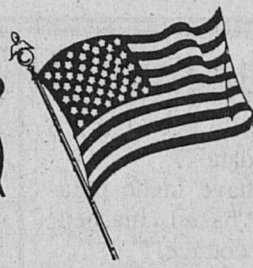


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Kinney County and the City of Brackettville receives \$3000

By Aundarh Hill
Staff Writer

Last week Police Chief Alonzo announced at the regular monthly City Council meeting that they had received a \$3,000 grant.

The grant is for the enforcement laws in Kinney County and was received from the State of Texas Comptrollers office.

In June of last year both the County and the City approved the application submitted by Kinney County Constable Cordelia Mendeke and Police Chief Arnulfo Alonzo for this grant.

The monies granted must be applied as follows: 40% for stings, 25% for compliance inspections, 25% community compliance/education, 10% required reporting.

According to Chief Alonzo the first step is to educate local merchants, parents and our students, about the law on minors and tobacco products.

"We must begin with our merchants, as they are the key to stopping any sale to minors or

to an adult they suspect of giving the tobacco product to a minor," said Chief Alonzo.

"We would work with other counties in other areas, like Del Rio, Eagle Pass, and Uvalde.

Our kids that are helping us with this project would help them.

They would go into their stores, places of business, and try to buy tobacco products.

It would be a sting basically and we would bring in unknown kids to this area to conduct stings," said Constable Mendeke

Any store or vendor in violation during a sting or inspection would be reported to the State Comptrollers office, in addition to a local citation.

"We as a community must unite together to work with and for our minors," Alonzo added.

Meetings are planned to explain the law and the responsibility of all parties involved.

Information on the meetings will be posted in the very near future as well as public notice through the newspaper.

Man dies attempting to cross West Prong

Billy Joe Howton, 74, of Houston, drowned in the Nueces River last Friday night.

Howton was traveling with his, 48 year old, son to their deer lease in Kinney County.

They were headed west towards Brackettville on Ranch Road 334.

At approximately 8:30 p.m. they attempted to cross the West Prong of the Nueces River and were swept from the roadway.

Their '89 Dodge Van came to rest upright about 75 yards downstream.

Not knowing they had made it over halfway across; the men exited the vehicle and swam towards the east side of the river.

Howton's son made it across but lost sight of his father in the

process. It was around 1:30 a.m. Saturday before another car arrived and Howton's son was able to call for help.

Search and rescue workers arrived at the scene at approximately 2:15 a.m.

Kinney County Sheriffs Office, Kinney County Emergency Medical Service, Kinney County Volunteer Fire Department, Department of Public Safety Troopers, Uvalde County Sheriffs Office, Uvalde County EMS, Uvalde County Fire Department and United States Border Patrol were all involved in the search.

Howton's body was found shortly after 9 a.m. one half mile downstream.



Howton's Dodge Van Monday afternoon. The waters had deposited over 4 feet of gravel in places on the roadway.

County terminates CiviGenics agreement

Kinney County Commissioners terminated a Lease/Purchase Agreement with CiviGenics last Monday afternoon.

The 1998 agreement for a 500 bed detention facility was cancelled due to failure to obtain financing.

"I really regret that it has gotten to this point but I certainly understand. We haven't done what we agreed to do," said Bob Prince of CiviGenics.

Herb Bristow, an attorney representing Kinney County, explained to commissioners that on four separate occasions financing on the transaction had been setup.

"There were a lot of things that were really related to timing in the market place. Different issues that really were beyond our control. We worked through each one of those and they would get to the table and then something would happen," Bristow said.

The most recent financing problem occurred 6 months ago.

"Our end of the deal was suppose to close on Wednesday but there was a glitch in the paperwork. They decided to meet the following Tuesday and let the

attorneys work it out. On Thursday night is when two of the three principals were killed in a plane crash," Prince told the court.

"That is how frustratingly close we have been during this time," Prince added.

Bristow advised the court that to be clear, on where they stood, they should consider a formal motion to cancel the transaction.

"It is probably in the county's best interest to sever ties with the past RFP (request for proposal). We understand that; we are embarrassed that its gotten to this point," said Prince.

The court unanimously agreed to terminate the agreement.

The court also agreed, by unanimous decision, to cancel the agreement for Architectural Consulting Services for the detention center.

Commissioners unanimously approved the preparation and publication of Requests for Proposal for the design, financing, construction and operation of a 300 bed detention facility. These RFPs are based on the previously selected site, currently owned by CiviGenics.

Alien found dead near Mud Creek

Carlos Lazaro Diaz, 41 from Durango, Mexico died on the Rio Springs Ranch sometime Tuesday morning.

The ranch is located approximately 15 miles west of Brackettville on Mud Creek road.

Diaz, an illegal alien, was

traveling with 3 other men. Diaz told his companions, Monday afternoon, he could travel no further.

The four men made camp on the banks of Mud Creek approximately three and one half miles north of Highway 90.

They woke the following morning to discover Diaz had died during the night. Two of the men then flagged down Border Patrolmen to ask for assistance.

Briefs ...

Water Board

Deadline to file for a position on the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Board is next Wednesday, November 28th.

To date seven people have filed for five positions. Tom Dorrell has filed for precinct one. Cecil Smith has filed for precinct two. Zack Davis and Chris Ring have filed for precinct three. Don Hood has filed for precinct four. Joe York, Jr. has filed for the county wide position while Bob Young has filed for Fort Clark Springs slot.

Anyone interested in filing may contact current temporary board president Tom Dorrell.

Historical Society

The Fort Clark Historical Society will have a meeting on November 24 at 10:00 at the Palisado Building. Visitors are welcome to come at 9:30 for the social period and refreshments.

Las Moras Lodge

Masonic Lodge #444 will hold a fund raiser trash and treasure sale on Dec. 1st 2001, from 8:00 AM to ? All donations for this sale will be greatly appreciated. To make arrangements for donations call 563-2989 or 563-9249.

Free Dinners

Lutheran Brotherhood Winter Garden 8871 Branch and Our Redeemer Lutheran Church are providing 10 Brackettville families with a complete Thanksgiving dinner

EMS Public Hearing

EMS Update
By Carolyn Rutherford

Let's dive right into the subject this time! December 31, 2001, at midnight, our Texas Department of Health temporary personnel variance expires. There is a chance it can be renewed but we must first do our part. The first part is to let the citizens of this county know exactly what this variance is all about.

Our Public Hearing to address this matter is on Thursday, December 6, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. at the EMS Station.

According to TDH rules, all EMS units must be staffed with a minimum crew of two EMS certified (ECA, EMT Basic, EMT Intermediate, and/or Paramedic) personnel on board. As of November 1, 2001, we do not have certified people available on a 24-hour basis to man two or more units. If we did, it would require at least 4 EMS

certified crew members at all times.

A temporary personnel variance allows us to function as required for the first EMS unit committed to a call; since we cannot guarantee that we have two full crews at all times, the variance allows us to use non-certified drivers with one certified EMS attendant.

If this request for variance is approved, this will be our fourth year requesting a variance (made since 1997). The personnel variance is designed to assist rural EMS to develop a plan to compensate for the lack of personnel available to make EMS calls in the area. During 2001, Kinney County has run a total of 25 calls where two or more ambulances and crews were needed. The majority of these calls occurred when our primary unit was committed to a call and another EMS call came in.

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Local Lions host 12th annual Health Fair

The local Lions Club hosted its 12th annual Health Fair last Thursday.

With over 380 people signed in, the event was well attended. Eye exams, hearing test, blood pressure and blood sugar tests were free of charge. Flu and pneumonia shot were also available for a nominal fee.

Members of the Texas Department of Health were on hand to administer the Flu and pneumonia shots.

The Lions Sight Research Foundation had their Mobile Eye Screening Unit (MESU) giving visual acuity and inter ocular eye pressure (Glaucoma) test.

The research foundation was formed in 1982 by the Lions Club of Texas District 2-A2. Fund raising for the MESU began in 1995. Through the help of the Lions of the District 2-A2, H.E.B., state funding, numerous private and University benefactors the MESU became a reality in the spring of 1996.

The foundation also created the Lions Sight Research Center at the University of Texas Health Center in San Antonio in 1991.



Lions Club of Texas District 2-A2's Mobile Eye Screening Unit provided over 82 free eye test last Thursday.

Middle Rio Grande Development Council was at the fair updating 911 addresses and information for rural residents of Kinney County. Addresses are assigned according to distance from the nearest intersecting highway. Addresses in the hundreds represent tenths of a mile; one thousands represent miles. For example an address of 5400 Ranch Road 674 would be 5.4

miles north of Brackettville.

Anyone in Kinney County, who has not received a 911 address should contact Forrest Anderson at 888-945-3940. Those in rural areas should have the address posted on the nearest paved road. This will help EMS, the fire department or sheriff's office find your home during an emergency.

