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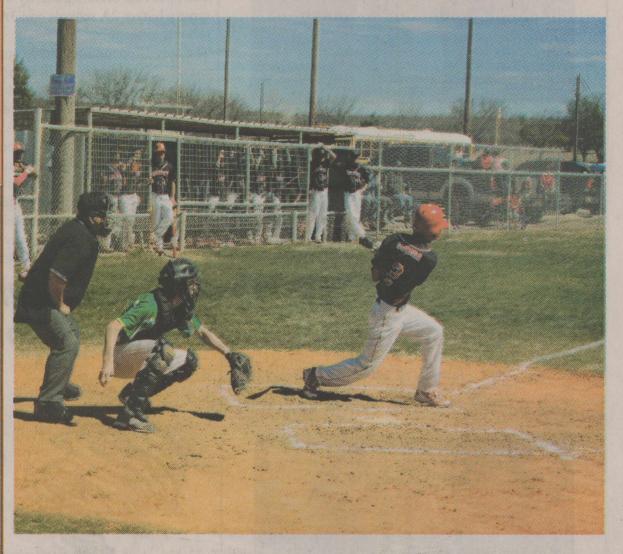
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## **Broncos Win** Ozona Baseball Tournament



By Jay Valdez

out to an early lead on the El-9-0 victory Friday afternoon this game. at the Ozona Tournament.

in three innings, walked none The Broncos jumped and struck out one.

The Broncos were 3 dorado Eagles and captured a and 0 in the tournament after

In the second game Eight runs in the first three in- on Friday, Michael Rollert nings allowed Sonora to put was untouchable throwing the game away early. In the a no-hitter in the Broncos' first inning, Ricky Martinez, 17-0 victory over Ozona. No Ligo Rodriguez, and Michael Ozona batter was able to lo-Rollert all doubled leading to cate Michael's pitches during a two run lead. In the second the game. Michael struck out inning, an RBI double by An- seven batters and walked two dres Acevedo, a sacrifice fly while recording his no hit shutby Rodriguez, and an RBI sin- out. He got Fierro to strike out gle by Elijah Cross supplied for the final out of the game. more offense for the Broncos. Six runs in the opening three Scott Gonzales boosted his innings allowed Sonora to batting average thanks to a easily put away Ozona. A solo perfect 2-2 day at the plate to home run by Ricky Martinez, pace the Broncos. He singled a steal of home by Noah San in the first inning and doubled Miguel, a fielder's choice, and in the third inning. Acevedo a steal of home by Elijah Cross looked sharp on the mound. during the first inning sup-He gave up just one hit, al- plied the early offense for the one, and struck out seven dur- up two RBIs on two hits sining his three innings of work. gling in the fourth and fifth in-Rios took the loss for Eldo- nings. The Broncos pounded rado. He allowed eight runs Ozona pitching, as seven hit-

ters combined for 10 hits, six RBIs and 14 runs scored. The able. Broncos increased their lead with two runs in the third. Hunter Hughes stole home to the scoring. Chance Campbell followed that up with a steal of home. Sonora increased its lead with six runs in the fourth. The inning looked promising, as Rodriguez singled, scoring Gonzales to kick things off. Cross singled bringing home Martinez. The Broncos added five more runs in the top of the fifth. Jason Vitela's single got things going, scoring San Miguel. That was followed up by Rhett Guerra's double that brought home Michael Mungia and Viteria. Dehoyos took the loss for Ozona. He allowed 12 runs in 3 2/3 innings, walked three and struck out seven.

Thursday, Friday, and lowed no earned runs, walked Broncos. Will Dutton racked Saturday is the Devil's River Classic. Come out to support YOUR Sonora Bronco Baseball Team.

## **2014 Primary Election Sutton County Texas Republican Primary**

#### **COUNTY JUDGE**

	EV	101	201	301	401	TOTALS
Jessie Kerbow	170	24	29	36	15	274
Steve Smith	370	18	57	69	25	539

#### **COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO 2**

	EV	201	TOTALS 83	
Peter "Pete" Bradley	59	24		
John Wade	127	61	188	

#### **STATE REP DISTRICT 53**

	EV	101	201	301	401	TOTALS	
Wayne Ramsay	23	5	3	4	4	39	
Andrew S. Murr	363	23	55	65	17	523	
Bob Henneke	40	3	4	5	8	60	
Karen Harris	69	7	13	18	4	111	
Tink Nathan	2	1	0	0	0	3	

These Results are uncertified, and include only the results of the Republican Primary. Full Vote results will be printed once avail-

# City Manager Resigns

During an emergency meeting of the City Council on Monday, March, 3rd the Council accepted Charlie's resignation. Immediatly after accepting his resignation they went into Executive Session to discuss the then newly vacant City Manager's position. They came out of Executive Session and hired Ed Carrasco with 3 council members voting yes and Councilmember Mathews voting no. The meeting concluded with no other action taken. The next regular meeting of the Sonora City council will occur on Monday March, 17th.

