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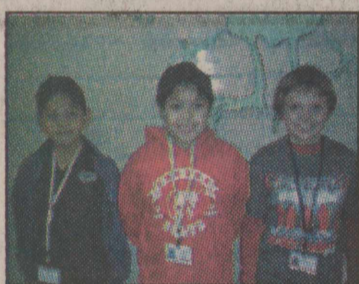
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Sonora Broncos Finish Best Season in Ten Years



Photo by Nancy Glasscock

Word Hudson leaping to catch a pass.

By Ray Glasscock

This past Friday night at Heroes Stadium in San Antonio, the Refugio Bobcats were awarded the trophy for the Class 2A - Division II - Region IV Championship based on the number of points on the final scoreboard. While they outscored the Broncos by a score of 41 to 24, they left the field with some "firsts" of their own. For the first time all season, they left the field in the first half with only three first downs and 63 yards of offense. For the game, they had fewer first downs than the other team, plus never before had any team kept all three of their outstanding rushers below a

hundred yards. The Broncos also held them to only 82 yards of passing offense.

In the first half, the Bobcats scored on the second play of the game and the next to the last play of the first half. Both were basically defensive touchdowns. Sonora scored a touchdown in the second quarter on an eight play 40 yard drive. Clayton Parks completed passes to Zach Badeaux and Imoni Cross. Cross had a 15 yard catch and run that also drew a late hit out of bounds penalty giving the Broncos a first and goal from the five. Cross got the touchdown on a sweep to the left. A high snap

prevented a successful PAT.

The game slipped away from the Broncos in the last half of the third quarter and the first three minutes of the fourth quarter. During that time, the Bobcats scored on a screen pass and three rushing touchdowns to take a 41 to 6 lead with 5:10 left in the game. I am sure that the Refugio crowd expected that the Broncos would fold and their Bobcats would once again win by 40 or more points.

After they kicked off to the Broncos, their offensive team never touched the ball again. The Broncos scored their second touchdown of the game on a nine play 88 yard drive. Cross got the touchdown on a 41 yard run. The two point PAT failed.

Cross executed a perfect on-sides kick that Davis Jimenez recovered. With 2:36 left in the game, Parks led the Broncos on a seven play 45 yard drive that ended with a two yard touchdown pass to Word Hudson.

With 26 seconds left in the game, Cross once again executed a perfect on-sides kick that Hudson caught in full stride and he almost took it all the way. With two seconds left the game, Parks threw to Hudson who lateralled to Cross. Cross finished the 30 yard scoring play as he raced

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Sutton County Key Elected Officials Vie to be Re-Elected

County commissioner from Precinct 1, Miguel Villanueva and Precinct 3, Milton Cavaness, are expected to file for the Primaries in order to retain their positions on Commissioners Court. In addition, it is assumed that the Sheriff of Sutton County will try and retain his position along with the Tax Assessor, County Attorney and District Attorney. As of this article, it is not known if there are other candidates poised to run against the incumbents.

Registration to run in the Primary for these positions began on November 28, 2011 and will end on December 15, 2011. If you would desire to be elected to one of these positions, you must register with a Party Chairperson prior to December 15. All filing data and rules can be picked up at the Sutton County Clerk office (325)387-3815. Party Precinct Chairpersons will then register candidates for primaries.

The Sutton County Primary Elections, if required, will be March 6, 2012.



DECEMBER 7, 1941 "A DATE WHICH WILL LIVE IN INFAMY"

By Dusty Padilla

These words were amplified over the radios on December 8, 1941 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. One day after The United States suffered one of the most horrendous attacks on American soil in all our years. The time was 7:55 a.m. in Hawaii when the first bomber was spotted over the Pearl Harbor naval yard. Without warning it dropped the first torpedo. It was quickly followed by 200 more Japanese Zero's on an attack pattern with intent on destroying all U.S. Naval operations in the Pacific. They hit us hard and they hit us fast, crippling our naval ships that were in port. It was complete chaos as the destructive forces of the Japanese Navy and Air Force took out their targets. It was also the first time we would witness "Kamikaze" pilots. We scrambled to get our own planes off the ground, anything to start fighting back the waves and waves of Zero's that filled the air. Many of our Ships were either sunk or crippled where they were. One of the most famous ships destroyed was the U.S.S. Arizona. She was sunk almost immediately taking with her over 1,000 Sailors and Marines; most of them were still sleeping when the attacks happened. One thing was clear, after all had come to an end. The Japanese attack had hurled the U.S. into World War II. Not all was lost in the attack on Pearl Harbor. Though they managed to destroy most of our armaments that day; the one thing they couldn't destroy was the American spirit. As quoted, by Japanese Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, "I fear all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and fill him with a terrible resolve." He had no idea how truthful that would turn out to be.

I'm sure we have all read about this day in our history classes. Only few have heard it directly from Pearl Harbor survivors. So much can be learned from this date. If anything it should teach us that even though we think we are protected inside this great country; attacks on our home front can happen and have happened. Only one other time in our history has America herself been attacked at home. 9/11 was a brief glimpse into what had happened that Sunday in Hawaii over 40 years ago. We need to remember that even though we have a feeling of security; it is given to us by those that are ever vigilant in their defense of our home. Even as we get ready to celebrate the holiday season with our families; there are those that will not see theirs. I believe that it is important for us all to be thankful for what we have, because without warning it can be taken from us. We should all have the same belief that we should watch all around us. Anything is possible and if you have seen the news lately you would know. As American's it is important that we do our part to protect what we have worked so hard to accomplish.

December 7, 1941 will forever live on in the memories of those that were lost on that day. If you know someone who

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CHAMBER CHATTER



By: Donna Garrett

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce held the annual "The More the Merrier Christmas Bazaar" on Thursday, December 1st. The event was scheduled for Friday, December 2nd but had to be moved due to the Sonora Broncos playoff game in San Antonio. The chamber would like to congratulate Sonora Broncos on a great season. Sonora is very proud of you!

The More the Merrier is an event made possible by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce board of directors. This event is free to all local retailers and crafters. The chamber charges a small fee for town vendors to help cover ad-

vertising and clean-up costs of the event. We would like to thank the County Commissioners for their support of this great event. We would like to thank our board president, Jody Luttrell, along with Ben Taylor and Dusty Padilla for providing the sound during the day. There was a great line up of entertainment and we would like to thank the following people for performing; Ben Taylor, Delaney Ramsdell, and the YMCA Peewee Cheerleaders. We want to say thank you to all the vendors for coming and setting up a day early and out of Hunter Jennings, Little Mr. Sutton County, Hollis Sny-

der and Little Miss Sutton County, Caitlynn Ramirez for assisting with the Santa pictures. Shoppers were out and about all day and were able to find some great Christmas gifts. Food was served during the day by the West Side Lions Club. Santa made a grand entrance at 3:45 and was available for pictures until 4:45. Thank you Santa for coming out and visiting with the children. If your child had their picture taken with Santa, they will be ready to pick up at the chamber office

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Senior Center Activities

- Thurs. December 8 - Christmas Crafts
- Fri. December 9 - PEC Program w/ Matthew
- Mon. December 12 - Christmas Bingo
- Tues. December 13 - Happy Birthday *Tom Rutherford*
- Wed. December 14 - Happy Birthday *Tive Chavez*

Senior Center Menu

- Thurs. December 8 - Herb roasted chicken, potato wedges, peas & carrots, wheat roll, strawberries
- Fri. December 9 - Beef soft tacos, Spanish rice, broccoli, Mandarin oranges w/topping, milk
- Mon. December 12 - Vegetable beef stew, tossed salad, milk, cornbread, orange juice, pumpkin custard
- Tues. December 13 - Spaghetti w/meatballs, spinach, milk, wheat roll, honey dew melon
- Wed. December 14 - Chicken fried steak w/gravy, milk, mashed potatoes, stewed okra, green salad

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).

