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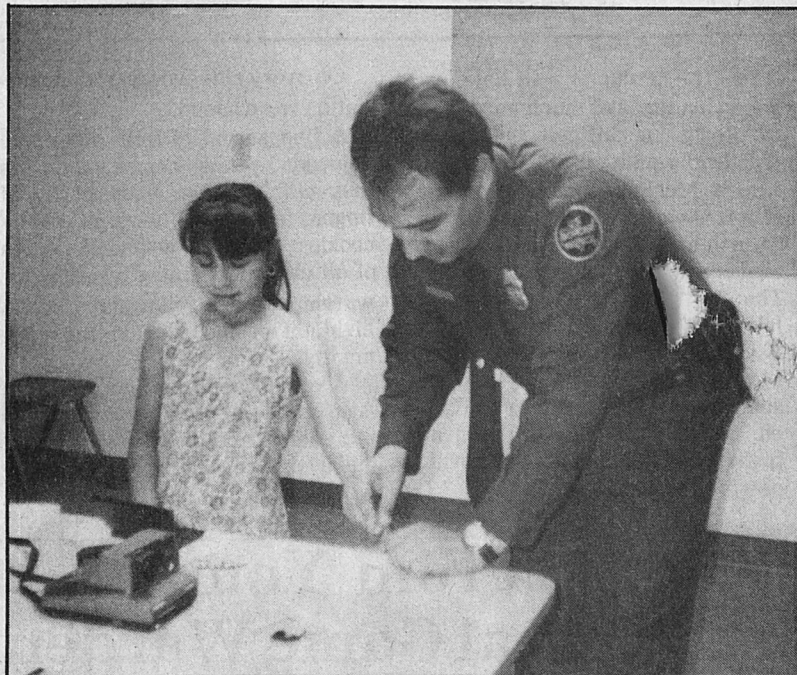
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# The Brackett News

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*"If a man had half as much insight, as he has hindsight, he would have twice as much foresight."*



The Border Patrol was at Jones Elementary, Monday, November 20, fingerprinting and photographing children at the parents request. It is a service provided to help keep children safe. Above Agent Fuentes fingerprints a second grade student.

## A. A. Meetings Scheduled to Start

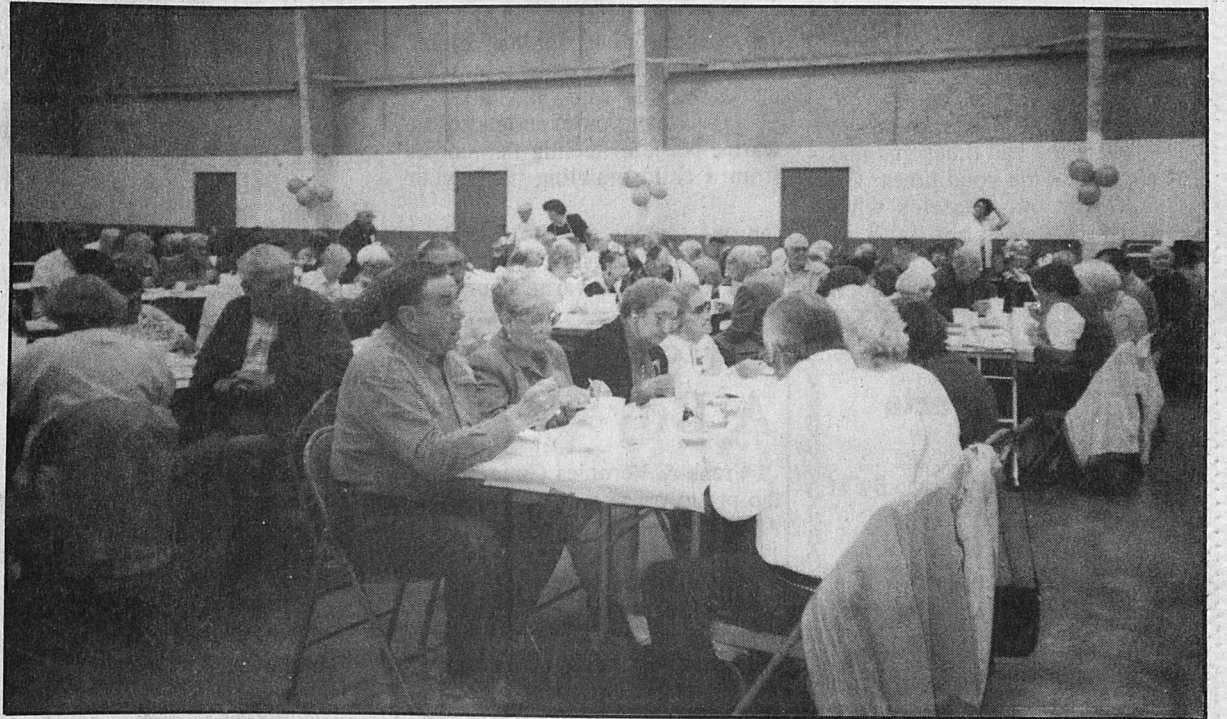
Is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership we are self-supporting through our own contributions.

A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes.

Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

Starting November 27, at 8 PM, A.A. members will meet every Monday night at the Methodist Fellowship Hall on James street in Brackettville. Anyone who has a problem related to alcohol is welcome.



Over 300 individuals were served turkey, cornbread stuffing and all the trimmings at the first annual Kinney County Thanksgiving dinner.

## Local Heros Continue To Help Get The Sports Complex Finished



Pictured above Don Hood loading a dump truck.

Community support continues to pour in for our new sports complex under construction. When it came time to level the lots with fill, the Johnny Fritter family came forward and offered the use of their caliche pit across the road from the complex. The Fritters, Johnny, his mother Gladys, and sister Barbara Lomax donated enough material to provide a level foundation for the new boys baseball field. All in all there were over 400 loads of caliche spread over the field.

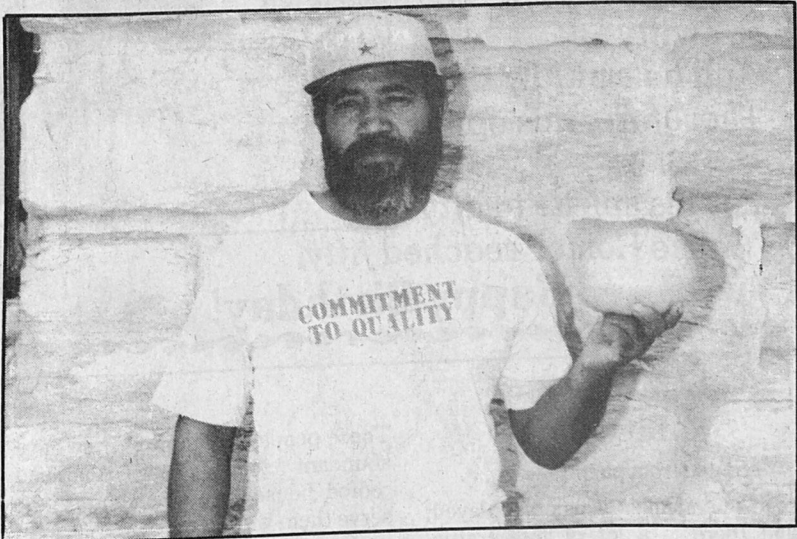
When the field was level and ready for black dirt, two other local families offered to donate enough black dirt to cover the field. The Bud and Stan Conoly families donated all the dirt for the girls field and Don and Jean Hood donated the dirt for the boys field. Don not only provided the dirt but he donated the time on his dump truck and actually operated his loader to help haul the material. He was even seen driving the dump truck too!

So if you see any of these mem-



Johnny Fritter

bers of our community stop and thank them for the generous support they are giving to our town and to our kids.



When life hands you lemons! You've heard that old saying right? Well Roy Estrada of Brackettville can sure make a lot of lemonade with this lemon.

Roy got his lemon from Mario who lives in Eagle Pass. The lemon weighed 2 lbs, was 15 inches in diameter and 7 inches long. Make lemonade, Roy.

## Brackettville Rotary Club

By Frances McMaster  
Contributing Writer

Rotarian Marcia Thurman recently accompanied her husband, Dr. Charles Schmidt, to Guatemala for a month's stay. Dr. Schmidt was sponsored by Rotary International to bring dental care to needful Guatemalans in remote areas. Marcia is a licensed practical nurse and a Sergeant First Class, retired from the U.S. Army. On November the 16th, Marcia shared her experiences with the Rotary Club.

Dr. Schmidt went on a similar trip last year. In fact, he and Marcia married a few months after his return. This year they made the trip together.

They landed in Guatemala City. Rotary International had made arrangements for their quick passage through Customs since they were carrying medical drugs and various items needed for their work. A person displaying a sign with their names on it greeted them and took them to their hotel. Marcia described the hotel as beautiful and opened to the air since the temperature was ideal.

