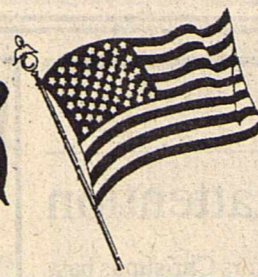


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Third Tour of Homes set for December 14

The Kinney County Arts Council's Third Edition of Christmas Tour of Homes will be held on Sunday, Dec. 14, from 2 to 5 p.m. in Brackettville and Fort Clark Springs.

The cost of admission is \$5. Tickets are available at the Fort Clark Adult Center, the First State Bank, Jeans, or from any Arts Council member. There will be an open gate anyone wishing to take part in this event.

Six beautiful homes will be decorated for Christmas and will make up the Tour of homes.

Rio Grande presents annual service awards

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative held its Seventh Annual Employee Service Awards Luncheon on Tuesday in the Brackettville warehouse and on Thursday at the Am Vet Building in Marfa.

Awards were presented to employees by President and CEO Daniel G. Laws.

Ruby Munoz, consumer accounting supervisor, of Brackettville, received a 20-Year Service Award.

Rick Hagler, construction supervisor, of Brackettville and Ken Buscher, area operations manager, of Marfa were presented 15-Year Service Awards.

Receiving a 5-Year Service Award was Steve Wright, Area Supervisor, of Dell City.

Genealogists to meet

UVALDE — Members of the Southwest Texas Genealogical Society will meet Saturday, Dec. 6, with members of the Uvalde Historical Commission as special guests.

Karen R. Thompson, founder and president of Save Texas Cemeteries, will present a program on "Saving Texas Cemeteries to protect Our Heritage."

Thompson, a seventh generation Texan and a 25-year instructor in Genealogy, adult education and Texas history, is a public speaker dedicated to preservation of Texas history. Her special interest is in the Republic period and Texas Cemeteries.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. in the main dining room of The Inn of Uvalde, 810 East Main. Cost of registration and meal is \$8.

The public and Historical Commission members are invited to attend.



Over 400 local citizens turned out for the Third Annual Thanksgiving Dinner last Thursday at the Kinney County Civic Center. The event is sponsored by Val Verde Home Nurses and CEO Robert Garza, in memory of his parents, Joe N. and Petra Garza. Val Verde Home Nurses provided a Thanksgiving dinner for all of the senior citizens and physically challenged residents of Kinney County. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

New academic wing would provide additional lab space

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

Adding a new academic wing would allow for more lab space for Brackett ISD's science department, Brackett School Board officials said.

The Trustees resumed discussions of adding a new building to accommodate the growing number of students Monday night at a workshop.

"Having reviewed the numbers and the growth patterns in recent years, we realized that if the

school continues to grow in the number of students we're going to be short of space," said Trustee Tim Ward, who headed the district's Growth Committee.

"We're trying to make a long-range plan for utilizing the space we have presently, as well as adding space that can be utilized to its fullest potential."

The new academic wing would provide the district with 11 new classrooms.

"We are short of classrooms," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "Every classroom that we

Seargeant goes to trial Tuesday

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

Tommy Seargeant's case will finally be heard on Tuesday at 9 a.m. as the Kinney County judge faces charges dealing with theft and misappropriation of highway guard rails.

Seargeant was originally scheduled to go to trial last month, but the case was delayed because of a civil trial.

He entered a plea of not guilty on Tuesday following the completion of the jury selection process.

Seargeant and County Commissioner Joe Montalvo were indicted by the grand jury in July and were arrested on charges of abuse of official capacity.

"It has to do with some guard rails that came into the possession of the county and then ended up on the private property of Mr. Montalvo," District Attorney Tom Lee said.

District Judge George M. Thurmond ruled that the two county officials would be tried separately, at the request of Seargeant's attorney, Robert T. Bass of Austin.

Montalvo, who is represented by Rogelio F. Munoz of Uvalde, will be tried after Seargeant.

Seargeant was suspended with pay by the State Commission of Judicial Conduct shortly after being indicted. He is in his 11th year as county judge, serving in three stretches going back to 1971.

Herb Senne was appointed acting county judge by the Kinney County Commissioners Court during Seargeant's suspension.



Superintendent Taylor Stephenson, left, and Trustees Lloyd Lee Davis, center, and Steve LaMascus discuss the building of a new academic wing for the high school at Monday's School Board workshop. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

EMS takes measures to reduce response times

The Kinney County EMS has stationed one of its ambulances outside of its office during the week in efforts to decrease response times.

Currently, EMS officials work out of an office located above the Kinney County Sheriff's Department. The EMS ambulances have been stationed at Fort Clark Springs.

Because of the locations of the personnel and the ambulances, previous runs were five to six minutes longer, according to Lee Sweeten, an EMS program administrator with the Texas Department of Health.

Sweeten, after reviewing the county's EMS program, told the Commissioners

Court last week that it made sense to have the ambulances located near the EMS office because most of the runs are within the city of Brackettville.

Of the 231 calls made in 1996, 142 (61 percent) were made within the city limits, while there were only 61 (26 percent) to Fort Clark Springs.

Sweeten also discussed the following areas of concern at last week's meeting:

Indigent Health Care Program

Sweeten said the EMS personnel are housed near the Kinney County Courthouse because of their obligation to the county's Indigent Health Care Program.

"From interviews, it is our understanding that, on average, there are only seven to 10 patients being tracked each month on this program," Sweeten said.

"It appears that these clients could be placed on a more scheduled routine. This would benefit EMS by freeing up personnel time, which in turn would allow them to perform other EMS activities, such as community public relations and training."

By scheduling the clients, Sweeten said the EMS facility could be located at Fort Clark Springs, where the ambulances are stationed.

United Medical Center

Sweeten said the EMS Department

needed to utilize the United Medical center clinic more.

"Up until approximately four years ago, EMS often transported patients to this facility where many times the patient's needs could be taken care of," he said. "This was advantageous to both EMS and the patient."

"Without the need to transport patients 30 miles to Del Rio, EMS call times were reduced dramatically and should a second call come in, EMS was readily available to respond. Without the additional mileage charges, patient bills were lower."

Sweeten said this practice has become almost non-existent over the last four years.

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Joe Townsend

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Chuck Hall

Last week, the cafeteria staff did a great job at the annual Thanksgiving feast to which parents are invited. Lifestyles/Page 4

Rams top Tigers

Del Rio jumped out early and maintained its lead as the Rams topped the Brackett Tigers 52-37. Friday night. Sports/Page 5

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Maquiladoras provide needed jobs in Mexico

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

Richard Riley, president of the Acuna Maquiladora Association, spoke to the Brackettville Rotary Club last week about the many industries now operating in Mexico, particularly in Acuna.

Program Chairman Tino Guzman explained that many misconceptions exist about these industries, which are called maquiladoras, and that Riley could give a clear picture of this cluster of industries and answer questions members might ask.

Several years ago, Riley went into business on his own as an industrial consultant. He specializes in turnkey installation of foreign corporations in Mexico.

Starting in late 1968, maquiladoras have become thickly sprinkled along the border, and Riley has been involved in this development almost from the beginning.

He was born in Michigan and began working in manufacturing at an early age.

Riley worked for a company that manufactured television tuners. Competition from Japan and Asia became fierce.

A move to Acuna, Mexico, saved the company from closure. Riley was transferred there to be production manager of the company's newly constructed plant.

The maquiladoras are simply plants set up in Mexico with the parent company in another country. In other words, this simply means two different locations of the same company.

At first, the maquiladoras assembled materials manufactured elsewhere. However, some are fully integrated manufacturing facilities at this point.

Riley said that at present, there are 54 or 55 companies in Acuna and 27,500 Mexican employees. Probably 2,000 North Americans work either in Del Rio or Acuna in the industry.

Everything that goes into the maquiladora program was initiated by the Mexican government in 1965. It made it possible for

anything needed for manufacturing to be brought into the country, but it had to be taken back out in six months. It has now been increased to one year, and records have to be kept that reflect this procedure.

The program was set up to create jobs in Mexico. Along the entire Texas-Mexican border, there are probably around 3,000 to 3,500 companies with almost a million employees on the Mexican side. This is very beneficial to Mexico.

