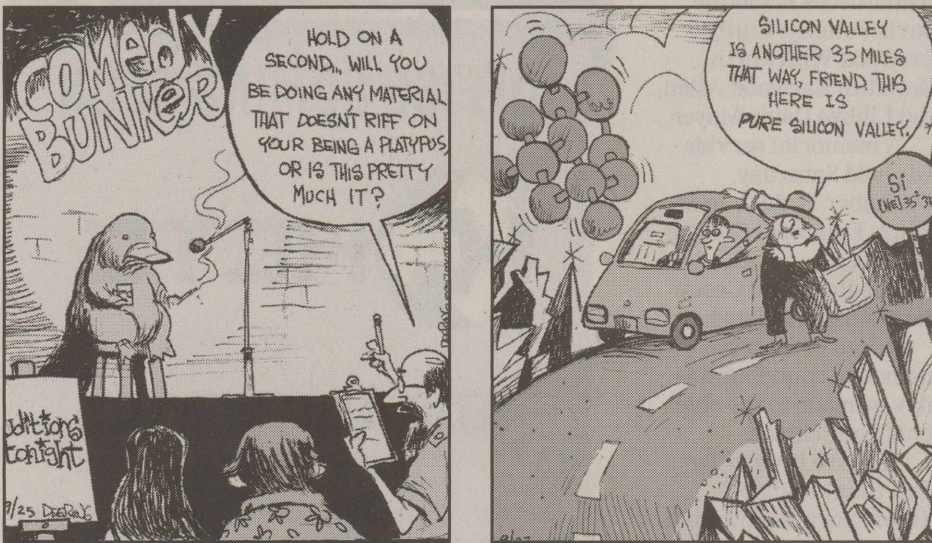


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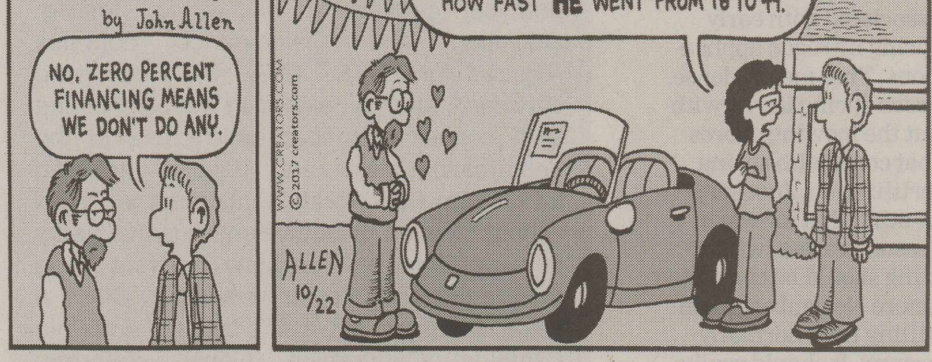
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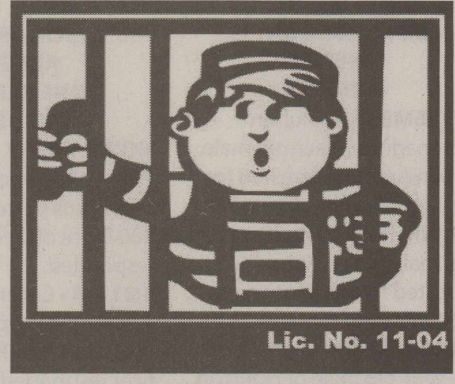
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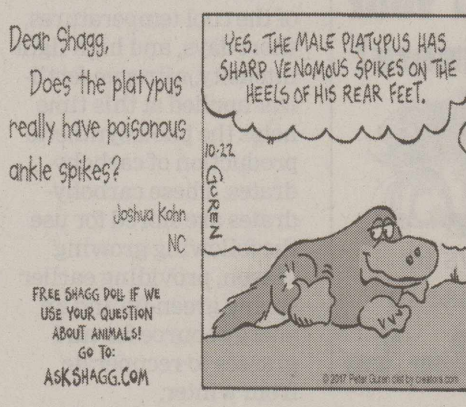
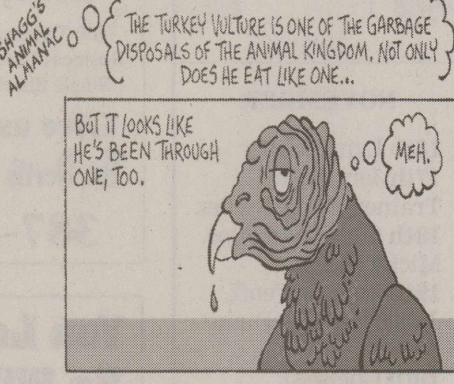
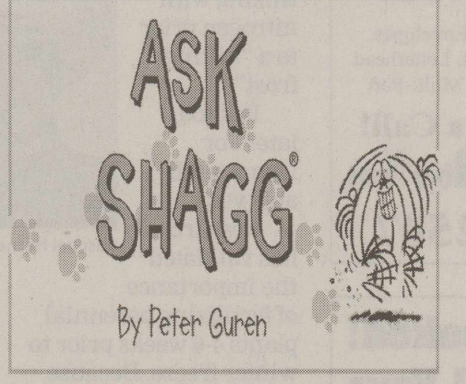
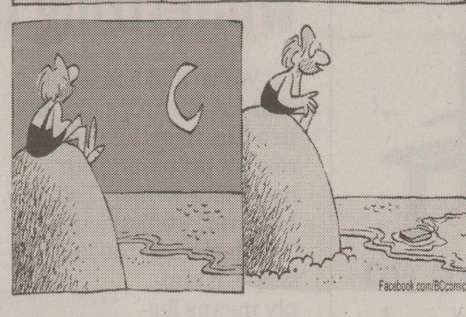
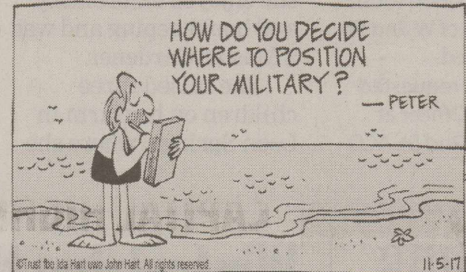
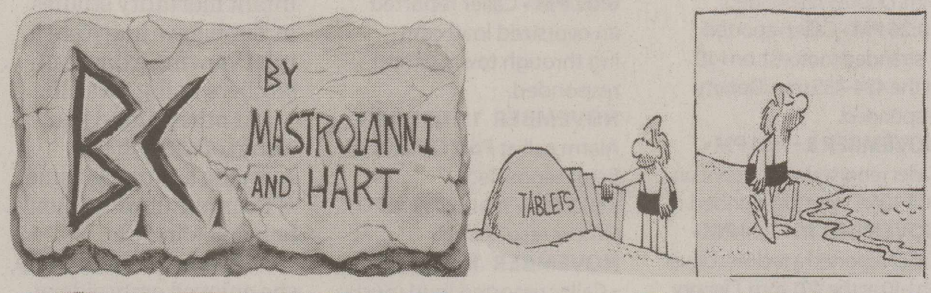
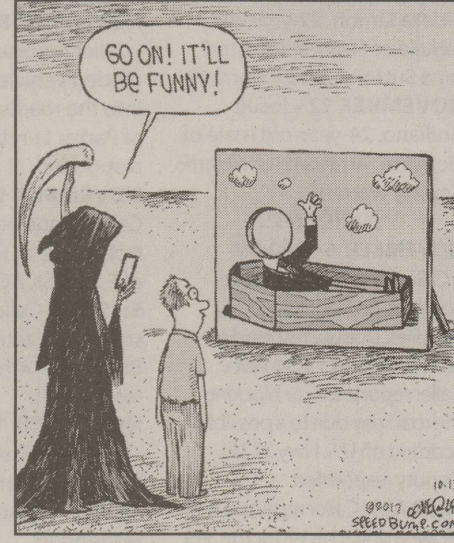
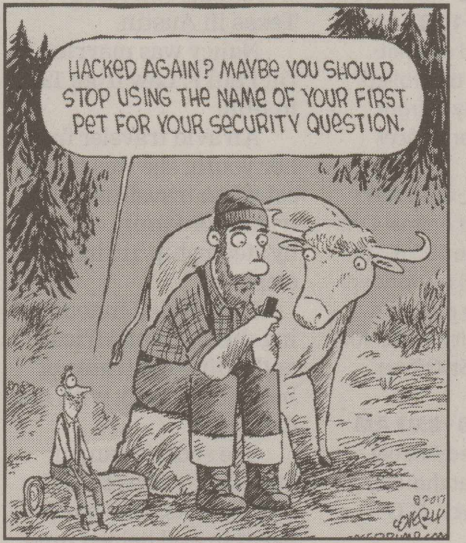
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SEE SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 12

