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By Pascual Hernandez

There are many accomplishments worthy of recognition, but few that compare with service. So, every Christmas, my article deals with the gift of giving. That is because I believe we should thank those that have done something good or have been serviceable.

There are many worthwhile efforts this time of year. But, we can always count on Lewis Allen and his Food Basket Ministry.

What do they do? Youth from our churches, 4-H, and other youth groups initiate food-collection drives throughout the month. Lewis will then meet with those various groups to assemble the collected food into boxes. This year, all met at the new Food Pantry. These gifts will

be distributed around the community.

The Christmas season is a time when many people want to do good things for others. It is during Christmas that we are most generous. Volunteering is a great way to help those who have a need. Remember, however, that many organizations need volunteers year-round, and it is not always money that may be needed. It could be your knowledge, skill, or ability.

So let us be thankful for the many blessings we receive and for all those who serve the community by volunteering. Youth who do so will reach adulthood with a sense of community service.

St. Ann's Festival Brings A Community Together

Photos By Ray and Nancy Glasscock



2014...

Accomplishment, Shortfalls and Everything Inbetween

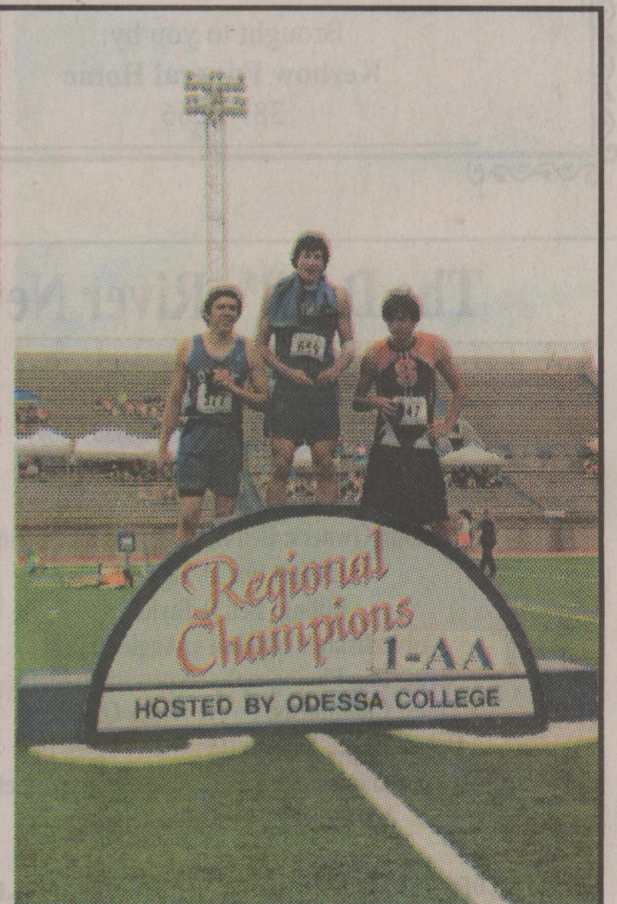
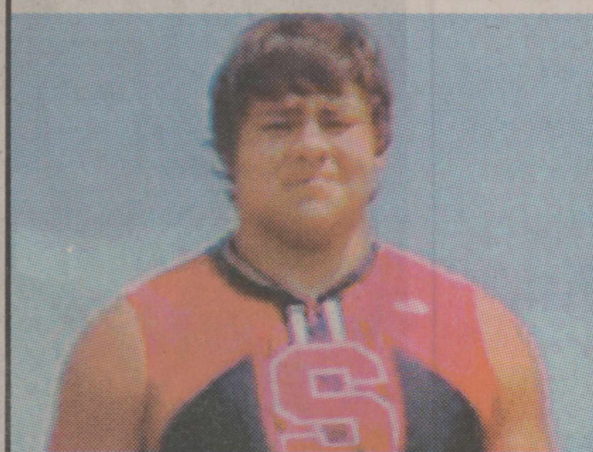
By Ben D. Taylor

"Where we are" is better defined by understanding "how did we get here". As I look back at 2014 I can honestly say that I really have no idea how to answer either question. It's a hard one to answer because it feels like this year just started.

