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BRIEFS

Attention parents of BISD students:

Aug. 19 is the final day to update immunization records at the school office in order to be admitted to the first day of classes on Aug. 22.

After Aug. 1, school secretaries will have a list of returning students with incomplete immunization requirements.

Deadline set for 4-H members

The deadline for the Lamb and Goat tags has been set.

Please contact the Extension Office at 563-2442 on how many tags you will be needing to order for the 2005-2006 Stockshow year.

The deadline for ordering tags will be Friday, Aug. 12, 2005. Please note: This is for major stockshows only.

Voyles named BHS athletic director

By Leigh Volcsko
Staff Writer

BISD Defensive Coordinator, Greg Voyles was named as the new Athletic Director on June 20.

Voyles graduated from Klein Oaks High School near Houston and is a graduate of Sul Ross University in Alpine, Texas.

At one time, Voyles played junior high football in Houston coached by the man he has now replaced, David Yeager.

Yeager, now a resident of Llano, Texas is LISD's new Athletic Director recommended Voyles for the position.

Yeager was the AD here in Brackettville for seven years and resigned with an overall record of 60-18.

"We wanted continuity in the program and Greg is familiar with the program and very knowledgeable," Brackett ISD School Board President, Henry

Lutz commented on the hiring of Voyles. "We prefer to hire from within and look forward to another successful year," stated Lutz.

The Fighting Tigers ended last season, 12-1. They are the defending champions of District 29A.

"Last year we were second in the state. Everyone will be gunning for us this year. They're going to play their best against us, but we can do it," answered Voyles when asked about feeling any pressure to win because of the success the Tigers had last season.

"I have big shoes to fill, but the program and the coaching will stay the same. All we have to do is play," he continued.

Voyles' excitement for the game showed readily on his face when he grabbed his clipboard to name a few of this year's possible standouts.

Robert Davis, Gumaro

Martinez, Tres Rueda, Leon Woolsey and Brand Wylie topped the list.

Voyles believes that this year's team will be able to get three to four deep in the playoffs, if not further.

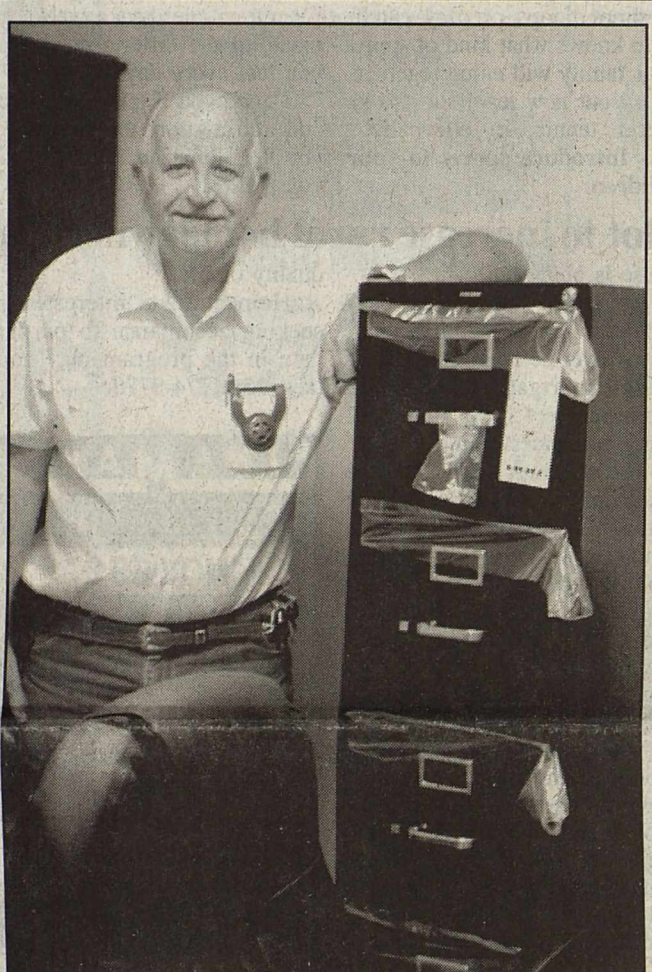
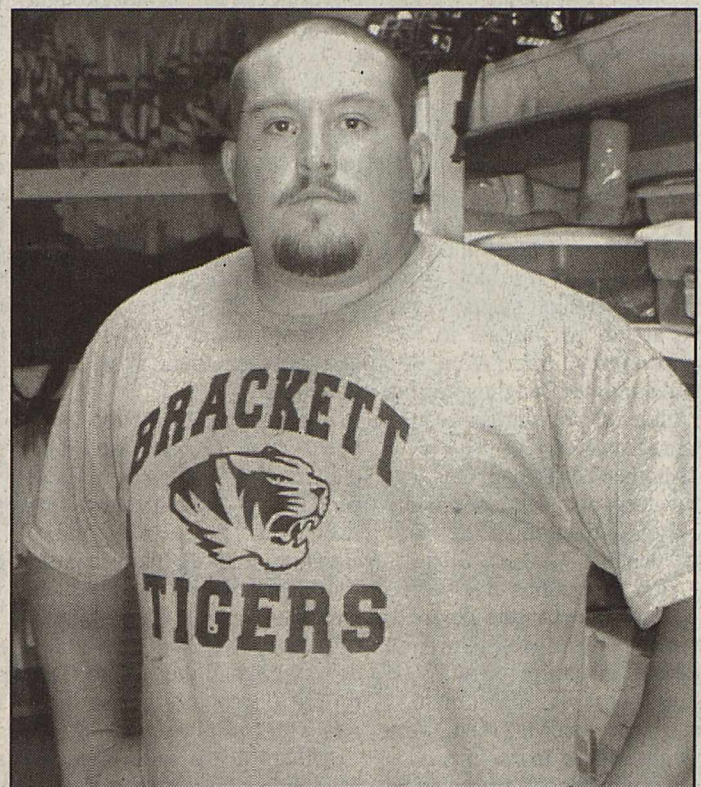
"We can hang our hat on our defense and we have a solid offense that moves the ball," said Voyles.

Voyles believes the support that the entire town puts behind its players is an important contributing factor to the Tiger's success and encourages everyone to come out on Friday nights this fall.

The Tiger's pre-season practice starts on Aug. 1.

Junction will host the first scrimmage Aug. 13, and the first game will be against the Center Point Pirates at home Aug. 26 at 7:30 pm.

"It's hard to wait for August 1. I'm ready to go," Voyles concluded.



MOVING IN Brackett News photo by Leigh Volcsko

After many years of being grouped together in one small office, Sheriff "Buddy" Burgess, his deputies and other staff will now be taking care of business in the recently constructed administrative wing to their North Street facility. The approximately \$55,000 improvement project was funded by money generated from the Kinney County Detention Center according to the Kinney County Judge's Office.