### ZIG-ZAG

THE ORIGINAL WORD MAZE PUZZLE

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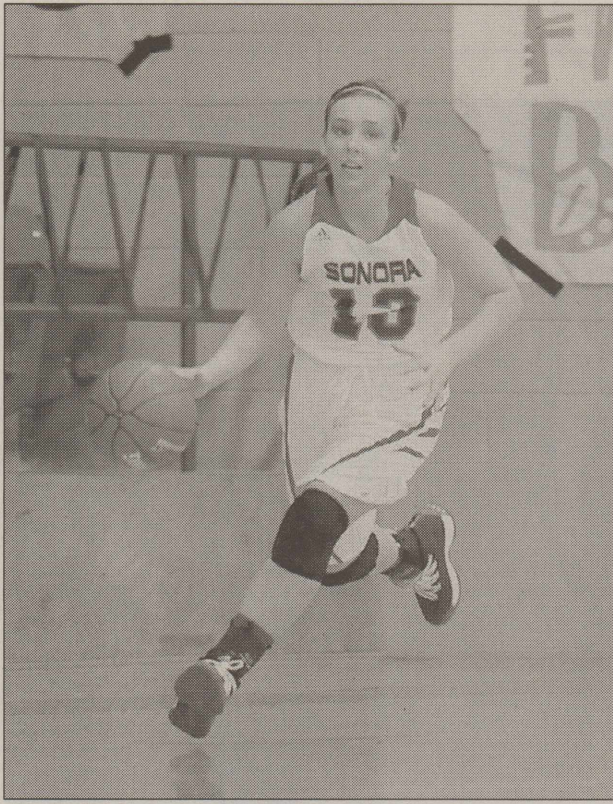
EACH PUZZLE HAS A DIFFICULTY RATING (ABOVE). FOUR STARS SIGNIFY THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY.

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Jackilyn Sykes dribbles the ball down the court during Saturday's season opener between Sonora and Iraan, November 11, 2017, in Sonora.

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**LADY BRONCOS**  
Varsity  
November 11, 2017

<b>SONORA</b>	<b>SONORA</b>	<b>03-06-06-12=27</b>
v.	<b>IRAAN</b>	<b>12-05-14-14=45</b>
<b>27 - 45</b>	<p><b>SCORERS:</b> Aleasha Smith 3; Karah Martinez 6; Gabby Zapata 2; Aislin Nixon 3; Lesli Ramirez 2; Audry Nolen 7; Jackilyn Sykes 2; Christina Garza 2.</p>	



Dekota Morrow cuts around the Iraan defense on her way to the basket during Saturday's junior varsity game between Sonora and Iraan, November 11, 2017, in Sonora.

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**LADY BRONCOS**  
Junior Varsity  
November 11, 2017

<b>SONORA</b>	<b>SONORA</b>	<b>04-04-08-03=19</b>
v.	<b>IRAAN</b>	<b>07-15-04-13=39</b>
<b>19 - 39</b>	<p><b>SCORERS:</b> Alyssa Martinez 4; Shyanne Gamez 2; Clarissa Rodriguez 2; Cheyenne Haynes 2; Dekota Morrow 6; Sianne Alviso 3.</p>	

## Sonora Lady Colts Ready for 2017 Basketball Season

The Sonora Lady Colts began the 2017 basketball season Monday, November 6th against Ballinger.

This year's Lady Colts program has 29 eighth grade girls and 15 seventh grade girls.

Although the Lady Colts held steadfast on the court, it was a tough match going up against a well prepared and conditioned team of Lady Bearcats.

None the less, the Lady Colts played hard and worked to break a press, set up an offense, and strived to improve on a man-to-man defense helping them be better prepared in their next challenge.

Scoring for the 7th grade Lady Colt A/B teams were Sophia Acevado, Monse De La

Fuente, Alexis Guerra, Alma Hernandez, Sofia Serrano, and Shakira Villanueva.

Scoring for the 8th grade Lady Colts A/B teams were Ariana Arispe, Abby Bennie, Alexandra Cardenas, Carson Cahill, and Kodi Davis, Jackie Galindo, Brijida Garza, Dalissa Sanchez, and Amaris Jimenez.

"With continued practice and game experience we will look to show the Bearcats and future opponents a whole new team," Coach LaTisha Sheets said.

The Lady Colts A/B teams also traveled to Llano this past Saturday, to participate in the Llano Tournament for a round robin play with Llano and Brady.

## Shining a Light on Rural Health in America: Nationwide Observance of 2017 National Rural Health Day, Nov. 16

One in five Americans, over 60 million people, live and work in rural areas.

The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (SORH), rural healthcare providers, industry partners, Federal and state agencies alike will observe National Rural Health Day on Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017.

To date, NRHD has received Governor's Proclamations from 19 States across the U.S., according to a news release from PRNewswire on

November 8, 2017.

The overriding theme of National Rural Health Day, #PowerofRural, strives to give a voice to the efforts of those who are working to serve the unique healthcare needs that exist in America's rural communities.

As part of National Rural Health Day, the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) will host a series of free webinars on November 16th open to media, rural health leaders, and stakeholders on timely rural

health topics, including the latest on Federal rural health policy and the rural opioid crisis.

In addition, the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) will highlight the Power of Rural and center on the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA's) Bureaus and Offices and HHS agencies collaborations to improve rural health.

Plans include a series of Twitter chats, one topic a day at 3 p.m. EST on Monday, November 13th, Tuesday, November 14th and Wednesday, November 15th. The topics will focus on workforce development, the social determinants of health and behavioral health, respectively.