When looked through the lens of world events, 2014 has been an extremely busy year. We have seen the world flinch in the face of a possible Ebola epidemic, increase in the numbers of terrorist organizations, and a complete shift in power in our government in Washington.

The same was true with our community as well. This year we have been riding on the crest of an economic oil and gas boom while our Broncos have also basked in the glow of success in the classroom and on the field of competition. This year has indeed gone by in a blur, but this edition hopefully will serve to remind you of the high points of 2014 as we have supplemented our regular community coverage with stories from the previous year. Happy New Year to All of You.

Sonora Broncos Compete In State



By Nancy Glasscock

The Sonora Broncos 4X400m Relay Team of Carter Zook, Will Dutton, Ricky Martinez, and Anastacio Munoz won the event at Saturday's Region 1 Track and Field Meet at Odessa's Ratliff Stadium. The team posted its fastest time of the season with a 3:22.81 to take the Gold Medal. Sonora and second place Cisco(3:24.44) both qualified for the Texas UIL State Track Meet in Austin May 9th.

Senior Anastacio Munoz and Junior Ethan Patlan also qualified for the State Meet by finishing second in their individual events. Munoz

posted a 39.46 in the 300 Hurdles-a race he also qualified in last year-to finish second and take the Silver Medal. Junior Ethan Patlan had his best throw of the season with the Shot- 52.4 feet- to also finish second. He will be throwing for a State Medal at 10 AM on Friday, May 9th. Munoz also triple jumped on Friday. He jumped 41.11 feet and finished seventh. As a team, the Broncos just missed out on third place by two points to Coleman, with 36 points.

The Lady Broncos 4X100m Relay Team of Macie Friess, Gracie Dozier, JoMayra Gutierrez, and Abby Nolen placed

third with their best time of the season- 50.37. The same Relay Team members ran the 4X200m Relay and placed fifth with a 1:49.29. Abby Nolen ran the 200m DASH with a time of 26.36. Gracie Dozier finished fourth in the Long Jump- just missing third place by one-half inch. As a team the Lady Broncos finished tied for 10th place with 24 points.

This year the Texas UIL 2A running events begin at 6 PM on Friday, May 9th. When you see all these fine Track and Field athletes and Coach Eddie Favilla around town, take time to thank them for all their hard work and dedication.



Wellness Ministry

Many people set a New Year goal to lose weight. But if your primary focus is a number on the scale or how you look in your jeans, you're much less likely to achieve that goal. Instead, your primary focus should be on treating your body like the temple it is. Your body is a sacred site, a holy place...it's your church building! It deserves respect and care. It is the vessel with which you do God's work. When we are healthy and vital we are much better equipped to do all the things God needs us to do. Our bodies are our ally in doing God's work. That is so much bigger than fitting into your jeans or looking good in a bathing suit!

Don't you realize that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own...

1 Corinthians 6:19

Chelsea Blackbird is a Certified Nutritional Therapist. For more info contact HYPERLINK "mailto:chelsea@thechristiannutritionist.com" chelsea@thechristiannutritionist.com or www.thechristiannutritionist.com