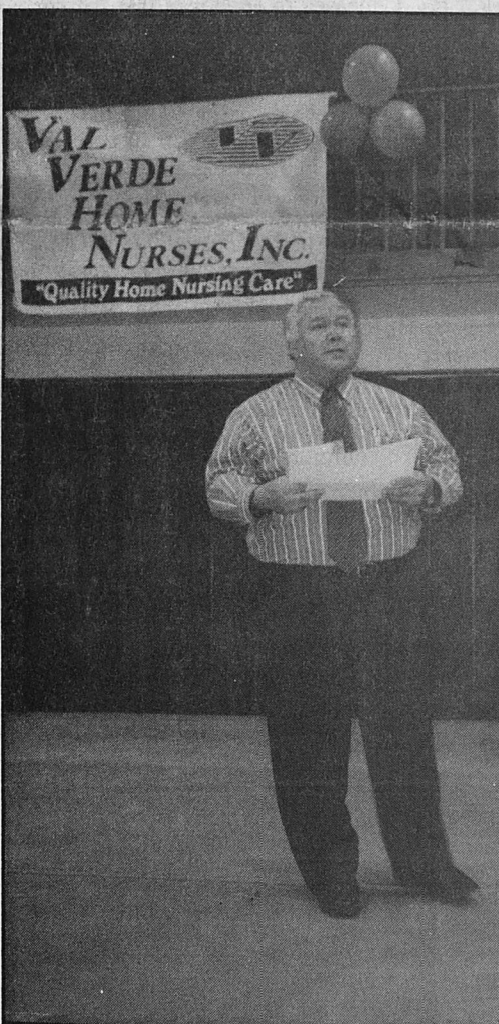
The next day Padre Paul, the Catholic priest in the small village where they would be staying, arrived to drive them there. Speed limits existed only in theory, it seemed, since no one observed them. Marcia described a harrowing trip driven on a narrow road skirting the mountain. Passing a car was a chilling experience. At one spot they had to ford a river since a truck had crashed into and demolished the bridge.

Dr. Schmidt worked in a small clinic in a village. His patients came from the surrounding countryside and nearby villages. He treated around 40 people a day, most of whom needed extensive work. Some required multiple extractions. He worked long hours and half of Saturday. Any sight-seeing trips were limited because of the time factor. Popular tourist attractions were ten hours away and transportation was a crowded bus.

It was hotter in the village where they stayed than in Guatemala City. The climate was very humid and it rained often. Washing was draped over bushes to get the sun, but it took two or three days to dry. The colorful laundry added to the spectacular scenery. Hibiscus and bougainvillea grew everywhere.

The people are very friendly. They sit outside in the evenings because of the heat. The electric generator that serves the clinic is shut down in the evenings to conserve energy. There are no electric lamps. In the villages there are

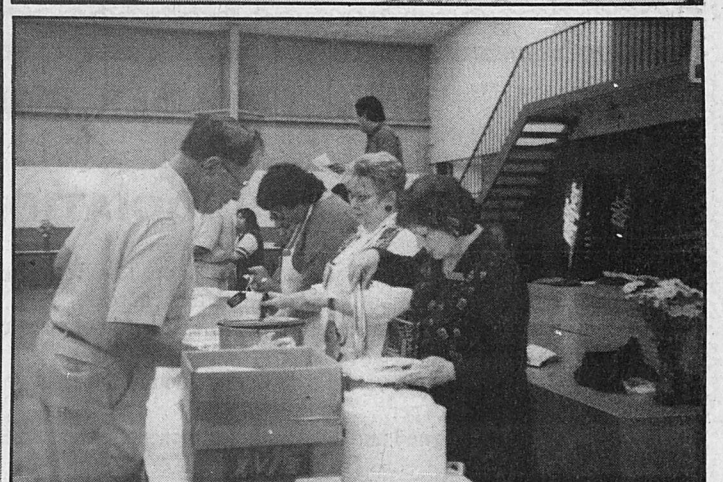
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Joe Castro Director of Business Service for Val Verde Home Nurses, Inc. addresses the crowd.



The serving lines moved along very rapidly.



## First Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, Huge Success!

What is hoped to be an annual event for Kinney County, turned out to be a huge success despite the unpredictable weather conditions. On Friday, November 17th, the rain kept coming but so did the Senior Citizens and physically challenged of Kinney County, to the first annual Thanksgiving Dinner, sponsored by the Val Verde Home Nurses, Inc. of Del Rio, Tex. Over 300 individuals were served our delicious meal of turkey, cornbread stuffing, vegetable casserole, candied yams, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie.

Val Verde Home Nurses, Inc. of Del Rio worked in conjunction with the Kinney County Nutrition Center to prepare the first time unforgettable and successful event, which also saved Kinney County an unmentionable amount of money.

Hortencia Pena, Director of the Kinney County Nutrition Center would like to extend special thanks to Mr. Roberto Garza, Administrator of Val Verde Home Nurses, Inc. who at one time was Candidate for State Representative, and son of the late Commissioner Joe N. Garza.

Also Yolanda Garza, R.N., Executive Director of Professional Services and wife of Mr. Roberto Garza.

A special thanks is also extended to Mr. Joe Henry Castro, Director of Business Service, and his wife, Charlotte Castro, Office Manager, who together have returned to the Brackettville area to share their happiness and show their appreciation to the residents of this community.

Mrs. Pena would like to acknowledge her very own staff at the Nutrition Center who consist of Maria D. Martinez, Maryn Caton, and Felipa Avila. These ladies prepared all week for this event and did a tremendous job. Thank you ladies.

Mrs. Pena would also like to thank the Kinney County Commissioners Court for the use of the Civic Center and to Mr. Paul O'Rourke who was the only Kinney County Commissioner who made a brief appearance at this function.

Thanks to Mr. Tully Shahan, Kinney County Attorney, who took time out of his busy schedule to help assist in serving our meal.

To Mr. and Mrs. Don and Flo-

rence Steinbach of San Antonio, Texas, Mrs. Pena wishes to sincerely thank them for their tremendously generous donation towards our meal. Due to their kindness of giving of themselves, our dinner was a huge success.

Last but not least, Mrs. Pena wishes to whole heartedly thank all of the volunteers including the staff of Val Verde Home Nurses, Inc. and the volunteer services they provided in serving the meal, cleaning and everything else which went along with this dinner to make it the success it was. If anyone was left out, I apologize, but the list was too great to mention.

At the end of this very successful but hard worked day, Mrs. Pena managed to comment, It took a lot of hard work to prepare this meal but despite the weather conditions, we still had a tremendous turnout. I guess this goes to show the strong support our Senior Citizens have for our Senior Program. The support is great, and as long as my Senior Citizens continue to support me, I will continue to support them and be there for them because I care."

# Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



Thanksgiving! What does Thanksgiving mean to you? What does it mean to me? Perhaps we would do well to reflect on that for a moment.

Many of us take for granted the meaning of Thanksgiving and our first thoughts are of turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, pies, and all the other tasty food prepared for the celebration of this holiday. Maybe family get-togethers, friends over to watch a ball game, and we should give Thanks for those things, for they are important.

But maybe we should look a little deeper inside ourselves and give Thanks for all the other blessings that come our way. Maybe we should give Thanks for blue skies, sunshine, and rain when we need it.

We should give Thanks for good friends, family, a good horse, a good dog, and a good woman (or man as the case may be).

Maybe we should give Thanks for the bad times that make us appreciate the good times. Give Thanks for our enemies whose actions truly test our faith and courage and make us appreciate our loyal friends and family members.

Have you ever sat on your back porch at dusk and listened to the chirping of a cricket? Or maybe walked out in the woods, sat down on a log and listened to the stirrings of the wildlife and night creatures as they prepared for the night? Or maybe listened to the sounds of soft rain on a tin roof? Give Thanks for that for there are those who can't hear.

Have you watched a red-gold sunset lately and have you seen the silver lining around a cloud? Maybe you have watched the birds as they fly low across the sky, hurrying to reach their roosting place for the night. Give Thanks for all the wonders you can see, for there are those who are blind.

Have you enjoyed an evening talking and laughing with good friends or family or talked softly in the night with your loved one, making plans for the future? Give Thanks for those blessings, for there are those who can't talk.

Have you experienced the warm, peaceful feeling that comes from a child crawling up in your

lap and looking up into your face with innocent, trusting eyes? Or the good feeling that warms your heart

from the touch of a loved one or good friend who casually places their hand on your shoulder just to let you know that they care? Or words of encouragement, love, and support when you are down? Have you shed a tear because of the loss of a loved one or a friend? Give Thanks for all those things and for those tears, for the shedding of tears at the loss of a loved one or friend means that you had someone you cared about enough to mourn the loss of, and there are those who have no loved ones, no friends to give them encouragement and love, and no one to mourn for when they are gone.

Yes, Thanksgiving is a time to rejoice, a time to feast, and a time to reflect on our blessings. And Thanksgiving means different things to different people, and we should give Thanks for that too. For we, the free American people of this wonderful country, still have the right to be different, have different thoughts, beliefs, and feelings about things in our lives.

For all the above I am Thankful, you should be too! God Bless you and yours and have a very happy Thanksgiving!

THAT'S ALL!

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Wisdom is knowing when you can't be wise.  
—Paul Engle

## It's A Boy

Frank & Veronica Gutierrez are the proud parents of a baby boy, Andres Francisco, born November 11, 1995, at 11:13 p.m. in Frio County Hospital in Pearsall, Texas, he weigh in at 8lbs., 13 1/2 oz., 23 1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Andres Escobar of Acuna Coahu., Mexico and Mr. & Mrs. Francisco Gutierrez of Brackettville, Texas.



