

Eagles 4H makes sale at Livestock Show

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4H members from Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) were taken to the 63th Annual Kleberg Kenedy County Junior Livestock Show which was held on January 30, 2014. The sponsor for the Eagles 4-H club is Robin Harkkey. The participants were Ember Ayala, Yvonne Borrego, Emily Cantu, Zack Duran, Ulysses Iracheta, Reyna Martinez, Andrea Ruiz, Alberto Santos, Angela Moreno, and Samantha Zelaya.



Photo provided by: Reyna Martinez
Eagles 4H Club with their lambs at the Kleberg Kenedy County Junior Livestock Show.

They all worked really hard training their lambs to take them to the show and their effort was shown throughout the show, Cantu said. All students received ribbons

and six made the sale for their lambs. Iracheta and Camilo, his lamb, won first place for his category. "I am proud of Camilo's job during the show," Iracheta said.

Duran placed second for his category. Santos was able to sell his lamb and placed fourth in his category. Ayala received third place for her category. Students who were not participants had the opportunity to go to the livestock show and attend carnival as well. "Since it is my last year, I am glad I got to spend this last carnival with my friends," said Senior Karla Rivera.

Selected students attend Mo Ranch camp

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Every school year, Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) selects students to go to Mo Ranch. Pastor Mary Rogers Ellsworth said that Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly is a camp and conference center affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) at the North Fork of the Guadalupe River in the scenic Texas Hill Country. This year, there were 35 students selected by Pastor Mary Rogers Ellsworth and Principal Ellie Perez. Three staff members attended this year, Daniel Portice, Bible teacher and dorm proctor, President Dr. Doug Dalglish, and Dorm Proctor Kelly Robinson. The main purpose for this



Photo provided by: Sarid Ramon
Several PPAS students participate in one of the many activities at Mo Ranch.

activity was so that every student can increase their self-confidence, spiritual growth, group corporation and leadership skills, Ellsworth said. "It was a great opportunity because I enjoyed the environment and

had fun," said Sophomore Margarita Otero. She also said that Mo Ranch is a great experience that helps you to become a leader and increase self-confidence. "It was a beautiful place with a river and moun-

tains all around and the houses and bridges were really nice," said Sophomore Ana Lopez. Emily, the instructor from Mo Ranch, said that in 1936, Mo Ranch began constructing other impressive buildings primarily from Hill Country limestone and oilfield pipe that was easily accessible to him as the chairman of Conoco. Mo Ranch also had builders using distinctive tiles and wrought iron work in many of these structures. Senior, Sarid Ramon, said that Mo Ranch has a beautiful and great environment. "I am very happy because I had the opportunity to live in the great experience with my friends at Mo Ranch during my last high school year," Ramon said.

PPAS participates in Pennies for Patients

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Photo by: Ainee Martinez
Student Council President Hefzi Jimenez accepting a donation that was given to Albert Garcia, Campus Life Director.

With a purpose of supporting patients who fight cancer and do not have enough economic support, Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) students and teachers are participating in the national campaign, called "Pennies for Patients". According to the Pennies for Patients official website, Pennies for Patients at is organized by PPAS student council members and the kick off for the campaign was on February 7 in the Morris Chapel. "Students collect spare change over a three-week period of the school's choice. The change can come from friends or relatives or underneath the couch cushions. What is important is that the change is collected," said Zack Duran, Student Council vice president.

Each 1st period classroom will have a coin collecting box for donations. "I agree with this benevolent idea. Small changes come together and will make at least one person happy, which would make all of us feel happy and helpful for ourselves," said Junior Stephanie Kim. Campus Life Director, Albert Garcia, has donated a jar filled with coins and dollars in the kick off. He said that the money in the jar is donated by the PPAS boys. "Think about the coins you spend for a coke in a day. If you think twice and donated those three quarters for the people who really need, it is much worthier than a coke. We do not want a lot of money from each one of you, but if each person puts just a little bit of coins, it would become a savior for one patient," said Hefzi Jimenez, Student Council president.

Boys Basketball season comes to an end

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The season is over for the PPAS basketball team, but players have not forgotten the last moments of it. "Yes, I saw lots of improvement by the JV," said Coach Daniel Navejar. The varsity team captain Diego Batlle, who played in the last game vs. Juan Diego Academy in Mission, said the Juan Diego team was and made the Eagles battle for position. Navejar talked about the opposing team. "They were very a well

skilled team. They had a lot of talent on the team," Navejar said. Navejar also talked about the game prior. "It was a very exciting and intense nail-biting game. The boys never gave up. We did not lose the game, but just ran out of time," Navejar said. He talked too about the improvement of the team. "I'm very happy about the progress of the team. Both off and on the court, they showed a lot of improvement in their skills and teamwork. I am very

impressed with their progress and effort that they showed me as the season went on," Navejar said. JV baller Abiel Montalvo mentioned next season. "Next year is going to be harder, but hopefully the team will be great," Montalvo said. Throughout the season, Navejar considered the team as a family. "Yes, the boys grew closer to me as we progressed throughout the season," Navejar said.