Riley couldn't say whether or not it was helpful to the United States. His experience has been that the company he worked for originally would have failed if it had not been for the move to Mexico. He would have been out of a job.

Riley said international commerce has caused a lot of changes. His relatives work in the auto industry in Michigan, and Riley said he tries to buy American products. However, he tried to buy his daughter a Chevrolet recently and found it had a Mitsubishi motor.



Program Chairman Tino Guzman, right, welcomes Richard Riley, president of the Acuna Maquiladora Association, to last week's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting. Photo by Eric McMaster

In answer to questions, Riley said the Mexican corporate tax is 34 percent. Mexico has an obligatory profit sharing for employees of 10 percent of a company's profit. This gets distributed equally among employees.

created to provide jobs and not for taxes, Riley said, and the companies involved pay a tax on their profit in the United States. They are not declared in Mexico.

The average wage, if you take

The maquiladora program was ■ See RILEY/Page 3

Editorial

Headlines grab readers' attention

Last week we ran the headline "Lions Club sponsors Christmas baskets."

We felt it was an appropriate headline for the story. However, some readers took this to mean the Lions Club was solely responsible for the program, although over half the story listed the various donors of funds and supplies to the project. If this offended any of the contributors to the program we sincerely apologize.

This encouraged us to take the opportunity to inform you about headlines and their purpose.

The dictionary says, "a headline is a line or lines, usually in larger type, at the top of a newspaper article, giving a short statement of its contents."

Headlines do not take the place of the story, they are meant to attract your attention and help you determine if you wish to read the story.

The organizations and individuals who turn in stories or information to a newspaper do not write the headlines, the newspaper staff does.

Headlines are the last thing written before a newspaper goes to press. With that in mind, here are some actual newspaper headlines that have been published:

- "Include your Children when Baking Cookies"
- "Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says"
- "Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers"
- "Survivor of Siamese Twins Joins Parents"
- "Iraqi Head Seeks Arms"
- "Prostitutes Appeal to Pope"
- "Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over"
- "British Left Waffles on Falkland Islands"
- "Eye Drops off Shelf"
- "Reagan Wins on Budget, But More Lies Ahead"
- "Squad Helps Dog Bite Victim"
- "Plane Too Close to Ground, Crash Probe Told"
- "Miners Refuse to Work after Death"
- "Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant"
- "Two Soviet Ships Collide, One Dies"
- "Two Sisters Reunited after 18 years in Checkout Counter"
- "Killer Sentenced to Die for Second Time in 10 years"
- "Drunken Drivers Paid \$1000 in '84"
- "If Strike isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last a While"
- "Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures"
- "Enfields Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide"
- "Red Tape Holds Up New Bridge"
- "Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead"
- "Man Struck by Lightning Faces Battery Charge"
- "New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group"
- "Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft"
- "Kids Make Nutritious Snacks"
- "British Union Finds Dwarfs in Short Supply"
- "Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half"
- "Farmer Bill Dies in House"
- "Air Head Fired"
- "Steals clock, Faces Time"
- "Old School Pillars are Replaced by Alumni"

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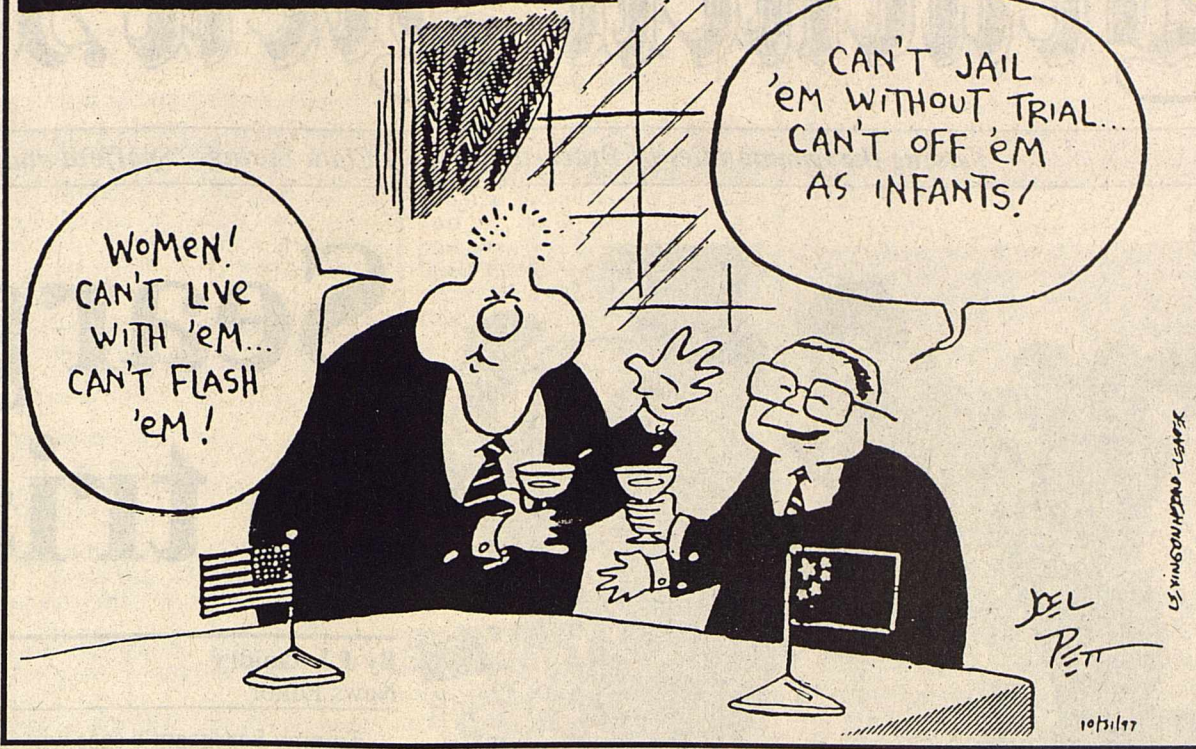
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Count your blessings on Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving will be a good one this year. Our nation is at peace, and our state appears to be prosperous.

I am grateful for our leaders who give so that we can have better lives.

I am also thankful for our leaders at Fort Clark Springs, Kinney County and in Brackettville.

I've walked in their shoes many times in my efforts through the years to build better communities.

I hope that we will take the time to thank those who give so that our lives are better.

Among our richest blessings is family. Sometimes, we miss this one.

Out there are wives, husbands, brothers, sisters, sons and daughters who make life worth living. The extended family even makes it better.

So, when you're counting your blessings this Thursday, don't overlook the best one of all - the family.

In our own community, we're growing some and things appear to be more prosperous this year than they were a year ago.

Making A Difference
By Taylor Stephenson, BISD Superintendent

I'm sure there are exceptions, but overall we're doing well in Kinney County, USA.

Don't forget to include thanks for a job and for being a little better off this year than last.

Friends and neighbors make life worth living when everything else seems to go awry.

Sometimes families have problems. Sometimes our jobs get crazy or we lose the job that we had.

Seems like there's always someone to talk with who will listen and just be there for us.

I hope that you remember those special friends in your Thanksgiving prayers.

Above all, we live in a nation that was founded so that we could enjoy freedom to worship. As we near the Advent Season, let's remember that one above all.

Life is worth living because

we're trying to leave a better world than we found. We're trying to make it one where folks have values. We're trying to make it a world where folks care about each other.

It's this freedom of religion that undergirds our value system. So, this Thanksgiving include above all "Thanks be to God!"

I know that you must know by now that I believe in America and in its future.

I am happy to be where I am in Kinney County, Texas, this Thanksgiving.

For those of you who spend countless hours working in local government to make a better life for me - thank you!

For those friends and family members who are there to make life more fun, thanks.

Have a great holiday! Take some time to count your blessings.

Community unites for Thanksgiving service

Another Community Thanksgiving Service is now history. As always, it was a most refreshing and enjoyable occasion.

A well-filled auditorium made the event to be memorable. People from every church in town met as of one mind and worshiped together.

The Fort Clark Voices, as usual, were superb. Lynn McNew and Lee Herron have gathered and molded into excellent fashion these voices.