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## Val Verde Memorial Hospital To Offer Wellness Classes

Kelly Warren, RN, RDCS, Community Education Coordinator for Val Verde Memorial Hospital, is pleased to announce that the hospital will be offering wellness classes to help you get fit for the holidays! These initial wellness programs will be free of charge to anyone in Del Rio and the surrounding area interested in attending. Topics of the first three programs are: 'Sit To Be Fit', 'Beat The Holiday Blues', and 'Healthy Holiday Eating'. There will be additional programs offered after the first of the year. "The goal of the Val Verde Memorial Hospital Wellness Program is centered around the hospital's commitment to promote the community's general well being,

healthy living, and prevention of diseases," Ms. Warren stated. Ms. Warren continued, "the hospital is also forming a speaker's bureau that will consist of experts not only from the hospital, but other local healthcare providers and professionals in the community." The first classes will be offered twice daily on the following dates: 'Beat the Holiday Blues', Monday, November 20th; 'Health Holiday Eating', Tuesday, November 21st and Wednesday, December 13th, and 'Sit To Be Fit', on Thursday, December 14th. For additional information and/or times the program will be presented, please call 775-8566, Ext 174. Val Verde Memorial Hospital, Partners In Caring for YOUR Good Health!

## Rambling Around Kinney County

By THE K.C. RAMBLER  
The holiday season always arrives in a flurry of activity. So much to get done, so many folks to see so much shopping to do. With all this hustle and bustle let's sit quietly and remember the true reason of Christmas. But first, let's celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Many families will share their blessings together. Many others will be alone. Wouldn't it be nice if everyone had a special place to go? Last Friday offered just such a place. Thanksgiving dinner - turkey with all the fixin's - was served by Val Verde Home Nurses, Inc. to all seniors and disabled in K.C. Delicious food, many smiles, lots of visiting. If you missed it this year, be sure to be there next year. If you or someone you know is in need of home care of any sort, do call 210-774-2198 or 210-774-2887. Someone will help you in finding exactly the



sort of assistance for which you are searching. Those beautiful, huge pointsettas should arrive this weekend at the Sunshine Nursery. Better get there early as they are snapped up in a hurry. Remember, too, that fresh flower arrangements are available at The Gift Box, The Rose Petal, and Gracie's. You can also wire flower arrangements all around the country through these local stores. You couldn't ask for nicer weather right now. Plenty of sunshine and clear air. The heavy rain we just had has been a blessing for us all. Drive carefully remembering children have several days off from school. Enjoy your long weekend with family and friends.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

## Thanksgiving

We have many things to be thankful for. Good health, family, friends, food and shelter. Mainly we are thankful to Our Heavenly Father who made these things possible.

At this time we would like to say Thanks to and for all the people who make this paper possible.

Thanks to all the people who write weekly columns and others who submit articles from time to time.

Thanks to all our advertisers. They keep us going.

Thanks to all the people who share articles - weddings, anniversaries, visitors and human interest stories.

Thanks to my typesetters, photo developer, ad salesman and the others who help out the paper together and get it ready to press.

Thanks to the press men at the Del Rio News Herald who do the printing for us.

Last but not least Thanks to all of you who buy "The Brackett News" We appreciate your support.

The Brackett News will be closed Thursday and Friday. If you have news items just slip them under the front door. **Happy Thanksgiving.**

Sincerely,  
Jewel F. Robinson  
Publisher

## Mr. & Mrs. Joe Don Ferguson And Family

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Don Ferguson and daughters Tracy 4 and Kimberly 2, have moved to Brackettville from Presidio, Texas.

Agent Ferguson is currently connected with the local Border Patrol. He is very happy to be moving "home" with friends and family and plans to build a new home very soon.



## Between Us

By Joe Townsend



The Community Thanksgiving Service was an outstanding event. It was at the First Baptist Church. Gil Ash and the people of First Baptist did an excellent job of hosting the event and served an outstanding array of confections to the people of the congregation following the service. The Thanks giving message was brought by Sharee Harris, pastor of First Methodist Church.

Outstanding music was presented by the Voices of Ft. Clark. The Voices is a fine group of "Voices" molded into a remarkable music team. The group is well balanced giving evidence of much hard work to present a difficult but totally delightful rendition.

Mrs. McNews has done an outstanding work with this fine group. Gil Ash and his wife Annie uplifted every heart with a beautiful duet. The Rev. Bill Adams, pastor St. John's Baptist Church, Father Lavelle, priest of St. Mary Magdalene Church, and Joe Townsend, pastor Frontier Baptist Church, participated in the program presented to a well filled auditorium of worshippers.

On every side words of commendation were heard.

A fine period of fellowship was enjoyed by the congregation as they nibbled on a wide array of finger foods and various exotic cookies. This fellowship of people of all churches joining together for worship and fellowship is a highlight of the year in the community.

A vote of appreciation is due Gil Ash and First Baptist Church for the energy and effort expended to make the service the success it was.

## From Your Local Game Warden

By Henry J. Lutz  
Kinney County Game Warden

Thanksgiving is the time of year to be thankful, as the name implies. It is a time when we should take time from our busy lives, realize what we have been given or have received, and maybe what we have given over the past year, and thank God for it. Cathy and I are thankful for the opportunity we received to move to this community. We are thankful for the many people of this area who have made us feel welcome. We hope, over the coming years, to continue to give back to the community many times over what we receive from it.

Thanksgiving is also a time for tradition; turkeys, hams, tamales, spending time with family, and the like. Every family has its own traditions. It is also a good time to start a new tradition; spend some quality time with your children. Enjoying the outdoors and the many things it has to offer, including hunting and fishing, bird-watching, or observing the many wild critters that we have in our area, are but a few ways to spend some quality time with your kids. Teach your children about their, family, their past, their traditions, nature, manners, respect for themselves and others, life. Don't expect the schools to teach your child everything he or she needs to know. These are things that schools can't teach. Parents need to have some input into their child's learning and mental growth.

An event occurred last week that brings all of this to light. Four persons were caught shooting deer from

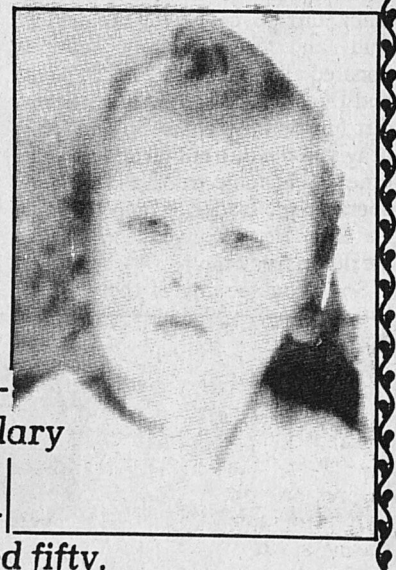
the road at night. These 4 persons were 2 fathers and their sons, ages 21 and 13. Everyone, including the 13 year old, was taking an active part in the illegal activity. One of the fathers was jailed because of outstanding warrants. They had six deer piled in the back of a van; some no bigger than a large dog; all shot with a .22 rifle that they had just purchased that day.

What are these fathers teaching their sons? What will the sons do when they grow up? These questions, of course, do not apply to hunting, but to all things in which the parents should be setting an example for their children.

I was given a phrase as quoted by Cotton Cordell in *Texas Trophy Hunter's Magazine*, March/April 1995 edition, that says: "First, teach a child to love God; Second, teach them to love their family; Third, teach them to hunt and fish; And by the time they reach their teens, no dope peddler under the sun will ever have a chance to teach them anything!" If you teach the children about the many good things, there will be less chance that anyone can teach them the bad things. I realize that many families don't have a place to hunt or fish. There are many other activities such as attending local sports events, going to or renting movies, going to church, and enjoying the outdoors that families can do together. If parents spend more quality time with their kids, teach them right from wrong, and provide a good example to their children, everyone will have something more to be thankful for.

## This Is Homer

Friends think it's so nifty -  
That Homer reached fifty,  
But Homer is snifty 'And big-time mifty -  
For the years passed so swiftly  
And he's pithily tifty -  
Therefore, this epistolary is a gifty -  
For his spirits to lifty -  
'Cause Homer reached fifty.  
**Happy Birthday!**



## Brackettville Rotary Club

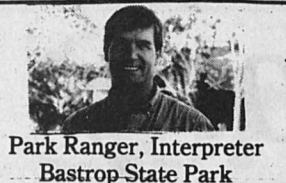
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roadside stands. Music is played, and there is a lot of foot traffic. Chickens, goats and sheep wander around right in the heart of town. Marcia chuckled and said it was wise to watch where one stepped. Sanitation is minimal. One thing Marcia learned on the trip was that poverty is relative.

These people are happy. They have abundant food. Their thatched roofed houses aren't elaborate but serve them well. We enjoyed seeing the "real" Guatemala, not the tourist attractions, through Marcia's eyes. We also look forward to Dr. Schmidt's version of the trip on a future program. Rotary is proud that we are represented by this adventurous couple.