Keeping Holiday Spending In Check

(StatePoint) The holiday season is in full swing and the stores are packed. But don't let the holiday shopping rush force you to overspend.

This year, smart shoppers are taking advantage of free mobile apps so they can establish holiday budgets and keep track of their spending on-the-go.

For instance, Mint.com's mobile applications (available for iPhone, Android and iPad) enable shoppers to establish a holiday budget and stick to it. With charts indicating how much you have left to spend, and email and SMS alerts informing you when you're nearing your limit, this app helps shoppers hang on to their green this jolly season.

So get out there and shop smart.

Thank You Note

Bronco Nation:

Thanks so much to all of you for making the 2011 Sonora Bronco Football Season so magical! It was truly the most fun I have had in my entire career! The 2011 Broncos created memories that will last a lifetime! To all the teachers that had special signs made, fan hats, and Big Red shakers you were awesome!! Please make sure your students know how much it means to our players. Kate Jennings you and your cheerleaders were wonderful and your pep rallies outstanding!! The escorts out of town and especially the escort into town after the East Bernard game was truly amazing!!! To the parents that decorated the locker rooms every Wednesday and packed goodie bags for game day, thank you!!!! To Jimalee Dutton who hung flags everywhere in town for our sendoffs. Thank you!! If you see one of the other football coaches, please tell them thanks for a job well done. We started 7on7 in June and finished December 2nd! They just spent the first Sunday with their family since August 1st! They have put up with me and deserve a pat on the back!!! We finished the year 12-1! We won four gold footballs this year! Our players learned about discipline and displayed it with great passion. Mace Joy will never forget leading the Broncos onto the field in the Alamodome, nor will I. We went 10-0 won a District, Bi-District, Area and Regional Championship. We did it while having fun! Thanks for being a part of something that will last a lifetime! We didn't get it done last Friday night against Refugio, but I promise the young men that represented Bronco Nation for thirteen weeks will become better husbands and fathers in years to come and that's why we do what we do!!! God Bless, Thanks again, GO BIG RED, Win The Day, and GET YOUR POPCORN READY for 2012!!!!!!

Have a Super Bronco Day,
David T. Sine

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| Primera Iglesia Bautista
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387-2035 | St. John's Episcopal Church
404 E. Poplar
387-2955 |
| The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian
319 E. Mulberry
387-2616 | St. Ann's Catholic Church
229 W. Plum
387-2278 |
| Lighthouse Community Church
1705 N. Crockett
387-9100 | Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios
306 W. 4th St
387-5713 |
| First United Methodist Church
201 N. Water
387-2466 | Jehovah's Witness
310 St. Ann's St
387-5658/387-5518 |
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387-2278 | Hope Lutheran Church
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 7:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth (St. John's Sunday House)

Holiday Schedule

Christmas Cantata Sunday, Dec. 18 @ 10:55 am
 Christmas Eve Service Sat., Dec. 24 @ 6:00 pm
 Christmas Worship Sunday, Dec. 25 @ 10:00 am

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Lesson and Carols is a series of nine short readings from the Bible from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, each followed by beautiful Christmas carols, hymns and choir music. The readings and music tell the story of the fall of humanity, our need for redemption the promise of the Messiah, and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

This service of Lessons and Carols is based on the famous service held at King's College Chapel, Cambridge, England every year. It has its roots in a service designed many years ago by Archbishop Edward Benson at Turo Cathedral in England, and is based on the medieval vigil service.

This service is a cross-denominational service, all are welcome. Reception to follow.

Christmas Eve Services (Saturday, December 24):
 St. John's Episcopal Church - Sonora, Texas 6:00PM
 St. James' Episcopal Church - Fort McKavett, Texas 3:00PM

Christmas Day Service (Sunday, December 25):
 St. John's Episcopal Church - Sonora, Texas 10:0AM

Regular Service Times:
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 ~ Pete Maravich

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between December 9th and December 29th. There were door prizes given away all day long.

- Karen Fincher: Necklace - GG's Creation
- Juanita Gomez: Juice Plus - Dorothy Tomerlin
- Eddie Arteaga: Book mark - Sherry Martin
- Pam Munn: Calendar - Sutton County Historical Society
- Erica Berry: Candle - Prima Donna Boutique
- Venetta Smith: Bracelet - Sarah Teaff
- Angie Kissire: Blanket - Ester Gutierrez
- Deliah Alvizo: Pet Sweater - Patty Cast
- Stevie Smith: Trail Mix - Jenny Sue Trainer

- Jodi Sanchez: Bread - Carl & Melissa Teaff
- Elvia Lopez: Poinsettia - Sonora Chamber of Commerce
- Jack Baker: Poinsettia - Sonora Chamber of Commerce
- Allyse Edmondson: Poinsettia - Sonora Chamber of Commerce
- Amanda Johnson: Poinsettia - Sonora Chamber of Commerce
- J. Herrera: Poinsettia - Sonora Chamber of Commerce
- Nicole Johnson: Poinsettia - Sonora Chamber of Commerce
- Martha Gaytan: Poinsettia - Sonora Chamber of Commerce

- Brenda Johnson: Necklace - GG's Creation
- Wheless Miller: Scentsy - Angie Bryant
- Jackie Baker: Necklace - GG's Creation
- Kylie Love: Jewelry - Rodney & Kathy Knight
- Marisol Faz: Jewelry - Rodney & Kathy Knight
- Chris Castro: Jelly - Evelyn McGinnis
- Page Mitchell: Necklace - South of the Border
- Brian Snyder: T-Shirt - Amis Gift Shop
- Angelita Trevino: Candle - Rosey Bud Florist
- Olivia Longoria: Makeup bag - Brenda Johnson
- Vicky Garza: Blanket - Reagan O'Brien
- Jessie Kerbow: Purse - South

of the Border

- Greta Ramsdell: Goats milk lotion - Patti Lynn
- Brenda Bryant: Mesquite cross - Briley's Crafts
- Charlene Hocutt: Bread - Carl & Melissa Teaff

Keep Sonora Beautiful is selling Poinsettia's for \$10 each and still has a few left. So if you haven't purchased a poinsettia, please stop by the chamber and pick one up.

The chamber will be hosting a ribbon cutting on Tuesday, December 13th at noon at "Natures Palette" at 115 East Main Street. Please come and support this new business and welcome owner, Karen Wilson to Main Street.

November Landscape of the Month



The Sonora Chamber of Commerce has chosen Wayne Sawyer Builder as Landscape of the Month for November 2011. Wayne has a Muriel of Bronco horses and has his business landscaped with native plants. Pictured above are Wayne Sawyer and his grandson, Halston Sawyer. Congratulations Wayne Sawyer Builder!



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-- Tom Osborne



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Are you interested in praying for our country, our city, our loved ones? You are most welcome to meet in the Prayer Garden every Tuesday morning at 10:00AM. Bring a chair please. All are welcome. FMI call 325-387-3246.

