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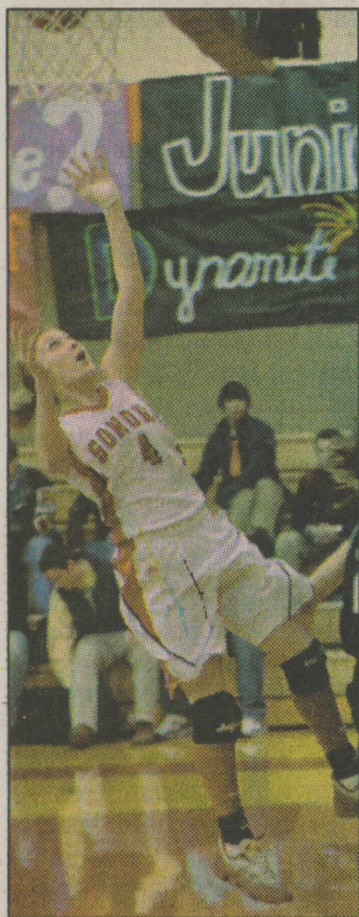
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## Class of 1961: Celebrating 50 Years

### SPORTS



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By Jo Bess Jackson

Plans were finalized Monday for the May 25-28 50th class reunion of the Sonora High School Class of 1961. Classmates met Monday for lunch at the Sonora home of Mack and Jean Mayhew to plan the events. 20 class members were joined by former teach-

ers and school administrators Charlotte Wilson, Doyle & Faye Morgan, Smith Neal, Edith Lowe, room-mother Wanda Cahill, and Sonora Main Street director Ann Kay. The class is establishing a one-time scholarship fund at First National Bank of Sonora to

be awarded to a 2011 Sonora graduate. Information on contributing to the scholarship and on the class reunion is on the class website and Facebook, or contact Mack Mayhew, 713-822-8294.



## LCRA ENERGY • WATER • COMMUNITY SERVICES PUC Selects Hill Country Route For New Transmission Line Mostly Along I 10

The Public Utility Commission of Texas Thursday unanimously approved a route to bring power to markets throughout the state. The action clears the way for LCRA Transmission Services Corporation (LCRA TSC) to begin making plans to purchase needed rights of way. The line is expected to be energized by December 2013.

"LCRA TSC is very pleased that the Public Utility Commission determined the best route to effectively carry electricity produced in Texas to Texans who need electricity for their homes and businesses," said Lower Colorado River Authority General Manager Tom Mason.

"The process, while challenging for the parties, allowed the Hill Country's values to be carefully weighed in this important decision. Those values came through loud and clear in the thousands of comments we received in surveys and at open houses attended by more than 3,400 people. As a result, the route selected by the PUC follows Interstate 10 for a great distance, uses monopolies near the cities of Junction and Kerrville and uses property of willing landowners where possible. No route satisfies all interests, but this route can be successfully,

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## Lions Roar



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## Sonora Golf Team Polar Bear Classic



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On Saturday, January 15, golfers gathered at Sonora Golf Club to participate in the annual High School golf team fundraiser. Money raised is used to purchase supplies for the golfers and also for lodging and meals on golf trips. The support from the community is a vital part in the success of the Sonora High School golf program. Braving cloudy and chilly weather, 44 golfers invaded Sonora Golf Club for the Par 3 event. Winning team (-11) consisted of Mike McBride, Kelly Martin, Devoe Smith, Leonard Castillo, Steve and Frannie Tackel.

A donated prize was given for each golf hole, either for closest to the hole or longest putt made. Closest to hole winners were: Sam Taylor (100 yd hole in one), James Barton, Leonard Castillo, and Freddy

Garza. Longest putt made winners were Jesse Parades, Mike Murburger and Genaro Morin.

We want to thank all of the local businesses that donated merchandise (used as prizes in the tournament). Also, we want to thank the businesses and individuals that donated money. The prizes helped in making the fundraiser a success and the donated money will be used for the success of the golf program.

Donations were received from: Sutton County Steak House, Sonic, Taqueria El Torito, Main Street Realty, Mr. D's, Super S, Taylor Brothers Enterprises, KJ's BBQ, La Mexicana, Wild Bill's, Everett's Pharmacy, Mercantile, Betty's, Mary Ann's, Dairy Queen, Parker Lumber, Justin Mathews Taxidermy, Balch Ranch, Snowflake Donuts,

Sonora Tire Service, Creek Roustabout, El's Light Service, Sparks Operating, Steve and Frannie Tackel, James Barton, Dermody Family, Nancy Davis, and Jet Specialty. Many individuals donated over the entry fee amount and the golf teams really appreciate the generosity.

We want to thank Gasmasters for taking their time to cook for the golfing participants. Everyone really enjoyed the "eats". Also, we want to thank Bentwood Country Club and Sonora Golf Club for prizes donated and the use of the golf course.

The Sonora High School golf teams' appreciate each business and the individuals that took part in our fundraiser.

## Tax Deadline Changes: Economist Recommends Delaying Returns



COLLEGE STATION — until late," she said. "Other Large numbers of tax payers may have to delay preparing their returns this year, and the usual April 15 filing deadline has even been extended, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service expert. The Internal Revenue Service needed some time to update their system's regulations after late action by the U.S. Congress in December, said Dr. Joyce Cavanagh, AgriLife Extension personal finance specialist, so returns with certain deductions can not be submitted until Feb. 14.

And since April 15 falls on a Washington, D.C. holiday this year, taxpayers will be given until the following Monday, April 18, to postmark their returns, she said.

The IRS is updating its system primarily to meet three deductions, Cavanagh said.

