

The Brackett News



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County Appraisal District elects officers

By Flo Dean
Staff Writer

Mike Holley was reelected President of the Kinney County Appraisal District Board at its regular meeting last Tuesday. Bret Trant will be Vice-President, Tim Ward Secretary.

The board approved a 98% minimum ratio in the process of qualifying tracts that have been partitioned for Wildlife Management eligibility. Though a 9 page questionnaire has been made available to the Appraisal District through Texas Parks & Wildlife, Chief Appraiser Bill Haenn stated he did not plan to send the bulletin to property owners. "There are very few, if any, small plots in Kinney

County to which this questionnaire would apply," Haenn said.

According to this document "the county shall designate a minimum ratio devoted to wildlife management use, determined by geographical location. The ratios apply only when the tract is reduced in size and ownership of any part of the tract changes. The Appraisal District Board of Directors in each county shall designate a ratio from the percentage range established for that county."

The board also set a \$1,000 increase in appraisal amount as a trigger to send a property owner an Appraisal Notice, according to Sec. 25.19 (e) of the Property Tax Code. Haenn explained that every taxpayer will

receive a notice this year, because of the new taxing unit created by the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District. Normally, he said, one-third of property owners receive an appraisal notice each year, and everyone would receive a notice every five years.

There is a period between May 15th, when notices are sent out, and June 15th each year when property owners may check the amount of their tax (if they have not received an appraisal notice) and/or protest their appraisal.

The next scheduled board meeting will be in July. However, Haenn said the board may have to meet earlier, in June, regarding budget matters.

Ashley Smith to go to State UIL in May

By Flo Dean
Staff Writer

Sixteen students from Brackett ISD competed in Regional UIL academic competition at San Marcos on Saturday. Ashley Smith will advance to State competition which will be held in Austin on May 4th.

Smith placed 2nd in Computer Applications, while Isela Ramon was 4th and Sarah Meyer 7th.

Regional Golf, Tennis and Track competitions are ongoing throughout this week.



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Briefs ...

Tiger Football Highlight Video

The Brackett Tiger Varsity Football Highlight video for the 2001 football season is in. This exciting video captures all the great plays to music and graphics.

If you would like to purchase a copy, call Coach Yeager at 563-2491 ext. 190. The video is 30 minutes in length.

Old Quarry Wine And Cheese Party

The Old Quarry Wine and Cheese Party will host a Wine and Cheese Party and Installation of Officers for 2002-2003 on Monday, April 29th, at 5:00 p.m. at Post Theater.

If you have ever attended a performance by the Old Quarry Society, you are considered a member of the organization and are invited to be a part of this celebration.

Donate Blood

Anyone 17 years or older, who weighs at least 110 pounds and is in good general health may donate blood.

All donors must show proper identification before beginning the donation process.

All donors receive a free cholesterol screening and mini-physical consisting of blood pressure, iron level, pulse, and temperature check.

Donations will take place on May 2, 2002 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Border Patrol Station, 802 W. Spring St. For more information contact Ronnie Hobbs at 830-563-2068.

FCS Stables

Nine Horse Club members, with the help of Dub Miller's tractor, cleaned cactus and brush away from outside paddocks at the FCS stables last weekend.

After six dump truck loads had been hauled off by FCS maintenance, the work crew discovered a cornerstone of the stable inscribed 1939.

The members have also been working on fence repair and hope to make the stable area a Fort Clark showplace for visitors.

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We are in need of additional funds because of the large number of students who meet the criteria this year.
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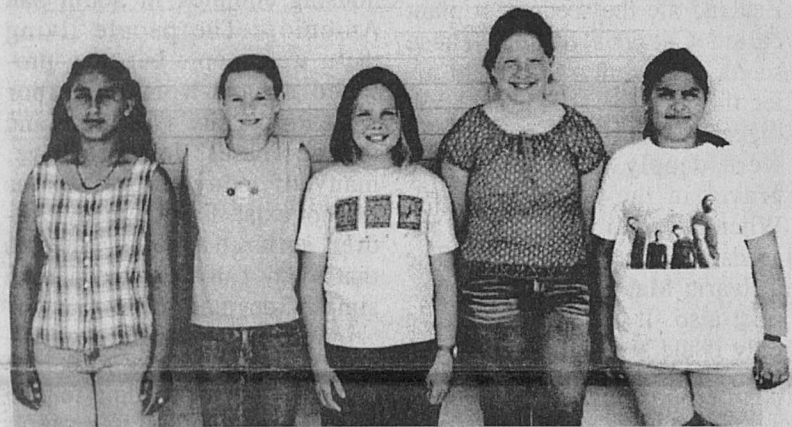
5th Graders win contest

The Uvalde Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution recently held a Poster contest celebrating revolutionary hero John Paul Jones. C. R. McFarland brought information to Brackett ISD.

5th grade winners were Brooke Bowlin who was

awarded 1st place and a \$25.00 prize. Second place prize of \$15.00 went to Katie Braesicke, 3rd place and \$10.00 to Becca Mann.

Honorable Mention prizes of \$5.00 each went to Ashley Resendez, Laura Swinson and Maribel Rivas.



From left: Ashley Resendez, Becca Mann, Katie Braesicke, Brooke Bowlin, Maribel Rivas. Not pictured: Laura Swinson

BISD library receives award from Phil Gramm

By Flo Dean
Staff Writer

Susan Davis, Librarian at Brackett ISD, accepted a certificate of appreciation Friday from U.S. Senator Phil Gramm. Shannon Beeding, regional director for Senator Gramm, made the presentation and read a letter from the Senator recognizing the library's efforts to promote literacy in the community.

"In every school across America, libraries are making a commitment to help promote literacy and learning," Gramm said. "But a library would be nothing without the hard-working staff who have made education awareness and reading a priority. National Library Week is a time to recognize them for their outstanding contribution to the education of children in their community."

Davis, who has been with the



From left: John Paul Schuster, Stoney Burks, Paula Renken, Susan Davis, Taylor Stephenson and Shannon Beeding.

school three years as a reading teacher, has been librarian for two years. She recognized Library Aide Celia Ramon, who has been with the school library eight years, stating she is invaluable to the library and school.

National Library Week was celebrated April 14-20. Sponsored by the National Library

Association, National Library Week was initiated to promote the use and support of all types of libraries and to make the public aware of the many services libraries provide to their communities

BISD library serves grades K through 12.

Alamo Saddlery little known local employer

By Flo Dean
Staff Writer

Though few people are aware of its existence, the Alamo Saddlery, tucked in behind Davis Hardware employs 9 people in Brackettville. A distributor of leather goods for horses - reins and saddles, bridles, breast collars, headstalls - the family owned company distributes western tack made in Acuna at a maquiladora, or factory.

The venture began at Alamo Village when Roy Martin approached Hadley Wardlaw. Martin, then working in Acuna, saw a future in the manufacture of leather goods in Mexico. For a time, Alamo Saddlery was located at the Village, and Wardlaw's daughter, Leisha Ashley, became involved putting information into a com-

puter. Manufacturing began slowly.

According to Ashley, under the NAFTA agreement, the saddlery is allowed to ship raw material to the maquiladora in Acuna and then import the finished product. The factory employs about 70 people and hires another 30 on a piecework basis to do braiding, etc. at home.

The Brackettville facility distributes solely through telemarketing.

Nancy Rodriguez, Kacie McDade and Tanya McClure do telephone contacts to dealers all over the United States, Israel, Germany, Belgium, Italy, France and Canada. Ashley attends trade shows, which she says are the largest market source, crediting internet sales and telemarketing for other contacts. Nancy and Tanya are Brackettville natives.