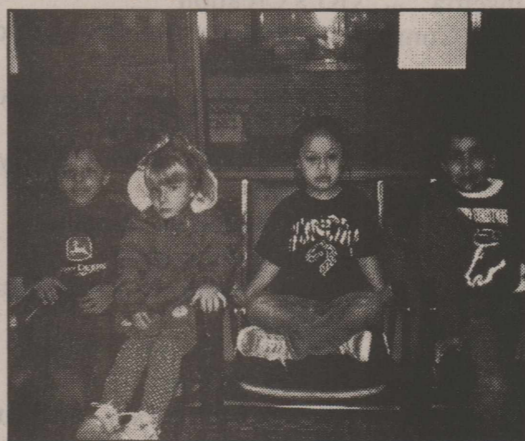
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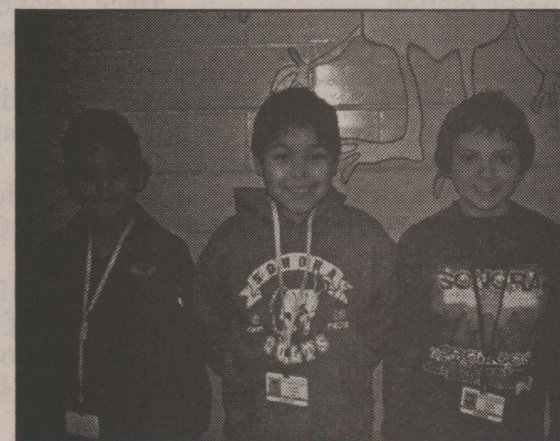
Students of the Week

Elementary School



L to R: Emilio Lozano, Kaylie Streicher, Emily Banda, and Jacob Perez

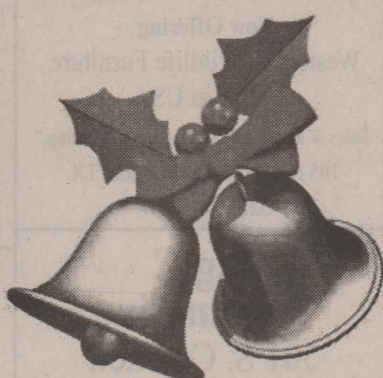
Intermediate School



L to R: Fransico Garza, Jonathon Zamora and Levi Garrett

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was there that day, or served in WWII, let them know how thankful and grateful you are. Our Military members should have no reason to not feel welcomed by everyone when they return home. There is no reason why we can't take the time to show them how much we appreciate what they do. There is nothing I can say that would even describe to you what it takes to stand up and take the oath to serve. With that being said; Christmas fast approaches and brings with it the end of the year. If you would like to send something to our men and women to boost their morale over the holidays you can visit the USO website www.uso.org. As always if you have any more questions on how to reach out to our troops please contact me at dusty@sonorax.net.



Governor Perry Proclaims Adoption of Constitutional Amendments

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, ten proposed amendments to the Constitution of Texas were voted on in the Constitutional Amendment Election held on November 8, 2011; and

WHEREAS, on the 5th day of December, 2011, I, Rick Perry, Governor of the State of Texas, did certify the tabulation prepared by the Secretary of State; and

WHEREAS, the tabulation and total of the votes cast for and against each proposed amendment established that the voters of the State of Texas adopted the following seven proposed amendments by a majority vote to wit:

PROPOSITION 1 as submitted by Senate Joint Resolution No. 14 authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran.

PROPOSITION 2 as submitted by Senate Joint Resolution No. 4 providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstanding.

PROPOSITION 3 as submitted by Senate Joint Resolution No. 50 providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students.

PROPOSITION 5 as submitted by Senate Joint Resolution No. 26 authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund.

PROPOSITION 6 as submitted by House Joint Resolution No. 109 clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund.

PROPOSITION 9 as submitted by Senate Joint Resolution No. 9 authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision.

PROPOSITION 10 as submitted by Senate Joint Resolution No. 37 to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office.

We're way the heck out there!

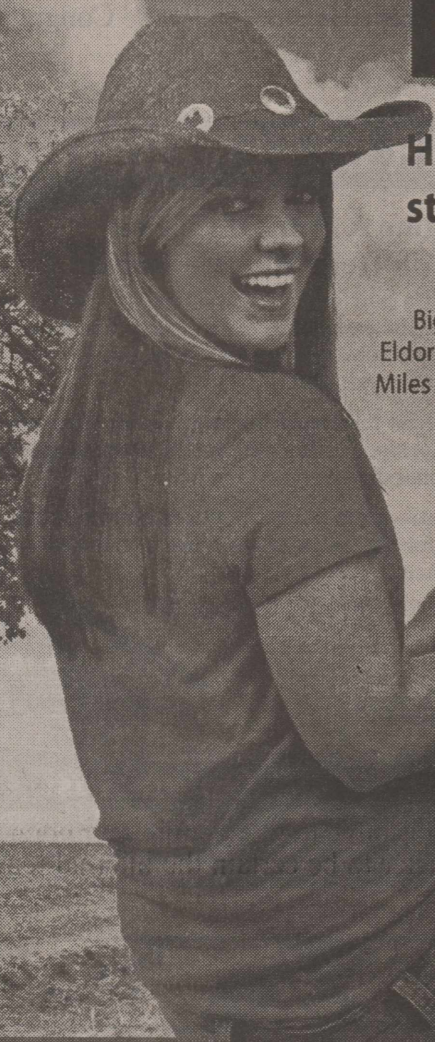
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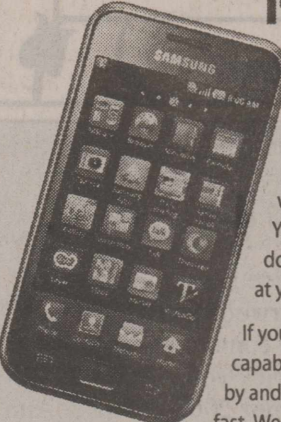
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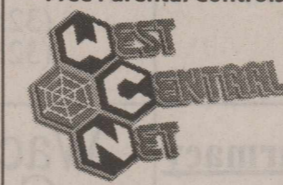
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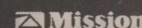
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Watering Lawns During The Dormant Season

By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Agricultural Extension Agent



When we put up our gardening tools, that marked the end of our landscape duties for the season. However, one important chore that remains is watering thoroughly during the winter. Trees, shrubs, and lawns can be damaged if they do not receive supplemental water. Although the top of plants may go dormant during the winter, the root system does not, and needs moisture to continue growth.

The result of dry periods during fall and winter is injury or death to parts of plant root systems. Affected plants may appear perfectly normal and resume growth in the spring using stored food energy. But, plants may be weakened and all or parts may die in late spring or early summer when temperatures rise. Weakened plants also may be subject to insect and disease problems.

Woody plants with shallow root systems require supplemental watering during fall and winter. Herbaceous perennials in exposed sites are more subject to winter freezing and thawing. This opens cracks in soil that expose roots to cold and drying. Lawns also are prone to winter damage. Newly established lawns, whether seed or sod, are especially susceptible to damage. Susceptibility increases for lawns with south or west exposures.

So what to do? In lieu of rainfall, water the landscape at least once a month to a depth of 6 inches. Water only when air temperatures are above 40 degrees F. Also, apply water early in the day so it will have time to soak in before possible freezing at night.

Established large trees have a root spread equal to or greater than the height of the tree. Apply water to the most critical part of the root zone within the dripline. If water stands around the base of a tree, it can freeze and damage the bark.

Watering recently planted trees and shrubs is a different story. Their roots don't go out that far yet. In this case you will want to water the root ball zone and just beyond. The aim is to water where the roots are.

Windy spells result in faster drying of sod and plants and require additional water. Remember, well watered plants are less likely to suffer freeze damage than a drought stressed plant.