"Anyone who itemizes their deductions and files a Schedule A will not be able to file

deductions that will result in delayed filing are one for educator expenses up to \$250 and one for certain taxpayers who have higher education expenses such as tuition and fees that are not eligible for other credits."

The reason for the need for later filing for the Schedule A is that Congress extended the sales tax deduction, Cavanagh said.

"Particularly in Texas that's important because we do not have a state tax," she explained, noting that in states that require state tax reporting, people may choose between that and sales tax.

The educator tax is for teachers in kindergarten through 12th grade for classroom materials they purchase up to \$250, she said. The higher education tuition and fees deductions are for people who

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### Senior Center Activities

Thurs. January 27 - Crafts  
 Fri. January 28 - Birthday cake for January birthdays  
 Mon. January 31 - Happy Birthday *Mary Lynn Gosney*  
*Luan King*  
*Jeanette Cooper*  
 Tues. February 1 - Happy Birthday *Cleveland Nance*  
 Wed. February 2 - Happy Birthday *Joe Valera*

### Senior Center Menu

Thurs. January 27 - Spanish meatballs, rice, green beans, roll, sliced tomatoes, pineapple rings, milk  
 Fri. January 28 - Hamburger on a bun, oven French fries, lettuce, onions, tomatoes, carrot salad, fruit cocktail  
 Mon. January 31 - Steak fingers w/gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, sugar cookie, milk  
 Tues. February 1 -  
 Wed. February 2 -

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older.  
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### Death Notice

## Kevin Taylor

Kevin Taylor, 54, of Ft. McKavett, Texas, died on January 20, 2011. He was born June 23, 1956 to Olge Halbert and Viola Ruth Taylor in Newfinland, Canada.

He is survived by: Wife Tina Taylor, two brothers; Frank Taylor and wife Patricia of Brackettville, Texas and Keith Nolan and wife Mary of Eldorado; 2 nieces Jessica Pina, and Stephanie Wheeler; 3 Nephews, Aaron Taylor, David and Dusty Nolen; 2 great nieces and 5 great nephews, and best friend, Hub Wood

He is preceded by parents, two brothers Billie Cash Taylor and Gerald Nolen.

A memorial service was held Monday at The First Baptist Church in Eldorado under the direction of Heritage Funeral Home.

### Happy Birthday!

January 27  
 Sierra Samaniego, Katrina Sanchez, Michelle Cramer, Hunter Lawson, Timothy Young, Delilah Agüero, Adrienne San Miguel, Robert Zapata III, Shannon Vick

January 28  
 Amy N. Gutierrez, Greg Duke, Rachel Agüero,

January 29 -  
 Jody Luttrell, Juan Perez, Brittany Hernandez, Armando Sanchez,

January 30  
 Noah Moore, IV, Jason Geske, Tonya Brown, Lewis Allen, Veronica Velez, Jeremy Surber, DeVoe Smith, Vince Jackson, Nash Traylor, Chap Traylor

January 31  
 Gloria Mears, Armando Castilleja Jr., Oscar N. Jimenez, Jim Phillips, Daniel Thornton, Verónica Orozco, Luan King

February 1  
 Dainah Hernandez, Brandy Neff, Mario Lira, Sr., Graham Bloodworth, Marci Parks, Kristina Hernandez, Kaci Blake Lewis, Joy McGuffin, Katy Lynn Ramos, Fidel Acevedo, Katie Ramos, Mark Samaniego

February 2  
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## Happy Birthday, Daniel Thornton!

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**Wednesday**  
 6:00 Beth Moore Study - Fellowship Hall  
 6:00 Jr. High Youth - St. John's Sunday House  
 7:00 Sr. High Youth - St. John's Sunday House

## Helping Your Kids Make Better Media Choices

(StatePoint) Today's kids are bombarded with multimedia messages -- both positive and negative -- and the wide and expanding variety of entertainment media can have a real impact on the physical and mental health of children.

How can parents help children navigate this new terrain to make wise media choices?

"A decade ago, most children and adolescents spent about three hours a day watching television. Today, kids are spending more than seven hours per day on entertainment media, which includes televisions, computers, phones and other electronic devices," says Dr. Victor Strasburger, a member of the Council on Communications and Media at the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

#### Choose Media Wisely

To help kids make wise media choices, parents should monitor what their children watch. Parents can make use of established rating systems to avoid inappropriate content, such as violence, explicit sexual content or glorified tobacco and alcohol use.

Stick to educational, non-violent content. And by watching TV with your child you can put any questionable content into context and let it serve as a springboard for family discussions.

Parents should also make sure their home's media room includes non-electronic media formats like books, magazines and newspapers, as well as board games. Regular trips to the library with your children to help them select books can also encourage positive media consumption.

#### Limit Screen Time and Zones

The AAP recommends parents establish "screen-free" zones at home by making sure there is no TV, video games or computer in children's bedrooms. And they strongly recommend no TV during dinner.

Parents can also limit screen time by creating a weekly schedule of shows each family member wants to watch, or by providing alternatives, such as reading, after-school sports, hobbies, family activities and outdoor play. This is especially important during vulnerable times, like when kids get home from school.

For children younger than 2 years, the AAP recommends no TV at all. A child's brain develops rapidly during those first years, and children learn best by interacting with people, not TV screens.

#### Become Critics

"Studies have associated high levels of media use with problems in school, attention difficulties, sleep and eating disorders, and obesity," says Dr. Strasburger. "And the Internet and cell phones have become new platforms for illicit and risky behaviors."

In order to combat negative repercussions of such media exposure, parents should encourage children to be media critics. Ask kids questions about the attitudes and behaviors of characters in TV shows, movies and books, as well as the meaning and connotation of music lyrics, to get them thinking more critically about media and their own behavior.

