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The More the Merrier Christmas Bazaar has been moved back to Thursday, Dec. 1 due to the Bronco Playoff Game.

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# Sonora Broncos – Region IV Semi-Final Champions Sonora 28 – East Bernard 27



Clayton Parks gets horizontal for extra yards.

Photo and Story by Ray Glasscock

football fortune.

won the toss and deferred to ter. the second half. Imoni Cross

Ice water must be flowing to midfield. The first Bronco touchback. The Sonora fans through the Broncos veins! drive of the game lasted 3:04 were holding their breaths Many teams lose their focus minutes and covered 51 yards. wondering if Ty Slanina, the when they get to stay in a fan- On the sixth play of the drive, Brahma quarterback, could cy hotel on the San Antonio a Bronco penalty forced a third be contained. The Brahma Riverwalk, get to watch a cou- and 18. Cross rolled to his opening drive lasted 8 plays. ple of 4A /5A playoff games right and then threw a throw Slanina gained seven yards first Bronco game ever in the lers for the first down. On the the fourth play. Facing third

Wimberley boomed the Continued on Page 6 returned the opening kickoff kickoff into the end zone for a

Payne tackled him short of

# SMS Robotics Teams Compete



Written by All SMS Robotics Team Members

The Sonora Middle School some coach. In the San Angelo on our robots and program-Robotics teams attended the competition, the teams placed ming in between rounds. All "ESC Region XV Robotics as follows out of 66 teams: of us were very scared, ner-Competition" in San Angelo Cheatas 15th, Sparkling Bun-vous, frustrated, and excited on Monday, November 7th. nies 21st, Imaginators 40th, but we felt that we competed Cheatas - Sky Jennings, Tate 53rd. After we got to the tour- We are now working, tweak-Shannon, and Juan Miguel nament, we discovered many ing, and improving our robot Jimenez, Koalas of Mutila- new designs and program- designs and programming. tion - Dakota Castro and Dal- ming tactics. While we were Our next competition is Deton Morris, The Sparkling there, we met new people and cember 10 and is NOT an in-Carly Brown, and Imagina- to improve on and how to fix Texas Computer Education tors - Darby Ramsdell and problems we might encoun- Agency's Area (TCEA) com- week in Election Training. JuanDavid Garza. Kade Creek ter. We each competed in three petition. If we advance from managed the teams, and Mrs. rounds. With each round, the this we will be competing at Tamie Love was our awe- scores improved as we worked the state level.

# Hunter of the Year

Submitted by: Brenda Valliant

"Mr. Ralph" became a member of our family 22 years ago, when Dr. Jeff LaBorde sent Ralph on an assignment to lease property in Southwest Texas for deer hunting. After a couple of days, Ralph ended up in Sonora and stopped by Mr. D's Liquor Store to ask directions to the Chamber of Commerce, that's where he met Lee Roy Valliant. It just so happened; Lee Roy had property available for lease. They took a ride around the ranch, and a couple of hours later, "Mr. Lee Roy" and Ralph had a handshake deal that still stands today. The hospitality enjoyed by guests at the camp has always been extended to our family as well. Although, we did learn not to call or drop by to visit when The Saints or LSU were playing, and if they lost...a black cloud descended over the camp! Through this long friendship, our family has been exposed to cuisine and a lifestyle previously foreign to us, but one that we embrace enthusiastically.

Over the years we've enjoyed Cajun gumbo (never ask in the Alamodome, and then back screen to Zach Badeaux. on the second play, 15 yards what's in the gumbo,) crawfish etouffee, dirty rice, boudin, and walk onto the field to play the Badeaux ran through tack- on the third play, 31 yards on boneless chicken stuffed with alligator dressing! Even "Miss Beverly" looked forward to hunting season with previously Alamodome. While the highs eighth play of the drive, Clay- and short at the Bronco 32 unheard of anticipation. Many times she and her Tupperware and lows of this game caused ton Parks found Word Hudson yard line, Slanina rolled to came to "visit" The Camp. Mr. Ralph instructs his team and elation and fear among the splitting the Brahmas' defense his right looking for a receiv- their guests to buy as much as they can in Sonora; feed, grofans, the Broncos never lost for a 24 yard touchdown pass. er and Cross forced him out ceries, fuel, and especially their whiskey...he and Lee Roy their focus with the swings of Kade Wimberley kicked the of bounds after a two yard were in agreement about that! Our family has taken several PAT for the early 7 to 0 lead gain. On fourth and short, vacations with Ralph & Ruth to Louisiana; we've been deep The East Bernard Brahmas with 8:48 left in the first quar- he ran to his left and Dallas sea fishing in the Gulf of Mexico, toured the State capital in Baton Rouge (where we learned about the eccentricities of Louisiana politics,) visited historic Jackson Square, and strolled down Bourbon Street...just taking in the sights (some of which I wasn't sure were appropriate for "Miss Beverly" and the kids!) We savored beignets at Café du Monde, sampled Hurricanes @ Pat O'Brien's, and enjoyed authentic New Orleans's jazz at Preservation Hall...and at 2:00 every afternoon it RAINED (for no apparent reason!) We also attended the Millennium Endymion Mardi Gras Ball which was held in the Superdome. Ralph & Ruth attend the Fling Ding on a regular basis (Ralph is a member of the Fashion Police.) The love of Tom E's life was a gift from Ralph; a female Catahoula named BB. She resides in our hearts and at rest on our family ranch here in Sutton County, a pup of her lineage lives at our house; his name says it all "Rotten."

