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

## City Animal Control Facility Open

Monday morning, November 14, 1994, state health officials from Uvalde made an official inspection of the newly-completed City Animal Control Facility on East Highway 90. Following remarks by Dr. Tull, who is responsible for the inspection and approval of containment areas including quarantine facilities, pronounced Brackettville's the "nicest small animal control facility in her 28-county region."



Pictured from left, city employees David Martinez, Domingo Villarreal, Randy Castilla, Richard Ortega, state health department representative Justin Henersy, Kinney Co. Judge-elect Tommy Seargeant, Brackett Mayor Carmen Berlanga, FCS Security "Puffy" Porter, Councilwoman Jean Seargeant, Dr. Tull, Councilwoman Mary Flores, FCS Inspector Russell Williams, and FCS General Manager Pete Cook.



City Animal Control Officer Randy Castilla stands beside the city's Animal Control unit, the first vehicle the city has ever designated for that specific purpose.

## Be On Alert For Rabid Animals!

Cathy Conrey reported that on Tuesday morning, November 8 (Election Day), her husband, Bob, took their dogs for an early morning walk. When returning to their home in the historic part of Fort Clark, a rabid fox left the back porch area of Amy Cupps' home and attacked the dogs. Bob was able to frighten the fox off and last saw it run into the brush. He took his own dogs home, examined them, found no broken skin, bathed them, called animal control, took the dogs to a Del Rio vet for boosters to their rabies shots. Bob is ok, dogs are ok though quarantined.

The fox...personnel from Fort Clark security and Kinney County Sheriff's Department located the fox in a brush area between the Neuman and Stafford homes. The fox charged Security Guard "Puffy" Porter who was able to get off a shot that killed the fox. A check was made with animal control whose answer was not to send the animal in for examination as it had rabies and to burn the carcass. They also reported that more than 125 fox had been diagnosed with rabies in the surrounding areas.

Kinney County Sheriff Norman Hooten and State Trapper Manuel Pena assisted in all phases of the search for the fox, its demise, and the disposal of the carcass.

All that to say this...Fort Clark, Brackettville, and the county has an abundance of wild life as well as many cats and dogs running loose. Rabies has been diagnosed right here at home. If you have a pet be sure it is vaccinated, keep it out of the woods, be alert when you are out, and take no chances.



## Schroeder Gun Range Dedicated Saturday

On November 3, 1873, Lt. French wrote in his diary, "Target practice was cancelled due to a cold, drizzling rain." The morning of November 12, 1994, a cold, drizzle was falling, but a number of people turned out to dedicate the Fort Clark Springs Gun Club's shooting range and to pay tribute to former member Dick Schroeder.

The range is located on Fort Clark Springs property, leased and operated by the Fort Clark Gun Club, and now has been formally named and dedicated Schroeder Range.

Saturday morning, Rick and Molly Schroeder, son and widow of Dick, unveiled the marker and Rick represented the family in his remarks to those gathered for the occasion.

For membership in the gun club contact Bill Haenn. Non-members of the club may also make arrangements to use the club by contacting Haenn.

Dick Schroeder was a resident of Fort Clark Springs from 1974 until his death January 26, 1994. He was credited for organizing the first gun club at Fort Clark Springs which later fell into inactivity. At the time of his death, he was involved in reactivating the gun club and improving the range facility.

Molly retains her home on Fort Clark.

In the early 1800s each U.S. Army post was directed to begin organized target practice. At Fort Clark, the ground west of the parade and Officers' Row was the ideal spot. Old maps show scattered target butts at ranges from 200 to 1000 yards in the area now bisected by county road FM 1348. Year after year the area evolved with the Army's refinement of marksmanship training and facilities. At its most advanced stage, in the late 1930s, a 1000 yard "Known Distance" or "KD" range ended at a concrete target pit where details of soldiers raised, lowered, and scored huge targets. The pit fell silent in 1944 and now awaits rejuvenation. Here the "Trapdoor," the "Krag," the "03," and the "M1" all had their day and time as millions of rounds of ammunition were expended by generations of Fort Clark's soldiers learning and sharpening their marksmanship skills over this ground.



President of the gun club Bill Haenn arranged and co-ordinated the ceremony. Representing the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors was Dr. Robert Dixon, second from right, and Rev. Joe Townsend who offered the invocation. Haenn recognized others who had given continued support and encouragement to get the gun range back in shape and to this point...the 34 gun club members, Pete Cook, FCS General Manager, Agent in Charge John Conlin, U.S. Border Patrol, Brackettville, Kinney County Sheriff Norman H. Hooten, Brackett News Editor Jean Faulkenberry, and Ron and Connie Armbruster for the fabrication and installation of the range signs.

## City & KCHC Clean Ballantyne Cemetery



Ballantyne Cemetery, for the most part, was badly over-grown and long-neglected when the City of Brackettville and the Kinney County Historical Commission started

chopping brush, cutting weeds, and hauling off debris Monday. By the end of the day, the cemetery was neat and in many instances history was uncovered.