Also, explain to children how commercials persuade people to buy items they may not necessarily need or which may not always be good for them. Consider using a DVR to minimize exposure to advertising by pre-recording shows and fast forwarding through some commercials.

For more tips on helping kids make positive media choices, visit the AAP's website, www.healthychildren.org.

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# Landscape of the Month



L to R: Florie Gonzales, Luis Lira, Carlos Gallegos, Johnny Solis and Monica Buitron

The Sutton County Library was chosen as Landscape of the Month for January 2011 by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. The native landscape is very well maintained throughout the year.

## Highway Patrol Troopers Arrest More Than 1,100 for DWI

A special enforcement program targeting impaired drivers during the Christmas and New Year's holidays was successful in removing more drunk drivers off Texas roadways.

Texas Highway Patrol troopers arrested 1,106 drivers across Texas for driving while intoxicated during the holiday period from Dec. 21 to Jan. 1. Of those arrests, 442 were made by troopers whose patrols were funded through a Texas Department of Transportation grant targeting impaired driving in high-risk locations during the times when alcohol-related crashes occur most frequently.

"The special grant allowed us to stay out on the road longer, and arrest more drunk drivers," said David Baker, Assistant Director for the Texas Highway Patrol. "We were able to arrest 288 more people in 2010 than in 2009. As always, the Highway Patrol urges you to designate a sober driver if you are going to drink alcohol."

The \$2 million special mobilization grant will run throughout 2011, allowing DPS to have additional targeted DWI patrols during Spring Break, Independence Day and Labor Day.

## New Susceptibility Gene for Skin Cancer Discovered By University of Texas at Austin Researchers

AUSTIN, Texas — Researchers, including those from The University of Texas at Austin, have identified a gene that plays a role in susceptibility to nonmelanoma skin cancer — a discovery that could lead to novel strategies for prevention of that form of cancer.

Nonmelanoma skin cancer is the most common type of malignancy in humans with about one million new patients being diagnosed each year, said Dr. John DiGiovanni, professor in the Division of Pharmacology & Toxicology, College of Pharmacy and Department of Nutritional Sciences, College of Natural Sciences.

Nonmelanoma skin cancers, such as basal cell carcinoma (BCC) and squamous cell carcinoma (SCC), are the most common forms of skin cancer. Though they are rarely life threatening, nonmelanoma skin cancers can be disfiguring when not diagnosed and treated in a timely manner. The incidence of nonmelanoma skin cancer (including both BCC and SCC) about equals that of all other human cancers combined.

"The morbidity and economic burden associated with

these malignancies continues to escalate," said DiGiovanni. "It is hoped that the identification of this susceptibility gene will lead to new strategies for prevention of skin cancers and possibly other cancers in humans."

The research was published recently in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

Others contributing to the study included Drs. Joe Angel and Maria Person, researchers in the College of Pharmacy, Drs. Erika Abel and Penny Riggs, formerly of DiGiovanni's lab at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Science Park-Research Division in Smithville, as well as scientists from other institutions.

Much of DiGiovanni's research has focused on understanding the molecular and cellular mechanisms associated with cancer development. Cancer is a disease involving gene-environmental interactions so it's important to understand both environmental influences as well as genetic factors in searching for ways to prevent cancer.

DiGiovanni has worked on finding susceptibility genes for nonmelanoma skin can-

cer — that affects risk in both mice and humans — for the past 20 years. Before coming to Austin in 2010, he was a professor in the Department of Carcinogenesis (carcinogenesis is the process of cancer development) at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and was the director there from 1997-2009.

DiGiovanni also is studying the link between obesity and cancer. His research lab is in the university's new Dell Pediatric Research Institute adjacent to Dell Children's Hospital.

"Studies related to this gene indicate that it plays a role in the tumor promotion stage of skin carcinogenesis, which is the process whereby premalignant cells undergo expansion and acquire additional characteristics associated with malignancy," said DiGiovanni. The mechanism by which the newly discovered gene modifies skin tumor development, however, has not been determined.

Preliminary results from DiGiovanni's laboratory suggest this gene may play a role in other cancers, including several pediatric cancers such as leukemia and lymphoma as well as melanoma.

"Additional studies are needed," DiGiovanni said, adding that larger, population-based studies will be required to further validate these results.

## Top Tax Time Tips

(SPM Wire) It's time to gather your financial documents and receipts to figure out if you owe Uncle Sam or he owes you.

Getting a jump on your taxes can help avoid mistakes. Here are some tips from the IRS:

Gather documents: receipts, canceled checks and others that support income or deductions.

Let Free File do the hard work. It's available at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Everyone can find an option to prepare a tax return and e-file it for free. If you made \$58,000 or less, you qualify for free tax software. If you made more or are comfortable preparing your own return, use Free File Fillable Forms.

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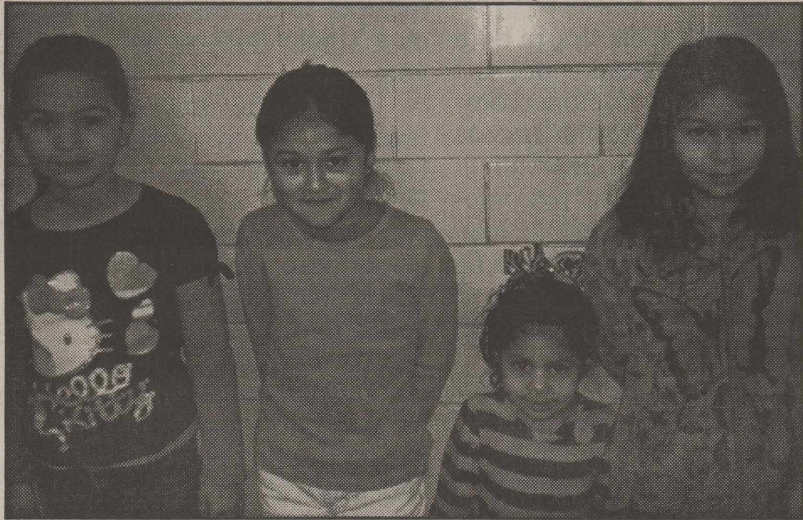


