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## School Bond Election Slated May 6<sup>th</sup>: Gibson Speaks to Community

By Ben D. Taylor

The High School auditorium played host to a sparse crowd for a presentation from Superintendent of Schools Don Gibson on Monday February, 28th. The meeting (a town hall style presentation) was held in order to inform the public about an upcoming bond election.

Gibson stated that, "I have a strong feeling that this is something that both our school and our community needs to do. I have been talking to the school board for 5 years about the need for a bond."

A feasibility committee made up of 21 community members have been meeting since October, and made a recommendation for a bond election.

The school board passed the recommendation with a 4-1 vote calling for a bond election to be held on May 6th.

According to Gibson the 5 million dollar bond will not effect the current tax rate, "this money will be used to upgrade facilities, transportation, and technology. A committee member recommended to establish an oversight committee to make sure administrators spend the money appropriately".

Gibson commented that a bond is a much more efficient way to spend tax money. "Currently only 63% of our tax money stays home, while the remaining 37% goes to the state. 100% of all money

raised in a bond stays locally, in my opinion this is a much more efficient way to spend our tax money."

In a interview after the meeting I asked Gibson, "if the school didn't build the fieldhouse complex, would this bond issue even be necessary?" He responded by stating, "Yes it still would be necessary, in fact those facilities should have been built with a bond."

Gibson stressed his desire to communicate with the public directly on this matter. If you have any questions or comments regarding the bond he encouraged all community members to call him at (325) 387-6940

## Sonora Native Honored: Morgan Receives Employee of the Year



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## Long-Lost Letters Shed New Light On Texas Navy

First-Hand Accounts Of Piracy, Heroism Archived At The General Land Office

AUSTIN — The Texas Navy was pressed into service in January 1836 — just months before the newborn Republic declared independence from Mexico. By August 1837 all four ships were lost, as was the reputation of the ragtag flotilla of privateers and U.S. Navy veterans.

But correspondence recently culled from the more than 35 million maps and documents archived at the General Land Office casts new light on the lives of six men seen as pirates by some and heroes of the revolution by others. The letters, hand-written in a quill pen on faded and yellowed paper, were pulled from files containing testimony from men who fought in the Texas Revolution seeking land grants for their service. The letters were found after archivists began searching for files under the names of men from

an old Texas Navy muster roll. "These letters help tell the story of Texas through the personal stories of several men," said Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the General Land Office. "Documents like these are hidden gems, and with Texas history month upon us, I think they're a great example of why Save Texas History has such an important mission to preserve and digitize the archives at the General Land Office."

The short history of the first Texas Navy was marked by both success and scandal. The men who signed up to serve on the four ocean-going ships purchased by the provisional government can be credited with protecting supply lines from New Orleans and defending the Texas coast from Mexican invasion. The Texas Navy also brought in much needed revenue for the cash-strapped republic, by raiding ships and

towns on the Gulf of Mexico.

But the Texas Navy also defied Sam Houston's orders, raiding a ship belonging to the United Kingdom and causing a diplomatic row that threatened to undermine Texas' early efforts to be recognized as an independent republic. Because of this — and Houston's view that the Navy crews benefitted financially from their seizures — Houston denied land grants to Texas Navy veterans. They were the only men who fought for independence not to receive land for their service.

While historians still argue over the relative merits of the first Texas Navy, the letters culled from the General Land Office Archives provide details of both sacrifice and service. Captain Silas Dins-

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## From Eaton Hill: An Outdoor Classroom

By Delyse Jaeger

Sonora 7th graders hit the trails of Eaton Hill last Thursday as part of a writing assignment and TAKS preparation exercise. Katy Harrell, 7th Grade English Language Arts instructor, organized the field trip which included an art project and a visit to the Sonora Ice House Ranch Museum. Students received background information in advance on several topics related to local history and Eaton Hill, and were given the option of finding inspiration in the natural world. Three of the top written stories and four art projects will be featured in

## Hall Brings Home Gold: Advances to State With Science Project "Where Have All The Quail Gone?"



The Regional Science & Engineering Competition was held at Angelo State University on February 22 and Sonora High School was represented by only one student, Sterling Hall. He entered the competition in the area of Environmental Management to try to get an answer to "Where have all the quail gone?" Sterling brought home the "Gold" with his project and will compete at the State Science and Engineering Competition on April 1st in San Antonio, Texas. There will be over \$70,000 worth of money, scholarships, and awards given out at this competition. He would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Glen Fisher for allowing him the use of their ranch for this project. We wish him good luck on this endeavor.

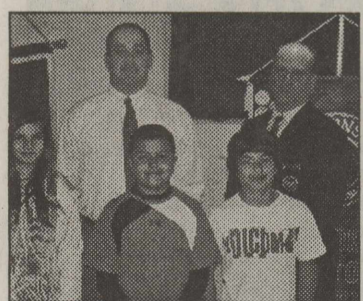


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## West Texas Friends Of NRA Awards Grant To Eaton Hill

The WT Friends of NRA Grant Committee held its meeting in Big Springs, TX on Jan. 29, 2011. Of the 16 committees within the West Texas Region, 15 were represented to review the 55 grant applications submitted. Sutton County Friends of NRA was represented by grant committee member, Tonya Brown and three local committee members.

Eaton Hill Nature Center Director, Delyse Jaeger, took time out of her busy schedule to complete the grant application and submit in a timely manner. As a result, Eaton Hill was awarded a grant for the full amount requested, \$2,420.00. This money will assist the Nature Center in the expansion of their outdoor education programs to include "Wilderness Survival & Naturalist Skills" for youth in

Sutton County.

Grants are awarded to qualifying projects or activities that promote firearms and hunting safety; enhance the marksmanship skills of those participating in the shooting sports; educate the general public about firearms and their historic, technological, and artistic context; or contribute to the well-being of the public at large. Grants benefit a variety of constituencies including children, youth, women, individuals with physical disabilities, law enforcement officers and competitive teams.

The committee approved 34 grant applications and awarded \$147,180.00. Some surrounding area recipients included: Schleicher County 4H, Crane Police Dept., Runnels County 4H, Ector County 4H, Kimble County 4H, Menard County 4H, Fort Concho

Foundation, Eaton Hill Nature Center, Golden Spread BSA (Abilene), etc.

Our local Sutton County Friends of NRA committee is proud to have had a hand in raising money that benefits such worthwhile entities within West Texas. Of the money raised at each Friends of NRA event, 50% of the net proceeds is earmarked by The NRA Foundation to support qualified, eligible charitable projects at the grassroots level in the state in which it is raised. As of 2009, West Texas Friends of NRA has raised and returned to West Texas grant recipients \$2,093,465.00.

There's no doubt West Texans support our 2nd Amendment Rights! Join us for this year's Sutton County Friends of NRA event on Saturday, September 17, 2011.

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### Senior Center Activities

- Thurs. March 3 - Crafts for St. Patrick's Day
- Fri. March 4 - Run Errands
- Mon. March 7 - Happy Birthday *Lemuel Lopez*
- Tues. March 8 - Happy Birthday *Rosalba Chavez*
- Wed. March 9 - Happy Birthday *Pancho Andrade*  
*Frank Wamble*

### Senior Center Menu

- Thurs. March 3 - Oven pork chops w/gravy, noodles, carrots, tossed salad, bread, applesauce, milk
- Fri. March 4 - Beef steak w/onions & gravy, sweet peas, macaroni & cheese, mixed fruit cup, rolls
- Mon. March 7 - Beef stew w/vegetables, sweet peas, milk corn bread, citrus fruit cup
- Tues. March 8 - BBQ chicken, beets, black-eyed peas, milk pears w/pineapples, roll, cookie
- Wed. March 9 - Salmon croquettes, macaroni & cheese, roll, brussel sprouts, tossed salad, peaches

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older. Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m.  
**Donations are accepted**  
 (suggested donation for Seniors is \$2.00; \$5.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).