Life Line Screening, a mobile

medical screening company, does testing to provide early detection and prevention related to Stroke, Vascular Diseases and Osteoporosis.

The three vascular screening tests are Carotid Vascular, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm and Ankle Brachial Index.

The Carotid Vascular test visualizes the buildup of fatty deposits in the arteries which can lead to stroke. The test is non-invasive and painless.

The Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm test checks for the existence of an aneurysm or enlargement in the abdominal aorta that could lead to a rupture. This test is also painless.

The Ankle Brachial Index test screens for peripheral arterial disease in the lower extremities. Studies suggest an abnormal ABI may indicate peripheral arterial disease as well as a high risk of coronary artery disease. The procedure consists of placing a blood pressure cuff and Doppler ultrasound probe on the arms and ankles.

The company also does Osteoporosis testing on women over the age of 45 to screen for abnormal bone mass density.

The test is performed with an ultrasound unit and is painless.

Life Line was giving away free chances for a Stroke Screening. Their mobile unit did screenings at Frontier Baptist Church last Tuesday morning.

Community Council of Southwest Texas had a booth for its Southwest Transit Operations Program (STOP). It is a rural public transportation service that is funded by both the state and the federal government. Local representative Beverly Wright gave out route schedules and explained how the program worked.

The program covers nine counties; Dimmit, Edwards, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde and Zavala. The three primary routes from Brackettville are to San Antonio, Del Rio, and Uvalde. Trips to Brackettville are also available for rural residents of Kinney County.

Medical transportation is also available for Medicaid eligible clients. Their transportation fees are covered by funding from the Texas Department of Health.

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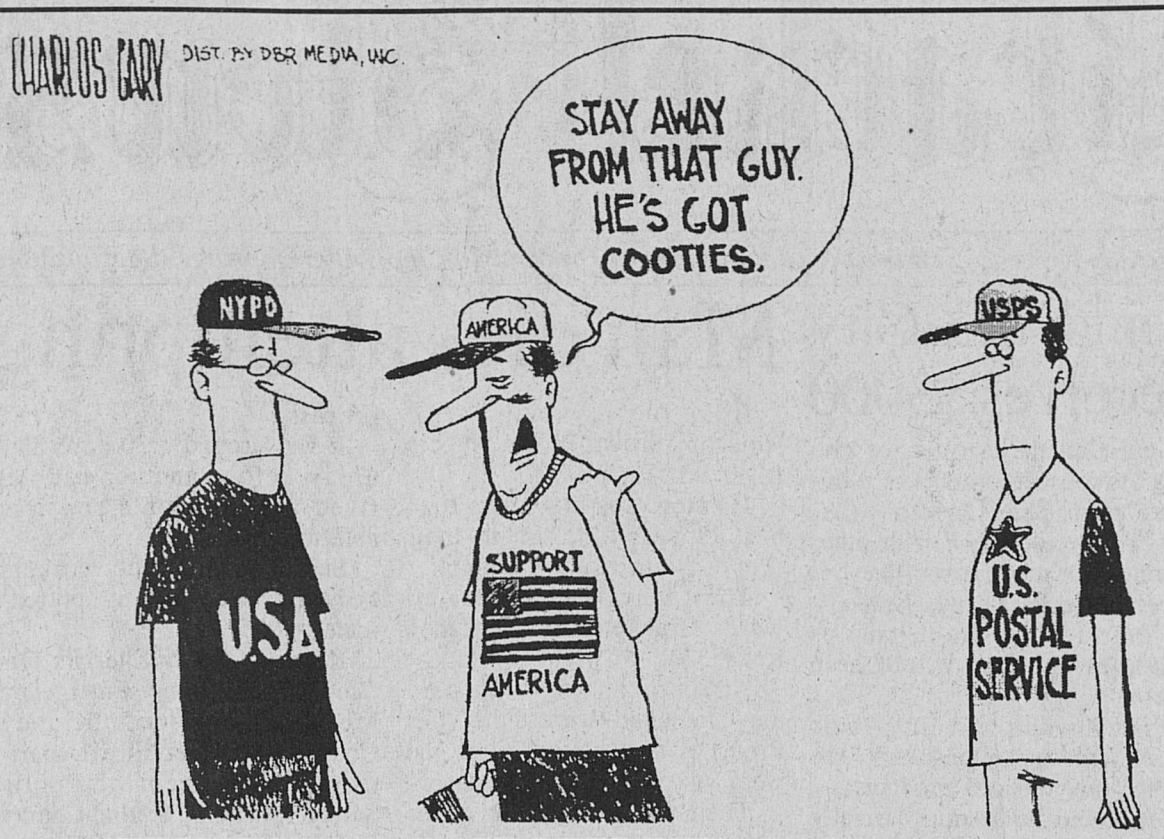
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What kind of a person are you?

But I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

I was wondering. No, it's a good word. For those of you who are not familiar with the term, it refers to a person desiring to see what's over yonder. Yondering. I like it. I like the word and the act. Yondering. At the only VFW I have ever been to that was a restaurant, the waitress said the daily specials were rib-eye steak or bar-b-que ribs. Being a steak fan, I asked for the former. "How would you like that cooked?" "Medium rare, please." "What kind of potatoes would you like?" "Idaho." "Idaho?"

"Idaho. That's the kind I'd like to have. Idaho"
"We don't have Idaho potatoes. We have baked, mashed, steak fries, or cottage."
Cottage sounded rather peculiar. "Baked will be fine."
"We don't have baked potatoes."
Hmm. No Idaho potatoes, no baked potatoes. "Steak fries then, please."
It was my buddy Ted's turn to try his luck. "What kind of ribs are they?" "Bar-b-que."
Uhuh. And he thought I was just hard to get along with. "I'll have a ribeye steak too please. Rare. And steak fries."
Some people just talk different than I do.
But I could be wrong.



Bonilla's District Stays Intact

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

Washington D.C. - The court battle over redistricting is likely over and Congressman Henry Bonilla's 23rd district remains almost completely intact. "I've become very attached to the people of the 23rd district. We work well together and have supported one another for the past nine years. I'm thrilled that I'll continue representing them, hopefully for many years to come," said Mr. Bonilla.

A three-judge federal district panel issued an order today adopting new congressional districts for Texas. After close review, Mr. Bonilla's district looks largely the same. He will keep his portion of Bexar County (San Antonio) and retain almost all 800 miles of his border region, which includes Laredo, Eagle Pass, Del Rio and parts of El Paso County. According to the new map, the 23rd district will also gain Real County.

"I feel very fortunate to have kept such a large portion of my district. When you look at the big picture, things look pretty familiar," said Mr. Bonilla. "The people of the 23rd district should expect great things. I look forward to being a part of their continued success."

"I also understand that I've gained an additional county. I look forward to getting out to Real County as soon as possible and meeting my new constituents. I welcome them to the 23rd district - it's a great place to be" said Mr. Bonilla.

Unfortunately, due to population growth in the 23rd district, Mr. Bonilla was forced to lose more than 111,000 constituents. These losses were seen specifically in Loving, Winkler, Ector, Midland, Ward and Crane Counties.

"I fought hard to keep all my constituents, but when it came down to drawing the final lines, the court was forced to make a few changes," said Mr. Bonilla in response to losing six of his counties. "I have great pride in the state and federal court system, but I sure will miss the people in and around Midland and Odessa. We've been through some good times and I can only hope I've added something to their communities and their lives."

Representative Henry Bonilla has been serving the people of the 23rd district since his first election in 1992. The 23rd district is the largest in the state of Texas. It spans two time zones, three climates and covers almost 800 miles of the Texas/Mexico border.

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What's in a Movie?

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

Did you know that only one network carried the President's speech to the New York policemen and firefighters as live coverage?

You wanna know why? Because they felt it would negatively impact their ratings! That's right, the national news networks, the ones who are supposedly telling us all the news that's fit to hear, failed to show us a presidential address because they thought they might lose a few bucks. Man, that makes me feel so secure and well informed.

Have you seen any old war movies lately?

I was watching some of the old movies on AMC or one of those classic movie channels the other day. I was pleasantly reminded of the days when Hollywood made movies that did their best to portray a sense of patriotism and national honor.

Everyone wanted what was best for the country; they wanted to take Iwo Jima; to be in The Flying Tigers, or the Fighting Seabees, or The Big Red One; or be Flying Leathernecks, take A Bridge Too Far, or help tote ammo to Omaha Beach on The Longest Day; or be with the 101st Airborne in Bastogne at The Battle Of The Bulge; they wanted to honor Audie Murphy, Americas most decorated soldier ever, and tell the story of his trip To Hell and Back.

They told stories of heroics and sacrifice and patriotism and honor and selfless devotion to the United States of America and to the ideals she stands for.

The stars of Hollywood were proud to do their part for the war effort. They went to the front to entertain the troops and

raise morale. Though many fought the war with their talent to entertain, many were actually combat veterans.

Eddie Albert, star of the TV show Green Acres, was decorated for heroism at, I believe, Tarawa.