Alamo Saddlery is known in



Back row from left; Henry Gomez, Jeffrey Luna, Kacie McDade, Tanya McClure and Corina Muniz. Front row; Leisha Ashley, Nancy Rodriguez and Becky Resendez

the industry for children's saddles and unique tack. Headstalls come from the factory with sewn-in turquoise,

while Henry Gomez, head of the Tack Department, applies silver and jewels, conchos and bars to tack when ordered. Trophy

saddles are also a specialty. Henry grew up in Brackettville.

Roy Martin, with 30 years experience supervises the Acuna plant, and spends three days a week in Brackettville. Ashley says he started the business and taught factory workers how to put things together. Anna Diaz commutes to Acuna from Brackettville and is working as an apprentice to Roy, currently learning saddle manufacturing. She is the factory liaison.

Corina Muniz is the first person Leisha hired, and is General Manager of Alamo Saddlery in Brackettville. Ashley calls Corina "my right arm". Sarah Richard is Bookkeeper, Becky Resendez, Credit and Office Assistant.

Leisha, who grew up in Brackettville, attended BISD until her senior year in high

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FCS Board closes Snack Bar, considers carpports for Unit 1

By Flo Dean
Staff Writer

Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors Saturday gave fort management permission to work with local 4-H leaders in planning future uses for portions of Seminole hall. The 4-H group is developing enhanced programs, such as photography.

Though the board did not approve use of the building as an indoor range for the 4-H gun club as requested, there was discussion regarding possible use by 4-H of the 10 acres of land Fort Clark currently is offering for sale along Highway 90. According to board members much of the 10 acres is a caliche pit, which has been used for a shooting range. Jack Simpson suggested that the 4-H group might be eligible for grants to build an indoor range.

Other planned uses for Seminole Hall include storage units in the basement that could be rented to members, and to develop spaces on the ground level for the Arts & Crafts community on Fort Clark.

Glen White said, "The board is working toward creating a monthly market day here on Ft. Clark. This would enhance visitation and tourism and at the same time put one of our historic buildings that is currently unused back into use."

Residents of Unit 1 have requested additional carpports be constructed for their unit, next to the box collection area. They are willing to put up construction funds, which would be applied toward monthly rental of carpports. A letter will be sent to all residents of Unit 1 to determine how many carpports will be

needed, and advising that a deposit will be necessary.

Mona Miller reminded the board that the Architectural Committee must be consulted before final plans are made.

An amendment to the Rules and Regulations for the Par 3 golf course states that only registered handicapped golfers will be allowed to use golf carts, and these must be flying a handicapped flag which is issued at the Pro Shop. Additionally, the person to whom the flag is issued must be playing golf.

The RV Committee will now meet every month, instead of from October to April. The committee felt the members needed to be available when the board works on the budget in June and July, with budget adoption in August.

John Carlson and Art Miller

were approved as members of the RV Committee.

Kinney County Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual meeting at the Swim Park on May 4th, from 8 - 12 p.m. and has requested an open gate for that occasion. The Old Quarry will have a wine and cheese party for its members, some of whom live in Brackettville, and has also requested an open gate on April 29th. Both occasions were approved by the board.

The board discussed and approved a proposed change to the FCS agreement with the Old Quarry Society for the Performing Arts. The agreement would be amended to charge the Society a flat fee of \$30.00 per month, rather than a per cent of the gate at each performance.

The snack bar at the golf pro shop will be shut down for the

May 2002 is...

But I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

Somebody accused me of making this stuff up. I promise you I'm not that creative. If I were I'd be writing for Hollywood. Anyway here are some of my favorites for the month of May: Better Hearing and Speech Month (If we just have one, then we won't need the other. Right?)

Get Caught Reading Month (Now it all depends on what you get caught reading.)

National Egg Month & National Hamburger Month (How can I put these two together? Maybe this is a new idea for Burger and Shake) National Physical Fitness and Sports Month (Can I get fit by watching sports on TV?)

National Teaching and Joy Month (My students don't think these two are related in any way.)

Law Day (5/1) (Tell me what to do. Break a law? Make a law? Surely not obey the law for one day.)

Mother Goose Day (5/1) (Is she still alive?)

UN: World Press Freedom Day (5/3) (The press is already way too free.)

National Postcard Week (5/5-5/11) (I think I sent a postcard in 1957.)

National Wildflower Week (5/5-5/11) (I like domesticated flowers.)

No Diet Day (5/6) (No diet at all?)

National Teacher Day (5/7) (Postcards get a week but teachers only one day.)

Self-Examination Day (5/7) (Too scary to go into.)

Girls' Rights Week (5/13-5/19) (Do we have a guys' rights week?)

Underground America Day (5/14) (The moles love this one.)

National Waitstaff Day (5/21) (What is this?)

World Turtle Day (5/23) (Turtles and teachers - One day.)

Slugs Return From Capistrano Day (5/28) But I could be wrong.



Arrogance

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

What does a person believe in who claims to believe in nothing? I don't pretend to understand the intricacies of the atheistic mind, however, I think that the idea of atheism comes directly from the incredible arrogance of the human ego. A perfect example of this is the idea that the earth is billions of years old. There is really no justifiable scientific evidence for this proposed age, in fact just the opposite. However, the scientific community grasps at straws and ignores their own empirical evidence rather than admit that Creationism is more likely and logical than their flawed and fragmented theories. Their arrogance denies them the luxury, the necessity, of believing in a being greater than them.

It seems obvious to me that many scientific atheists have replaced the worship of a supreme God by the worship of pure science. They worship the scientific process as surely as they deny the probability of God.

Science today says that the earth is approximately 4.5 billion years old. It says that millions of years ago the continents were all part of a super continent called Pangea. Then the continents separated, drifted apart, and over millions and millions of years became the world as we know it today. This all sounds so good! What could possibly be wrong with such a deduction? Well...

Science also says that the average rate of erosion, worldwide, is between 2.4 and 6 centimeters per thousand years. This is a tiny amount that would not be observable in our lifetimes. However, one scientist named Turekian sees a problem with this. He says:

"Since the average height of the continents is 800 meters, it would take 13 million years to lower the continents to sea-

level."

The problem is that he and many other scientists flatly refuse to accept that based on their own figures the earth and the universe cannot possibly be billions of years old. And though there are reams of evidence to the contrary, they theorize all kinds of ways to explain the existence of the continents in the face of the above statistics. They ridicule Christians as fools and morons for believing in God, and then refuse to accept their own figures as evidence of the obvious flaws of their theories. They deny our faith, but their own beliefs are based on their faith in flawed human reasoning. The fact that everything they propose is in violation of the second rule of thermodynamics (any system, either open or closed, tends to become less stable over time, without outside influence) is totally ignored. I'm confused.

Science says that the closer to the center of a spiral galaxy a star is, the faster it orbits the center of that galaxy. For example: A star 8000 light years from the center orbits 2.8 times for each orbit of a star 16,000 years from the center. If this were true, then the spiral galaxies should have ceased to be spiral in shape billions of years ago. Again, those who give the statistics ignore the obvious ramifications thereof.

A modern scientist will tell you that the theory of spontaneous generation of life that was popular with "scientists" of the 1700 and 1800s is ridiculous (They believed that if you left meat out, maggots formed spontaneously from the dead meat). However, that same scientist who pooh-poohs such antiquated science will turn right around and tell you that life evolved on the earth spontaneously from dead matter, and that there is no such thing as God. Again, I'm confused.

Darwin said, "If it could be

proved that any part of the structure of any one species had been formed for the exclusive good of another species, it would annihilate my theory, for such could not have been produced through natural selection."