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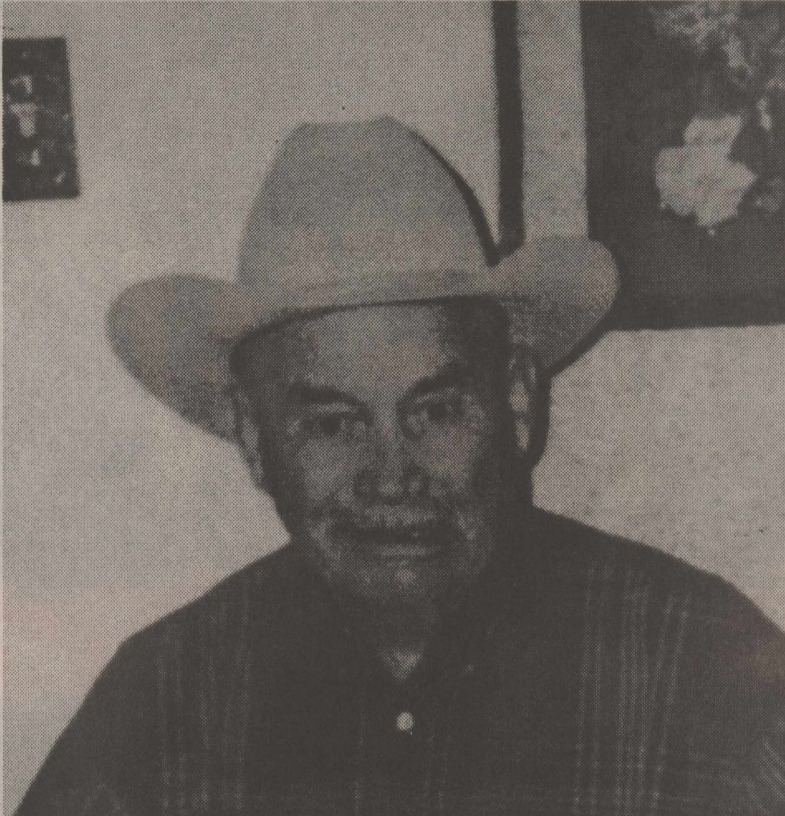
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EDDIE SOSA, JR.

Eddie Sosa, Jr. 74 of San Angelo, Texas died Monday, December 22, 2014. Funeral service is at 11:00 a.m. on Friday at Holy Angels Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Eddie was born June 14, 1940 on a ranch near Sonora, Texas to Elsie Lopez and Eddie Sosa, Sr. He graduated in 1958 from Senora High School where he lettered in football and started his love for the game of golf. On July 11, 1958 he married Delma Ortiz Martinez in Ozona, Texas and shared 56 years together. He retired from the Texas Department of Agriculture where he helped out many ranchers and farmers throughout the State of Texas. He coached football and basketball with the YMCA for over 15 years. He was a member of the Lions Club and thoroughly enjoyed his time delivering meals with "Meals on Wheels" and volunteering as the caller for bingo at the nursing homes. He was a loving husband, and a great father who raised six children.

Eddie is survived by his wife Delma Sosa; his children James Robert and wife Susan; Lana Kay and husband Wayne; Eddie Ray; Karen Jo; John David and partner Amo; Samuel Duane and wife Sylvia; 14 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Meals On Wheels. Special thanks to George and Yvonne Duran and Fred and Delia Dietz.

Family and friends may sign the register book at johnsons-funeralhome.com

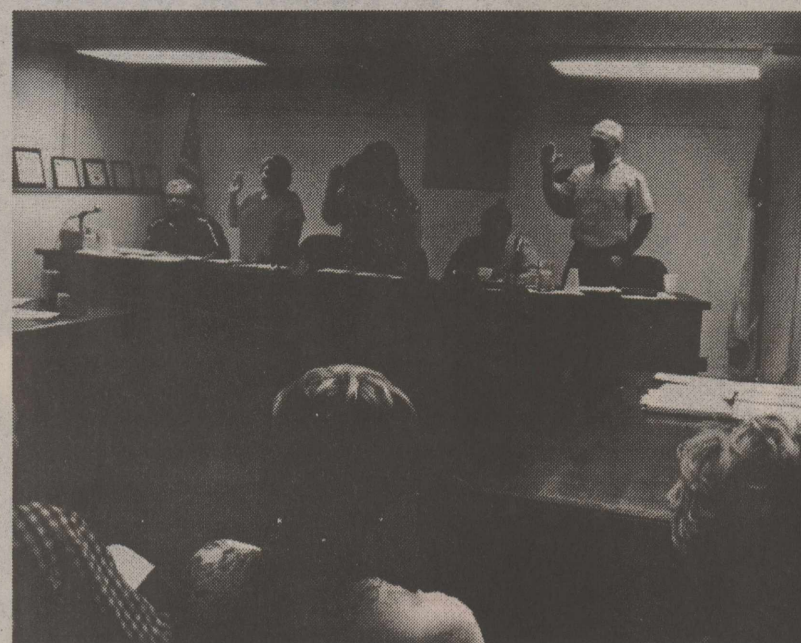


Photo By Derry Kay Bosch

New Council Members Sworn In

Left to Right-Terri Johnson, Wanda Shurley, and Justin Matthews take their pledge of office.