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# Report on City of Sonora Activities

By Charlie Graves, City Manager

This week I want to report on some of the recent training accomplishments by City Employees.

The Public Works Department has two employees who have passed the tests necessary to obtain the licenses required by the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality. Fil Garza got his Class "C" ground water license. Armando Dominguez got his Class "D" Waste Water Operator license. Charles Walton, Public Works Superintendent, has been giving these employees tutoring and on the job training to enhance their ability to be successful as they advance in their jobs.

In the Code Department, Juanita Gomez has become certi-The teams consisted of, The and Koalas of Mutilations well at our first competition. fied as a Residential Building Inspector.

City Hall Employees Marisol Faz, Danielle Galindo, and Michelle Lipham have been taking intensive training for the Utility Billing process.

Danielle Galindo will be going to training for the position Bunnies - Hazel Kent and discovered what we needed vitational meet but rather the of Municipal Court Clerk next week.

Belia Fay and Michelle Lipham will be gone 3 days this

These trainings and schools will take us through the end of December 2011. Next year we expect to continue our training

### **Senior Center Activities**

Thurs. December 1 - Decorate for Christmas Fri. December 2 - Go Broncos - Win, Win, Win! Mon. December 5 - Happy Birthday, Olivia Longoria

December 6 -Tues. Wed. December 7 -

### Senior Center Menu

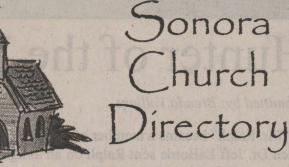
Thurs. December 1 - Sweet & Sour chicken, fried rice, milk

vegetables, tossed salad, fruit parfait December 2 - Mushroom steak w/gravy, emerald pears Fri. mashed potatoes, peas/carrots, wheat roll

December 5 -Mon. December 6 -Wed. December 7 -

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).

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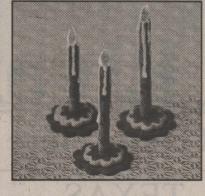
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# A Light Dessert



**Ingredients** \*Confectioners' sugar \*Flower cookie with a center hole

\*Larger cookie \*Rolled wafer cookie (such as Pepperidge Farm Pirouettes) \*Mini marshmallow \*Orange decorating sugar \*Red decorating gel

Instructions 1. Make a simple icing by stir-

ring together I teaspoon water and 5 tablespoons confectioners' sugar.

2.Use dots of icing to attach a small flower cookie with a center hole to a larger cookie. 3.Dab icing on one end of a rolled wafer cookie and press it into the center of the flower cookie.

4. For the flame, halve a mini marshmallow diagonally, dip the sticky side of one half in orange decorating sugar, and attach the half with icing. Spoon a few wax drips of icing down the candle's sides and use red decorating gel to

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Holiday Schedule

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

### **Thank You Note**

Congratulations to Ralph Breaux for being selected the hunter of the year. We know he has represented the hunting population very proudly. He has been trading with the merchants of Sonora for over twenty years. -

I would like to thank the people who worked so hard putting together one of the best game dinners ever. The Lions Club made a big statement by coordinating the young Catholic group, Washington trip students, middle school students and the cheerleaders on the serving line. They did the best job. I cannot say enough about these kids. They stepped up and did a very mature job. It was such a pleasure working with these kids. I did not know kids still said the two words that will carry them a long ways 'yes sir'. They should be very proud

We want to thank Donna, and Tibba at the chamber for tak-

ing care of our banner and all of our advertising.

I know I will leave someone out (I apologize up front) but here goes. We would like to thank the group that set up everything in the convention center. Thanks to Mary Ann for decorating the high roller booth (great idea). Thanks to Monte (Biscuits O' Bryan) for another great job as Master of Ceremony. Special thanks to Hunter for drawing the winning tickets, and of course the ticket sellers, takers, and people who made that work. The game dinner would not have been a success without them.

