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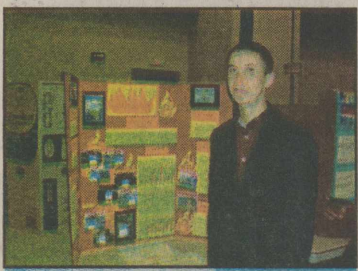
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Thursday, March 11, 2010

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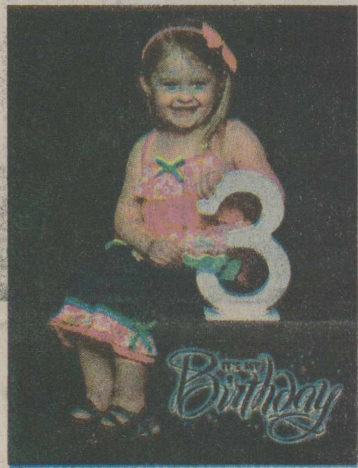
Set your clocks 1 hour early for Sunday Morning!

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## The LCRA Looks At Sonora For Power Line Route

By Ben D. Taylor

The Lower Colorado River Authority Transmission Services Cooperation (hereafter LCRA) hosted an open house at the Sutton County Civic Center on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 to inform the citizens of Sutton County about the possible construction of a transmission line through the county. This meeting was a part of the transmission line construction process as the LCRA has held "the come and go-style open houses" in all the communities this route passes through.

In 2009 the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) ordered the LCRA-a non for profit organization-to construct transmission lines designed to transport the electricity produced on West Texas wind farms to urban population centers (predominantly San Antonio and Austin). Part of the mandate from PUC requires the LCRA "to purchase an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the new electric transmission lines." Landowners would be paid a fair market value for the easements-which is established by an appraisal for the easement. The LCRA has proposed several different routes for this transmission line to support their mandate from PUC, and one of their "alternate route segments" is placed along 277 (from Eldorado to Sonora) then to Interstate 10 heading east-bisecting the county. This specific route has only been recently added by the LCRA-the previous plans had the line run from Eldorado to

Menard in an almost direct line (cutting through only a part of the county). These transmission lines are currently in the proposal phase, and final route selection is not expected until mid summer of 2010. Sutton County stands to collect taxes on any equipment or property the LCRA has within its borders, but the city-and citizens therein are guaranteed no other direct benefit from this project.

The actual construction of this transmission line will not use any local contractors or materials, and will not provide electricity to the counties it passes through. Statewide electricity prices would actually increase due to the size of this overall project. According to LCRA documentation this project encompasses "600 miles of new and existing transmission lines and facilities", and "according to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), represents about \$795 million". This represents a cost that all electricity users in Texas will initially have to pay for in higher rates.

A possible benefit to Sutton County landowners would be that the close proximity of this transmission line could increase interest from wind farms, but it probably has a relatively small influence on that decision. Just as an oil company doesn't decide to drill a rig simply because a gas station is nearby, a wind farm won't immediately come to Sutton County because a transmission line is close. Simply put, if there aren't any people-there's

no need to get dressed up just because a band is playing.

Two things that are of real concern to landowners (and citizens alike) are the potential decrease in property values and the instances of higher rates of cancer associated with these power lines.

A study published in Southwestern Legal Foundation (by David Dolton, and Kent Slick) evaluated the relationship between property values and power lines, and determined that, "real estate professionals (even those performing studies on behalf of power line companies) are continuing to conclude that power lines are bad for property values". In 1997 the LCRA funded a study that confirmed the previous statement by showing that "the area located within an electric transmission line easement has a 90% [decrease] in value to due the presence of the easement". Further studies conducted in Oregon, Missouri, New York, and California confirmed the correlation between a decrease in property value and power lines exists (as low as 10 and as high as 54%). The greatest negative impact seen in Oregon properties were those properties that were "managed agricultural property and in rural developments."

*Story to Continue in Next Weeks Edition of The Devils River News-where we will address the health implications of transmission lines and options available to landowners.*

## City Council Special Meeting: Council Discusses Last Years Budget

By Ben D. Taylor

The City Council met for a special session on Monday, March 8, 2010. Of the several items on the agenda-most of the discussion centered on the City Managers (Judy Miller) report on the 2008-2009 annual audit.

Miller commented that, "I haven't finalized a written report yet-but will finalize it for the next meeting. Looking at these documents, and taking what I had from the financial trends report, I just had some reflections. The general fund has a reserve balance of 1.3 million-which is very different from most cities because as it stands we have 7 months of operating expense in that fund (most cities only have about

three months)". She included in her report some results of the cities revenue sources, "sales tax and motel/hotel tax are huge contributors to that fund and Sonora was hit like every other city, but we are gaining on it in 2010. Other revenue from enterprise funds defiantly includes the airport. I just have not had enough time to look at that and see how to make that a more profitable venture, we can defiantly improve there.

We spent a lot of money trying to get the landfill back to the landowner and that project should be wrapped up within the next month to 60 days. We are doing ok with our year to date with a recorded revenue of \$830,338.61 and expenses

\$436,283". Miller then commented that while the previous year's audit reflected, "a variance from a positive [dollar amount] to negative \$226,000", she was quick to comment that, "we have to keep a real tight reign on the budget from now on. It's just numbers-and any good manager looks at them very diligently and I certainly call on financial advisors on everything to do with budgets. I want to start our budget process to start in April. It's going to be much better this year. This [the previous year's budget trend] won't happen under my watch for sure".

## Primary Election: A GOP Perspective

By Mallory Rousselot

With the Primaries behind us, we can generally look forward to quiet (with one exception) till we near the November Elections. First, the results for the following local Republican Party candidates are as follows: County Judge Carla Garner running for another term gathered 378 votes, Deputy Clerk Rachel Chavez Duran running to replace retiring Betty Hernandez as District and County Clerk received 362 votes, currently serving as County Treasurer-Janalyn Jones received 384 votes, Bill Keel running for County Commissioner of Precinct No. 2 gathered 82 votes, and current Justice of the Peace, Pet.

1, John K. Wilson received 376 to retain the office.

Secondly, statewide, the Congressional district 23 frontrunner is still up in the air. With Will Hurd capturing 9,664 (126 Sutton) votes to Francisco "Quico" Canseco's 9,222 (17 Sutton), these two are scheduled for a runoff March 20th. The winner will represent the Republican Party in the November general elections oppoising Dem. Carlos Urestis. Also up for grabs is Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3 with Rick Green receiving statewide 212,794 (67 Sutton) to Debra Lehrmann's 204,547 (Sutton).