There are several such examples in the world, both past and present. It is called a symbiotic relationship. I'll share one with you:

The dodo bird of New Zealand ate the seeds of a plant called Calvaria Major. These seeds could only germinate after they had passed through the digestive tract of the dodo and were deeply scarred by the gravel in the dodo's gizzard. When the dodo went extinct, the seeds could not germinate. The Calvaria Major almost went extinct also. It can now be grown only if the seeds are artificially scarred by hand. I submit that Darwin himself forecast the destruction of his theory, and that the dodo annihilated it quite nicely.

So the next time you hear someone on the Discovery Channel telling you and your children that evolution is an inarguable fact, and that the dinosaurs lived millions of years ago, and that the universe is 15 billion years old, and that your great grandfather 62 times removed was a salamander, just remember that God doesn't care what the scientists think. He knows the truth and has shared it with you. Read the Bible; that's where you'll find the real truth of the universe.

For further information on these subjects read Josh McDowell's books *Reasons Skeptics Should Consider Christianity*, and *Evidence That Demands a Verdict*.

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Safety in the Sky

Capitol Comment
By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Before September 11, we never imagined that our airplanes - a symbol of American freedom and innovation - would be used against us as weapons of mass destruction. Tragically, terrorists found the vulnerabilities in our nation's aviation security and exploited them.

Creating a Federal System After the attacks, Congress responded by closing the loopholes that allowed these acts of terrorism to occur. Previously, airport security was a piecemeal system with the airlines contracting services on an airport-by-airport basis. In November, the President signed legislation I helped craft that created the Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) within the Department of Transportation. It also laid out a plan for a federal system to bring all security functions under one authority and established a single security standard for every airport.

Working Through the Challenges The TSA is currently in the process of making permanent changes to aviation security and building the federal system from scratch - but it will not happen overnight. A process this complicated will need to be continually refined. Recent reports of security lapses clearly ring alarm bells. There is no excuse for unauthorized persons to have access to an aircraft. These incidents remind us that weaknesses still exist in our system and we must not let our guard down.

Looking Ahead The TSA is now deploying explosives detection systems in every airport in the United States and training a professional workforce to screen passengers and luggage. Congress is working closely with the TSA to streamline security measures and ensure that the traveling public is not unduly inconvenienced by new regulations. We have asked the TSA to re-evaluate restrictions on parking near airport terminals, especially small ones, and the prohibition on families accompanying loved ones to the gate.

Since security has been revamped, passengers have gradually begun traveling again. Air traffic is approaching 90 percent of pre-September 11 levels and that number is increasing every month. Our objective is to have the best aviation system in the world.

Vaccinate Your Infants Today

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

Would you be surprised to learn that there is one simple step you can take to keep your children healthy? It's not a magic drug. And it won't cost you thousands of dollars. It's a very simple task and one that we all should follow: get your child vaccinated and do it on schedule.

This week marks the ninth annual National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW). Across the nation, efforts are being made to immunize more precious infants. In Texas, you will see this campaign in full swing as little red boots scoot their way across the state to promote "Shots Across Texas."

Vaccinating your children may sound like an obvious step in raising a healthy child, but life is hectic and this step is too often forgotten or put-off for far too long. Vaccinations offer the single best protection for the health of our children and our future.

In today's society, immunization is no longer a luxury, it's a necessity. We all know the old adage, "you're only as strong as your weakest link." In this case, the weakest link is the unvaccinated child.

We often forget how fortunate we are to have access to vaccinations. I have first-hand appreciation of vaccinations. You see, I grew up in a public housing complex in South San Antonio. The people living there were poor, but they provided a hard-working, labor force for the city's factories and military bases. In those days, many of today's vaccinations did not exist. Far too many children suffered serious illnesses that today can be avoided by a simple vaccination.

As Chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, I oversee funding for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This important administration approves, regulates and monitors all vaccines. I have diligently worked to increase funding for the FDA. I understand that too many families are without health insurance. This is unfortunate in itself.

But as we work to increase healthcare coverage, let's remember that vaccinations are still one of the best and cheapest ways to protect our children's health. They could mean the difference between life and death - especially if adequate health care is not available.

I am proud of the many parents who have helped increase immunization coverage among children in the United States. Over ninety percent of infants today receive the most critical vaccines by age two. These efforts have translated into a ninety-five percent reduction in vaccine-preventable deaths. This is tremendous progress, but we must work to stop any child from remaining unvaccinated. There's just no excuse.

There is no reason for any parent to delay having their children vaccinated. If cost is a concern, there are a host of resources to help. Public Health Policy wisely picks up the tab for vaccinating anyone who can not afford to pay. Parents can get more information on vaccines, by asking a local physician or calling the National Immunization Hotline at 1-800-232-2522.

Remember, there is no better way for you to protect your children from disease than by immunizing them. Protect the littlest Texans by vaccinating your infants on schedule.

Congressman Henry Bonilla is chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee. As chairman, Mr. Bonilla oversees all of the nation's agriculture funding, the nation's food supply, emergency disaster relief, and immunization programs.

Mr. Bonilla is in his fifth term as a Congressman from Texas' 23rd district.

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Big Mama Sez!



A person seldom makes the same mistake twice. Generally it's three times or more.

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report ...

Monday, April 15
10:25 a.m., Eugenio Flores Jr., 23, from Brackettville, was arrested by Sheriff Buddy Burgess. Flores is still being held.
5:18 p.m., Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo responded to a call.

A report of kids that were playing in the street were almost hit by a car.

5:35 p.m., Rita Maria Naredo, 27, from Del Rio, was arrested for outstanding DPS warrants by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley.

Naredo was transferred over to Wakenhut the same day.

Tuesday, April 16
9:33 p.m., Deputy Larry Robinson reported shots being fired between the Teen Center and unit 15.

Wednesday, April 17
1:30 p.m., Jaime Manuel Madrid Jr., 18, was arrested for assault by contact and disorderly conduct by Deputy Johnny Fritter. Madrid was released on a PR Bond.

Thursday, April 18
10:02 a.m., A woman re-

ported that someone was calling her house.

8:38 p.m., A woman reported a broken window on school grounds. Deputy Manuel Pena Jr. responded.

Friday, April 19
6:18 p.m., A 911 call was received from a motorist. A white suburban was running people off the road on Highway 90 east. DPS Trooper Tom Wylie was notified.

7:45 p.m., An employee from the Val Verde Sheriff's Office reported a UPS truck was stranded on Hwy 277 loading boxes into a car. Trooper Wylie responded to the call and reported it was the supervisors car.

Saturday, April 20
1:34 a.m., Chief Alonzo responded to a grass fire near the Catholic Cemetery. The Fire Department was notified.

Sunday, April 21
8:50 a.m., A employee from USA Trucking requested a wrecker to pick up a 18 wheeler truck.

Continuing disaster aide Landscaping at EMS Building



From left: Jessy Wittman, Montana and Jenny Bixler, Pennsylvania, members of NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) work with Red Cross in Brackettville.

Red Cross caseworkers continue to make home calls this week in Brackettville.

Any residents with emergency home repair needs that are not covered by insurance are urged to go to the Disaster Relief center at the Civic Center, or call 1-866-GETINFO (866-438-4636) which is toll free and bilingual. The mission of the Red Cross is to be certain that every home is safe, secure and



Finishing up entrance to E.M.S. Building. A memorial flower bed honoring September 11th sacrifice.

Soil and Water Stewardship Week

On February 11th, Kinney County Commissioners approved the signature of County Judge Herb Senne to a proclamation designating April 28th through May 5th, 2002 as Soil and Water Stewardship Week.

The proclamation states that trees play a major role in sus-

taining life and beautifying this planet, reduce the "greenhouse effect" and prevent urban heat islands from developing. Additionally, trees help restore streams, maintain clean water, improve wildlife habitat, and reduce soil erosion. Products from trees surround each of us

and add utility and beauty to our lives.