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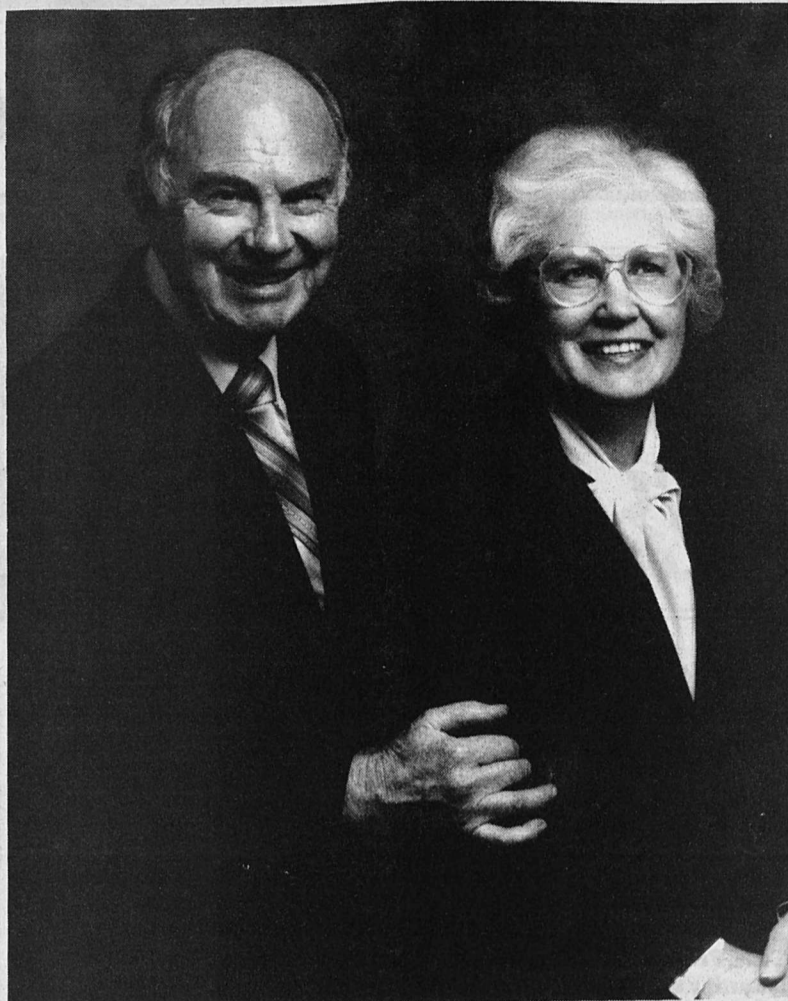
Park Ranger, Interpreter  
Bastrop State Park

Many, many times things just aren't going to work out the way you expect them to. This morning is a "far instance" and I am going to make the most of it. You have to sometimes, but it doesn't help if you have this little sadness stemming from altogether something else. The little frustrations have a much stronger affect on you if there is an unsettled "thing" that needs to be resolved. Each little affront aids the wrong feelings to seem wronger and heavy.

I came into the city to have my new car corrected. First frustration. I came early to get out early and was told it would take all day and to call back at 4 P.M. Second frustration. I called on a ratty pay telephone with bad reception while an ambulance screamed on the near-by expressway. Third frustration. I get an answering machine at the school where my wife works and I know people are everywhere around and none will answer. I tell my hopeless plight of being where I can't be called back and then hang up. Fourth frustration. These are all very small frustrations and I can cope. I will try to not waste the day as I walk around the neighborhood and wait. Maybe write a little. Maybe just set somewhere. I hope the little

frustrations don't nibble on that sad part of me that seems so close to my edges. I won't go into it with you. I'm middle aged and have some sons who are over 16 and less than 30 and that may be all I can say about that. I love them. I hope that they know. The best I can do today is look out on the positive and the beautiful.

Today as I look out on the Austin streets and traffic and rest under an awning thankful that I live the place I do and the way I do, I see weather that at this time of year normally proceeds a cold spell. Misty rain has slickened the highways. Brakes are almost useless and you can hear squealing tires regularly all directions. I'm reminded of good times I've had in big German cities in bad weather. I remember smells of coffee and rolls and the inevitable mix of good and bad that cities possess. This morning it's easier for me to go in memories than in the truth. That's sometimes a sweet enough way to go. I'm as fortunate as anyone gets to be. My list of good is very big and the other list if only for today I'll pretend Ranger's just grabbed it and taken it out of my grasp and swam with it into the lake. At that I can laugh.



50th Wedding Anniversary

Fort Clark Springs Members Henry & Olive Barber will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Thanksgiving Day at Fort Clark. The Barber's were married November 23, 1945 in Pennsylvania shortly after Henry was discharged from the Navy. They now make their home in Houston. Their daughter, Jan B. Nelson, resides at Fort Clark & works at Member Services.

County Agent News

by Alan L. McWilliams



The day after Thanksgiving traditionally marks the beginning of the Christmas season, a time when acres of Christmas trees start popping up on street-corner lots.

Some folks will drive out to a choose-and-cut tree farm or on a ranch for Texas-grown Virginia pines and Afgans. Besides these varieties, retail lots will offer fir and spruce from the North. Some nurseries also will be selling trees with roots intact to plant outside after Christmas.

Which ever method you chose, buying the right Christmas tree and keeping it fresh requires some thought and planning.

Before buying a tree, determine where in the home the tree should go. Often a tree looks smaller at a tree farm or out in the pasture. It is a good idea to take along a measuring device such as a pole or stick to determine the height of the tree.

Once the tree is home, cut the bottom quarter inch off the trunk. This keeps the trunk from being sealed off with sap and allows the tree to continue drinking water.

Place the tree in a water-holding stand right away. If the tree is not going to be decorated immediately, place it in a bucket of water in a cool space such as a garage.

The tree needs water at all times. Never allow it to become dry. A normal 6 to 8 foot Christmas tree can drink up to a gallon of water in the first 24 hour period after it is cut.

Keep the tree away from all heat sources, fireplaces, or television sets. Make sure lights and electrical connections are in good working condition to avoid fires.

You need to do a freshness test at the lot. The needles should be resilient. Hold a branch about six inches from the tip, allowing the branches to slip through your fingers. On a fresh tree, the needles should not fall off in your hand.

Next, lift the tree a couple of inches off the ground and let it drop on the stump end. Examine the needles that fall. Most of the needles that have died, but if you have a lot of green needles fall from the tree, that is a sign that the tree has dried out. A good fragrance and a healthy green color also indicate freshness.

Trees that will be planted outside

after Christmas should be handled differently. Since they are living plants, they cannot be kept in the house for much more than a week.

If you are upset at the thought of so many trees being cut each year, you might be interested to know that for every Christmas tree cut, there are two of three new seedlings planned to ensure a supply of Christmas trees in the future.

Cities have begun all types of recycling projects for used Christmas trees. Trees are chipped for use in landscaping. Cities near major lakes are sinking trees into the water to provide excellent habitat for fish.

Eighteen Kinney County sheep and goat producers gathered together on November 16 at the Kinney County Wool & Mohair warehouse to listen to a program given by Mr. Chris Hobson. Mr. Hobson is an angora goat producer from South Africa. He was here visiting and spoke to the group about vertical integration of wool and mohair. Vertical Integration simply put means that the person producing the product continues to receive revenues for his product as it moves up the production line. For example, he is paid for his mohair that is brought into the warehouse but continues to derive money for the mohair when it is sold as a clean product, receives money when it is sold to a spinner to make a garment and receives money when it is finally marketed to the consumer.

This is very different from the way we operate in the U.S. typically as the producer is paid for his product when it is sold at the warehouse and that is usually the last and only point he receives and money. From there, it is brought and resold a number of times by the various companies that handle each aspect of production. The concept is interesting and has U.S. producers thinking.

Also on the program was Mr. Charles Henson representing the Consolidated Farm Services Agency in Kinney County to answer questions about the guaranteed minimum price sales contracts that producers are eligible to enter into with a warehouse in order to receive incentive payments.

Community's Annual Christmas Baskets For The Needy

On November 6, the first organizational meeting for the 1995 Community's Annual Christmas Baskets For The Needy was held at the Fort Clark Adult Center. Representatives of civic and fraternal organization, churches, business, individuals and friends attended this important meeting. Last year over 100 families received Christmas baskets. This resulted in over 300 boxes of foods and toys being delivered that had a value of over \$2400.

The following committee will determine the needy families: Agapito Saenz, Shirley Holloway, Beverly Wright and Carmen Berlanga. The Fort Clark Springs

Association has agreed to let use the Service Club, December 21st through 23rd. We will pack boxes on December 21 and 22, beginning at 9 AM each day. Delivery will be on Saturday December 23, starting at 9 AM.

Everyone is invited to help with this community project. Our next organization meeting will be on Monday, December 4, at 1:00 PM at the Fort Clark Adult Center. If you or your organization would like to be involved call Phil Land at 563-2880 or Ruben Martinez at 563-9103 or write Brackettville Lions Club, P.O. Box 1211, Brackettville, Texas 78832. Donations of foods, toys and money will be appreciated.

So long as we love we serve; so long as we are loved by others, I would almost say that we are indispensable; and no man is unless he has a friend.

—Robert Louis Stevenson



Making A Difference

By TAYLOR STEPHENSON  
BISD Curriculum Director

Choosing Not To Use

One of the best programs that I have seen at Brackett ISD was given by the students as their red ribbon message of being drug free. It's a message that our community needs to teach -- "Choose Not to Use." Just how is our community doing? We truly don't know. I'm told that we can't survey student drug use because the questions violate confidentiality requirements. So, all we have to go on is what we hear. Folks, civic clubs, churches, schools, law enforcement and all other interested helpers should work on this together. We need to give the young people of our community a chance to live without drug addiction. Teach the children.