### Obituary

## Leova "Leo" T. Urias



Leova "Leo" T. Urias, 85, passed away Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011 in Fort Worth, Texas. Service was 6 p.m. Monday Feb. 28th in Laurel Land Memorial Chapel of Fort Worth. Leo was laid to rest in Sonora on Wednesday, March 2nd following services at Prima Baptist Church, his original church home.

Leo was born to Jesus and Leocadia Urias on September 28, 1925 in Sonora. He grew up in a house full of sisters attending weekly services at Prima Baptist Church and graduated from L. W. Elliott High School. Leo proudly served in the United States Army during World War II in the European theater after being drafted at the young age of 18. A member of the 106th Infantry Division, he served in various countries including Belgium, Scotland, and France and was taken capture as a Prisoner of War on December 30, 1944 in Geraldstein. After a short stint in Geraldstein, his unit was transported to a POW camp in Limburg. They were liberated by the 6th Armored Division on March 29th, 1945. After the war, Leo returned to Sonora and worked for many years for Thorp's Laundry and Drycleaning. He married another Sonora native, Anita Chavez, on Sept. 5, 1948 and together they raised four daughters. In 1969, Leo and Anita "Mane" moved their family to Fort Worth, TX where he eventually retired from Sprint Press as a line supervisor in 1990.

Our family lost a hero, but heaven received a good soldier. Survivors: Loving wife of 62 years, Anita Chavez Urias; daughters, Rebecca Fullagar (Mark), Cynthia Medrano (Reginaldo), Loida Kellgren (Steve) and Wilma Lopez (Ram); nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sisters, Irene Gonzales (Evaristo) and Vita Galindo (Braulio) of San Antonio and numerous other family and friends.

### Thank You Notes

Eaton Hill Nature Center extends heartfelt appreciation to our volunteers who helped make the Sonora 7th Grade field trip an enriching experience for all: Mary Humphrey, Jody & Mary Beth Luttrell, Robin Street and Ben Taylor.

A great big "Thank you" also to Katy Harrell and all the 7th Grade students and teachers! Eaton Hill exists to inspire curiosity and foster appreciation of our local history, flora and fauna. The opportunity to fulfill our purpose as provided by your visit is most rewarding and greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
 Delyse Jaeger  
 Eaton Hill Nature Center

### Obituary

A celebration of the life of Frank Potmesil, a man after God's own heart, age 71 of Coos Bay, was held Sunday, February 27, at Coos Bay Chapel.

Frank was born January 25, 1940, in Temple, Texas. He went to be Jesus February 22, 2011.

He was raised in Sonora, Texas, and it was there, as a teenager, that he received his calling to become a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Following graduation from Sonora High School in 1958, he attended Baylor University and later earned a BS degree in History from Howard Payne University. While attending Howard Payne, he met his beautiful wife Linda Henneke. They were married August 26, 1961. This August would have been their 50th wedding anniversary. Frank received his Masters of Divinity degree from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in 1969. In 1970, after numerous interviews with churches, Frank felt led by the Lord to pastor in Coos Bay. He received his ordination to pastor Calvary Baptist Church, Eastside, Oregon, on June 28, 1970.

After one year as pastor of Calvary Baptist, Frank felt led to start a non-denominational church. He started Potters House Christian Center in 1971 and began leading services in Eastside Elementary School and Millicoma Junior High, respectfully. His famous motto was, "Come as you are and meet Jesus as He is."

Frank dedicated his life to seeing a major move of God in this city. He never let anything or anyone get in the way of the vision God gave him. He would ask the Lord daily to give him someone to help in "any way possible".

Frank's ministry ventured beyond the church walls. He performed more than 1,000 weddings and funerals throughout his time in Coos Bay. He approached each wedding/funeral as an opportunity to show people the true heart of Christ. He touched and changed people's lives just by never diverting from the calling on his life. He will always be known for his smile and laugh and the Christ-like ability to love people for who they are.

He was a devoted husband, loving father and a fun-loving grandpa, always sacrificing anything for his family.

Frank is survived by his wife of 49 years, Linda Potmesil of Coos Bay; daughter Jo Lynn Potmesil Franks and her husband, Bob of Roseburg, Oregon; son, Frank "Joe" Potmesil IV and wife Jennifer, of Keizer, Oregon; grandchildren, Courtney Potmesil, David Franks, Claire Potmesil and Casey Potmesil; brother, Jerry Potmesil of Colorado Springs, Colorado; sister, Gay Potmesil Janszen and husband Bill of Canyon Lake, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his son, Robert Duane Potmesil; father, Frank Joe Potmesil II; and mother, Evelyce Potmesil.

### Thank You Notes

The family of Juventino Dominguez, Jr. would like to give their sincere thanks and gratitude for all the prayers, food, flowers, and phone calls. Your words of sympathy were very comforting during our time of grief and sadness.

We would like to thank the Guadalupanas and St. Ann's Church parishioners for helping to prepare and serve the delicious meal. Also, thank you to St. Ann's choir for the beautiful and inspirational music.

God bless each and everyone of you,  
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 Rich & Nora Pedraza and family,  
 Irene and Nora Dominguez,  
 Carlos Dominguez & family, Armando  
 Dominguez & family and Rick &  
 Rosemary Wiegall and family

It meant a lot to us to know that friends and family took time out of their schedule to be concerned about our physical strength during our time of grief. We really appreciate the food and support that was given to us. It's the thoughtfulness of friends such as you all that help give us emotional strength and prayers in the days ahead, as we think of and miss Maria. Thank you so much.

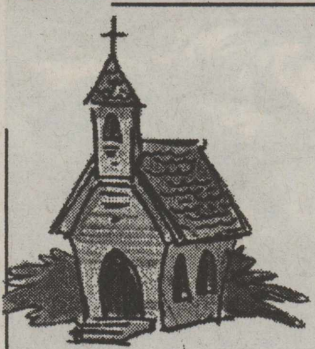
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# Main Street Traffic

By: Ann Kay

I have been away attending the Texas Historical Commission's Texas Main Street Training program in Paris Texas. The trees were tall and the sky was hard to see for the trees. I learned that there were going to be a lot of budget cuts at the state level. The Texas Pecos Trail and the Texas Commission of the Arts are on the chopping block in the budget. The Texas Main Street Program will have to cut some services and staff. The budget that is on the floor to be voted on has the Texas Historical Commission cut 77%. The second biggest economic drive of dollars comes from tourism. Is this the place to cut? Are we going to stop promoting our rich western heritage and history. Here is some news for the Rural Innovators.

March brings great things to rural Texas. Texas Rural Innovators partners with the Center for Rural Studies at Sam Houston State University for "Learning from Example: Economic Development Forum & Luncheon" on March 17 in Huntsville. The Forum is a first for our partnership with the Sam Houston Center and features a great line-up of speakers and networking opportunities. It's FREE, but please register at: [www.shsu.edu/ruralcenter](http://www.shsu.edu/ruralcenter).

Details are on our new and much improved [www.ruraltx.org](http://www.ruraltx.org), where you will also find 10 other events in March that offer educational opportunities for Texans who want to create better home towns and prosperous rural regions.

And finally, mark April 21 for the Regional Rural Community Asset Building Forum in Jacksboro! This is a continuation of the very well-received forums we held across much of Texas in 2010 with the help of our partners RAISE Texas and the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. Again, details and more are at [www.ruraltx.org](http://www.ruraltx.org) - where rural Texans come together!

Call or email your questions or comments: 512-499-8948 or [bobby@ruraltx.org](mailto:bobby@ruraltx.org)

If you need any more information about these items in the news release please come by or call the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program 325-387-2248.

## Chavarria Wins Ft. Stockton Invitational

The Sonora Girls Golf team traveled to Ft. Stockton this past weekend to participate in the Ft. Stockton invitational. At completion of the tournament, the Lady Broncos finished in 7th place behind many larger schools. In the medalist action, Sonora's Liz Chavarria shot and even par 72 on Saturday to win by one stroke (76-72-148). Sidney Dermody (89-91-180) placed 17th in the tournament. Other team members included Stephanie Halsey and Logan Smith.

Next action for the golf teams will be at the Sonora Invitational with the boys playing Wednesday, March 2 and the girls playing on Thursday, March 3rd. Both Boys and girls teams will be playing in the Wall Invitational at Bentwood Country Club on Monday, March 7th.