County under burn ban

Kinney County is under a fire ban.

The Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist within the county and the Commissioners Court finds that circumstances present create a public safety hazard and has ordered that all outdoor burning in the unincorporated area of the

county is prohibited for 90 days from July 26, 2005 unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or the Commissioners Court.

This order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081 and the other applicable statutes.

This order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission for firefighter training; public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; planting or harvesting of agricultural crops or burns that are conducted by a

prescribed burn manager certified under Section 15.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

A violation of the Order is a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00. To report a fire call 563-2788.

Commissioners stop ATV park in its tracks

The Kinney County Commissioner's Court voted to approve a resolution that opposed the Texas Motorized Trails Coalition application to a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for grant funds to purchase the old Chapman Ranch Estate for development as a public off-road vehicle recreation park.

The court voted Monday morning during the commissioner's court meeting.

The resolution signed by the court noted that in May 2005, a representative from the TMTC told the court of its intent to purchase property commonly referred to as the old Chapman Ranch Estate, located on Nueces

River Road, using grant funds administered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

TMTC wanted to develop this property as a recreational park for off-road vehicle operators. However, public comments were received at the Commissioner's Court meeting June 27, noting, among other things:

The West Nueces River which flows through the Chapman Ranch, is a "protected freshwater area" as defined in Chapter 90 Parks and Wildlife Code.

Use of the Chapman Ranch as an off-road vehicle recreational park could damage a protected freshwater area, an existing cemetery, archeological sites,

and possibly, threatened or endangered species of plants and wildlife.

Increased traffic on Nueces River Road, such as could be generated by an off-road recreational park, may create a maintenance problem for Kinney County since the road was not designated for, nor was it ever intended to carry, such traffic.

Increased traffic on Nueces River Road will pose a danger to drivers due to the narrow, relatively unimproved conditions of the road. Increased traffic on the Nueces River Road will be an irritation and nuisance to Kinney County citizens accustomed to living on a quiet and peaceful

county road. Users of the recreation area will be at serious risk during flooding of the West Nueces River and of low water crossings on Nueces River Road.

Operating a public facility for off-road vehicle activities, a potentially dangerous form of recreation, poses a risk due to scarcity of emergency services in Kinney County.

Noise and commotion from off-road vehicle activities could interrupt hunting on adjacent lands causing economic problems for those landowners.

In other business, the court approved the disbursement from the JP Technology fund 33.

INSIDE

Baldree

The weather has been a mite cooler the past two weeks.

But I have it from a fairly good source that those three digit temps will return.

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Donald Smith

Joe's question about Rick's stepfather opened some old wounds. Rick's countenance changed with his rising anger. "I hated him more every time he whacked me. I vowed I'd kill him." "Did nobody evah tell yo 'bout Jesus back den?" Joe asked.

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Brother Adams

Verse 16. And that He might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enemy.

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Sam Hunt not guilty

A jury found Sam Arturo Hunt not guilty of aggravated assault.

The jury returned the not guilty verdict July 21 following a three day trial.

Hunt was indicted August 2005 for aggravated assault against Tom Pearson.

He was released on a \$5,000 bond.

The charge alleged that Hunt committed the aggravated assault by "beating Pearson's head against the pavement."

Defending Hunt was attorney Martin Underwood.

If convicted, Hunt could have received a term in prison for the felony.

Volunteers respond to Kinney County Fires

By Leigh Volcsko
Staff Writer

Acting Fire Chief, Joe Williams suspects arson in a recent fire.

A call to 911 on reported a fire at a house on Spring Street, immediately adjacent to a garage housing two of the City of Brackettville Fire Trucks.

Firefighters put out the fire with only the aid of a small "red line" hose that draws directly from a first response truck containing 300 gallons of water.

The small fire was located just inside the window on the East side of the house and did not spread to any other part of the structure.

Though the fire itself was small, it produced a large amount of smoke that billowed

out through the eaves on all sides of the house.

The volunteer firefighters on the scene were quick to set up a generator-powered fan to ventilate the house that allowed for a safer and more thorough inspection of the premises. No one was reported to have been in the house. No injuries were reported.

When the owner of the property, Jesus "Chuey" Sanchez, resident of Sherwood, Ark. was contacted for comment, he was not aware that there had been a fire.

According to Sanchez, the house was not occupied and no utilities were presently in use or connected. The house had been recently remodeled and used only for family functions.

Due to the quick thinking of

two local citizens and a rapid response of an all-volunteer fire department, the structure was saved and a loss similar to other recent suspected arsons prevented.

The fire marshals were called in to investigate and were on the scene. Results of their investigation are pending.

Volunteer firefighters were also called out again on July 23 to address a grass fire along Highway on 674 North approximately 8 miles outside of town, when a controlled burn was interrupted by a strong gust of wind according to a firefighter present at the scene. On July 24, the Brackettville VFD was called out again when the same fire reignited approximately 100 yards to the north.

According to local fire offi-

cials this is not an unusual occurrence. Local businessman, Tim Ward and his son, Chase helped by hauling their bulldozer to the scene and graded a half-mile long fire wall that isolated the fire.

Val Verde County Firefighters were again called in, but the request was cancelled en route when it was determined that their assistance was not needed. Fire officials remind the public to be aware of their surroundings and not hesitate to call 911 if you see smoke or suspect a fire anywhere. The public is also warned not to park or drive their vehicles in the tall grass. Officials also say to extinguish cigarettes properly to prevent fires during this dry, hot time of the year.

Luna attends firefighter school

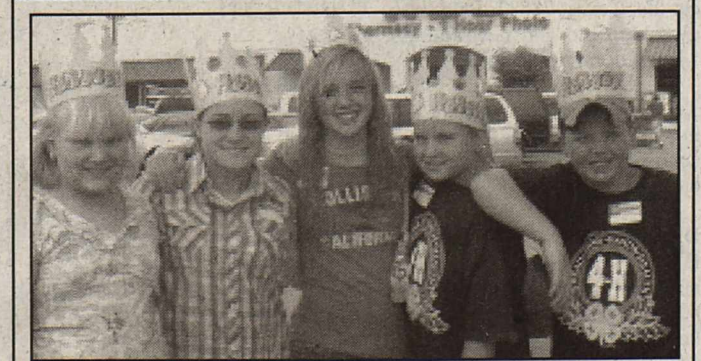
COLLEGE STATION - Leo Luna, volunteer firefighter of Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department in Brackettville, Texas is attending the 76th Annual Municipal Fire Training School July 24-29.