The food was some of the best ever served. Thanks to Corky, Pascal and the other's that prepared the son-of-a-gunstew, beans, and the chili. We want to thank Robert for coordinating all of the cooks. Robert, Wayne, Steve and the Mata's thanks for some of the best bbq ever. A big thanks to Justin Mathews for furnishing and helping prepare 250#s of wild game sausage, it was some of the best I ever ate. Big thanks to Edward for furnishing the ingredients and cooking some of the best camp bread. I can't leave out the firemen they did all of frying, turkey and venison. And thanks to Mike, Ruben, Dodd, Robert for taking charge of the biggest job of all, processing the meat on Wed., Thru., and Friday.

Another place I will apologize in advance for the injustice we did to a few of our donor. I know we should take the Master of Ceremony, and the President out on I-10 and let the trucks run over them for a couple of hours, but I think they did a he-man job. Thanks to the president for a great job. It is a very tough job. There are thousands of details, and his job has already started on the next year's dinner. We could not have a game dinner if it were not for our sponsors and the people that donate the guns and prizes. Big thanks to you!!!!!!!!!!!! Thanks to Bucking Bass for getting the guns registered.

Again thanks, and please keep our President, Pat Campbell, in your prayers as he under goes a fight for his life against

Thanks Carl Teaff

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# Tips That Let You Turn Down The Thermostat

(StatePoint) With today's high air quality, you can seal most to pets, children, and flamfuel prices, heating your home of these leaks by applying mable materials like curtains dust-free and clear of obstrucin the cooler months can be weather-stripping. expensive. By turning your thermostat back 10 to 15 de- in many forms, including exposed heating elements," grees for eight hours, you can adhesive-backed foam strips advises Vila. "You get the tation. This forces cooler air save up to 15 percent a year for door and window frames, warmth you want without any upward, sending the warm air on your heating bill, accord- sealants for cracks and shrink- risks." For example, Eden- down into your living space. ing to the U.S. Department of film for windows. Many come PURE heaters don't get hot

"There are basic steps homsetting," says Bob Vila, home foam outlet covers. renovation and repair expert.

To help you get started, Vila offers some useful advice: Seal Your Drafts

One way to make sure

From mail slots to door- of rooms not in use. ways, to cracks and loose ing the ventilation system or can get very hot, posing a risk

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eowners can take to maintain a room through electrical can cause a fire, and won't re- proper temperature readings a comfortable home while liv- outlets. Seal these holes tight duce humidity or oxygen in a and dust the inside and cover ing with a lower thermostat with fire retardant plastic home. For more information, with a soft brush. Gather Round

> "Not all rooms should be to heating," says Vila.

By targeting only frequentyou're not throwing money ly used rooms of the home, check-ups, clean or replace out the window is to ensure you can turn down the ther- air filters once a month. Dirt heat's not escaping through it mostat and save energy. But and build-up prevent systems don't forget to close the doors from operating at maximum

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Don't forget that thermo-Warm air can even leave posed heating elements that Calibrate your thermostat for

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# Check Your Headlights This Season

(SPM Wire) With the days shorter this time of year, it's a bright idea to make sure your vehicle's

lights are working properly so you can be seen and your visibility isn't compromised, advise the experts at the Car Care Ensure heat registers are Council. And don't just replace dimming, rapidly blinking and non-functioning lights.

Keep headlights, tail lights and signal lights clean. External "Opt for a product with no Change the direction of your dirt and debris can dim operational lights from being seen by

> Make sure your headlights are properly aimed. Misaimed headlights blind other drivers and reduce your ability to see

Don't overdrive your headlights; you should be able to stop with easy application features. to the touch, don't have ex- stats need upkeep as well. inside the illuminated area, otherwise you are creating a blind crash area in front of your vehicle.





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### **Bridal Selections**

Katherine Harrell ~ Quincy Crain Brea Hughes ~ Steven Frazier

The More the Merrier Christmas Bazaar will be held on Thursday, December 1 at the Civic Center from 9:00AM -7:00PM.

Viva Sonora will be selling bricks to made into a sidewalk around the new city park located on Deerwood Drive. The money that is raised will be rotated back into community projects. If you would like to reserve a permanent brick you pick up a form at the Bank and Trust or call Juanita Gomez 206-2698 or JoAnn Hernandez 206-0366.

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.