Jimmy Stewart became a general in the U.S. Air Force. Many others donned the uniforms of the Armed Forces of The United States.

So, what happened?

Have our stars turned from heroes to cowards?

Are the movie tough guys only tough on film?

Are they in reality pampered sissies who can't cope with the real world without the aid of their publicists?

What patriotic movies is Hollywood turning out?

I really don't know. I seldom go to the movies any more, because I am always either disappointed or ashamed or embarrassed.

I have been told that Saving Private Ryan was a great war movie. I hope it gave honor not just to the men who fought the war, but to the nation as well.

You will know when this nation as a people has made the turn and entered a time of cultural rejuvenation.

You will see it in the movies. You will see such movies as, maybe, Desert Heroes, or Take It To The Taliban, or The Battle of Bloody Wadi.

Movies that are more interested in making the American People feel proud of their military heroes, and part of the war effort, and less in making a buck for the producers, studios, and stars.

You will see soldiers on the screen praying fervently to God in their foxholes without some other soldiers teasing them

about being "Jesus freaks." You know the signs.

If you are a True Blue American, you will have been hoping and praying for the same things for a long time.

In the midst of pain and terror, death and destruction, we have started a healing process. It is still being resisted by the evil elements in the nation, but it appears to be gaining momentum.

I pray it becomes an unstoppable juggernaut like Patton's Third Army was in France in 1945.

If you care to join me and my friends in praying that this happens, please feel free. It is your right, and your duty as an American.

Because James 5:16 says, "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective" NIV; and in the King James Bible, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." I may not be very righteous, but I try to make up for it in fervency.

And we will win!

I know this as surely as I know the sun comes up in the east.

God will prevail. He has already prevailed. The bad guys just don't know it yet.

Isaiah 24:7-9 - On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples.

The sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth.

In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us."

This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.

The office of homeland security

Capitol Comment
By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Recently, we celebrated Veterans Day — a day that honors our nation's many military veterans. It is on this day that we as a nation are to reflect upon the personal sacrifice and courage of those involved over the years in the struggle to protect our liberty. Over the years, the willingness of these brave men and women to risk their lives have meant we remain free, proud and protected.

This year though, in an all-too sad coincidence, Veterans Day also was the two-month mark of the heinous attack against us. Unlike years past, when our military men and women fought wars on foreign shores, this attack brought the front lines here, to our soil. We are all now called to do battle and to defend our hard-won principles.

Our first line of defense is the Office of Homeland Security. A few weeks ago the President created this office by executive order to show Americans that every possible step is being taken

to ensure their security.

The mission of the office is to coordinate federal, state, and local counter-terrorism efforts to strengthen protections against terrorist threats or attacks. It is critical that we have an organized and comprehensive national strategy to help protect the United States — that is, one of force that not only looks for future attacks, but defends us from them and, finally, helps us to rebound after them.

President Bush appointed former Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge, a decorated combat veteran, to head the office. Governor Ridge, who will report directly to the President, has the strength, experience, personal commitment, and authority to take on this challenging assignment. In this time of crisis, your leaders in Washington are taking a variety of steps to ensure our security and punish those responsible. For example, we passed a new antiterrorism law to give our law enforcement agencies better capability to respond to the new technologies, such as allowing, with a court order, wire tapping of a

person instead of a phone number.

In addition, we are moving to secure our airports now and in the future, our public health officials responded quickly against the anthrax threat, and already the Coast Guard and the National Guard have expanded their duties both to protect our shores and ports and to provide increased surveillance at our borders. At the same time, our brave men and women in the military are on foreign lands tracking down the evildoers.

All of us have responsibilities though, in this new war — we must refuse to give terrorists the power they are seeking, the power of fear. As the President said recently, "There is a difference between being alert and being intimidated, and this great nation will never be intimidated."

We must go about our daily lives, and at the same time we must remember to focus on what truly matters — we must treasure the awakened appreciation for our nation, our values, our neighbors and our families. Make a commitment to this emotion — in dedication of the

memory of what happened on September 11 — and find a way to offer service in your community. Defy the terrorists by showing how strong our spirit and good will are — how strong our American values are.

Our good fortune in never having had our shores violated by international terrorism is both a blessing and a curse. It means that we have, unfortunately, a learning curve. I assure you though, we are responding rapidly, forcefully and appropriately. It is the character of our nation and our people — we can quickly adapt to circumstances and always have. Sam Houston once said, "Texas has yet to learn submission to any oppression." Houston, who spoke during the quest for freedom for Texas from Mexico, was thinking of the character of our people — of our conviction, determination, and, admittedly, our bullheadedness! Today we are fighting for freedom from terrorists, and his thought is apt today: America will never learn submission to any oppression.

We are the best. We have a just cause. And we will prevail.

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"Christmas Tour of Homes" DRT has successful 10th Texas History Forum

By Woodie V. Hornburg
Contributing Writer

The Kinney County Arts Council's "Annual Christmas Homes Tour" is scheduled December 2nd from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. All homes to be displayed are located on Ft. Clark in Brackettville, Texas. The tickets are \$5.00 and the project is a major contributor in bringing cultural events to the school children of Kinney County, funds are also matched by the Texas Commission on Arts.

One of the new homes to be toured is owned by Mr. and Mrs. William Cronin, which is located toward the east end of Fairway Circle. The dwelling was built in 1997 out of cedar and Austin stone, with three dormer style windows. Trim throughout is natural pine, and a beautiful balcony overlooks the living room. There are 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths and a large "secret room," as the children call it located above the carport.

Exquisite Christmas decorations will be displayed throughout the home from Barbara Voss's collection of Christmas Around the World open invitation from the House of Lloyd.

Christmas at the Alan and Xyan McWilliams home reflects elegance and a graceful display of vintage furnishings. It is located at 3105 Bowlegs and is an

example of an excellent use of space. The dwelling was built about six years ago and was designed to create a spacious feeling with all rooms open to each other without utilizing hallways.

Megan 16, has a pretty room decorated with cheerful flowers and her collection of Barbie dolls and Beanie Babies. Her personal Christmas tree is white and decorated with angels and pieces special to her.

Mason 14, has a typical Southwest style boy's room and a Christmas tree decorated with red and western decor. Each child's room has an adjoining bath.

The living room will be dominated by an enormous green tree with white lights and covered with old fashioned gigantic elaborate gold and crystal drops. The ornaments vary with hearts, gold crosses, stars, hunter green Christmas balls, and many, many rich colored ribbons. In Christmas seasons past, people stopped by to view the tree. The McWilliams family is generous in sharing their home with the annual Kinney County Arts Council Christmas Tour of Homes.

Along with the Cronin and McWilliams homes, other historical and contemporary homes to be toured give an overview of a "Now to a Back Then" theme.

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library Committee and Library Staff once again put together a successful and very informative forum relating to Texas History, Chapter members and guests from around the state gathered at Alamo Hall situated on the grounds of the Alamo for a slightly different type forum.

This one pertained solely to contributions of women in the early days of San Antonio.

Maria Watson Pfeiffer, who received her master's degree in urban studies from Trinity University, told the story of the Ursuline academy as it reflected the intricacies of San Antonio at its best-from construction and operation of the school, to the survival of its building, to the founding and flourishing of the Southwest School of Art and Craft.

It was a story that had three themes-education, historic preservation, and love of artistic invention-that merged to produce and preserve this unique place.

The second speaker, Gerianne Schaad, reported on her investigation of the collections of the San Antonio Woman's Club, the Tuesday

Musical Club and the Pan American Roundtable in helping to define the motives and impact of some strong and influential San Antonio women.

These were women who saw needs in their community and addressed them, according to Ms. Schaad, who received her master's degree in library and information science from the University of South Florida and is currently a certified archivist with the University of Texas-San Antonio.

A native San Antonian and long time board member of the San Antonio Conservation Society, Sally Buchanan was eminently qualified to discuss that organization's beginnings in her topic "Emily Edwards and Rena Maverick Green: The Establishment of the San Antonio Conservation Society."

Educated at Mills College with a degree in art history, Sally serves as a Bexar County director of the San Antonio River Authority and is a member of San Antonio's Downtown Advisory Board and the Downtown Alliance.

Nationally respected speaker Dr. Judith Sobre, professor of art history at UT-SA, explored

how the Battle of Flowers parade evolved into a festival institution in San Antonio-which was, and still is, the only parade of this nature run entirely by women. Dr. Sobre received her Ph.D. from Harvard University and her latest book Celebrating in the City, Six Festivals in San Antonio, Texas 1866-1900 is to soon be published by Texas A & M Press.

Following the program a luncheon was held at the Menger Hotel to allow members to visit

with the presenters. DRT members from Uvalde's Caddell-Smith Chapter in attendance were Vice-president Fran Brookshire and Registrar Pat McKelvy, as well as former chapter member Jane Knapik.

The next Texas History Forum is scheduled for Friday, February 15, 2002 and will pertain to Native Americans.