Sometimes, the answer is not more education about drugs. Knowing more can sometimes arouse a curiosity to try drugs. So, there's more to it than just knowing what drug does what. It's what happens when you become addicted to drugs that bothers me. The message is one that every community has experienced. We have lost some great kids who wandered off the deep end in this fast thrill world. Are drugs here? You bet. Are drugs a problem? You bet. Are they a problem in every community. Yes. We must teach choosing not to use and give good reasons why.

Some good news! National crime statistics show a sharp decline in crime among adults. The older generation seems to be acting more responsibly. The downside is that the youth of our nation are showing sharp increases in crime involving weapons. Throughout our land, our young folks are solving their problems with guns. I don't doubt that most of the crimes are precipitated by the use of drugs. Nationwide, lots of crime takes place after school until 8 at night. Analysts think it's a time when parents are working, and there is nothing for kids to do. They suggest more organized youth activities from 3 until 8 in the evening. I think they are right. I also have great concerns about a need for more summer activity for our kids.

A positive note: most of the youth in Kinney County are busy with school activities during this period of time. Athletics, FFA, 4-H, music and the likes seem to help. So, parents try to keep kids involved in school activities. To the town planners, we should think about activity after school and during the summer. I have found Kinney County kids to be respectful and goal oriented. These are good kids who deserve our support. As a community, we must continue to try to help keep drugs out of Kinney County.

No school should tolerate drugs. Law enforcement must crack the whip hard when drugs are being sold or used. Civic clubs and churches must continue to provide support for kids as a positive alternative to life in the fast lane.

It's a tough problem. We are on a major pipeline flowing from South

of the Border (not necessarily Mexico, but from points even farther South). Our kids are exposed to drugs in Brackettville. Let's give the kids all the support that they need to "choose not to use."

One of the positive school activities that I saw this year was the "Choose Not to Use" Rally held on November 15 at BISD. All the school kids were assembled in the gym to participate in a grand rally. Susan Harrison was the architect of this project. She did it well. Let me tell you what happened:

The school band was there as were the cheerleaders and the Winter Guard. All did their part with songs, cheers, and dances designed to give support to those school children who choose not to use. Our kids got the message that there are other kids just like them that choose not to use. The scene in the gym was enhanced by red balloons and drug free ribbons worn by every student and adult. A chant by the kindergarten said "If you're drug free and you know it...just say no." Denise Frerich, Senior Class President, told about getting high on life without drugs.

Our fifth grade class did a skit ably led by Douglas Sanchez about don't smoke...you'll choke." Cigarette smoking among our youth is increasing. Wendy Goodloe, President of the Junior Class, told students about drugs taking away control of their lives. She stressed, "it all begins with you and your decision to want to be an independent person." The third grade did a song... "What do you need a heart for?" Perhaps the most original skit was given by the chemistry class on the dangers of smoking (great visuals...clean lungs all the way to barbecued lungs).

Michael Aguirre related that sports and drugs do not mix. He told of the importance of athletes being role models for younger children. Amanda Petrosky, President of the 9th grade, said "it's time to make your choice...choose not to use." Jessica Jaso read a poem about standing up and choosing to be drug free. The first grade chanted with visuals about being drug free. The second grade chanted about drugs...that naughty stuff...listen to McGruff.

Courtney Harrison, Student Council President, had us join hands and form a circle of care. She told students that they went to one of the best schools in the state and that they could all be winners...she asked that we show our support and love for each other by forming a circle of care that gave strength and support. It was a display of unity.

That's about it. A super program culminating with a circle of care. Our community must continue to care and must take the lead in supporting the young people who choose not to use. This week, a salute to those students who truly choose not to use. Hang in there, we're in your corner!

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7 TV's "Twin"  
12 Fop's neckwear  
18 Canal zone?  
19 UK honor  
20 Indoor garden spot  
22 Montana's capital  
23 "America's Most Wanted" abbr.  
24 Doggy doc  
25 Show hosted by Monty Hall  
27 Avenged  
30 Meteorology line  
31 Funnyman Johnson  
32 "Krazy" capital  
33 Olympic troublemaker  
36 Glet  
38 Show hosted by Pat Sajak  
45 City in 3 Down  
49 Owns  
50 Annual award?  
51 Greek consonants  
52 Focused  
54 Sportscaster Merlin

57 - Plaines, Ill.  
58 Show hosted by Jack Barry  
60 She made Krystle bawl  
62 Casino cubes  
64 Questioning sounds  
65 On a whale watch  
66 Mystery  
68 Mrs. Nick Charles  
70 Homer's field  
73 Ransom - Olds  
74 Show hosted by Bill Cullen  
78 Elsie's chew  
81 French bean?  
82 Artist Warhol  
83 Bow and arrow  
86 Warts and all  
88 Audio antiques?  
90 Pitch a tent  
92 Turns inside out  
94 Show hosted by John Daly  
98 Herd word  
100 Kind of creepy  
101 Nero's tutor  
102 "Buttermilk Sky"  
103 Excessively encouraging  
105 Farm animal?  
106 Actor Novarro  
107 Show hosted by Cully

111 Fairway accessory  
113 AMEX rival  
114 Bewilderment  
115 Pick a pol  
119 Noah's parking space  
123 He calls the shots  
128 Show hosted by Garry Moore  
132 Compass pt.  
133 Chicken - king  
134 Poe poem  
135 "Treasure Island" extra  
136 Shriner's headgear  
137 Actor Carliou Barton  
138 School supply  
139 Sherpa site  
140 Pindaric  
141 Portable bed  
1 Cold feet  
2 Produce a pie  
3 Gulf nation  
4 In a good mood  
5 Partner in crime  
6 Apportion, with "out"  
7 "Joey"  
8 Printemps follower

9 Creative type  
10 Buss  
11 Big-league wrestling?  
12 Baby-faced  
13 Stephen of "The Crying Game"  
14 He was Hawkeye  
15 Swerve  
16 Med-school subj.  
17 "A - of Two Cities"  
21 Fairy queen  
26 Topeka's st.  
28 Luau instrument  
29 Baited the bully  
34 "William Tell" composer  
35 High dudgeon  
37 Gang  
38 Cowboy's "Stop!"  
39 Actress Berry  
40 Ruhr Valley city  
41 Passing fashion  
42 News org.  
43 Pleasant  
44 Wet Williams  
46 Athenian arcade  
47 Be an environmentalist

48 Feathered friend?  
53 Bangkok resident  
55 Way out  
56 It falls but never breaks  
58 Actor Stamp  
59 Salad type  
61 Captain Hook's mate  
63 Caesar's cohort  
67 In an appropriate way  
69 Radames' love  
71 Inspect too closely?  
72 Figaro's offering  
75 Hatch a new scheme  
76 Emblems  
77 Shady character?  
78 Crows' comments  
79 Bridesmaid's escort  
80 Artemis, in Rome  
84 Pianist Claudio  
85 Economize  
87 Sunflower support  
89 Rural sight  
91 Glued  
93 Ward in "Wagon Train"

95 Edinburgh native  
96 Hall & Oates hit  
97 Take-home  
99 Bonfire residue  
103 Muckraker Nellie  
104 Longed for  
108 Implicate  
109 Shape an eyebrow  
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112 Roman or Christian  
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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19)  
You need to sit down with that special someone and come to a meeting of the minds early in the week. Ultimately, you come to an important decision. This weekend highlights good times in the bosom of family.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20)  
You can barely concentrate now as you happily anticipate this week's holiday. However, you must tend to what must be done on the job before swinging into celebration mode. Family members share your enthusiasm.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20)  
Double-check everything to be sure you're fully prepared for company. Enlist the aid of someone who can help you organize everything. Temper a child's boisterousness by assigning little tasks. Work interests are favored.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)  
You don't have to have a houseful if you don't want to. Consider making reservations at a favorite restaurant, but do so early in the week. If you do have guests, make sure everything is in order on the home front.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22)  
Forget about that home-improvement project. This isn't the time to begin something of that magnitude. Instead, spiff up your abode for the company which is sure to arrive. Overnight guests are also likely.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22)  
Don't worry so much about going off your diet this week. This isn't the time to count calories. However, do be sure you go back to your regimen as soon as the big day is over. The weekend is good for relaxation and cleanup.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22)  
You are the consummate host or hostess and really look forward to these special times. Your home is fairly sparkling, the crystal is ready and you're set to entertain. Don't allow another's bad mood to spoil this.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21)  
You're a bit of a grump now since you're not exactly looking forward to having guests over. Try to overcome this and you are guaranteed a good time. Your mate is looking to you for your cooperation. Don't disappoint.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21)  
You're unable to get much done early in the week since your mind is on what's coming later on. Co-workers and bigwigs are understanding and everyone pitches in to clear up what must be done. You enjoy a wonderful holiday.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19)  
You are a bundle of energy now and get everything done early in the week. Thus, when you finally sit down to that holiday table, you can relax and enjoy yourself. Family members are in particularly festive moods.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18)  
Your gregarious personality is always fulfilled during holiday weeks and this week is no exception. You're gadding about, seeking out the company of family and friends. Rest up over the weekend.


**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20)  
You are so excited now, you can barely stop your happy tummy from growling early in the week as you anticipate those holiday goodies. Take time to count your blessings. You have a lot to be grateful for.