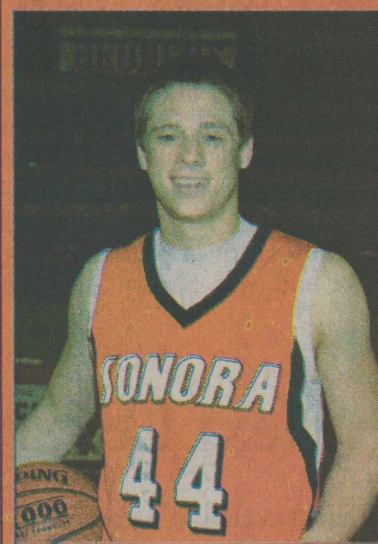
Lastly, runoffs historically

capture a fraction of voter interest and are decided by a handful of the dedicated few. Buck the trend! Stay involved, informed and committed to deciding your future. Tuesday, March 20th, if your in the 23rd Congressional District which most of us are, VOTE! And then enjoy the quiet.

**\*\*\*Editors Note\*\*\***  
The Number of total registered voters in Sutton County numbered 2,522 and the ballots cast were 592. This represents a 23% voter turnout. Of the ballots cast 76% were in the republican primary, and 24% were in the democratic. For a detailed list of results please see page 6.

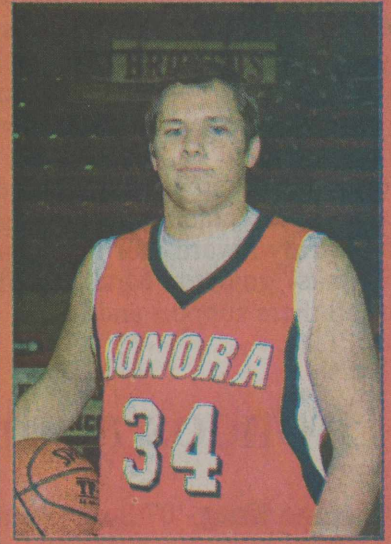
## Boys Basketball All District Team

Co-MVP



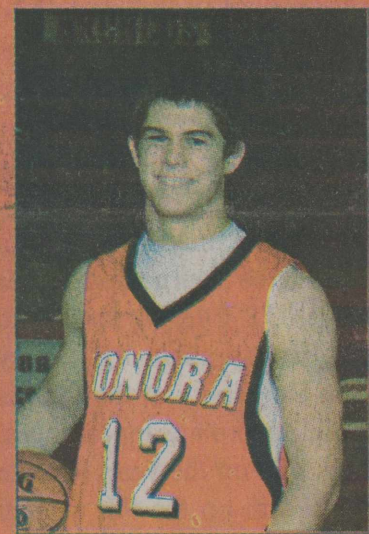
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First Team All District



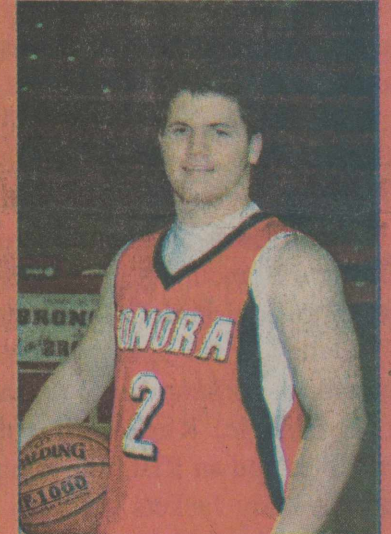
Cash Jennings

First Team All District



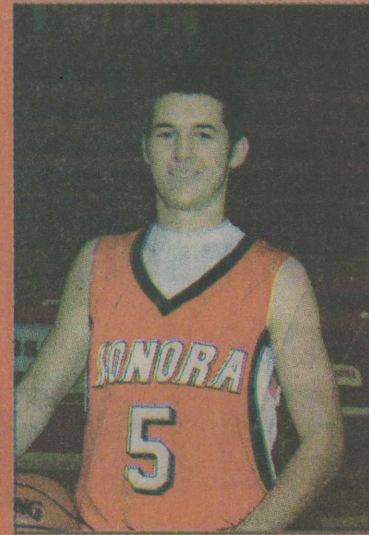
Ethan Morriss

Second Team All District



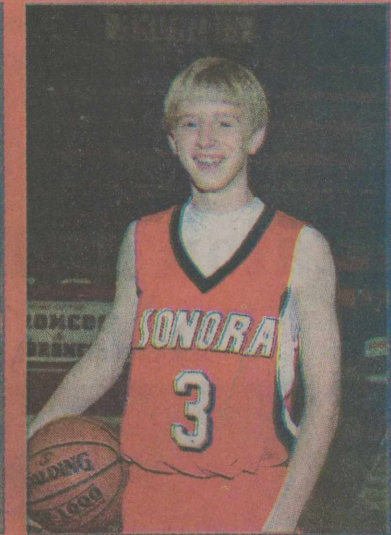
Dustin Neff

Newcomer of the Year



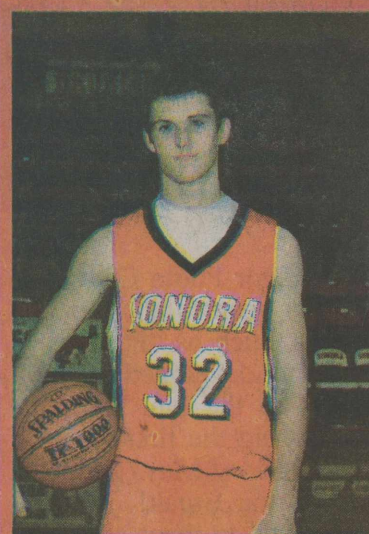
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Honorable Mention



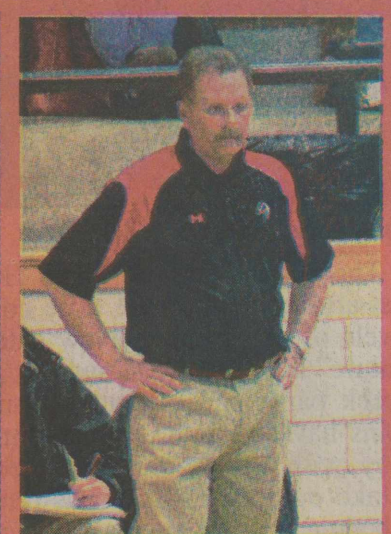
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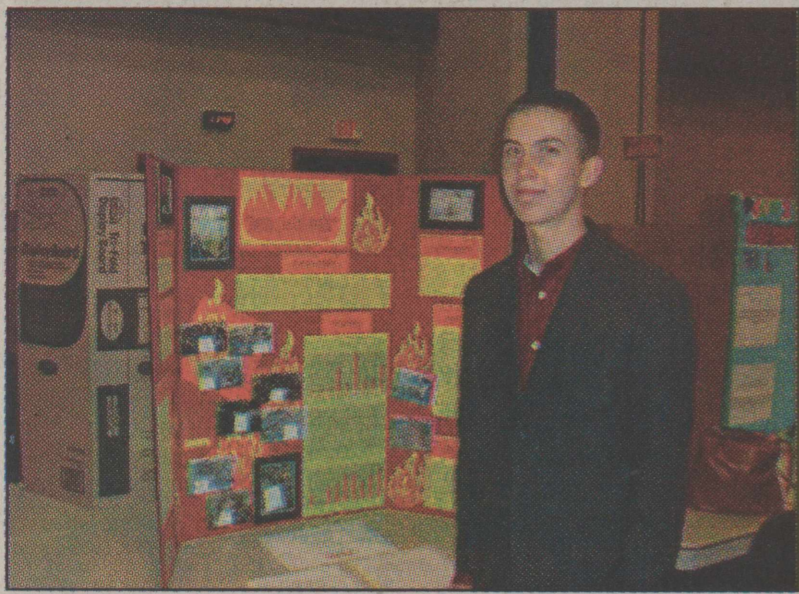
Cadesman Pope