The public is invited to attend with reservations being made through the DRT Library. Phone 210-225-1071.

Haenn presents program to DAR

Brackettville's Bill Haenn presented the program at the Uvalde de las Encinas, Daughters of the American Revolution, meeting on Saturday, November 17, 2001 at the Holiday Inn's Rose Room.

Bill said that a boyhood visit to Independence Hall sparked his life long passion for history. He quoted Thomas Paine's 1776 statement: "These are the times that try men's souls."

The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph" and related it to the present day crisis.

The fact that he had visited all the major battlefields of the Revolution and participated in the Bicentennial as a common soldier in the 5th Pennsylvania Regiment of the Continental Line helped make his program one of the best of the year.

Prior to the program the group stood for the Opening Ritual, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Texas flag, and then The American's Creed. Janie Van Hoozier read the National De-

ference report.

Regent Patsy Edwards presided over the business meeting. Secretary Helen Fryar read the minutes of the October meeting and Treasurer Edith Frazell reported on chapter finances.

Vice-Regent and acting Registrar Pat McKelvy reported that three prospective members' applications have been sent to the Registrar General in Washington DC for approval, a former member is seeking reinstatement, and she is working with two prospective members to help complete their papers.

Corresponding secretary Betty Lawrence had sent cards to members who are ill.

Freida Rogers, vice chairman of the Hill Country Council, reported on the meeting in October held at Bandera. Six members of the local chapter attended.

The next HCC meeting will be February 28 in Pearsall at the Cowpokes Restaurant.

An election by secret ballot was held for members to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Those elected were Billie Jean Davis, Billie Franklin, and Bea Carmichael.

A luncheon was served to 28 members and 2 guests. Attending from Brackettville besides Haenn and McKelvy were Louise Stone and Hawkins Huey.

Confederate Heros Week-End

By Pat McKelvy
Contributing Writer

Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter #2060, United Daughters of the Confederacy, met in San Antonio at Los Patios Restaurant on Thursday, November 15, 2001.

During the business meeting plans were finalized for Confederate Heroes Week-End, January 18-20, 2002, which will be held using facilities in Brackettville, Fort Clark and Alamo Village for the chapters in District VI of Texas. Coordinator for the event is district vice-chairman Pat McKelvy. Agnes Vondy will be honoring her grandfather, F. S. Fritter, a Confederate vet-

eran, during the ceremonies on January 20. Also participating in the ceremony at the cemetery will be the Brackettville Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Fritter was a charter member. Anyone knowing of other Confederate veterans buried in any of the Brackettville cemeteries are encouraged to contact Pat McKelvy so that they also might be honored.

Following the luncheon members prepared gifts to be distributed to various area veteran hospitals during the Christmas holidays.

Members attending from Brackettville were Agnes Vondy, Hawkins Huey, Louise Stone, and Pat McKelvy.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, November 12
6:35 a.m., Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo responded to a minor vehicle accident at a local store.

Tuesday, November 13
9:10 p.m., Deputy Karl Chism responded to a disturbance at a local store's parking lot.

Thursday, November 15
4:35 p.m., Guadalupe Miguel Juarez, 42, from Brackettville, was arrested for possession of alcoholic beverage near school property, resisting arrest and deadly conduct by Chief Alonzo. Juarez was released the next day on a P.R. Bond.

Friday, November 16
11:42 a.m., Deputy Chism responded to a disturbance.
2:15 p.m., Raymond Aguilar, 54, from Brackettville, was arrested by Chief Alonzo for indecent exposure. Aguilar is still being held.

12:33 p.m., Tommy Gutierrez, 18, from San Angelo, was arrested for no drivers license and liability insurance by DPS Trooper Tom Wylie. Gutierrez was released the next day after posting bond.
8:48 p.m., The Uvalde Police Department reported flooding on Hwy 334 and requested assistance. The Texas Department of Transportation was notified.

Saturday, November 17
10:26 a.m., A woman reported a dog attacked her dog that was fenced in her yard. Chief Alonzo was advised.

9:40 p.m., Chief Alonzo responded to a complaint of refusing service.

11:19 p.m., A man reported a lot of traffic on Louise St.

Sunday, November 18
10:00 a.m., A 911 call was received, three mules were reported on Hwy 90 two miles east of town. Trooper Richard Slubar and a city employee re-

sponded to that location.
12:13 a.m., Constable Cordelia Mendeke responded to loud music on Veltman St.

12:15 a.m., Chief Alonzo responded to a 911 call that was received.

12:35 a.m., Deputy Manuel Pena responded to retrieve some property.

12:45 a.m., Angel Dehoyos, 18, from Brackettville, was arrested for family violence by Chief Alonzo. Dehoyos was released.

No time was shown on report. DPS Trooper Slubar responded to a horse that was out on Hwy 90. A city employee was notified.

No time shown on report. A woman reported a car had gotten stuck in front of her house and requested barricades. A city employee was advised.

12:51 a.m., A woman reported three men wearing ski masks had hit her grandson.

12:58 a.m., A woman requested Fort Clark Security to check on a family.

5:51 p.m., Maverick County Sheriff's Office informed that a cow was on Hwy 277 just off of Hwy 693.

5:53 p.m., Deputy Pena responded to an abandoned pickup on Hwy 90 east, of Fritter Park.

9:25 p.m., A woman reported a minor derailment on Hwy 1572.

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A person who enjoys evil meets with evil

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

The front door shut noisily and a very tired but happy thirteen year old Lori bounced into the house. "Hi Sweetheart. How was the pajama party last night at Sally's? You must have had a lot of fun. It's almost noon. You slept late this morning."
"We had a good time, Mom. We played a lot of games, listened to music, and talked until we couldn't stay awake. Sally's parents are really neat. I like them a lot. Can I have a pajama party here?"
"As long as you're agreeable to Dad and I being here to chaperone, Lori I don't see why not. I'm really proud of your choice

of friends. Who will you invite to your party?"
"Well Mom, pretty much the same kids that came to Sally's, except for Cheryl."
"Why not Cheryl, honey?"
"Mom, all Cheryl wants to do is talk about other kids and the bad things they do. It seems like she's got something on everybody. I just get tired of listening to it. Sometimes I think she makes a lot of it up. Even if it is true, I don't like the idea of all that gossip."
"You're right Lori. It isn't a good idea to be the friend of a gossip. Do you know why?"
"Sure Mom. She'll gossip about me too."
"That's right Lori and do you know what's worse than just lis-

tening to gossip?"
"Passing it on?"
"Right again, Sweetheart. A very wise man long ago said that a person who enjoys the evil of others and who passes it along meets up with evil in his own life. It is the fool, who when he hears gossip, cannot stand it until he tells another. Never repeat gossip, and let anything you hear

die within you (Sirach 19:5-10). You don't need friends who are like Cheryl. It is wise to avoid them. Now let's make a list of the girls you want to invite to your party."

This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family Project working in Brackettville to strengthen families, faith and education.



Mr. & Mrs. David G. Seargeant Jr.

At 1:00 p.m. on October 20, 2001 David G. Seargeant Jr. and Lana Michell Cartwright were married.

The wedding took place in the Gazebo in front of the Brewster County Courthouse in Alpine, Texas. The newlyweds are both Juniors at Sul Ross State University in Alpine.

Lana is a 1998 graduate of Alpine High School. Her parents are Cheryl Nelson of Alpine and Warren Cartwright of Duncan, Oklahoma.

David graduated from Brackett High School in 1993. His parents are David G. Seargeant Sr. of Brackettville, TX and Janet Gieseke of Mt. Juliet, TN.

OUTDOORS

Open country gobblers

By Matt Morrett
Contributing Writer

Turkeys have no fear of large open places. Because their great vision is their primary defense, they feel very secure where they can see well and far. Turkeys of both sexes frequently feed in pastures and meadows and gobblers love to strut their stuff out in the open.

On rainy days, turkeys prefer open areas and are frequently seen in pastures, clearcuts and walking along woods roads.

These are all prime places to look for fresh tracks, feathers and other sign.

Use this to your scouting advantage. When driving in your

hunting area always slow down and take a good, thorough look at openings. This is where binoculars are a great help. When walking through your hunting area, approach openings carefully and check them out well before exposing yourself. This means taking a long look at the opening from cover and moving slowly even though you think you are well hidden. If you are careful, you can spot a lot of gobblers out in the open.

Matt Morrett began winning turkey calling contests at the age of eight, and at 25 had won the U.S. Open, five World Friction titles, and the Grand National. Matt is also a member of the Hunter's Specialties Pro Team.

What's a Mufon?

No, MUFON is not a kind of sheep. It is the Mutual UFO Network and its mission is the systematic collection and analysis of UFO data, with the ultimate goal of learning the origin and nature of the UFO phenomenon.

On Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2001 in the meeting room at Mr. Gatti's Pizza, MUFON-DR (MUFON of Del Rio) met to hear speaker Thomas P. Deuley who is a retired naval officer.