Kickapoo Cavern State Park Hosts First Day Hikes

Kickapoo Cavern State Park, located 35 miles south of Rock-springs on FM 674, will host an America's First Day Hikes event. The event will consist of two hikes, easy and moderate. Both begin at 9 A.M. on New Year's Day.

America's First Day Hikes is an annual event started by the state parks directors of all fifty states.

Park staff recommend that hikers bring water, snacks, hiking sticks, and sturdy shoes.

The easy hike follows the Sergeant Memorial Trail. It is .8 miles long and includes a stop at the Sergeant Overlook. Topics covered by the hike guide include plants and area history.

The moderate hike follows the Barbado Ridge Trail up from the valley floor to some of the highest areas of the park. Flora, fauna, karst formations, and history will be topics covered by the guides.

This is a 3 mile hike lasting about two hours.

For more information contact Kickapoo Cavern State Park at 830-563-2342. The program itself is free, but there is a three dollar park entry fee for adults.

The park can also be accessed from Brackettville, Texas.

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For further information contact park superintendent Alan Crowe. alan.crowe@tpwd.state.tx.us

HATS FOR TROOPS



Students at Sonora Elementary and Intermediate participated in "Hats for Troops" in honor of Veterans Day. The teachers and students raised a total of \$456.60 to donate to the GI Go Fund. This fund helps our troops find jobs, go to college, get health care, and find housing. Thank you to everyone who do-nated to this great cause!