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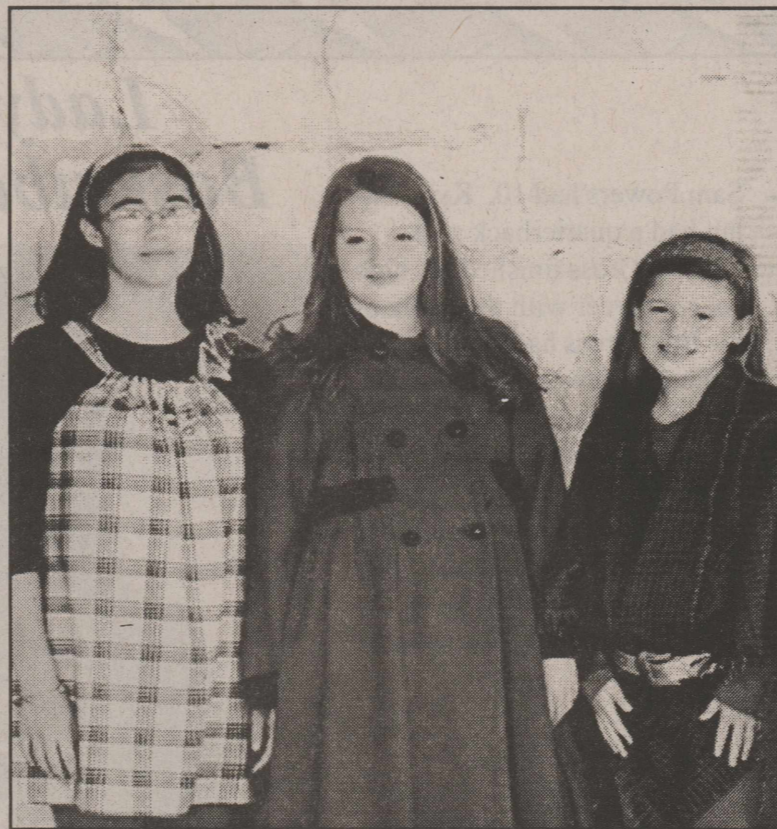
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Mitchell Places 2nd in Kerrville Why Deep-Fat Fry?



Taryn Mitchell of Sutton County 4-H recently competed in the Make it with Wool Contest in Kerrville, TX and placed 2nd. She was in the junior division which is for ages 12 and under and won 2nd place. She used a woven mohair and constructed a jewel tone ruana wrap which allowed her to fringe the outer edges and whip-stitched the neck. Taryn said, "The fringing was easy, just time consuming while the whip-stitching required more attention so the stitches would be even and look nice." This was Taryn's first attempt at sewing and it seemed appropriate that she work with mohair since her family raises Angoras on their ranches in Terrell County. The contest main objective is to promote the use of Wool and specialty wool fibers such as Mohair, Cashmere, etc.

Info on pic: from left to right- Brynn Workman of Big Spring 1st, Jakayla Sealy of Ft. McKavett 3rd, and Taryn Mitchell of Sonora, 2nd



Adapted By: Kelly L Thorp
County Extension Agent -FCS
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In recent years, new cooking methods have been added to the traditional roasting of the holiday turkey. One of the most popular methods originated in the South and is called deep-fat frying.

Deep fat frying has been used for many items including snacks, and it works for whole turkeys. When deep-fat fried, a turkey should come out moist and delicious, not greasy at all.

However, this method of cooking is dangerous and requires caution. As with any oil frying method, serious accidents, including burns, are possible. Precautions must be taken to ensure the safety of anyone around.

The food-safety rules for cooking turkeys are the same as the rules for other foods. The turkey must reach an internal temperature of 165 degrees F as measured with a meat thermometer placed in the inner thigh. A deep fat-fryer can be purchased at grocery stores and specialty kitchen equipment stores. Each comes with instructions and warnings that should be read before cooking begins.

If you purchase a frozen turkey, be sure to properly thaw it completely before beginning. Thaw it by placing the bird, in its plastic wrapper, on a tray in the refrigerator for long enough time to completely thaw. The refrigerator should be no warmer than 40 degrees F. It will take about 24 hours for every five pounds of turkey. Alternately, cover the bird while still in its plastic wrapping with cold water and replace the water frequently. If using the water method, allow half an hour per pound of bird.

When you are ready to deep fry, do not stuff the turkey with anything. Have large enough equipment to completely submerge the turkey in the oil without the oil spilling. Place the frying equipment on a flat surface to reduce the risk of accidental spills.

To calculate how much oil to use, place the turkey on the rack and into the fryer. Pour in enough water to cover it by 1 to 2 inches. Then, remove the turkey and measure the amount of water used to determine the amount of oil needed. Pour in the calculated amount of oil and heat to 350 degrees F. Place the turkey on the rack and carefully lower it into the heated oil. Estimate the amount of time needed to cook the turkey. The recommendation is three to five minutes per pound of bird. Use a meat thermometer to be certain the internal temperature reaches 165 degrees F.

Serious accidents can occur with this method. Fires can easily be started, so never leave the frying turkey unattended. To avoid serious burns, use caution and proper handling. And continue to be careful until the oil has cooled to a safe temperature. It is a good idea to use your deep-fat fryer outside, away from buildings, and not on wooden decks. Keep it away from children at all times.

After cooking, remove the turkey carefully from the hot oil and drain. Let the turkey cool for 20 minutes before carving. The leftover oil is fine to reuse later. Let it cool and store it in the refrigerator.

For more information about how to prepare a successful holiday turkey, check out the U.S. Department of Agriculture's poultry preparation website at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fact_Sheets/Turkey_Alt_Routes/index.asp
Source: Renee Boyer, Consumer Food Safety Specialist, Virginia Cooperative Extension

Game Warden Field Notes

"Big" is in the eye of the beholder: Angelina County Game Warden Phillip Wood made contact with a hunter on Nov. 5 and observed blood on a trailer. When he asked whether the subject had killed something, the reply was "a big six point." After a short investigation, the warden located the deer horns at a residence and found they had already been sawed in half. Turned out the "big" deer taken in an antler-restricted county had only a 9 5/8-inch spread. Citations issued.

-Funny place for catalog orders: Shelby County Game Warden Mike Hanson received a call Nov. 7 from an informant regarding trespassers on a hunting lease. The caller said two vehicles left the highway, turned off their lights and proceeded down a power company right-of-way. Using night vision equipment, Hanson was able to locate the vehicles. As the warden approached, a male jumped into one of the vehicles. Meanwhile, a female in another vehicle became engrossed in reading a catalog. The male said the female was his sister-in-law and he was just meeting her there to purchase products from the catalog. Just the same, the lease holder elected to file trespass charges.

-No, really, I didn't lay a hand on my wife: On Nov. 1 Harris County Game Warden Jennifer Inkster received a call from the Pasadena Police Department about a possible hunting violation. Turns out police had responded to a domestic dispute and found a large amount of blood and a rifle in the suspect's pick-up. When questioned, the subject quickly admitted he shot a white-tailed deer the previous weekend on his lease, and that the blood had nothing to do with the domestic incident. Warden Inkster arrived and seized an 8-point buck and meat, and citations were issued.

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BRONCO SPORTS

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untouched into the end zone as the time expired on the best Bronco season in ten years.

Parks completed 20 for 42 passes for 230 yards and two touchdowns. Cross was the leading rusher with 62 yards on 13 carries with two runs going for touchdowns.

Hudson caught five passes for 67 yards and one touch-

down. Cross caught four passes for 52 yards and one touchdown (sharing with Hudson on the lateral I suppose.) Badeaux had four catches for 38 yards, Edward Garza snagged three for 25 yards, Dallas Payne caught one for nine yards, and Cadesman Pope had four for 49 yards.