Mr. Deuley has a background in nuclear weapons, nuclear power, and communications security. He is the co-founder and national board member of The Fund for UFO Research, Corporate Secretary and Board member of MUFON, and an affiliate researcher for the UFO Research Coalition. It is also important to note that Mr. Deuley is one of the few people in our great country actually being paid (and making a living) to do scientific UFO research.

His presentation on the 13th included information on his work documenting cases of abduction, and his investigation of the El Indio/Guerrero Crash, which was believed to have happened in 1950.

Mr. Deuley commented during his presentation that he believes he is employed by one of only two groups doing actual scientific studies on UFO's and the abduction phenomenon. His work involves the Ambient Monitoring Project and the machines this project uses to record scientific data in the homes of people who believe they experience abduction and/or otherwise inexplicable events averaging once a month or more. The project is still in its earliest stages but could mark the beginning of a new era of interest and sci-

entific study of UFO's.

Mr. Deuley spent 21 years in the Navy and has been involved with what he calls the "UFO Business" for 30 years. In 1987, at the MUFON symposium in Nebraska, Tom Deuley heard a speech by Bill Moore, author of "The Roswell Incident." Mr. Moore's speech led him to become interested in what is known as the El Indio/Guerrero Crash. Mr. Moore was speaking about a mysterious and one of the more controversial documents to surface concerning UFO's. Among UFO enthusiasts and MUFON members this particular document is referred to as the "EBD" or the "Eisenhower Briefing Document." In one brief paragraph of this six page "mystery" document there is a claim that on December 6th, 1950, a UFO impacted the earth in the El Indio/Guerrero area of the Texas/Mexican border.

Mr. Deuley has since made three investigative trips to the El Indio/Guerrero area and has found little more than a sink hole at what was believed to be the crash site and one eye witness who only claims to remember seeing a flash and a column of smoke. He has checked newspaper archives, police records, library records, and has written authorities within one hundred

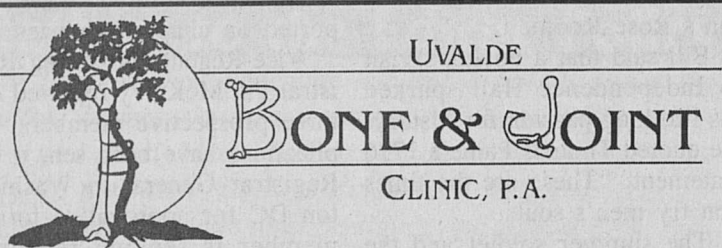
miles of the alleged incident. After all this, he turned up no evidence pointing towards or away from a possible UFO crash.

In fact, the most helpful information Mr. Deuley has come across was from a book called "Wings Over The Mexican Border: Pioneer Military Aviation in the Big Bend," by Kenneth Baxter Ragsdale. This book contains a story about a Civil Air Patrol plane crashing as the result of bullets raining down on it from a military exercise going on in the same area. However, "Wings Over The Mexican Border" states that this crash happened in 1944, six years earlier than the El Indio/Guerrero crash.

Mr. Deuley is planning a fourth trip where he hopes to find some crash debris. Based on his research he expects to find debris from some sort of plane, not a UFO. After much research Mr. Deuley has also concluded that the EBD that set so many fires alight concerning a UFO crash in the El Indio area is completely and utterly false. He presented much evidence at his speech to support this. There are many who still believe that it was, in fact, a UFO that crashed in that area in 1950 and who also believe that the EBD is a valid document. Mr. Deuley's fourth trip will hopefully end some of this speculation.

It may seem odd that I have shared with you this rather long story about "the UFO that wasn't." My point in doing this is to demonstrate the reason MUFON exists. They are a group of investigators who wish not to prove that UFO's exist, necessarily, but to prove what alleged UFO events are definitely not. The whole point behind many MUFON investigations is to narrow down the possibilities until only the truth remains.

MUFON-DR will meet the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at Mr. Gatti's in Del Rio. All are welcome to attend, listen, ask questions, and (if there is time) share MUFON related stories. MUFON-DR hopes to have many different speakers every month, but this will not always be the case. Some meetings may involve the viewing of UFO related documentaries, lively discussions of documented UFO sightings, the sharing of personal UFO experiences, and information on the latest UFO research. For more information you can send an e-mail to mufon_dr@hotmail.com. The Truth Is Out There.



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All that Virginia Shahan and her husband "Happy" knew about movies was the price of tickets when John Wayne asked to make a movie on their ranch. After *The Alamo* was released in 1960, the Shahans found themselves proprietors of a tourist attraction and movie set. More than twenty films have been shot at Alamo Village and 20,000 people visit a year. Happy passed on in '96, but Virginia still manages the property, when she's not spending time at her ranch house with her eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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Take time to give thanks for our freedom 7th Grade Basketball

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

Happy Thanksgiving! This is a time when we remember family, friends and the folks who make life more meaningful. I'm grateful that the USA continues to be one nation under God founded and dedicated to freedom for its citizens.

Events of September 11, 2001 will not soon be forgotten. We found on that historic day that each second of our lives is precious. Our family, friends, and neighbors are blessings that we treasure.

This November, our country is at war. We fight a battle against evil terrorists who are dedicated to the extinction of the USA. It's a fight we must win to keep America free and its citizen's safe. Democrats and Republicans and Liberals and Conservatives all are on the same side in this war. We must

stay united and not be divided by false prophets here or abroad. Let's pray for our President and the government. Let's give thanks and pray for those who place their lives at risk to support our democratic way of life.

At school, we've had a grand year. BISD students are aware of our nation and the values that undergird this great country. In the past months, I have seen more flags and outward demonstration of patriotism all over the country than ever in my lifetime. From sea to shining sea, Americans understand more about our precious freedom and how quickly we can be placed at risk.

The folks in Brackettville and Kinney County are justifiably proud of the young that attend our schools. We have been immensely successful in academic and extra-curricular activities in 2001. BISD's great staff of

teachers, administrators, support staff, students, parents and supporters make our achievement possible. We have a board and community that work together. The results are obvious.

BISD's school cafeteria served 687 meals Thursday as it celebrated with an early Thanksgiving dinner for parents, staff and children. We're proud of our fine school lunch staff and appreciate the support that parents and friends give.

The community pep-rally Thursday night was outstanding.

Texas reaches out to students

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Thanks to Honeybee Gomez for letting us know that a night rally would be a good idea. Also thanks to Mr. Schuster, Mrs. Brandt, Mr. Guidry and their fine organizations for a neat night. We had fun and the spirit that we needed to support the Tigers.

This week, take time to give thanks for America and its freedoms. Cherish them.

Pray for our nation and our military.

God Bless America! Have a great week!



Bottom Row L-R Cynthia Jaso, Loraine Mendoza, Natasha Smith
Middle Row L-R: Laura Meyer, Kara Yeager, Alma Reyes, Lola Cano, Allison DelBosque
Top Row L-R: Maresela Talamantes, Emily Valenzuela, and Nadine Terrazas, Lisa Morgan, Samantha Davis
Not pictured: Monica Talamantes, Danika Schmidt

By Jenifer Harris
Contributing Writer

The 7th grade team won 20-16.

High scorer for the young Tigerettes was Emily Valenzuela with 13 points.

Nadine Terrazas pitched in 3 followed by Kara Yeager, and Lola Cano with 2 each.

Other team members playing were Loraine Mendoza, Natasha Smith, Monica Talamantes, Allison DelBosques, Laura Meyer, Samantha Davis, and Cynthia Jaso.

The 7th grade girl's next game will be November, 26, here against Del Rio Sacred Heart.

The basketball season is up and running at Brackett Middle School.

The first scheduled game was November 12.

Both 7th and 8th grade teams traveled to Del Rio.

Unfortunately, both teams lost.

The 7th grade team suffered a 19-11 lose to the Del Rio blue team.

November 19th the Del Rio white team came to Brackett to play the 7th grade girls team.