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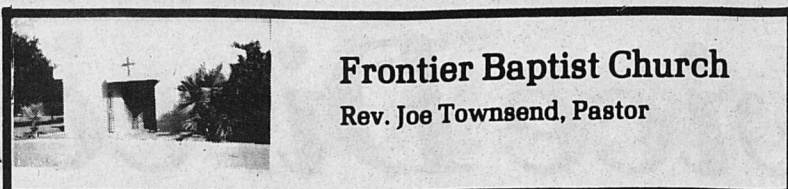
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### Frontier Baptist Church

Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

To try to list everything we are and should be thankful for is an exercise in futility so long would be the list. Close to the top of the list however is the future. Thank God for tomorrow. Based on the actions of the past and because of our faith in God we can face the future thanking God for it.

The future gives us opportunity for reparations. For those dangling results of failures and mistakes tomorrow gives opportunity to rectify and abate unfavorable results.

Tomorrow is a time of opportunity. It gives opportunity to do things left undone or needing to be done. It is a new opportunity to do our job better. Whatever our responsibilities in life, tomorrow offers an opportunity to handle them better.

The future gives opportunity to grow in Jesus Christ. The past has offered the change of an enrichment of life through Jesus Christ. This however is just a taste of what can through our enjoyment of fellowship with Jesus.

Thank God for the blessings ahead. He will guide me. I simply

must let him direct my path. He will encourage me even when my faith wavers and the sky falls in on me.

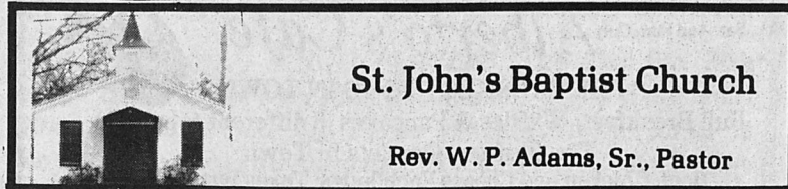
He will meet my needs. He has in the past and will continue to in the days ahead.

He will pick me up when I fall, and I will fall. Always he has been close by when I fall and always picks me up. Whenever I need Him, He will be waiting in the wings, watching and caring.

He will forgive my sins just like He has in the past. He will prepare me for heaven by forgiving my sins because I have put my faith in Jesus as my savior.

When the clock of my life winds down He will take me to heaven to spend eternity with Him and to be united with family, loved ones, and friends who await my arrival and others who will come along later.

Tomorrow will be better. God will make it better. Thank God for the future. There will be another message from the Word of God at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday. Come and see.



### St. John's Baptist Church

Rev. W. P. Adams, Sr., Pastor

And in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will Praise thee; though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid; for the LORD, even JEHOVAH, is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

Therefore, with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people make mention that his name is exalted.

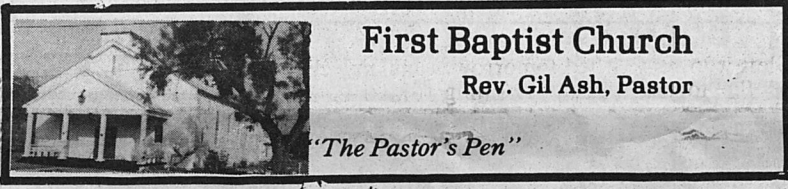
Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things. This is known

in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of zion; for great is the Holy One of Israel in the Midst of thee. ISAIAH 12. Praise the LORD.

November 23, 1995  
 Thanksgiving Evening Worship  
 6 P.M. St. John B/C  
 116 W. Crockett St.  
 Everyone Invited  
 Praise The LORD

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, o most High. Psalms; 92:1

Sermon By The Pastor  
 Rev. W.P. Adams Sr.



### First Baptist Church

Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor

"The Pastor's Pen"

A fellow once said, "sic-em" to his dog who galloped out the front door in hot pursuit of what both dog and owner believed to be a cat. They had enjoyed this scenario before. However, this time it was not a cat but a skunk in the yard. The dog retreated quickly and headed for the open front door. The owner attempted to shut the door to prevent infiltrating the house with the odorous scent. But he was too late. Both dog and skunk ran into the house leaving a distinctive mark in the air. After chasing the skunk out the front

door, the owner forced the dog out the back door. The dog rolled in the grass endlessly in an attempt to remove the horrendous skunk scent, but it just wouldn't come off.

Sin is somewhat like that! It happens almost before we realize it. It creates a stink. It is a stink that hangs around. We can roll around and try to get rid of the stench. We can try to cover it up and hide it but there is only one way to get rid of the stench of sin. That one way is to let Christ remove it. Only he can do it and make us clean again.

### First United Methodist Church



Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

I really enjoy quiet little dinners for two or maybe four, dinners with just my husband, Bill, or with a friend when we really have time to catch up with one another and share what's going on in our lives. Those dinners are special and are very dear to me -- BUT NOT AT THANKSGIVING!!

At Thanksgiving, I say the more the merrier. I love a full table and a full house with the family and friends gathered in. The walls reverberate with the joyful noise of good conversation, children playing, laughter, and occasionally singing. Extra chairs are put around the table and everyone's packed in like a bunch of squirming sardines. And before we offer thanks, we look around the table at what we're giving thanks for -- each other.

Thanksgiving is about giving thanks to God for our many blessings great and small.

Thanksgiving is also about community. It's about the gathering of the clan. It's about being befriended and belonging.

Community -- togetherness, relationships, gregariousness -- whatever you want to call it, is one of the most precious gifts our gracious Creator has given us. It is a gift born of God's Spirit, redeemed by God's Son. I believe it is the truest reflection of God in this world. It is also the gift that requires the most from God and from us -- patience, forgiveness, tolerance, respect -- in a word, love.

My prayer for each of you this Thanksgiving is that you have a community -- family, friend, a people with whom you belong. If you do not have a community of faith, a church home, I pray God will help you find one. Our doors and our hearts are open to you.



### Quinlan Annette Bandy & David Ray Miller

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Bandy Jr. from Humble, Texas announce the engagement of their daughter, Quinlan Annette Bandy, to David Ray Miller of Brackettville, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Meredith R. Miller, formerly of Hindsville, Arkansas. Quinlan is the granddaughter of Mrs. Verna Lee Bandy of Humble, TX and the late Joseph B. Bandy Sr. and Mrs. Estelle Tullos of Humble, Tx, and the late Eugene Arrendell of Palestine, Tx. David is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Miller of Cushing, OK and Mr. and Mrs David T. Elmore of Johnson, Ar. Miss Bandy is currently attending

Texas A&M University at College Station, Tx as a graduate student in Educational Psychology, and a third year Resident Director in Student Affairs. She is a 1985 graduate of Humble High School, a 1989 and a 1992 graduate of Texas A&M University.

Miller, is a 1991 graduate of Springdale High School, served 4 years in the US Navy on board the US Kitty Hawk stationed in San Diego, CA. He is currently attending Southwest Texas Jr. College in Uvalde, Texas.

The wedding will be at the Humble Civic Center, December 29, 1995.

## Obituaries



### Fred Kelly Fay

Fred Kelly Fay, age 75, of Brackettville, Texas, died Saturday, November 18, 1995, while hospitalized in the VA Hospital in Kerrville, Texas. He was born April 4, 1920, in Brackettville, Texas. He was the son of Andrew and Mary Castro Fay, who preceded him in death. He was a longtime resident and retired cotton gin operator of Lamesa, Texas, before moving to Brackettville, Texas in 1985. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a life member of the VFW Post #8360 and a member of the St. Mary Magdalene Knights of Columbus Council #8223, in Brackettville, Texas.

He was also preceded in death by his sister, Francis Fay. Survivors include: Daughters: Mary Fay Vela of Lamesa, Texas, and Corina Fay Bishop of Colorado. Sister, Lucy Fay Ward of Portland, Oregon, Half-Sisters, Molly Fay, Margaret Fay, Judy Fay Owens, Nana Rose Fay, and Juanita Fay. Brothers, Tony Fay of San Jose, California and Philip Fay of Brea, Texas. Half-Brothers, Warren Fay, Andrew Fay, Jr., Billy John Fay and Walter Fay. Four grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation were held from 10:00 A.M. til 9:00 P.M. Tuesday. A rosary was recited at 7:00 P.M. Tuesday at the Brackettville Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass was held 10:00 A.M. Wednesday, November 22, 1995 at the St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church with Rev. Donald Lavelle officiating. Burial was followed at St. Magdalene Catholic Cemetery with the San Felipe Del Rio Veterans Honor Guard conducting military honors. Pallbearers will be Bill Whitworth, Jesus Hidalgo, Pete Bland, Robert Gonzalez, Manuel Gonzalez, and Henry Gonzalez. Funeral arrangements under the direction of the Del Rio Funeral Home Inc., dba Brackettville Funeral Home 114 North Street.

### MERCEDES G JUAREZ Wife, mother

Mercedes "Mercy" G. Juarez, 69, died Tuesday, Nov. 14, 1995, in San Antonio.

She was born Sept. 8, 1926, in Brackettville, where she resided.

She is survived by her husband, Gregorio Juarez of Brackettville; son and daughters-in-law, Leonel and Yesenia Juarez of Del Rio and Trine Juarez of Brackettville; grandchildren, Crystal Juarez, Philip Juarez and Julie Juarez of Brackettville.

