

# Pennies, nickels add up for young saver

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Change is good - just ask Aliber Garza.

Ten-year-old Aliber has more than he can count. By saving over the last five years pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and the occasional a dollar bill or two, he has filled a 10-gallon water container completely to the brim in effort to raise enough for a trip to Disneyland.

The giant collection jug is no longer liftable, but is certainly valuable. Aliber said he had "no idea" of the total worth of the thousands of coins until Thursday afternoon, when a counting machine at a local bank determined it contained \$917.

"We're excited about being able to find out," he told the *Brownfield News*.

Aliber formed the idea to save up for the trip to meet Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and his other favorite Disney characters when, at age 5, he saw photos from a vacation his older sister, Crystal, took to the California theme park.

"My sister went to Disneyland, and I didn't get to go because I wasn't born yet," he said.

He then began putting away change and requesting the rest of his family do the same. While it might have been tempting to grab a couple quarters for a soda here and there, he thought

instead about the long-term benefits of leaving the money, reminding himself of how much more fun he would have on his dream vacation.

"We pay in dollars and save the change," said his mother, Beatriz. "It's all savings - he's never taken anything."

With most of the funds collected, Aliber is now planning his upcoming trip in more detail. He looks forward to bringing his nephews, Nick, Andrew and Matthew.

And while Aliber did meet his main goal of earning a significant portion of his trip funds, he more importantly learned some lessons in math and financial responsibility.

"I'm very proud of him," Beatriz Garza said. "He's learned that you've got to save money to get what you want - you can't just have it."



Ten-year-old Aliber Garza counts his savings. Aliber has been collecting change in anticipation of a trip to Disneyland since he was 5.

## Senior Menus

- Brownfield Senior Citizens Center, Feb. 11-15**
- Monday** - Rigatoni with meat sauce, garlic bread, seasoned lima beans, mandarin oranges, low-fat milk
  - Tuesday** - Vegetable beef stew, cornbread, tossed salad, orange pineapple cup, low-fat milk, margarine
  - Wednesday** - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, stewed okra, seasoned corn, pumpkin squares, low-fat milk
  - Thursday** - Beef taco bake, Spanish rice, cauliflower, tossed salad, country apple crisp, low-fat milk
  - Friday** - Barbecued chicken filet, baked potato, whole wheat roll, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, low-fat milk, margarine

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