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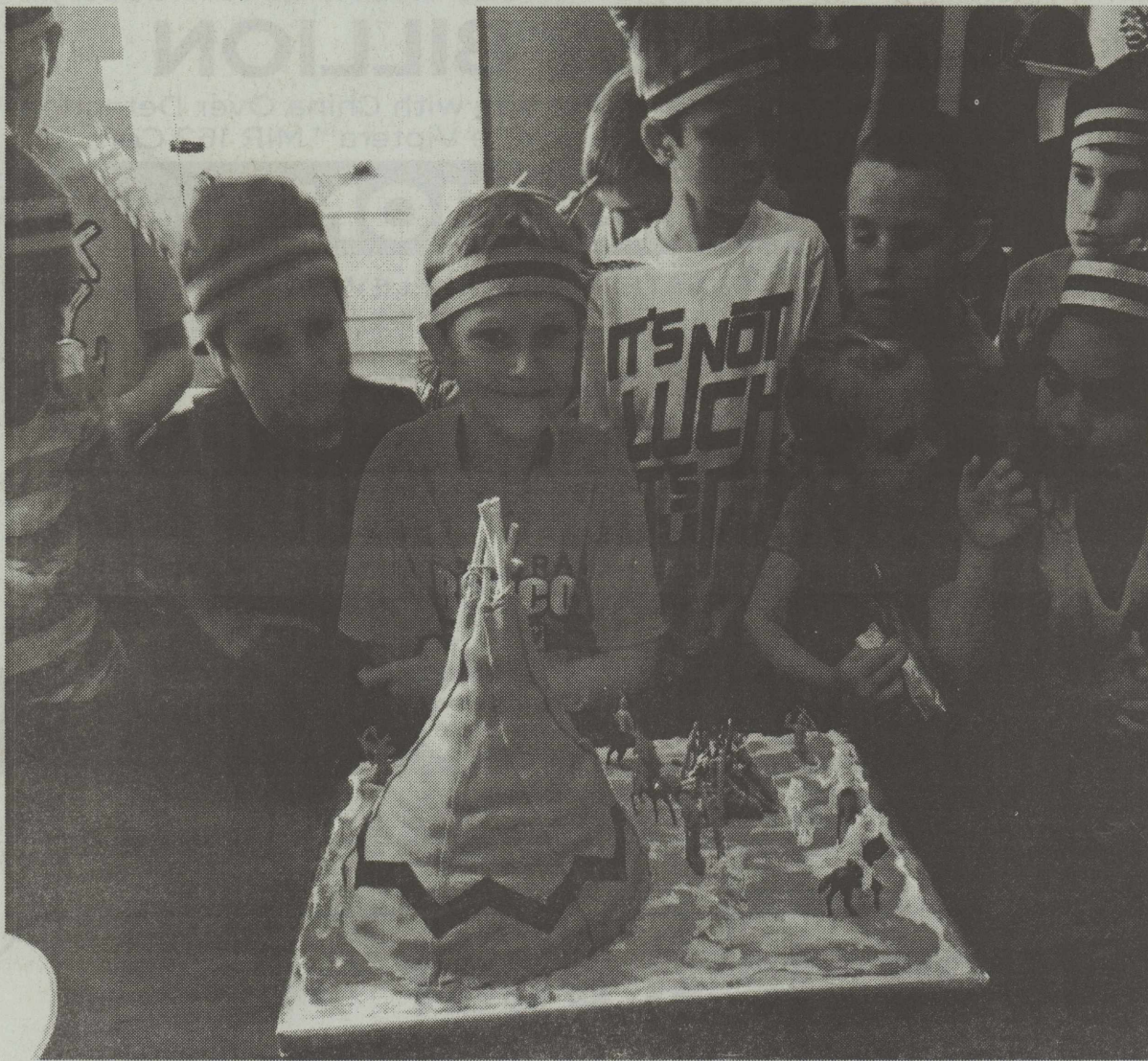
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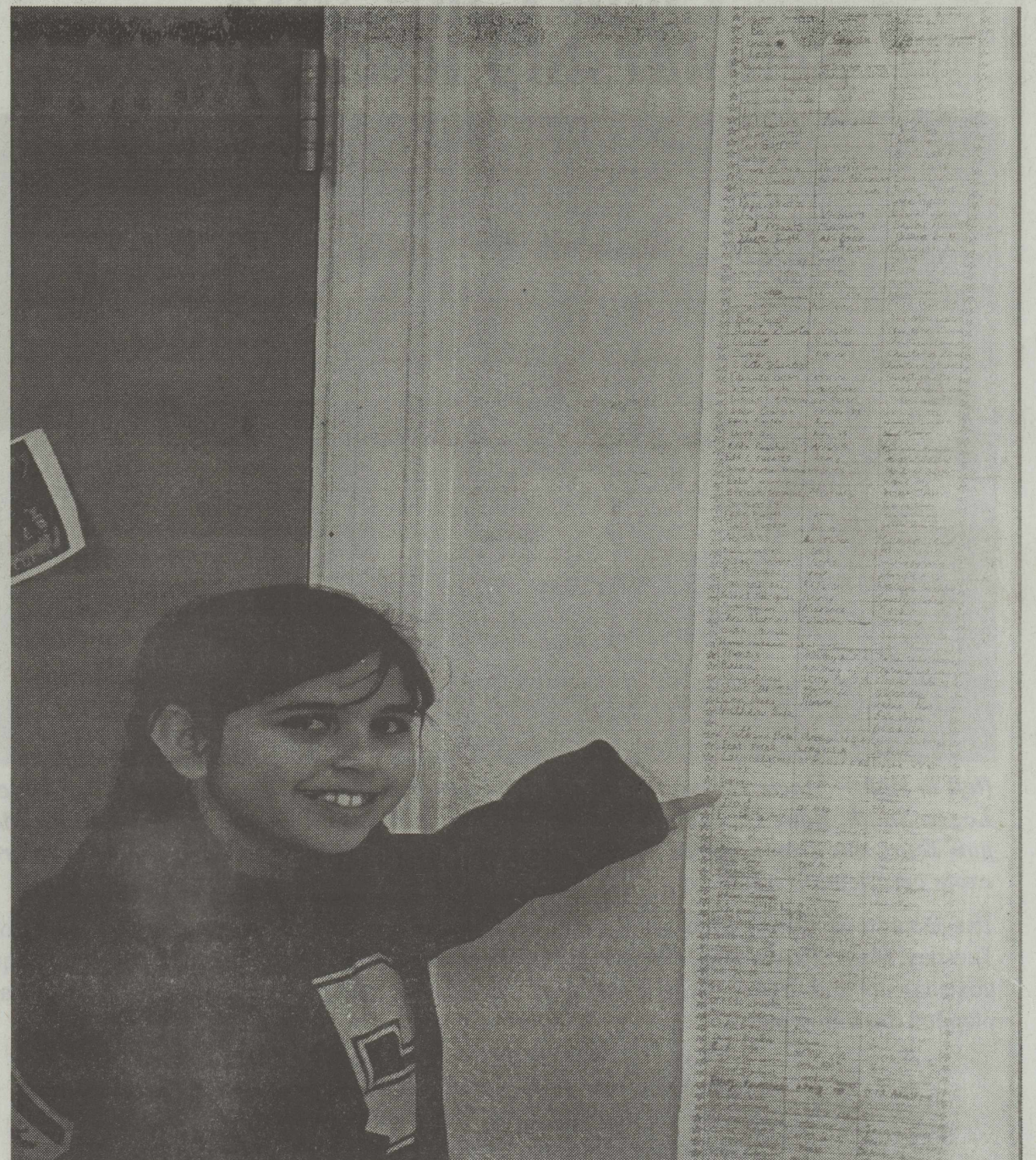
Local Youth Raises \$375 for Eaton Hill