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Juanita Silvas Chavez, wife of the late Toribio (Chico) Chavez, is proud to present a photo of the fifth generation of her family as reflected by the San Jose, CA family of David and Esther Chavez. David is the second of seven children born and raised in Sonora, Texas.

Juanita Silvas Chavez, born in Sonora on August 24, 1923, was the daughter of Faustino and Clara Silvas. Her only brother Agustin

Silvas was a World War II Army Veteran who gave his life while serving our country. Her birth mother Clara passed away when Juanita was six years of age and later was raised by her stepmother Guadalupe Silvas.

The photo includes Juanita Silvas Chavez, son David, his daughter Monica, great granddaughter Chelsea Clifton and great great grandson Dominic Clifton Ferris. Dominic is the first

child of the Silvas Chavez fifth generation. David's wife Esther Soto Chavez and grandson Cody Clifton are not in the photo.

Mr. and Mrs. Chavez are the parents of six additional children who were born and raised in Sonora. They are Toribio (T.C), Augustine (Gus), Dennis, Elida, Gilbert and Ruben. All, with the exception of T.C., lives in California.

Mrs. Chavez, now 87 years of age, is proud to have twenty one grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

# A Serious Medical Problem

An old woman came into her doctor's office and confessed to an embarrassing problem.

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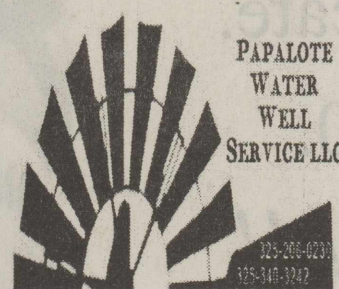
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The Primary Purpose Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. at the St. John's Episcopal Church, 404 NE Poplar. FMI call 325-387-9765 or 325-206-1311.

Rent the Depot or Icehouse Ranch Museum for your special party or event. Call 325-387-5084 Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

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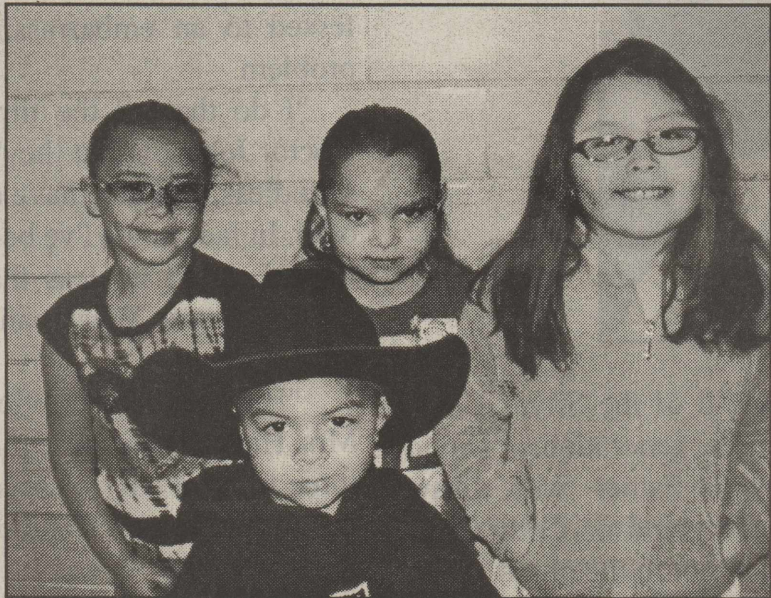
LENTEN MISSION: Everyone is invited to attend a bilingual Lenten Mission, entitled "Seeking God," to be held at St. Ann's Church, Feb 28 thru Mar 2, 2011 from 7:00pm to 8:15pm. Each day will have a special theme to help you bring God into your life. Light refreshments will be served following each session. For further information please call, 387-2278 between 8:30am and 5:00pm.

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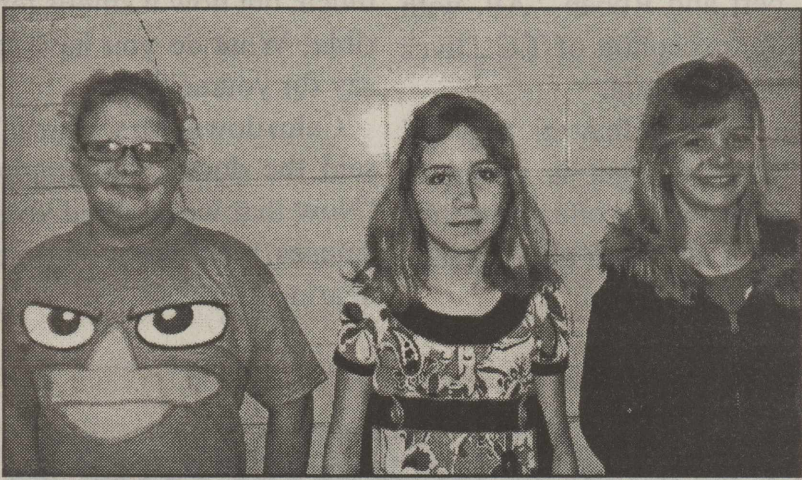
# Students of the Week

## Elementary



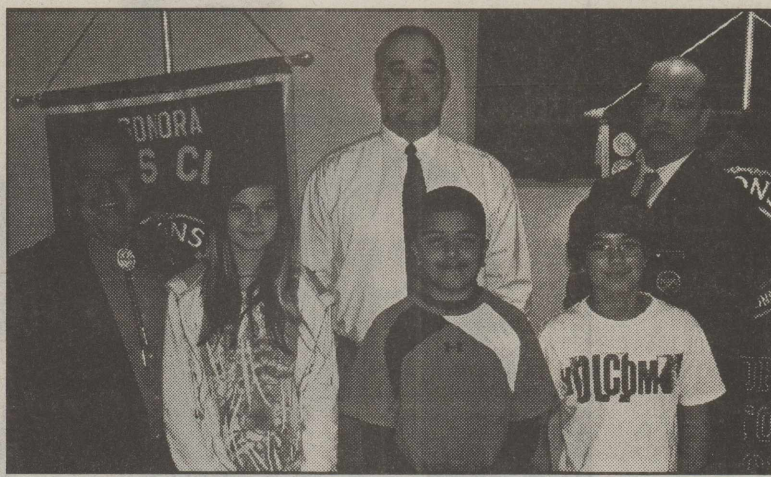
L to R: Abigail Fuentes, Brian Mendoza, Alma Hernandez, and Rashel De Luna

## Intermediate



L to R: Hollie Wilson, Hailey Lankford and Kaylee Swindell

# Lions Roar



L to R 7th grade Mckenzie Murphy, 6th grade Michael Mungia, 8th grade Andrew Curtis Back row L to R: Teno Navarro Scout Exec. Principle Brandon Duncan, Rick Reeve Concho Valley BSA executive.

Another wonderful week has past at your Sonora Lions Club. A number of milestones have been accomplished of which we are proud. We successfully re-chartered Troop 19 better known as Sonora Boy Scout Troop. Presenting us with the charter was Mr. Ric Reeve Executive of the

Concho Valley Council. In addition, your Lions continue to sponsor the cleanup of the 2 miles along route 277 North portal to Sonora, under the direction of Lion Norm Rousselet. Our Board of Directors approved major sponsor support for the Special Olympics to be held on

April 15 in Sonora and run by Sonora Independent School District. Lastly, Lion Janalyn Jones is preparing for the Lion Scholarship selection program for deserving HS seniors. thank Mr. Reeve for his support and his presentation as well as the help provided by Mr. Navarro.

Three wonderful "Students of the Week" were presented to the Club by Lion Principle Brandon Duncan. They were 6th grader Michael Mungia, 7th grader Mckenzie Murphy, and 8th grader Andrew Curtis. All students addressed the Club membership and did a great job helping serve dessert.