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# Students of the Week Elementary



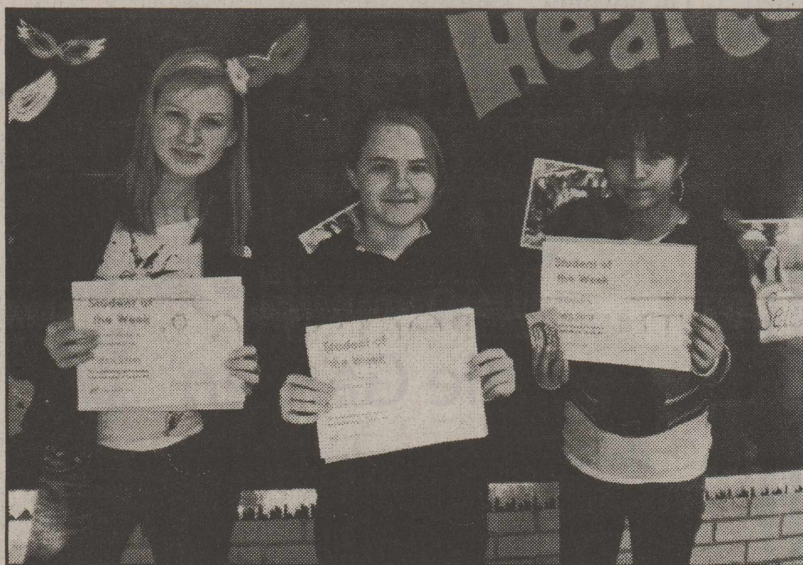
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# Intermediate



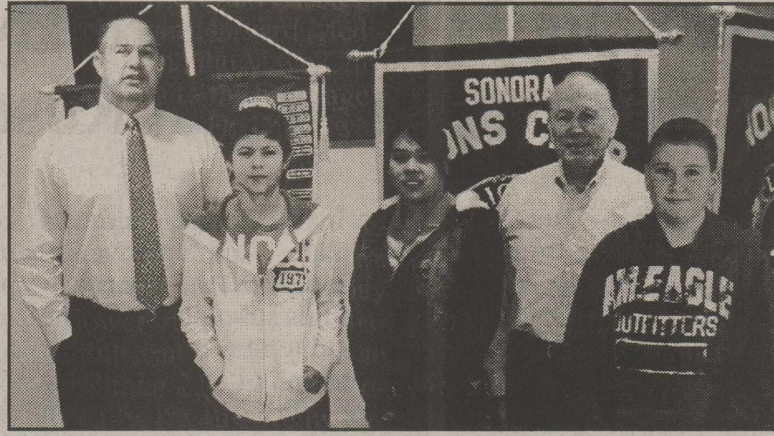
L to R: Danyse Cantu, Victoria Klebold-Smith, Janet Baez

# Middle School



L to R: Alexa Sykes-8th, Darby Ramsdell-7th, Isela Rivas-6th

# Lions Roar



L to R: Lion Brandon Duncan-Middle School Principal, Gus Barrera-8th grade, Marlene Ortiz-6th grade, Lion Charlie Graves-City Manager, and Qualy Shane-7th grade

It never ceases to amaze me the fun we have volunteering in an organization like the Sonora Lions. The opportunity to meet and dine weekly with like minded friends as well as children being educated in our fine schools; to be updated by community leaders on issues affecting our community but most of all to provide a "selfless service" to our citizens and this community. Without the support of caring & giving citizens we could not financially accomplish our mission. Well done Lion/Citizen Team!

Three great Middle Schoolers addressed the Club this past week. As Principal Duncan put it "I present to the Club three great students of the week." They were Marlene Ortiz 6th grade, Qualy Shane 7th grade, and Gus Barrera 8th grade. Each student was introduced by the Lions Queen Marisa Prieto and addressed the Club. What a joy it is to have our future leaders join us each week.

Our program speaker was our newest Lion, Charlie Graves. Lion Graves returns to Sonora to lead our City. (Author's Note: Hopefully, the title of Acting City Manager will be removed for a permanent position I pray.) Lion Charlie talked about the immediate priorities for the City. Infrastructure leads the list. Infrastructure priorities are: sewer treatment, sewer and water systems. Lion Charlie has hit the ground running.... You may have noticed the sewer work being accomplished along Crockett and lots of construction activity around 1st and Menard. Activity has also started near the Football Stadium where Camera Crews are inspecting sewer pipes. The initial funding for this work is a 9 million bond issue, approved by the citizens in 2007. The 13%

increase in utility fees is paying for this work. The City's second priority is the Airport infrastructure that includes drainage, re-fueling system, and runway. Over-arching all of Lion Graves' priorities is strict monitoring of the City Budget. There is little doubt in my mind that this friendly professional will lead this City and make us proud. Just a reminder that there will be inconvenience with construction ongoing around the City... please be patient. Thanks, Lion Graves, for an informative update and welcome back to the Sonora Lions Club.

Lion Sine... we are thrilled with your new contract. Go Big Red...

Lions Calendar: January 25th -weekly meeting School Board Trustees Appreciation Luncheon February 4th 3pm til ? Speech Meet Hamburger Supper. Troop 19 sponsorship on-going. 15 March nominating committee meets to select new Officers, 29 Mar Broom Sale for the Blind (main Street @ City Hall & Post Office) early orders are appreciated. Contact any Lion for early orders.