Therefore, in support of our responsibility to protect the gift of trees and advance forest resource conservation, the designation of Soil and Water Stewardship Week was approved.

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SAR Chapter issued certificate to BISD



From left; Hubert McKelvy and Taylor Stephenson

Local area chapter #53, Sons of the American Revolution, issued a Certificate of Commendation to the Brackett Independent School District in recognition of exemplary patriotism in the display of the Flag of the United States of America.

Superintendent of Schools Taylor Stephenson received the certificate from SAR Flag Chair-

DAR hold monthly meeting

The Uvalde de la Encinas Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held their monthly meeting at the Holiday Inn on Saturday, April 20, 2002. The twenty-one members and guests 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.

Alice Hicks gave the President General's Message and Janie Van Hoozier gave the National Defense Report.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Recording Secretary Helen Fryar. Treasurer Edith Frazell gave the financial report. Acting Registrar Pat McKelvy introduced Molly Bull whose application had been approved this month and is now an official member of the chapter.

She also introduced Marjorie Love whose application has been sent to the Washington D.C. headquarters for approval. Also Anne McWhorter

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Investment Guidelines For All Seasons Financial Focus by Joaquin Davis



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It's finally spring - at least according to the calendar. As we move into a new season, you may adjust your lifestyle, your schedule and even your wardrobe. But no matter what time of year it is, some things shouldn't change - such as your investment guidelines.

Of course, everyone's financial situation is different. Your needs, goals, tolerance for risk and time horizon are all different from those of your neighbors and co-workers. And yet, when it comes to intelligent investing, there are some "universals" - common sense rules that can work for everyone.

Here are a few of these guidelines:
Rebalance your portfolio - Every year or so, it's a good idea to review the mix of stocks, bonds and cash instruments in your portfolio. Over time, your financial situation will change, so you may need to adjust your portfolio accordingly. For example, as you get nearer to retirement, you may want to move some investment dollars from "growth" instruments to income-producing assets. And sometimes, your portfolio can evolve without your realizing it. Suppose you decided that you wanted a certain percentage of your portfolio in growth stocks. If the value of these stocks increases to the point where it exceeds the desired percentage, you may be taking on more risk

who is a proposed member still searching for some missing proofs. Patricia Ann Hawkins Davis was accepted as a proposed member of the chapter.

Maldalyn Mitchell reported on the presentation of the DAR medal to the outstanding ROTC cadet at Pearsall High School. Shirley Cabada will present the medal to the outstanding ROTC cadet at Uvalde High School on April 27.

Billie Jean Davis reported that the DAR Good Citizens from Uvalde, Brackettville, and Pearsall will be presented at the Awards Meeting of the chapter on May 18th. There will also be essay winners and Phyllis Collins Janes will be honored for being a DAR member for 50 years.

Bea Carmichael gave the DAR magazine report. Those members not subscribing to the organization magazine were encouraged to do so.

Dorothy Martin read some of the letters she had received from the various schools that the Daughters of the American Revolution support thanking us for our help.

Virginia Davis presented a most informative program on "Archival Research" after which the group enjoyed lunch.

than you're comfortable with. If that happens, it's clearly time to rebalance.

Lower your risk - Examine your portfolio for low-quality fixed-income investments or ultra-risky stocks. If you find them, give some thought to making some adjustments. In any market climate, you can purchase high-quality investments with reasonable levels of risk. Your investment professional can help you find these vehicles and then discuss the consequences of making adjustments.

Review your cash balance - It's always a good idea to have from six months' to one year's worth of living expenses available in a highly liquid vehicle, such as a money market account. But beyond that, if you have too much "cash" in your portfolio, you may be depriving yourself of opportunities for long-term growth or current income. Once you're sure you have cash set aside for emergencies, put the rest to work for you.

Never stop investing - When is the best time to invest? Today, no matter what's happening in the market at any given point, you will always have goals you want to meet - college for your kids, a comfortable retirement, etc. If you are going to meet these goals, you must invest consistently. And the sooner you start investing, the more time you will have for your money to potentially grow.

Diversify - At any given time, you'll find different classes of investments moving in different directions. Stocks may be up, while bonds are down. Or growth stocks may be up, while international stocks are down. Or municipal bonds may be up, while government-sponsored, mortgage-backed securities are down. You simply can't afford to put all your dollars in any one type of investment. By spreading your money around a variety of vehicles - stocks, bonds, treasuries, etc. - you'll take advantage of the asset classes that are prospering, while cushioning the impact of the ones that are slumping. By following these few basic guidelines, you'll help position yourself for investment success - winter, spring, summer and fall.

A bad decision is forever

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

The superintendent's voice on the line sounded serious. "Sharon, we have a code three. You know what to do." There was a click and then the dial tone. Her mind began racing. In her five years as a school counselor, this was the first time for a code three. Slowly she replaced the phone on the cradle and collected her thoughts. She decided to call Bud in the police department. He would know the details.

"It was four teenagers riding in a new pickup," Bud said. "It looks like they lost control on the curve eight miles north of town. They had been to a graduation party. They're all dead."

"Was there alcohol involved?" Sharon asked. "I need their names? I've got to coordinate emergency counseling at the high school tomorrow."

"Yes, there was alcohol.

Open containers." Bud read the list of names. They were familiar to Sharon. She had been working with all of them on making decisions about college. Bud continued, "We're checking with the parents. It looks like there were only a couple of adults who were at the party."

Sharon made the calls to her emergency team. They would meet an hour before school in the principal's office and coordinate the details. Kids and teachers would need someone to talk with. Tom, her husband was watching and listening. Not until she slumped into her chair did he speak. "Sounds serious, Honey. What's going on?"

Sharon needed someone to talk to. There would be no sleep tonight. As she told Tom what happened, he could hear the pain in her voice. She really loved her job and worked hard to relate to the kids. She loved them all. "Tom," she said, "I've got to cry. Now. Tomorrow I'll

have to be composed. Why do things like this have to happen?" she sobbed.

Tom was holding her. "Things like this don't have to happen, Honey. Long ago a very wise man said he listens to advice is wise (Proverbs 12:15).

Listen to your father (23:22)

and the years of your life shall be many (4:10). Kids who don't listen don't live. In a situation like this, a bad decision is forever."

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

Conner returns from the Appalachians

Norma Conner returns after a month in the Appalachians heading up the cooking of meals for the students and crew leaders for the 7th year.

About 500 students from 44 colleges across the nation participated in the 11th annual Appalachian work fest 2002 throughout March. The event, sponsored by the Christian Appalachian project serves as an alternative spring break for col-

lege students. Students repair leaking roofs, remove rotting floors, build porches, replace broken windows. They also build new houses.

Work Fest is funded by various grants, Jackson County Ministries, KY, and USDA loans. Families that receive assistance are required to pay back a portion of their loan in addition to helping with labor.

Alamo Saddlery builds new facility

Continued from Page 1

school. A Del Rio High graduate - she wanted to play basketball - Leisha then graduated from Texas Tech. Alamo Saddlery is family owned by Leisha and her brother and sister, LaShawn McIver and Dutch Wardlaw, and parents Tulisha and Hadley Wardlaw.