# Sutton County Volunteer Fire Department News

traffic control.

Cearley with Tiger Duran Chief is once again Rick time he loves to play golf. ing time at the ranch.

faces to the department. of Imaging. In his spare others he's usually spend- Products. We would like

T.J. Thorp brings years The department recently this honor. 2013 has come and Mike Sanchez as his of experience to the de- named Javier Gaytan as very busy with 3 separate ment almost 6 years and Marshall and the depart-raised in Sonora all his ilies to join us. ice storms. With the first had served as President ment's training officer. life and was a member of We would like to thank storm alone we had over the last 2. He and his wife T.J. and wife Pam are the 2000 State Champion everyone in Sutton Coun-30 accidents with several Kathy have been married raising 3 children, Rylie, football team. He and ty for your vital part in extrications and lots of 29 years and have a 15 Kendall and Brooks. He is wife Angie have 2 chil- making our job easier and year old son, Ryker. Joe is employed as a Paramedic dren, Julian and Alexis. look forward to serving The New Year welcomed currently the Lillian Me- with Sutton County EMS. He is currently employed you in the New Year. new officers and new morial Hospital Director When he's not helping at Southwest Treating

to congratulate him on

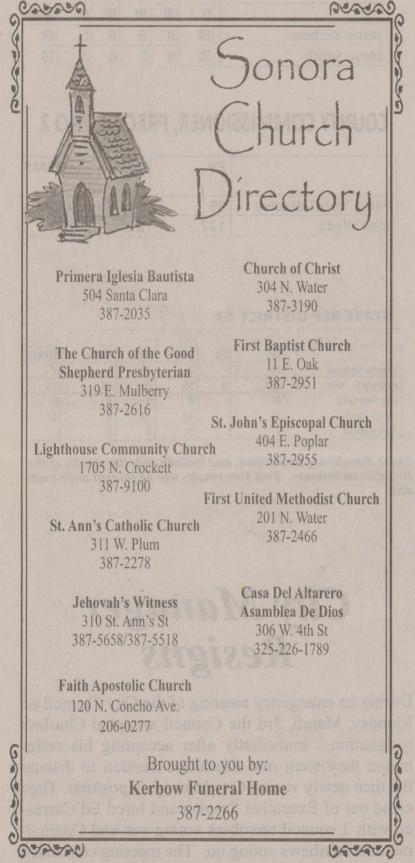
The Sonora Volunteer gone with 2014 barrel- assistants. Joe Marshall partment. He was born our Fireman of The Year. Fire Department is gearing in. Fire fighting has will serve as secretary af- and raised in Sonora and Javier has been with the ing up to host the spring been very sporadic due ter Alta Alewine retired is a 3rd generation fire- department for 6 years convention in April. We to rains in the latter part after 18 years of service. man. He will serve the and is currently serving as are anticipating 75-100 of the year but we were Joe has been in the depart-city as a certified Fire 2nd Lieutenant. He was firefighters and their fam-

# Wellness Ministry

#### The Daniel Plan Book Review

If I had to boil down my philosophy of food into one sentence it would be this: If God made it and intended for us to eat it...then eat it. Now, that comes with caveats, of course, as man's interference with food can often be to our detriment (genetically modified foods, chemicals and pesticides, poor animal diets). But, for the most part, I stick to my advice. Who knows what we should eat better than the Creator of our bodies? That's why I love The Daniel Plan. Marrying spirituality and health is very much up my alley. This book not only gives incredibly sound advice on how to approach food, it also inspires the inclusion of the other important components of good health: faith, fitness, focus, and friends. All of the information makes sense, feels doable, and motivates profoundly. No, it's not about fasting. No, it's not a vegetable only diet. It offers a good, comprehensive, common sense road to health. Because it's structured according to a 40 day plan (meal ideas included), Lent is a wonderful time to incorporate its philosophies. But no matter what time it is, whenever you're ready to feel empowered and excited about getting your health back, read The Daniel Plan. It will give you all the tools - and inspiration - you