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





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# Sonora Middle School Annual Scholastic Bookfair

The Sonora Middle School Library is having its annual Scholastic Bookfair starting Tuesday, December 6th thru the 13th from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM daily. Please feel free to come by and browse around for Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers. Family Night at the Bookfair will be Tuesday, December 6th from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. New this year is the Online Bookfair where you can purchase hundreds of more items to mark off your Christmas list. Please visit the Sonora ISD homepage @ www.sonoraisd.net and click on the link to the Middle School Bookfair. This link will take you directly to the online fair shopping page where you can sort through all of the items by age, grade and type of product you are looking for. The Online Bookfair will be available until Saturday, December 10th. All of your purchases will be shipped directly to the school, where you may pick them up, all with no charge for shipping and handling. Besides giving the gift of reading this Christmas, along with some fun stocking stuffers, your purchases will help the Sonora Middle School Library buy more books with the money raised and further promote literacy and the love of

For more info, please contact Deborah Brown @ the SMS Library: 387-6940 x 3210 or deborah.brown@sonoraisd.net

Scholastic Online Bookfair website: www.scholastic.com/ schoolbookfairs

# Texas Governor Makes Statement On Supreme Popcorn Donation Courts Decision to Hear Obamacare Case

sued the following state- stitutionality of Congress' ment regarding the Supreme authority to force individu-Court's decision to hear a case als to buy health insurance. relating to Obamacare:

cision to hear this case quick- impose unfunded mandates ly is encouraging news for upon the states, including Texas, which faces massive this federal health care recost explosions under Obam- form bill that will cost Texacare, and for Americans ev- as taxpayers more than \$27 erywhere who don't want the billion over 10 years for the federal government forcing Medicaid expansion starting them to buy specific goods in 2014. and services. I'm hopeful the Supreme Court will confirm what other federal courts have already recognized: that Obamacare is an unprecedented overreach and an unconstitutional infringement upon individual liberties."

Texas and 25 other states

Gov. Rick Perry today is- have challenged the con-This administration contin-"The Supreme Court's de- ues to spend excessively and

# FNB November



Veronica Rutherford presents First National Bank of Sonora's November Popcorn Donation to Jerry Jimenez for the Sutton County Child Protection Service/Angel Tree

### US and Korea Meet to Discuss US Beef Production

versity in College Station.

The two-day symposium ence. featured a number of experts

and expanding economies in Korea. the Asian markets," said Dr. summit brought together U.S. beef. several experts both domesdiscuss the future of breeding

ducing high-quality beef and produce high-quality beef."

mand was the focus of the part of a partnership between business in South Korea. 4th Korea-U.S. International AgriLife Research and the "Total meat consumption per Joint Symposium held re- Rural Development Adminis- capita in Asia is a lot less than cently at Texas A&M Uni- tration-Republic of Korea Na- U.S. or Latin America, but tional Institute of Animal Sci- there is room to grow, fore-

from the beef industry and an agreement to extend a joint 2015 and 44 percent by 2030. exchange in beef-production "The beef industry is going research, specifically examin- mand, we predict annual meat to have to meet demands of ing the healthful traits of oleic a growing global population acid found in Hanwoo cattle of by 1.8 percent each year and

Stephen Smith, Texas AgriL- cating the Asian markets have This production can't meet ife Research meat scientist high potential for more beef demand, resulting in higher and summit organizer. "This consumption and demand for prices for animal protein."

"We can predict some ecotically and internationally to nomic and population growth,"

COLLEGE STATION - Pro- and production systems used to said Tae-Gyu Kim, director of research and technology meeting future global de- The symposium was held as of Cargill's animal nutrition casting an increase of 22 per-In 2010, the partners signed cent for beef consumption by

> "To meet increasing deproduction growth increasing annual meat consumption will Presenters showed data indigrow by 3.4 percent annually.



EXHIBIT C-3 SONORA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES **GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS** FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2011 Contro Codes Funds REVENUES: Total Local and Intermediate Sources 5700 11.308.142 1,119,469 12,427,611 5800 State Program Revenues 5,460,505 54,153 5,514,658 5900 Federal Program Revenues 1,058,106 1,077,044 5020 Total Revenues 16,787,585 2,231,728 19,019,313 **EXPENDITURES:** Current 0011 744,864 6,072,751 Instructional Resources and Media Services 116,255 23,005 139,260 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development 128,300 19,769 148,069 Instructional Leadership 114,481 8,064 122,545 0023 School Leadership 548,293 548,293 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services 0031 359,483 4,400 363,883 0033 Health Services 59,458 59,458 0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation 274,701 274,701 0035 Food Services 13,705 454,704 468,409 Extracurricular Activities 724,218 162,102 886,320 0041 General Administration 442,980 442,980 Facilities Maintenance and Operations 1,554,884 0051 13,439 1,568,323 Security and Monitoring Services 12,638 12,638 Data Processing Services 236,125 236,125 Debt Service 0071 Principal on Long-Term Debt 750,000 750,000 Interest on Long-Term Debt 71,994 71,994 Bond Issuance Cost and Fees Capital Outlay: 0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction 878,744 878,744 Intergovernmental: Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools 5.016.010 5,016,010 0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges 219,612 219,612 6030 Total Expenditures 16,027,774 2,252,801 18,280,575 1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) 759,811 (21,073)738,738 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): Transfers In 38.815 38.815 8911 Transfers Out (Use) (38,815) (38,815)Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) 7080 (38,815)38,815 1200 Net Change in Fund Balances 720,996 17,742 738,738 0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning) 11,540,567 1,097,796 12,638,363 1300 Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance 403,631 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending) 12,665,194 1,115,538 13,780,732