To join the Twitter chat conversations, follow @HRSAGov and the #OurRural.

In addition to web-based events, NOSORH partnered with Walk with a Doc, an organization founded by Columbus,

Ohio-based cardiologist Dr. David Sabgir, who in 2005, launched a grass-roots campaign designed to promote behavior change aimed at improving the health of patients.

Today, Walk with a Doc has over 300 Chapters Nationwide, all invited to host a bonus walk on the 16th, along with rural hospitals and clinics. Kirby Medical Center in Monticello, Illinois, and Columbia Memorial Hospital located in Astoria, Oregon, are among those hosting walks for their communities.

On National Rural Health Day, NOSORH is asking each State Office, hospitals, health clinics, rural community leaders and legislators to use the #PowerofRural in social media at 11:16 a.m. in each time zone and throughout the day.

To learn more about National Rural Health Day and the line-up of events and features, visit <http://www.PowerofRural.org>.

## Reader Recipes

### "Broccoli and Ham Cups"

This Sonora Woman's Club recipe was submitted by Donna Hill. This appetizer is not only quick and easy but is healthy! It only has 35 calories per serving.

- 1 pkg (10 oz) frozen chopped broccoli, thawed, well drained
- 1/4 cup sun dried tomatoes, chopped
- 1/2 cup reduced fat cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 TBSP Parmesan cheese, grated
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder
- 24 slices Deli fresh smoked ham
- 1/3 cup chopped smoked almonds

Preheat oven to 350'. Combine first 5 ingredients. Flatten ham slices. Press 1 ham slice onto bottom and up the side of each of 24 miniature muffin pan cups. Fill with broccoli mixture, sprinkle with almonds. Bake for 15 minutes or until heated through.

## CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS: Day of Prayer

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community prayer gathering at Floresville High School, 13 miles from Sutherland Springs. Vice President Mike Pence joined Abbott at the gathering and also spoke.

"The act of craven cowardice and evil inflicted on the Sutherland Springs community has deeply touched the core of who we are as faithful people. In times of tragedy, we often see the very best of Texas," Abbott said. "We must remain strong and resilient, and lean on the support and care of our helping communities in this dark time," Abbott added.

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Nov. 8 released the names of the 26 deceased victims in the shooting.

### All 7 measures passed

Voters approved all seven of the Texas Legislature's proposed amendments to the state constitution on the Nov. 7 ballot.

Early voting and Election Day voting combined revealed a statewide average turnout of 5.77 percent of citizens registered to vote. In contrast, some 11.35 percent of registered voters participated in the previous constitutional amendment election, in November 2015.

The amendments are as follows:

- Prop. 1 broadens the scope of the homestead ad valorem tax exemption for a disabled veteran or spouse;
- Prop. 2 prescribes conditions, fees, refinancing options and eligibility for home equity loans;
- Prop. 3 limits the service of certain gubernatorial appointees after expiration of term;
- Prop. 4 relates to notice requirements to the attorney general regarding challenge to constitutionality;

— Prop. 5 permits professional sports team charitable foundations to conduct raffles;

— Prop. 6 provides a homestead exemption for a deceased-in-the-line-of-duty first responder's surviving spouse; and

— Prop. 7 permits financial institutions to award random prizes to customers to encourage saving.

### SB 4 appeal is heard

A panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit on Nov. 7 heard arguments in the ongoing lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of Senate Bill 4, the state law passed by the Texas Legislature last May that bans "sanctuary cities."

In its appeal, the State of Texas is asking the court to uphold the law.

A U.S. District Court in San Antonio on Aug. 30 granted a preliminary injunction preventing the law from taking effect. A three-judge panel of the 5th Circuit on Sept. 25 ruled that the state could enforce some provisions of law with the current appeal pending.

The case is styled as City of El Cenizo, TX, Et Al.; City of Austin, Et Al. vs. State of Texas, Et Al., Appellants (and related cases).

### Allocations to be sent

Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Nov. 8 announced his office would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts some \$774.9 million in local sales tax allocations for November, an amount 5 percent more than distributed a year ago, in November 2016.

Allocations are based on sales made in September by businesses that report tax monthly, and sales made in July, August and September by quarterly filers, Hegar said.

## Sonora PD Hosts Toy Drive Benefiting Local Youth

The Sonora Police Department is hosting a toy drive from Friday, November 17th, through Tuesday, December 12th, to collect new toys for girls and boys this Christmas season.

Drop off boxes will be available throughout the community.

Locations include the Sonora PD, Sonora Bank, The Bank and Trust, The Sutton County Library and City Hall.

All toy donations should be unwrapped.

Toys are to be donated to Sonora ISD to fill the

requests of children sponsored by the Angel Tree Project.

Every toy donation helps in making a better Christmas for all.

In addition, the JL Bar Ranch will be hosting a Sporting Clay Shoot on December 9th and a portion of their proceeds will be used to purchase toys which will also be donated to the toy drive.

For more information in registering for the clay shoot, please contact Paul with JL Bar ranch at 325-262-1845 or the Sonora PD at 325-387-3888.