Coach of the Year



Lamar Evans

## “Burn Baby Burn”



Submitted

On February 23, Sterling Hall went to the Regional Science and Engineering Competition on the Campus of Angelo State University, where he received a Gold Medal on his science project. Sterling's project was in the area of Environmental Management. He conducted an experiment to learn what the best conditions and fuel loads would be necessary to successfully burn prickly pear. He was fortunate to have the ability to conduct this experiment out at the Texas A & M Experiment Station and is very thankful for this facility and the help of Collin and Ronnie Rosser. Sterling will now be competing at the State level on April 10-12, 2010. He also was invited to attend the International Competition in Sacramento, CA because of his placing at the Regional level. He also received the “Army Award” for his “Burn Baby Burn” Project. Many “Thanks” go out to Mrs. Carol Love and Mrs. Shelly Shannon for all there support and help.

## Broncos at the Next Level

**Meghan Krieg** '07 Sonora graduate traveled to Auburn University to participate in the War Eagle Classic over the weekend of March 5-7. On the mound for back to back games on Friday was Meghan Krieg. In game one, the Techsters defeated Gardner Webb 7-5 (5 hits, 5 runs, 9 strike outs, 9 walks) and were unable to get a hit in game 2 and lost to Auburn 0-1 (2 hits, 1 run, 7 strike outs, 4 walks). Fighting spasms in her throwing arm, Meghan didn't throw on Saturday in the Techster's 6-5 win over Alabama State. Meghan returned to the mound on Sunday morning, and the Techsters defeated Tennessee State. Louisiana Tech hit two grand slam homeruns in this contest to run rule Tennessee State 11-3 (3 runs, 1 earned, 5 hits, 6 strike outs, 5 walks). The Lady Techsters will travel to the University of Arkansas next weekend for the Arkansas Invitational.

**Kimble Luna** '08 Sonora graduate had a tough weekend in Farmer's Branch, TX @ the ASC 1st Pitch Tournament. After losing to Louisiana College (0 for 3), UT Tyler (0 for 3) and UT Dallas (2 for 3; single, double, Hit by pitch, RBI), they came back on Saturday to defeat the University of the Ozarks (1 for 4; single). Kimble has 6 hits out of 15 plate appearances, 2 doubles and an RBI. She is hitting .400 on the year. Kimble and the Lady Jackets travel to FT. Worth on the 9th to play Texas Wesleyan University.

**Kayla McBride** '06 Sonora graduate. Kayla McBride and the Roadrunner golf team finished 14th in the UCF Challenge with a team score of 930. Kayla shot an 85-81-86—252 for the weekend. Texas A&M won the tournament with Georgia coming in second. Next on the Roadrunner's schedule is the Northern Migration Invitational in Florence, Arizona.

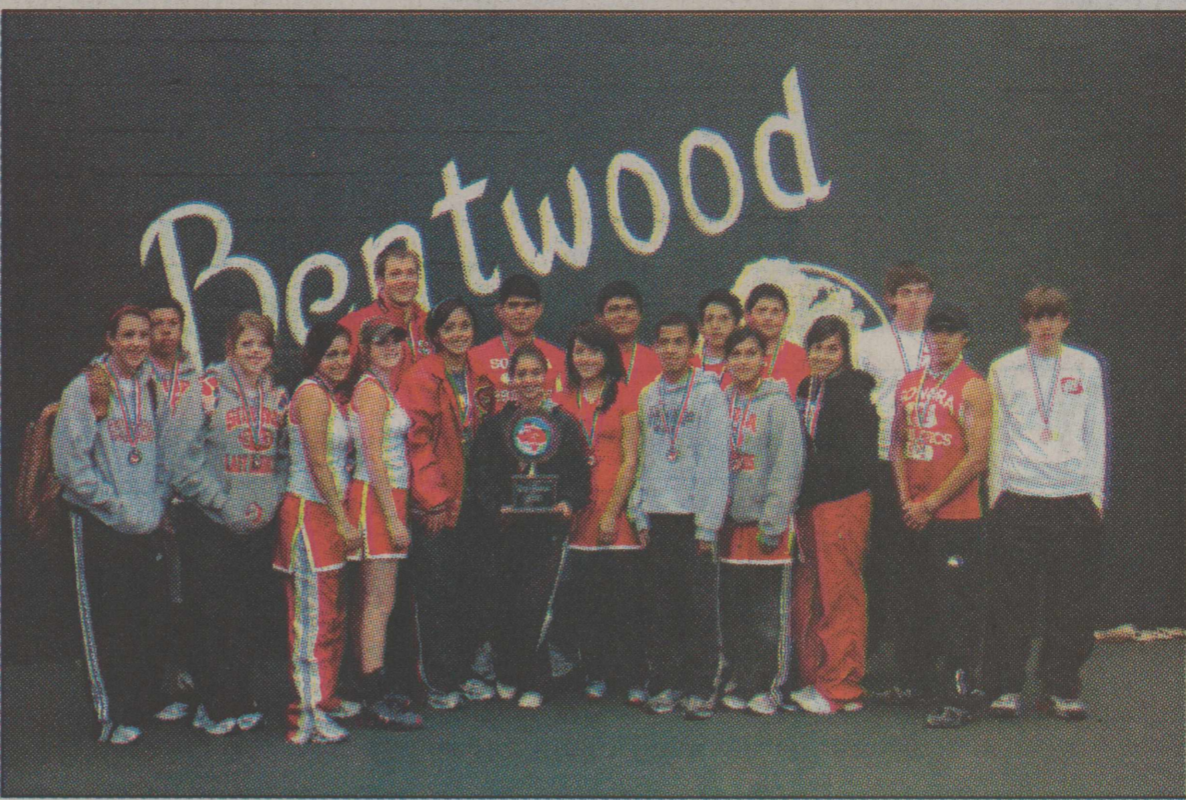
**John Duke Hudson** '09 Sonora graduate. Next on John Duke's schedule is the Palmetto Intercollegiate in Aiken, S.C. on March 8-9.