The school, attended by nearly 2,000 students, representing about 750 cities from more than 25 states, is being held on the Texas A&M University campus this week. Firefighters can choose a course at the school from a list including Fire Fighting, Fire Prevention, Fire De-

partment Officer Development, Fire Service Rescue Practices, Specialized Fire Protection and Public Safety Emergency Service Dispatcher. Firefighter Luna is being sponsored by Kinney - Val Verde Farm Bureau and Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies by contributing toward the cost of the school. Since volunteer firefighters are interested in attending this school to help do a better job for fire fighting and fire prevention, 125 County Farm Bureaus and the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Compa-

nies in the statewide program have sponsored 125 firemen at the school. "Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies believe volunteer fire departments have been very effective in reducing the amount of loss involved by fire in rural areas," said Texas Farm Bureau president, Kenneth Dierschke of San Angelo.

"It is our hope in sponsoring this program that the firefighter will help the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department to better serve the residents of Kinney County."



SUMMER WORKSHOP Courtesy photo
Kinney County 4-H members attended a District Food Workshop in Kerrville on Wednesday, July 20. Pictured from left, Shelby Schuster, Summer Allen, Harmony Pettett, Korlee Allen and Austin (Bubba) Pettett.

We came close to losing the Texas Longhorn

For those of us who love Texas history, nothing is more sobering than pausing to consider how close we often come to losing parts of our heritage. This is why I worked hard to secure National Historic Trail designation for El Camino Real De Los Tejas, the network of trails traversing Texas from Louisiana to Mexico. It could easily have been lost if we did not take steps to protect it.

Throughout our history, Texans have had to act to preserve our historical heritage.

The best example of this is the Alamo, which was on the verge of being sold to a group of easterners who wanted to build a hotel on the site.

Clara Driscoll stepped in to help at the last minute to buy the property. She, Adina de Zavala and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas preserved the Alamo for all of us.

Another Texas icon, the longhorn steer, also came perilously close to extinction in the early 20th century.

After Columbus discovered the New World, the Spanish brought their long-horned Andalusian cattle to the West Indies, but it was not until 1521 that six or seven of them were brought ashore in Mexico.

Longhorns first arrived in Texas when Coronado headed north with 500 head of cattle on his fruitless search for El Dorado.

Many of his cattle scattered and formed wild herds which multiplied in Texas.

By the 1800s, Mexican cattle ranchers and the first cowboys - known as vaqueros - were herding hundreds of thousands of animals in an area north of the Rio Grande, but generally south of San Antonio and the major mission settlements.

After Moses Austin secured rights for Anglo settlers to come to Texas, the newcomers brought many Northern European breeds to Texas where they bred with the longhorns.

This produced the Texas Longhorn, larger and heavier than his Mexican cousin, but still retaining the qualities which allowed him to cover long distances, thrive on poor forage and adapt to extreme heat and cold.

Their endurance and hardiness allowed them to multiply in Texas.

As many as 10 million longhorns roamed our state, and their most valuable product not beef, but hides and tallow (the rendered fat used to make candles, soap and lubricants). This changed with the advent of the Gold Rush in California.

Several Texas cattlemen drove herds all the way to California to provide the prospectors with fresh beef.

Others drove cattle north to Missouri, while some cattlemen near the coast took advantage of steamships to generate profits by shipping cows to New Orleans.

But the heyday of the cattle drives would wait until after the end of the Civil War when beef overtook pork as America's fa-



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

vorite meat. Entrepreneur Joseph G. McCoy almost single-handedly revolutionized the Texas cattle industry when he grasped that the railroads allow fast shipment of cattle to the booming industrial cities of the northeast.

He commissioned Jesse Chisholm to mark the famous Chisholm trail to make it easier to drive cattle north to railheads he constructed to expedite transportation.

In 1867, O. W. Wheeler and his partners bought 2,400 steers in San Antonio and made the first trip up the trail.

By 1871, 35,000 cattle made the long trip up the Chisholm Trail and the numbers of cattle driven on the trail climbed each year.

By the time an 1885 Kansas quarantine law banning Texas steers killed the trail drives, more than five million cattle and one million mustang horses had made the trip.

With the end of the drives, which put a premium on the longhorn's ability to walk long distances and endure hardship, other breeds which matured earlier and put on weight faster began to grow more popular.

Soon the once-numerous

longhorns were reduced to several small scattered herds.

Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge Forest Ranger William Drummond was inspired by the preservation of the American Bison at the national park. The buffalo, which once numbered over 60 million, had been reduced to less than 1,000 by the turn of the century.

Charles Goodnight, who had made his fortune with Texas Longhorns, was one of the key figures in introducing 15 bison to the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Reserve in 1907. In 1927, with the support of many Texas cattlemen, 30 head of longhorns were introduced to the park as well. Today the park maintains a herd of 525 bison and 300 longhorns.

Over time, other cattlemen began raising longhorns, often using animals descended from the Wichita herd. By 1964, the Texas Longhorn Breeders Association of America was founded in Fort Worth to help promote the breed. Today, the Association reports that more than a quarter million registered Texas longhorns are being raised throughout the country.

Whenever I see a Texas Longhorn, I see a vital part of Texas' colorful history and am grateful for those forward-thinking individuals who took action in the 1920s to save this living part of Texas' proud past from extinction.

Part of my goal as an elected official is to save other parts of Texas' heritage as well.

Sports: Just try them



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

In today's modern world our lives are becoming busier and busier with every passing day. Adults and children alike have become less active as we face long hours in front of the computer.

Our children are often entertained by video games, television shows and the Internet when they get home from school. As our schedules fill-up, exercise is often the first thing we eliminate from our busy lives.

Even heading to the gym sometimes seems tedious and time-consuming, especially when there's already so little time to spend with family and friends.

So why not incorporate sports into your agenda. Sports make exercise enjoyable while enhancing friendships and providing quality family time. From swimming to playing a friendly game of flag football, there is a sport for every walk of life.

You'd be surprised at all the ways you can integrate sports into your life:

- Enjoy sports as a family
If you're headed to the park for a family picnic, consider bringing a frisbee or football for a friendly game. The time before dinner is easily spent watching TV, but why not take time-out to shoot hoops or play catch. Who knows what kind of sports your family will enjoy together, so try-out new team sports like soccer, tennis, or volleyball.

- Introduce sports to your children

It's much easier to develop good habits at a young age. It's also easier to establish good habits in our children by making these habits enjoyable. Find a sport your child enjoys and consider signing them up for a local sport league.

- Start a sports team at your office

The staff of my Washington, D.C. congressional office recently formed a softball team. "Team Bonilla" plays softball against other congressional offices every weekend. Although they may not win every game, they enjoy spending time together, being outdoors and getting a little exercise.

- Take personal initiative
There are dozens of sports you can play on your own. I enjoy visiting the driving range when I want to wind-down or think. Other great individual sports include jogging and walking, swimming and biking.

There is no better time than summer to start playing sports. Even a couple days a week can make all the difference in how you feel every day!

I hope you'll take my advice and add a sport to your day - you'll be amazed at how good you feel.