Introducing the students was Lion Queen Marissa Prieto. Permit me to brag about Marissa. She qualified for Regionals in Power Lifting and is a member of the cheerleading squad at Sonora HS. March 1-7 is National Cheerleading week and we would like to recognize all the Sonora Cheerleaders.

Mr. Richard L. Reeve Executive of the Concho Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America provided the Club with an interesting overview of Scouting in the Concho Valley. He is particularly well suited for this monumental task, serving as an Eagle Scout in his youth has a Bachelors degree in Elementary education and math, as well as, a Masters. degree in Management. The Concho Valley Council services 24 counties and about 2500 Boy Scouts, under the leadership of Mr. Reeve. He is ably assisted in our area by Mr. Teno Navarro pictured above. Mr. Reeve's priorities include recruiting more youth into the scouting experience as well as infrastructure upgrade of the camps and real property entrusted to the Scouts. He stated that this Lions club can be proud of its 82 years of continued sponsorship of Sonora Boy Scouts. We

## Coming Events

### March

Selection of Lion Officers

### March 29

Broom Sale

Lions Camp sign up for Physically Disabled Children, Severe Diabetic Children and Down Syndrome Children.

For information contact Col. Pete Bradley 387.6282

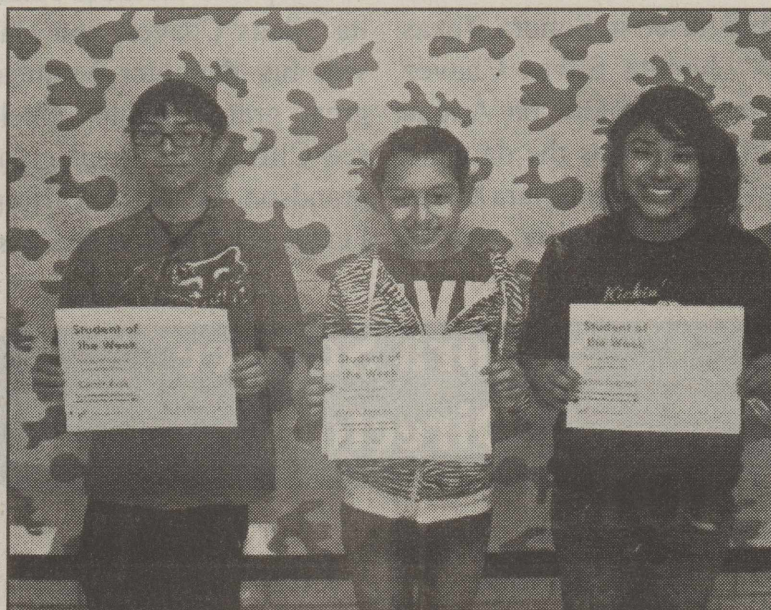
### March 1-7

Cheerleader National Appreciation Week High School Scholarship preparation

*A human being is not attaining his full heights until he is educated.*

*Horace Mann*

## Middle School



L to R: 6th -Carter Zook, 7th -Alyssa Zamora, 8th -Julissa Esquivel

## BASEBALL, SOFTBALL & T-BALL

### Sign Ups and Try-Outs

Sunday March 6th  
at 2:00 p.m.

Please have a copy of your child's birth certificate.

The fee is \$40.00.

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You must be registered by Sunday in order to play.

For more information call Jesse Garza at 325-226-3898

For early sign ups call Malee Dutton at 325-226-5668

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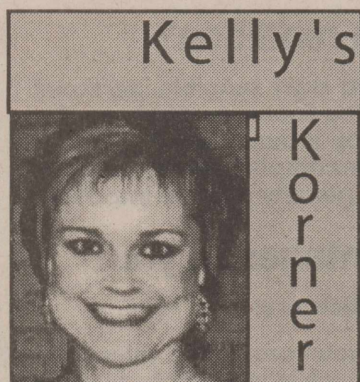
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# Boost Your Bones



those who consume milk at an early age are more likely to do so as adults. For people who are lactose-intolerant, low-lactose and lactose-free milk products are available.

Try some of these tips to boost your bones through calcium-rich milk and milk products:

Recently the 2010 edition of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans was released in early January of 2011. These guidelines are meant to provide information about healthy eating patterns for Americans. Along with several other key recommendations, the guidelines included recommendations related to milk and milk products which are rich in nutrients such as calcium, vitamin D, and potassium says. Research suggests consumption of milk and milk products is linked to improved bone health, especially in children and adolescents. In addition, some research suggests the consumption of milk and milk products is also associated with a reduced risk of cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, and lower blood pressure in adults.

Despite the benefits of milk and milk products, consumption of these foods and beverages is lower than recommended amounts for most adults, children, and adolescents. The Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommends the following amounts of milk and milk products:

- 3 cups per day of fat-free or low-fat milk and milk products for adults, children and adolescents ages 9 and up.
- 2 1/2 cups per day for children ages 4 to 8 and
- 2 cups per day for children ages 2 to 3.

It is especially important to establish the habit of drinking milk in young children, as

those who consume milk at an early age are more likely to do so as adults. For people who are lactose-intolerant, low-lactose and lactose-free milk products are available.

Try some of these tips to boost your bones through calcium-rich milk and milk products:

- If you currently drink whole milk, gradually switch to lower fat versions. This change will cut calories, but will not reduce calcium or other essential nutrients.
- When drinking beverages, such as a cappuccino or latte, request fat-free or low-fat milk.
- Use fat-free or low-fat milk on cereal and oatmeal. Top fruit salads with fat-free or low-fat yogurt.
- When recipes such as a dip call for sour cream, substitute plain fat-free or low-fat yogurt.
- When selecting cheese, choose low-fat or reduced-fat versions.
- If you are lactose intolerant, try lactose-free milk, drink smaller amounts of milk at a time, or try calcium fortified soy beverages.
- Choose fat-free or low-fat milk or yogurt more often than cheese. Milk and yogurt are better sources of potassium and are lower in sodium than most cheeses. Most milk is fortified with vitamin D and provides important nutrients for bone health.

To learn more about the health benefits of milk and milk products, or to participate in a nutrition education program available in your area, contact your local County Extension Agent at 325-387-3101 or k-thorp@tamu.edu Source: Amanda R. Scott, MS, RD, LD, Program Specialist, Expanded Food & Nutrition Education Program, February 2011, Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2010.

# News & Tips From Extension Office

By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Agricultural Extension Agent



Sutton County youth exhibitors spent the last week at the San Angelo Livestock Show. They competed with Angora goats, meat goats, market lambs, breeding gilts, market barrows and market steers. Here are a few brief results.

In the breeding division, Summer Hall had a 5th place yearling Angora Buck and a 2nd place with an Aged Angora buck. Meanwhile, Darby Ramsdell placed 4th with a Spot gilt, while Ethan Morris finished 2nd with a class 4 meat doe.

In the market division, Skyler Norris enjoyed two 5th places with meat goats, while Katy Jo Wardlaw placed 11th. Other individuals placing their meat goats included Bailey Joe Pennington, Robert Zapata, Ethan Morriss, Word Hudson, and Stella Ingham.

Robert Chavez placed 8th with a heavy-weight medium wool lamb, and Rebeckah Owens wound up 9th with a York barrow. In the cattle barn, Delilah Aguerro finished 10th with a light-weight European breed steer. Congratulations to all exhibitors and we wish them well as they continue with show season.

In other news, preemergent herbicides are the most effective means for control of annual grassy weeds in turf-grasses, but the window of opportunity is closing. In our part of the state, pre-emergence applications for summer annuals may be made in mid February to early March,

though it looks like vegetation is starting to emerge.

One of the big reasons for poor weed control with pre-emergent applications, is that folks wait too late to make their treatments. Once the weed seed has germinated and the plant is growing, the majority of these preemergents will not control the weeds. The preemergents need to be applied before the weed seed starts to germinate. There are two exceptions to this. These products have postemergent activity as well as preemergent activity and can be applied after many of the winter weeds have already started to germinate and grow and still provide effective winter weed control. A second major reason for failure is not watering the herbicide in thoroughly. For these products to work, they need to be watered down into the top layer of the soil where most of the weed seed are germinating. Also, many of these herbicides are broken down by sunlight and if left on top of the turfgrass, they will lose some of their activity.