## Eaton Hill Sponsors Photo Contest



By Delyse Jaeger

The Second Annual Eaton Hill Outdoor Photo Contest is just around the corner! The contest is open to all ages and levels of experience. New categories, such as “Patterns in Nature” and “Just for Laughs”, are being developed that will tweek participants creativity and add to the fun. Tentative plans have the due date for entries during the first week of May, with awards during the second week of May. Students – take outdoor photographs during Spring Break! We will schedule at least one session for students to meet on Eaton Hill, learn a few basics and participate in a photo safari. Last year's winners of an Art Day or Photo Safari can still redeem their awards – just call the Eaton Hill office at 387-2615 and make arrangements. Watch for additional information in upcoming editions of the Devil's River News. Hit the trails!



## Bronco Tennis Team Brings Home the Bronze From Regional

Submitted

The Sonora tennis team won third place at regional team tennis. Sonora easily defeated Miles in the first round by a score of 10 - 1. In the semi-finals, the Broncos lost to a tough Wall team 10 - 2. The Broncos played Brady on Saturday and defeated the

Bulldogs by a score of 10 - 0. The top two teams of Mason and Wall advanced on to the State tournament next week in Round Rock. The Bronco team was comprised of Cash Jennings, Mario Oliden, Pedro Ramirez, Davis Jimenez, Alex Mejia, Josh Salazar,

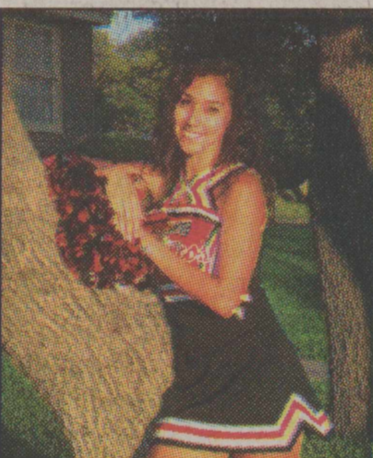
Lino Villanueva, Damian Lopez, Christian Kenney, Phillip Stevens, Alyssa Vela, Hillary Borrego, Hunter Jennings, Alyssa Favila, Sterling Love, Ashley Perez, Rose Karnes, Jacinda Sanchez, Marissa Prieto, Delilah Aguero, and Anali Garcia.

## Local Student/Athlete Named To 2010 FCA All-Star Squad

The young All-Stars were nominated by their head coaches for the game, which features schools from an approximate 100-mile radius of Abilene covering 36 counties.

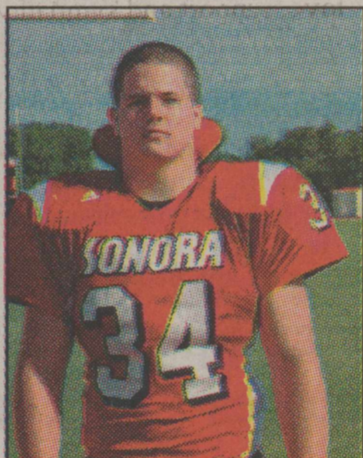
Representatives from Class A-5A make up the squads. They will report for two-a-day

workouts on Wednesday, June 9, 2010. There will be lots of activities that they will be involved in during that time and will be honored at a Victory Banquet on April 25th, at the Abilene Civic Center.



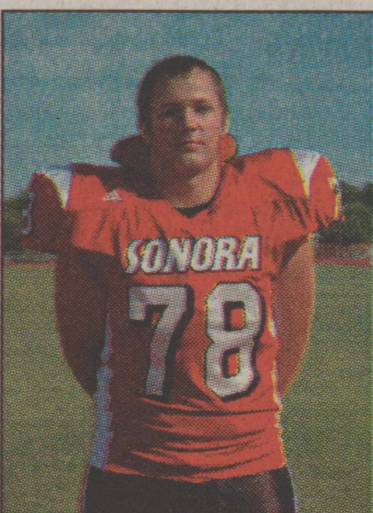
**Jalen Falcon** of Sonora High School has been chosen as part of the cheer squad to participate in the 11th annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Myrtle Greathouse All-Star Classic, to be held Saturday, June 12, 2010 in Abilene.

Child of Kino and Jackie Falcon, she was one of 134 area student athletes selected for the game which benefits the Big Country Area Office of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Representing approximately 50 area schools, the rosters for the North and South squads were announced at a Press Conference on Sunday, February 14, 2010 at Beltway Park Baptist Church in Abilene, TX.



**Dustin Neff** of Sonora High School has been chosen as part of the football squad to participate in the 11th annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Myrtle Greathouse All-Star Classic, to be held Saturday, June 12, 2010 in Abilene.

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## Top 10 Ways to Get Rid of A Blind Date

1. At dinner, guard your plate with fork and steak knife, so as to give the impression that you'll stab anyone, including the waiter, who reaches for it.
2. Wipe your nose on your date's sleeve. Twice.
3. Make funny faces at other patrons, then sneer at their reactions.
4. Repeat every third third word you say say say
5. Stare at your date's neck, and grind your teeth audibly.
6. Stand up every five minutes, circle your table with your arms outstretched, and make airplane sounds.
7. Ask for crayons to color the placemat. This works very well in fancier venues that use linen tablecloths.
8. Ask your date how much money they have with them.
9. Lick your plate. Offer to lick theirs.
10. Slide under the table. Take your plate with you.

## Sonora Boys Win Sonora Invitational Golf



Photos By Nancy Glasscock

Word Hudson (top), Manny Paredes (middle), and Caleb Gonzales (bottom) helped the Broncos win the Sonora Invitational for the second year in a row.

By Nancy Glasscock

On a cool, windy day last week, the Sonora Boys' Golf Team were the champions once again at the local event held at the Sonora Municipal Golf Course.

The Sonora team total of 335 was three better than Wall's 338. The team from Winters took third place with 362 strokes. Seven teams plus three golfers from Ft. Stockton competed in the annual event.

Former Sonora resident and Wall sophomore, Garrett Smith, had the low round of the event. He shot a 73. Winters' Devin Martinez took second place after a one hole layoff with the Broncos' Caleb Gonzales. They had both shot 80 for 18 holes.

Sonora's team scores were: Gonzales, 80; Hudson, 82; McBride, 86; Paredes, 87 and Castillo, 89. Final team scores were: 1. Sonora 335; 2. Wall 338; 3. Winters 362; 4. Iraan 376; 5. Alpine 379; 6. Ozona 430; 7. Rocksprings 464.



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**Senior Center Activities**

- Thur. Mar 11 - Crafts for St. Patty's Day.
- Fri. Mar 12 - Cooking w/Kelly, Nutritional Ed.
- Mon. Mar 15 - Bingo
- Tues. Mar 16 - Happy Birthday Nell Wallace  
CEAP Energy Ass. 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Wed. Mar 17 - St. Patty's Day  
Van to San Angelo Medical 325-387-3941

**Senior Center Menu**

- Thur. Mar 11 - Baked ham, candied yams, peas/carrot mix coleslaw, rolls, Jell-O w/fruit and milk
- Fri. Mar 12 - Chicken strips w/gravy, baked potato, milk broccoli w/cheese, rolls, peach cobbler
- Mon. Mar 15 - Turkey sandwich, veggie noodle soup, potato chips, fresh fruit, cookies and milk
- Tues. Mar 16 - Chicken fried steak w/gravy, potatoes, carrots, rolls, vanilla pudding w/fruit and milk
- Wed. Mar 17 - Tacos w/cheese, pinto beans, tomato/lettuce, mixed fruit salad w/mandarins, and milk

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).