Submitted by Chelsea Blackbird

Owen Jones did something really cool for his 8th birthday – he raised \$375 for Eaton Hill. Instead of receiving gifts, Owen asked his guests to make a donation to our local nature center. When Owen and his mom were planning his Indian-themed birthday party on Eaton Hill, she explained how lucky Sonora is to have such a special place in our community. Owen agreed and decided that this year instead of getting gifts, he wanted to give one. Owen and his friends had a great time at his party which included a hike, arrow head hunting, and crafts. The activities were planned and led by Eaton Hill director Rita Mae Frey. As citizens of Sonora, we should be proud that we have this wonderful resource at our back door. We should also be proud to have such a thoughtful young man like Owen as a part

REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS



Pictured is 5th grader Mariah Talamantes. Maria is wearing her grandfather's Marine jacket from the Vietnam war era. She is pointing to her grandfather's name on the Veteran's Day poster that was created in Mrs. Field's Social Studies class. The Veteran's Day poster is to honor any veterans, alive or passed on, that we know. Each student (and anyone else who wants to add to the list) was able to write down anyone they knew. The students had a really good lesson on the origin of Veteran's Day.

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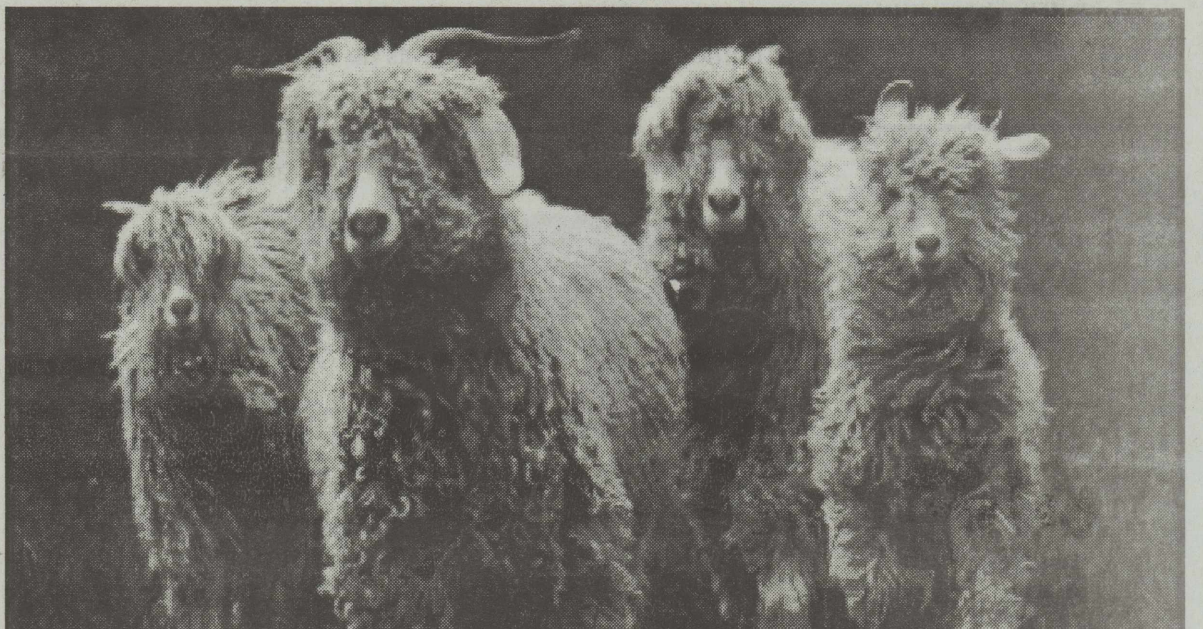