USDA Rural Development announces pilot to increase rural homeownership

Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director announced today a new pilot effort by USDA Rural Development and Chase Home Finance to increase the availability of new home credit financing to provide more rural families the opportunity to achieve the dream of homeownership in Texas.

Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns said, "USDA and its partners in home construction and finance have responded to President Bush's recent challenge to add seven million new affordable homes to the market in the next 10 years."

"Through innovative partnerships, like the one announced today, more rural families will be better able to meet their housing needs and achieve the American Dream of homeownership."

"USDA Rural Development is pleased to team up with Chase

Home Finance to pave the way of homeownership for rural Texans," said Daniel.

"It is our goal to ensure that every rural Texan is offered all possible opportunities to obtain affordable housing."

The partnership effort will spur construction of more affordable homes for low to moderate income families living outside major urban centers and is a result of President Bush's challenge to public and private sectors to increase homeownership opportunities for more Americans.

Loan guarantees from USDA Rural Development will make it possible for Chase to offer 30-year fixed rate construction loans that finance 100 percent of the cost of building a new home - including the lot, construction costs, closing costs and interest payments while the

house is being built.

Homes may be built on individual tracts or subdivisions. Loans may be originated by licensed mortgage lenders and submitted to Chase Home Finance for underwriting.

The program allows eligible applicants to purchase a home without a down payment, with a limited cash outlay at closing. Loans are based on the applicant's repayment ability and offer significant savings on monthly mortgage payments because no mortgage insurance is required.

USDA Rural Development works to ensure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their

quality of life.

Homebuilders interested in seeking acceptance to participate in the program may contact (254) 774-9770.

Big Mama Sez!

The cost of living is always about the same - all a person has.

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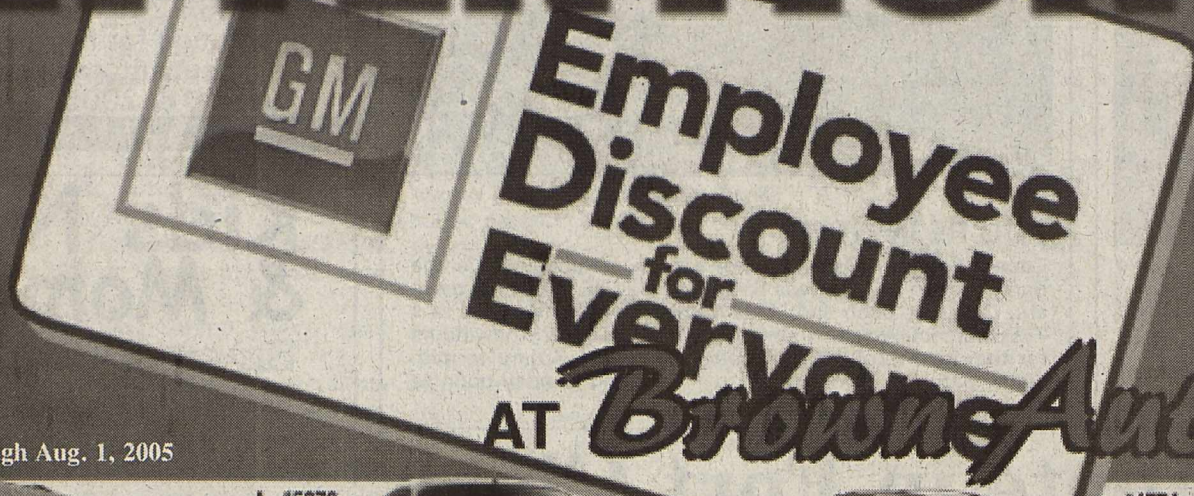
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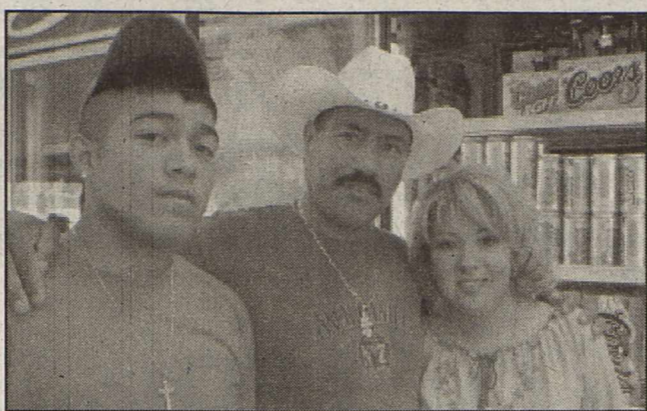
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SCHOLARSHIP WINNER *Courtesy photo*
Brackettville Lions Club scholarship winner, Tillman Davis, accepting the \$1000 scholarship from scholarship chairman Lion Tom McNew. Also in the picture Lion President Wilma Lewis (left) and Tillman's mother, Kayla Davis (right).



Brackett News photo by Leigh Volcsko

YOU'RE INVITED!
Cesar's Beverage Barn, formerly known as Bubba's Beverage Barn, is open for business Saturday, July 30. The new owners, Cesar De Leon and Linda Ramirez invite the public to a FREE barbecue to celebrate the grand opening. The new hours for the drive-thru will be Monday to Friday 7 a.m. to midnight, Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. and Sunday noon to midnight.

Golfers participate in Fort Clark Springs tournament in Wisconsin

Thirty-six golfers and guests from Colorado, Utah, Illinois, Montana, Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin attended the Fort Clark Golf tournament in Wisconsin.

The weather was in the mid to upper 90s, making us feel as though we were playing in Texas. Sunday evening, Ruth and Ken Spencer hosted a picnic supper at Whispering Pines Campground.

Monday, the golfers played at Trempealeau Mountain golf club.

First place team was Barry Bertelsen, Bob Williamson, Dale Unruh and Milo White.

Second place winners were Dennis Korth, Dick Ebert, Don Sandwick and Gene Sheldon,

Ann Malin won the longest putt of 25 feet on hole No. 9. Barry Bertelsen won the putt on No. 18 with an 8 foot putt.

Dinner was served at the golf club.

Tuesday, the group traveled to Arcadia Country Club and Colored Ball Game was played.

Winning team was Ann Malin, Gene Sheldon, Barry and Marion Bertelsen.

Second place was awarded to the foursome of Hoagie and Pat Nelson and Bob and Joyce Williamson.

Closest to the pin events were won by Hoagie Nelson and Joyce Williamson.

Special guests of the day were long time residents of Fort Clark, Howard and Helen Peck.

Dinner for 36 guests was enjoyed at "The Corner Supper Club."

Wednesday golf scheduled at Dragan's Golf and supper Club. Blind holes of the 18 hole course were selected, with a total possible score of 36.

Dale Unruh shot a 35 to finish 1 under par.

Second place was Barry Bertelsen with a score of 39. Sherri White captured low score for the ladies with a 41 and Ruth Spencer was second with a 43.