Chelsea is a Certified Nutritional Therapist. For a Personalized Health Consultation, contact Chelsea at chelsea@dailynutritionist. com or go to www.dailynutritionist.com



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### Student of the Week

Hollis Snyder

Destany Castillo Morrigan Starr

January 28, 2014

Cassia Hernandez



# Student of the Week

February 28, 2014

Tais Gaytan

Sarah Kanady



Ashley Castilleja

#### Thank You

I would like to say thank you to Sonora. Your prayers, thoughts and kind words are greatly appreciated. The benefits my friends have put together for me have been wonderful. The residents of Sonora have made me and my family feel like we are drowning in a sea of love, My faith is strong and your prayers for me has been deeply felt during my time of illness.

Thank You. Dora Mcafee

### Lady Bronco Golf: Still On A Winning Streak

The girls did it again! We went to Blanco yesterday to the beautiful and challenging Vaaler Creek Golf Course and came away with a huge win.

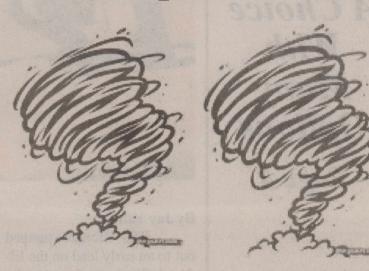
The girls beat second place by over 70 strokes. The field was mostly bigger 2A schools and 3A schools with a few large schools in the mix.

The lady Broncos could have put any combination of 4 scores from our 7 golfers and still won!

I think they are really focused this season and working hard to bring home some serious hardware this spring.

> Sidney Dermody 74 2nd Darby Ramsdell 82 4th Logan Smith 86 5th Holly Sparks 92 Kylie Reiner 96 Kali Mendez 108 (PR) Katie Hartman 109

# Main Street Sponsors Storm Spotter Class



Come join the Sonora Main Street and the N.O.A.A. for a National Weather Service SKYWARN Storm Spotter's class on Wednesday, March 19th from 1 pm to 3 pm at the Sonora High School Auditorium. The class is free and worth 2 hours of TCLOSE credits. Forms will be provided. Lunch is available at

the High School. If you have any questions, please be sure to call the office at 325-387-2248.

Your friends at Sonora Main Street

# Spring Break Tips

sure everyone has a valid pecially in vacation spots!) driver's license and the ve- While drinkin'... hicle registration is in the car Do us all a favor (including before driving off.

In hotels...

evacuate. At the ATM...

placent about safety just be- out. anyone is hanging out where take your mobile phone. they shouldn't be. When On the beach...

use your other hand to cover Buckle up, disco dancers! the keypad. Always be on Also take turns behind the the lookout for anyone suspiwheel, and whoever sits shot- cious. If someone is creeping gun should stay awake to keep you out, go to another ATM. the driver company. Make (There are plenty of them, es-

yourself) and party smart. Be responsible. Pace yourself Reserve a room that's above if you choose to drink, and the 1st floor but below the 6th avoid hard alcohol or other floor. Why? First floor rooms drinks that are powerful and are easier to break into, and have fast effects. (And rerooms above the sixth floor member that drunks = easy are sometimes too high for fire targets.) Also be aware of alladders to reach. If safes are cohol poisoning. According provided, definitely use them to a University of Wisconsin for any valuables you may study, 75 percent of college have. Keep doors and sliding males and 43 percent of fedoors locked, and don't let males reported being intoxianyone into your room unless cated on a daily basis during you can trust them. Make a spring break. If you do decide mental note of where the near- to drink, know the liquor laws est fire exits and stairwells are of wherever you'll be vacalocated in case you need to tioning. Drinking & driving is so avoid this by having your Try to go the ATM in groups, safe mode of transportation but avoid getting overly com- home planned before you go