**What is the Gospel?**

Submitted by Matthew Halsted

We've all probably heard this word before, but what does it really mean? Is it just another "churchy" word, or is there something rather unique about it? Simply put, "Gospel" means "Good News." But within the context of the Bible, this word conveys quite a bit more meaning than the typical "good news" we may happen to hear on the street. What, then, is the Gospel?

It's a message. More specifically, it's a message of forgiveness, reconciliation, and redemption. It's not the same worn-out message of mere moralism, positive confession, or self-help therapy. And it's not a message about how man should attempt to "work" his way back to a right relationship with God. It's more than that.

The Gospel message centers on the person and work of Jesus Christ. It's a message that reveals to us how Christ, though sinless, bore our sin. It proclaims to us that Christ, though innocent, became guilty in the sight of the Father for our sin. It speaks of Christ, the second member of the Trinity, humbling himself to come to earth as a man, to pay our debt. The message of the Gospel is simple: Christ, in all of His mercy and grace and love, took our punishment on the cross so that we might go free. And that message of hope is for those who would believe (John 3:16).

That same Gospel is being proclaimed to "every nation, tribe, and tongue" (Revelation 14:6). Will you respond?

Matthew Halsted is the Student Minister at First Baptist Church, Sonora, as well as a theology student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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**Obituary**

**Anna Black Rogers**

Sonora-Anna L. Black Rogers got to meet her Savior face-to-face, Sunday, March 7, 2010 and join her family in heaven for eternity. "Happy Reunion, Mom!" She was born February 12, 1936 to Augustus G. and Beatrice Ryals Black in Austin. She attended school in Eula, TX and Clyde, Tx. Anna and Bailey A. Rogers were married in Clyde, TX, June 7, 1952. He preceded her in death in 1992. Anna obtained her GED and then graduated from nursing school in 1968. She worked in hospitals in Eldorado and Iraan. She had lived in Eldorado, Terrell County, Sonora and Iraan. She lived at Sagecrest at the time of her death. She had been a member of First Baptist Church Sonora, New Hope Baptist Church in Sonora, United Methodist Church in Iraan and First Baptist Church Iraan. She was a member of the Mildred Parker Garden Club in Iraan. She was happiest working in her yard and tending to her flowers and loving on her dogs. She is survived by her daughters, Susan Mirike and Husband J.D. of Sonora, Kathy Hearn and husband Hoot of San Angelo, sister Anita Smith of Iraan-grandchildren David and Allison Mirike of Plano, Adam and Michelle Mirike of Grape Creek and Andrew and Jody Mirike of Little Elm, Laura Tyler and her husband Wayford of San Angelo, great grandchildren-Matthew Mirike, Emily Mirike, Tanna Wolf, Carson Mirike, Murphy Mirike and Jessie Mirike and numerous nieces and nephews. Services were held at the Kerbow Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday March 10 and the burial followed in Sonora Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Baptist Memorials Hospice or Sagecrest.

**Thank You Notes**

I would like to thank the residents of Sonora, Texas for the donations during the bake sale last week. During the last month I have received numerous calls and warm wishes from everyone I have come in contact with. I am so very grateful for your prayers and thoughts. A special thanks is warranted to Nubia Gutierrez for coordinating the bake sale and to all those who participated in it. Thank you to the Fidelis Prayer Group for your thoughts, prayers and donations. My cervical cancer is being treated and my doctors are expected to give me a clean bill of health in the months to come.

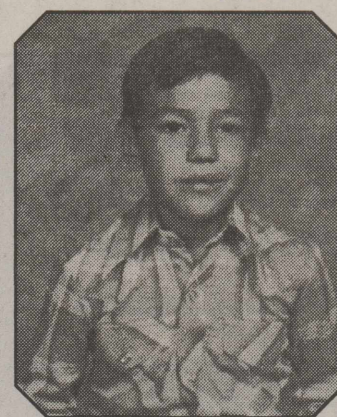
Thank you,  
Dora McAfee and Family

There comes a time in each one of our lives when we have to say goodbye to our loved ones. It has been the most heart wrenching moment; our family will ever have to endure. The love, support and sympathy that we received from friends and family are what helped us get through these past few days. There just are no words to thank you for your loving kindness and the expression of sympathy you have shown us during the passing of our mother Consuelo N. Lozano. We will be forever grateful. For everyone who sent flowers, food, paper goods; for the phone calls, for the support that was shown throughout the service; to Dr. Kristie Edwards, to Hospice Veronica Fierro, Rosemary Hernandez, Laura Blalock, James Hurley, and to Dr. Marcus Simms; to the prayer warriors Adelita Alvarez, Sandi Ainsworth, Mary Perez, Gloria Lopez; to Father Lionel; to the Eucharistic Ministers Betty Hernandez and Mary Perez; to John Lopez III, John Jr., Betty Lopez, and John Martinez for all their help at our home; to St. Ann's Choir; to the Lighthouse Church for the use of their Hall. To Josie Emiliano from the Senior Apartments. A special thanks to Armando Robles, Randy Cervantes, Zory de los Santos, Ilse Rodriguez, and Florie M. Gonzales for their special attention to detail. There are so many friends and family too many to mention. These are the times in our lives when we are so blessed to live in a small loving community because we truly felt the love and support from all our "neighbors". God Bless Each and Everyone.

The Family of Consuelo Noriega Lozano

**Lordy, Lordy Look Who's 40!**

**Happy Birthday!**



Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
Sisters and Family



**Congratulations**

to

**Mark and Jo Wilkinson**

on the arrival of their first grandbaby

**Addison Bailey!**

Proud Parents  
Blaine and Michelle Wilkinson

**Happy Birthday!**

**March 11**

Estevan Chavez, Bonnie Chavez, Word Hudson, Herbie Seaton, Nelda Tobias, Trudy Dell Williamson, John Wilson, Rosalinda Ramirez, Dick Traylor, Jesse West

**March 12**

Jennifer Surber, Dora Gonzalez, Dominique Aboud, Lesa Harris, Larry Hernandez, Don Sessom, Mario Avila, Kayla Ramirez, Tavia Valliant

**March 13**

Chris Badgett, Thelma Vasquez, Charlie Brown, Daniel Anderson, Mary Adele Balch, Ron Kinney, Danny Monk, Madyson Wipff

**March 14**

Rosie Noemi Fay, Dickie Wood

**March 15**

Warren Wallace, Jerry Whitehouse, Leann Holt, Abby Creek, Ray Garza, Kelsey Velez, Becky Whitaker, Lane Cahill, Chance Northcott