Baseball opens with London High School

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On January 13th, the Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) baseball season started with trainings and practice with Coach Hardy Robertson. "I feel excited to see the new kids who are will be on the team this year," Robertson said. The practices are going to start slow and then will become more intense. Robertson has not selected the positions but some players have a lot of experience, he said. One of the challenges this year may



Photo by: Lisset Campuzano
The Eagles baseball team practicing at the start of the season.

be that there is a lot of talent on the team. The first game was on February 18th against Corpus Christi London High School. "I feel really excited about this season that is starting,"

said 18-year-old Senior Zack Duran. The games are going to be challenging but Robertson is not looking forward to one in particular. He is really expecting to see all of them, Robertson said. "I am really anxious because is my first year at this school. I didn't know how the practices were going to be. We already start with the hardest training. I already have experience in baseball because it is my favorite sport but I'm still nervous," said 15-year-old Sophomore Diego Cantu.

First meet for Track & Field held at TAMUK

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Photo provided by: Yearbook Staff
Track & Field members practice at the TAMUK field weekly in preparation for meets.

The Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) Track Team initiated the sports season with competitions and a lot of practice. In track, the students are able to practice running, jumping and hurdling. There are about 40 students of all the grades together, seven out of the 40 are returners. "We practice every day for one and half hours, and I like it because it's a good way to stay healthy and to lose weight,"

said 15-year-old freshmen Ariel Eduardo Lima. The first competition it is going be at Tamuk on February 22. In March, there is going to be several other competitions on the 8th at Rivera, Orange Grove on the 15th, and the Cactus Cup at Tamuk on the 22nd. "Only time will tell if the team's performance is good enough to compete against other schools. We have a lot of new people

and there are little things that have to be improved," said Coach Reili Cantu. The PPAS Track Team's performance is good enough to compete against other schools, said 16-year-old Junior Manuel Campos. "I would recommend this sport to other students because it's a way to improve health," Campos said.

PPAS Choir performs at First Christian in Kingsville

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On January 26, the Morris Chapel Choir from Presbyterian Pan American School visited First Christian Church in Kingsville. The members of the choir were well received by the members of the church. The visit consisted of performing wor-

ship songs, meeting new people, but mainly worshipping the Lord. The songs that the students sang in the performance were "Do You Hear His Voice?" and "Praise the Lord Again". These songs were practiced by the students during the few weeks prior,

to be in a perfect tone for the presentation. "Yes, it was a good performance. It was pretty awesome to listen other choirs singing," said Sophomore Maria Melendez. Melendez also said she enjoyed the trip. Also she made a comment about she thinks

it was a beautiful and also that she got a good experience. "The audience was very happy that we were there. Some of the members commented on how they were impressed about the presentation," said Joe Garcia, Director of Admissions

at PPAS and Choir Director. Garcia also said that the purpose of the performance was due to an invitation by a Christian community organization that asked them to participate with other choirs and praise teams to sing along to Christian music.

The next choir presentation will be on March 9 at the First Presbyterian Church in Livingston.

Physics Project teaches students about gravity

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Can you imagine the earth in the future? How gravity is going to be? In physics class, the senior students prepared a project called "Space Colony," which was assigned by their teacher Sylvia Garza. This project consisted of an elaborate colony with the three different levels of artificial gravity. The students had a month to elaborate their projects, which were finished and presented in the class on February 10. Garza said that the purpose of the project was to let the

students know how to utilize simulation of gravity rules. "To start the project I asked to myself, how are people going to survive? What are they going to eat? How are they going to dress?" said Senior Frank Porras. Jinghan Li said that she spent three weeks in the elaboration of her project, in which she used the following materials, plastic, paper, magazine pictures, little toys for the representation of humans and animals and foamed plastic for the base.

Garza said that her expectation for the students was to understand the proper radio techniques with regards to tangential velocity, diameter and rotational speed with the purpose to let the students know how to utilize simulation of gravity rules. "With this project, I learned how gravity affects people's lives and how different gravity can improve humans living condition," Li said. Garza said that the project was important because it was worth two test grades.

