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Letters to our Troops

If you would like to send out a postcard or letter to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan please contact Bonnie Ferich at 563-5372. Letter and notes are the most requested since it boosts their morale and reminds them that they are not forgotten.



Annual City of Lights Celebration

Uvalde Area Chamber of Commerce will be having their Annual City of Lights Celebration beginning with the Christmas Parade on Friday, November 23 at 6pm followed by The Lighting Ceremony & Fun on the Plaza where Santa will arrive and flip the switch to light up Uvalde. The Holiday Arts and Craft Show will be Saturday, November 24 from 9am to 5pm.



Arts and Craft Show

The 9th Annual Arts and Craft Show will be on November 24 from 9 am to 3 pm at the FCS Service Club.

LEPC Meeting

The City of Brackettville will host an annual community liaison presentation during the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting Monday, November 26, 2007. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the EMS Station, Brackettville, Texas. Public Emergency response officials are urged to attend. The presentation will be conducted by Bonnie Mayes, City Secretary from the City of Brackettville, Texas.

Fill the City with Lights

With the Christmas Season almost here, Las Moras Realty and Casa Verde Nursery are asking owners to participate in decorating their business with lights this year. Please use white lights to add an elegant, unified look to the town. We would like to add sparkle to our quaint town. Any white lights will work, however; Wal Mart has C-7 LED white lights that are very reasonable & energy efficient.

Weekend WEATHER
Friday High:58 Low:41 Showers
Saturday High:57 Low:36 T-Showers
Sunday High:59 Low:38 Showers

Trustees OK Tiger Stadium facelift

By Allison Taylor
Managing Editor

Brackett ISD held a regular Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, November 12.

John Graves of John S. Graves and Associates, an architectural firm in Uvalde, spoke to the trustees regarding current bids for a new concession stand/ticket booth, paved parking areas, playcourt and an office addition.

The board agreed unani-

mously to negotiate with Pioneer Concepts, LLP on the concession stand, playcourt and office and with 90 West Contractors for the paved parking areas, not to exceed a total of \$465,000.

Kimberly Reed, representative for Uvalde National Bank, presented the Scholar of the Month for the months of September and October.

Benjamin Rodriguez, son of Benjamin Rodriguez, Sr., was chosen for the September

Scholar of the Month and McKenzie Castillo, daughter of Tomas and Susanna Castillo, was chosen for the October Scholar of the Month.

According to the U.S. Department of Education website, "To be deemed highly qualified, teachers must have: 1) a bachelor's degree, 2) full state certification or licensure, and 3) prove that they know each subject they teach."

BISD Superintendent Paula

Renken stated BISD had a 100 percent highly qualified teacher status.

The trustees accepted the retirement resignation of long time high school science teacher, Karen Crumley, effective January 2008. Crumley is in her 24th year as an employee in the district. Currently, including Crumley, two other long time BISD teachers, Judy Burks and Kandace LaMascus, have also submitted their retirement resignations.



Tiny Tiger Tackle

Photo By Leigh Volcsko

Pee Wee Tiger, Julian Quiroz, right, takes to the air to make the tackle. The young Tigers, part of the Del Rio Youth Football League defeated the Del Rio Chiefs, 18-6, on Saturday, November 17 at Tiger Stadium. Julian is the son of Theresa and Fernando Quiroz of Brackettville. Visit www.myspace.com/thebrackettnews for more photos from this and other community events.

Library mapping the way to information super highway

By Leigh Volcsko

Baby boomers in Brackett are getting computer savvy as the Kinney County Library is offering training courses that will help bridge a technological generation gap.

County Librarian Sarah Terrazas leads a beginner class twice a week that helps students, mostly senior adults, surf the internet and send electronic mail messages. The class, held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., also covers the basics including how to find and use office programs.

On Wednesday mornings, Fort Clark resident Joe Williams volunteers his time to assist students in an intermediate level class. The slightly advanced class covers computer shortcuts, tips, new technology and information on preventing virus infections.

Williams, a true computer enthusiast, donated a large screen television to the library and has also recently helped some class participants get their wireless service set up at their homes.

"I really admire this group of older adults that want to learn and are not intimidated. They are willing to learn new technology to keep in contact with the younger people in their lives," said Terrazas.

Terrazas also added the Community Council advised her some low income adults that participate in the computer training classes can qualify for discounts on their utility bills.

The library encourages potential students to bring their laptops or use one of the

library's computers and get up to speed for free.

Additional information can

be found by calling the library, 830-563-2884 or emailing librarian@brackettville.lib.tx.us.



Surfin' The Net

Photo By Leigh Volcsko

Elaine Strow, right, of Fort Clark Springs takes instruction from Kinney County Librarian Sarah Terrazas. Strow is one of the many senior students participating in the County Library's computer training courses.



Children's Choir Program Practice

First Baptist Church is having Children's Choir Program Practice at 6:00 P.M. every Wednesday. The children will be working in a Christmas Program that will be presented on Sunday, December 16th. For more information call 563-2245.