**March 16**

Doris Northcott, Juan Jimenez, Daniel Galindo

**March 17**

Tracey Myers, Belia Solis, Kevin Gann, Lewis Gandar, Josphine Hernandez

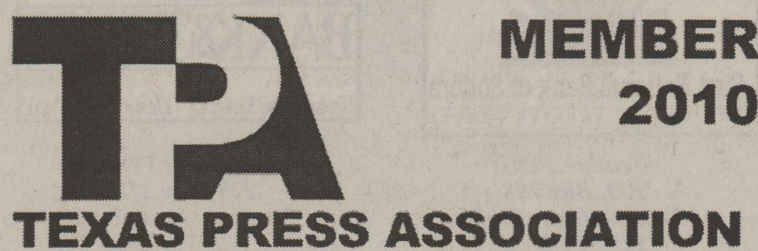
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**Happy Birthday**

**Madyson Wipff**

Love,  
Nana and Pap

**First United Methodist Church**  
201 NW Water Ave.  
(325) 387-2466  
Ray Wells, Pastor

**Sunday** *Nursery available from 9:30 - 12:30*  
9:45 Sunday School  
10:55 Worship  
6:00 Bible Study

**Tuesday**  
12:00 Lion's Club

**Wednesday**  
5:00 Choir Practice  
6:00 Beth Moore Study - Fellowship Hall  
6:00 Jr. High Youth - St. John's Sunday House  
7:00 Sr. High Youth - St. John's Sunday House

# Creative Arts



Bryce and Kodee Smith of Sonora, along with Grandmother, Kathy Knight, participated in the Creative Arts Division of the San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo held recently in San Angelo.

Bryce has been participating since he was in 3rd grade. This year he received the Best of Show award in the 10th-12th grade class with his Caramel Brownies. He also received a \$100 savings bond for the special award for total points, of ribbons received, in the youth division. He entered nine items and received 7-1st places, 1-2nd place and 1-3rd place. Kodee entered 6 items and received 4-1st places and 1-3rd place. This was her third year to enter.

Kathy has been participating for many years and has gotten her grandchildren interested in entering. Teaching her grandchildren how to read and put together a recipe was a joy to watch each year. They not only learn how to get around the kitchen, but they learn why you need fractions as a part of life. Kathy won Best of Show in the Canned Food class with her Pickled Squash and Best of Show in the Baked Food with her Orange Slice Pound Cake.

# Grand Opening



Sonora Chamber of Commerce held a Grand Opening for Maria's Kitchen on Monday, March 08, 2010. The new restaurant is located at 207 W. Chestnut St. (previously B&H Caterers), and owned by Erasmo & Maria Lumbreras. Maria has resided in Sonora for 22 years and was previously employed by B & H Caterers. Pictured above are: Lurdes Solis, Tibba Edmondson, Griselda Serrano, Erasmo Lumbreras, Maria Lumbreras, 2009 Little Miss Cinco de Mayo, Abby Gaytan, Juanita Limon, Joann Hernandez, Benita Martinez, Harold Martinez, Rosa Hernandez, Juanita Robles, Terry Duckworth and Donna Garrett.

# Elementary Students Of the Week



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Santa Pictures from The More the Merrier are still being held at the Chamber of Commerce. Please call 387-2880.

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Relay For Life asks that you e-mail photos of those who have battled cancer to relayforlife@sonoratax.net to be added to our slideshow that is displayed during the Luminaria Ceremony at Relay For Life.

Lenten Lunches-Each year, members of the Ministerial Alliance gather together for lunches during Lent. This year's lunches will be each Wednesday, February 24 through March 24. All lunches will take place at the Parish Hall of St. John's Episcopal Church and will begin at noon. EVERYONE in the community is invited to attend. The lunches last less than an hour, so people with a lunch hour can attend with no problem. Host churches for the lunches are: \*February 24-First United Methodist Church and Church of the Good Shepherd, Presbyterian, \*March 3-Lighthouse Community Church, \*March 10-First Baptist Church, \*March 17-St. Ann's Catholic Church, \*March 24-St. John's Episcopal Church. There is NO CHARGE for the lunch, however donations to the Ministerial Alliance will be accepted.

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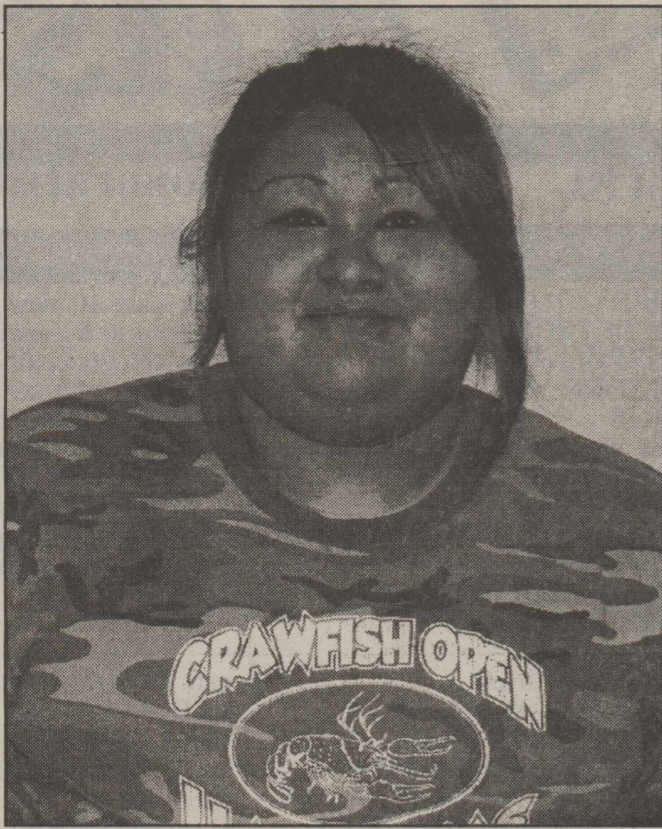
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## Sonora High School Student of the Week



Daniella Sanchez

Sophomore Daniella Sanchez was selected as Sonora High's Student of the Week, for the week of March 8th.

Daniella Sanchez is the daughter of Flora and Oscar Sanchez. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Cummings, and her favorite class is art. Daniella likes geometry, BCIS and spending time with her family. Daniella has lived in Sonora all her life, and her favorite thing about high school is that she gets to see her friends. Her plans are to attend ASU after graduation.

## Main Street Traffic

Submitted by Ann Kay

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program is proud to announce our "Outstanding Volunteer for 2010". The award goes to Brenda Sanchez. I'm sure that some of you had already figured who it was from the hints I gave in my previous articles. Brenda is a woman of many talents, and it will be our pleasure to honor her on March 28, 2010 at the La Mexicana Restaurant from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Tickets to the event are \$10.00 and can be purchased at the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street office at 205 Concho Street or at the door. We invite you to come and celebrate an evening of fun and laughter as we hear stories from Brenda's life shared by some of those who are closest to her.