The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement

### Oil & Agribusiness

# Sonora Fourth GradersLearn **About Water** Conservation

By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Agricultural Extension Agent



Before leaving for Thanksgiving break, Sonora Elementary 4th graders attended the annual "Water Fair". It was certainly appropriate this year, with the ongoing drought. This curriculum enrichment effort is intended to heighten awareness of the need for water conservation. The students enhanced their knowledge of hydrology, conservation methods, and much

The 70 fourth-graders attended the Water Fair on November homes. 21ST at the Sutton County Civic Center. Instruction topics included The Science of Water, Windmills, How Wet Is Our Planet, Home Water Conservation, and Water & Soil.

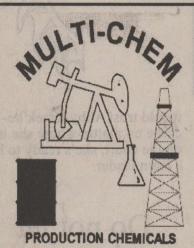
groups attend demonstration sessions at one station then rotate to a new station. Instructors are agricultural professionals who like the Bastrop wildfire. work in the area of water conservation and natural resources. This year, instructors Gary Hargrave (Sutton Underground Water District), Tom Payton (Natural Resource Conservation Service), as well as Kelly Thorp and Pascual Hernandez (Texas AgriLife Extension Service).

derground Water District. Following the meal, the students completed their day by taking a post-test to assess their new knowledge. The school day wouldn't be complete without taking a test.

This water education event is sponsored annually by person- and the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. nel from Texas AgriLife Extension Service, the Sutton Underground Water Conservation District, Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District, and the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service.

A word of thanks to the Instructors, Underground Water District, and Sonora Elementary for providing this learning opportunity for the students.





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# Texas Forest Service Honored for Wildfire Response

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Texas Forest Service was honored sponse to the devastating Bastrop wildfire.

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fied Command, Boise National Incident Management Organization Team and Type 1 Southern Area Red Team won the rector for approximately 25 years. award for most notable emergency response implementation by a federal, state or local entity. The group was recognized for "evacuating homes ahead of the raging wildfires that swept through Central Texas."

The Bastrop complex of fires ignited on Labor Day weekend, burning more than 34,000 acres and destroying 1,649

Texas Forest Service, a member of the Texas A&M University System, serves as the incident management agency for state emergencies. The agency works with partners including The day-long workshop has a fair-type atmosphere in which local government officials and incident management teams from across the country when dealing with a massive disaster

> "We've had a tragic year in the state of Texas," said Bob Koenig, Incident Management Team Coordinator with Texas Forest Service. "It's an honor to serve and be part of a team that protects people's property and saves lives."

The Homeland Security awards event also honored com-Lunch was provided courtesy of the Sutton County Un- panies that have developed innovative security products and forensic analysis software. The first Distinguished Leadership and Innovation for Public Safety and Security Award was presented to retired U.S. Coast Guard Admiral Thad Allen, who headed up federal response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

> More information about the awards ceremony can be found on Government Security News Magazine's website.

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Our oldest son developed an especially close relationship with Ralph. Trapper worked at the hunting camp all through high school and college; and took annual duck hunting trips to Gaydon, LA with Ralph. It was difficult to tell who was consoling who, when Trapper joined the Marines and shipped off to boot camp; Ralph and Tom E. were both proud and worried at the same time.

Ralph Breaux lives in Lafayette, LA with Ruth; they have 3 this week with a Government Excellence Award for its re-children: Ralph Breaux III, Floyd "Tripp" Patin III and Paige Patin; two grandsons, Tyler and Joey Patin, and two grand-The award was presented Monday evening at the Govern- daughters Tori and Bre Breaux. Ralph has one sister Sandra ment Security News 2011 Homeland Security Awards Dinner and one brother Lonnie. He graduated from Redemptorist High School in Baton Rouge, and attended University of Southwest Texas Forest Service, along with Bastrop County Uni- Louisiana (now University of Louisiana at Lafayette.) Ralph has been employed by LaBorde Diagnostics as Marketing Di-

### Big Time Texas Hunts Winners Announced

When an unknown number shows up on the caller ID, Weatherford Downtown Café owner Britton Schweitzer just lets it go

"It's usually people trying to sell me stuff, not Texas Parks and Wildlife calling because I won an amazing hunt," Schweitzer

Schweitzer and 13 other lucky sportsmen are clearing their calendars for some of the best hunting packages in the Lone Star State won through Texas Parks and Wildlife's Big Time

Texas Hunts program. The program's raffle offers hunting packages ranging from a guided white-tailed deer hunting experience in the South Texas brush country to the Grand Slam package which treats one Texan and a non-hunting friend to food, lodging, taxidermy and a personal guide service for four separate hunts for desert bighorn sheep, white-tailed deer, pronghorn and desert mule deer. Schweitzer won the Grand Slam.