BISD Honor Roll

High School

All A Honor Roll

■ Juniors: Kami Berg, Maria Martinez, Laura Negrete, Jose Pineda, Tammy Smith

■ Sophomores: Elizabeth Ballew, Amanda Davis, Dietrich Davis, Sarah Meyer, Ashley Smith, Ashley Thourot, Beau Watkins

■ Freshmen: Juliann Ashabranner, Tillman Davis, Jaelynn Duncan, Brandon Kluzek, Cody Robinette, Shanae Simmons

A-B Honor Roll

■ Juniors: Diamantina Flores, Megan McWilliams, Coshena Meyer, Elizabeth Threadgill

■ Sophomores: Emily Petrosky, Star Smith, Hector Febres, Allison LaMascus, Caitlin Wylie, Stacey Castilla, Stephanie Coronado, Glenn Morgan

■ Freshmen: Stephanie Bonner, Whitney Hobbs, Robert Looney, Sean Looney, Oscar Sierra, Cody Edwards, Monica Gonzalez, Megan King, Kody Yeager, Courtney Frerich, Whitney Massingill, Kristin Meyer, Celina Terrazas, Noe Talamantes, Clarissa Aguirre

Middle School

All A Honor Roll

■ Eighth grade: Dana Bonner, Alanna Conoly, Billy Steelman, Rachel Swinson, Brand Wylie

A-B Honor Roll

■ Eighth grade: John Braesicke, Ashley Castillo, Jacquelyn Conoly, Jessica Crane, Kimberly Glass, Cassandra Gomez, Lilianna Hernandez, Tanya Molinar, Yasmin Pena, Ramiro Pina, Charles Rose, Tres Rueda, Timmeke Simmons, Tye Taylor

A-B Honor Roll

■ Seventh grade: Justin Calk, Dolores Cano, Robert Davis, Rachel Lethco, Joshua O'Neill, Ivan Pinales, Austin Shewbart, Micheal Stephenson, Emily Valenzuela, Kara Yeager

Elementary School

All A Honor Roll

■ Sixth Grade: Bailee Allen, Heather Baggett, Jesus Balderas, Kaden Berg, Meghann Davis, Bianca Stewart, Anolda Watkins

■ Fifth grade: Katie Braesicke, Emily Calk, Serenity Gammill, Rebecca Mann, Laura Swinson

■ Fourth grade: Cheyenne Billings, Cody Clark, Charles Conoly, Casey Couch, Shaun Davis, Brianna Escamilla, Emily Fuentes, Lauren Hernandez, Nancy Martinez, Katie Yeager

■ Third grade: Marisol Aguirre, Katie Bowling, Kelsey Bruce, Bryan Calk, Bianca Cruz, Sarah Davis, Damien Falcon, Mike Flores, Vincent Garcia, Stella Guajardo, Abby Gutierrez, Haley Hale, Itzel Jimenez, Adrian Juarez, Ayland Letsinger, Tyler McDonald, Abran Muniz, Brenda Pacheco, Manuel Pena III, Janine Rex, Sahara Rodriguez, Victor Roman, Icela Rueda, Becky Salazar, Jaime Sandoval, SuSu Seargeant, Josh Smith, Sam Stewart, Roberto Torres, Erica Villanueva

■ Second grade: Francisca Flores, Brittany Hale, Jeffrey Herrera, Stevie Lowrance, Nevada Payne, Joel Talamantes, Shandel Villarreal

■ First Grade: Priscilla Aguirre, Cesar Castillo, Trevor Clements, Austin DelBosque, Meghan Flores, Briana Garza, Selina Gerardo, Rolando Gutierrez, Codi Maxwell, Juan Perez, Austin Pettett, Juan Talamantes, Marissa Villarreal

A-B Honor Roll

■ Sixth Grade: Travis Bonner, Chris Seargeant, Julie Castillo, Israel DeHoyos, Doolie Fernandez, Elva Garcia, Hayley Harris, Daphne Hunt, Jaime Jimenez, Kenia Martinez, Lane Nowlin, Anabel Perez, Bella Talamantes, Gaby Talamantes

■ Fifth grade: Laura Adams, Summer Allen, Brooke Bowling, Sam Childress, Diana Honstein, Jessica Jones, Jason Lavelly, Miranda Letsinger, Bianca Martinez, Harmony Pettett, Maribel Rivas, Graciela Rocha, Scott Thourot

■ Fourth grade: Jose Aguilar, Chris Blake, Cynthia Bland, Brayen Chacon, Amanda Flores, Salina Flores, Ivy Garcia, Sarah Gonzalez, Ramon Gutierrez, Justin Kesteloot, Aracely Martinez, Maria Martinez, Daniel Molinar, Elena Molinar, Elidia Molinar, Paul Novel, Jay Proulx, Raul Rivas, Claudia Rocha, Dulce Rodriguez, Michael Rossetti, Lawrence Salazar, Miranda Salmon, Isaac Talamantes, Nydia Talamantes, Lilianna Valdez

■ Third grade: Bernadette Garza, Wyatt Guidry, Sofia Lozano, Avian Pacheco, Aracely Salazar, Cynthia Salazar, Danika Villarreal, Jerry DeHoyos, Ward Kerr, Celina Calvillo, Mark Garcia, Jesse Garza, Valeria Garza, Brice Graham, Paige Nowlin, Victor Robledo, Cheyenne Smith

■ Second grade: Tariq Cherradi, Jon Michael Clements, Megan Cronin, Lauren Duncan, Banner Kerr, Kelsey Molano, Ernesto Ortiz, Salvador Pacheco, Yanira Perez, Reece Smith, Joelson Terrazas, Daulton Woodson

■ First grade: Carolina Aguilar, Brooke Brown, Adam Castillo, Edgar DeLeon, Tony Flores, Crystal Garcia, Heather Green, Ethan Justice, Celes Molano, Juan Ramos, Adam Resendez, Garon Rueda, Linda Samora, Raul Talamantes, Selene Talamantes, Jorge Villarreal, Maria Villarreal, Vannessa Villarreal, Yatzel Villarreal, Zackery Wilkins

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Date	Opponent	Teams	Time
November 26	@Comstock	JVG	7:00
November 27	Menard	JVB/VG/VB	5:00
November 29 - Dec. 1	@N.C. Tournament	VG/VB	TBA
December 4	Knippa	JVG/VG	5:00
December 4	@Knippa	JVB/VB	5:00
December 6-8	@S.W.T.J.C. Tourn.	VG/VB	TBA
December 11	Nueces Canyon	JVG/VG/VB	5:00
December 13-15	@La Pryor Tourn.	VG	TBA
December 15	@Del Rio Tourn.	JVG	TBA
December 17	Comstock	JVG/VB	5:00
December 18	La Pryor	JVG/VG/VB	5:00
December 29	S.A. School of Excel	JVB/VB	1:00
January 4	@*Three Rivers	JVG/VG	5:00
January 5	@Comstock	VG/VB	1:00
January 8	@*Pettus	JVG/VG	5:00
January 11	*Poth	JVB/VG/VB	5:00
January 15	@*Natalia	JVG/VG/VB	5:00
January 18	*Dilley	JVB/VG/VB	5:00
January 19	@Rocksprings JV Tourn.	JVG/JVB	5:00
January 22	*Three Rivers	JVG/VG/VB	5:00
January 25	*Pettus	JVB/VG/VB	5:00
January 29	@*Poth	JVB/VG/VB	5:00
February 1	*Natalia	JVG/VG/VB	5:00
February 5	@*Dilley	JVB/VG/VB	5:00
February 8	@*Three Rivers	JVB/VB	5:00
February 12	@*Pettus	JVB/VB	5:00

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**Brackett ISD
Activity Calendar**
Monday, November 26
5:00 PM BKB 7G Del Rio (Sacred) (H), 5:00 PM BKB 8G/8B Comstock (A), 7:00 PM BKB JVG Comstock (A)
Tuesday, November 27
5:00 PM BKB JVB/VG/VB Menard (H)
Wednesday, November 28
Health Smart Screenings, Nurse's Office

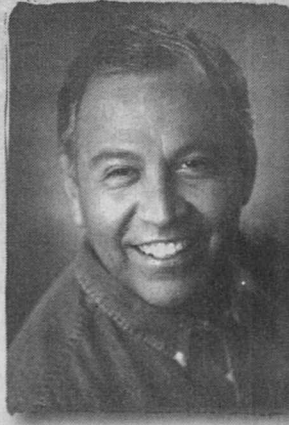
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1 ___ parking	43 Celebration	33 Trifled	33 Trifled
6 Agitate	44 Adder's greeting	35 Item for the foot	38 Publications
10 Vex	45 Place	37 Part of the "old block"	39 Part of the "old block"
14 Venerate	46 Strained vegetables	40 Hairdo of the seventies	46 Word with Peter or sauce
15 Harbor sight	48 Cheat	41 Famous televangelist	47 Pressing
16 Mysterious lake?	49 Gambling game	42 Holiday ___	48 Apprehensior
17 Contentible person	50 Look long and hard	43 ___ off;	49 Bad guy
18 Orchestra's platform	53 One who crooned	44 went first	50 Have the little role
20 Approx. number	54 Excavator's find	10 Distributed	51 Become bored
21 Animal's feature	57 Vacation home	11 Mashhad's locale	52 Ecole friend
23 Remains undecided	60 Religious leader	12 Come across	53 Cheese-producing area
24 ___ out; lasted	62 Specialty for Sills	13 Govt. agents	54 Smelly river?
25 Like Churchill & Ike	63 Neat as	19 Natatorium sound	55 Cincinnati
27 Clothes	64 Food, clothing, & shelter	22 Stein contents	56 Gaelic
30 Item in Caesar's wardrobe	65 Walter or Donna	24 Word with sight or quarters	58 ___ at; attacked
31 Fore's complement	66 Act	25 Pat or Daniel	59 Jungle creature
34 Twelve	67 Concise	26 Getting on in years	61 Majors
35 Loafers	DOWN	27 Puts money in the pot	
36 Sticky stuff	1 Stretch of lowland	28 Traffic sounds	
37 Every ___; anyone	2 Hubbubs	29 Volumes	
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42 1953		31 See eye to eye	

ROARING TWENTIES

In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions— forwards, backwards, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

Today's Category: BEVERAGES

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

- When was The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences established?
- What U.S. city was the first to open an opera house in 1932?
- In 1961, what U.S. city was the first to open a revolving restaurant?
- What is the title of Ernest Hemingway's first novel?
- What does the musical term strepitoso mean?
- What is the term for the study of wine-making?
- Who was the last monarch of Hawaii?
- What is the deepest lake in the United States?
- In 1999, what famous lighthouse was moved 2,900 feet inland?
- What is the name of the salad made from diced apples, celery and walnuts in a mayonnaise dressing?