Payne led all tacklers with four solo and 14 assists. Damon Evans had 12 tackles and

Sam Powers had 10. Kyle Patlan had a quarterback sack.

Imoni Cross finished his high school career with the game of his life. Cross had three passes defended, two interceptions, seven tackles, and three of the four touchdowns.

Next week, I will summarize this outstanding season to ensure the history of the 2011 Sonora Broncos will be documented for future generations.

Lady Bronco Basketball Spotlight



Name: Macie Friess
 Grade: Sophomore
 Basketball Number: 2
 Position: Guard
 Favorite Professional Athlete: Cody Ohle
 Favorite Team: Baylor Girls Basketball
 What do you like best about basketball so far this year: My favorite thing is that we run our opponents down until they can't keep up anymore.
 What is your favorite thing about being a Lady Bronco: We work hard as a team and never give up.
 Who would you trust the most to "hold the rope": I trust Coach Dozier to hold the rope for the whole team.

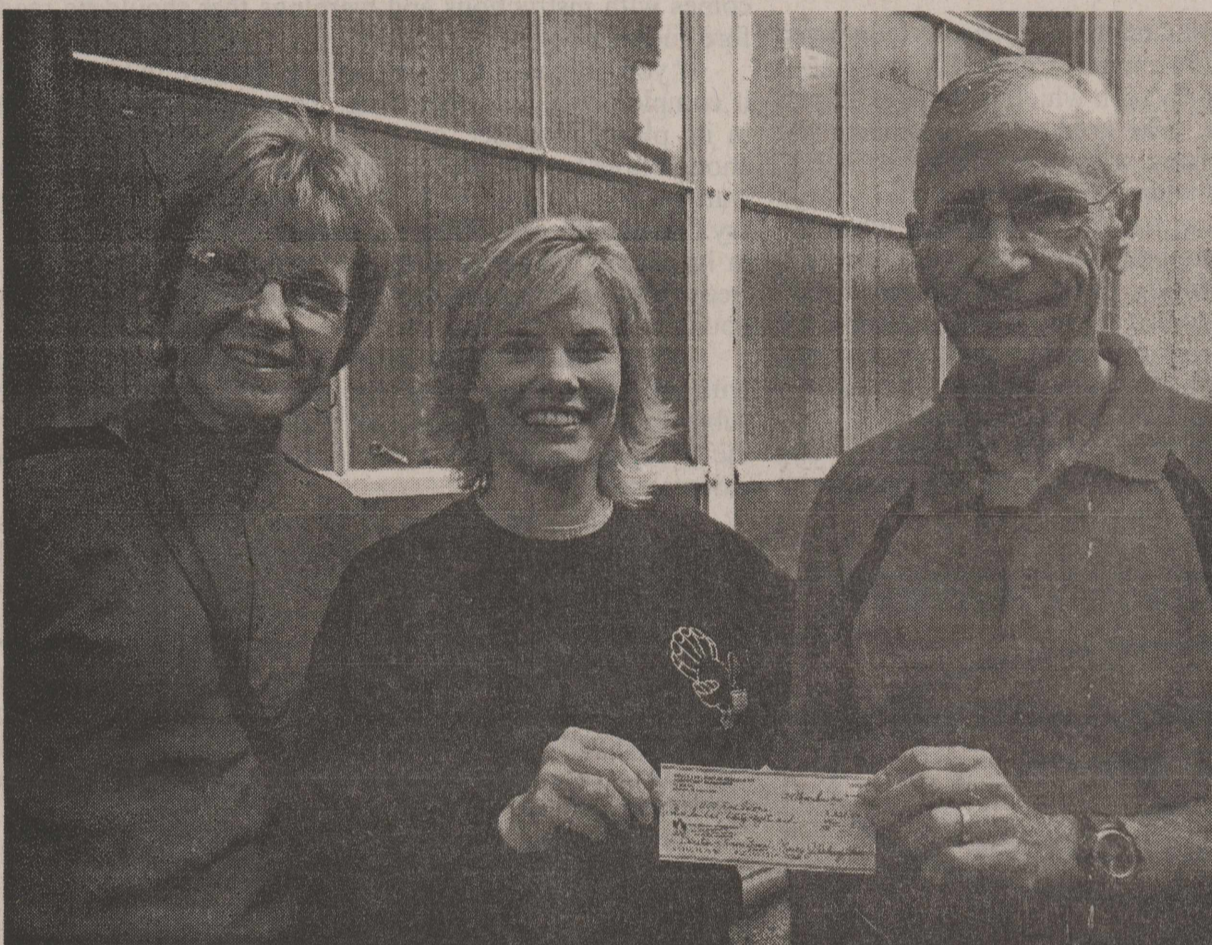
Sonora Girl's Win Harper Tournament

The Running Lady Broncos ran past Leakey (64-42), Junction (54-52) and Medina (72-48) to win the Harper Tournament. The Lady Broncos also defeated Junction on Tuesday to go 4-0 for the week and 8-1 for the season. In the Championship Game Sonora used their pressing, swarming defense to force 37 turnovers (Brianah Creek with 6 steals, Gracie Dozier with 5) and their unselfish offense handed out 20 assists. The Lady Broncos wore out the Medina Lady Cats, especially in the 2nd quarter with a 24 - 9 stanza including two separate 10-0 runs. Four Lady Broncos led the balanced scoring attack with Jaye Sanchez (21 points), Gracie Dozier (11), Avery Nolen (11) and Brianah Creek (11) all in double figures. The Running Broncos started four guards to speed up the tempo which worked great against the much taller Leakey and Medina teams. Kylie Love anchored the defense with 14 rebounds and Avery Nolen had a double-double (11 points and 10 rebounds). Gracie led in the passing game with 8 assists and Brianah handed out 6 assists. Team play was the focus with all nine varsity players contributing with strong games throughout the week. Macie Freiss and Abby Creek had strong defensive leadership and Paige Sykes and Logan Smith handled the post positions throughout the tournament. Jaye Sanchez was the tournament MVP. Brianah Creek and Gracie Dozier were named all-tournament.