"When I get my license online I throw \$100 toward the different hunts but never expect to win," Schweitzer said. "I am an avid fisherman and hunter and I see it as basically donating \$100 every year to public lands," he said.

The small town café owner said he usually donates to local causes and was flabbergasted to have won the program's Grand Slam. He said he moved to Weatherford a few years ago with his wife to raise a family. He hopes to bring her along on his

"I think it's an awesome opportunity and I am excited I got picked," he said. "I never win anything and it was a pretty big

Big Time Texas Hunts are offered through an annual raffle. This season saw 62,610 entries generating almost \$600,000. Ticket sales support wildlife research, habitat management and public hunting in the state of Texas. Ticket purchasers must be at least 17. For more information on this hunting program, visit www.tpwd.state.tx.us/buybtth.

Following are the winners of this year's Big Time Texas Hunts.

Grand Slam — Michael Schweitzer, Weatherford Premium Buck Hunt — Joseph Yuras, Garden Ridge Exotic Safari — Jimmy Webb, Tyler and Martha Vogelsang,

Whitetail Bonanza — Tommy Dulin, Colorado City; Ivan Berry, Pasadena; Francis Sharp, Pasadena; Michael Broderick, Conroe; Joe Mills, Gonzales; Ramona Bourgeois, Concord, CA; Humbert Trevino, Laredo; Randall Coombs, Spearman Waterfowl Adventure — Alexander Hamilton, San Antonio Gator Hunt — Darren Lasorte, Fairfax, VA





Continued from front: Sonora Broncos

felt a little better.

and out and Parks punted. 14 to 0 with 10:31 left in the Sonora kicked off to start the Justin McGuire reeled off the second quarter. tacked Jontrey Goff for no Pope forced him to reverse third quarter. gain. Joc Richardson tried the field and Campbell sacked him middle where Powers, Payne, for a nine yard loss. The Brah- by a scrambling Cross, the and Campbell stopped him for ma punter got off a bad punt Broncos were forced to punt. a one yard gain. On second that gave the Broncos good The fired up Brahma offendown, Campbell and Cross field position at our 38 yard sive line began to open holes smashed Slanina for no gain. line. Badeaux started in mo- as the Broncos allowed three On third down, Kyle Patlan tion from his flanker position consecutive first down runs. broke through the Brahma line and took the pitch from Parks On the fourth play of the drive, and forced Slanina to scram- gaining eleven yards and a Slanina broke into the open ble. Campbell was about to first down at our 49 yard line. and appeared on his way to make a tackle for a loss when Over 1900 people on YouTube score when Campbell caught Slanina threw the ball away. have already watched the next him and tackled him. Two Quinton Farris attempted a 27 play. Parks threw a quick plays later, Richardson scored yard field goal that missed by flanker screen pass to Cross. on a three yard run. McGuire's inches at 1:08 left in the first Cross amazed everyone at the PAT tied the score at 21 each

a ten yard gain. Parks com- Broncos' way. Bronco touchdown on his to his right and made it into got his hands under the ball third consecutive carry. The the end zone for East Ber-touchdown run covered five nard's first touchdown. Farris

East Bernard forced a three the PAT, and the Broncos led of Sonora.

game and thousands on the in- 4:18 left in the third quarter. During Sonora's next drive, ternet as he broke over eight

the first down. Bronco fans yards through the middle of kicked the PAT and the score their line. Wimberley kicked at the half was 21 to 7 in favor

second half. The Brahmas used best punt return against the McGuire returned the kick- six plays to move 75 yards for Broncos this year as he ran off to the 25 yard line where their second touchdown. With 25 yards to the Bronco 29 Erik Santana and Campbell the Broncos stacking the line yard line. Three plays later, made the tackle. They ripped to stop Slanina, he dropped Slanina rolled to his right and off two nice runs until Powers back and threw a 37 yard Cross and Hudson ran him out blitzed and sacked Slanina for touchdown pass to McGuire. of bounds at the Broncos' 13 a loss. Slanina handed to Goff After the PAT, the Brahmas yard line. A five yard penal- who was tackled by Patlan and trailed by only a touchdown ty set up a 1st and 15. Sam Campbell for no gain. Slanina and definitely had the momen-Powers and Chance Campbell dropped to pass. Cadesman tum. There was 9:12 left in the