Anyone who missed this performance of the Voices missed an opportunity of intense enjoyment.

This performance was enhanced by three young people playing the trumpets. It was a heart-filling experience.

Between Us
By Joe Townsend

Rev. Sheree Harris brought a message that touched the minds and challenged the hearts of the listeners.

Father Jim Cashin of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, Stan Conoly, bishop's warden of the Episcopal Church, Mrs. Bill Adams of St. John's Baptist Church, and Charolette Corey of Gateway Ministries all were valuable contributors to the evening worship.

Following the service, there was a period of refreshment and fellowship which was most enjoyable.

Frontier Baptist Church was the host church. The ladies of the church prepared the refreshments. Joe R. Townsend was host pastor.

Next year, First United Methodist Church will be host to this Community Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance and the Fort Clark Voices.

Keeping watch on the AHRI

By Henry Bonilla
U.S. Congressman, 23rd District

Last month, some government representatives, including one from the Texas Land Commissioner's office, got together in the small town of Marathon to hammer out an initial proposal to name the Rio Grande an "American Heritage River."

They must have an inside track on the American Heritage Rivers Initiative (AHRI) recently proposed by the White House, because a lot of us still don't know what the plan is supposed to do, how it's supposed to help Texas, and what the real impact will be on private property rights.

Even though the AHRI could affect all those who live or own property along the Rio Grande and its tributaries, only AHRI supporters initially knew about this meeting. In fact, my office didn't know until a local official got wind of it and called.

Now, I represent over 800 miles of the Rio Grande from El Paso to Laredo, but I never was invited to this little get-together until my office contacted the Land Office. I guess they heard that I don't support the AHRI.

As I reported last summer, the AHRI is a White House plan to designate 10 American rivers as "American Heritage Rivers."

One of the few existing documents describing the plan says that a designation includes a river's "watershed."

In other words, under this federal plan, the Pecos River and the Devil's River and every other tributary of the Rio Grande would be included in a Rio Grande designation.

The only thing that's clear about the American Heritage Rivers Initiative is that there still is a lot we don't know.

The White House touts the plan as "reinventing government" and coordinating the efforts of 13 federal agencies.

Over and over, they claim that the initiative will not involve any new federal regulations or federal money.

Then, why can't these projects be implemented with existing laws and funds?

Why does an entire river have to be designated if only a few cities support the plan?

The American Heritage Rivers Initiative is already bigger and broader than the administration originally advertised.

Without clear answers to our questions and real assurances, this proposal seems ripe for abuse.

Whose agenda is this for - local communities or Washington bureaucracies?

The White House finally wrote me last week and said communities that don't want to be included in the AHRI won't be if I oppose it.

Well, it's not up to me; it's up to the people that live in all the towns and counties in the Rio Grande watershed, from South Texas to far West Texas.

If the White House is saying "if you don't want to be a part of the AHRI then you don't have to be," maybe we're starting to get somewhere.

However, we still don't have an answer to the most basic question: Why do we need it in the first place?

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Border Patrol agents seize 294 pounds of marijuana

CARRIZO SPRING -- Border Patrol agents arrested one Mexican national and seized 294.51 pounds of marijuana approximately 41 miles southwest of Carrizo Springs last Thursday.

Several subjects were observed carrying large bundles and walking away from the river. The agents approached the individuals and identified themselves as Border

Patrol agents, at which point the subjects dropped their bundles and ran towards the river.

One subject, who admitted to entering the United States illegally, was caught.

Seven bundles containing 294.51 pound of marijuana were also secured.

The illegal contraband, has a black market value of \$235,600.

Arts Council hosts Third Christmas Tour of Homes

By Taylor Stephenson
Contributing Writer

The Third Edition of Christmas Tour of Homes will be held on Sunday, Dec. 14, from 2 to 5 p.m. in Brackettville and Fort Clark Springs.

The cost of admission is \$5. Tickets are available at the Fort Clark Adult Center, the First State Bank, Jeans or from any Arts Council member.

The Fort Clark Springs' Board of Directors has allowed an open gate for anyone wishing to take part in this event.

Six beautiful homes will be decorated for Christmas and will make up the Kinney County Arts Council's Christmas Tour of homes.

The homes that will be included this year are: Drue and Sammie Duncan, Will and Carol Glaspy, Ed Brantley, Ronnie and Candy Hobbs, Mike and Ida Holley, and B.E. and Charlotte Sweet.

This week's featured homes are:

■ Ed Brantley, No. 21 Colony Row, Fort Clark Springs: Located at the end of the northwest line of Officers' Row, this house was built in 1873-74. For 70 years, it was home for army officers and their families while sta-

tioned at Fort Clark.

Typical of officers' row homes, one passes through a screened porch to enter a foyer with living quarters to the right and a stairway to the second floor on the left.

The house is decorated with antiques, paintings, depicting historic scenes, and old maps which lend a masculine flavor that compliment the 124-year-old home.

The decorations depict a traditional Christmas.

■ Drue and Sammie Duncan, 2521 Oak Lane, Fort Clark Springs: This newly constructed brick home will be decorated with traditional decorations of red, green, mauve and gold.

Mrs. Duncan will display collectible Steinbach Nutcrackers belonging to her father.

The home features nine-foot ceilings throughout its four bedroom, three bathroom house which features rounded corners on all walls and window frames.

A bay-windowed formal dining room and great room with a corner fireplace are highlights.

The breakfast area is accented with a bay window. The master bedroom has a 10-foot tray ceiling and the master bathroom includes a whirlpool tub.

The home is bright, and exhibits a Christmas warmth.



Brackett ISD teacher Willie Clements, left, discusses Brackett's Alternative School with Tino Gomez at Monday night's Open House.
Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Riley discusses benefits of maquiladora plants

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places to get these jobs.

A few industries provide housing for their employees. Training programs are provided for employees by the companies where they are needed.

When Riley was asked about the "down side" of manufacturing in Mexico, he mentioned tariffs. There are many tariffs, and one doesn't know ahead of time what tariff may be levied on a company's manufactured goods.

When Riley came to Acuna, Del Rio was a small town. He believes the small town way of life has been retained, and feels this is one of the best advantages of moving to this area.

Acuna is particularly short of housing, and the people are struggling to find places to live. One reason housing is such a problem is that people come from other

benefits into consideration, is \$1.25 an hour, typically.

In regard to benefits for employees, the government has one program that requires that 5 percent be paid in the name of each employee which is to provide housing.

Riley feels this hasn't proven to be fair since industry pays a lot into the government and the housing is not sufficient.

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Brackett ISD Honor Roll

The following is the second six weeks honor roll for the Brackett Independent School District:

High School

All A Honor Roll

Seniors: J. Wayne Ballew, Caleb Crumley, Wendy Goodloe, Christina Meek, and Samantha Perez.

Juniors: Lindsey Brotherton and Amanda Petrosky.

Sophomores: Alexandra Arreola, Laura Ballew, James Burks, Zachry Davis, and Jania Finkenbinder.

Freshmen: Schiller Hill.

A-B Honor Roll

Seniors: Katy Hagler, Susana Hernandez, Michael Meyer, Amanda Mulvaine, Patricia Ortiz, Graciano Ramirez, Alfredo Rodriguez, Beatrice Smith, and Cherrise Ward.

Juniors: Hilda Aguirre, Angela Childress, Sonya Correa, Colby Crosby, Mistie Herndon, Jessica Jaso, Jacob Mann, Juan Martinez, Jose Perez, Brent Smith, Graciela Terrazas, and Imelda Vela.

Sophomores: Jamie Bader, Jessica De Leon, Tara Eckenrod, Tiffany Eckenrod, Manuel Fernandez, Jerritt Meeks, and Tricia Robinson.

Freshmen: April Crumley, Carissa De Los Santos, Erika Garcia, Christina Luna, Laura Martinez, Martina Payne, Chris-

topher Petrosky, Vanessa Salinas, Brittany Shewbart, and Efrain Talamantez.

Middle School

All A Honor Roll

Eighth grade: Lloyd Lee Davis, Susannah Davis, Levi Duncan, Erica Gloria, Duquesa Hunt, Candice Ingram, Erica Meyer, and Brandi Wilson.