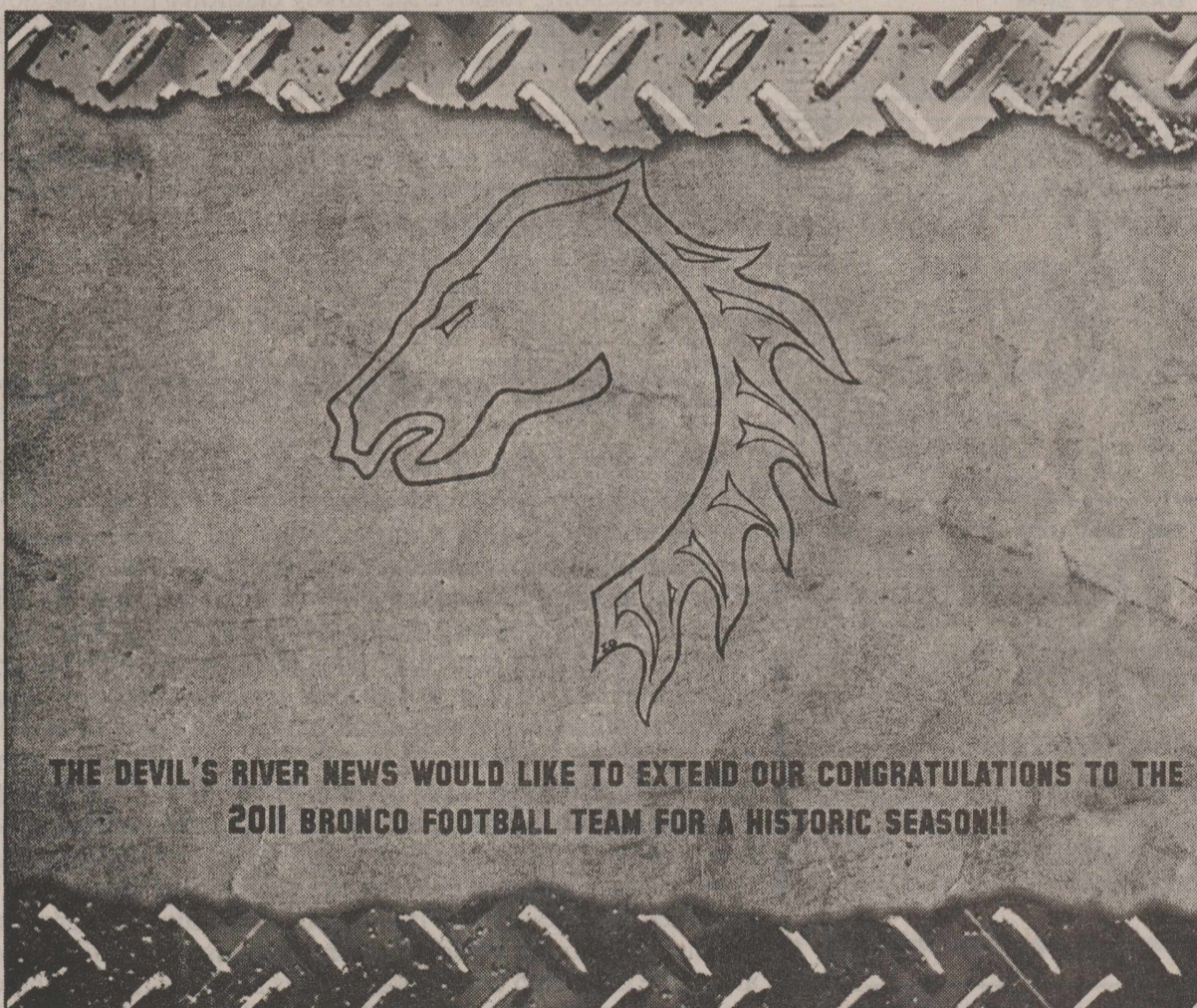


Name: Paige Sykes
 Grade: Junior
 Basketball Number: 3
 Position: Forward
 Favorite Professional Athlete: Tim Tebow
 Favorite Team: Texas A&M Girls Basketball Team
 What do you like best about basketball so far this year: I like how we're all about team this year.
 What is your favorite thing about being a Lady Bronco: I like that we have a lot of fun at our practices and our games. Our practices are as fun as our games!
 Who would you trust the most to "hold the rope": I would trust Jaye because she's good at self-sacrificing for the good of our team.

Sports Photos For the USO



Nancy and Ray Glasscock presented Sherri Henson, the director of the San Antonio USO, with a check from the sale of their sports photos.



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Jacob Perez
Juan Torres-Alvarez

2nd Grade

Ariana Arispe
Abby Bennie
Gavin Boggs
Carson Cahill
Kodi Davis
Seth Davis
Christian Deluna
Abigail Duncan
Christina Garcia
Guillermo Garcia
Sophia Gutierrez
Abigail Hernandez
Emilio Lozano
Fernanda Lozano
Jocelyn Massey
Skylar Mogford
Laci Ramirez
Joselyn Rodriguez
Adam Sanchez
Dalissa Sanchez
Lane Taylor
Jacqueline Torres
Melody Torres

3rd Grade

Ilze Contreras
Kaitlyn Daniels
Rashel De Luna
Jaci Dutton
Madalyn Fisher
Preston Gonzalez
Savannah Harger
Aaron Noriega
Harmony Ramirez
Ricardo Ramirez
Victoria Salazar

4th Grade

Jayde Bean
Harley Daniel
Slade Dermody
Levi Garrett
Ethan Hamm
Catarina Hernandez
Deborha Hernandez
Wilson Johnson
Taryn Mitchell
Kadee Petty
Luis Romero
Isabella Samaniego
Traci Vickers
Kathryn Wardlaw

5th Grade

Juan Baez
Lane Cahill
Wesley Dutton
Cara Hernandez
Mary Kyle Johnson
Avery Leamon
Reagan O'Brien
Evan Shannon
Walker Sine
Sterling Smith
Dylan Taylor

All A's (cont'd)

6th Grade

Carly Brown
Summer Hall
Christina Hernandez
Delaney Ramsdell

7th Grade

Autumn Ayala-7th
Samantha Castro
Kade Creek
Sky Jennings
Jessica Paredes
Kristy Sanchez
Tate Shannon

8th Grade

Dardy Ramsdell

Freshman

Gracie Dozier
Veronica Gaytan
Julia Gibbens
Hunter Hughes
Lillian Kent
Kali Mendez
Abby Nolen
Jazmin Ramos
Jonathan Salazar
Halle Samaniego
Logan Sine
Alexa Sykes
Selena Trevino

Sophomore

Cody Barber
Sidney Dermody
Crystal Lopez
Jonathan Paredes
Jomayra Ramirez
Danielle Vargo
Megan Yourgalite

Juniors

Ryan Contreras
Kelsey Favila
Melissa Freeman
Kory Humphrey
Stella Ingham
Avery Nolen
Paige Sykes
Kade Wimberley

Seniors

Delilah Agüero
Johnell Casparis
Brianah Creek
Robert Hernandez
Word Hudson
Christian Kenney
Zachary Leonard
Logan Luttrell
Brittany Morin
Braxton Snyder
Cande Tobias



A/B

1st Grade

Sophia Acevedo
Ashley Castilleja
Jerry Centeno
Ignacio Coronado
Koda Davis
Montserrat De La Fuente
Joshua Esquivel
Molly Friess
Hannah Galindo
Jonathan Galvan
Emilio Garcia
Nora Gaspar
Omar Gonzalez
Christian Guerrero
Alexis Hernandez
Alma Hernandez
Trinity Luna
Jeremiah Martin
Hunter O'Banon
Angel Perez
Sayler Reagan
Lorena Reyes
Ethan Roque
Brandon Torres
Romeo Torres
Shakira Villanueva
Adilynn Woods

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Isabella Arispe
Jessica Campa
Jarixa Deluna
Yailin Dominguez
Briana Espinosa
Abigail Fuentes
Jacqueline Galindo
Giovanni Gamez
Abigail Gaytan
Taryn Hamm
Justin Hernandez
Amaris Jimenez
Damian Martinez
Abigail Mendoza
Mariana Montoya
Sean Mungia
Jeliza Salazar
Santos Salazar
Jessica Smith
Mariah Talamantes
Carlynn Teaff
Justin Vasquez

3rd Grade

Kaylann Alvarez
Sianne Alviso
Saul Bermea Arambula
David Creek
Osbel De Luna
Alexis Gaytan
Martha Gonzalez
Alan Hernandez
Christopher Hernandez
Sky Hernandez
Benjamin Kinard
Caleb Nolen
Kameryn O'Brien
Elias Perez
Brianna Ramirez
Matthew Roque
Esmeralda Salazar
Sebastian Silva
Haley Teague
Alexis Velasquez
Brady Vyvlecka
Kristina Zabecki

A/B (cont'd)

4th Grade

Braden Adams
Joshua Barrera
Shyanne Gamez
Christina Garza
Jesus Gaytan
Destiny Goforth
Angela Gonzalez
Eduardo Infante
Danica Jimenez
Victoria Klebold-Smith
Jansen Morris
Analy Palacios
Melanie Perez
Kevin Ramos Acosta
Ja'nese Silva
Haley Smith
Blayze Sykes
Davien Vasquez
Anthony Vela
Hollie Wilson
Jonathon Zamora
Gabriela Zapata
Ashley Zook

