



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Club opening

The long wait for Horizon diners and golfers is almost over. Horizon Regional Municipal Utility District (HRMUD) owns the property formerly named Emerald Springs Golf and Conference Center and has been in negotiations with two groups to run the facility. The freshly renovated clubhouse at the renamed Horizon Golf and Conference Center is set to open November 1. Golfers will need to wait a bit longer. The pro shop and course are tentatively set to open mid November. Nina Piña is opening the Moonlight Bar & Grill on Nov. 1. She says it will be open everyday, breakfast through dinner, with hours to be set. The renewed facility includes a full service restaurant with banquet, dance and conference facilities. "We want this to be a place people want to go to," said Piña. She expects working phones this week. The golf course is still in limbo as negotiations between HRMUD and Delta Horizon, LCC continue. This group includes Philip Crowder, Aaron Means and Matt Pepe. They are seeking a lease with purchase option. The property is located at 16000 Ashford in Horizon City.

— Rick Shrum

### Vinton festival

Keep Vinton Beautiful is hosting its first Dia de los Muertos festival on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The event will host local growers and bakers as well as handcrafted items from local artisans, games and free arts-n-craft activities for children. There will be presentations to the public, short story telling, and a retelling of the murder of John H. James, owner of the Vinton Mercantile, in 1932 by Mrs. Rebecca Powers. Mrs. Powers is a Vinton resident and the author of *Laura's Children: the Hidden Story of a Chinese Orphanage* and the compiler and editor of *My Roots Go Back to Loving and other stories from "Year of the Family."* She has published over 1000 parenting columns and family interest features in newspapers, magazines, and regional parenting publications, including the *El Paso Times*, *El Paso Scene*, *The Clinton Herald*, *Home Life*, *Grit*, *Space Coast Parent*, and *Inland Northwest Family Magazine*. Keep Vinton Beautiful promotes sustainability through environmental awareness, solid waste reduction and beautification projects. Vendors are still needed. For more information please call 886-5104.

— Jessica Garza

### Literary fiesta

El Paso Community College (EPCC) will hold the 5th Annual Literary Fiesta on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013 at the EPCC

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Never before has the fate of so many been at the whim of so few.

— Quips & Quotes

## EPCC, Socorro ISD form partnership for Campestre students

By Paula R. Diaz  
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO – With more than 600 students, teachers, parents, administrators from both Socorro Independent School District and El Paso Community College and even mascot Tejano Jack looking on, the teal and white EPCC flag unfurled in the cool morning breeze, proclaiming Campestre Elementary School a college bound institution.

The Lower Valley elementary is the first school in El Paso to be adopted by the college.

"We want to create a college going culture here," said Dr. William Serrata, EPCC president, right before the flag-raising ceremony Oct. 21. "Studies have shown that students are deciding in the second and third grades if they are going to college. That is why we need to start at the elementary level."

The College Bound initiative's goal is to get

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— Photo by Acavius Largo / Socorro Independent School District

**GET THEM STARTED YOUNG – Students – sporting free t-shirts – from Campestre Elementary School celebrate their school being designated "College Bound." El Paso Community College and the Socorro Independent School District celebrated a partnership that will excite and motivate students about going to college at an early stage.**

## Quatrini named interim superintendent for Tornillo ISD

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

TORNILLO – Tornillo Independent School District Board of Trustees recently appointed Dr. Mike Quatrini as the new interim superintendent for the district. He takes over for Tornillo High School Principal Margaret Ruybe, who has served as both principal and interim superintendent for the past 11 months.

Quatrini, the former San Elizario ISD superintendent, took over the reins Oct. 14 and is expected to lead the district until a new superintendent is found. Tornillo ISD has been without a permanent leader since Paul Vranish resigned last school year.

Quatrini, who led the San Elizario district for 15 years and retired in 2011, said that Ruybe did a good job as interim but that she was needed at the high school, so the board



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

**A FAMILIAR JOB – Dr. Mike Quatrini was named recently interim superintendent for Tornillo Independent School District. The small, rural district serves approximately 1,366 students and employs 179 persons. It is located about 35 miles southeast of El Paso and is one of 12 school districts in the Region 19 Education Service Center area.**

allowed her to go back to her campus.