Seventh grade: Maria Martinez and Laura Negrete.

Sixth grade: Elizabeth Ballew, Amanda Davis, Dietrich Davis, Emily Petrosky, and Ashley Smith.

A-B Honor Roll

Eighth grade: Michelle Bizzell, Fabian Farias, Isaac Finkenbinder, Christina Flores, Migdalia Gonzalez, Michelle Kiser, Guillermo Molinar, Jamie Montalvo, Rodolfo Ramirez, Isela Ramon, and Amanda Ward.

Seventh grade: Ashley Antoine, Celina Cano, Amanda Cruz, Jared Hobbs, Nicloe Mata, Megan McWilliams, and Coshena Meyer.

Sixth grade: Princess Benites, Stacey Castilla, Stephanie Coronado, Katherine Cowan, Nancy Hill, Allison Lamasus, Nancy Martinez, Arnold Pinales, Nataly Rodriguez, and Stacy Terrazas.

Jones Elementary

All A Honor Roll

Fifth grade: Charlie Slaugh-

ter, Kristin Meyer, Jared Grubbs, Sara Farias, Divina Pena, and Tillman Davis.

Fourth grade: Dana Bonner, Ashley Castillo, Mason McWilliams, Brand Wylie, Travis Nowlin, Yasmin Pena, Kaylynn Perez, Sorajida Talamantes, Tommy Garcia, Mandy Harris, and Megan Reinhold.

Third grade: Adan Aguirre, Dolores Cano, Stanford Conoly, Robert Davis, Ceasar Deleon, Seth Frerich, Adam Sandoval, Jessica Siegal, Natasha Smith, Marisela Talamantes, Nadine Terrazas, Clint Conrad, Albaro Duran, Roy Estrada, Joaquin Fernandez, Arnie Garcia, James Gass, Lorena Mendoza, Sharon Moore, Justin Perez, Michael Stephenson, Emily Valenzuela, Allison DelBosque, Cullen Duncan, Israel Muniz, Ivan Pinales, and Austin Shewbart.

Second grade: Jesus Balderas, Kevin Bonner, Alex Gonzales, Cathy Herman, Lane Nowlin, Gustavo Resendez, Manny Rosas, Bailee Allen, Isaac Benites, Travis Bonner, Elva Garcia, Marlene Gloria, Jessica Rodriguez, Chris Sergeant, Ashley Stephenson, Bella Talamantes, Roland Zamora, Kody Bostick, Julie Castillo, Meghann Davis, Marcos Duran, Doolle Fernandez, Albert Flores, Daphne Hunt, Arnie Jalomo, Mari-

Juarez, E.J. Pena, Stefani Schuster, and Blanca Stewart.

A-B Honor Roll

Fifth grade: Juliann Ashabranner, Clarissa Aguirre, Whitney Hobbs, Sean Looney, Noe Talamantes, Stephanie Bonner, Sarah Waddell, Monica Gonzales, Johnathon Martinez, Vanessa Williams, Oscar Sierra, Joey Montalvo, Robbie Looney, Jaelynn Duncan, Rual Escamilla, Valerie Terrazas, Anthony Munoz, and Courtney Frerich.

Fourth grade: Shaddine Gum, William Clyde Adams, Miles Braesicke, Jacquelyn Conoly, Cassandra Gomez, Cassandra Cassie Mata, Tanya Molinar, Robert Sanchez, Paul Carrion, Joe Chacon, Isabel Rivas, Tye Taylor, Selina Armendiaz, Gene Garcia, Liliana Hernandez, and Victoria Resendez.

Third grade: Joey Castillo, Diana Hernandez, Joaquin Flores, Cesar Ortiz, Sabrina Morin, Johnny Rivas, Anthony Sanchez, Abel Talamantes, Christie Dodson, Casey Harris, Lisa Morgan, and Monica Talamantes.

Second grade: Amber Castilla, Savannah Fernandez, Vanessa Garcia, Alvin Jennings, Erica Rodriguez, Jolisa Wright, Colter Barafas, Josh Garcia, Jeannette Rodriguez, Gaby Talamantes, Israel Dehoyos, and Maria Sanchez.

Sheriff's Report

Tuesday, November 18

9:09 a.m., A Brackettville man reported that he had just shot a skunk.

8:42 p.m., A Brackettville woman said that there was an unknown man acting weird outside of her residence on Rose Alley. Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess was dispatched to the scene. When he arrived, he was told that the man had already left the area.

Thursday, November 20

5:36 p.m., Border Patrol officials at the Cline Checkpoint reported a wreckless driver in a green four-wheel drive traveling west on Highway 90. DPS Trooper Tom Wylie was notified. He drove out to the checkpoint, but was unable to locate the vehicle.

9:16 p.m., A dispatcher at the Sheriff's Office received a 911 call, but the caller hung up. When the dispatcher tried to call back, the number was busy. She then called Smith Security and asked officials to check the residence on Fort Clark Springs. The dispatcher finally reached the caller, who said the she had dialed the wrong number. The woman apologized.

Saturday, November 22

12:59 a.m., A Brackettville woman said a man was driving back and forth on El Paso Street and was trying to start a fight with her brother. She told officials she thought the man was drunk. Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter was dispatched to the scene.

10:35 p.m., An unknown motorist reported a car fire on Highway 90, three miles east of Brackettville. The motorist reported that there was someone inside of the burning car. Kinney County EMS officials and members of the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department were dispatched to the scene.

Sunday, November 23

9:33 a.m., A Kinney County woman reported hearing shots from behind her residence in Spofford. Chief Deputy Fritter was dispatched to the scene.

6:31 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported a possible break-in. Chief Deputy Fritter was dispatched to the location and said the house was secure.

10:40 p.m., Border Patrol officials reported poachers near the La Fonda Ranch.

11:17 p.m., Jose Humberto

Robles, 26, of San Antonio, and Jesus Daniel Salinas, 26, and Enrique Talamantes, 56, both of Del Rio, were arrested by Game Warden Henry Lutz and booked into the Kinney County Jail. All three men were charged with hunting deer from a public road, hunting deer in closed season at night, and public intoxication. Each of the men were released the follow-

ing day after serving time for public intoxication and posting two \$500 bail bonds for the two Class C misdemeanors for illegal hunting.

Monday, November 24

12:15 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported loud music on Gove Street. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was dispatched to the location.

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The holiday season is supposed to be filled with peaceful joy and repose. However, the long winter days, hectic schedules and stress of the season can also bring anxious moments.

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"The comforting atmosphere and fragrant dimension of winter season blends will cleanse and freshen the air of a home that has been shut tight against cold winter weather," Smith explained. "Woody, evergreen, citrus, spice and resin are just a few refreshing scents of the winter season essential oils."

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The relaxing Meditative Blend recipe is well suited for moments of spiritual renewal and meditation that accompany the winter holiday season, Smith adds.

The Art of Aromatherapy
Aromatherapy uses the essen-

tial oils extracted from certain plants to create scents that can have a positive effect on the mind, body and spirit.

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For more information about aromatherapy, visit the Aura Cacia Web site at www.auracacia.com.

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30 drops clove bud
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Add 12 drops of this blend for every 12 ounces of tepid distilled water and mist the air throughout your home.

Meditative Blend

30 drops frankincense
30 drops myrrh
15 drops lemon
15 drops juniper berry
10 drops cedarwood
Add 15 drops of the blend to 1/2 cup distilled water and diffuse.

1/2 cup distilled water and dif-

Fitness for your lawn equipment

Start the day with a morning jog. Eat only healthy, low-fat, high-energy foods. And maybe an aerobics class or racquetball match in the early evening.

Oh, if only we were all this health-conscious. I know I'm not. But I do know that my body requires normal maintenance, regular checkups with the dentist and doctor, vitamins, nutritious food, and the list goes on and on.

Just as taking care of your body is the right thing to do, taking care of your lawn equipment will make it perform better and longer.

If you're a do-it-yourselfer, your equipment's operator's manual is the best place to look for maintenance information specific to your model.