Please read the labels on all pesticides prior to application and calibrate your sprayer/spreader.

For a list of pre-emergent herbicides, visit our web site at <http://sutton-co.tamu.edu> and click on the "Publications" tab, then "Landscape".

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# TDA Market Recap Feb. 28, 2011

AUSTIN – (Feb. 28, 2011) For the week ending Feb. 26, feeder cattle auction prices were mostly steady to \$7 higher per hundredweight though a few lower prices were noted later in the week. Tight supplies and higher fed cattle continue to support the market. Fed cattle prices followed wholesale beef values higher. Cotton and grain prices were mostly lower amid concerns that demand will decline if unrest in the Middle East continues and higher oil prices hinder an economic recovery. Markets recovered some of their losses on Friday following a strong export sales report. As for futures markets, fed cattle and corn were higher while feeder cattle, cotton, wheat and lumber were lower. Parts of East Texas reported up to two inches of rain during the week, but little or no precipitation was recorded elsewhere in the state. Soil moisture supplies were reported adequate to short in most of East Texas and mostly short to very short in West Texas. Warmer weather during the week boosted wheat growth, though much of the crop remains stressed by dry conditions and earlier freezes. Statewide, the crop was rated in mostly fair to very poor condition. Preparations for spring planting are underway in many areas with some corn and grain sorghum planted in South and Central Texas. Pastures were rated in mostly fair to poor condition and need moisture in many areas. The extremely dry conditions and very high winds contributed to wildfires in the Cross Timbers region and on the High Plains.

## Texas State Parks Welcome Participatory Sports Competitors

AUSTIN – While most people visit Texas state parks to picnic, camp, fish, hike or just relax beneath a shade tree, there is a smaller, more physically-fit contingent that uses some of the state's most scenic spots for more rigorous recreational pursuits:

Hardcore ultramarathoners who trod the trails each year at Huntsville State Park are perhaps the most extreme example. This year's mega-endurance challenge on the first weekend in February not only attracted more than 500 runners, it also produced an American record.

The 19th annual Rocky Raccoon 100-Mile Trail Run was no stroll in the park for 30-year-old Ian Sharman of San Jose, Calif., who set a national record by completing the grueling endurance event – five 20-mile loops around Lake Raven – in just under 13 hours. His official time of 12:44:33 topped a field of 316 runners from around the country. A companion 50-mile run drew 196 starters.

On June 18, Huntsville State Park will host another competition for the relaxation-challenged.

The 2011 Texas State Championship Spring Adventure Race will feature a multisport team competition consisting of canoeing, a short trail run, a longer mountain bike race and a possible mystery event to be announced later. Exact distances and other particulars will be revealed during registration and packet pickup Saturday morning. For more race information, visit: <http://www.terrafirmaracing.com/view.asp?id=43>

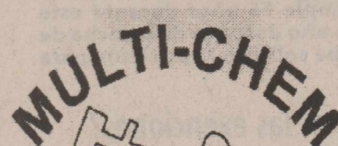
Huntsville State Park superintendent Chris Holm says the park hosts a number of competitions throughout the year sponsored by businesses and private organizations. It's not unusual, he says, for the events to draw 500 to 700 competitors, all of whom pay the park entry fee, generating considerable income. There are other benefits to the park, as well.

"The winter events bring in people at a time of the year when we don't have high visitation," Holm explains. "It's an extremely effective marketing tool for this park. It's another way to get people into our park – not just participants but their families – to see what we have to offer, so they might become future customers."

The Lone Star Runners Club will sponsor its annual Trail Run and Duathlon on April 23 at Palo Duro Canyon State Park near Amarillo, another state park favored by race directors and participants. Duathletes sandwich a nine-mile mountain bike ride between two-mile trail runs. Then, in a separate competition, trail runners take off on a nine-mile trail run. Both events start and finish in the Juniper Campground on the canyon floor. Then, all participants gather at noon to chow down on hamburgers and hot dogs. For more information, visit: [www.lonestarrunnersclub.net](http://www.lonestarrunnersclub.net).

For more than a quarter of a century, the dirt and gravel trails traversing picturesque Palo Duro Canyon have accommodated hundreds of runners competing in the Palo Duro Trail Run begun by Red Spicer. The Western States Qualifier attracts runners who chose to compete in the 20K, 50K or 50-mile event. To learn more, visit: <http://www.palodurocanyon.com/pdcTrailRun2011.pdf>

Mountain biking competitions are even more popular at Palo Duro Canyon State Park than running events such as the Palo Duro Marathon, according to acting park superintendent Nathan Londenberg. He says 24 Hours in the Canyon is a "huge event," raising funds for the local Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Livestrong.



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## A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

### Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owns a home on Jan. 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the 65 or older or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2011 taxes as the highest amount for 65 and older or disabled homeowners.) The age 65 or older homeowners school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.

### Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the 65 or older or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2011 taxes as the highest amount for 65 and older or disabled homeowners.) The age 65 or older homeowners school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.

If you're a disabled veteran who receives from the Veterans Affairs (VA)—(1) 100 percent disability compensation due to a service connected disability and (2) a rating of 100 percent disabled or a determination of individual unemployability, you are entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of your resident homestead. A surviving spouse does not qualify.

### Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2010, you won't need to reapply for 2011 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2011. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

### When and where should I file?

File applications before May 1 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

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300 E. OAK ST., STE. 2  
SONORA, TEXAS 76950  
(325) 387-2809

#### Or contact:

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs  
Property Tax Assistance Division  
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or on the Web at: [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/)

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## "Productivity appraisal" may lower the property taxes on your farm, ranch or timberland!

Texas law allows farmers, ranchers and timber growers to pay property taxes based upon the "productivity value" of their land rather than on market value. This means qualified land is taxed based on its ability to produce crops, livestock or timber—not on its value on the real estate market. And it can mean substantial property tax savings.

### When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district before May 1 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2011 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it before May 1. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

### Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

For more information, call or come by:

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## Don't get hit with a penalty! "Render" your taxable property by April 15.

A "rendition" is a report to your county appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year.

### Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, a 10 percent to 50 percent penalty may be imposed.

### Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- ☞ You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- ☞ You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- ☞ You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2010. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2011.

### What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2011 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 (or the next business day if a weekend) if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after the deadline for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

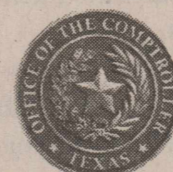
### Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

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## ¿Varias exenciones contributivas podrían reducir los impuestos de las propiedades residenciales!

La exención contributiva para la propiedad residencial reduce el valor imponible de la propiedad y disminuye los impuestos sobre la propiedad. Si la propiedad está valorada en \$50,000 y recibe una exención de \$15,000, el propietario pagará impuestos sobre la residencia valorada en \$35,000.

¿Quién es elegible para recibir una exención contributiva?  
A partir del 1ero de enero, los propietarios de la residencia principal tienen derecho a recibir la exención contributiva de \$15,000 para reducir los impuestos escolares de este año. Puede ser elegible para la exención una casa, condominio, o casa móvil. Los condados, ciudades y distritos imponentes especiales también pueden ofrecer exenciones contributivas para la propiedad residencial.

### ¿Existen otras exenciones?

Sí. En caso de ser discapacitado o mayor de 65 años tiene derecho a recibir la exención adicional de \$10,000 por los impuestos escolares sobre la propiedad residencial. Si es elegible para la exención contributiva adicional como discapacitado o mayor de 65 años, también tiene derecho a obtener el límite permanente de los impuestos escolares basado en los actuales. El condado, la ciudad o el colegio comunitario puede establecer el límite y congelar los impuestos del 2010 para los propietarios discapacitados o mayores de 65 años. El límite de los impuestos escolares para las personas mayores de 65 años son transferidos al cónyuge sobreviviente mayor de 55 años al momento del fallecimiento del propietario si el cónyuge sobreviviente es propietario y residente de la residencia. Se permite al propietario mayor de 65 años (o al cónyuge sobreviviente mayor de 55 años) transferir el porcentaje del impuesto escolar pagado a una nueva residencia basado en el límite establecido para la residencia anterior.