NHS member named Student of the Month

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The National Honor Society Vice president (NHS) has been selected as a model student at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS), earning the title of Student of the Month for February. Ana Luisa Martinez was born on June 26, 1996 in Matamoros, Mexico. She describes herself as "usually quiet in classes but a whole different person outside of classes." She never broken any school rules during four years at PPAS and she said that's one of the reasons she thinks she has been chosen as student of month. "I don't break school rules, I think twice, get good grades, and behave all the time. I feel a little



Photo by: Merry Kim
Senior Ana Luisa Martinez

surprised, honored for being chosen because there are a lot of seniors who could possibly be selected as a model student," Martinez said. She has been on the president's list since she came to PPAS and has been participating in various kinds of sports and activities such as girls' soccer, girls' basketball, track & field,

cheerleading, campus ministry council, peer support, sophomore class treasurer, and junior class president. "Pan Am for me is life changing. I have been improving everyday through freshmen to senior year. By the way, I am ready to finish my high school with happiness," Martinez said. Additionally, she said she wanted to tell underclassmen that working hard, not giving up would be the clue to be success in one's life. "You may not realize now why you have to follow all the rules and do your work. But if you give you best, little by little, it will come to you and be your knowledge and basement of your success. Don't give up, underclassmen," Martinez said.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Boys Dorm hosts Superbowl Party



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The Seattle Seahawks defeated the Denver Broncos, 43-8, for this year's Super Bowl, played at the MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey on February 2, 2014. Daniel Navejar, World Geography, Economics, and U.S. History teacher at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS), said it was a good game, and even though the team he was going for lost, the best team was the winner. "It was a really interesting game. The Seahawks did a great job and I think the younger players gained a lot of experience," Navejar said. Bruno Mars, an American pop singer and songwriter, and Red Hot Chili Peppers, a rock band performed for the Halftime Show. "I was expecting the Halftime Show to be more exciting than what it was," said 15-year-old Freshmen Henriette Mbawmbaw. The Super Bowl at PPAS was enjoyed at the Boys Center, where the kitchen staff served roast beef, guacamole, frijoles, and sodas. "It was really exciting because the Seahawks did an awesome job, beating the Broncos since the first quarter," said 15-year-old Freshman Ariel Lima.

Lunch at the "World Famous King's Inn" is first-rate

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Dining at the "Famous King's Inn" was an exceptional experience. The restaurant is open from 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM on Tuesday to Saturday and it is located on 1116 E County Road 2270 Rivera. The place is simple but elegant. It keeps its own style. The restaurant is comfortable and commodious. The service is excellent. They always have a smile and are always there to help you. The order takes time, but it was worth the wait. The lunch order included avocado salad,



Photo by: Alejandro Herrera

Lunch included fried avocado salad, followed by shrimp, drum, French Fries, onion rings and a side of home-made tarter sauce

shrimp, onion rings, French fries and fish. One of the best things about dining at this restaurant is their home-made tartar sauce and it is incredible because its flavor

is unique. All the food in general has a special flavor and all of it has a first-rate taste. The shrimp was tasty and the French fries were crispy. Dessert is available but I did not try it. The restaurant also sells candies and sweets at the register where a customer would pay for the bill. "King's Inn" is a great restaurant with excellent food and with the scenic Baffin Bay in surrounding the one-of-a-kind restaurant. The only negative, I could distinguish was the lack of reception.

Valentine's Day tradition continues with serenades, candy and balloons

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Saint Valentine's Day has just passed and Presbyterian Pan American School students celebrated it with a series of events. The seniors organized a dance on Friday February 8, which took place at the Student Union Building (SUB). As every year, the senior class was in charge of gift orders for Saint Valentine's Day. "We sold roses, teddy bears, balloons, fortune cookies, chocolates and cupcakes for people to buy for their friends," said



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From left, Monika Ruiz, Escamilla, Carla Lopez and Rosalinda Galvan. Senior Osmara Perez a song or songs, and And as it is tradition, the senior class also sold serenades. The students paid for a song or songs, and the seniors in charge played it for the person it was dedicated to. The seniors who

played in the serenades were Samuel Godinez, Sarid Ramon, Kevin Ishimwe, and Libni Robles. "I like Saint Valentine's Day because people give things to their friends, not only to their boyfriend or girlfriend," said English III Teacher and Senior Class Sponsor Katherine Kriegel. Abiel Montalvo says that he liked this Saint Valentine's Day because he received a lot of cakes, brownies, candy and chocolates. "It is as if you could breathe love in the air," Montalvo said