Quatrini said that he expects to be with the district for about four to six months to afford board members time to conduct a thorough search for a new superintendent. He said that he is not applying for the permanent position. As interim, Quatrini's salary will be pro-rated based on an annual salary of \$117,000.

Vranish, Tornillo's former superintendent, was put on leave in November of last year after a Texas Education Agency (TEA) review showed questionable reimbursements to him and his wife, also a district employee.

Vranish's resignation was officially accepted last December. Since then, the district has been in search of an instructional leader. Initially, the board contacted Region 19 Education Service Center for assistance in its search, but apparently some of the board members

were not happy with Region 19's proposed candidates. Also, the board wants to wait for the results of a forensic audit of the district before selecting the new superintendent, according to a recent news report.

Quatrini said that as far as he can tell, the schools are doing well and the district is financially sound. "I am very impressed with district personnel; staff members are positive and goal-oriented. So, I see my role as preparing the district for the new superintendent, sort of like smoothing out any bumps on the road," said the new interim superintendent.

Among the things Quatrini said that he plans to do is get an overview of district operations by conducting an effectiveness compliance screening using an out-of-district consultant. "The screening will tell us where we need to improve or confirm that we are doing the right things," he said.

Tornillo ISD, with an annual budget of nearly \$13.5 million, operates four campuses: Tornillo Elementary (Pre K through 3rd grade), Tornillo Intermediate (4th through 6th grade), Tornillo Junior High (7th and 8th grade), and Tornillo High (9th through 12th grade).

The four campuses earned the designation of "met standard" under the state's new accountability system for the 2012-13 school year- the state's most recent student performance ratings.

## Anthony ISD observes National School Lunch Week

Highlights include regional recipes, healthy changes

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

ANTHONY – Anthony Independent School District's (AISD) Child Nutrition Department celebrated National School Lunch Week (October 14-18) by highlighting the nutritious regional recipes, ingredients and traditions that

make their school cafeteria program unique.

During the weeklong observance, AISD cafeteria staff hosted special events with wellness activities for students and information for parents about the healthy changes in the schools' cafeterias that address the new nutrition standards for school meals nationwide.

Throughout the week-long celebration, AISD cafeteria served healthy versions of regional recipes that incorporated local flavors to get students excited about eating school meals, according to Rachel Frayre, director of

AISD's Child Nutrition Department.

As part of the event, a fruit and vegetable stand was on display at the school cafeteria entrance for students and visitors to view and realize that several of the foods they eat in the school cafeteria were grown in Texas.

"We pledged participation and are determined to undertake TDA's challenge to schools state-wide of providing meals using Texas-grown products," said Frayre.

The highlight of the week was Wednesday's

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**KTB**

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is judged on achievement in seven different areas: community leadership and coordination; education; public awareness; litter prevention and cleanup; illegal dumping enforcement; beautification and property improvement; and solid waste management. KTB will formally recognize these communities during its 47th Annual Conference in Austin from June 23-25, 2014, at the Renaissance Hotel.

Communities interested in applying may download the 2014 application from the KTB website at <http://www.ktb.org/programs/awards/governors-community-achievement-awards.aspx> or call 1-800-CLEAN-TX to request a copy. Applications are due to KTB on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, by 5:00 p.m.

Keep Texas Beautiful is a statewide grassroots environmental and community improvement nonprofit that strives to educate and engage Texans to take responsibility for improving their surrounding environment. KTB and its more than 360 affiliates work with the government, businesses, civic groups and volunteers to ensure that every Texan has the opportunity to make Texas the cleanest, most beautiful state in the nation. For more information on programs and events, call 1-800-CLEAN-TX or visit [www.ktb.org](http://www.ktb.org).