Si usted es veterano discapacitado y recibe: 1) el 100 por ciento de su pensión por discapacidad relacionada a su servicio militar de la Administración de Veteranos (VA, por sus siglas en inglés) y, 2) es considerado el 100 por ciento discapacitado o, la Administración determinó que no puede trabajar, tiene derecho a obtener una exención de impuestos por el valor total tasado de la residencia. El cónyuge sobreviviente no es elegible.

### ¿Debo solicitar la exención todos los años?

No. Si recibió una exención contributiva por su residencia en el 2010, no es necesario solicitar en el 2011—a menos que el jefe de tasaciones lo solicite. Sin embargo, si no ha recibido una exención por su residencia actual—o si ha cambiado de domicilio, debe solicitar una exención para el 2011. Si cumple 65 años durante este año, solicite la nueva exención hasta un año después de la fecha de su cumpleaños. Si es discapacitado, debe solicitar la exención para personas discapacitadas.

### ¿Dónde y cuándo debo solicitar las exenciones?

Debe presentar su solicitud a la oficina local del distrito de tasaciones antes del 30 de abril. Para solicitar tiempo adicional, contáctenos a:

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## Property Tax Exemptions Reduce Disabled Veterans' Taxes

Veterans with a service-connected disability may reduce their property taxes in 2011 by filing exemption forms at the Sutton County Appraisal District office. Some veterans may qualify for a 100 percent exemption of their taxes.

A veteran's percentage of service-connected disability determines the amount of the exemption — from a \$5,000 to a \$12,000 deduction from the veteran's property value. A separate application must be completed for this exemption.

The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, spouses and survivors of deceased disabled veterans and spouses and survivors of military personnel who died on active duty. The amount of exemption is determined according to percentage of service-connected disability.

Any eligible person who has not received this exemption should apply before May 1. If the last day for the performance of an act is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal state or national holiday, the act is timely if performed on the next regular business day. An applicant may claim the exemption on only one piece of property, such as a home or any other property the applicant owned on Jan. 1. The applicant must be a Texas resident to qualify.

A disabled veteran who receives from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor 100 percent disability compensation due to a service-connected disability and a rating of 100 percent disabled or of individual unemployability is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the appraised value of the veteran's residence homestead. The law does not provide this exemption to spouses and survivors of deceased disabled veterans. The residence homestead application must be filed if this exemption is claimed.

The appraisal district may require proof of the disability, such as documentation from the Veterans Administration or the branch of the armed services in which the veteran served.

For more information about the property tax exemption for disabled veterans, contact the Sutton County Appraisal District at 300 E. Oak St., Ste. 2, Sonora, Texas 76950. More information is also available from the state Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at (800) 252-9121, ext. 2, or visit the Comptroller's website at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/).

## Elderly or Disabled Homeowners May Defer Property Taxes

Texasans who are 65 or older or who are disabled may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit at the (NAME) County Appraisal District office.

Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred — but not cancelled — as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Taxes continue to add up, along with 8 percent interest per year. The law extends the tax deferral to the surviving spouse of the person who deferred taxes on the homestead if the surviving spouse was at least 55 years old when the deceased spouse died.

If a tax deferral affidavit is on file, an older homeowner or one who is disabled cannot lose a homestead because of delinquent property taxes. A homeowner can halt a pending sale to foreclose on the homestead's tax lien. No taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit to collect delinquent taxes. There are no penalties on delinquent taxes during the deferral period; however, a tax deferral does not cancel penalties that were already due.

All deferred taxes and interest become due when the homeowner or surviving spouse no longer own and live in the home. If the tax debt remains unpaid, penalties may be imposed and taxing units may take legal action to collect the past due amount.

For further details about property tax deferral, contact Sutton County Appraisal District at 300 E. Oak St. Ste.2, Sonora, Texas 76950. Further information is also available on the Comptroller's website, [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/) or by calling the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at (800) 252-9121, ext. 2.

## Sonora Native Honored: Morgan Receives Employee of the Year



Double award winner Brad Morgan and his wife, Toni.

### Submitted

Brad Morgan got quite a surprise at the recent Director/Employee Appreciation Night in Seguin. At the culmination of the awards ceremony, Brad was called forward to receive the

Employee of the Year (EOY) award. Employees are given the opportunity to nominate co-workers who exemplify the qualities of a good employee as well as the corporate values of GVEC [Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative].

The nominations are gathered and are then voted on by an employee committee. A group of his peers chose Brad to receive this coveted award. Once the EOY award presentation was made, General Manager Schauer asked Brad to stay up front as he began talking about the criteria and qualifications of the recipient of the General Manager's (GM) Award. Schauer stated that each year he chooses someone who has made a big impact on GVEC throughout the year, someone who comes to work every day, does their job, and gives their best to the Cooperative and everyone around them. He then presented the General Manager's Award to Brad.

Brad graduated from Angelo State University with a Bachelor of Science degree. He majored

in physics, with a minor in math. He was working as an independent web developer when he was hired by GVEC in 2001 as a Network Operations Analyst. In 2008, he became a System Analyst.

Brad lives in Gonzales with his wife, Toni, and their 11-year-old daughter, Abby. He's a devoted husband and father and is a proud supporter of Abby's soccer team and school activities, volunteering on various committees. He enjoys flying model airplanes and racing Abby on video games like Need for Speed. He likes to swim and scuba dive. This past summer he enjoyed adaptive water skiing.

Brad received several nominations from peers for the Employee of the Year award. Here is just a sample of what they said about him:

"Brad treats internal and external customers with a smile, no matter how busy he is, while treating each and every one of us with kindness and respect."

"As a member of his immediate team, I see daily how he not only works on his own projects, but helps us all with our individual tasks. Not only with his vast knowledge of so many things, but also as a sounding board for theories and ideas. He really listens and makes an effort to help us grow with our own abilities."

"Brad is an all-around great person to work with and to be around. I am thankful for every day that he is here!"

"I am amazed at Brad's work ethic and intelligence. If you need something done and don't know how it's all going to come together, chances are Brad's your man. His intelligence is second only to his dedication to GVEC and his fellow co-workers."

"Guys like Brad too many times go unrecognized because you'll never hear him moaning or groaning about the hours he's worked. Which is the very reason he deserves to be the 2010 Employee of the Year."

"Professionalism: - Having the privilege of going to conferences and places outside of GVEC with Brad is where I've seen him shine on this one. Brad is always professionally dressed and groomed when at work or away from work. He always speaks to people with respect and never tries to belittle anyone. Sometimes Brad will have

a million different things going on at once and it amazes me how he never loses his cool or gets frustrated and grumpy even if things aren't going right."

Congratulations, Brad, on receiving both of these honors. You deserve them!

## Texas Awarded the Governors Cup

AUSTIN – Texas has won Site Selection Magazine's Governor's Cup for 2010, which is awarded annually to the state with the most new and expanded corporate facilities announced over the year.

"The Lone Star State continues to lead the national economic recovery, adding more jobs than any other state in 2010 and attracting companies from around the world thanks to our low taxes, reasonable and predictable regulatory climate, fair legal system, competitive workforce and incentives like the Texas Enterprise Fund and Texas Emerging Technology Fund," Gov. Perry said. "Winning the Governor's Cup further

confirms Texas is the best state in the nation to live, work and raise a family, and I'm committed to strengthening the economic environment that allows employers to thrive and create jobs for Texans."

Texas claimed 2010's top spot with 424 projects, a 50-project increase over its second-place finish last year. Ohio placed second this year with 376 projects, followed by Louisiana (347), Pennsylvania (337) and Georgia (251).

"Gov. Perry has worked diligently in recent years to make his state pro-business, which is why Texas ranks as high as it does on matters of interest to site selectors," Mark Arend, editor in chief of Site Selection, said. "The Governor's Cup is a clear example of this – and a critical

one to the governors, because it objectively measures actual project activity."