Go Broncos and Shop Sonora !!!

# State Poster Contest Helps Teachers School Their Students About the Benefits of Trees

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Fourth and fifth grade teachers tasked with educating their students about trees and the benefits they provide have a tool to help liven up their lessons — the 2011 Texas Arbor Day Poster Contest.

A diverse community forest is a healthy community forest, and that's just the point that the state poster contest is focusing on this year.

Sponsored by Texas Forest Service and open this year to both fourth and fifth grade students, the contest carries the theme Trees are Terrific in all Shapes and Sizes! It's designed to boost students' environmental stewardship by having them create a community complete with not just trees but the right trees planted in the right places.

The contest — and included environmental lessons — are correlated to the state curriculum for science and art, said Contest Coordinator Pete Smith.

"It's just a fun way to educate students about the benefits that come from the trees that surround us," Smith said. "It's not about forests somewhere else; it's about trees where we live, trees that we see every day. Hopefully, the lesson will instill in them an environmental ethic that they can carry forward."

### Rules

Unlike previous years, the national contest sponsored by The Arbor Day Foundation will not be held. As such, rules for the state competition have been tweaked this year.

- Both fourth and fifth grade students are eligible to participate.
- Posters may be no larger than 11 inches by 17 inches.
- The deadline for each school to submit its winning poster is March 25, 2011.

### Prizes

The winning student will receive a \$500 savings bond and a year-long family pass for Texas state parks, as well as a framed copy of his or her poster and an invitation to the Texas Arbor Day ceremony in Pearland on April 29, 2011.

The winning teacher will receive a personal iPad and \$250 to go toward classroom supplies.

The winning school will receive \$250 for environmental books or supplies and a tree planted on the campus as part of an Arbor Day celebration.

For more information about the contest or to download the 2011 Activity Guide, visit the 2011 Texas Arbor Day Poster Contest website. Or, email Poster Contest Coordinator Pete Smith at postercontest@tfs.tamu.edu.

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# Top Tips For Heart Health Month

(StatePoint) It's time to tend to matters of the heart, as February brings with it Valentine's Day and Heart Health Month. It's the perfect time for heart-healthy lifestyle choices that can help us enjoy longer lives with our loved ones.

Every 25 seconds somebody in America suffers from a coronary event, such as heart attacks or strokes. And heart disease has long been the leading cause of death in the nation.

It was this harsh reality that spurred the government to proclaim February "American Heart Month" in 1963.

Today, the good news, according to the Centers for Disease Control, is the chance of developing coronary heart disease can be reduced by preventing and controlling factors that put people at greater risk.

\* Get Moving: Start slow if you aren't in great shape. Take the stairs instead of the elevator. Take a walk daily and gradually increase your pace. Be sure to consult your doctor before starting exercise regimens.

\* Limit Fats: Fatty foods can be high in cholesterol and trans fats that can clog arteries

and lead to heart disease. There are many smart food choices that can help.

- Choose lean meats and poultry without skin. Eat less than 300 mg of cholesterol daily and reduce hydrogenated oils and trans fats. Opting for fruit instead of snack foods or candy is a great way to eat fewer fatty foods.

\* Embrace Antioxidants: Foods and drinks rich in antioxidants can combat cellular damage that can lead to heart disease. Apples, oranges, grapes and tea are some foods containing these nutrients. Red wine, in particular, has high concentrations of a super antioxidant called resveratrol that's found in the skin of grapes. Resveratrol is a natural substance that has garnered headlines worldwide due to its heart health and lifespan enhancing effects.

But due to the intoxication effects and calories, drinking too much red wine can be harmful. That's why many are using supplements or drinks fortified with resveratrol. One beverage garnering attention is Modjo forLIFE, a drink loaded with vitamins, amino acids, antioxidants and five times the amount of resver-

atrol found in a liter of red wine. It was crafted based on research from Harvard Medical School and the Mayo Clinic, according to the beverage's creator, Victor H. Diaz, who founded Cellutions, an innovator in health supplements.

\* More Fiber, Less Salt: Vegetables, fruits and grains are great sources of fiber that may help lower risk of heart disease. Salt can be harmful, so eat less than 2,300 mg of sodium daily. If you have hypertension, are middle-aged or African American, consume less than 1,500 mg of sodium daily, according to the CDC.

For more tips on heart health, visit the CDC at www.cdc.gov. For information about beverages with resveratrol, visit www.modjoforlife.com. Modjo forLIFE is available nationwide at 7-Eleven, GNC and other specialty retailers.

"A few smart choices now can make a big difference. With this in mind, eating foods rich in antioxidants and drinking beverages with resveratrol can help trigger your natural defenses," says Diaz.

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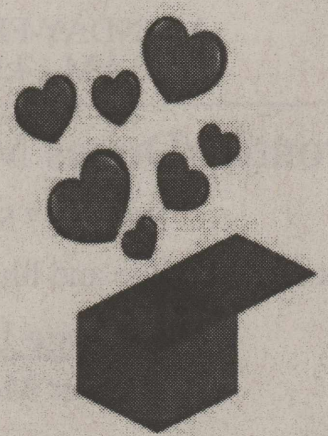
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# Sutton County Exhibitors Compete In Hill Country Show

By Pascual Hernandez,  
Sutton County Agricultural  
Extension Agent



It's definitely stock show season. Our youth have been busy exhibiting the livestock they've been developing. Several Sutton County kids representing Sutton County 4-H and Sonora FFA participated at the Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show in Kerrville on January 20-22. All competed well. Here are a few results:

The Market Goats had lots of action. There were 15 classes. These are divided by weight.