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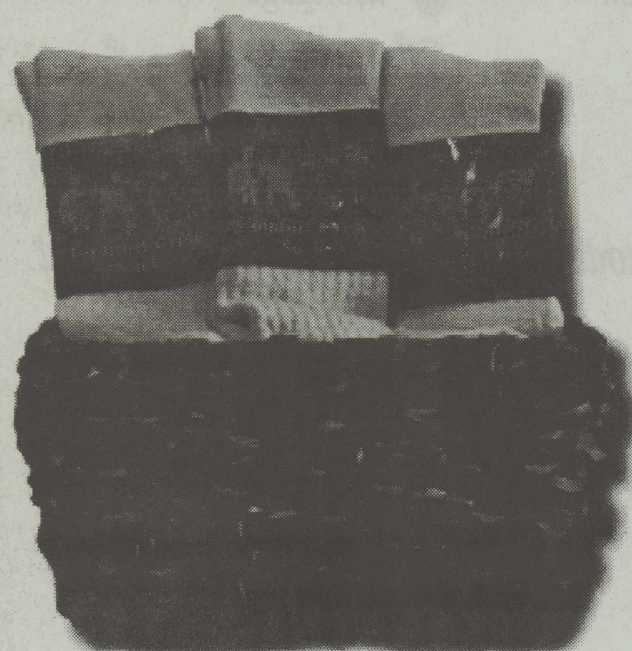


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(left to right) Macie Friess, Michael Rollert, Danielle Vargo, Will Dutton, Crystal Lopez, Logan Smith, Katie Hartman, Cody Barber, Harley Johnson, Cassandra Medina, and Megan Yourgalite (Not pictured Kaitlyn Gibbens and Kelsey Velez; who are at the state floral exam certification test today.)

The Downtown Lions Club scholarship honorees of the 2014 SENIOR CLASS joined our Tuesday, May 13th meeting. Joy and praise filled the room as each individual with their unique goals, talents and dreams were introduced. Parents and members with glorified blessings applauded the following:

- Virgil Polocek Award/Queen Kaitlyn Gibbens
- John Ward Memorial Scholarship/Danielle Vargo
- George Wallace Memorial Scholarship/Macie Friess
- Pete Bradley Honorary Scholarship/Katie Hartman

Kassandra Medina, Harley Johnson, Cody Barber, Will Dutton, Crystal Lopez, Michael Rollert, Logan Smith, Kelsey Velez, Meagan Yourgalite

What we most hope for our seniors of 2014 is they find their purpose and enjoyment in life connecting with loving people with the same desires and dreams. Mistakes are certainly made to teach us and ALWAYS know you will forever have our love and support here in Sonora. Thank you all for your hard work and determination in representing our community so proudly! BEST OF LUCK!

Frank Wamble will be our new Lions Club President beginning in June. Many thanks to James Hartman for his sense of humor and order with ease as he conducted each meeting.