Texas' economy continues to receive national recognition. Newsweek recently ranked four Texas cities in its list of 10 cities best situated for economic recovery and described Texas as the top destination for job-seeking Americans. The Wall Street Journal recently credited the state's low taxes and employer-friendly environment with helping make Texas the job creation capital of the nation. Additionally, Texas was recently designated the top exporting state for the ninth year in a row, and no other state is home to more Fortune 1000 companies.

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**Texas Navy: Contd. From Front Page**

Dinsmore, Moses E. Morrell and others provided the details in fruitless attempts to be recognized for their service in the Texas Navy.

Dinsmore was a key figure in the establishment of the first Texas Navy. He was one of the first men to be issued letters of marque and reprisal, which legalized the seizure of ships on behalf of Texas (or legalized piracy as some would contend). His first order, from Secretary of the Navy Robert Potter in April 1836, was to "collect all the mules and able bodied Negroes" between Matagorda and Lynch's Prairie to "assist in constructing public works" to defend the coast. Dinsmore's last order, in June 1836, was to gather all able-

bodied citizens in Matagorda and lead them against 10,000 Mexican soldiers rumored to be marching against Texas.

Testimony from William T. Austin on behalf of Dinsmore shows the Captain was a "zealous and efficient soldier" who volunteered for the Army in 1835 and joined the Navy in 1836. "In the way of forwarding Volunteers and supplies to The Army, he was a very zealous and industrious man," Austin said. Dinsmore didn't get any land for his service in the Navy, but was awarded 1,280 acres for his service in the Army.

Testimony in Morrell's file contains details about life aboard the Invincible, as well as the scrape he found himself in after he survived the sinking of the last ship of the first Texas Navy.

Morrell was aboard the Invincible as the Mexican Navy attacked it and the Brutus. The two ships were attempting to

return to Galveston, heavily laden with Mexican booty after a two-month cruise of the Gulf raiding ships against Houston's orders. The Mexicans sank the Invincible, while the Brutus was lost to a storm a month later, putting an end to the first Texas Navy.

"After cruising for months, living on the spoils of the enemy, green turtle, and beans we sailed for the harbor of Galveston," Morrell testified. "On our arrival the tide being low and the Invincible being encumbered with plunder taken from the enemy, could not cross the bar."

As Mexican warships bore down on the Invincible, Morrell tells how the Brutus' crew ran her aground in their rush to aid the Invincible. Realizing they were on their own, Morrell writes "all hands was called in our craft and the resolution formed of resisting (though 39 in number) to the last." Two by two, the men

slipped off the boat and safely made it to shore.

Once on shore, however, Morrell wasn't safe. A fellow Texas sailor speared him through both thighs as Morrell leaned against a tent. The attacker, drunk from liquor brought ashore from the Brutus, was shot dead on the spot as punishment. Morrell was left to endure primitive medical care for his wounds, which tormented him for the rest of his life.

"Having no medical aid, I was ordered to the Houston Hospital here without any nourishment, lying under a tree for a month (the Hospital being full) with shavings for a pallet and sticks for a pillow," he writes. Morrell earned 640 acres for his service in the Texas Army, but was forced to sell the land certificate to feed himself while he was in the hospital. His application for a land grant for his service in the Navy was denied.

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**DPS Discourages Sprint Break Travel To Mexico**

The Texas Department of Public Safety is urging Spring Breakers to avoid traveling to Mexico because of continued violence—and reminding boaters to stay on the U.S. side of Falcon Lake.

Falcon Lake has been the scene of several robberies and a U.S. citizen's murder, and DPS is again warning boaters to steer clear of the Mexican side of the lake. Cartel activity remains high in that area.

"While drug cartel violence is most severe in northern Mexico, it is prominent in other parts of the country as well," said DPS Director Steven C. McCraw. "Vari-

ous crime problems also exist in many popular resort areas, such as Acapulco and Cancun, and crimes against U.S. citizens often go unpunished."

So far this year, an ICE agent was killed and another injured in a suspected ambush near San Luis Potosi February 15. Two El Paso teens were gunned down February 5 in Ciudad Juarez. In January, a Texas missionary was shot in the head when she and her husband ran an illegal road block in Nuevo Leon.

In addition to U.S. citizens killed so far this year, preliminary figures show as many

as 65 Americans were killed in Mexico in 2010. Kidnapping, sexual assault, robbery and carjacking also are threats in parts of Mexico. Suspects have not been prosecuted in many of the cases. Meanwhile, more than 30,000 Mexican citizens have died in drug-related violence since 2006, and the violence shows no signs of abating.

"Drug violence has not discriminated—innocent bystanders and people who may have been in the wrong place at the wrong time are among the casualties. Underestimating the violence in Mexico would be a mistake for parents and students," said McCraw.

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**Church of Christ to Host Bible Study**

By: Jerry Jackson

The Church of Christ in Sonora will be hosting a series of Bible studies on March 6 through 9. We hope you will help us share this information.

The speaker will be Mike Bonner, who preaches for the Fifth and Grape Congregation in Abilene. He and his wife, Evelyn, have 5 children.

Mike worked for Gunn Acura in San Antonio and was also very actively involved in working with the church. He decided to attend the Southwest School of Preaching where he graduated in 2006. He has worked with three congregations and had preaching engagements in six states. He comes very highly recommended to us.

Mike's theme will be "The Wonderful Christ and His Church". This is a subject that I have asked him to address. It is a subject that is too often neglected and too many of our brethren simply do not understand it. Out of this ignorance has come a spirit of compromise to God's truth that should not happen. Please encourage others to attend this study.

As is our habit, we will begin singing about 6 p.m. or when we have enough to sing. And following services, we are having a meal for all who would like to stay and eat.



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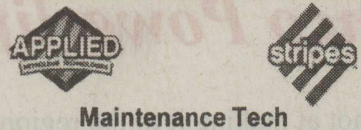
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Our first opponent, Iraan, was all about getting it to the post players, very little shooting outside and not much emphasize in driving in the paint. After all when you have two 6' 5" posts there are really not to many 1A school that can defend those guys. We shut them down for 3 quarters and really played aggressive defense. Pope and Morriss did all they could shutting down the opponents starters and making them kick the ball out to their wings. We matched them bucket for bucket but never seemed to put them away. Our aggressive style of offense gave them fits knowing we could shoot the ball from the outside and still have a constant barrage of attacking the paint with our big men. The game ended with us on the losing end. Although this was disappointing, we knew we had to look to the future: the Junction boys were coming to town and the boys knew they were in a dog fight. Scoring goes: Jimenez 4 pts, Leonard 2 pts, Hudson 7 pts, Hampton 12 pts, Morriss 6 pts, Bean 2 pts, and Pope 9 pts.

After playing at the Junell Center once and knowing what to fully accept the Broncos took the court at

5:45 to warm-up against the Junction boys. The cheers of the fans and parents made it all worthwhile. I have to tell you, as a Coach, there is no greater moment than to watch the look in their eyes as they run out on the court and realize that all the commitment, dedication and preparation has brought them here. It all began back in November getting ready for just this one game and now it was here. On the tip of the ball the Broncos dominated every aspect of the game. They struck first with a three pointer, but we answered with three different players hitting 3s themselves. The score was 11-10 at the end of the first quarter. This Bronco team was on fire the 2nd quarter hitting 17 pts to Junction's 6 pts and taking a half-time lead 28-16. At halftime we talked about keeping the tempo up and the pressure turned up on the press. When the 2nd half started, we found ourselves and the opportunities slipping away. We had too many stolen passes and had no points in return. This gave the Eagles a chance to keep the door open, and at the end of the 3rd quarter we still lead 42-29. The 4th quarter started with Cross hitting a 3 point but the Eagles came storming back with an 8-1 run. But final outcome was the Broncos winning the Bi-District Championship, in fashion 49-44. Cross hit 13 pts, Hudson 9 pts, Hampton 7 pts, Morriss 7 pts, Bean 2 pts, and the big man Pope hit 11 pts. Congratulations Broncos.