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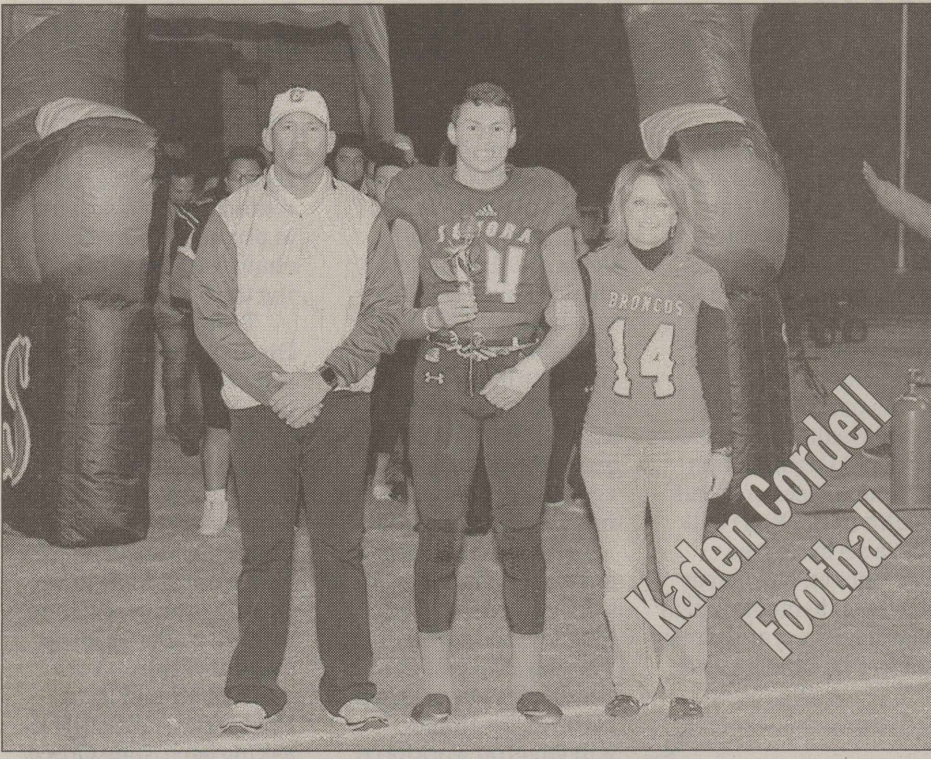
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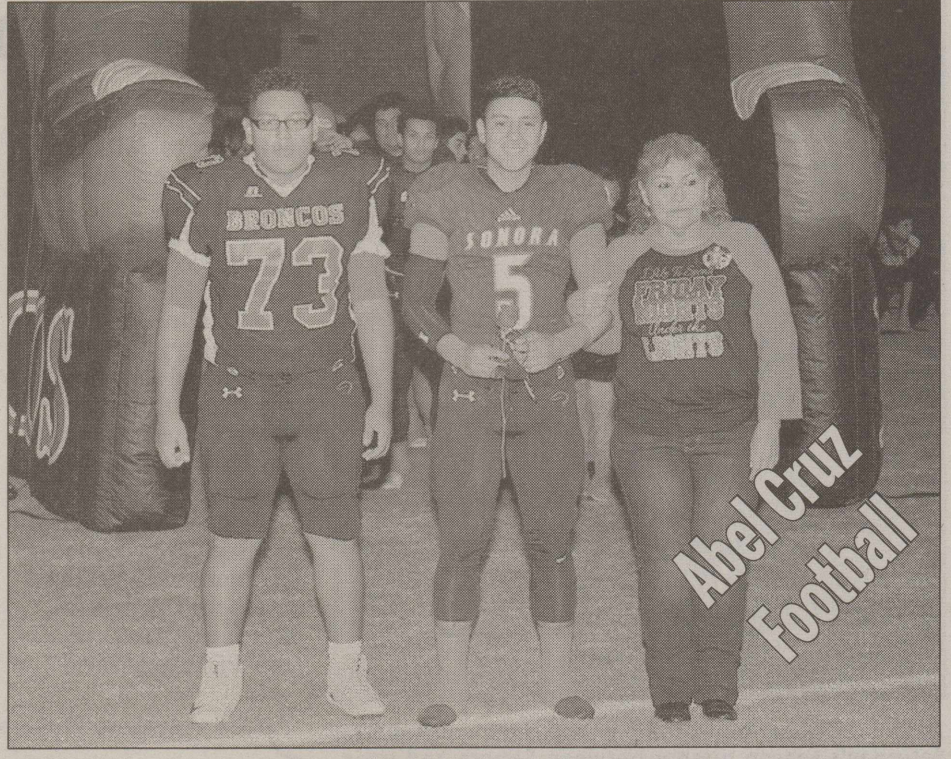
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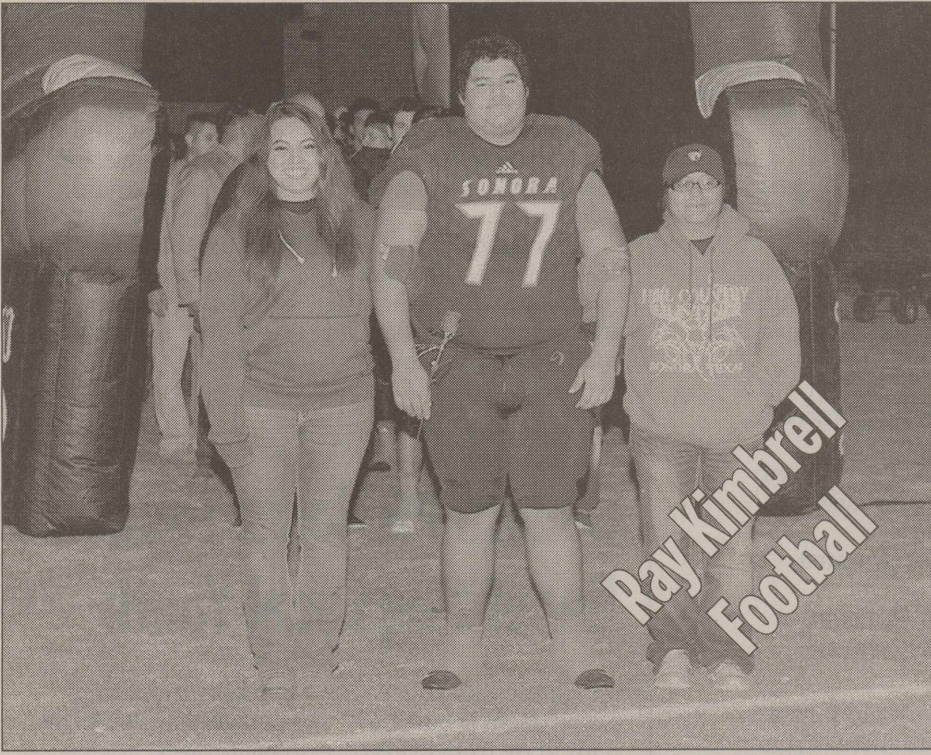
## Senior Night at Bronco Stadium