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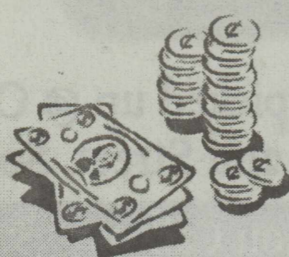
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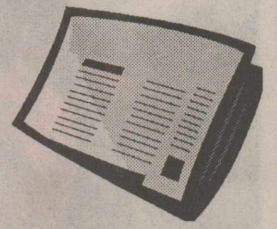
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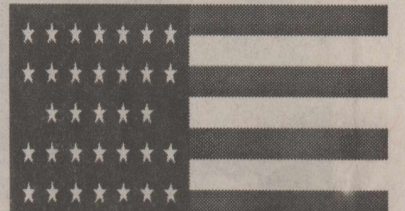
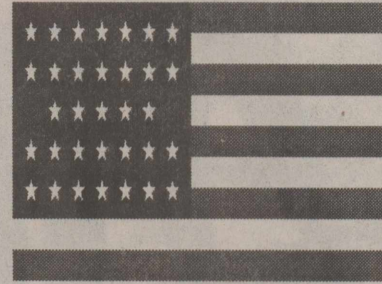
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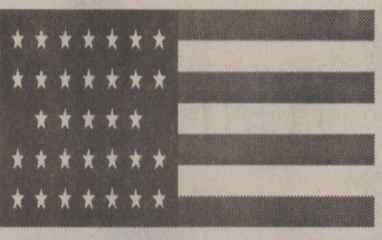
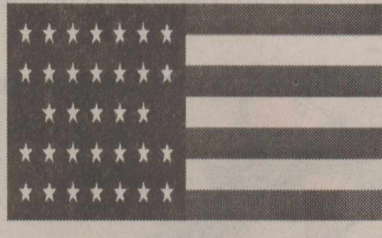
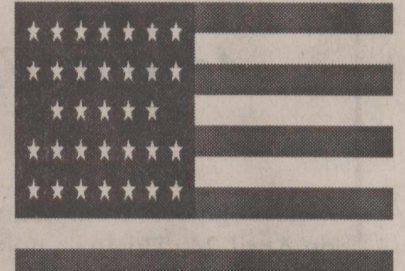
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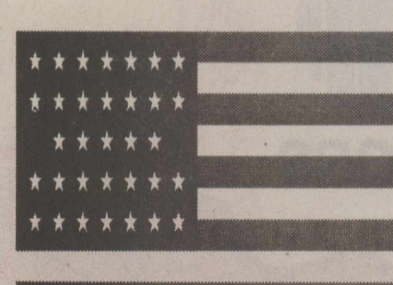
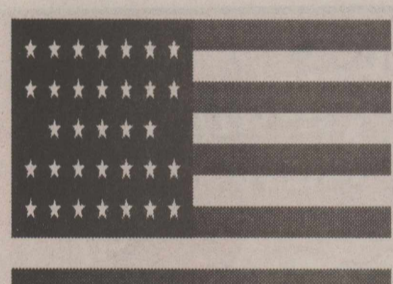
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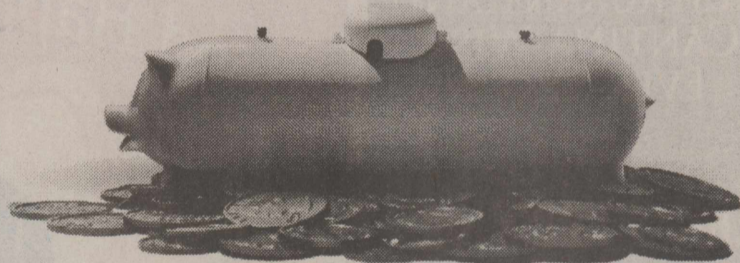


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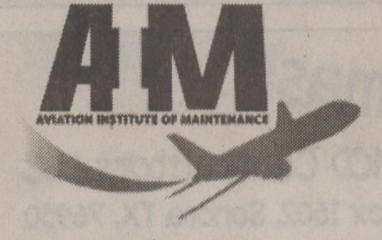


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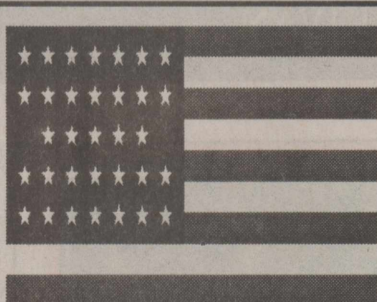


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Nick Garza (left) helps local students identify native plants during the 33rd annual 6th Grade Ecological Field Tour

Annual Field Trip Focus's on Sonora's Ranching Legacy

The 6th graders from Sonora ISD were treated to an ecological field trip at the Sawyer Ranch on April 24. This was the 33rd consecutive year for this event. There were instructors from Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Texas AgriLife Experiment Station, the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District, and Texas Farm Bureau. Lunch was provided by the Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District.

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