**Lunch**

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lunchtime reception for local area dignitaries including AISD board members, State Representative Joe Moody's district director Ana Gonzalez, Anthony TX Mayor Lee Vela, Region 19 Child Nutrition Specialist Ulises Quiñtero, Texas Department of Agriculture School Operations official Marcela Licerio, and Former AISD Superintendent Ron Haugen.

Other lunch week activities included daily student announcements by campus principals about healthy eating habits. Physical education teachers and coaches also got into the Texas-style theme by incorporating activities like country music dancing, roping skills, and horseshoe toss.

Frayre, who has supervised the district's food service program since 2009, said that the small district, which lies on the Texas-New Mexico state line, serves 800 meals daily. With an annual budget of about \$500,000 and an additional \$250,000 for summer program, she said that the district serves meals that meet the federal nutritional guidelines in compliance with the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act (HHFKA).

"AISD's child nutrition program is 100 percent self-sufficient and does not rely on district general funds to operate; instead we are funded 100 percent through federal and state funds and grants, and adult meal sales," stated Frayre, who manages 16 regular school-year employees and up to 40 workers during the



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

**HEALTH SMARTS** – As part of the recent National School Lunch Week observance, Anthony Independent School District (AISD) Child Nutrition Program displayed a fruit and vegetable stand of Texas-grown products (pumpkins, cantaloupe, pears, cucumbers, broccoli, strawberries, turnips, bell peppers, apples, celery, spinach, rosemary, oregano, beets, jicama, and watermelon) at the school cafeteria entrance to help students and visitors realize just how much of what the school cafeteria serves is grown in this state. Joining in the observance were, from left, Lee Vela, Anthony TX mayor; Marcela Licerio, Texas Dept. of Agriculture school operations official; Ron Haugen, former AISD superintendent; Adrian Vasquez, student; Edgar Dominguez, student; Oscar Troncoso, Anthony HS principal; Adriana Cuellar, student; Carlos Hernandez, student; Rachel Frayre, AISD Child Nutrition Dept. director; and Ulisses Quiñtero, Region 19 child nutrition specialist.

summer program. The School Nutrition Association (SNA) helped schools recognize National School Lunch Week with an official campaign theme, suggested menus and recipes, promotional resources and more to raise awareness of the importance of the National School Lunch Program, which feeds over 31 million of