Class 1 (Ethan Morriss, 7th); Class 2 (Ethan Morriss, 8th); Class 5 (Kylie Reiner, 11th; Katy Jo Wardlaw, 9th); Class 6 (Reagan O'Brien, 12th); Class 7 (Word Hudson, 4th); Class 8 Mary Kyle Johnson, 10th; Bailey Joe Pennington, 2nd); Class 10 (Macie Friess, 15th); Class 11 (Stella Ingham, 11th); and in Class 14 (Stella Ingham, 2nd)

We also had lamb entries. Abby Nolen placed 13th in the heavy-weight finewool class. Meanwhile, Robert Chavez finished 4th with his middle-weight mediumwool lamb and 13th with his heavy-weight.

In the swine barn, Darby Ramsdell finished 3rd with her Spot gilt, while sister, Delaney Ramsdell, was 2nd with hers. The girls also had a Landrace gilt which finished 6th.

Competing in the cattle barn, Delilah Aguero placed 6th with a light-weight European steer, while Sterling Hall finished 7th with a middle-weight American steer.

And there were a few entries in the Angora show. Lane Cahill showed a 2nd place and 6th place entries in the Commercial Doe Kid class; she also had a 2nd place finish in the pen of 3 commercial doe kid class. In the Commercial yearling Doe class, Summer Hall placed 8th, while Sterling Hall was 10th, and Lane Cahill finished 11th.

Participating in stock shows can help youngsters develop self-confidence through competition. Livestock exhibition is also an excellent opportunity for family involvement in competitive events which reinforce time and resource management skills.

Congratulations to all these kids. Please forgive any unintentional oversights.

# Possible State Record Spotted Bass Reported from Lake Alan Henry

ATHENS—Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) geneticist Dijar Lutz-Carrillo is conducting DNA analysis on a 5.62-pound bass caught from Lake Alan Henry January 15 to determine if it is a spotted bass.

If the tests are positive, the fish will become the new state record spotted bass, eclipsing the previous record of 5.56 pounds caught from Lake O' the Pines in 1966.

The fish was caught by Erik Atkins of Lubbock in a tournament and measured 22.75 inches in length and 15 inches in girth.

"I was fishing in three to five feet of water with a shaky-head worm, looking for a fish coming up to feed on the rocks," Atkins said. "I turned the reel two cranks and she took it."

TPWD stocked 150 adult spotted bass from Alabama in Lake Alan Henry in 1996. "These bass are native to the Mobile Bay drainage in Alabama and were stocked experimentally in Texas since their growth rate is similar to largemouth bass and they live longer than the spotted bass known as Kentucky bass (*Micropterus punctulatus*) native

to the Ohio and central and lower Mississippi River valleys," said Charlie Munger, TPWD Inland Fisheries biologist for Lake Alan Henry. "Alan Henry has the only population of Alabama spotted bass (*Micropterus hen-shalli*) in the state."

Kentucky spotted bass are commonly found in East Texas streams. "Since there is no way for anglers to visually differentiate between the species of spotted bass, they are both considered to be simply spotted bass for record purposes," Munger said.

The lateral line on spotted bass is broken, and spots on their lower sides form rows of spots. The closed mouth of a spotted bass does not extend beyond the back margin of the eye. An identification guide can be found at [http://archive.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/bkbass\\_diagrams.phtml](http://archive.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/bkbass_diagrams.phtml).

Munger says a study of the spotted bass in Lake Alan Henry shows that there has been no hybridization of spotted bass with largemouth bass. "We detected no hybridization at all," he said.

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safely and reliably constructed by LCRA TSC," Mason said. The route takes power from a substation south of San Angelo in Schleicher County to a substation in Kendall County that is connected to the rest of the Texas transmission grid. The route travels parallel to Interstate 10 from a place west of Junction to near the end of the line just east of Kerrville.

Much of the deliberations at the PUC centered on reducing the impact in Junction, which has an airport along the route, and Kerrville, where the route crosses areas slated for commercial development.

"LCRA deeply appreciates the involvement of thousands of citizens who provided information, sought solutions and stayed with the process," Mason said. "This allowed LCRA TSC to provide the commission with options for the best possible routes." The project has been in the works for two years. The line will be approximately 140 miles long and cost is currently estimated between \$330 million to \$350 million.

LCRA TSC originally offered 60 different routes, each of them feasible. Because of the very large size, an unprecedented 1,100 landowners intervened in LCRA TSC's application before the PUC.

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are not eligible for either the Lifetime Learning Credit or the American Opportunity Credit.

"People who will be taking any or all of these deductions on their returns need to know that the IRS estimates it will not be able to accept these until Feb. 14," Cavanagh said. She said IRS estimates that only about 30 percent of the U.S. taxpayers itemize on their returns. And though processing will not be ready for a few weeks, Cavanagh said, all taxpayers will have an extra three days to file.

Washington, D.C. will observe Emancipation Day on April 15 because April 16 – the date that commemorates the signing in 1862 of the Compensated Emancipation

Act – falls on a Saturday this year.

"While that may just give some a few more days to procrastinate, I'd like to encourage those who need help preparing their taxes to look for some of the free tax assistance programs and on the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) in advance of the filing date," Cavanagh said.

She recommends:

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## Bronco Basketball Begins District Play: Broncos Easily Cage the Bulldogs



Photo By Nancy Glasscock

Cadesman Pope posting up under the basket against the Brady Bulldogs.  
By Coach Evans

The Sonora Boy's Basketball District is under way and as I type this article the Broncos are sitting at 3-0. I've talked to the team and they know there is still a lot of basketball to play and not to get ahead of ourselves. The boys have played some good ball in the recent weeks and with the grace of God we can continue to get better.