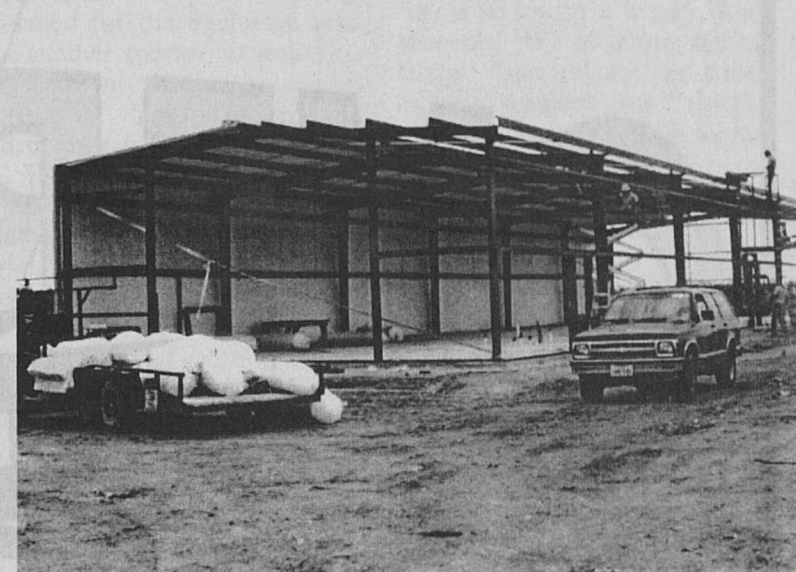
Ashley says the Wardlaw's all grew up rodeoing, and have started a riding club for a group of youngsters at the J.J. Arena in Spofford.

Alamo Saddlery has built a new facility just west of Brackettville and Ashley hopes to move about the middle of May. Jeffrey Luna, also a Brackettville

native, is Shipping Clerk, and Ashley says they are looking for another shipper. Anyone interested can come by the Saddlery for an application. The company ships Federal Express and UPS. The website is www.alamo-saddlery.com. Telephone 830-563-3255.

Though the facility in Brackettville does not sell at retail, Ashley said Tony Frerich at Kinney County Wool and Mohair is a retail outlet for Alamo Saddlery products.

According to Ashley, Alamo Saddlery will donate two trophy saddles, one of their specialties, to the "Roping for Christ" event on June 15th.



Pictured above; Alamo Saddlery building under construction

Kickapoo Cavern State Park

Kickapoo Cavern State Park will be offering tours and activities for the public to enjoy. Reservations are required. At 8:30 a.m., you can join park staff in search of many of the colorful migratory birds flying through and nesting in our region. At 1:30 p.m., join us on a wild cave tour through the spectacular Kickapoo Cavern (call ahead for special instructions) and in the evening enjoy an informative talk on bats and watch as almost a million bats emerge from Stuart Bat Cave. Call ahead for starting times. Tours are subject to cancellation due to lack of reservations by 4:30 p.m. on the

Wednesday prior to scheduled tour. Call 830-563-2342. The following are scheduled tour dates:
Saturday, April 27th
8:30 a.m. Birding Walks
1:30 p.m. Kickapoo Cavern Wild Cave Tour
TBD Evening Bat Flight Viewing
Saturday, May 11th
8:30 a.m. Birding Walks
1:30 p.m. Kickapoo Cavern Wild Cave Tour
TBD Evening Bat Flight Viewing
Saturday, May 25th
8:30 a.m. Birding Walks
1:30 p.m. Kickapoo Cavern

Wild Cave Tour
TBD Evening Bat Flight Viewing
Saturday, June 1st
8:30 a.m. Birding Walks
1:30 p.m. Kickapoo Cavern Wild Cave Tour
TBD Evening Bat Flight Viewing
Saturday, June 15th
8:30 a.m. Birding Walks
1:30 p.m. Kickapoo Cavern Wild Cave Tour
TBD Evening Bat Flight Viewing

Goodies from G.G.

A sure way to get praises and success on an out door cookout is to serve this fancy, but oh so easy, entree that takes only 30 min. from start to finish.

Raspberry chicken with plantains
1 10 oz. package frozen unsweetened raspberries, 2 tbs. sugar, 2 ripe plantains or firm bananas, sliced, 2 tbs. brown sugar, 2 tbs white wine vinegar, 2 green onions, thinly sliced, 1 small jalapeno pepper, seeded and finely chopped, 4 med. skinless, boneless chicken breast, halves (about 1 lb. total) and T 1 leaves (optional).

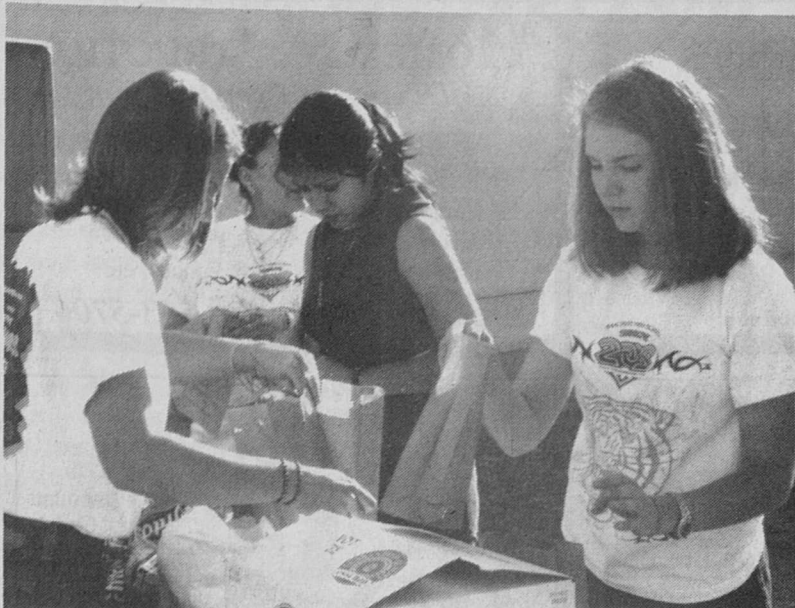
For sauce: In small sauce pan, combine berries and sugar. Heat over low heat about 3 min. or until berries are softened. Press berries through fine-mesh sieve. Discard seeds.
For Plantains: In large non stick skillet heat margarine or butter over med. heat. If using plantain, add them and cook stirring about every 2 min. until lightly browned and slightly softened.
If using bananas, you stir them in, add brown sugar and vinegar; heat through. Remove from heat; stir in green onions and jalapeno.
Rinse then pat chicken dry; add salt and pepper as desired. Grill uncovered directly over med. heat for 12-15 minutes until tender and no longer pink, turning once. Serve with plantain/banana. Join with a mild flavored side veggie or two of your choice then sit back and enjoy.

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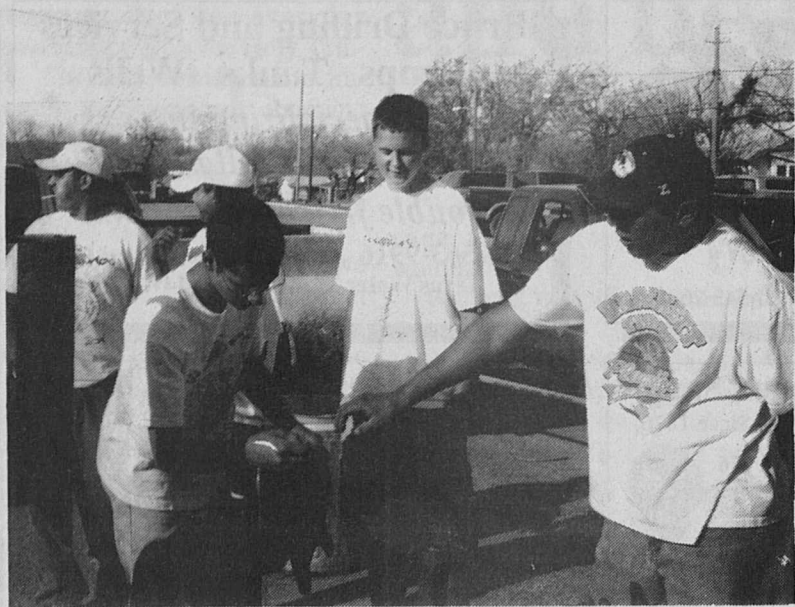
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Hamburger sale BHS scholarship funds are needed Seniors Community Service



Pictured above: Susanah Davis, Stephanie Gomez, Migdalia Gonzalez and Michelle Bizzell organize the materials for the hamburger sale.