Visitation was held at Don's Funeral Chapels in Del Rio. Mass was 11 a.m. last Friday at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Brackettville with the Rev. Donald Lavelle officiating. Burial will follow at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Cemetery in Brackettville.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Don's Funeral Chapels, 305-307 Plaza Ave.

### Unsung Hero

by Joe Townsend



Another of our dwindling group has left us to go home to the Lord. Merci Juarez grew up as a child in Brackettville. She was married and moved away for a while. Several years ago she and her husband moved back to her native community where she lived until God called her home. Merci was a fine mother to her son. She was a good wife to a husband deeply devoted to her.

Merci was a very friendly person. She was warm hearted and affable. To know her was to like her. Merci leaves behind her son and husband and a host of friends to go to her home in heaven to await the arrival of those she left behind. Surely Merci Juarez is an Unsung Hero.

Fate chooses our relatives, we choose our friends.

—Jacques DeLille

## Library Notes



Sara Terrazas

### Happy Thanksgiving!

We have so much to be thankful for this year, so much that I am almost afraid to begin and forget something or someone. This year we received from "The Friends of the Library" a new computer and 4 new tables for the literacy program. They also donated \$1,000 so that we may redo the front counter to meet with ADA standards. We are and always will be very grateful to their contribution to the library.

From the Alamo Area Library we received a new fax machine and some nice second hand furniture.

We held a very successful Summer Reading Program thanks to some wonderful volunteers who made it all possible.

We were able to begin an Adult Literacy Program thanks to the Mason's funding and organizing the program.

We were funded \$36,105 by the County to operate our library and even though they had to make some

cuts on the budget they were still very generous and supportive of the library.

Many books and magazines were donated this year that we were able to hold a book fair, which has brought us a few extra dollars. We also had several persons donate newspapers daily, making it very convenient for our patrons who enjoy reading them.

And last but certainly not least we had a large group of volunteers who donated their time in helping make our services much better. God Bless each and everyone of you, new friends and old.

Our Book Fair will continue on Nov. 27th thru Dec. 1st. Help support our library.

As always we invite you to visit the friendliest little library in Kinney County.

Library Staff,  
 Board & Volunteers

Answers to Super Crossword

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Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York where he graduated twelfth from the Class of 1879. He was assigned as 2nd Lieut of "E" Company 19th Infantry and came West. Following service at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the regiment moved to Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas where Lt. French was detailed as the Regimental Adjutant. In December of 1882 the 19th Infantry was posted to Fort Clark.

At Fort Clark, on January 1, 1883, Lt. French began diaries which he faithfully maintained for the next thirty years.

November 1883: As Commander of the Seminole Scouts Lt French does not have to stand the calls of Reveille, Retreat and Tattoo with the garrison so he spends his time playing billiards at the sutler's store (located on the rise at the Empty Saddle statue). He and Lt Eckerson take a trip to Silver Lake to hunt and gather pecans (Silver Lake is about 14 miles north of the fort). The practice of "falling bricks" continues as officers rank out each other for quarters resulting in another move for the bachelor lieutenant. Again he is placed in an upstairs room above a married officer's family. The paymaster arrives mid month with "...the Seminoles being paid last." The Scouts, as soldiers do, get drunk but Sgt Kibbets remains sober to ensure adequate preparations for the trip to Mayers Spring. In his fashion Lt French writes, "At last the fateful day has come." The Seminole Scout Detachment makes its five day trek to Mayers Spring encamping at Sycamore Creek, the far side of the Devils River (vicinity of the railroad and highway bridges over Lake Amistad), Painted Cave (today's Seminole Canyon State Park), Eagle's Nest (at Langtry), and Lozier Canyon. The Detachment relieves "L" troop 8th Cavalry and settles into the routine of camp life. Lt French worries about his mail, writes letters, maintains official correspondence, makes new acquaintances, plays cards, and is taken advantage of by a government contractor. Thanksgiving dinner is mutton stew and apple pie.

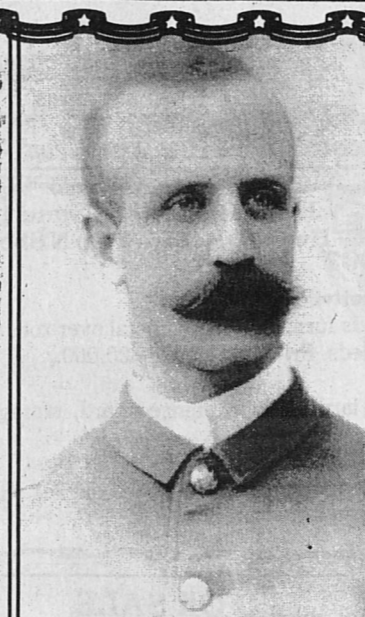
Wednesday, November 21 1883

After seeing the wagons packed and the horses saddled, Doctor & I rode on ahead in the ambulance so as to get into Mayer's Springs to make arrangements for the men. Maj. Morris & Dr. Taylor, seemed

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Major General Francis Henry French

Courtesy of his descendants



well pleased to see us come. After the Detachment came, took stock of property and receipted for same, & "L" Troop moved off for Lozier while my men moved into their tents. Am now in command, and feel well pleased with being here. Was disappointed in not getting any mail. Our mail comes & goes by rail, a big improvement over last Winter. Sent a postal card home from Langtry & one from here and in the evening wrote a letter home. My quarters consist of two wall tents put together to make one room, framed & floored with a box stove, & are much better than those I had before. Must commence tomorrow to fix up camp. Read Anne in the evening. Feel very well contented here. Received some corn from the contractor today. The onions & potatoes for the men came today. Have a heavy wagon & an escort wagon here now and 12 mules, more transportation than I had last year. Everything is much improved.

Thursday, Nov. 22 1883

Rode over to Thurston this morning in the light wagon & made the acquaintance of Mr. Sale the operator, his brother who was visiting him and Mr. Griffith. The latter comes from Boston where in company with others he bought some land from the railroad company and is now here to look at it. Am afraid his money was thrown away. Mr. Sale is a big improvement on young McCarty who was operator last year. He says Thurston is to have a new station house in the Spring and will be otherwise improved. Col. Valdez commander of the Mexican troops opposite is now getting his supplies from Thurston crossing them at Shafter's Upper Crossing. Got some official mail but no personal to my disappointment. After returning to camp had some extra tents taken down & put away for further use, moved a wall tent up to the kitchen for our dining tent

and had extra property stored away. Then completed the last clothing rolls & entered amounts in clothing books, had the men sign both, made out final statement of Washington & Bill Williams & reentered them. Read Anne in the evening. Sent letter home today that I wrote yesterday.

Friday, November 23 1883

Completed the re-enlistment papers. Received some hay & grain from Torres. Confound him, I think he is getting the better of me in this hay business but I cannot see how. No mail this morning much to our disappointment. In the afternoon rode over to Thurston and received from the agent Mr. Sale the rations for the Detachment for next month. After bringing them to camp weighed them and found that the amounts are correct. Now the men can go out hunting. Made up a party to go out tomorrow. Washington succeeded in baking some excellent bread today to our gratification. Now the Doctor & I will have regular yeast bread instead of baking powder biscuit as we can buy fresh bread of the Detachment. Read Anne in the evening. A small boil is coming on my leg.

Saturday, November 24 1883

Received some more grain today from Torres. The mail brought me letters from home, Potter acknowledging the cigars, from Shunk and a short note from Col. Lyster. Sue has not written me yet of her engagement, rather shabby treatment. Took a walk down to the Springs with the Doctor this morning, my first visit this trip. There is not as much water now as last Spring. Started a hunting party for Independence Creek to return next Thursday. Hope they will bring in some game. In afternoon Mr. Griffith & Mr. Sale came over to make a short visit. In the evening commenced a letter home but left it to be finished tomorrow. Took Sue to task for not informing

me of her engagement. Wrote to Harry about birthday presents for Lula Mattie & Christmas present for Mother. Lula's letter this morning brought news of the arrival of a girl baby at Mr. McDonald's home. Must write to congratulate them and also to Steve Morris, whose wife has a little boy. Took a bath before retiring. Finished Anne today. A very pleasant novel.

Sunday, November 25 1883

Took a walk with Torres down to the Springs, where his Mexican laborers were washing their clothes. One woman was with them, the wife of one of the men. As soon as she saw us, she put her shawl over her head, a custom observed by the lower class of Mexican

women. Torres told many interesting stories of his life to me, and after our return from the Springs to the Doctor and myself, but I thought all the time he was telling lies. I distrust the man entirely. Finished the letter home & sent it with other mail. A little official mail came today. The courier brought word of a robbery of the train. So after dinner Doctor & I rode over on ponies to the station, taking Luce, to make enquiries. Found that it occurred in New Mexico. While at Thurston, wrote to Mr. Van Vleck, the Division Superintendent of the railroad for a pass to Spofford & return. Hope it will be sent but have serious doubts. It was near nine o'clock when we returned. Went to sleep in my chair while trying to write afterwards.