The Broncos started their district season with the Ozona Lions and this was not the team of the past, these guys have really improved and I take my hat off to Coach Rohan of Ozona he does a good job. The boys jumped out to a 13-7 lead and I really thought we were going to take off. But, we went cold I mean very cold; missed a lot

of easy layups and easy shots inside. The lead at half-time 16-15, we talked about our layups, you see we were trying to make something so easy, hard. When the 2nd half started the boys opened up a 10 pt lead and didn't stop until the buzzer 45-27. Austin Hampton was high point with 12 followed with Imoni Cross 11, Davis Jimenez 4, Word Hudson 5, Ethan Morriss 8 and Cadesman Pope with 5.

Our next game with Grape Creek was held in their backyard. I had done some asking around and every one that I had talked to said they were big and fast. On Tuesday night they showed that and more. The Eagles had us down early 9-14 in the first quarter; Hudson was having

a hard time buying a basket. Cross and Hampton stepped in and helped with some good shooting from the outside. When the 2nd quarter started we found our rhythm and started playing better defense. Pope hit a few baskets that seemed to ignite some of the other players, including Jimenez who stepped up and hit a nice shot. The score at half was 23-26. The Broncos came out swinging the second half and outscored the Eagles 15-3 in the 3rd quarter. This was a tough ball team, they showed a lot of character, but the Broncos kept sinking those shots and in the end, we made the last one with 5 seconds to go and Hudson drained the hoop winning 49-47. Scoring I. Cross 5, D. Jimenez 2, W. Hudson 19, A. Hampton 12, E. Morriss 5, D. Payne 2, C. Pope 4

The Bulldogs of Brady showed up at looking for a fight and the Broncos gave it to them. Before the game I talked to the boys and told them they have everything to gain and nothing to lose. The dogs had a pretty good bite at first, staying with us 19-13 first quarter score but, the Broncos extended their scoring by executing their offense and not turning over the ball. The boys played well and ended the game 66-37. Scoring goes as followed Cross 12, Leonard 1, Hudson 25, Hampton 15, Morriss 5, Payne 2 and Pope 6.

Our next game will be against the Ballinger Bearcats. They play the game very well and it will be a strong test for us. Coach Buxkemper has been coaching a long time there in Ballinger and has a long line of Championships. The Wall Hawks will be here on Friday and you will be able to witness the #2 state ranked team in Texas. Thank you Sonora for all you do in supporting Bronco Basketball.

## JV Boys Basketball: Start District Play With A Win

By Ramon Prieto

The JV White Boys Basketball team began district play against Grape Creek on Tuesday Jan. 18th. The Broncos jumped out to a very good start, putting pressure on the Eagles early in the game. The Broncos took a 12 - 0 lead after the first quarter, with a stingy defense and effective offensive effort. At the half the JV Broncos lead 16 - 3. The Broncos came out in the second half of the game with

16 points in the 3rd quarter and 7 points in the 4th. The final score was Sonora 39 - Eagles 18. The JV White team is now 1-0 in district and will face Brady at home on Friday, Jan. 21st.

C. Barber - 14 pts.; J. Modesto - 8pts.; Rhett Guerra - 5 pts.; A. Munoz 4pts.; L. Rodriguez, A. Samaniego, J. Braly, E. Esquivel, - 2pts

## JV Girls Basketball: District Play A Roller Coaster

The last 3 District Games have had some highs and lows for the JV Girls bball. We have suited up against the Wall Hawks, Ozona Lions and the Grape Creek Eagles. Out of those three the girls have brought home a record of 2-1, making them 3-1 overall in District play. (The other win being against Ballinger)

First off we had the Wall Hawks. What can I say about that...Playing Wall will definitely keep you humble! They are a team with a deep tradition of being state ranked year after year, they come out of the womb carrying a ball and eat, sleep and dream about the sport. Their JV team had 11 girls, and not a one sour apple in the bunch. I'll be honest when I say we came out playing scared and not on our level. There were times when the Lady Broncos hit their marks however, and were able to compete with the Lady Hawks. It was definitely a learning experience, a very hard, but needed experience. The biggest lesson learned was to NEVER play like you are intimidated. Always walk on the court and play to the best of your ability and good things will happen. Next time we see Wall will be on the 28th of this month. The girls are expected to show up and play on their best level, which will lead to a better end result than the last match. The girls took a hard hit with the final score of 21-54.

Things looked up when the JV Lady Broncos hosted Ozona on our home court. They started out with a powerful first half, outscoring the lions 28-8. Strong defensive plays from a combined team effort of all five girls on the court lead to turnover after turnover for Ozona, and point after point for the Lady Broncos. Good adjustment at the

half from the Ozona coach allowed the lions to figure out how to break our press, and they put on a good showing the second half. However they were never able to come close to catching up and we ended with a score of 42-23.

The last game the girls played was this Tuesday against Grape Creek. It was not the prettiest game the JV girls have played, but a Win is a Win. The girls had several good looks, several good defensive plays, but were unable to put points on the board as we missed layup after layup or jump shot after jump shot. After a very cold first half we went to the dressing room down 3 points. Sonora scored only 7 points the entire half and allowed the Eagles 10. To put this in perspective, we scored 8 points against the powerful Lady Hawks the first half...and only 7 the first half against the winless Lady Eagles. NOT OFF TO A GOOD START! The girls did come out with a tad bit more enthusiasm the second half, ended up finally getting the lead at the beginning of the 3rd and holding it the rest of the game. Final score 28-23. The following days practice was full of shooting drill after shooting drill and talk of always having to play with fire and desire. Athletic ability can only allow wins against teams of less ability. But it takes fire + ability the 'want to' to be able to be successful against the tougher teams. Hopefully this first half of district play has taught the girls a lesson or two about always playing to their highest level of self excellence! I am excited to see how they do the second half.