But here's a list of mower maintenance tips that apply to all mower types:

- Keep the mower blades sharp. Dull blades can split grass, causing entryways for disease and fungus.

Since only a small portion at the side of the cutting blade actu-

Green and Growing

By Dr. Ellen Henke

John Deere Lawn & Garden Expert

ally slices the grass, blades are generally easy to sharpen at home.

Sharpen the edge of the blade with a file or grindstone, making sure to even out rough spots.

Be sure to check the balance of the cutting blade before remounting. An unbalanced blade can damage your mower.

And don't sharpen your blade to razor's edge. John Deere recommends leaving a thickness of about 1/64-inch for strength.

- Keep the oil clean and full. Start the mowing season with a lightweight oil, and change it about every 25 hours of mowing, or just follow the holidays and change oil on Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day weekends.

Be sure to use the proper weight oil recommended in the operator's manual.

And check the oil each time you

mow -- never let it get too low.

- Remember, grease is cheaper than parts. Lubricate mower spindles and wheel axles to reduce wear caused by friction.

- Keep the air filter clean. If the filter gets clogged with dirt, it can contaminate your mower's internal parts. Clogged air filters can also cause starting problems and poor engine performance.

Most air filters can be cleaned with an air hose or brush.

When it comes to maintenance -- whether you do it or a professional does it for you -- be sure it's done!

Examine your mower for any loose hardware -- be sure all safety systems are in place and working.

Like your body, your lawn mower needs regular care to give you top performance and safety.

Theta Sigma Chapter celebrates the Thanksgiving holiday with dinner

Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday with a dinner at The Old Arbor Saloon in downtown Brackettville with husbands and guests.

Special guests were former members Eileen Voracek and

Betty Ebert, along with their husbands.

The Social Committee of Alicia Raymer, Clara McCord and Bobbie Waddill had the tables decorated in a very festive and delightful manner.

President Nancy Frerich made the welcoming address and Betty Inman said grace.

Following a bountiful buffet, the group enjoyed visiting and telling tall tales. A good time was had by all!

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

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

Courtesy of his descendants

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 12th from the Class of 1879. He was assigned as 2nd Lt. 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 30 years.

Friday, November 27, 1885

It was clear and sunny all day. Mail brought a letter from home and an O.B. from Brown. Marched on as Officer of the Guard this morning. After getting matters settled, came up to quarters for pen and paper and then wrote to Mattie to select Christmas presents while in Lancaster. To Judge Morris enquiring about Father's suit, and also wrote to Lizzie. Inspected the sentinels with prisoners in morning and afternoon, read a little in Capt. Remington's book and dozed until dinner time. Guard came in from Del Rio today and took dinner with us. Seems well, but evidently wants to come in from Del Rio. After dinner called at Capt. Kauffman's a minute to bid Miss Young good bye as she returns to { } Rice tonight.

Then wrote a long letter to Marie Doughty Gorgas, the first since her wedding. Read and dozed until 3 o'clock when Officer of the Day inspected; after which went to bed. Explained absence from retreat last night to Gen. Smith before guard mounting and he readily excused it.

Saturday, November 28, 1885

Steele relieved me at guard mounting. Did not see Guard today as he was not up for breakfast and left early in afternoon for Del Rio. After guard mounting sat a while in the office where Capt. Hall showed me a doctor's certificate sent in by Williams and his application to have his absence authorized. This may prevent the President from dropping him as a deserter, but he is sure to be dismissed by a court martial. It would be much better for all if he would resign. Looked over papers in the Library and then returned to quarters to shave. Sent an O.B. to Asst. Treas. U.S. at New Orleans to acknowledge correctness of his statement of my account as Q.M. at Brown. Wrote a letter at Vernou's solicitation to Judge Lowry to ask him to try to get

Capt. Wharton retired, but did not send it as it might embarrass Father, he being of different political faith from the Judge. Played piquet with Hammond and read in papers from home which constituted my mail this morning.

After dinner read a while and then went to Mrs. Hall's where she and Capt. Vance beat Hewitt and me all to pieces at whist. Enjoyed the evening thoroughly as I do all evenings there. Had cake and beer for refreshments.

Sunday, November 29, 1885

Attended inspection as usual this morning. No mail came for me today except the copy of "L'Amour" which shall send to Mr. Preston and the bill for the tennis set which has been settled by a money order to Father. Spent a short time in the office where was pleased to hear there would be no more drills. Went over to Library but did not go in on account of a number of men there. Wrote letter home and also wrote to congratulate Grandmother whose 80th birthday comes today. After retreat read papers from home and then attended church with King. Do not think much of Chaplain Merrill as a sermonizer. Read papers and dozed in the chair after tattoo.

Monday, November 30, 1885

It was an acceptable change to have no drill this morning. No mail for me contrary to my expectation. My letters come very irregularly. Got some black cloth for trousers stripes and had an order cashed over at Roach's in town and then paid bill at Commissary and went to Quartermaster's to pay bill but it was not made out. Bought some cloth for a pair of trousers there and took it to the company tailor. Went over to the store for a moment and walked up with Capt. Vance. Read papers from home, after playing piquet a while with Hammond and made out pay account for this month to send to Maj. Muhlenberg asking him for a check to pay insurance. Spent quite a while watering the grass which is just commencing to grow in the yard, after coming up from the store. At retreat took some paper over to a man in the com-

pany to have a pad made of it. Hewitt and I went into Capt. Vance's after dinner to read French lesson, but he had a caller. Then called on Mrs. Kauffman. After tattoo made a long call on Mrs. Lyster and had a pleasant talk. King came to my house afterwards and we played cards until near midnight.

December 1885: As Christmas fast approaches time is spent with "Le Cercle Francais" a club of officers and ladies learning to speak and read French. A 13-gun salute is fired in memory of the Vice president who has died. A ride is taken out to the company gardens (area of the Red Bridge) and to the Seminole Camp to investigate a shooting scrape. New kitchens (messhalls) are being constructed (these are the stone buildings behind barracks row). Duty as Officer of the Guard and with the General Court trying three "plug-uglies" cavalryman makes lots of work for Lt. French. Several officers depart on hunting trips while Lt. French enjoys walks up and down the row (Colony Row) with the ladies. Word reaches Ft. Clark of the death of Dr. Maddox in New Mexico at the hands of hostile Indians. His death is felt as a personal loss. Lt. French's "Christmas" arrives on Christmas Eve and includes the requisite fruit cake along with other treats which the other lieutenants help him dispose of. A Christmas tree is had for the children at the post hall. New Year's Eve includes a visit to General Smith's quarters (the Wainwright House).

Tuesday, December 1, 1885

The year is rapidly drawing to a close. Mail brought me a letter from home. After breakfast looked over papers in Library for a while and then read French lesson with Capt. Vance and Hewitt. After stopping at office a minute returned to quarters and then paid some bills to Sophy & George and carried books over to the Library. Had one charged to King and took it to him at the guard house after paying bill at Q.M. office. Read in the "Intellectual Development of Europe" until after two o'clock when Hewitt came in his cart and took me out for a long and very pleasant ride. Capt. Vance being Officer of the Day, I did not attend any calls today. In the evening after a short stay at Capt. Vance's, went to Mrs. Gillmore's where "Le Cercle Francais" had its meeting and enjoyed the evening very much. Think these meetings will prove very beneficial. While the rest were absent at tattoo talked

But, I could be wrong

By Chuck Hall



Let's give thanks

Last week, the cafeteria staff did their usual great job. It was the annual Thanksgiving feast to which parents are invited to join their children at school.

I was approached by a very young man, with no teeth at all.

"Mr. Hall, my parents are busy," he said. "Will you eat with me today?"

How could I refuse such an offer? He had risked the embarrassment of spilled milk, gravy dripped on the shirt, and fingers in the food. Somehow he knew I had those habits.

As I walked with him to the cafeteria, with his small hand secured to mine, I was reminded of how much we have to be thankful for, and how much I was going to enjoy this meal. But it was not to be.

At the 11th hour, he was granted a reprieve. His father stood waiting for him at the entrance to the cafeteria.

The thrill and excitement was too much for him to suppress and he entered the lunch hall with his own bloodline.