After one first down earned

Badeaux returned the kick-Parks threw deep to Cross. It tackles enroute to a fifty yard off to the 22 yard line. With was ruled an interception even gain - one yard shy of the end the East Bernard crowd going though Cross and the East zone. Coach Sine sent in the absolutely crazy, Parks trot-Bernard player had simulta- heavy package. Parks handed ted onto the field to start the neous possession of the ball. the ball to Badeaux. Michael drive of the season. He threw The tension in the Bronco Sanchez and Lino Villanueva to Pope, and then to Cross. He stands was beginning to build. double teamed the nose guard. had to scramble and ducked Slanina handed the ball to Pope blocked left on the tack- under a sure tackle to hit Hud-Goff who ran off tackle to his le, and Damon Evans blocked son over the middle. A quick left. After four yards, Braxton the cornerback. Badeaux used toss to Badeaux resulted in ten Snyder reached in and stripped his speed to make it into the yards and a first down. The the ball, and Payne recovered end zone before the lineback- next play was an incomplete for the Broncos on our 45 yard er arrived. Wimberley kicked pass. A quick pass to Payne line. On the first play of the the PAT, and the Broncos led gained more yardage after a second quarter, Cross took the 21 to 0 with 6:06 left in the great block by Hudson - ansnap as quarterback, threw second quarter. The Bronco other first down. Parks threw a lateral to Parks, and Parks crowd felt a little better as to Cross for a short gain. Parks completed a pass to Cross for things were really going the was forced to scramble and he gained about five yards. East pleted another screen pass; Evans, Campbell, and Payne Bernard tackled Parks on a this time to Edward Garza made consecutive solo tack- coverage sack. On fourth and who hit and bounced, bounced les, and East Bernard had to three. Parks took the snap and and hit for an eight yard gain punt. The Broncos moved the began looking for a receivsetting up a third and short chains after a leaping catch er. With his primary receiver at the Brahmas' 27 yard line. by Pope. Two plays later, big covered, he spotted Davis Ji-With everyone expecting the mo changed and how. Parks menez open and fired him the heavy package, Parks brought dropped to pass. A rushing ball. Just as Riley Crain did the Broncos to the line in the Brahma pushed Cross back- in the 2000 State Championspread formation. Parks hand- wards knocking the ball out ship game, Jimenez went to ed the ball to Badeaux. Patlan of Parks' hand. The Brahmas his knees to catch the ball and dropped back and pancaked recovered. Six plays later, keep the drive alive. Frame the defensive end allowing they had a first and ten in the by frame of my high definition Badeaux an eleven yard gain Broncos' red zone. The Bron- video showed that Davis was and a first down at the 16 yard cos held for three plays, but, on his knees and leaned forline. Badeaux got the second on fourth and one, Slanina ran warded to catch the ball. He

# Lady Broncos Bring Home 2 Wins Over Holidays

The Lady Broncos win two more games during the Thanksgiving Holiday. Monday (11-21) the Running Lady Broncos beat the 2A Harper Ladyhorns. The Lady Bronco defense forced 39 turnovers and had 20 steals in the 57-36 victory. Avery Nolen led in scoring with 19 (8 for 17) points and Gracie Dozier chipped in with 11. Gracie also had 6 steals. Jaye Sanchez led the unselfish offensive attack with 8 assists while Kylie Love and Abby Creek ripped down 7 rebounds apiece. Sonora converted on 5 three pointers with Avery (2), Gracie (1), Macie Friess (1) and Brianah Creek (1) all connecting from long range. The Lady Broncos committed a season low in turnovers with only 14.

On Tuesday (11-22) the Lady Broncos dominated the Reagan County Owls 70-33. Sonora's press again caused chaos for the opponent forcing 42 turnovers and keeping the ball out of the Owl's all-state 6'1" center's possession. Gracie Dozier, Jaye Sanchez and Avery Nolen each had seven steals each to led the defense attack. Kylie Love had 7 boards and Jaye helped out from the point guard position with 6 rebounds. Gracie led the unselfish offense this game with 7 assists while Macie Friess sparked the Running Lady Broncos with 4 assists. Three Lady Broncos were in double figures with points – Avery (19), Gracie (16) and Jaye (12). Brianah Creek, Macie and Avery each had a three pointer.

This week The Sonora Lady Broncos play at Junction on Tuesday (11-29) and play in the Harper Tournament on Thursday (12-1) and Saturday (12-3).

# Lady Colts Take On Grape Creek

The Lady Eagles from Grape Creek came to town Monday night to take on the Lady Colts. The Black team started out strong defensively holding the Eagles scoreless in the first and third quarters. As a team they had 28 steals with April Fraire leading the team with 6, and Sky Jennings and Sylvia Salazar each adding 5 more. They also had 28 rebounds as a team while Jennings and Bethany Aguero accounted for 15 together. The Black team finished strong winning the game 24-8.

After a close first quarter the Red team began to pull away. Blanca Mata led the team with 7 steals and Holly Sparks added 3 rebounds. They held the Lady Eagles to only 2 points in the second half as they finished with a 16-6 win!