With the win under our belts, our celebration was short and sweet. We had already talked to the Hico Coach and the next game was on. The place and time was set and another game was all ready to go. The next day we watched film on Hico. They were big and very physical, but this did not deter us. We knew this was just another game. Upon tip off we thought we had a game plan to cover up the big boy, but he proved too much and had 10 pts in a very short time. The big boy had 13 pts the first quarter and 7 the rest of the game. We came out a little intimidated and let him gain some confidence. I really thought throughout the game we played aggressively and simply wore him down. This is a team that hangs their hat on the man inside and on their defense. The game ended 25-53. Cross 9 pts, Hudson 7pts, Hampton 2 pts, Payne 2 pts, and Pope 3 pts.

I would like to thank the Parents and all the fans that came out and supported us, also a special thanks to the student section that painted signs and themselves. When you guys and girls do this it really says a lot about our student body. Thank you from the coaches of Sonora ISD and let's not forget the players and the seniors that played their last ball game; Austin Hampton, we will miss you buddy; Ethan Morriss, good luck at WT; James Bean, Baylor Bear go get'em; and George Pena, we all love ya. Til' next season.

## High School Band

At the Region 7 UIL Solo-Ensemble Competition in Brownwood Saturday, congratulations to Chanel Martinez who earned a First

Division on her French horn solo. Sterling Hall rated Excellent (or Division II) on his trombone solo, as did Cassandra Garza on her trumpet solo.

Maria Mata also performed a flute solo. Seven Sonora Middle School participants also earned first divisions. Congratulations to all of these participants !!!!!

## Middle School Band

Seven Sonora Middle School students earned a Superior (or Division I) Rating at the UIL Region 7 Solo-Ensemble contest at Howard Payne University in Brownwood Saturday. Flute soloist Halle Samaniego, clarinet soloist Kali Mendez, French horn soloist Kaitlyn Gibbens, and four trumpet soloists - Aishah Castruita, Abigail Garza, Edgar Her-

andez, and Skyler Wood all earned the top rating. Earning an Excellent (or Division II) Rating were Mia Smith (flute), Julissa Esquivel (clarinet), alto saxophonists Victoria Acosta and Juan Gamez, Lionel DeLeon (tenor saxophone), trumpets Isaac Fraire and McKenzie Murphy, Jazmin Ramos (French Horn), trombonists Hunter Hughes and Michael Bell-Rivera, and JD Garza

(snare drum). A clarinet trio of Kali Mendez, Julissa Esquivel and Cip Tobias also earned a Division II rating. Other participants at the contest were Marlena Hernandez (flute), Cip Tobias, Arturo Lopez, and Janelle Vasquez on clarinet, and Lisa Garza on trumpet. **Congratulations to all of these competitors!!!!!!**

## Bronco Powerlifting

This past Saturday was the last regular season powerlifting meet of the year. We had several season bests from the Broncos. This was the last chance for the Broncos to better their marks and qualify for the Regional Championships in Sundown. Preston Lopez had a big goal at the beginning of the season. He wanted to bench 300 pounds. Knowing that this was the last regular season meet we knew that we wanted to make his series of lifts end with Preston having a shot at reaching his goal. After his second lift at 285 pounds we knew without a doubt that his third lift was going to be 300 pounds. As Preston walked up to the platform we knew that he was going to reach his goal. Preston had a clean lift with a unanimous decision coming from all three judges. Jorge Gayton made his powerlifting debut in Big Lake. Since this was the last weekend to qualify for regionals we were going to have to go big if Jorge was going to have a

shot at making it to the regional championships. Jorge had a spectacular first meet by squatting 450lbs, benching 270lbs and dead lifting 405lbs., but when the dust settled he fell just short of making the regional championship. Coming into the competition, Esteban Garcia was on the bubble to qualify. He knew that he was going to have to have a big day to stay in the top ten. Esteban did exactly what he needed to do and improved his total by fifteen pounds. Although Esteban finished the meet in 5th place behind some tough competition he improved his regional standings to 9th to secure a spot in the regional

championships. Osbauldo "B" Castaneda made the biggest jump of the weekend in the regional standings. Coming into the meet "B" was sitting 14th in the regional standings. "B" improved his total by 45lbs to jump from 14th place to 10th. "B" started off the meet by making up a lot of ground in the squat by improving by 30lbs. Then he just kept the ball rolling by picking up 10 more pounds in the bench and then adding another 5 in the dead lift. "B" will be joining Edward Garza and Esteban Garcia in the regional championships in Sundown, TX, on March 12th.

## Bronco Girls Track

### Varsity Girls Division

#### 3200 M Run:

2nd Place- Dulce Acosta- 12:48. 1600 M Run: 1st Place- Kallie Humphrey- 5:58, 3rd Place- Dulce Acosta- 6:03. 800 M Run: Tied For 1st- Kallie Humphrey- 2:29. 200 M Dash: 5th Place- Macie Friess- 28.84. 100 M Hurdles: 2nd Place- Kelsey Favila- 17.97. 300 M Hurdles: 4th Place- Chelsey Lou Campbell- 52.34. 4X100 Relay: 2nd Place- Macie Friess, Nicole Lipham, Morgan Smith, Chelsey Lou Campbell- 50.84. 4X200 Relay: 2nd Place- Brianah Creek, Nicole Lipham, Melissa Freeman, Jacinda Sanchez- 1:52.02. 4X400 Relay: 3rd Place- Morgan Smith, Nicole Lipham, Jacinda Sanchez, Chelsey Lou Campbell- 4:20.49. Long Jump: 2nd Place- Jacinda Sanchez- 16'6 1/2". Shot Put: 3rd Place- Leandra Castaneda- 31'11 3/4". Discus: 5th Place- Leandra Castaneda- 89'5 1/2". High Jump: 3rd Place- Serena Allison- 4'8". Pole Vault: 4th Place- Kelsey Favila- 9'0". Team Place: Tied For 2nd (Out Of 19 Total Teams).

### Jv Girls Division

3200 M Run: 1st Place- Megan Yourgalite- 13:28, 5th Place- Kory Humphrey- 14:03. 1600 M Run: 1st Place- Megan Yourgalite- 6:15, 5th Place- Kory Humphrey- 6:26. 300 M Hurdles: 3rd Place- Zella Powers- 55.35. 4X400 M Relay: 5th Place- Adriana Buitron, Crystal Lopez, Megan Yourgalite, Zella Powers. 6th Place Team (Out Of 24 Total Teams)

## Bronco Boys Track

### Comanche Relays

Saturday, February 26, 2011

### Varsity Boys Result

400 Meter Dash: Robert Chavez- 2nd 53.40. 800 Meter Run: Robert Chavez- 2nd- 2:01.72. 110 Hurdles: Will Dunn-1st- 15.56. 300 Hurdles: Will Dunn- 1st- 41.27. 300 Hurdles: Zach Badeaux-2nd- 42.14. 1600 Meter Relay: Ryan Garmon, Robert Chavez, Esteban Garcia, Will Dunn-2nd-3:37.74. Triple Jump: Bailey Joe Pennington-4th- 39'04.5". Pole Vault: Daniel Lankford- 1st- 11'06". Sonora Varsity Boys Team Result: 3rd place.

### JV Boys Results

110 Hurdles: Anastasio Munoz, 3rd- 17.84. 300 Hurdles: Anastasio Munoz- 4th-45.72. Sonora JV Boys Team Result: 14th Place

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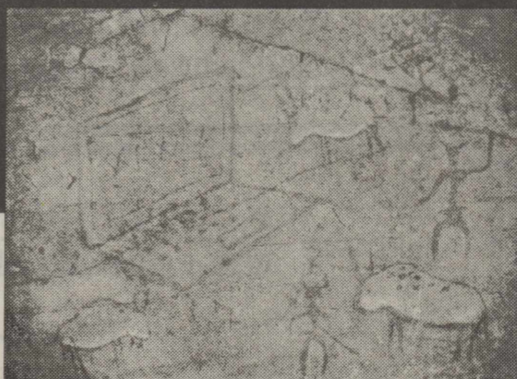
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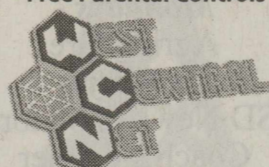
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