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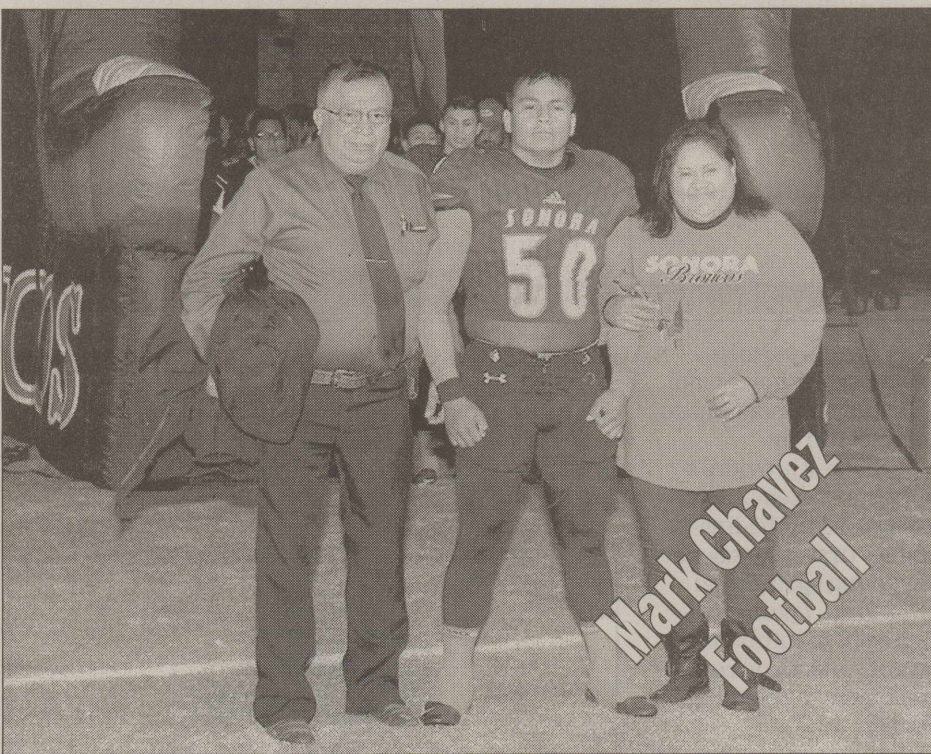
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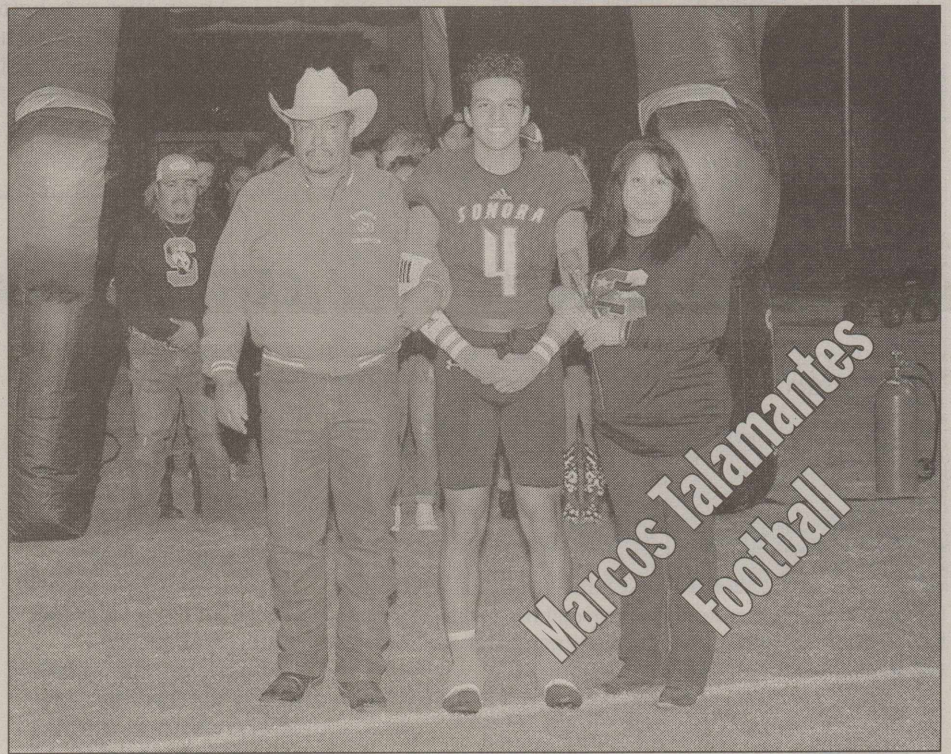
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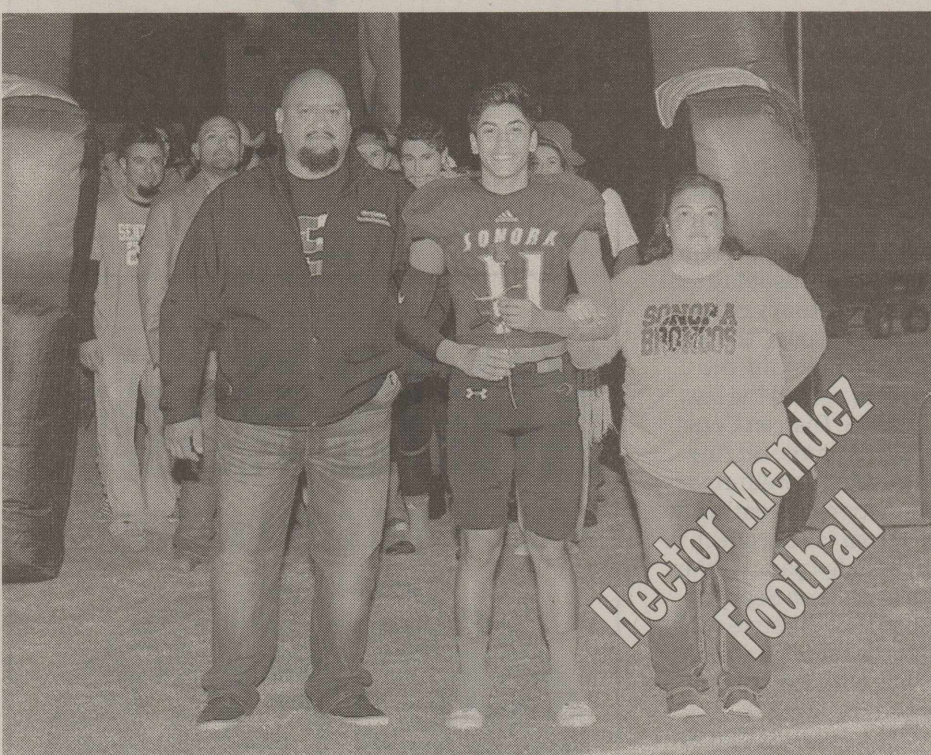
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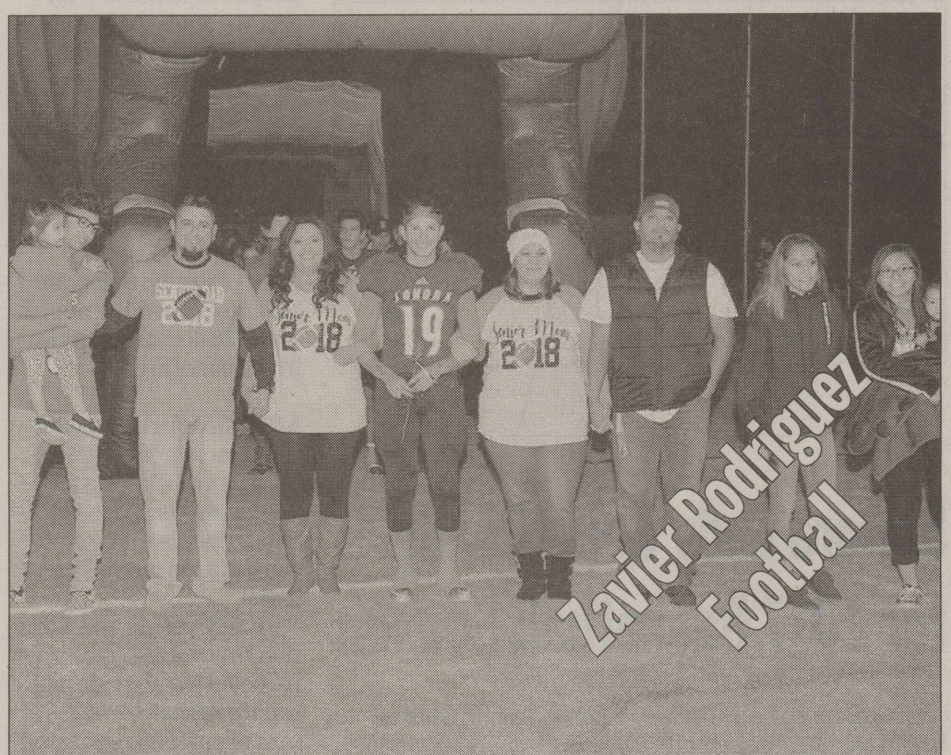
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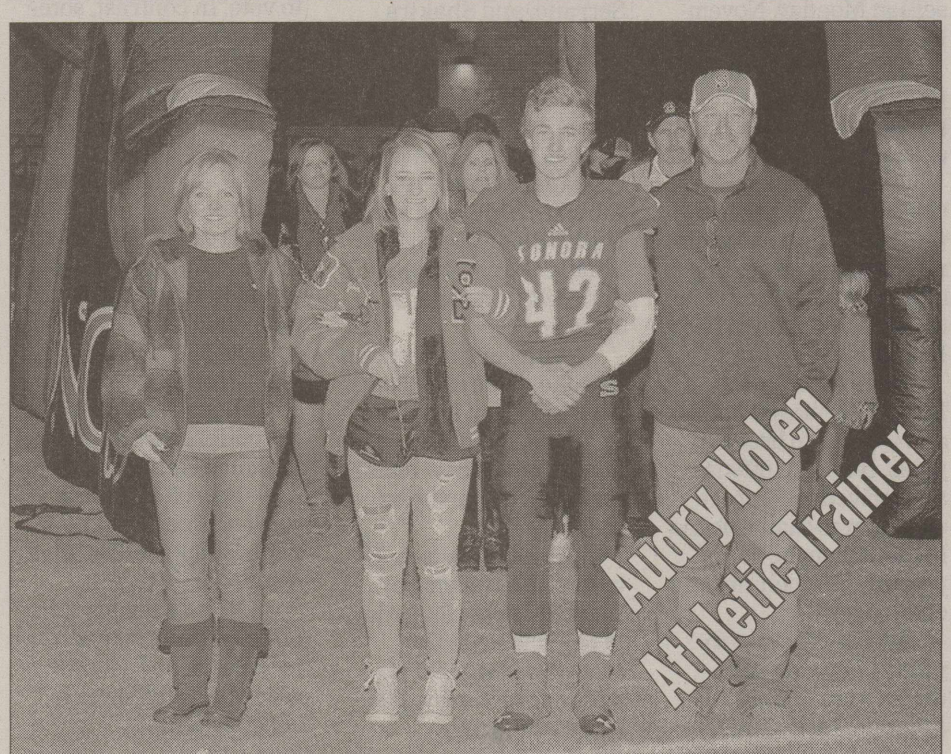
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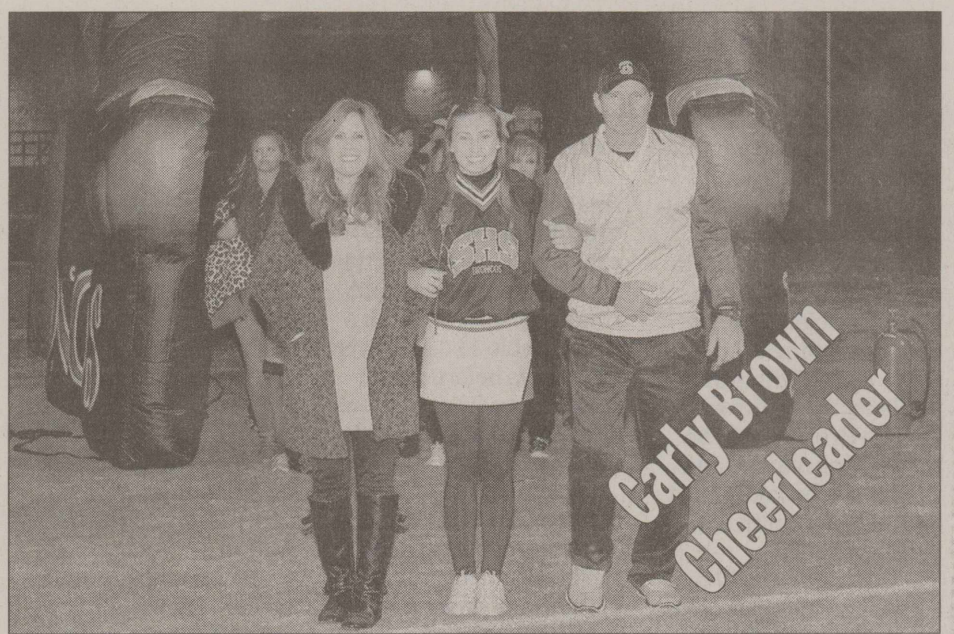