The City of Brackettville and the Kinney County Historical Commission (KCHC) joined in a work project to clean up the old Ballantyne Cemetery on El Paso Street. The KCHC cleaned around the grave sites cutting all the tall grass and wild shrubs. The City mowed the main areas and hauled the refuse to the dump.

Many of the earlier families of Kinney County have family members buried in this old cemetery. Some markers have dates of burial from the mid 1850s to the most recent burials in the 1940-50s.

In the future, the KCHC plans to repair some of the broken markers, make a plat of the burial sites and make tracings of the markers. If anyone has old pictures of the cemetery the KCHC would appreciate the opportunity to make copies.

The KCHC also operates the Kinney County Heritage Museum which is open the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 1 to 4 p.m.

## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Ministers of Brackettville churches met Sunday afternoon, November 13, to complete plans for the Community Thanksgiving Services.

These services will be held at 7:00 p.m., Sunday, November 20, 1994, at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, on Ann Street in Brackettville.

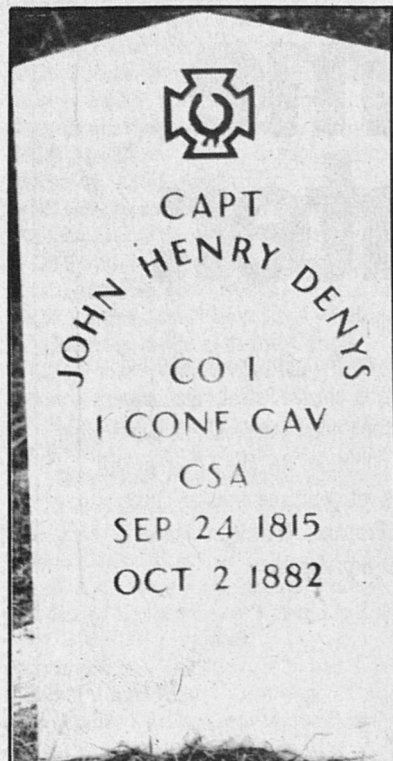
Supply pastor Fr. Stephen White, St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, will bring the Thanksgiving message.

Pastors of the participating churches will perform designated assignments during the evening service.

Everyone is invited!



Peter Pohl, chairman of the Kinney County Historical Commission, spearheaded the effort.



Marker of Confederate Cavalryman was revealed when weeds were cut away.

**The Brackett News To Take Holiday**

The Brackett News will be published Wednesday, November 23, 1994, since regular publication date falls on Thanksgiving. No other publication date will be affected.

All advertising and news items will be due on Monday, November 21, please.

The Brackett News office will be closed Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25.

Thank you for your cooperation.



## Sandoval Completes Building Inspection Course

Matias (Matt) Sandoval attended a 24 hour professional development course at Roundrock, Texas, October 31-November 4, 1994. The course was taught by the Southern Building Code Congress International. Brackettville Mayor Car-

men Berlanga presented his certificate of completion. Sandoval took the state examination on November 5 and is awaiting results.

In the meantime, he is more skilled at doing his job for the City of Brackettville and the citizens.

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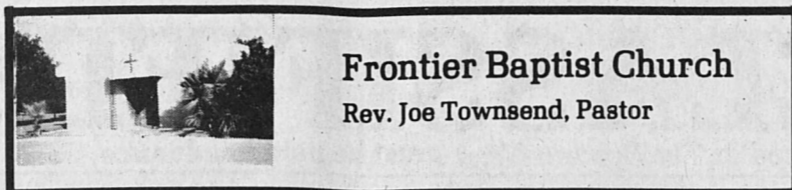




First Baptist Church
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Wives and mothers are busy making shopping lists for all the necessities for that special meal. The fine china will need to be removed from the cabinet and washed. Extra chairs for the guests will be brought in from the storage room.



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Obituary



Dave Martin Sharp, Jr.

Memorial services for David Martin Sharp, Jr. are tentatively set for Saturday, November 26, at the First Baptist Church of Brackettville with Rev. Gil Ash officiating.

Survivors include his wife, Edith Sharp, of Fort Clark Springs; a son, Robert Douglas Sharp, South Bend, Indiana; two daughters, Elizabeth Sharp of Monroe, Louisiana, Linda Chacon of San Antonio; and a brother, Marvin Kyle Gerlach of Mahomet, Illinois.



Unsung Hero by Joe Townsend

It was my distinct privilege to be asked to participate in dedication exercises of Schroeder Range.

Buddy Poppy Sale Nov. 19

The Auxiliary to Fort Clark Springs VFW Post #8360 will join with the post in Buddy Poppy sales on Saturday, November 19. All proceeds from Buddy Poppies, which are made by disabled veterans, go to assist veterans and/or their families.

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