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November 23... Harold Miller	November 26... Mateo Montalvo
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November 24... John Frank	November 27... Felipe Martinez
November 24... Mary Nobles	November 27... Lynn McNew
November 25... Claude Batchelor	November 28... Alfredo Martinez
November 25... Raul Mata	November 28... Betty Mathison

HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You scramble to get things done this week in anticipation of the holiday. Don't overtax your energies. Otherwise, you won't enjoy your family gathering.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Honesty is important to you. However, someone close to you is less than forthcoming. Don't let this person ruin the holiday festivities.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Use caution if investing and dealing with finances. Communication is good between loved ones. This weekend, relax and enjoy this special family time.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Although you're asked to head a special project, those in authority are giving little or no direction. Clear this up before things get out of hand. Later in the week, the focus is on food and family.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Try not to be miffed when that special someone asks for some breathing room. Right now, some distance is good for the relationship. Over the weekend, the situation becomes clearer.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Don't let a financial setback throw you. This is only temporary. Later in the week, you enjoy a child's whimsical antics.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You have an uneasy feeling about certain events occurring at work. Don't let this anxiety cloud your thinking. The solution is at hand if you only think long and hard.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Avoid acting on impulse. Instead, think things through. A rash decision could have long-term consequences if you're not careful.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A happy holiday is yours for the asking. However, that entails putting aside some personal differences with certain family members. Once that's done, peace prevails.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're in a strong position for advancement on the workfront. Enjoy your success since you've certainly earned it. This weekend, family members help you celebrate.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A co-worker who is normally unflappable suddenly needs your help. Don't hesitate to pitch in. Later in the week, you have much to be thankful for.

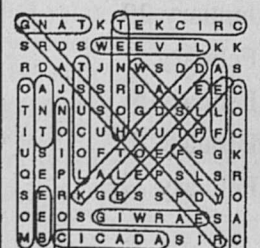
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You're being a bit too suspicious of people around you. Stop looking for the bad and concentrate on the good. You'll be happier for it in the long run.

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS: Jeane Kirkpatrick, November 19; Bo Derek, November 20; Ken Griffey Jr., November 21; Jamie Lee Curtis, November 22; Bruce Hornsby, November 23; Dwight Schultz, November 24; Christina Applegate, November 25.

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Roaring Twenties Solution:

- Ant
- Bee
- Beetle
- Cicada
- (Cock)roach
- Cricket
- Earwig
- Flea
- Fly
- Gnat
- Grasshopper
- Hornet
- Katydid
- Locust
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- Mosquito
- Scorpion
- Silverfish
- Wasp
- Weevil



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Hatteras; 10. Waldorf Salad
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1. 1927; 2. San Francisco; 3. Seattle; 4. The Sun Also Rises; 5. Loud

A house and a life require a good solid foundation A family Thanksgiving

Frontier Baptist Church
By Dave Crowe

Happy Thanksgiving Day! I truly hope that the past eleven months of this year, have been good ones for you and your family. If not, I sincerely hope that starting today, your life and circumstances greatly improve. If your life is as good as mine and all is well, wonderful! Thanksgiving Day is a great holiday. It gives all those folks who are normally too busy, an opportunity to stop and give thanks for all their good fortune and we enjoy it too!

Forget about thanking your lucky stars or whatever, instead give credit where the credit is due, thank your heavenly father, thank God. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

I just want to say a couple of things about Thanksgiving Day and then I move on to what's really on my mind.

I believe that I heard somewhere, that it was Abraham Lincoln that decided that the last Thursday of November of each year should be set aside as a national day of Thanksgiving. I

think that it was in 1865, just before or after, the end of the war between the states.

When it was or however it came about, somebody had a great idea.

I hope that as you enjoy the parades on television and the football games and all the great food, that you'll find a moment or two for reflection.

Nuff said! Let's move on. Now, I would like to say a couple of things about our church.

On the first Sunday of each new month, we at the Frontier Baptist Church, in a very real sense, celebrate Thanksgiving.

Two things happen, first it is the only Sunday of the month, that we partake in and celebrate the Lord's Supper (Communion).

After church services, we retire to our fellowship hall, for a good hot meal. We eat together as a family.

Now, here's something that I'm really excited about. After having gone at least ten years without a Baptism, we have been honored to have had three, in the past month.

In addition, we've had two others come forward and request Baptism and a third strongly considering it.

God has truly blessed our little church, these new members and each of us who welcome them into our family.

Many or most of you know, that a year ago, I moved to Bandera, the cowboy capital of the world and that I commute, back and forth every week.

I have temporarily moved back for a few weeks, to put a second story on the Collin's town house in unit 1 at Fort Clark.

The only reason that I mention this is because I been thinking again. I been thinking about how building a house is just a whole lot like building a life.

If you don't get off to a good start, you're in big, big trouble.

Both a house and a life require a good solid foundation.

If your foundation is not right, tear it out and start over.

I remember a parable Jesus told about two men. One built his house on a rock and the other on sand.

Well, it doesn't take a rocket

scientist to figure out which house lasted and which one didn't.

Before building your house (life), we'll need a good plan. Know what you really want! Not sure, consult an expert. Let me recommend the best, God.

God has the plan. The time spent here will be invaluable later on.

You'll need the right training (schools, church, civic organizations, etc.)

Armed with the know how, the right tools and the right materials, your house (life), will be a success.

We have all made mistakes, it's part of being human. There is nothing that any of us have done, that with God's help cannot be fixed, nothing!

Until, we close our eyes for the last time and take our last breath, there is still time, still hope.

Get right with your creator, your God, your Father. Don't know how? Can't do it alone? Let us help.

I invite you to go to Church somewhere this Sunday. We've all been where you are!

St. Mary Magdalene Church
By Lynn McNew

An excited class of fifth-graders watching the clock on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving asked their teacher, "What are you doing for Thanksgiving?"

The slight emphasis on "you" said it all, as the class knew full well that their teacher had no family—she had no children, in fact, had never married, and her parents were long dead.

However, the grandmotherly lady surprised the entire class when she replied, "I plan for as many members of my family as I'm able to pack into my house this year!"

She must have seen the unasked questions on the children's faces.

"You see," she smiled, "I have such a large spiritual family...my Sunday school class, my Brownie troop—and this year I've included a dozen children from the orphanage."

Yes, this teacher was having a family Thanksgiving and she reminded me to reach out to the other people beyond my front

door who are part of my Christian family.

This year all our children will not be home for Thanksgiving—in fact, our oldest son will be sharing his dinner with the eighty men in his command at Camp Monteith in Kosovo.

So we will share our turkey and all the trimmings with some student pilots from Laughlin and with some dear friends who are by themselves this holiday season.

"I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will declare all your wondrous deeds" (Psalm 9:2).

I sincerely hope your Thanksgiving is a happy one and you are able to share it with people you love.

If not, I hope you will share it with those who need your love.

Thank You, Lord, for all my family—those near and those far away.

Watch over us all and send Your blessings upon us.

You are welcome to worship with us anytime at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. God Bless You!

Lord, thank you for your love

Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charlotte Corey

Heavenly Father, thank you for your great love given unto us. Thank you for watching over our families. Thank you for providing food and shelter. Thank you for simple things like clean water and air.

Thank you for the children you have given us, whether by blood or whether by adoption.

Thank you for the children you have given our neighborhood so that we may hear the shouts of laughter. Thank you for the right to worship you in spirit and in truth in this great nation. Thank you for families, for neighbors, for friends. May not one person feel alone this Thanksgiving Day.

Thank you for the privilege of being treated as a human being with rights to express our thoughts (whether in agreement or against). Thank you, God,

that in this country, women are treated not as possessions but as people with rights and authority. Thank you for the men who are left in this country who show women respect and cherish them as Jesus cherishes the church. Thank you for the women who respect their husbands and pray for their success. Thank you for the hearts of people who use forgiveness to achieve greatness.