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Around the Fort  
Fort Clark Historical Society  
Fort Clark Historical Society will meet at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, November 25th in the Palisado Building, Fort Clark.  
Ben Pingnot will present the program.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETS  
The Southwest Texas Genealogical Society will meet in Uvalde on Saturday, December 2, 1995. The meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. at the Family History Center, an adjunct to the Church of Jesus of Christ of Latter Day Saints, located at 420 Ham Lane on the East side of Uvalde.  
The program for the meeting will be presented by Mrs. Ann Roberts of San Antonio, currently the Director of the San Antonio West Family History Center.  
While serving as President of the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society, with a membership of over 800, she also teaches genealogy classes through the continuing education departments of various school districts.  
Mrs. Roberts' topic of discussion for this meeting will pertain to the fundamentals of doing family history research.  
Also on the meeting agenda will be the official recognition of the Southwest Texas Genealogical Society's quarterly publication, *Branches and Acorns*, as the 1995 Second Place Award winner for genealogical society publications. Last year the local group took Third Place in this category.  
After the meeting a catered meal will be served for any members and guests wishing to remain.

A Cameo From The Past  
By J. Lee Ballantyne  
While we lived in Austin I had one experience I'll never forget - seeing life behind the life of a big circus.  
My dad and brother and I left home long before day and went down to the railroad station to see the Barnum & Bailey Circus unload.  
I have never seen such clockwork. Each person knew exactly what was expected of him and he did it. Men with lanterns were loaded with all manner of circus equipment - each knew what he had to do and he didn't let anything get in his way.  
Breakfast smells filled the air and as one group left the cooking tent others took its place. There was no loitering each knew what his job was and he did it like a night - walking zombie.  
Before long the results of the unloading began to show - tents were up and seats put in place - people were rushing about - each seemed to have his own private job.  
Dad finally got us home for lunch but when we went to see the Circus that afternoon - it was everything that it should be - just perfect! But we had been privileged to a glimpse behind the scenes. Now every time I see a Circus tent it brings back wonderful memories.

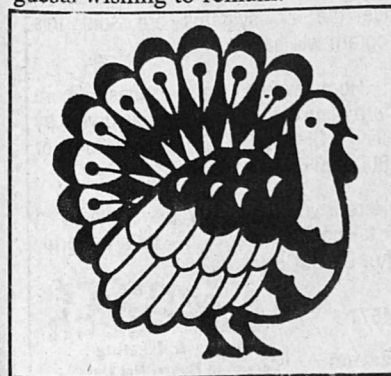
PTO Update  
The nacho party for the middle school students was held on Friday, November 17 in the school cafeteria. Teachers and students seemed to enjoy the free snack and drink provided by the PTO. A special thanks to everyone who has been volunteering at the fall events, especially: David Campos, Mary Campos, Mary Ward, Molly Hunt, Paula Garey, Nadalee Allen, Carmen Puente, Honeybee Gomez and Laura Farias. Also a special recognition to the cafeteria staff, the Brackett ISD administration and staff for their continued support.  
The next meeting of the PTO will be held on Monday, December 4 at 4:00 in the school cafeteria. Parents and teachers are urged to attend.

Happy Birthday Love Mommy  
Analis Nov. 22 5 Yrs. Old  
Anthony Nov. 26 4 Yrs. Old

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Seven Years  
By Henry Bonilla  
Thanksgiving is just a few days away, and as I write this column in the midst of the most important budget debate in our history, I think of what the outcome will mean for our families. I have in mind an image of Thanksgiving in 2002 -- just seven years from now.  
Seven years from now is when the conservative majority in Congress wants the federal budget balanced. By the time you read this, we will have sent the President a bill to keep the government temporarily funded. In that bill, we ask him to agree to balance the budget in seven years, something he has publicly supported. So have 55 members of his party who voted for our bill.  
But the President says he will veto the bill because seven years is too soon. I think anything more than seven years will be too late. The more time we wait, the bigger the problem will get.  
So we have come to what this debate is really about: the future of the United States of America.  
The national media seem to think this fight is a childish political game, but they have missed the real story. The real story is the two opposite philosophies locking horns over the direction of our government and the future of our nation. Our Founding Fathers understood when they wrote our Constitution that there would be days like this. They set up a system of government where serious issues would be debated and resolved. The question is whether America will be better off at the end of this debate.

Community Calendar  
Las Moras Masonic Lodge 444: 2nd Tue. 7 p.m., Lodge Hall, Ann St.  
Alter Society: 1st Monday, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.  
Band Booster Club: 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m., High School Band Hall  
BISD School Board: 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., School Board Room  
Beta Sigma Phi  
R of J Beta Epsilon Omicron (Sept-May) 2nd & 4th Monday, 7 p.m.  
Preceptor Theta Sigma (Sept-May) 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.  
Laureate Iota Epsilon (all year) 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.  
Creative Writing Group: Fridays, 9:30 a.m., Golf Club Snack Bar  
Mountain Laurel Garden Club: 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m. Adult Center  
Kinney Co. Chamber of Commerce Board: 2nd Thu. 6:30 FC Rest.  
City Council: 1st Tuesday after 2nd Monday, 6:00 p.m., City Hall  
K.C. Commissioners Court: 2nd Monday, 9 a.m., Court House  
Del Rio Christian Women's Club: 1st Wednesday, 12 Noon  
San Felipe Country Club. Reservations required.  
FCS Pot Luck Supper: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Service Club. Bring covered dish, plates and utensils.  
FC Duplicate Bridge: Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Golf Club.  
FCS Art Club: Work days Monday and Saturday a.m., Meeting 1st Monday, 1 p.m., Art Studio  
FCS Community Council: 2nd Saturday, 10 a.m., Shafter Hall.  
FCS Board of Directors: 3rd Saturday, 10:00 a.m., Board Room  
FCS Historical Society: 4th Saturday, 9:30 a.m., Palisado Building.  
FCS Museum/Sutler's Store: Saturday & Sunday, 1-4 p.m.  
FCS Ladies Luncheon: 2nd Wednesday, Noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Make reservations at Adult Center.  
FCS VFW #8360 & Auxiliary: 4th Monday, 6 p.m. Pot Luck, 7:00 p.m. Meetings, Service Center.  
FCS Old Quarry Society: 1st Monday, 7 p.m., Adult Center.  
Friends of Library: No regular schedule. Call library for info.  
K.C. Historical Preservation Society: 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Court House.  
KC Kickers: 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Service Club.  
Knights of Columbus: 1st Sunday, 12 Noon, Parish Hall.  
Lions Club: 1st and 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.  
Order of Eastern Star 204: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Hall, 407 Bedell, Del Rio.  
FC Shrine Club: 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Las Moras Restaurant.  
Rotary Club: Every Thursday, 12 Noon, Las Moras Restaurant.  
Methodist Ladies Luncheon: 3rd Wednesday, Noon, Slatior Hall, Please make reservations.  
Kinney County Heritage Museum: 2nd and 4th Saturday, 1 - 4 p.m., Filippone Building.



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**27 Homeowners Will Get \$1,047 Cash Before The Christmas Season**

Which is when we all need it the most.

By LIZZ RAMIREZ

Once again in Brackettville, Dan Peterson has created a program that will allow 27 homeowners to get \$1,047 cash right now before the Christmas Season. Plus, get a new heating and air conditioning system without taking one penny out of their pockets.

My question when talking to Dan Peterson was...

**Why Would He Make This Offer?**

His answer made sense. He said "At this time of year I'm faced with a devastating problem and I know this can solve my problem. You see, during this Christmas season I already have two strikes against me:

- The really cold weather hasn't hit us, so we don't get a lot of repair calls.
- People have to spend so much for Christmas that they will do whatever they can to put off spending money on anything else.

Now I know many homeowners are faced with their own problems...They have all these things that they want to do this Christmas, but many of them don't know where all the money will come from. Well, this creative plan will take care of their problem and mine.

I believe that by giving homeowners this tremendous opportunity, these 27 systems will keep all of my employees busy until Christmas. I realize we don't have the profit in these jobs that we normally do, but it's worth it just to keep all our people working instead of having to send them home."

After discussing the advantage to the homeowners I believe Mr. Peterson will wish he had enough employees to put in more than 27 systems, and I'm sure many homeowners will too.

**Here Is How The Homeowners Benefit**

- They can finance a new premium heating and air
- conditioning system without taking one cent out of their pocket. Then Mr. Peterson will give them a check for \$1,047.
- For homeowners that decide to pay cash, instead of financing, Mr. Peterson will reduce their price by \$1,047.
- Either way the homeowner can save \$1,047.

Just imagine, when Christmas is here many of these homeowners can enjoy it like they never have before. That's because these homeowners will have \$1,047 cash to pay their Christmas bills.

**Here Is Another Part Of This Concept That Impressed Me**

The homeowners that are replacing an old system will get a guaranteed energy savings of 25% during the first year or Mr. Peterson will pay them the difference. Plus, he will take care of any repairs on the new system FREE for the next 10 years. And get this! Mr. Peterson said "Many of our customers have found that the money they save on their energy bills is more than their monthly payment."

My hat goes off to Mr. Peterson for creating a remarkable program. Just look at everything the homeowner gets:

- A new system without taking one cent out of their pocket.
- \$1,047 cash at the time of year that they need it the most.
- A \$1,047 discount if they decide to pay cash instead of finance.
- A system that could cut their energy and repair bills by more than their monthly payment.


**The Only Way Homeowners Can Lose Is If Their Call Comes In Too Late**

Because, according to Mr. Peterson, once the 27 systems are sold this program will have to end.

Homeowners can request more information (or schedule a free survey) by calling COMFORT TECH at 774-6542 or 1-800-825-6694.

Here is my advice if you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity...Do not delay calling.

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