Pictured above: Tony Molinar, Jaime Montalvo, Rudy Ramirez, Matthias Katzfuss, and Carlos Gomez prepare the burgers.

Making a Difference By Taylor Stephenson

Early voting for school board trustees ends Tuesday, April 30 at 4:00 PM. There are three candidates for two positions, Ronnie Hobbs, Henry Lutz and Stacey Ashabraner. Great schools start with the Board of trustees. Please take the time to vote. Election Day will be Saturday, May 4. School voting takes place at the Central Office (near the flagpole) at BISD.

A new scholarship this year is \$250 from the Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery Association in memory of Marilyn J. Spencer. Clarence Ward indicated that there is no preference as to color or ethnic background. As requested, the scholarship will be awarded to a graduate with the potential for completing at least a 4-year university. Don't forget to earmark your checks for the Brackett ISD scholarship for students with an average of 3.0 or above who have not been in trouble with the law during their years at BHS. We are in need of additional funds because of the large number of students who meet the criteria this year. You may mail checks made out to BISD Scholarship Fund to P.O. Box 586, Brackett ISD, Brackettville, TX 78832.

16 BHS students participated in UIL Academic Contest this past weekend. All 3 computer

applications participants placed in the top ten: Ashley Smith-2nd place; Isela Ramon-4th place and Sarah Meyer-7th place. Ashley will advance to State Competition in Austin on May 4. Cindy Brandt is their teacher and UIL Academic coordinator.

Congratulations to the BHS Softball team and Coach Nowlin for advancing in the playoffs. We will play Kenedy at 6:30 PM Tuesday, April 30 at South-west HS in San Antonio.

We're proud of our 4H Rifle Team for winning 4th place in the senior division.

The junior team also won 4th place. The pre-junior team competed well and increased their previous district score. These students competed against rifle teams from seven counties where the competition was tough. A huge thanks to the Kindergarten teachers, parents and friends for the Texas Days celebration. This was one of the best that I have seen for young children. All who helped are to be commended for their help and support. That's about it this week. I look forward to the San Antonio Fiesta each year. This year, I have chosen to attend the Band Marching Festival at Alamo Stadium. It's a great show made up of the many bands of the greater San Antonio area. I marched in it in high school and in college. Have a great week!



Left to right: Christina Flores, Erica Meyer, Ana Talamantes, Rudy Ramirez, Migdalia Gonzales, Susannah Davis, Amanda Ward, Candice Ingram and Lee Davis are all working on Miss Bader's house.

By Christina Flores Contributing Writer

Believe it or not some Seniors were up at 9:30 a.m. and ready to work on Saturday, April 3, 2002.

The morning started out by meeting at Mrs. Meyer's house for donuts and orange juice. By 10:00 they all headed out for Miss Bader's residence. With about six rakes and trash bags they all worked as a group and did both front and backyard within 45 minutes to an hour. After, all the Seniors went straight to the Petrosky's residence and cleaned the yard

there.

The yard was full of tree branches from the storms that had passed through the area lately.

While working, Mr. Doug Davis asked Mrs. Meyer how much we would charge to do his yard?

Mrs. Meyer replied that we don't charge and that we were doing it for donations. So they all agreed that they would not mind doing the work; as soon as they finished raking and loading the Petrosky's yard, they went straight across the street to Mr. Davis's and cleaned his yard.

4H Rifle Club

By Taylor Stephenson Contributing Writer

On Saturday, 12 of our students competed at Kerrville in the district 4H Rifle Competition.

The senior team, consisting of Wacy Taylor, Allison LaMascus, Brandon Kluzek and Cody Robinette received fourth place (only 8 points out of third!).

Wacy Taylor scored 6th overall top shooter in this competition. The Junior team: Daphne Hunt, Anolda Watkins,

Josh Kluzek and Justin Calk, also scored a 4th place. Seven counties participated in this district meet, and the competition was tough.

Counties participating were Kerr, Bexar, Travis, Wilson, Sutton, Kendall and Kinney. Our Senior team improved their score over three hundred points this year, and we are so proud of all of them!! The pre-juniors: Emily Calk, Bryan Calk, Ayland Letsinger and Tyler McDonald competed very well, increasing their previous district score as well.

BISD Honor Roll

The following is Brackett Independent School District's Honor Roll for the fifth six weeks grading period:

- High School**
All A Honor Roll
 ■ Seniors: Michelle Bizzell, Lloyd Davis, Susannah Davis, Levi Duncan, Diamantina Flores, Duquesa Hunt, Matthias Katzfuss
 ■ Juniors: Maria Martinez, Tammy Smith
 ■ Sophomores: Elizabeth Ballew, Amanda Davis, Dietrich Davis, Sarah Meyer, Ashley Smith
 ■ Freshmen: Tillman Davis, Cody Robinette, Shanae Simmons, Emmanuel Talamantes
- A-B Honor Roll**
 ■ Seniors: Christina Flores, Stephanie Gomez, Thomas Gomez, Migdalia Gonzalez, Miguel Hernandez, Candice Ingram, Joseph Luna, Erica Meyer, Brittany Moore, Isela Ramon, Ricky Sandoval, Amanda Smith, Theodore Smith, Amanda Ward
 ■ Juniors: Ryan Benton, Kami Berg, Jared Hobbs, Davina Luna, Megan McWilliams, Laura Negrete,

- Pedro Pacheco, Elizabeth Threadgill
 ■ Sophomores: Stacey Castilla, Stephanie Coronado, Hector Febres, Emily Petrosky, Ashley Thourot, Beau Watkins, Elijah Woolsey
 ■ Freshmen: Juliann Ashabraner, Stephanie Bonner, Cody Edwards, Courtney Frerich, Monica Gonzalez, Whitney Hobbs, Megan King, Brandon Kluzek, Sean Looney, Whitney Massingill, Oscar Sierra, Celina Terrazas, Kody Yeager
- Middle School**
All A Honor Roll
 ■ Eighth grade: Dana Bonner, Alanna Conoly, Billy Steelman, Rachel Swinson, Brand Wylie
 ■ Seventh grade: Laura Meyer
- A-B Honor Roll**
 ■ Eighth grade: John Braesicke, Jessica Crane, Kimberly Glass, Lilianna Hernandez, Yasmin Pena, Kaylynn Perez, Tres Rueda, Timmekka Simmons, Brandy Smith, Soraida Talamantes, Tye Taylor
 ■ Seventh grade: Justin Calk, Dolores Cano, Robert Davis, Rachel Lethco, Joshua O'Neill, Ivan Pinales, Austin Shewbart, Micheal Stephenson, Kara Yeager