Thank you for the people you have placed in authority over this great nation. Even with all our "warts", you still love us, care for us, and have our best interests at heart.

We thank you for watching over our president, his cabinet, and their families. May you keep them safe. May you keep our men and women overseas safe from all harm. May you fill them with knowledge with understanding and wisdom with discernment. We ask you to con-

fuse our enemies bring forth your justice, even as we pray for the salvation of our enemies, that they may know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

We pray for those in need that they have provision made for them, whether it be spiritual, financial, physical, or psychological. You are Jehovah-Jirah (God Our Provider). We trust in you. Where we are weak, you are strong. We count on you to finish the good work you have

begun in us - to your glory.

May we have compassion, wisdom, and understanding to reach out the hand of love to those who need the help of God. We are your hands. We are your arms to reach out and hug.

Do not pass us by Lord. Use us to your glory. May your light so shine through us, that others see it and glorify you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Be thankful unto him

St. John's Missionary Church
By Rev. William P. Adams Sr.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord, he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves, for we are

his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gate with Thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth to all generations. Psalms 100.

Health

Savor the Season with Weight Watchers

'Tis the season for mammoth feast and holiday parties with never-ending hors d'oeuvres and festive treats. The parade of high-calorie, high-fat dishes and sinful sweets is as traditional as shopping the day after Thanksgiving, making it especially difficult for truly savoring all the season has to offer without the added guilt or weight.

Keeping the spirit of the holidays in your heart and not on your hips is much easier said than done.

And, if America's growing midsection is any indication, the appetite for food during the holiday season is ravenous. Consider this:

A traditional Thanksgiving dinner of turkey, stuffing, side dishes and desserts can exceed 2,500 calories and 130 grams of fat.

Many Americans eat at least three meals of more than 2,000 calories during the holidays.

American adults tend to gain one pound each year during the holidays that's never lost.

In one week, an extra 500 calories a day translates to one pound gained.

If staying the course is a concern this holiday season, fear not. Weight Watchers has created a guilt free holiday guide complete with helpful holiday tips and smart food substitutions to help savor the season and place the focus on eating sensibly this holiday.

"Many people assume that holiday weight gain is inevitable," says Karen Miller-Kovach, Chief Scientist at Weight Watchers International. "By making some smart food

choices and minor life-style changes, you can start the New Year at your pre-Thanksgiving weight or even a pound or two lower."

The weight watchers "Savor the Season - A Guilt Free Guide for the Holidays" is an informative booklet containing helpful tips on overcoming holiday indulgences at the dinner table and social gatherings, with pointers on keeping active, reducing stress and staying positive. As a public service, Weight Watchers is making the informative handbook available by phone at 1-800-651-6000. The guide also provides several low-calorie holiday recipes and a useful list of healthy alternatives to traditional holiday dishes and hors d'oeuvres.

"Especially at this time of year, we've found that many people don't focus on making good holiday food choices," said Lisa Miller Craig, local Weight Watchers Ambassador. "The Savor the Season" guide was especially designed to counter typical holiday over indulgences with eating and behavioral tips that are both practical and functional."

To help you better manage your food intake and make this Holiday guilt-free, here are sample tips available in the Weight Watchers "Savor the Season" guide.

- Be realistic. Maintaining your present weight should be your goal, not weight loss.

- Drink water, it's a great staple. Water purifies, provides essential nutrients and fills you up without the calories.

- Know what you eat. Keep a

diary recording everything you consume. Each week, identify all the food items that are healthy and avoid those that aren't.

- Assess the dishes displayed across the food table. Rate each dish on a scale from 1-10. Rate "10" the healthiest and "1" the least healthy (e.g. high sugar, high fat foods) and choose accordingly.

- Limit alcohol. Instead of alcohol, drink sparkling water, tonic water, club soda or other types of mineral waters at holiday functions. Or choose low calorie alternatives such as wine or light beer.

- Don't linger. Once you've made your food selections, move away from the food table. Staying near the food table increases snacking.

Castroville's Old Fashioned Christmas

Historic Castroville's 18th Annual Christmas will be held on December 1, 2001, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Houston Square.

There is no entrance fee for the event, which is sponsored by the Castroville Chamber of Commerce. Over one hundred fifty vendors provide a wide variety of gifts and arts and crafts as well as an abundance of food and drink to satisfy visitor's appetites.

Entertainment throughout the day features the Castroville Alsatian Dancers, accordion player "Buck" Schirmer, Scottish Bagpipes and Drums, the Castroville Hermann Son's Dancers, the school choir, church choirs and antique farm equipment. Santa will also pay

- Stay active. Exercise releases tension, burns calories, increases energy levels and elevates your mood. Try parking a little further from the store when shopping; taking the family (or friends) out for a neighborhood stroll to look at holiday decorations and enjoy scenes; or inviting family and friends to join a neighborhood game of touch football.

- Dedicate "quite time" to yourself each day. So much of the holiday season is spent for others, set aside at least 20 minutes to relax, rejuvenate and meditate.

- Avoid harsh self-judgements. Positive thoughts yield positive outcomes.

- Believe it...see it...and you will achieve it!

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Public Notice
EMS Public Hearing To Be Held Regarding Kinney County EMS Personnel Temporary Shortage

There will be a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, December 6, 2001, at the Kinney County EMS Station 401 S. Ellen, Brackettville, Texas. The purpose of this hearing is to heighten public awareness of the ramifications of having an EMS which is in noncompliance with the law.

Notice is hereby given that Kinney County Emergency Service has requested a variance from the Texas Department of Health to operate said EMS while not being in compliance with the law. The variance, if approved, would allow Kinney County EMS to operate emergency vehicles while responding to and transporting emergency patients. The public is encouraged to attend.

If you would like additional information, please contact Carolyn Rutherford, EMS Director at the office 830-563-9090 Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., or visit us at 401 S. Ellen St.

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County EMS requires personnel variance

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Part of the plan to recruit and train EMS personnel is to partner with South West Texas Junior College, using distance learning resources in the area to carry on EMS training throughout the region. It is hoped that through contact with other area EMS providers by training their personnel, we will obtain additional qualified EMS certified people.

Since starting the Kinney County EMS Training Program and offering courses here, we have gained a total of 5 new volunteers. Progress has been made but not to the extent where we have full coverage without outside assistance. We currently have 9 TDH certified people who make the majority of the runs.

Without the variance Kinney County EMS would require staffing we do not have locally, as proven in the last two years by hosting three EMS courses and gaining 8 new members but retaining only 5. These members help out most often on weekends. For everyone's information, in the report issued to TDH for this renewal, after recruiting outside the area for volunteers and part time paid people, plus the new members trained by Kinney County EMS, we added 13 new names to the roster; however a total of 8 personnel are no longer with this county for a variety of reasons. One new member is unable to "run" with us because of injury and will not be available until after January 2002.

One of the ramifications the variance carries with it is reduced revenue. When an ambulance has

less than two EMS (certified) caregivers on board, EMS cannot legally charge insurance, Medicaid, or the patient him or herself the "going" rate for services and skills. Example: the first unit is on the way to the hospital with its crew and patient; the second unit is called in. As an example, on board the second responding unit, there is a non-EMS certified driver and may be (minimum training level is ECA) an advanced attendant (Intermediate or Paramedic). Because of the advanced level of skill on board, the certified EMTI or P must treat at that higher level of care, if needed (intravenous lines, heart monitor, certain drug interventions). EMS is unable to charge for those skills and supplies, which effects the overall revenue. If there are as many as 20 calls per year where the variance is used as in the example, this could mean as much as \$5,000 to \$6,000 (\$250 to \$300

less per call) revenue.

One point to keep very clear is that we maintain the highest level of staffing we can provide. In all cases there will be at least one EMS certified attendant with our patient. That EMT will give our patient the highest quality of care possible. Mutual aid is available in any direction we travel to augment our system in the event of disaster. Crews may call for "intercepts" from our mutual aid EMS brothers and sisters for added help when higher level of care is needed.

As taxpayers in Kinney County it is your right to be informed. Please show up for the Public Hearing on this variance.

Questions can be answered about this important issue by contacting Carolyn Rutherford, EMS Director, at (830) 563-9090 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., or come visit with us at 401 S. Ellen St.

Health Fair well attended

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\$15; a trip to Del Rio or Uvalde will cost \$10. Additional stops add to the fare. The service requires 24 hour notice to reserve a seat.

United Medical Center staff from Brackettville provided blood sugar test. Blood sugar testing provides early warning for potential diabetes. Staff from the Del Rio branch of UMC were checking participant's blood pressure.

The local chapter of the Lions club performed the hearing test at this years health fair.

Kinney County Emergency Medical Services were also in at-

tendance with an ambulance on display.

Home Oxygen and Medical Equipment from Del Rio also had a booth. They had a variety of medical supplies they sell on display. They also sell oxygen equipment, hospital beds and wheel chairs. Delivery is available to patients with Medicare or Medicaid.

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