Oh well, I have eaten many times with my own children on similar occasions.

Turning to walk away, I heard a tiny voice: "Would you eat with me, please?"

I got to eat with a very pleasant young girl.

This holiday season, I am most thankful for love.

But, I could be wrong.

Whitely hosts sorority meeting

Beta Epsilon Omicron met at Evelyn Whitely's house last on Nov. 17.

The opening ritual was led by President Pam Melancon. The minutes were read by Judy Hooker and the Treasurer's Report was given by Marla Madrid.

The cost of the wreath to be raffled was reimbursed to Dee Curry. After paying insurance and expenses for Fort Clark Days, our balance was \$278.77.

Unfinished business was discussed. Flyers and posters were needed for the raffle ticket sale set for Nov. 22. Hooker and Melancon volunteered to make those.

The final day of the raffle for the artificial wreath and Christmas tree was set for the Arts and Crafts Sale at Fort Clark on Nov. 29. A booth will be set up there.

Hazel Ivey, social director, reported that the Garden Club had visited the LaMansion Bed and Breakfast, the Winery, and the White Head Museum in Del Rio and suggested we do the same since it was such a wonderful experience.

Barbara Miller discussed the Bosom Buddies Program and handed out information and flyers about this. It was decided to contact our sister chapter to include them in this project.

The meeting was adjourned and a cultural program was presented by Whitely, who presented an autobiography of her life.

Closing ritual was recited by all. Members present were Melancon, Hooker, Madrid, Curry, Ivey, Miller, Whitely, Ruby Cheaney, Cathy Conroy, Opal Groce, Betty Mathison, Helen Peck and Flo Stafford.

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Dyers win scramble

Roy and Fern Dyer took top honors in the CO Flight at a two-person scramble last Thursday. A total of 33 couples turned out for the scramble at the Fort Clark Springs golf course. Charlie Smith and Mary Stephenson took second place honors in the CO Flight. Tom Beatty and Kelly Dennis tied Jack and Arlys Simpson for third place. Dale and Mylo Unruh took top honors in the UP Flight. Second place went to James and Flo Stafford. Bob and Joyce Williamson finished in a tie for third place with Bob and Leslie Houk. The LES Flight was won by Muzzy and Dorothy Edwards. Red Udy and Doris Webber won second place, Bob Barnett and Betty Schlatterer were third, and Bob Moore and Verda McGown finished fourth.

Early lead lifts Rams over Tigers for 52-37 victory

By J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

Del Rio jumped out early and maintained its lead as the Rams topped the Brackett Tigers 52-37 Friday night in non-district basketball action. With the loss, Brackett drops its season record to 0-2. "I thought they gave an excellent effort," Tigers coach Art Finkenbinder said. "A lot of the kids came alive in the second half. They started playing more up to their potential than they had exhibited in the first half." Brent Woelke poured in 16 points to pace Brackett's scoring attack. "I was happy with the way Brent played," Finkenbinder said. "We're going to have to help him out a little bit. We have to open it up more so the rest of them can start contributing." "They started double-teaming him and doing things to take him away."

"Defensively, Del Rio did a good job. They kept us from scoring with other people. Brent did what he had to do. He had to take it to them and drive to the basket." Schiller Hill and Demitreus Williams both had eight points for the Tigers, Damian Toms scored three, and Caleb Crumley added two. Brackett will host Comstock on Tuesday. Tip-off is scheduled for 8:00. "Comstock is always very competitive," Finkenbinder said. "They play year-round. They will be tough." Finkenbinder said the Tigers will spend the next week working to improve their defense. "We're going to focus on rebounding," he said. "In the second half against Del Rio, we did do a better job on the boards." "We have to focus on defense. We're not scoring a lot of points right now - which I think is going to come - so we're going to have to keep the other team from scoring a lot."



Brackett cross country coach Julie Bruce, left, presents a bronze University Interscholastic League medal to senior runner Samantha Perez, who finished ninth at the Class 2A state meet earlier this month. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Del Rio freshmen edge Tigerettes in opener

Del Rio outscored Brackett 12-2 in the second quarter as the Queens picked up a 42-34 win over the Tigerettes last Thursday in the season opener for both freshman basketball teams. The Tigerettes led 13-11 after the opening stanza, but Del Rio outscored Brackett 12-2 in the second period to go up 23-15 at half-time. In the third quarter, the Tigerettes outscored the Queens 9-5 to pull within four at 28-24, but Del Rio claimed a 14-10 advantage in the final period. Marty Payne led all scorers with 15 points. April Crumley and Queta Garza both had five points, Vanessa Garcia scored four, Carissa De Los Santos and Melinda Villarreal each added two, and Tina Luna had one. The Tigerettes will face the Queens on the road Tuesday at 7.

Lady Eagles get by Tigerettes, 49-27

By J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

The Leakey Lady Eagles jumped out to an 18-8 lead after the first quarter en route to a 49-27 victory over the Brackett Tigerettes Friday in the basketball season opener for both teams. Leakey outscored Brackett 14-6 in the second period to take a 32-14 advantage at half-time. The Lady Eagles then went on a 15-4 run in the third to go up 47-18 going into the final stanza. "We put out a good effort," Tigerettes coach Gregg Nowlin said. "We were playing a superior team. Leakey is one of the better Class A teams in this area." "They have a lot of speed. We didn't match up too well with them." Brackett had 35 turnovers in the contest. "Several turnovers were passes and we just couldn't hold on to the ball," Nowlin said. "That will come with time, they're just not used to playing together."

Stephanie Terrazas led the Tigerettes' offense with a seven-point performance. She also had 10 rebounds, three steals and two assists. "Stephanie did a good job for her first varsity game," Nowlin said. "She had a few turnovers. She was trying to force things. She was trying to make things happen and they just weren't there." Lindsey Brotherton paced Brackett on the boards. The junior transfer pulled down 15 rebounds. "Lindsey did a great job," Nowlin said. "She chased down a lot of rebounds that weren't in the paint. They got knocked out, she hustled and got to them." Brotherton, Hilda Aguirre, Jennifer Ashabraner and La Toya Wright all scored four points, while Tiffany Eckenrod and Erika Garcia had two apiece. Ashabraner finished the contest with eight rebounds, Wright had six, Eckenrod grabbed four, Samantha Payne had two, and Aguirre and Garcia each had one.

"We put out a good effort. We were playing a superior team. Leakey is one of the better Class A teams in this area. They have a lot of speed. We didn't match up too well with them."
Gregg Nowlin

J.V. Tigerettes top Lady Eagles

The Brackett Tigerettes used a balanced scoring attack on Friday as they won their season opener with an 18-2 victory over the Leakey Lady Eagles. Brackett outscored Leakey 4-0 in the first two quarters to take an 8-0 advantage at intermission. The Tigerettes then outscored the Lady Eagles 6-2 in the third period to take a 14-2 lead into the final stanza. Laura Lee Ballew led Brackett with a game-high eight points. Jamie Bader and Marty Payne each scored four points for the Tigerettes, while Queta Garza and Gracie Terrazas added two apiece. Brackett resumes play on Dec. 9 at Rocksprings.

OUTDOORS

Deer tags remain with meat under new law

AUSTIN — Successful deer hunters this season will be required to follow a new law that specifies where the animals must be tagged.

As of Sept. 1, if the head of the deer is severed and no longer accompanies the carcass, the appropriate hunting license tag must remain with the venison until it reaches a final destination. Final destination is defined as the residence of the hunter, the residence of a person receiving a resource from a hunter, or a meat processing facility.

"Previously, there was some confusion as to where the animal should be tagged," said David Sinclair, law enforcement director of hunting for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). "This new law states very clearly, for both hunters and taxidermists, the tagging and paperwork necessary to accompany any part of the animal."



A Little On The Wildlife Side
By Henry Lutz
Kinney County Game Warden



TPWD law enforcement officials encourage commercial hunting operations to have hunters complete the wildlife resource documents before they leave the site. "If there is any intent to sever the head, we hope that landowners or their agents will have the forethought to have the documents completed before the hunters leave camp," Sinclair said. A wildlife resource document (shown on page 95 of the TPWD

"Outdoor Annual" of hunting and fishing regulations), must stay with the severed head until the owner retrieves the head from the taxidermist. An exception to this would be if the hunter takes the deer home to be processed, then takes the head to a taxidermist.