# Lady Bronco Basketball Spotlight



Name: Gracie Dozier Grade: Freshman **Basketball Number: 4** Position: Guard **Favorite Professional** Athlete: Kevin Durant **Favorite Team: Boston Celtics** 

What do you like best about basketball so far this year: I like that my dad's my

What is your favorite thing about being a Lady Bronco: I like all the support we get from the town and our fans.

Who would you trust the most to "hold the rope": I trust our whole team to hold



Name: Avery Nolan Grade: Junior Basketball Number: 5 Position: Guard **Favorite Professional** Athlete: Mya Moore **Favorite Team:** Baylor Girls Basketball

What do you like best about basketball so far this year: I like our run-and-gun offense because our speed is our advantage over teams. What is your favorite thing about being a Lady Bronco: I like that athletics is taken very seriously here and everyone comes ready to work and we have high expecta-

Who would you trust the most to "hold the rope": I



would trust Abby Creek because no matter where she is on the court, she's ready to be a team leader.

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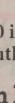
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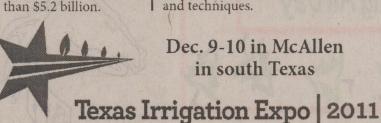
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But East Bernard still had kicked it low, bouncing it off end and into the end zone. each had a sack. one of his own linemen. The However, the touchdown was

goal at the Brahmas' five yard go 73 yards with one timeline. On third down, Cross out left. Slanina's first pass

and, if there had been an rolled to his right and spotted was incomplete. Then Payne NFL replay, the call on the Hudson open in the end zone. delivered another "slobfield would have stood. With Number 65 of the Brahmas berknocker" hit causing the the pocket collapsing, Parks jumped and just managed to receiver to drop the ball. On ran straight ahead, and just tip the pass causing it to fall third down, Slanina's pass before crossing the line of incomplete. Parks threw in- was too high and uncatchable. scrimmage, fired a strike to complete on fourth down and East Bernard called their last Badeaux at the three yard line. East Bernard took over on time to discuss their fourth down play. Hudson ended the Slanina left the game tem- Brahmas' last chance when

Parks completed 23 of 29 with 25 seconds left in the With time running out, they passes for 256 yards on one ed eight of nine passes on the game. On fourth down, a low all rushers with 56 yards on 77 yard drive that lasted 3:47. snap to Slanina caused him to ten carries. Cross caught six All Bronco fans let out a sigh scramble and Evans chased passes for 82 yards, Hudson of relief, but we all knew there him out of bounds short of had five receptions for 37 the first down. With 2:12 left, yards, and Pope had 78 yards In fact, it only took East it looked like the game was on five catches. Jimenez had Bernard four plays and 1:07 finally out of the Brahmas' one season saving catch for 12 yards.

On defense, Campbell led the line to stop Slanina, he all three of their time outs. all tacklers with 4 solo and faked a run and threw a 58 On the third play of the Bron- 12 assisted tackles. Payne, yard touchdown pass to Goff. cos' drive to run out the clock, Cross, Hudson, Powers, and Farris came onto the field to Cross handed off to Garza Patlan had double digit tacktie the game. However, he who raced around the left les. Powers and Campbell

This week the 12 and 0 score was 28 to 27 in favor of called back on a holding pen- Broncos play the 12 and 0 alty. Two plays later, Badeaux Refugio Bobcats for the Re-The next drive of the Broncos and Parks didn't get a clean gion IV Championship. The featured Parks to Pope. Three big catch and runs by Pope gave the Broncos a first and gave the Broncos a first and East Bernard needed to Friday night at 7:30.



Photo By Louise Dermody Mace Joy leads the Broncos into the Alamodome.



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Photo By Ray Glasscock Davis Jimenez hads the referee the football after a season saving catch.





A herd of Broncos consisting of Braxton Snyder, Dallas Payne, and Ryan Patlin put a stop of East Bernard's Goff.

CO CHAIR OF THE NEL COMMITTEE ON HEAD, NECK & SPINE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 7:00 PM MCNEASE CONVENTION CENTER SPECIAL GUESTS SHEA MORENZ& PIERCE HOLT AND THE PERFECT STORM Dr. Hunt Batjer is a neurosurgeon and co-chair of the NFL Committee on Head, Neck, and Spine Injuries. The committee leads the effort reforming concussion management across the country. He will address the serious nature of concussion and head injury in youth athletes, our soldiers, and in the NFL. **Public Welcome** A 1970 graduate of Central High School, Dr. Batjer is a leading authority on concussion practices. He is the Michael J. Marchese Professor and Chair of the Department of Neurological Surgery, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. For More Information 325-947-6611 SACME IS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY OWNED BY A PARTMERSHIP THAT PROUDLY INCLUDES PHYSICIAN OWNERS, INCLUDING CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE HOSPITAL'S MEDICAL STAFF.

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