Miss/Mister Kinney County Scholarship Pageant 2008

Brackettville, TX - November 5, 2007 - The Kinney County Chamber Office has added a scholarship package as well as a Mister Kinney County Age Category after a meeting this past weekend in Brackettville. Pageant date has been confirmed and will be Saturday March 1, 2008 to coincide and celebrate Texas Independence Day. Pageant will be held at the Brackett High School Auditorium with a \$5 admission for spectators. Pageant contestants should be Kinney County residents and the age range starts at 4 for both boys and girls. The title of Miss and Mister Kinney County will be given to a local resident who competes at the age division of 15 and up and single and will receive a \$500 Scholarship. Prizes will be given to everyone who enters. First ten to enter will receive a gift on stage! For questions on the pageant or to get your entry forms contact the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce at 830-563-2466 or Texas Choice Pageants at 210-273-2974.

Brackettville Leaders to Release Poverty Report

In a press event held in the seat of Kinney County, community leaders will release the first "State of Hunger in South Texas" report highlighting hunger and poverty in Kinney County and six other border counties. This report will detail the number of local people forced to use food pantries and soup kitchens to get by, as well as the number of local participants in the federal Food Stamps Program and their characteristics. Citing federal data from the US Department of Agriculture, state data from HHSC and local information from charitable food providers, the report will also make concrete recommendations about ending hunger in Kinney County. The event is to be announced at a later date.

KCCA Christmas Program

The 2007 Community Unity Christmas Program will be held Saturday, December 8 at the Kinney County Civic Center. The program is sponsored by the Kinney County Church Alliance. Free food booths, arcade and entertainment will be made available. The theme is "The Love of Jesus". The doors will be open for activities at 5:30pm and end with distribution of toys at 7:30pm. To participate in entertainment, contact Pastor Jeff Janca 563-2245. All donations given to KCCA (Kinney County Church Alliance) are tax deductible. You will find donations boxes with envelopes to fill and return at most of the county businesses. People may also buy a gift at Dollar General in behalf of the KCCA Christmas Program and leave it in the collections box there at the store from which KCCA will collect toys for the program. We had close to 500 people last year. We are looking for this to be the best year yet.

LETTER to the Editor

Let's drop the "ville" out of Brackett.

Because:

1. We have the Brackett Independent School District
2. We have The Brackett Newspaper
3. It denotes a hick town and we are not that
4. It is too long for old folks to write as much as we have to

I hope our city fathers will consider this.

Sam Holloman
Newcomer

When choosing mutual funds, look past short-term returns



Emily Cooper

What's the most prominent thing you notice about mutual fund advertisements? In most cases, it's the fund's return. Quite often, these returns are truly eye-popping.

But if you look closer at the ads, you'll see that many of the highest returns are for short periods of time, such as one year or three years.

And a mutual fund's short-term return is not, by itself, reason enough to buy that fund — so don't rush to your check-book.

Actually, a mutual fund's short-term performance may tell you less about the fund than about what's been happening in the financial markets.

If most stocks rise significantly for a few years, the chances are pretty good that a stock-based mutual fund is going to do well, too.

But more importantly, you shouldn't evaluate a fund on its

short-term return because a mutual fund is a long-term investment.

To assess a fund's long-term performance, you'll need to look at its annualized return — its return over a period of time other than one year.

For example, a two-year return of 10 percent could be stated as an annualized rate of return of five percent.

And by comparing annualized returns, you can learn a lot about a fund's historical performance.

If a fund's annualized return for the last three years is 12 percent, but over 10 years it was just five percent, you could conclude that the results of the past three years are not representative of the fund's long-term track record.

Apart from its annualized return, what else should you look for when considering a mutual fund? Here are a few suggestions:

• **Performance against similar funds** — How has the fund you're considering performed in comparison to other funds with the same investment objective over 10- and 15-year time periods? That is, if you're evaluating a growth-and-income fund, contrast its performance against

the universe of other growth-and-income funds.

• **Fund manager's longevity** — Ask your financial advisor how long a fund manager — or a management team — has been responsible for making the investment decisions. Assuming the fund has a superior 10- and 15-year track record to begin with, the longer a manager has been in place, the better.

• **Expense level** — Different mutual funds have different costs associated with them. All factors being equal, look for those funds with the lower expense levels.

The more you pay each year in expenses and fees, the lower your overall return. However, some funds have justifiably higher expenses, and you may want to consider these funds to help diversify your mutual fund holdings.

• **Investment "overlap"** — Even if a fund has shown consistently good returns and has a talented, experienced manager, it still might not be right for you, particularly if it overlaps with similar funds in your portfolio.

You might be better off by purchasing a different kind of mutual fund and thereby broadening your holdings. Your financial advisor can help you create a diversified mutual fund portfolio that fits your risk tolerance and investment objectives.