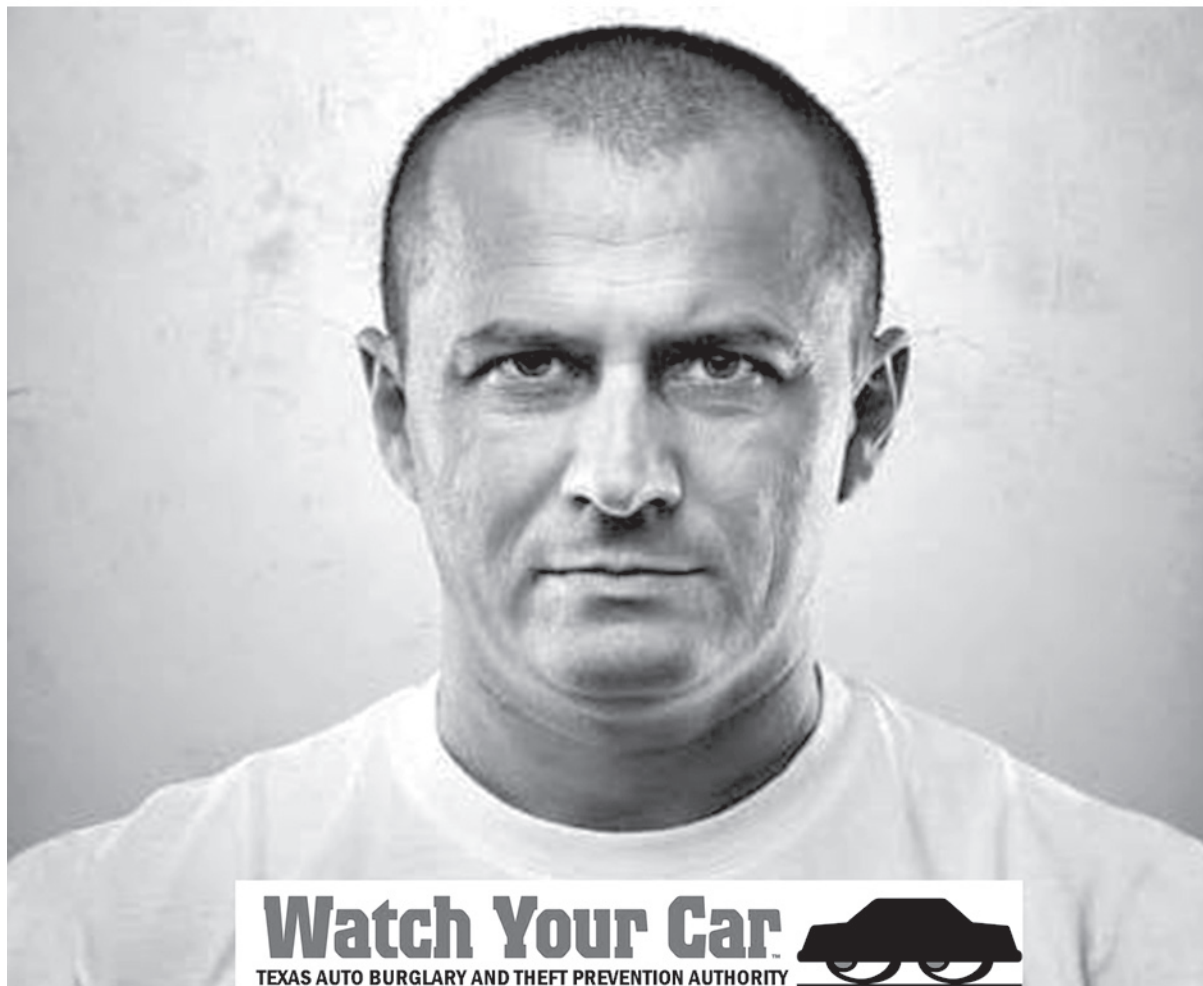
America's students each day. According to its website, SNA is a national, non-profit professional organization representing 55,000 school nutrition professionals across the country. Founded in 1946, SNA and its members are dedicated to making healthy school meals and

nutrition education available to all students.

This year's "School Lunch across the USA" campaign was sponsored by the non-profit SNA along with the Milk Processors Education Program (MilkPEP) and McCormick for Chefs.



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**LEGALS**

**TOWN OF HORIZON CITY**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**A PUBLIC HEARING** will be held at **6:30 pm on Tuesday, November 12, 2013, during a Regular Council Meeting** at City Hall at 15001 Darrington Rd. (Court/Police Dept. Bldg.) in the Council chambers, Horizon City, TX.

The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and comment regarding the following:

**1) 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 207.** An Ordinance adopting a zoning change within the municipal limits of the Town of Horizon City, Texas; rezoning one parcel from R-2, Residential, to A-1, Apartments, for multi-family use, containing approximately 0.5180 acres; being Lot 1, Block 1, Arroyo Pass, Horizon City, El Paso County, Texas, located north and east of the intersection of Ashford Drive and Horizon Boulevard; and authorizing the notation of the change on the official zoning

map of the Town; providing for the following: findings of fact; repealer; severability; and proper notice and hearing.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the City Clerk of Horizon City. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available and individuals in need of special assistance for attending the hearing are encouraged to contact the City Clerk at 915/852-1046, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this hearing.

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**A proposed Special Use Permit to allow the installation of an Electrical Sign with LED Display in an R-2 Zone consisting of the following property:**

**Location:**  
400 N. Kenazo,  
Horizon City,  
Texas, 79928

**Legal Description:**  
Section 31, Block 78, Township 3, Texas and Pacific Railway Company Surveys

**Current Surrounding Zone:**  
R-2, R-4 (Residential) & PUD (Planned Unit Development)

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