- Nevada Payne, Shandel Villarreal, Daulton Woodson,
 ■ First grade: Cesar Castillo, Ryan Clark, Trevor Clementz, Austin DelBosque, Daniel Falcon, Meghan Flores, Selina Gerardo, Sariah Guartuche, Rolando Gutierrez, Codi Maxwell, Justin Pettitt, Jonathan Pinales, Juan Ramos, Juan Talamantes, Raul Talamantes, Marissa Villarreal
- A-B Honor Roll**
 ■ Sixth grade: Bailee Allen, Tarvis Bonner, Chris Callaway, Julie Castillo, Doolie Fernandez, Daphne Hunt, Josh Kluzek, Lane Nowlin, Anabel Perez, Gus Resendez, Evelyn Rojas, Chris Seargeant, Gaby Talamantes
- Fifth grade: Laura Adams, Summer Allen, Brooke Bowlin, Jessica Garza, Diana Honstein, Jessica Jones, Bianca Martinez, Harmony Pettett, Maribel Rivas, Jesus Rodriguez, Scott Thourot
- Fourth grade: Chris Blake, Cynthia Bland, Brayen Chacon, Charles Conoly, Janellie Cortez, Shaun Davis, Amanda Flores, Sarah Gonzalez, Ramon Gutierrez, Justin Kesteloot, Ana Martinez, Nancy Martinez, Daniel Molinar, Elena Molinar, Elidia Molinar, Paul Novel, Adam Pinales, Jay Proulx, Raul Rivas, Claudia Rocha, Lawrence Salazar, Miranda Salmon, Maria Samora, Andy Schmidt, Isaac Talamantes, Lilianna Valdez
- Third grade: Marisol Aguirre, Celina Calvillo, Clarissa Garcia, Mark Garcia, Vincent Garcia, Jesse Garza, Valeria Garza, Brice Graham, Ward Kerr, Sofia Lozano, Avian Pacheco, Manuel Pena, Victor Robledo, Aracely Salazar, Becky Salazar, Ezequiel Salazar, Jaime Sandoval, Cheyenne Smith
- Second grade: Megan Cronin, Lauren Duncan, Adam Garcia, Amanda Herrera, Jeffrey Herrera, Megan Resendez, Joel Talamantes, Joelson Terrazas, Jon Michael Clements, Francisca Flores, Salvador Pacheco, Yanira Perez, Curtis Walters
- First grade: Carolina Aguilar, Priscilla Aguirre, Adam Castillo, Calli Campos, Tony Flores, Crystal Garcia, Yeika Garcia, Brianna Garza, Homero Hernandez, Alexandra Herrera, Ethan Justice, Celes Molano, Jasmine Pena, Juan Perez,

- Alexis Ramirez, Adam Resendez, Jose Rivas, Garon Rueda, Selene Talamantes, Jorge Villarreal, Maria Villarreal, Vanessa Villarreal
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SOAR	LOTAS	STAB
PETS	ENTRY	TOMS

A Special Thanks

Tuesday, April 9th was one of the best turnouts for the Graduating Senior Class of 2002. The class set up a hamburger sale fundraiser to raise money for the Senior trip and project graduation. The outcome of the project was great. We, the 2002 Senior Class would like to thank everyone for their full support and donations.

A special thanks to the public, our parents, Ricky Alvarado from Pico #15, HEB from Del Rio, The Escamilla Taco Express, The School Cafeteria Staff, Mrs. Elena Molinar, Mrs. Sammie Duncan, Mrs. Paulita Montalvo, Mrs. Mary Campos, and our class sponsors: Mrs. Meyer, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Frerich, and Coach Nowlin.

Without all of the help and full support given, our class wouldn't be able to be set for the Senior trip to Fiesta Texas and for Project Graduation. Once again, thank you very much.

The 2002 Senior Class

Brackett ISD Activity Calendar

- Thursday, April 25**
Administrative Professionals Week! HS Tennis Regional, San Marcos, HS Track, Regionals @ San Antonio, TAKS Social Studies Field Test GR 10, TASS II Science Field Test GR 3-11
- Friday, April 26**
HS Track, Regionals @ San Antonio
- Saturday, April 27**
HS Track, Regionals @ San Antonio
- Monday, April 29**
3rd GR Field Trip, S.A. IMAX
- Tuesday, April 30**
TAAS Exit Level Writing GR 12
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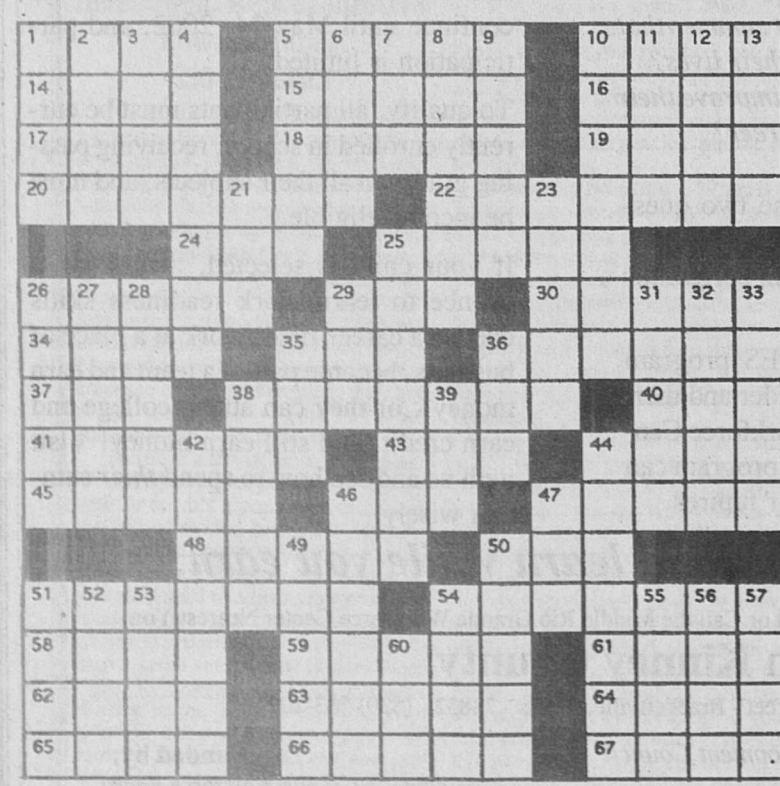
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In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions—forward, backward, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

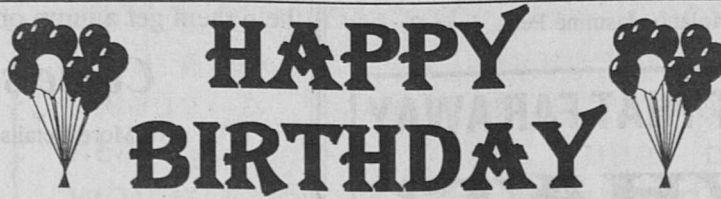
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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

- What punctuation mark is also the name for the currency of El Salvador and Costa Rica?
- What spice is featured on the flag of Grenada, the Isle of Spices?
- What state derives its name from the Indian word meaning "long river"?
- How many bones are in the human hand?
- What was the first Soviet Republic to declare independence from Moscow in 1991?
- What is the name for a Japanese paper or silk wall hanging with a roller at the bottom?
- What is the name of the knot that is used to make a lasso?
- What is the name of the largest breed of frog in the world?
- In what year was Marie Antoinette beheaded?
- What was President Hayes' middle name?



April 25..Harold Kauffman April 29.....John Story
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 April 28...Candy Gonzales May 1..Rosemary Abrigo
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HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The focus this week is on partnerships. You can accomplish much simply by cooperating with others. Later in the week, an interesting social event takes place.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An unexpected financial windfall comes your way. Be sure to consult with your mate before deciding what to do with it. While it's not a great deal of money, this should be a joint decision.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) An invitation from a friend who lives far away arrives in the mail. Be sure you can clear your schedule before accepting. Over the weekend, your intuition is right on target.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) While you crave privacy this week, it doesn't come easily. If at all possible, steal away for a quiet, romantic dinner with your mate. As the week winds down, you receive good news about a financial matter.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Singles look for fun and excitement this week. Instead, they find romance at an unexpected event. This weekend, do what you can to spruce up your living quarters.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You don't always shop for bargains. However, now's the time to do just that. Your budget has been stretched enough lately.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You fairly exude charm this week. This allows you to gain the approval of bigwigs and co-workers alike. Spend the weekend enjoying leisure time.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A family member has a special request of you. While you'd love to be able to oblige, consider this carefully. You may not be in the best position to be of help.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Agreements are easily reached this week. Thus, a project that's been ongoing finally reaches fruition. Domesticity is the focus over the weekend.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) If at all possible, try to do your work from home this week. Some may be battling a brief illness, such as a cold. Later in the week, take some time to solve a child's problems.