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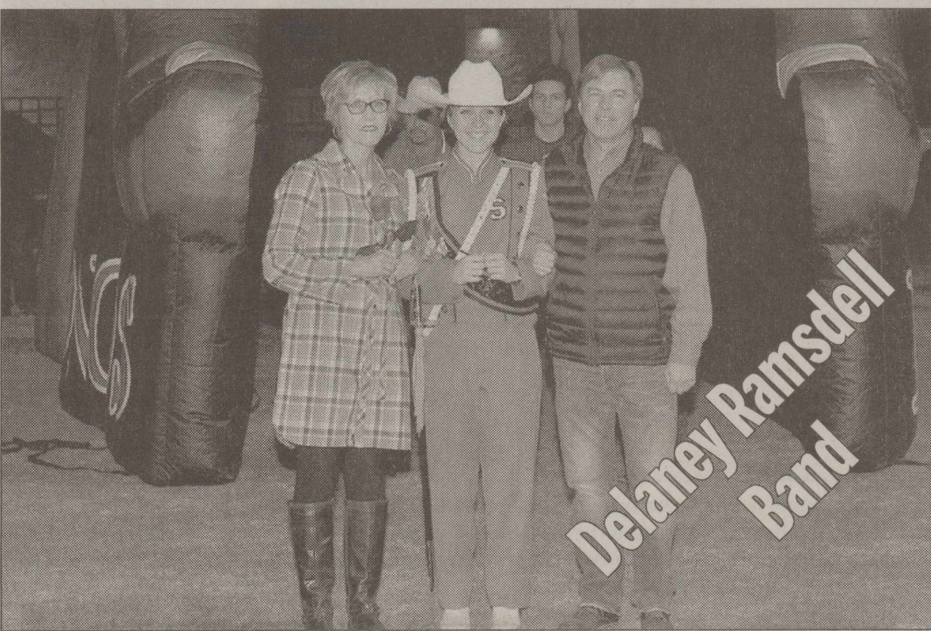
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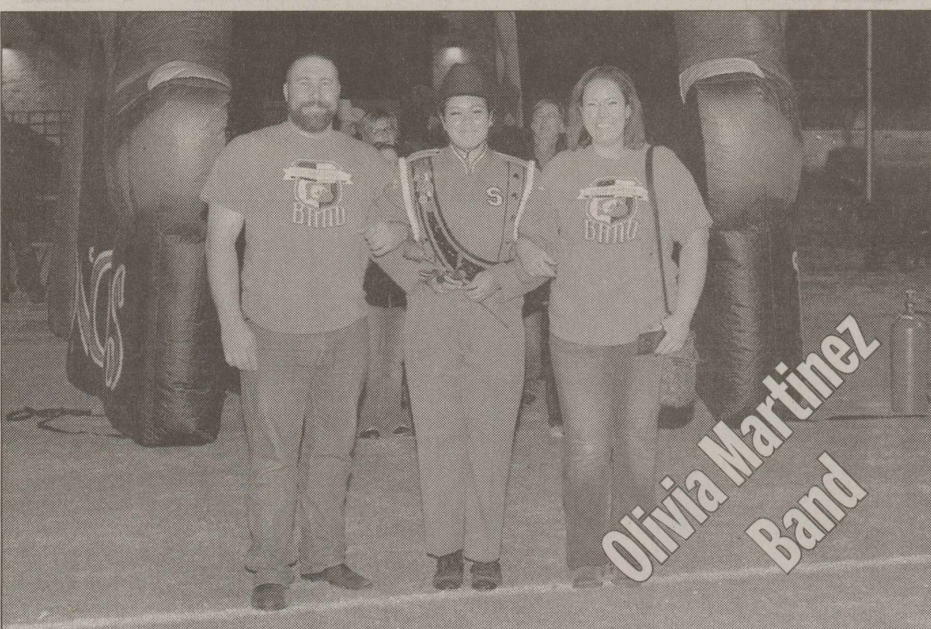
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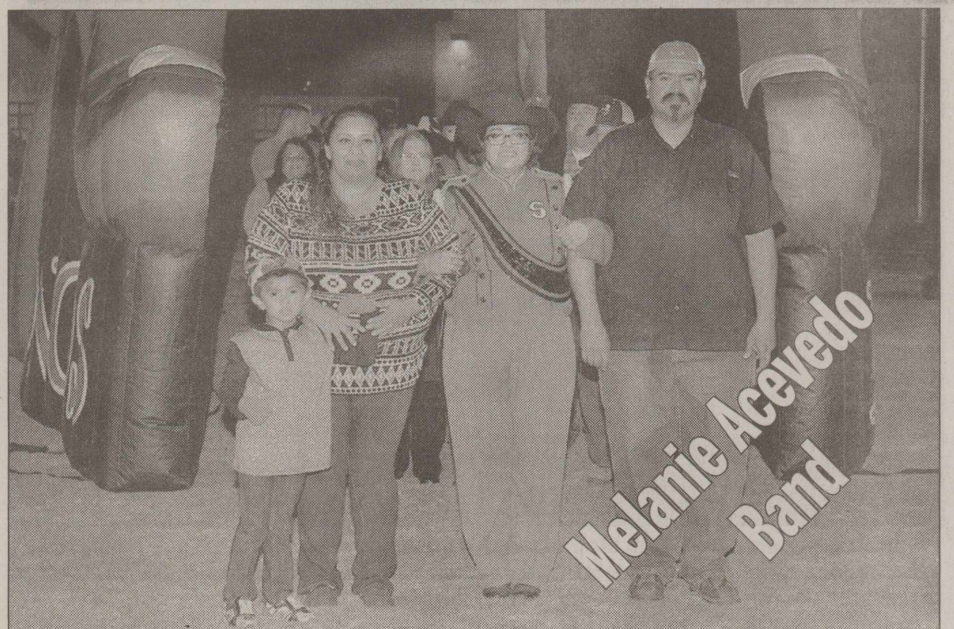
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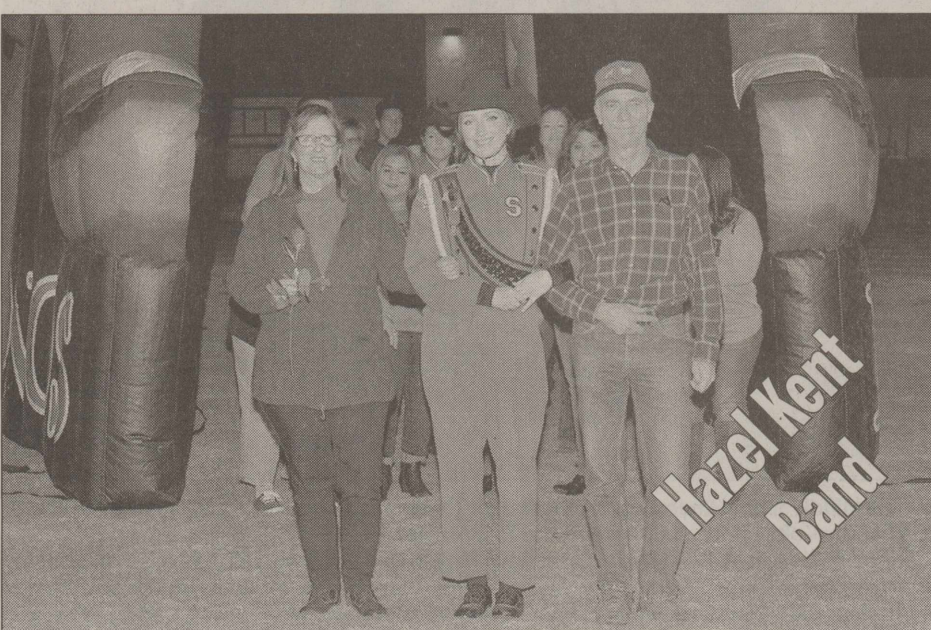
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# BRONCOS:

