



National Fusion U18 boys soccer team

National Fusion Wins Team Warm Up Cup Tournament

The National Fusion U18 boys soccer team won the Team Warm Up Cup tournament. The tournament is a warm up before the season starts for club soccer. The tournament record was three

wins and a tie. The championship game went into overtime with National Fusion winning in penalty kicks.

Team members are **Jens Bergersen, Chris Bourgeois, Christopher Brelsford, Tyler Buttle, Eric Calderon, Will Childers, Nick Dombalis, Christo Driscoll, Alex Ewald, Barnaby Fryer, Ryan Learned, Daniel Medina, Fernando Montelango, Roberto Montelango, Matthew Paquette, Javier Perez** and **Jackson Tolleson**. The team trainer is **Johnathan** and the team manager is **Loretta Brelsford**.



Brandon Walquist

Brandon Walquist Earns Eagle Scout Rank

Brandon Walquist from Boy Scout Troop 1656 earned the Eagle Scout rank.

Brandon began his scouting career in Cub Scouts in 2001, when he joined Pack 1680. After his Arrow of Light ceremony, he crossed over and joined Boy Scout Troop 1656 in 2004. He has held several positions of leadership including patrol leader, librarian and troop guide. As a Scout, Brandon earned 30 merit badges and achieved Order of the Arrow.

His Eagle leadership project consisted of planting six trees to help beautify his church, Joy Lutheran. Over the past several years, some of the larger trees on the property had to be removed due to age and disease. Last year, Hurricane Ike blew over two of the largest pecan trees remaining on the property. Brandon completed his project, totaling 155 hours of service, with the help of 15 scouts from his troop and seven adults.

In addition to digging the holes and planting the trees, they installed an irrigation system to help the trees get through the first couple of years of the hot and dry Texas summers.



Fifth-graders at Southminster School are participating in a paper recycling program.

Southminster School is Going Green

The fifth grade class at Southminster School has started a year-long paper recycling program with the help of parent volunteer **Patty Godfrey**. To kick off the project, students ordered and assembled recycling boxes for every classroom and office in the school and church. Each student prepared a speech about the importance of recycling and shared their thinking with the entire school and staff as they distributed the boxes.

Each week the boxes are emptied by the fifth-grade students and the paper is hauled to a recycling center by a parent volunteer. The fifth graders will fulfill a part of their service hour requirements through their participation in this project.



(l-r, back row) Savannah Zamudio, Andrew Fails, Andrew Vavra, Alberto Martinez; (front row) Alise Isaksen, Elizabeth Cantu and Nick Smith

Lamar Consolidated HS Technology Students Garner Two Top 10s at Nationals

Seven students from Lamar Consolidated High School attended the Technology Student Association National Conference in Denver, competing with nearly 5,000 students from all over the United States and Germany for five days in events designed for students with an interest in technology and engineering.

The team of **Elizabeth Cantu, Andrew Fails** and **Savannah Zamudio** placed ninth in Scientific and Technical Visualization. The competition involved creating a three-minute animation using 3D software to explain a scientific or technical concept. In addition to recognition on stage, the students were awarded \$8,000 worth of software from AutoDesk.

Alise Isaksen and **Andrew Vavra** placed 10th in Debating Technological Issues. They had to write both pro and con cases for the statement, "High school students in leading countries have better skills in science and math than American students" and debated against other teams.

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