According to Sinclair, "In that case, the tag from the hunting license no longer needs to remain with the meat and can be used to take the head to the taxidermist instead of using a wildlife resource document."

"Turkey tagging and antelope permits are administered the same as deer tagging," he added.

Last year, 508 citations were issued to hunters who did not have their deer properly tagged.

Proof-of-sex validation must accompany any headless deer or antelope carcass, Sinclair added as a reminder to hunters.

Anyone in possession of a headless deer or antelope must have a proof-of-sex receipt, which can be obtained from a taxidermist, landowner, or a landowner's agent.

"This chain of paperwork serves to cover the hunter if he's checked by a game warden," Sinclair said. "The purpose of the tagging, documentation, and proof-of-sex verification is to make sure a hunter complies with annual bag limits."

Hunter education courses still available

AUSTIN — Those who played all summer long and now are scrambling to find a hunter education course for their children or themselves before deer season ends are still in luck. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has classes scheduled throughout the state this fall.

If you were born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, and you are:

■ 17 years old or older: you must successfully complete a hunter education course.

■ 12-16 years old: you must successfully complete a hunter education course or be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 or older.

■ under 12 years old: you must be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 or older. Participants must be at least 12 years old to take the course.

The program is reciprocal with all other states and Canadian provinces. The minimum 10-hour course,

which must be scheduled over a minimum of two days, focuses primarily on hunting safety, responsibility, ethics, game laws and a number of other topics.

The course costs \$10. Certification is not required to purchase a license, but the person must carry certification while hunting.

An automated voice response program at TPWD allows callers to access information on the hunter education program, including a directory of upcoming courses, by phone 24 hours a day. To access the program, call 1-800-792-1112, press 6, and then 2.

The agency also has several classes scheduled to certify new instructors.

Volunteer instructors are needed across the state to teach hunter education.

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 IT'S ALIVE!!!
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RATS!!
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 HMMM... I WONDER WHAT I COULD DO TO KEEP THAT FROM HAPPENING?
 HOW ABOUT NOT PAINTING THE MAILBOX LIKE A GIANT BASEBALL ANYMORE?

Super Crossword

ACROSS	1 Hosp. area	4 Surgeon's tool	9 Saudi, for one	13 Summarize	18 Calendar abbr.	19 Soissons school	20 Amaz's country	21 She danced for Herod	22 Easter entree	24 Protective gear	26 Pool person?	27 In reserve	29 Producer	30 Came upon	31 Plays for pay	33 Scout master?	35 Budapest's locale	38 Top-secret	42 Laurel of comedy	43 "Ben Adhem"	44 Barbecue residue	45 Intense hatred	47 Where goats gambol	49 - Park, Colo.					
DOWN	5 Vichyssoise veggie	55 Spend a bundle	58 Popular success	61 Succession	63 Baseball family name	64 Paving material	65 Jedi instructor	66 Ending for good or kind	69 Disapproving sounds	71 Buffalo's waterfront	73 TV console	74 Flavor enhancer	77 Ben E. King song	80 Palindromic preposition	81 Aah's partner	82 Pitchfork	83 Part of Q.E.D.	84 Medical suffix	86 Cathy remark?	88 AAA map marking	89 Superstar	91 Henry VIII's family sizes	95 Lamebrain	97 Jane of "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman"					
DOWN	100 Relay length	101 Bandleader	102 Even so	104 Flavor	106 Society-page word	107 Arm or leg	110 Paw parts	113 Angler's item	115 More than two but not many	118 Furious	120 Spud buds	121 Common affix	122 Lip lash?	124 Actress St. John	127 Path	130 Orchestral instrument	134 Cheap eatery	136 Bring together, with "with"	137 Singer	138 Theorem	139 "Kidnapped" monogram	140 Belief	141 Contradict	142 Junior dress sizes	143 "So there!"	144 DOWN	1 Little devils	2 Codger	3 Set flower

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Cellist	Listen	Titlist	

Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
 Your routine tasks comfort you and make you feel secure this week. You are able to pounce on every detail and end the job with a flourish. Home life is favored over the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
 It's a week of new beginnings for you, both at work and at home. Relationships are also taking a new, exciting turn. This weekend, you have extra initiative that is fortunately tempered by diplomacy.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 Concentration is a problem early in the week. However, as time goes on, you gain control and are able to accomplish much. Try not to allow unexpected events to throw you off course this weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 You're struck by some wanderlust and could be tempted to throw caution to the wind and take off. However, tend to tasks at hand instead. In romance, it's a time of commitment for singles.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
 Don't be too concerned when a social plan is changed. This ultimately works to your advantage as you get much done at work instead. Over the weekend, home-based activities bring good times.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
 Unexpected developments occur on the job this week. In love relationships, you have no doubt how you feel. Enjoy a special outing this weekend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
 You are so caught up with work, you're neglecting a loved one. Don't let this preoccupation damage your relationship. Investment concerns come to the fore later in the week.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
 Some make plans for a family reunion or outing. You are at your communicative best and should take full advantage of this. Success is achieved through your creativity.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
 You plunge right in to tackle all those unfinished tasks. Much is accomplished and you feel satisfied with your progress. This weekend, pay close attention to domestic concerns.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
 If you have to err, it's best to do so on the conservative side. Beware of making any radical changes in your strategies. Social life is heightened this weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
 Uncertainty about travel plans clouds your week. At work you're all work and no play, but you make big strides in attaining your goals. A co-worker is helpful.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
 Travel and business conducted from a distance is favored. Take advantage of this and get in some sightseeing as well. Important news is delivered by a bigwig.

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HOCUS-FOCUS

Find at least 6 differences between panels.

Differences: 1. Fence is shorter. 2. Ears are different. 3. Dog is moved. 4. Helium stripe is different. 5. Mouth is different. 6. Armbands are missing.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov. 27	Felipe Martinez	Dec. 1	Beatrice Smith
Nov. 27	Bianca Martinez	Dec. 1	Rebecca A. Perez
Nov. 27	Lynn McNew	Dec. 2	Wes Robinson
Nov. 28	Alfredo Martinez	Dec. 2	Ronnie Mata
Nov. 29	Jean Sawchuk	Dec. 2	Ester Aguilar
Nov. 29	Hans B. Nelson	Dec. 2	James Crumley
Nov. 29	Joseph Trevinio	Dec. 2	Jerry Malone
Nov. 30	Jim McDaniel	Dec. 2	James Taugner
Nov. 30	Marcus Saenz	Dec. 3	Joe Diaz
Nov. 30	Emma Swain	Dec. 3	Adam Aguirre
Dec. 1	Maxine Bonner	Dec. 3	Herbert B. Owen
Dec. 1	Carl LanCelle	Dec. 3	Margaret Parry
Dec. 1	Chonita Garza	Dec. 3	Genovena Gutierrez
		Dec. 3	Marty Isenberg

Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

It's a universal feeling that there be a festival after crops are in. Every tribe or clan has had a part in this practice. The festival idea began in our country the second year after the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock. The harvest had been more than abundant following a devastating year that cost the lives of more than half the settlers. The Pilgrims invited the Indians to participate and the festival lasted for a week. The practice was general until George Washington as president issued a proclamation proclaiming the reason and need to thank God and setting aside the fourth Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day. This served as motivation until finally Congress established it as an official holiday. Franklin Roosevelt tried to change the date but public outcry negated his arrogance and we still follow the time set many, many years ago. Everyone immediately feels a sense of Thanksgiving for the blessings of the past and well we should. However, we need to be thankful for times ahead. Tomorrow gives opportunity to rectify the mistakes and sins of the past.