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have done a good job this season proving their strength and understanding of the game as well.

None the less, Thursday's Bi-district game between Coleman and Sonora is going to be a fierce forty-eight-minute battle on the gridiron.

The Broncos will be the visiting team. Game time is set for 7:00 p.m. at SAISD Stadium in San Angelo.

Tickets will be \$7 for adults and \$5 for students.

"We need the visiting stands packed Thursday night," Cordell said. "It's going to take the whole community to come away with a win at SAISD stadium."

## Sonora 54 - TLCA 0

The Sonora Broncos wrapped up the first phase of their 2017 football campaign with a 54-0 victory over the TLCA Eagles this past Friday, November 10, 2017 notching their record to a perfect 10-0 for the season.

With their undefeated season record the Broncos clinched the 3A-2 District title and were awarded the gold trophy ball following Friday's game.

Broncos Head Coach Jeff Cordell said while it is good to be one of seven undefeated teams in their division, it is by no means something that happens every year in football programs across the state.

"People and fans don't realize how difficult it is for a team to go undefeated in the regular season," Cordell said. "It's only been done nine other times in Sonora's tradition rich football program. It feels good to be

one of seven undefeated teams."

As for Friday's season finale game, the Broncos executed in their usual explosive style during the first half of the game putting them up front with a comfortable 35-0 lead over the Eagles before they completed a final 54-0 shut marking their tenth win this season.

A total of fifty-five Broncos players saw playing time on the field. Of those players twenty-one of the twenty-four junior varsity players who moved up saw time on the field under the Friday night lights.

Everything was part of a plan, from the start and their plan unfolded just as they had hoped, according to Cordell.

"We wanted to come out of the game healthy," Cordell said. "That was probably more important than winning the game, especially since we had already clinched the district title. It was great getting to see the JV players we moved up to get to play in a varsity football game. This experience is invaluable when it comes to building a program."

Of course, the Broncos players and coaching staff never let their guard down, staying focused on taking care of business on the field.

"Our expectations are always high, no matter the situation or the players on the field," Cordell said. "We want to be perfect. Offensively, we want first downs and touchdowns. Defensively, we want to be better at our craft than our opponent at their craft. Again, no matter who is on the field for the Broncos. I think

we were able to do that the other night in our win over TLCA."