5th Grade

Morgan Anguiano
Scarlot Banfill
Danyse Cantu
Brittney Contreras
Noc Estrada
Zayda Gloria-Gutierrez
Alannah Harger
Emily Hernandez
Araclci Marin
Logan McDonald
Carlos Mendoza
Keeley Moore
Brodey Myers
Perla Salazar
Stevie Smith
Alexandria Torres
Wesley Wilson

6th Grade

Melanie Acevedo
Savannah Castro
Mark Chavez
Felicia Farley
Shalon Franklin
Kristin Garrett
Bailey Gonzales
Jaqueline Hernandez
Sierra Herrada
Hazel Kent
Mercedes Lee
Yesenia Lujan
Iris McAfee
Robin McGuffin
Audry Nolen
Kaytlan Noriega
Elyssa Prieto
Christian Ramon
Caleb Ritchey
Jocelinne Romero
Caila Ross
Amber Vasquez

A/B (cont'd)

7th Grade

Bethany Agüero
Tonya Bounds
Mayra Capuchina
Dakota Castro
Angel DeLuna
Bianca Fay
April Fraire
Jose Hernandez
Juan Miguel Jimenez
Cade Krieg
Katelyn Lipham
Ariel Lugo
Ryker Marshall
Rafael Mendoza
Marlene Ortiz
Kylie Reiner
Isela Rivas
Ramon Rodriguez
Angelica Romero
Sylvia Salazar
Michael Solis
Holly Sparks
Katelynn Thorp

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Juan Gamez
Adrian Garcia
Alexis Garza
JD Garza
Tyler Hampton
Trent Harris
Edgar Hernandez
Garrett Jaeger
Brianna Jarratt
Kaitlyn Lopez
Sky McGuffin
Tanner Myers
Briana Palacios
Susana Robles
Cip Tobias

Freshman

Gustavo Barrera
Unai Calderon
Pedro Campa
Aishah Castruita
Emelio Contreras
Elijah Cross
Lionel DeLeon
Julissa Esquivel
Abigail Garcia
Bryan Garcia
Santiago Garza
Maria Gaspar
Michael Gonzalez
Seth Gunn
Jackie Limon
Walker Lipham
Kamrie Martinez
Nikki Ortiz
Lisette Ortiz
Alison Perez
Annalisa Perez
Valeria Ramirez
Jose Robles
Rikki Sterling
Jessica West

A/B (cont'd)

Sophomore

Morgan Badgett
Chance Campbell
Will Dutton
Macie Friess
Scott Gonzalez
Tori Harris
Harley Johnson
Mace Joy
Kylie Love
Kassandra Medina
Kassandra Monroe
Zella Powers
Taylor Riffe
Logan Smith
Kelsey Velez

Juniors

Jason Alaman
Mario Bonilla
Felipe Calderon
Abby Creek
Blake Esparza
Damon Evans
Adriana Faz
Taylor Hampton
Alonzo Hernandez
Clarissa Hernandez
Emilce Hernandez
Julietta Hernandez
Luis Hernandez
Whitly Hernandez
Leonard Ibarra
Rebekah Infante
Hagen Kennedy
Jansen McBride
Deatra Ortiz
Marci Parks
Gunter Pennington
Sam Powers
Jacinda Sanchez
Michael Sanchez

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Sabrina Blanco
Adriana Buitron
Alicia Castro
Liz Chavarria
Robert Chavez
Imoni Cross
Gerardo Garcia
Erik Hernandez
Hunter Jennings
Davis Jimenez
Paige Johnson
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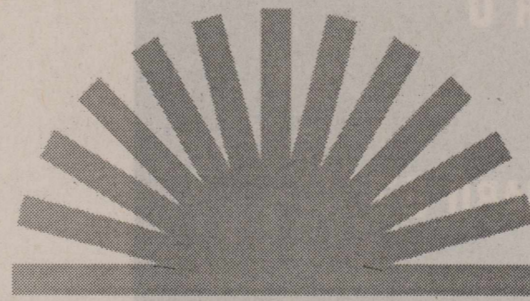
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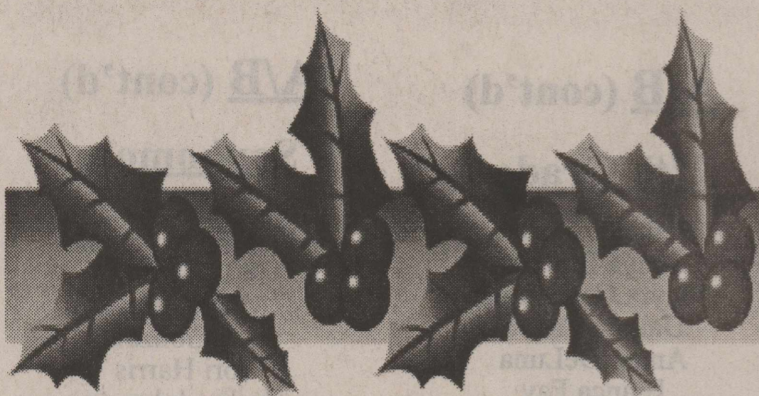
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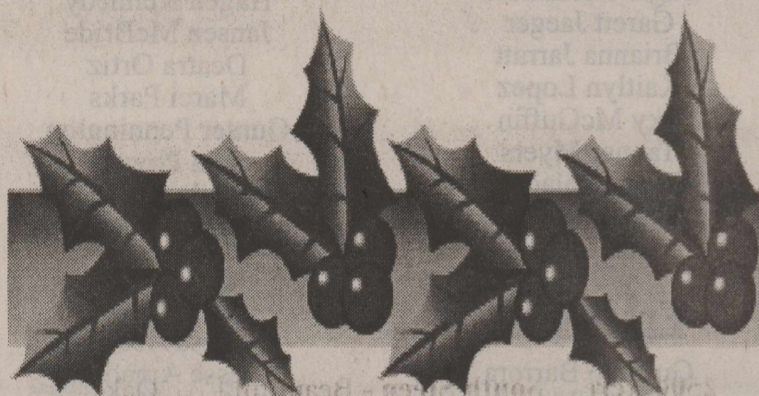
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Texas Deer Association Applauds Efforts of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

SAN ANTONIO – The Texas Deer Association (TDA) applauds the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) for their commitment and continued vigilance in monitoring deer in Texas to minimize risk of disease transmission to both wild and breeder deer populations. TDA notes the stepped up efforts are especially needed to preserve and protect the contributions of the breeder deer industry to the state's struggling economy.

The TPWD reported that recent confirmation of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in a farmed white-tailed deer in

Missouri has caused the department to increase its surveillance efforts in Texas. As part of their efforts, they plan to have state biologists at locker plants and processing facilities for deer hunters who may want to voluntarily donate harvested deer brain tissue samples for CWD testing, even though extensive testing since 2002 has not yielded a single positive test in Texas.