On Saturday April 3, 2010, we will have the Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Eaton Hill Treasure Hunt. This year we are going to start the morning with "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny", from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM, at the Apex Automotive & Collision Center (Old Ford House) provided by Dairy Queen. We will have pancakes, juice or milk, and bacon. The children who attend will also have an opportunity to have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. The photo package will include 4 photos and a magnet frame photo for the parents to enjoy, and we will have golden Easter eggs, goodie bags, one free ticket for the grand prizes, games, and golden silver dollar eggs. If you purchase your ticket before Good Friday, April 2, the cost is \$5.00 or you can get them at the door for \$7.00. The Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 11:00 AM at the Sutton County Courthouse. For more information, please call the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program at 325-387-2248. Grand Prize tickets may be purchased for \$1.00

I have another recipe to share with you this week. When I found this recipe, I knew it was a great way to cook up something special for my 2 brothers, whom I dearly love. I have no sisters; therefore I added a variation for them.

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Variation for Sisters: Sister shares a warm childhood memory and listens to him and share a special time that makes you both laugh.

Blend together the above ingredients. Form into one Being: serve generous portions to everyone you meet daily this Easter Season and this year.

By: Sylvia Wright  
Bethel AMEC - San Antonio, Tx.

## Lions Roar

Submitted by Frank Wamble

This week was my favorite meeting of the month. This was the meeting we celebrated birthdays and anniversaries and anything else a Lion wants to celebrate. Best of all, we have ice cream and cake to celebrate. Birthdays celebrated were yours truly and Iris Bradley.

Our guest this week was Mr. Scott Jordan, recently hired to Direct the Texas Pecos Trail. Welcome Scott! His office is in the old Sonora Economic Office on Concho St.

We will report on our Broom Sale in next's week edition of The Devils River News. I want to thank Sam Kent for the fine work he has done in preparing for the sale.

Our next major event will be the Relay for Life on April 17th that will be held downtown Sonora. We look forward to preparing and serving the Survivors Supper in the kitchen of the 1st Methodist Church Saturday evening.

Col. Pete Bradley has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the West Texas Lions Eye Bank. We will have more on the Eye Bank in a future article.

Seniors get ready to apply for upcoming Lion Club scholarships. An essay, list of your community involvement and service, & transcript will be required. Have a great weekend! Shop Sonora and GO BRONCOS!

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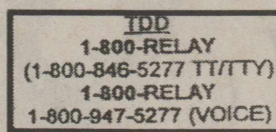
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# 2010 Bronco Basketball: A Season to Remember

By Coach Evans

The curtain has closed, the uniforms are clean, basketballs are put-up, and the sounds of running, shooting, and dribbling are no more. But this is everyday life, everything changes, and so do the seasons. Although the season may be over, for me another one has begun. I have already started talking basketball to my wife and I know next year will be a tough road to haul. But no matter what teams we play in District, they still have to come to our house and with our fans and student cheer section, anything is possible.

This incredible journey was fueled by emotional shots and heartbreaks. We overcame adversity and bounced back when necessary. The year began with wins against Grape Creek, Christoval and Brownwood. We traveled to Water Valley for their tournament. Right off the bat, we had problems with state ranked Bronte but we bounced back and defeated Menard and Paint Rock for Consolation.

With Christmas break just around the corner, we still had plenty of basketball left. The Sterling City Eagles flew into town and showed us that even the 1A schools can play a little basketball and they de-

feated us 57-59. The game right before the holidays, the Ingram Warriors, was one to remember and they gave us all we wanted, including their Referees. (A coach once told me that in a close game, there's a good chance the referees will decide the outcome and that's just what happened with Sonora losing 45-58.)

Christmas holidays arrived and the players went their way, knowing the gym had to be closed for 5 days. The team members all took advantage of this time, with some snow-skiing, some sleeping, and others doing ranch work like marking calves. The team returned rejuvenated and the bus pulled out for the Eula Tournament. Our first two games were lost by a total of 9 points and then we blew out Cisco, 50-37. After these games, we talked about the opportunities we had and how we must secure and fortify our defense so that there was no doubt in our minds we could stop any team.

The district road was long but successful as we started the journey in Alpine. The Bucks have always been tough and the proof was in the pudding. At the end of regulation, the game was tied 47-47.

Once again the Broncos were in a fight. We controlled the tip and didn't waste any time hitting a bucket to go ahead and win the overtime, 54-51. In that game Word Hudson poured in 15 points, Braxton Snyder 4, Cadesman Pope 2, Cash Jennings 14 and Tyler Creek 16.

Our next opponent was the Fighting Owls of Big Lake, and, yes, it also came down to a dramatic overtime. Tied at 41-41, we again got the tip and Hudson drained the first bucket and Big Lake answered. With the assist from Jennings, Creek hit the last bucket giving us the win, 45-43, and a 2-0 in district play.

With the wheels turning, we jetted for Presidio on a cold blustery day. As we stopped in Ft. Stockton to eat, we received word that the game was postponed until Monday. When Monday rolled around, we knew we had a lot of basketball to play and the team took it in stride, winning 50-49. Scoring for the day were Dustin Neff 6, Zach Leonard 2, Word Hudson 4, Ethan Morriss 4, Cash Jennings 17, and Tyler Creek 17. The trip home was long but with another win under our belts, it was worth it!

With no time to refuel and only one practice, Ozona was the next opponent. We did what we had to and won 41-34. The point totals were Leonard 3, Hudson 4, Pope 4, Morriss 4, Jennings 11 and Creek 15. With Friday rolling around, the boys knew they had an open date and they all were ready for a break.

The Golden Cranes flew into town only to be plucked and sent home 50-26. Scoring were Word Hudson 15, Braxton Snyder 1, Ethan Morriss 8, Cadesman Pope 2, Cash Jennings 7 and Tyler Creek 17.

Next was another long road trip to Kermit and one more win, 57-48, with scores by Neff 5, Hudson 8, Morriss 4, Pope 2, Jennings 15, and Creek 23.

Our second half of basketball began in Big Lake. The boys had been shooting very well but on this day, we were all flat, including my coaching ability. We ended losing the game 38-44, with Neff 4, Hudson 5, Morriss 4, Pope 6, Jennings 12, and Creek 8. Going home that night these young men did a lot of soul searching and when Alpine pulled up on Friday, we put them right back on the bus.

Zach Leonard came off the bench and hit two big 3's. Although the game went into overtime, we overwhelmed them on defense and sent them packing, 53-39. Scoring were Neff 7, Leonard 8, Hudson 10, Morriss 2, Creek 18, and Jennings 8.

Traveling into Lion country, we all knew this was a big game but again the boys answered and whipped Ozona 68-46. Scoring were Neff 5, Leonard 5, Hudson 13, Morriss 13, Pope 4, Jennings 12, and Creek 16.