Putt events were won by Hoagie Nelson, Charlie Alexson, Ann Malin, Don and Darlene Sandwick. Dinner was enjoyed at the supper club.

Thursday morning, the group met again at the campground for

an Omelet breakfast. Guests departed for other parts of the country.

Nelson's traveled to Boston to visit Hoagie's brother. The Sheldon's attended Mickey's Class reunion in Michigan. Sandwick's traveled to Canada to visit John and Barbara Hunter.

Williamson's went on to Minnesota to visit family.

The White's are traveling throughout Wisconsin and Minnesota to visit family and friends and will attend Sherri's class reunion. Prior to arriving at the Golf outing, the Unruh's visited family and attended Dale's class reunion in South Dakota.

Plans are already underway for next summer's gathering.

Texas State Energy Conservation Office-Sponsored 'Energy Hog' Campaign Finds New Home at Alliance to Save Energy

Washington, D.C., July 21, 2005 - A black-leather-jacket-wearing, half-human/half-hog creature has moved in to the Alliance to Save Energy's Washington, D.C. headquarters. The Texas State Energy Conservation Office helped "relocate" the dastardly Energy Hog character, who is bent on wasting energy as the "spokesvillain" for the Ad Council's campaign to raise awareness about the benefits of energy efficiency. The Texas State Energy Conservation Office is one of 21 federal, state,

and corporate sponsors supporting the public awareness campaign to provide families with simple steps for saving energy and reducing their home energy bills. "As energy prices continue to rise, this awareness campaign is more important than ever," said Alliance President Kateri Callahan. "Only by becoming more energy-efficient can we hope to lower our nation's energy use and help ease the burden of high energy prices, for the benefit of our economy, environment, and national security."

Joining the ranks of other famous Ad Council character icons such as Smokey Bear and McGruff the Crime Dog, the Energy Hog is featured in TV and radio public service advertisements (PSAs) for "teens" ages 8-13 and will soon be featured in newspaper, magazine, and out-of-home PSAs targeted to adults. In its first year alone, the campaign garnered more than \$31 million in donated advertising time and space, putting it into the "Top 10" campaign

of all current Ad Council campaigns. The website, www.energyhog.org gets more than 50,000 unique visitors each month.

The Alliance to Save Energy has partnered with the Ad Council to become the new non-profit sponsor of the campaign, following its origin at Energy Outreach Colorado. The Alliance will expand the campaign to include school outreach and expand the web site to provide adults with ways to reduce home energy bills.

Peaches, the best is now here!

Consumers who love peaches can look forward to the highest quality peaches of the year as the Fredericksburg and Stonewall peach growers enter the middle of a great sweet peach season. Growers are currently picking Redskin, and Dixiland, they are at 100 percent according to Jimmy Duecker, one of the largest Hill Country growers. There is no better summer treat than fresh peaches from the

Hill Country Orchards around Fredericksburg and Stonewall.

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stand hours and map visit texaspeaches.com or for a brochure call 830-997-8515.

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SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

BISD will hold a free orientation for anyone interested in substitute teaching, Aug. 17, 2005, 9 a.m. in the Central Office Boardroom. Requirements: H.S. diploma or GED and love of kids. Call: Susan Esparza, Secretary to Supt., 563-2491, ext. 100. This is a required orientation for new substitutes. Returning substitutes workshop will be Aug. 18, 2005, 9 a.m., Hunt Library

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Quick, cool and delicious recipes

The weather has been a mite cooler the past two weeks.

But I have it from a fairly good source that those three digit temps will return.

With that in mind, here are more cool, quick ideas for good eating.

Shrimp & Papaya Salad
1 1/2 lb. (medium size) cooked shrimp, 1 tbsp. minced parsley, 1 papaya, peeled, seeded and cut in 1 inch cubes, Salt - to taste, if desired and mayonnaise, approximately one cup.

Combine shrimp in medium to large bowl, toss lightly. In small bowl, combine the mayonnaise, 1/2 tsp. Dijon or dry mustard, a pinch of cayenne pepper (or to taste) and parsley.

Gently mix mayonnaise with shrimp and papaya.

Serve on lettuce bed or leaves and offer large crisp crackers. Yum!! Serves 4 generously.

Shrimp Pie

1 1/4 cup (6 oz.) cooked salad size shrimp, thawed and drained *4 medium green onions, chopped or 1/4 cup chopped onion, 1/2 tsp. dried basil leaves, 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese (4 oz.), 3/4 cup biscuit mix, 1 1/4 cup milk, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper and 3 large eggs.

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Spray 9-inch pie plate with cooking spray.

Layer Shrimp, onions, basil and cheese in pie plate.

Blend remaining ingredients in medium size bowl. Pour into pie plate.

Bake 30 to 35 minutes until top is golden brown and knife inserted in center comes out clean.

Let stand five minutes before serving. Serves 4 to 6.

*I see no reason why shredded imitation crab meat would



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not be excellent in the place of shrimp.

Crab and Pasta

8 oz. imitation crab, 6 green onions (chopped), small (8 oz) package mushrooms, 2 to 3 tbsp olive oil, 8 oz. Angel Hair pasta cooked according to directions on package and Parmesan cheese, shredded.

Saute mushrooms and onion in olive oil; remove and saute crab lightly until heated.

Combine crab with vegetables, toss gently. Serve on bed of Angel Hair Pasta and top with parmesan.

Cool Lemon Pie

(sugar free if desired) Plan ahead!

1 cup milk, 2 small boxes lemon jello, sugar free, 1 small box instant vanilla pudding, sugar free, 1 heaping tbsp. lemonade mix, sugar free and one 9-inch ready made graham cracker pie crust, baked according to directions and cooled.

Dissolve jello and lemonade mix in 1 1/2 cups boiling water.

When dissolved, cool with 1 cup ice cubes; stir to incorporate and occasionally until cubes are melted.

Place in fridge (approximately 1 hour, checking frequently) or in freezer for faster set time.

Allow jello to thicken but not set up.

Bake pie shell according to directions and cool.

Working quickly, mix pudding with one cup cold milk.

Immediately blend with thickened jello; mix well, pour into prepared pie shell and allow to set at least two hours before serving. May serve with whipped topping if desired.

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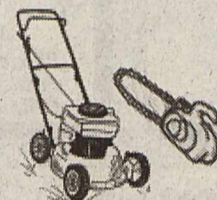
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KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, July 18

10:05 a.m., A loose cow was reported. Dispatchers notified the owners who said they'd take care of it.

10:55 a.m., An employee of the public school district reported graffiti on a gymnasium wall. Deputy Guidry was notified and is investigating the incident.

5:30 p.m., Scott Robert Neubauer, 21, of Kathy, Texas was arrested for possession of marijuana by Constable Bobby Guidry. Neubauer was released on \$4,000 bond.