Tomorrows game against Brady will conclude the first half of District. Tip off starts at 5:00 pm!!! Hope to see you there!!



## 8th Grade Colt Basketball

## 7th Grade Colt Basketball

By Jay Immel

The 7th Grade white basketball team continues their winning streak by defeating the Grape Creek Eagles last night 20-14. The boys played great man to man defense. They were losing at half and outscored the eagles 12- 5 in the second half for the win.

### 7th Grade White Top Scorers

Harold Luna 6 pts.  
Sergio Solis 6 pts.  
Adrian Garcia 2 pts.  
Johnathon Hazelton 2 pts.  
James Freeman 2 pts.  
Edgar Hernandez 2 pts.

The 7th Grade Red took on the Grape Creek Eagles and were defeated 11-31. The Broncos trailed 8-12 at the half but could not hold on as Grape Creek began to pull away with it in the second half. The Boys play their last home game next Monday against Brady with 7th Red beginning at 5:30.

### 7th Grade Top Scorers

Arturo Lopez 3 pts.  
Jullian Gallardo 3 pts.  
Michael Campos 2 pts.  
Juan Gamez 2 pts.  
JD Garza 1 Pt.

By Jay Valdez

The 8th grade boys white team took on Grape Creek. Losing 6-0 at the end of the 1st period the Colts fixed a few problems and took the lead 9-6 at half. The Colts then pulled away from the Eagles with full court press, easy layups and great defense in the 4th period not allowing Grape Creek to score. Final score 17-8 Colts.

**Colt High Scorers:**  
Gus Barrera 2pts  
Santi Garza 4pts  
Rico Rodriguez 4pts  
Lionel Deleon 7pts

The 8th grade boys red team played the next game. The Colts jumped out to an early lead 10-2 end of 1st period. The benched played a lot early because of some foul trouble and sloppy shoot-

ing by the Colts but, the Colts always maintained the lead 18-8 at half. The second half the Colts took over the game offensively and defensively. The Colts only allowed the Eagles to score one more point the entire second half. The final score 44-9 Colts.

### Colt Red team High Scorers:

Brett Castillo 16pts  
Andres Acevedo 9pts

Hunter Hughes 9pts  
Elijah Cross 10pts

The Colts record is 7-3 overall and need to win the next two district games to have a shot for District title. The Colts Red team will be travelling to Junction Saturday for the Junction basketball tournament. The next District game will be against Brady here Monday Jan. 31.

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## Lady Colts Continue to Improve

By Coach Robertson

The Lady Colts took on the Grape Creek Eagles last night and were almost able to pull out a clean sweep. The 8th B team started us off with a very dominating game offensively and defensively with a final score of 36-4!!! Each of the 5 players scored and contributed immensely!!! The girls stole the ball and caused many turnovers for the Eagles!!! They have gotten nothing but better as the

season as progressed and they shut their opponent out 3 out of the 4 quarters!

Halle Samaniego 11 pts  
Madison Wolfe 12 pts  
Lillian Kent 2 pts  
Jazmin Ramos 4 pts  
Julissa Esquivel 7 pts

We then took on the Lady Eagle A team and in the last game we played them at their house, they beat us by 11. Your Lady Colts

were bound and determined NOT to let that happen again and were ready to come out with a bang! We started off strong, leading the game all the way up until the 3rd Quarter. The girls were doing a great job of not letting them score and we stayed very focused on the goal; to WIN!!! But with too many turnovers and too many missed easy shots under the basket, we

weren't able to hold the lead...they beat us by 4 points(only 2 baskets) and left us very disappointed. These ladies did an excellent job of being controlled but the basket just was not our friend last night!

Abby Nolen 3 pts  
Mia Smith 2 pts  
Alexa Sykes 8 pts  
Veronica Gaytan 4 pts  
Kamri Martinez 2 pts

We travel to Junction on Saturday for our last tournament of the season and we play our last basketball game Monday January 31st @ Brady!

play Mason @ 11:00 am and Junction @ 1:00pm in the High School Gym. If you see these ladies, give them a pat on the back! They have worked hard all season!

## Varsity Girls Basketball Continues To Roll Through District



Photo By Ray Glasscock

Morgan Smith goes up for 2 during the Lady Broncos game against Brady.

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The notice of award of contract will be given by the Owner within ninety (90) days following the opening of bids.

Bidders shall be required to hold bids for at least 90 days after bid opening. Any contract or contracts awarded under this Invitation for Bids are expected to be funded in part by a loan from the Texas Water Development Board, and shall be referred to as Project (DWSRF 61318). Neither the State of Texas nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees is or will be a party to this Invitation for Bids or any resulting contract.

The successful bidder must furnish performance bond upon the form provided in the amount of 100 percent of the contract price and a Material and Labor Payment Bond upon the form provided in the amount of 100 percent of the contract price from an approved surety company holding a permit from the State of Texas to act as surety or other sureties acceptable to the Owner. The right is reserved, as the interest of the Owner may require, to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informality in bids received. Bidders are allowed to modify and/or withdraw bids prior to the bid opening.

Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda in the spaces provided in the Proposal, on the outer envelope of bid and the fax cover sheet provided with each addenda.

Plans, specifications and bidding documents may be examined at the office of Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter, L.L.P. 11910 Greenville Ave., Suite 600, Dallas, Texas 75243, and purchased for the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per set, non-refundable.

CITY OF SONORA

By s/ Lemuel D. Lopez  
Lemuel D. Lopez, Mayor