It came as no surprise to fans when Jarrett Jackson put the Broncos on the scoreboard minutes into the first quarter. Willie Munoz was quick to follow with a 4-yard run to find paydirt at the 5:41 mark on the clock and Jackson came back for another touchdown with 2:56 left in the first quarter.

Jackson and Munoz lead the offense with a combined five rushing touchdowns in the first half.

Jackson rushed a total of 106 yards and Munoz had five catches for 70 yards.

Brian Van Winkle stepped in for Kaden Cordell as quarter back in the second quarter passing 72 yards and rushing 27 yards through the Eagles defense.

Sonora completed 29 first downs compared to TLCA's 7.

The Broncos boated a total of 175 yards passing compared to TLCA's 56 yards, 256 yards rushing and 175 yards receiving compared to 38 yards and 56 yards respectively by the Eagles.

Defensively, the Broncos handled the Eagles holding them to a no score first half of the game.

Wilson Johnson had two tackles while Brock Aschenbeck and Daniel Gonzales each had one tackle to help the defense.

The Broncos headed to the locker room with a 35-0 lead over the Eagles.

Following the intermission, Johnson was the first to light up the score board for the Broncos

when he sprinted 67 yards to find paydirt in the third quarter.

Second and third string players as well as junior varsity who recently moved up took over the fourth quarter of the game and the fans continued to roar with excitement as Dylan Taylor ran for a 2-yard touchdown and Tully Flanagan ran for 7 yards for the last score of the evening.

Ethan Hamm and

Caleb Nolen shared the position of quarterback in the fourth.

Pleased with the performance of his players as well as the overall progress of the program this season, Cordell said it is important to understand how valuable every player is to the team.

"Having the JV players join us last week and in our playoff run is invaluable," Cordell said. "This is Money in

the bank for the Bronco football program. We are confident as we head into the third phase, the most exciting phase, of Texas high school football."

Advancing to the first round of the playoffs, the Broncos will play the Coleman Bluecats this Thursday, November 16, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in San Angelo.

Everyone is encouraged to make the trip to cheer for the players.



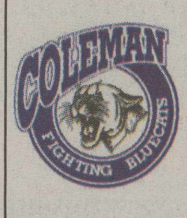
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Abel Cruz jumps over an attempted tackle by an Eagle during Friday's game between Sonora and TLCA. The Broncos defeated the Eagles 54-0 wrapping up a perfect regular game season. Advancing to the playoffs, Sonora will play the Coleman Bluecats Thursday, November 16, 2017, in San Angelo for the Bi-district trophy. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



Tully Flanagan carries the ball to the endzone for a touchdown in the fourth quarter of Friday's game between Sonora and TLCA. Flanagan was one of 21 junior varsity players who moved up to play with the varsity team as they move into the second phase of their season. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

## SMS Colts Football



Sonora Middle School's Aiden Leamon carries the ball down the field during the Colts game against the TLCA Eagles this past Thursday, November 9, 2017, at Bronco Stadium. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



Sonora Middle School Cheer Squad prepares for Thursday's game at Bronco Stadium, November 9, 2017. The Colts matched up against the TLCA Eagles. Pictured (L-R) Mascot, Koda Davis. Front Row: Monse De La Fuente, Ellie Fuentes, Jina Dooley and Jacqueline Torres. Middle Row: Alexia Guerra, Abby Beenie, Abigail Edwards, Carson Cahill and Rodriguez. Back Row: Laci Ramirez, Isabella Arispe, Kodi Davis, Molly Friess, Carson Cahill and Erika Infante. KIMBERLEY MEYER | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



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# Commissioners Canvass Election Results and Much More in Regular Meeting

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The Sutton County Commissioners spent the morning moving through all of the items on a lengthy agenda, including canvassing the November 7th Constitutional Amendments Election results, during their regular meeting Monday, November 13, 2017.

Taking time to review the data from the special election, the court unanimously approved it to be accurate.

In addition to approving the regular business items including the minutes of the prior meeting,

accounts payable and treasurers report as presented, commissioners also took time to consider other business.

No auditor's report was made available.

Commissioners also approved a bond for Kathy Marshall, Tax Assessor Collector.

After listening to representatives from TRAX and reviewing the existing contract to provide space for an office located in Sonora, commissioners agreed that such space is no longer needed nor will be made available for TRAX Van drivers.

All transit requests, passenger manifests and other information is

handled electronically and overseen by a central office in San Angelo.

Transit van services in Sutton County will otherwise continue as usual.

The court also listened to a presentation by Pat Gomez on warning signs, early detection and managing diabetes as part of recognizing National Diabetes month.

In addition, commissioners also heard a presentation and request for support for the Wreaths Across America Program. Although, the county cannot make a financial contribution towards the cause, they acknowledged their support in helping share the

information with citizens in the community.

Continuing in other business, Judge Jody Harris reported a total of 1,343 new cases for the month of October. He also reported 732 cases closed and a total of \$180,609.10 collected in fees. Of that amount, the county retained \$112,388.19.

Chief Deputy DuWayne Castro reported 715 calls for service, 7 civil process received and 4 civil process served during the month of October. In addition, the jail averaged 13.2 inmates at a cost of \$1.70 per meal during October. A total of \$1,175 was collected in fees as well as \$27,993.90 paid for

citations. The Sheriff's Office issued a combined 493 citations and warning during October.

Commissions reviewed and considered information for the purchase of a new vehicle for the Sheriff's Office. The court approved a motion to allow Castro to move forward with negotiating a purchase.

Commissioners also approved a request from the Sheriff's Office to move forward with their grant application to help pay for additional rifle resistant body armor.

Before moving on, Castro read aloud a letter of commendation from the State of Texas Jail Standards Commission recognizing the Sheriff's Office as having been recognized in compliance with present mandatory jail standards. The letter came after an unannounced visit to inspect the County Jail facility earlier this month.

Debra Brown reported an increase in the number of patrons utilizing the library due to the new extended hours.

The court also approved a motion to authorize expenses up to \$700 for electrical work to be done at the library.

The court also unanimously approved an engagement letter

from Beyer & Company to continue providing outside audit services of the county financial records for an additional year. The county realized an increase cost for these services of \$16,500 over last year's cost of \$15,000.

County Clerk Rachel Chavez reported a total of \$2,593.74 and \$6,855.10 collected for district and county court fees during the month of October.

She also spoke about the successful maiden run in using the new election equipment during the recent November 7th special election.

Finally, commissioners approved an interlocal agreement with Lubbock County on Public Defender for Capital Murder cases as well as a 2018 resolution for an Indigent Defense Grant Program.

Without further discussion or comments, the court adjourned in time for the lunch break.

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

The next regular meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners is set for Monday, November 27, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., at the Sutton County Annex Building.



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74/60 Partly Sunny Sunrise 7:09 a.m. Sunset 5:45 p.m.	81/48 Mostly Sunny Sunrise 7:10 a.m. Sunset 5:45 p.m.	67/39 Mostly Sunny Sunrise 7:11 a.m. Sunset 5:44 p.m.	66/44 Mostly Cloudy Sunrise 7:12 a.m. Sunset 5:44 p.m.	71/41 Mostly Sunny Sunrise 7:13 a.m. Sunset 5:44 p.m.

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