8:30 p.m., A caller to 911 reported a fire on Spring Street, in a house near city hall. Firefighters were dispatched, as well as EMS.

Tuesday, July 19

12:38 a.m., A woman reported that unknown persons were hitting her vehicle. Deputy Ron Ring was notified of the situation.

7:52 p.m., A caller to 911 reported her car's windshield was hit by something and glass was inside the car. Dispatchers told her to pull over and wait for a deputy. Another caller reported that her van was also hit and requested a deputy. The incidents occurred on U.S. 90 W, about two miles from Brackettville. Deputy Kenneth Frietag was notified of the incident.

9:04 p.m., A woman called requesting a deputy to a residence on El Paso Street. The caller also requested EMS.

9:30 p.m., A woman called requesting a deputy. Deputy Frietag was notified and enroute to that location.

10:20 p.m., A woman called saying she was going to be spending the night with her neighbor across the street on El Paso Street.

Wednesday, July 20

3:05 a.m., A man reported that another man was found lying on the ground behind a convenience store. Deputy Frietag was informed and the man was transported home. Freitag reported that the man was disoriented.

2:14 p.m., A caller reported a rollover on U.S. 277 south. No injuries were reported. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was dispatched to the scene.

6:30 p.m., A man called in reporting that his aunt said she thought a transformer by her home was on fire. Deputy Frietag was notified and said it was the meter loop on fire and sparking. The fire department was dispatched, as well as CP&L.

Thursday, July 21

4:30 p.m., A woman called 911 to report smoke on the side of the highway, about a half mile east of the U.S. Border Patrol Checkpoint. Deputy Frietag was notified and en route to see if the fire department was needed. Frietag also called the border patrol checkpoint to find out more information. A small burnt area was discovered, border patrol agents had extinguished the fire.

5:19 p.m., A person called reporting a black 4-door truck pulling a boat traveling about 100 miles per hour. Del Rio DPS was notified and said they'd send someone.

Friday, July 22

9:30 p.m., A loose cow was reported on Highway 131. Deputy Ring was dispatched.

Saturday, July 23

11:10 a.m., Hilario Garcia,

19, of Brackettville, was arrested for burglary of a vehicle. At presstime, he is still in custody.

6:10 p.m., A woman reported a brush fire on US. 674 North. Fire department was notified and en route to the location.

8:10 p.m., A woman reported loud music. Deputy Frietag was

notified.

Sunday, July 23

2:50 p.m., A man reported two individuals about a half mile east of Brackettville walking close to the highway towards Uvalde. Deputy Gutierrez was notified and dispatched.

4:56 p.m., A dispatcher from

Uvalde Police Department reported a blue chevy pick up driving recklessly on U.S. 90 heading east bound. Deputy Gutierrez was notified.

6:55 p.m. A man reported a loose horse on Fort and Second Streets. Deputy Ring was notified and en route to the location.

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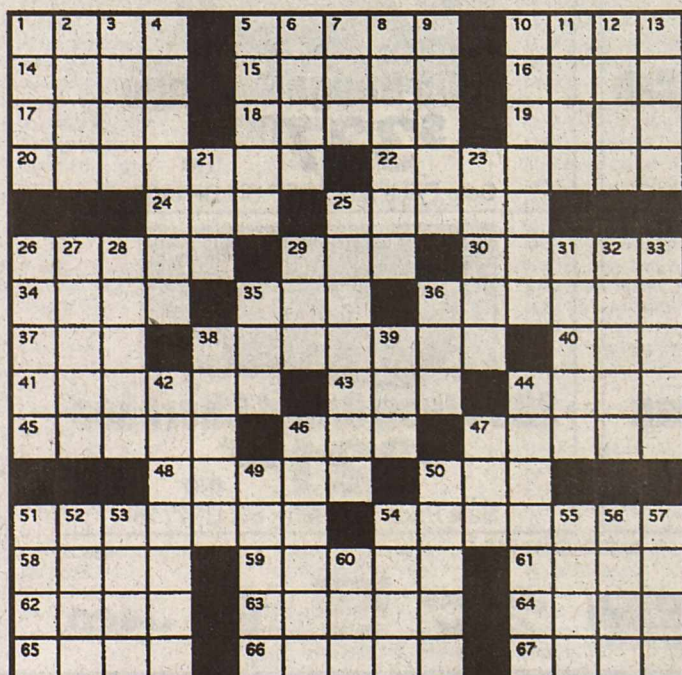
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 1 Tropical tree
 5 One who is exactly like another
 10 Piece of ice
 14 Opera star's number
 15 Refugee
 16 Exam
 17 Penn or Connerly
 18 Oklahoma tribe
 19 Long body of water
 20 Become discolored
 22 Piles up
 24 Prior to
 25 Elegance
 26 Long look
 29 Scottish explorer
 30 Clumsy
 34 Long-running Broadway play
 35 Maui accessory
 36 Main dish
 37 Letters before an alias
 38 Sea mollusk
 40 Word with any and every
 41 Fruits
 43 Like Methuselah
 44 Genesis figure
 45 Mortimer
 46 Deposit
 47 Fights
 48 Farmer's concerns
 50 Stove item
 51 Somewhere else
 54 Troubles
 58 Taj Mahal's site
 59 Those opposed
 61 Off-Broadway award
 62 Title for a fictional rabbit schemes
 63 Adults-
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 64 Memorized routine
 65 Beginning
 66 Wipe away
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 1 Word with tense or participle
 2 Length
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 4 Things to be minded
 5 Selected
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 7 Eggs
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 11 Writer Leon
 12 Bundle
 13 Silly creatures: Old Eng.
 21 Page
 23 Form
 25 Popeye and others
 26 Deceitful schemes
 27 Stolen
 28 ___ of Two Cities"
 29 Turmeric
 31 Wear away
 32 Punitive
 33 Abounds
 35 Dieter's concern: abbr.
 36 Finnish
 38 Conductor
 39 Flamenco dance shout
 42 Area of fruit trees
 44 Hawthorne & Michener
 46 Key
 47 Period
 49 Preach
 50 Sheriff's group
 51 Catches
 52 Cruel one
 53 Pine
 54 Containers
 55 Black, in poetry
 56 Girl's name
 57 Ooze
 60 Drink



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: LANGUAGES

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 28...Angelica Cervantes	July 31.....Maria Terrazas
July 28.....Tom Fierova	July 31.....Ruben Terrazas
July 28.....Eleanor Garza	July 31.....Theresa Terrazas
July 28.....J.D. Samaniego	Aug. 01.....Leslie Meyer
July 30.....Sterling Goodloe	Aug. 01.....Antonio Rubio
July 30.....Mickey Larson	Aug. 03.....Carl Robe

Roaring Twenties Solution:

1. Arabic	11. Italian
2. Chinese	12. Korean
3. Danish	13. Latin
4. Dutch	14. Polish
5. English	15. Spanish
6. Finnish	16. Swahili
7. French	17. Swedish
8. German	18. Thai
9. Greek	19. Turkish
10. Hebrew	20. Yiddish

HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're upset when you can't easily solve a problem at work. However, you're up to the challenge, so don't despair. Entertaining is favored for the weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Co-workers are not on the same page as you. However, that doesn't mean you should go it alone. Use your powers of persuasion to get the cooperation you need.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You find your routine running smoothly this week. There are no interruptions to speak of. Over the weekend, though, a family member's surprise announcement knocks you off kilter.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You'll find yourself mixing business with pleasure. Later in the week, the accent is decidedly on romance. Do avoid a tendency, though, to overly idealize this person.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're upset by a minor spat early in the week. However, this ultimately leads to renewed intimacy. Travel could be on the schedule for the latter part of the week.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Someone close to you is being unreasonable and stubborn. Don't waste your time trying to persuade this person to see it your way. Instead, go about your own business, and it all sorts out in the long run.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Friends take center stage this week. Social plans fall neatly into place as a result. Be sure, though, to clear your work schedule before kicking up your heels.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You need to set aside some time this week just for you and your mate. Career ventures can be sidelined for now. It's not the time to pursue them.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're not up to your usual cheery self. Perhaps the problem is physical. Make sure to get enough rest.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You have a lot on your schedule early in the week. However, the opposite is true as the week wanes. Take full advantage of this unexpected, but welcome, down time.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You win the week with your charm. Despite some surrounding you who are pessimistic and gloomy, you can snap them out of it. This weekend, shopping is favored.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Progress is stymied a bit early in the week. Later, the opposite is true. By week's end, you've accomplished even more than you originally set out to.

Tools of the trade

I recently read a story about Satan holding a public auction to sell the tools of his trade.

When the prospective buyers assembled, they saw an array of implements: hatred, jealousy, deceit, lying, pride—all at expensive prices.

But there was one odd looking tool at the auction site labeled "Not for sale."

When one of the buyers asked Satan why this tool wasn't for sale, he explained, "I can spare my other tools, but I cannot spare this one. It is the most useful implement I have."

It is called Discouragement, and I can use it to work my way into the hearts that are otherwise inaccessible.

When I get this tool into a



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Nathan Lafrenz

person's heart, the way is open for me to plant anything there." Life is a challenge that requires us to give of ourselves wholeheartedly.

If we hold back, we can miss out on opportunities. If we focus on the negative, we can feel overwhelmed.

If we think too long without taking action, we can lose heart and conclude that the task is too large. But in this world filled with obstacles, God offers His

presence.

And if we remind ourselves daily that God is with us and that He filters everything that comes our way, we can overcome any tool the devil uses on us and move forward with courage and determination. Life's paths include pitfalls that can easily discourage us if we focus too much on them and listen to fellow discouraged travelers.

Jesus is with us along the pathways of life, and He will always be with us encouraging us along the way.

Come and celebrate the encouraging presence of Jesus Christ each Sunday morning at Our Redeemer Lutheran and St. Andrew's Episcopal at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Old wounds re-open

Joe's question about Rick's stepfather opened some old wounds. Rick's countenance changed with his rising anger. "I hated him more every time he whacked me. I vowed I'd kill him."

"Did nobody evah tell yo 'bout Jesus back den?" Joe asked.

Rick looked at the little bible on his table. His response was sarcastic. "Yeah I s'pose they did."

Joe continued. "All dat hate an anghah hahden yo haht 'gainst de Lawd, didn' it? Dis tahm Rick boy when yo feels dat pain jus drop to yo knees, lif yo ahms t'heaven an give yo lahf ta da Lawd Jesus."

"Don't concern yourself old man," Rick said confidently. "After what I been through, there's no pain I can't handle. Thanks, but I'll do it my way!"

Joe thought it best to say no more. He knew exactly where



Empowering Families

Dr. Donald Smith

Rick was coming from. His own life had been a tangled mess of drinking, drugs, women and petty crime. He never knew his father.

His mom, like Rick's mom had one man after another in her life. Joe left school and took to the streets when he was eleven. On his twentieth birthday he went home to find a man beating his mother.

He picked up a steel pipe and attacked the man from the back, felling him with one blow. He continued beating the man.

His mother screamed. He threw the pipe at the wall and left.

After that it was just a matter of time before he was caught, tried and put in prison for life. He was hard as nails and tough as an oak.

He survived fights and knifings in prison.

On one occasion he ended up in the hospital from a knife attack. It gave him time to think. A chaplain visited and shared his own story of how he had come to know Jesus.

He prayed for Joe and for his healing.

Joe remembered that day like it was yesterday. As if it was happening again, he felt something warm in his heart.

He saw an image of Jesus knocking on a door and asking to come in. Joe took the chaplain's hand. The chaplain's other hand was on his head.

Joe couldn't remember the words only the feelings.

It was like a waterfall of Holy Spirit power falling on him.

You can't lose

I remember seeing a movie about two men in love with the same woman.

One was the big athletic type while the other was a little on the puny side.

They were going to have a fistfight to see who got the girl. The big fellow had his friends in his corner and they were already talking victory.

The only one in the puny contestant's corner was the girl.

He was scared but he was going to give it his best shot.

As they were putting on the boxing gloves the girl told the puny contestant to give her his



Jerry Davenport

Brother J.

everyone's surprise the big guy went down and was out for the count and the fight was over.

It reminds me of some of the battles and difficulties we face in life (sometimes victory may seem impossible).

If God is on our side we can't lose.

The Bible gives us hope. In Deuteronomy 23:14 it says God will deliver us.

Also Psalms 5:11 & 32:7 & 59:1 & 69:29 & 91:14.

Let us draw near to God and put our faith in him.

See you in Church on Sunday.

hand; He did and she secretly put a roll of quarters in his right hand and then helped him put on his glove.

The bell rang and the two opponents started fighting.

It wasn't long before the little contestant hit the big guy on the chin with a hard right and to

Summer's here: Protect your skin from the sun's ultraviolet rays

Skin cancer, the most common type of cancer in the United States, is a long-term effect of over exposure to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation. UV rays damage skin cells, which can lead to one of three types of skin cancer: basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma and melanoma. Fortunately, skin cancers are preventable and highly curable if found and treated early.

"Protecting your skin from UV rays is a must all year-round, but especially during summer months when the sun spends the most amount of time directly overhead," says Lily Lai, M.D., skin cancer expert at City of Hope Cancer Center in Los Angeles.

"That is when UV radiation levels are highest." UV radiation levels are at a maximum when the sun is high and the skies are cloudless, but it is also reflected or scattered by different surfaces.

Even with cloud cover, the UV levels can be strong due to scattering, while sand may reflect as much as 15 percent of UV rays and sea foam as much as 25 percent.