CWD is an infectious neurological disease known to occur only in white-tailed deer, mule deer, black-tailed deer, moose, elk and sitka. The TPWD news report noted, "There is no indication

that CWD in deer can lead to disease in native livestock or people. Wildlife officials regard prevention as the primary and most effective tool to combat CWD." The deer breeding industry continues to cooperate with both the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) and TPWD as they have from the inception of the CWD surveillance program to develop standards and guidelines to minimize risk and to punish violators. Deer breeders are subjected to stringent testing and reporting requirements with operators keeping detailed records of every deer born, living or dying under

their care. Texas deer breeders are required to test 20 percent of all deaths at their own expense, and many test 100 percent of all mortalities. Texas breeders have tested over 41% of all deer tested. At \$100 per average total test cost, that amounts to an estimated \$1,287,900, a significant and growing investment that deer breeders have spent to assure their industry remains secure. In addition, TDA has a strict internal code of ethics and standards to take steps against members who violate those standards. TDA's internal ethics policies applicable to its members has been complimented by TPWD's Scott Boruff, Deputy Executive Director for Operations.

Carter Smith, TPWD Executive Director, stated, "More than 1,200 permits are issued annually to deer breeders in Texas covering an estimated 80,000 whitetails held in captivity. The vast majority of deer breeders operate within guidelines designed to minimize risk of disease transmission." He reported that TPWD has tested about 800 illegally-possessed deer from 32 violators, and that all deer tested were found to be free of CWD. Unfortunately, there is no available test for live animals at this time.

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then, subsequent monitoring and testing of CWD has not shown the disease to be the health risk once feared, and everyone involved in the deer industry wants to keep it that way. According to information provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, approximately 164,500 farmed cervids (both deer and elk) have been tested across the nation since 2002 and, of that number, only 171 farmed cervids tested positive for CWD. Of those, USDA reported CWD was detected in 13 farmed white-tailed deer herds and 39 farmed elk herds in 11 states: CO, KS, MI, MN, MO, MT, NE, NY, OK, SD, WI. Out of approximately 775,000 free-ranging wild cervids tested since 2002, approximately 3,130 animals were found to be positive in 15 states: CO, IL, KS, MD, MN, ND, NE, NM, NY, SD, UT, VA, WI, WV, WY. According to this data, CWD is more prevalent in wild, or free-ranging, cervids than in farmed, or 'ranch-raised' cervids by a ratio of 4 to 1. TPWD reports that, from 2002 through 2010, a total of 31,325 ranch-raised and wild cervids have been tested for CWD, but CWD has never been found in Texas in white-tailed deer or any other cervids.

Dr. Don Davis, Associate Professor, Veterinary Pathology, College of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A&M University, expressed his con-

cern that other diseases that are known to exist in Texas, including Blue Tongue, Anthrax and Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD), have been especially devastating to both wild and farmed deer this year resulting in the loss of hundreds if not thousands of deer. He explained, "Anthrax always occurs at some level annually in the Southern Edwards Plateau generally in native and free-ranging ruminants." In the summer of 2007, landowners in nine Texas counties lost as much as 34% of their free ranging white-tailed deer to an outbreak of common diseases, including Anthrax, which underscores the need for research on all diseases affecting white-tailed deer.

Dr. James Kroll, renowned expert on white-tailed deer, echoed Dr. Davis' concern in previous legislative testimony. He reiterated, "Texas A&M University, College of Veterinary Medicine, stepped forward to help with deer disease research but received no public funds to do so in spite of a 2009 legislative request for such funding. The TDA has contributed to research on EHD and Blue Tongue, perhaps the most significant diseases of free-ranging and ranch raised whitetails." Dr. Kroll hopes the increased attention at this time on preventing CWD will help the state to also focus on the need for education, prevention and research on deer diseases confirmed to exist in Texas.

A Texas A&M Economic Study on Deer Breeding concluded the "industry is a growing and important segment of the Texas economy, contributing to the vitality of rural areas of the state." They reported the deer industry including hunting, deer breeding and tourism have an economic impact to the state of over \$2.2 billion. Earlier this year, Dr. Kroll spoke on the industry's current status, "Texas has been a leader in deer management since the 1970s, and now enjoys a leadership role in deer breeding. Today, there are over 1,200 active deer breeders, most of which represent small landowners and family-run operations. Whereas, managing for trophy whitetails once was the purview of the wealthy landowner with thousands of acres, deer breeding allows the small family operation to compete. It is safe to say, deer breeding is contributing to saving the family farm or ranch in many cases."

On a national level, individuals involved in the deer industry have been working for several years to secure funding for a research measure successfully included in the current U.S. Farm Bill. The North American Deer Farmers' Association (NADeFA), with the assistance of Texas U.S. Congressman Michael Conaway, along with individuals representing the deer industry from across the nation, including TDA members, were able to secure a measure in the bill to include a Deer Research Initiative to focus on the pre-

vention, diagnosis and treatment of infectious, parasitic and toxic diseases including research dedicated to developing vaccines for EHD and Blue Tongue disease in ranch-raised cervidae. Texas Department of Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples as well as U.S. Senator John Cornyn were also helpful in bringing initial attention to the need for the research effort. Funding for that measure has yet to be secured, but efforts will continue on this vitally needed project. Texas A&M University, College of Veterinary Medicine is regarded as a likely site for the program.

TDA's president, Gilbert T. Adams, III, affirmed the goal of TDA co-founder Dr. James Kroll, "TDA will continue to advocate for a comprehensive, long-term plan to develop a healthy deer industry in our State. Such a plan will respect the philosophical differences of naturalists and alternative livestock operators while also requiring a cooperative effort between state agencies, the legislature and private landowner/operators; one that acknowledges the need for the management of game animals and respects the role of the private landowner whose stewardship is key to the continued existence of game animals."

Amendment Would Halt Sand Lizard Listing On Endangered List

Paul Wiseman- Midland Reporter-Telegram

The Permian Basin oil industry received a boost in its fight to keep the sand dune lizard off the endangered species list.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, filed an amendment to the Economic Development, Administration reauthorization bill that would exempt the lizard from the Endangered Species Act. Industry leaders are concerned that such a listing could greatly hamper or close down much oil activity in the eight Permian Basin counties that are considered the lizard's habitat.

"With reptilian ability, the Obama administration changes its colors on domestic energy from one day to the next based on the political environment," Cornyn said in a statement. "Though the president recently claimed he was all for expanding domestic energy production, to see his true colors, meet a little-known species: the sand dune lizard."

"If the Obama Administration has its way, this scaly political pawn will land on the Endangered Species List, without sufficient supporting research to back up the move, and effectively bring new and existing oil and gas production in parts of Texas and New Mexico to a screeching halt," he added.

Ben Shepperd, Permian Basin Petroleum Association president, commended Cornyn's efforts.

"Not surprisingly, we're in support of that (legislation)," said Shepperd. "There is absolutely no justifiable reason to list the sand dune lizard as an endangered species."

Although the amendment is attached to the EDA reauthorization bill, it would actually make a change to Section 4 of the Endangered Species act of 1973. The amendment reads, "This Act shall not apply to the sand dune lizard."

A Cornyn aide said the wording was attached to the EDA reauthorization bill because keeping the sand dune lizard off the endangered species list is considered economically sound.

"It serves as an opportunity to highlight the danger the listing could do to a major economic engine for Texas -- the Permian Basin," the aide said, adding it also addresses the issue of domestic energy production.

There is precedent for singling out a species for special treatment, Cornyn's aide said. On April 14, Congress passed legislation that included a provision returning authority for managing the gray wolf population to individual states that are following Fish and Wildlife Service management plans. Montana and Idaho were among the states so empowered.

Also, a bill recently filed by Representative Frank Guinta, R-NH, would, if passed, prevent bluefin tuna from being treated as an endangered species. According to Guinta's web site, that bill's aim is to protect fishermen who depend on this fish for their livelihoods.

The EDA bill is being considered on the Senate floor. All amendments, including Cornyn's, are subject individually to up-or-down votes. Should the amendment and the entire bill stand, it would have to pass the Senate and the House to become law.



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