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punching in your pin number, Drinking + sun can equal a bad

hangover. Sun can maximize safely. the effects of alcohol so keep In the hot tub... this in mind if you party on the Drinking in the hot tub might beach. Take it slow and stay sound like a good idea, since hydrated by drinking lots of pretty much every MTV vidwater. If you start feeling faint eo makes it look glamorous. or light headed, get shade and But low and behold, MTV is water immediately. And don't not an educational resource. be a lobster..use sunscreen (shocker!) Alcohol can dialof at least SPF 15 and reap- ate blood vessels and lower ply often. Pay extra special blood pressure to dangerous attention to ears, nose, face levels. The effects of alcohol and shoulders. Fair skinned are felt sooner and stronger friends should wear sunglass- in a hot tub. It can lead to unes and even a hat. Avoid sun consciousness and drowning. exposure during the hottest Overall, just a bad idea. hours of the sun's rays and Goin'out... when it's cloudy. While swimming ...

self at risk. Even the most about 98% of the bad drama. case you get caught in a rip home who is too intoxicated to current, don't bother swim- be out. Also be on the lookout always a dangerous situation, ming against it. Instead, swim for signs of predatory drugs: parallel to shore until the rip extreme wooziness, confupasses. Try to stay within the sion, difficulty standing and designated swimming area slurring speech. If you notice dy. Also know the flag system find your friends immediately for water safety:

tow and riptides.

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sunburn and an even worse -Blue Flag: Calm water. Swim

remember you can burn even My cardinal rule is this: Go out with your friends, go home with your friends. It's one of Jumping into the water with- those things that keeps you a out a lifeguard is putting your- whole lot safer, and eliminates experienced swimmer can This way you can look out for get caught in an undertow. In one another, and get a friend and always swim with a bud- these symptoms in yourself, and tell them to get you outta -Red Flag: Stay out of the wa- there. If you see these signs in ter because of strong under- a friend, do your friend duty and take them back to the hopletely around you to see if where and everywhere you -Yellow Flag: Use CAUTION tel, or to a hospital if symp-

# Spring Growing Season In Need of Rain

By Pascual Hernandez Sutton County Agrilife Extension Agent

I saw the first buzzards of the season on Friday (February 28th). So does that mean the cold weather is over? Obviously not, though they usually return once spring is near. But along with warmer temperatures, the growing season needs adequate moisture, and we've had a dry winter.

Although the top of plants may go dormant during the winter, the root system does not, and needs moisture to continue growth. The result of a dry winter is injury or death to parts of plant root systems. Affected plants may appear normal and resume growth in the spring using stored food energy. But, weakened plants may die in late spring or early summer when temperatures rise.

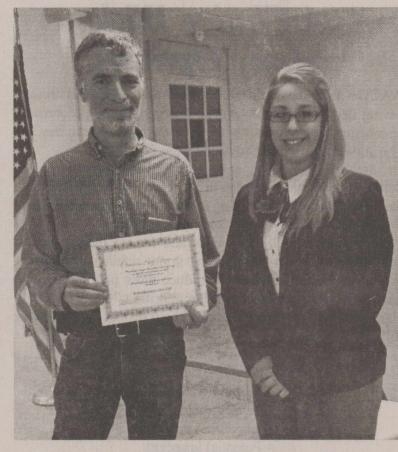
The amount of Texas in drought and severe drought has increased by 30% since January 1st. The National Weather Service (NWS) and its NOAA partners have released an updated Southern Plains Drought Outlook for February 2014. This new outlook highlights recent worsening of drought conditions in many parts of the region.

According to NOAA, there has been a tripling of the geographic extent of extreme drought conditions in Oklahoma since January 1st, and January 2014 was the driest on record in New Mexico and 5th driest on record in Texas.

Overall, all 3 states experienced a much drier than normal winter (except for Deep South TX and portions of Far West TX), which has resulted in general worsening of drought conditions heading into the all-important spring months. Generally, the spring months are relatively dry for New Mexico. However, Texas and Oklahoma usually see significant increases in rain during May. With lambing and kidding underway, our rangelands will need that moisture to sustain the herds.

So what is predicted for spring? At this time, NOAA estimates equal chances of below, above, or near normal precipitation expected across all 3 states. In other words, there is an equal chance of experiencing drought or a rainy period. These estimates are updated, so look for more information on the Southern Plains drought early warning system on the U.S. Drought Portal: http://drought.gov/drought/regionalprograms/southernplains/southern-plains-home

#### Lions Roar



The Sonora Downtown Lions Club was pleased to have Mrs. Doris Garvin as our guest on February 25th. Mrs. Garvin, pictured here, spent 25 years, beginning in May of 1970, as a missionary in Uganda and also spent one year in Kenya. She is the mother of Tamra Burkman who recently moved to Sonora with her husband, Beau Burkman who is employed at Exterran. All six of Mrs. Garvin's children graduated from school in Kenya. We all enjoyed hearing about her work and what God was able to accomplish through her family. There are now more than 200 churches as a direct result of her family's work.