People taking tropical vaca-

tions should also use caution because UV levels are highest near the equator.

Feeling pale? Trips to tanning booths expose you to ultraviolet rays just as the sun does. Having a tan, natural or artificial, is a sign that the sun has already damaged your skin. Using a sunless tanner is a good way to get tan without damaging your skin.

"While certain risk factors increase the chance of skin cancer, everyone is at risk of developing it and needs to wear sunscreen, even people with darker skin tones," explains Dr. Lai.

Some of these risk factors include having fair skin that freckles easily; living in warm climates with high sun exposure and/or high altitudes; occupational exposure, such as working outdoors; overall lifetime exposure to the sun; and having many moles.

Here are some tips to protect your skin from harmful UV rays during the summer months:

Avoid exposure to midday sun, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., when UV rays are most dangerous.

Use sunscreen with a sun

protective factor (SPF) of 15 or higher whenever you spend time outdoors. Remember to reapply sunscreen every 1 to 1 1/2 hours.

Wear protective clothing such as hats and long-sleeved shirts that block the sun's rays.

Protect children from the sun's rays as soon as they are born. The damaging effects of UV radiation can begin in childhood.

Be careful when taking certain medications that may cause the skin to burn more easily. Check with your doctor or pharmacist to determine if your medication could be a problem.

Avoid sun lamps and tanning booths.

Skin cancer, especially melanoma, has the potential to be deadly.

By taking steps to prevent sun damage and detect symptoms early you can protect yourself. Remember to ask your doctor to evaluate your skin during your yearly physical.

For more information about skin cancer research and treatment at City of Hope Cancer Center, call 1-800-826-HOPE or visit www.cityofhope.org.

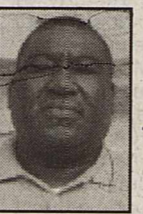
Chief Corner Stone

Verse 16. And that He might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby;

And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Now therefore ye are no more



St. John's Missionary Church

Rev. Bill Adams Sr.

strangers and foreigners but fellow citizens with the saints, and with the household of God;

And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

In whom all the buildings fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord;

In whom ye also are builded together from an habitation of God through the Spirit. Praise God! Ephesians 2:16-22.

Opportunity for Young Texas Artists

State Representative Tracy O. King (D-Batesville) announces an opportunity for young artists in Texas.

The Texas Commission on the Arts is now accepting applications for the 2006 class of its Young Masters scholarship program.

Every two years, the Texas Commission on the Arts awards the Young Masters Scholarship to talented students that are in grades eight through twelve.

This program is not a college scholarship, but instead it is a unique program offering Texas students advanced arts training.

The talented artists will be awarded scholarships of up to \$2,500 per year and will receive the title of Young Master.

"These scholarships recognize the achievements and reward the efforts of talented young artists by providing them the monetary assistance and the valuable mentoring needed to further excel in the arts," said Rep. King.

"I encourage parents and teachers to talk with their children and work together to devise a plan to maximize the benefits of this scholarship."

Students interested in the program may visit <http://www.arts.state.tx.us> or call the Texas Commission of the Arts at (512) 936-6564 for applications and more information.

All applications and support documents must be postmarked

by Thursday, December 15, 2005. For more information, contact Representative King's Capitol Office at (512)463-0194 or the District Office in Eagle Pass at (830)773-0860.

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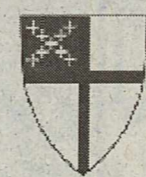
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Summer Break 2K5 hits San Antonio, Austin

Teen music sensations Jesse McCartney, Aly & AJ and Bowling For Soup are teaming up for the first annual "Summer Break 2K5" concert series in movie theatres nationwide, powered by Office Max.

"Summer Break 2K5" will be simulcast via satellite in Hi-Definition and 5.1 surround sound this August to 86 Regal, United Artists, Edwards and Georgia Theatre Company movie theatres* in 66 markets throughout the country.

Each artist will host the "Summer Break 2K5" series live-via-satellite, which will feature premieres of concert footage shot exclusively for the in-theatre special events.

The shows will also include question & answer sessions with the performers and their fans, as well as exciting behind-the-scenes footage.

Teen heart-throb Jesse McCartney kicks off the series on Aug. 2 at 7 p.m. ET / 4 p.m. PT, followed by the sister singing duo Aly & AJ on Aug. 16, and Bowling for Soup on Aug. 30 (this event will include a completely LIVE concert perfor-

mance from Austin).

Fans will have the opportunity to submit questions in advance of the concerts through local radio station and fan club promotions. The pre-selected winners' questions will be answered LIVE by the artist during the in-theatre event.

Tickets for each show in the "Summer Break 2K5" Big Screen Concerts series are \$10 and are available at www.BigScreenConcerts.com or participating theatre box offices.

Tickets for the Jesse McCartney show are available NOW, and tickets for Aly & AJ and Bowling For Soup will be available beginning Friday, July 22.

*The "Summer Break 2K5" Big Screen Concerts events will be presented at the following location in your market:

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC of no significant impact on the environment and notice of intent to request release of funds. City of Brackettville, P.O. Box 483, Brackettville, Texas 78832. TO: All Interested Agencies, Groups and Persons; Seventeen (17) days after this publication, the City of Brackettville, Texas intends to request the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for Project No. 724121. The City of Brackettville intends to increase water pressure by constructing a fifty thousand gallon (50,000 gal) elevated water storage tank including all required site work and approximately seven hundred linear feet (750 l.f.) of six inch (6") water line gate valves and one fire hydrant. Construction intends to take place near Veltman Street and East Pine Alley. Finding of No Significant Impact. It has been determined that such a request of release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the City of Brackettville has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reason for such a decision not to prepare such a Statement is based upon the fact that all environmental concerns could either be minimized or mitigated. An Environmental Review Record for the proposed project has been made by the City of Brackettville which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is on file at the Brackettville City Hall, and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Public Comments on Findings. All interested agencies, groups and persons, disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City to the address as set forth above. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered and the City will not request the release of funds or take administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the proceeding sentence. Release of Funds. The City of Brackettville will undertake the activities described above with Community Development Block

PUBLIC NOTICE

Grant funds under Title I from its Program Year 2004 under grant numbered 724121 from the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Brackettville is certifying to ORCA that Mr. Joe Garza in his official capacity as Mayor, of Brackettville consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the City of Brackettville may use the Block Grant funds and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. ORCA will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more of the bases and the procedures described in 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the Office of Rural Community Affairs, P. O. Box 12877 Austin, Texas 78711. Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by ORCA. No objections received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by ORCA. Joe Garza, Mayor, City of Brackettville.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS of proposed Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Contracts. Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. **CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)**. Dist/Div: Laredo, Contract 6126-67-001 for roadside mowing in Kinney County, etc will be opened on August 11, 2005 at 2:45 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$86,400.00. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/

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