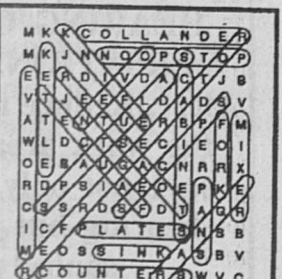
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It's a wonderful week to plan a special party. However, don't let work duties fall by the wayside. There is much to be done before any socializing.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's not always wise to party with the boss. However, this week, things are different. Work this situation to your advantage.

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Roaring Twenties Solution:

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- Sink
- Spatula
- Spices
- Spoon
- Toaster



Do you have faith? The will of God

Frontier Baptist Church
By Dave Crowe

The Marquee out front of our church reads "How much faith do you have?"

Want more? Ask! On the other side, it asks the same question only differently, "What do you believe in? Willing to bet your life? Let's examine each question one at a time. The first question, "How much faith do you have?" As you might have guessed, I was speaking spiritually. There is in my humble opinion, nothing more important than ones faith in God, ones faith in God's Son and ones faith in the Holy Spirit. There is nothing, again in my opinion, more important than our everyday relationships with the Holy Trinity. There is nothing more important than our souls obtaining eternal rest in heaven.

It is a good thing to ask and answer ourselves concerning this thing called 'faith'.

How much faith do you have in your local law enforcement agencies, fire department, emergency medical and rescue services? Your life could and very well may be in the hands of these professionals and you need to have faith and trust in their ability to save your life.

How much faith do you have in your local school board and school system? How much faith do you have in our teachers to train and teach the future leaders of tomorrow? How much faith do you have in our local leaders? City and county commissioners, attorneys, judges,

JP's and managers. How much faith do you have in our state and federal officers. They make most of the laws that we live by and decide how our tax money will be spent.

So many people having a direct impact on our daily lives. We rarely give any thought to our policemen or firemen or EMS, until we need them.

They needed our support and prayers yesterday and today and they'll need it tomorrow. Let's not forget them, ever.

Receive Christ and be set free

By Rev Brother J
Contributing Writer

We opened the door of the cage to let him out but he wouldn't leave.

We tried to scare him out but that didn't work.

We got a stick and nudged him out and he ran right back in. I had one last idea. I told my wife to nudge the cat out with the stick and while he was out I shut the cage door. Guess what?

It worked but as I drug the cage off the cat followed and kept trying to go back in. We had purposely taken him to a place where he could be free but he was so accustomed to living in the little cage that he didn't want to leave. That event reminded me of something the Bible said

Lawmakers from the local level all the way to Washington, need our input, our support and our prayers.

We take for granted that the quantity of our air and water is being protected.

If you are just hap-hazardly going thru life, you are either taking a lot for granted or you without realizing it, do have a lot of faith.

Everyday you put your life on the line. Where will you spend eternity?

about sin. It says that man can become a slave to sin (John 8:34). It is very dangerous to sin and make it a way of life. We are told to hate sin (Romans 12:9) and in many other places in the Bible; to have nothing to do with sin. It also says (James 1:14,15, Romans 3:23) that it leads to death (separation from God) and final condemnation to Hell (Matthew 10:28).

There is hope; we can receive forgiveness and freedom through Jesus Christ (Acts 10:43, Galatians 5:1).

It was so sad to watch the little cat that we were trying to set free, trying to be enslaved to the cage again.

Let us receive Christ and be set free. See you in Church on Sunday. Brother J

Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charolette Corey

"Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgement; because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us...He that loveth God loves his brother also." (1 John 4:17-21) "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the

world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." (1 John 2:15-17) "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." (1 John 5:4) Love one another. If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I

have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you." (John 15:17-19) "In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) Of Jesus, the word says, "He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not." (John 1:10) "...Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he will lift you up." (James 4:4-10) "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." (John1: 12) Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27). Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

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

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Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

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OUTDOORS

New Visitors Center To Open To Book Devil's Sinkhole Tours

By Henry Lutz
Contributing Writer

Rocksprings, Texas — Just in time for spring bat flights, the Devil's Sinkhole State Natural Area friends group will open a visitors center on the square here that will serve as the new meeting place for people seeking access to the National Natural Landmark.

Devil's Sinkhole is a vertical cavern with an approximate 40-by-60-foot opening and a vertical drop of 140 feet to the main cavern that reaches 350 feet deep.

The non-profit Devil's Sinkhole Society will host the grand opening of the visitors center on Saturday, April 20, with an open house starting at 10 a.m. and ribbon-cutting ceremony scheduled at 4 p.m. Society volunteers will staff the center, where tour participants will meet to embark on their excursion to the 1,859-acre state natural area six miles northeast of Rocksprings. The center will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

"We're excited about this new partnership with the Devil's Sinkhole Society because it will boost eco-tourism opportunities in the county and generate greater public access to the state natural area," said Kickapoo Cavern State Park's Mike Knezek, who oversees Devil's Sinkhole operations. "As it was, our very small park staff made it possible to only meet folks for tours every other weekend."

Up until now, access to Devil's Sinkhole State Natural Area could be obtained only by contacting Kickapoo Cavern State Park to make prior arrangements.

The park features only limited development and facilities, such as picnic sites, a chemical toilet and a trail allowing some wheelchair access to within about 50 feet of the sinkhole, according to Assistant Park Manager Randy Rosales, who

will assist with the new volunteer-led endeavor.

Plans call for the construction of a new restroom and viewing platform that will allow park visitors to see inside the sinkhole, Knezek said.

More than 20 society volunteers have received special training from Texas Parks and Wildlife and Bat Conservation International staff to qualify them to be tour guides at Devil's Sinkhole, which was formerly part of the Whitworth Ranch. In addition, TPW has donated a "bat trunk" to the organization that includes educational materials, a teacher's guidebook, a bat video, stuffed specimen and other items.

According to BCI's Jim Kennedy, the bats that frequent Devil's Sinkhole are not a mat-

ernity colony, but use the site as a migratory stopover during spring and summer migration. It is the ninth largest cave colony of Mexican free-tails in Texas.

Two other bats species use the sinkhole - cave myotis and eastern pipistrelles - but in much lesser numbers.

Tours to view the evening flights of more than one million Mexican free-tailed bats that inhabit the vertical cavern from April through August are expected to be popular with the public. Guided Devil's Sinkhole bat flight tours last about 90 minutes. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children ages 4-11. Admission is free for those younger than age 4. Also, school groups receive special rates. From 3,000 to 4,000 cave swallows live in caverns within

the sinkhole while the bats are away at night foraging for insects. The state natural area is also home to the endangered Tobusch fishhook cactus, two unique aquatic species that live in perimeter freshwater lakes and an unusual Mexican fern species found few other places in the United States.

For more information, contact the Devil's Sinkhole Society at 830-683-BATS or Kickapoo Cavern State Park at 830-563-2342.

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• Acreage - 15.3 acres located at Kinney County Ranch Estates lots 55, 61, 62. \$16,830.00

• Manufactured housing unit 15 lot 48 FCS, 3 BDR/2 BT, 1,120 sq. ft. \$29,500

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