Meghan Collins, District Executive Director of the Texas Southwest Council of the Boy Scouts of America, presented the Lions club with a certificate of outstanding support of the boy scouts. Sam Kent, club treasurer, accepted the certificate on behalf of the Sonora Lions Club and is pictured above with Ms. Collins.

Also joining us were the Intermediate students of the week, along with Mr. Leamon. Pictured are third grader Trinity Luna, fourth grader Abby Bennie, and fifth grader Rashel De Luna, with our Lions Club Queen Kaitlyn Gibbens.



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#### Relay for Life Soliciting Canned Foods to Fill Luminarias

The Sutton County Relay for Life Committee is currently having a canned food drive from February 17-April 7. Drop off points for the food drive are: The Wellness Center at 308 Hudspeth and the EMS Building at 211 East 3rd Street in Sonora. The canned food will be used to fill the Luminarias at the Relay for Life of Sutton County on May 23, 2014 and will then be donated to the Sonora Food Pantry once Relay for Life has completed.

The canned food drive is sponsored by the Sutton County Hospital District and the Sutton County Relay for Life committee. For further information please contact Marrisa Faz, Luminaria Chair and Food Drive Coordinator at ellamarafaz@hotmail. com. For more information about Relay for Life of Sutton County visit: www.relayforlife.org or follow us on Facebook.

## Governor Commonts on Hot Topic Issues

Gov. Rick Perry today released the following statements regarding a federal judge ruling Texas' same-sex marriage ban unconstitutional and Obamacare:

"Texans spoke loud and clear by overwhelmingly voting to define marriage as a union between a man and a woman in our Constitution, and it is not the role of the federal government to overturn the will of our citizens. The 10th Amendment guarantees Texas voters the freedom to make these decisions, and this is yet another attempt to achieve via the courts what couldn't be achieved at the ballot box. We will continue to fight for the rights of Texans to self-determine the laws of our state."

"Obamacare has been a complete failure. Rather than pointing fingers, President Obama should scrap his failed system and give states the flexibility they need to ensure people have long-term access to quality care. Medicaid is a broken system -- a fact President Obama has conceded in the past -- and pouring millions more people into a system that's already creaking from the strain is far from a long-term solution. Obamacare has resulted in millions losing the coverage President Obama promised they could keep, and that isn't Texas' fault."

## Re-Stocking Cattle: A Choice With Many Options

WACO – With the cattle market at all-time highs and drought having decimating herds across Texas, some might consider restocking, but are questioning if it's the right time to buy. The answer: It depends, says one expert.

Dr. Stephen Hammack, a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service beef cattle specialist in Stephenville, walked through the different metrics of buying replacement cattle at the recent Blackland Income Growth Conference in Waco.

"They're closer to 1,300 pounds and we are feeding practically everything we produce that is not retained for heifers. We've got better genetics to produce more pounds; we also have growth promotants and better nutrition."

Hammack said if you are thinking about restocking, "there are different alternatives and factors involved."

Those include:

- Cattle availability
- Initial investment
- Development phase
- Rebreeding potential
- Potential longevity

- Calving difficulty/death loss

First, Hammack recommended producers visit http://beef. tamu.edu/rebuilding for background information and resources to help with decision-making. Next, Hammack discussed the different options producers have when considering rebuilding their herds such as retaining heifers, purchasing heifers, buying cow-calf pairs, or three-in-ones (a single cow that is bred and has a calf by its side).

For retained heifers, Hammack said the obvious challenge is not having a calf for two years and the animal's nutritional needs. The "pluses" are availability, marketing flexibility, genetic potential and longevity.

For purchased heifers less than 700 pounds, the pluses are availability, marketing flexibility and initial investment. The minuses include the development phase, rebreeding potential, dystocia/death loss, above-average nutritional needs and high cull rate

For purchased heifers greater than 700 pounds, bred heifers and first calf pairs, Hammack said the pluses are longevity, while the minuses include initial investment, rebreeding potential, nutritional needs and cull rate.