It gives opportunity to continue working on unfinished programs of the past. It gives opportunity to enjoy the past accomplishments. It gives opportunity to do new things we've deferred from the past. It would be dark ahead without the knowledge that there will be a tomorrow. If we look about us, many trends and problems loom threateningly on the horizon. However, the knowledge that God is a part of tomorrow makes it a rosy anticipation. This God of ours is a guarantee that the needs of His children will be met. This God is one who will provide guidance and directions to a joyous living. He will always be with us when tragedy, trauma, or sorrow becomes part of life. We can know that sometime in the tomorrow our life will end on earth and our God will take us to be with Him in heaven for eternity. During this Thanksgiving as we enjoy the feasting and joys of the season we should joyfully be thankful for tomorrow. There will be another message from the Bible as people worship at Frontier Baptist Church at 11:00 A.M. Sunday. Come and be blessed.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
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At Thanksgiving we are rightly moved to praise and thank our God for the multitude of blessings we have received. We praise our Heavenly Father and Creator for our world, our lives, health, family, work, friends, and nation, and so much more. We have so much to be thankful for. Yet at times many of us focus more on what we do not have. Gratitude is being able to look at what we have and being thankful for that, rather than longing and pining for what we do not have.

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anyone could look at the creative goodness and faithfulness of God and not feel any emotion of gratitude. We are part of God's plan to bring good to all of creation. We are victors in God's victory over the powers of darkness, sin, and death. Remember the Lord. Let us remember who is in control. Remember God's goodness throughout history. Let us remember His closeness in the present. Let us count on His power for the future. What more blessings could we hope for?

Trustees discuss adding building

Continued from Page 1
 Under the plan proposed by the Growth Committee:
 ■ Jones Elementary would house pre-kindergarten, first, second and third grade students.
 ■ Fourth, fifth and sixth grade students would form an "intermediate" school and be housed in the current high school building.
 ■ Seventh and eighth grade students would remain in the middle school.
 ■ High school students would be housed in the High School Annex and a new academic wing to be built on the Guidry property, across the street from the annex.

"We can utilize the elementary space to its fullest potential by transferring the fourth and fifth grades over to the existing high school building, as well as bringing the sixth grade out of the middle school," Ward said. "That will free up needed classroom space there for growth."
 "The advantage of adding the high school building will be that we'll be able to add the necessary and badly-needed lab spaces for science classes."
 "The construction will involve only one area of the campus and will not interfere with the day-to-day operations of the school. We feel like it's a good plan, and probably the most logical."
 Stephenson said he believed the additional wing could be paid for from the district's cash reserves. "We've built up our cash for several years," he said. "We feel, right now, that a bond issue would not be necessary. That way, we would be able to fund this with the school's cash reserves. It keeps the taxpayers from having to foot the additional bill."
 Stephenson said Monday night's workshop proved to be beneficial. "We talked about a lot of facts and figures and input," he said.

"Primarily this meeting was established to receive input from the faculty on the ideas of expansion. And we got a lot of good input." The School Board will continue discussion concerning the project at its Dec. 8 meeting.

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Obituary

Edna Earl Black

Edna Earl Black, age 90, passed away Saturday, November 22, 1997. She was born on July 9, 1907. Widow of Tom E. Black of Black Ranch, Texas. She is survived by her sister Dorothy Allen

and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and all of her many friends at Ft. Clark Springs. She was buried in Eagle Pass, Texas on November 24, 1997.

Gateway Ministries
Pastor Charolette Corey

When God says "WAIT", it most often means to be patient so that the event which is to occur will be done in the most beneficial and effective manner for you. It does not mean the event will NEVER take place.

Even so, sometimes we get so dedicated to the "waiting" that we do not see and rejoice in the fulfillment of our "waiting".

We "wait" to learn to drive a car...and then we learn to drive it.

If God tells us we are to one day be married, we "wait" to find the right person to marry...and then we marry.

We "wait" in line for service at the store or restaurant...and then we are served.

God is not one to make us "wait" and then not fulfill what we have been waiting for. As long as we keep our hearts open to His word and put Him first...it WILL come to pass.

It is between you and God what stage your personal "wait" is at, but be awake and aware to the fulfillment of that waiting. Do not let it pass you by because you have slipped from being patient into being apathetic and cold in your heart, just giving "lip service" to the waiting.

Set your eyes on God, and you will not miss the fulfillment of his blessings to you.

"My soul, wait thou ONLY UPON GOD; for my EXPECTATION IS FROM HIM" "I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope." "THE EYES OF ALL WAIT UPON THEE; AND THOU GIVEST THEM THEIR MEAT IN DUE SEASON." (Psalms 62:5, 130:5, 145:14)

Isaiah 40:29, 31 "He giveth power to the faint...they that wait upon the Lord SHALL renew their strength.

Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Tommy Talamantez

On November 30, 1997 at 10:30 a.m. a mass at St. Mary Magdalene's Catholic Church will be held in memory of Tommy Talamantez who passed away in California on October 19, 1997. He was the son of Thomas and Thelma Mendeke Talamantez. He was preceded in death by his father. All relatives and friends are invited.

Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

A woman came to Brackettville on assignment to be pastor in Brackettville. She rapidly gained popularity with all who met her. She has promoted a variable and wide reaching in her pastorate. Though living in Del Rio, this has not hampered her in her ministry. She has been an enthusiastic member of the Ministerial Alliance. She certainly has been an important addition to the spiritual up lift of Brackettville. Surely Sheree Harris is an Unsung Hero.

St. John's Baptist Church
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Thank You!
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Answers to Super Crossword

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CHECKLIST (SYLLS) S
 VOCALIST S
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DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE OTHERS DO UNTO YOU!

UVALDE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

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HEALTH Giant strides being made in fight against diabetes

Diabetes, a chronic, incurable disease that is among the worst causes of amputations, blindness, and death among Texans, has defied medicine throughout history.

But in this decade alone, particularly in the last year, the methods of diagnosing and treating the disease have made what some health officials are calling giant strides.

During American Diabetes Month in November, the Texas Department of Health (TDH), Texas Diabetes Council, the American Diabetes Association and local diabetes projects throughout Texas will urge the public to learn more about diabetes, its risks, and the recent advances in fighting the disease.

Diabetes is the body's inability to convert to energy the sugar found in the bloodstream. In a person without diabetes, the hormone called insulin breaks down blood sugar into fuel. People with diabetes are unable to produce and use enough insulin to do that job.

When blood sugar levels are consistently high, they can cause permanent or fatal damage to internal organs, the circulation and the nervous system. That damage, if not aggressively treated and controlled, commonly leads to blindness, kidney failure, amputations, heart disease, strokes and death. Annual direct and indirect costs of diabetes in Texas are more than \$4 billion.

Since diabetes' symptoms often go undetected for years, people at high risk should be tested for the disease.

Nearly 900,000 adult Texas residents have been diagnosed with the disease, and an equal number is estimated to have the disease but have not been diagnosed.

Diabetes disproportionately affects minority populations. In 1995 in Texas, 11.4 percent of African-Americans, 9.3 percent of Hispanics, and 5.8 percent of whites had a diagnosis of diabetes.

Important developments in combating diabetes in this decade have included:

- In 1993, scientists confirmed the theory that strict management of blood sugar levels of people with diabetes can prevent or delay blindness, kidney disease, amputations and other complications associated with diabetes.

- Researchers identified genetic mutations that were primary causes of certain inherited types of diabetes.

- New medications to help the body use insulin more effectively in regulating blood sugar levels were introduced, making possible a broader array of diabetes treatments.

- Texas and a few other states began this year to participate in a federal project to encourage diabetes patients to get annual influenza vaccinations to curb their greater susceptibility to the flu and pneumonia.

- Also in 1997, the guidelines for sugar levels in the blood in diagnosing diabetes were lowered, meaning that diagnoses could be made and treatment begun at earlier stages of the disease.

- The 1997 Texas Legislature passed laws simplifying patients' insurance or Medicaid eligibility for supplies and services to manage diabetes.

- Public awareness about the disease and the latest developments of treating it has increased demand for early detection and treatment, as well as for more advanced search.

According to Debra F. Owens, TDH director of the Texas Diabetes Council, the new developments have enhanced the council's efforts to expand a variety of diabetes prevention, detection and education services in Texas.

Since its beginnings without funding in 1983, the council has expanded its annual budget to nearly \$4 million to pay for community-based diabetes education and statewide public awareness campaigns and to provide annual eye examinations for low-income people at risk for the disease.

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