The District Championship would have to come through Bronco Country and the Blue Devils of Presidio were up to the challenge. We knew going into this game that Presidio was a very deadly 3 point shooting team. Even though we had a 9 to 2 in the 1st quarter, Presidio battled back and scored 19 points in the 2nd quarter to tie us, 21-21. The second half started with a flurry of 3's from both sides, with Presidio's #25 scoring 6 three points and 1 free-throw for a total of 19 points. But the Broncos answered with scoring by Hudson 13, Morriss 9, Pope 2, Jennings 7, and Creek 19. With a win of 50-47, the Broncos were District

Champs. How sweet it is!

Kermit brought in their high powered full-court pressure defense which we handled. We did give up some quick baskets but still came away with a 65-50 win (Neff 3, Hudson 10, Morriss 9, Hampton 5, Pope 5, Jennings 18, and Creek 15).

The district challenge was almost done and traveling to Crane, the senior boys knew that their season, too, was almost done. Crane could have been a distraction but Bronco Nation once again rose up and took a decisive lead, winning 64-51, with scoring from Hudson, 13, Snyder 2, Morriss 4, Hampton 8, Pope 3, Jennings 18, and Creek 16. This was the Broncos night to shine and they posted a district record of 11-1 with a record of 17-11 overall.

Although the post season ended in Muleshoe, what a great effort these young men gave or, as Ray Glascock described it, "Unbelievable!" Thanks to all the parents, grandparents and fans who drove those long miles to watch us but, especially, I say thank you guys. What a season to remember!



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## Varsity Boys Track Dominates Ozona Meet

Submitted by Eddie Favila

The Bronco Track Team ran at the Ozona Relays this weekend and dominated the track meet. The team out-scored everyone by almost 100 points. The meet was small but we had to compete against Ozona, Crane, Reagan Co. and Junction.

The field events were better this week than last week at Fort Stockton. The team scored on four of the six field events. The field events were led by Manny Paderes, who vaulted a best for the year of 13'00". Manny was the recipient of the Justin Brown Award that is given to the top Pole Vaulter of the meet. Daniel Lankford finished second with a personal best of 12'06" and Eric Santana also had a personal best of 11'00" to finish in 5th place. In the discus, Santi Campa threw 106'06" to place third in his event. Angel Aguayo had the highest place in the long jump with a jump of 17'11" to place 5th, and teammate Edward Garza jumped 17'08" to place 6th. Harvey Santana and Shane Patlan also competed in the long jump. The triple jump competitor was Bailey Joe Pennington, and he jumped a personal best of 40'02" to finish in third place. The field events competitors did a better job this week and have continued to improve.

The running started with a bang as Robert Chavez ran a personal best of 10:39.52 to finish second, and fellow

distant runner Jesus Vasquez improved his time by ten seconds by running a 10:40.55 and placed third. The sprint relay team of Gunter Pennington, Jessie Guerrero, Zach Badeaux, and Ryan Garmon ran a 44.98 to win the sprint relay. In the 800 meter run, which has been our strongest event, Robert Chavez, Cody Pena and Esteban Garcia placed first, second and fourth. Robert's time was 2:06.03, Cody's time was 2:06.38 and Esteban time was 2:11.56. In the 110 meter High Hurdles, Will Dunn ran a blazing time of 14.87 to win his event. Freshman, Gunter Pennington, ran an 11.49 to win the 100 meters. Teammate Harvey Santana ran an 11.76 to finish second, and Edward Garza ran an 11.91 to place third. The 800 meter relay team of Gunter Pennington, Eric Santana, Ryan Garmon and Edward Garza ran a 1:37.63 to place second. Once again in the 400 meter, the team was able to sweep the event. Jessie Guerrero ran a 51.33 to win the event. Cody Pena ran 53.97 to place second, and Angel Aguayo ran a 54.11 to place third. Will Dunn and Zac Badeaux ran great times of 41.04 and 41.82 in the 300 meter hurdles to place first and second. In the 200 meter, the team was able to obtain another sweep, Eric Santana ran a 24.48 to win the event, Braxton Snyder ran a 25.03 to finish second, and Harvey

Santana placed third with a time of 25.42. Milers Jesus Vasquez, Angel Aguayo, and Esteban improved in their times to place second, fourth and fifth. Jesus had a time of 4:55. Angel had a time of 5:04 which was better by two seconds and Esteban had a time of 5:13 which was also better by two seconds. Rounding off the scoring was the 1600 Meter relay team of Dunn, Chavez, Pena and Guerrero. The team ran a great time of 3:32.64 to win the event.

The team had thirty-four young men in attendance, but was still missing some of their teammates that had other commitments. The team scored a total of 202 points in the running events and 31 points in the field events. They have continued to improve to hope to have the majority of the team this week at the Iraan Braves Relays.

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## Health And Wellness Center: Water Aerobics Group-A Story of Success

By Sarah Teaff

When most of us are wrapped in our blankets during these cold winter days, there is a group of ladies and one brave gentleman that don their swimsuits and go swimming despite the drop in temperature. The group has braved the cold, the rain and for some, relentless commutes. They have been gawked at through windows by an ongoing parade of members and patients. For the past four plus years this group has met faithfully three times a week at The Health and Wellness Center for water aerobics. Oh sure, many have come and gone but the overall feel of the group remains: a commitment to health and friendship unsurpassed by any other group that has ventured through the doors.

I have had the pleasure to spend time with this group since its conception. Many of the core group remains and we have welcomed several new committed members over the years. Onlookers are sure to underestimate the work they do during their workouts, but I can attest to their tenacity and drive; in and out of the water. They have become my advisors, my cheerleaders, and friends. But it is not their relationship with me that has me in awe of this phenomenal group, it is their commitment to health and to each other that amazes me. These women (and one man) have survived surgeries, accidents, and illness only to defy those adversities and come out the other side laughing. If you were to ask them about the challenges of water class, I don't think they would comment on the physical set-backs they have endured; set-backs that has benched countless others before them. I think that if you were to ask them what was the

most challenging thing about class, they would say keeping track of everyone's schedule; because, with this group, checking in is mandatory.

Recently, I challenged the class to a weight loss challenge; being the first of the year, they were happy to oblige. However, judging from the results of the challenge, I think most of them wanted to appease me rather than keep track of numbers on a scale (don't tell them I said that). We decided that if we did this, then I would submit a story to the paper about this group. Some were more receptive than others about the idea of their personal weight challenges being commented on in the local paper, but all were in agreement: they would not feel as healthy if they were not in the pool at The Health and Wellness Center several times a week and thought those

with similar goals would benefit from what they know: that commitment to fitness open doors; physically, mentally, and emotionally. Aside from their improvement in fitness, they have all nurtured lifetime friendships, told tall tales, and swapped hundreds of recipes. I doubt that I will ever witness so much vitality, cheer, and commitment to fitness as I do with this group week after week. I have been blessed to have been a fly on their wall for the last few years. With their prior permission I would like to list them, so that I can recognize them as individuals: Bessie Jones, Gloria Kent, Jeannette Turner, Dannie Klebold, Eddie Klebold, Carol Adcock, Beverly Arnwine, Gaile Cade, Sharon Mittel.

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