# New Farm Bill Provides Permanent Livestock Disaster Assistance Programs

The 2014 Farm Bill, formally known as the Agricultural Act of 2014, makes the Livestock Forage Program (LFP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) permanent programs and provides retroactive authority to cover eligible losses back to Oct. 1, 2011.

LFP provides compensation to eligible producers who suffered grazing losses due to drought and fire. LIP provides compensation to livestock producers who suffered livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather and attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the Federal Government or protected by Federal law, including wolves and avian predators.

USDA is determined to make implementing the livestock disaster programs a top priority and plans to open program enrollment by April 15, 2014. As USDA begins implementing the livestock disaster assistance programs, producers should record all pertinent information of natural disaster consequences, including:

• Documentation of the number and kind of livestock that have died, supplemented if possible by photographs or video records of ownership and losses

 Dates of death supported by birth recordings or purchase receipts

• Costs of transporting livestock to safer grounds or to move animals to new pas-

• Feed purchases if supplies or grazing pastures are destroyed

• Crop records, including seed and fertilizer purchases, planting and production records

• Pictures of on-farm storage facilities that were destroyed by wind or flood waters

• Evidence of damaged farm land.

Many producers still have questions. USDA is in the process of interpreting Farm Bill program regulations. Additional information will be provided once the enrollment period is announced. In the meantime, producers can review the LIP and LFP Fact Sheets. Thanks for your patience as USDA works diligently to put Farm Bill programs into action to benefit the farmers and ranchers of rural America.





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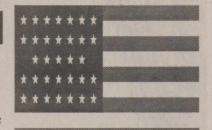
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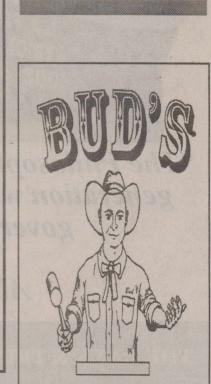
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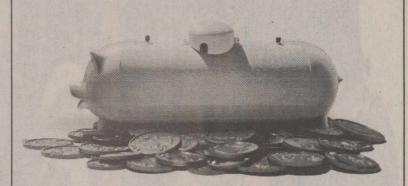
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#### Abraham Lincoln

#### THE BANK & TRUST WELCOMES BOARD MEMBER

# The Bank & Trust welcomes JoAnn Hernandez to the Board of Directors of The Bank & Trust—Sonora.

"JoAnn is an integral reason for our bank's success, and we are honored to have her on our board serving in yet another important role," Bank & Trust President and CEO Brady Johnson says.

"Loyalty, professionalism, integrity, and a sincere desire to help folks are admirable characteristics that have made her a leader in our community."

JoAnn has worked for The Bank & Trust for 30 years and currently serves as Vice President and Branch Manager. She is responsible for day-to-day activities of the branch, business development, and community involvement, while expanding the bank's customer base in Sonora and surrounding areas.

JoAnn's civic involvement includes the Sutton County Appraisal District Board and Viva Sonora President. She is a former mayor of Sonora and served on the boards of Sonora Economic Development, City of Sonora Main Street. Sutton County Historical Society, Sonora Child Welfare Board, and Girl Scouts of the Concho Valley.

JoAnn was born and raised in Sonora and graduated from Sonora High School and attended Angelo State University. She and her husband, George. have been married for 32 years and have a daughter, Katrina, who graduated from Texas Wesleyan University and UTSA and now resides in Arlington, and a son, Marc, a senior at the UTSA. They are parishioners at St. Ann's Catholic Church, where JoAnn is a Eucharistic Minister.

a director."

"I am blessed to live in a community like Sonora and work for a bank like The Bank & Trust,"

Hernandez says. "It is a joy and an honor to lead our banking family and to be a part of our board of directors team. I look forward to working closely with the board and contributing to our bank's ongoing success as

Please join us in congratulating and welcoming JoAnn Hernandez to the Board of Directors of The Bank & Trust—Sonora.



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# A Prayer For Lent



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O gracious Master, infuse in our hearts the spotless light of Your Divine Wisdom and open the eyes of our mind that we may understand the teachings of Your Gospel. Instill in us also the fear of Your blessed commandments, so that having curbed all carnal desires, we may lead a spiritual life, both thinking and doing everything to please You. For You, O Christ, our God, are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies; and to You we render glory, together with Your eternal Father, and with Your all holy, life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and forever.