Finally, ask your financial advisor for a copy of the fund's prospectus, which contains complete information about the fund, including risks, charges and expenses as well as other important information that should be carefully considered.

By doing some research and learning all you can about a mutual fund, you'll be prepared to make smart investment decisions.

Plan-don't expand



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Here we are in the middle of the holiday season. We see lots of things expanding from waistlines to credit card debt!

At the same time other things are decreasing: our patience and time. Believe it or not I have one simple cure to all of these problems of expanding and decreasing.

It is menu planning. I know that you probably don't believe that this one thing can help you with your weight, debt, patience and time but it can.

During this time of year we are rushing around trying to get everything accomplished on top of everything else we have to do.

We push ourselves till we are about to drop and then all of a sudden you hear that question that is the dread of every woman's heart, "What's for Dinner?"

So what do we usually do? We head for the phone or the nearest drive thru. All because we don't think we have time. What does that do to our disposable income? It builds up our credit card debt and those jeans just don't fit any more.

You have placed that hard earned money on your backside and it's not in your wallet either.

With our morning routines, our before bed routines and a basic weekly plan we can know what's for dinner because we have made out our menus, written up a grocery list, we have gone to the grocery store and have all the things we need in the house to prepare the meals.

All it takes is getting out a piece of paper right here and now. What is stopping you? I don't want to hear that you don't have time! This is just whining. This one little thing is going to help reduce the stress in your life.

Now grab that paper and no more whining. Get down your calendar because you will be writing your menus on it. Now think of your family's favorite things to eat. Put them on your calendar.

My way of thinking about this had to use what we have in the freezer to save even more money. Check out what is frozen and in your pantry to build these menus. This is easy.

Now write down the side dishes to go with the main course. Include a salad as one of them. Put lettuce and spinach on your list and other fresh veggies to make your salad. Most of what you will be buying at the grocery store will be the fresh stuff and staples anyway.

We all know what this is (the stuff we always buy even if we don't have a list): toilet paper, washing powder, milk bread, peanut butter. You know your family's favorites and the item we don't like to run out of.

Now here is the secret to saving time in the kitchen. When you cut up stuff for one meal do enough for two meals and put together two casseroles or two meat loaves.

It is just as easy to make two as one; then put the other one in the freeze for those nights you have a busy schedule.

Now the key to making this all happen is using your calendar to put the extra meal on the same day next month.

If you do this all during the month of November you will have all your meals ready for December. Then you will really be cruising through the holidays.

As part of your before bed routine check your calendar for "What's for Dinner" tomorrow and pull it out of the freezer.

When you get up in the morning you can utilize your crock pot so when you walk in the door you are greeted with a home cooked meal!

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Community Christmas Display

Local merchants and organizations are invited to participate in the Annual Community Christmas Card Display, sponsored by Rio Grande Electric Co-op. The display will be along Highway 90 in front of the Co-op. Additional spaces have been added due to popular demand.

- Each space is 10 feet wide.
- Sign may not be over 5 feet in height.
- Each space is equipped with a 110v electric plug.
- Signs must be secured to prevent blowing down.
- Signs may be lit by no more than two flood lights of 75 watts each.
- Small twinkle lights may also be used.
- Each participant is responsible for extension cords, lights, installation/maintenance and removal of their sign.
- Signs are to be placed the first Monday after Thanksgiving, and removed by January 2.

Please call (830) 563-2444, Ext. 1182 to reserve a space. RGEC reserves the right to decline any sign deemed inappropriate.



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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

BHS/BJH Honor Roll

All A Honor Roll High School Freshmen
 Brandon Allen, Kelsey Bruce, Bryan Calk and Haley Hale.

Sophomore
 Victor Cantu, Pablo Novel, Jeffrey Sitgreaves and Katryna Swilley.

Juniors
 Emily Calk, Samantha Moore and Laura Swinson.

Seniors
 Lauren Cornelius, Gabriella Schroeder and Bianca Stewart.

All A Honor Roll Junior High 7th Grade
 Meghan Flores and Marissa Villarreal.

AB Honor Roll Freshmen
 Sarah Davis, Stella Guajardo, Ayland Letsinger, Sahara Rodriguez, Suzanna Seargeant, Joshua Smith and Erica Villanueva.

Sophomores
 Cody Clark, Charles Conoly, Shaun Davis, Jessica Earwood, Brianna Escamilla, Ivy Garcia, Brooklyn Gose, Ramon Gutierrez, Tanner Hinsey, Elena Molinar, Elidia Molinar, Jaleel Proulx, Isaac Talamantes, Nydia Talamantes and Aaron Travieso.

Juniors
 Laura Adams, Summer Allen, Amanda Braesicke, Kristina Flores, Serenity Gammill, Veronica Garza, Moises Gonzalez, Rebecca Mann, Bianca Martinez, Maribel Rivas, Jesus Rodriguez, Arlene Roth, Mariana Salmon, Jacob Schroeder and Veronica Talamantes.

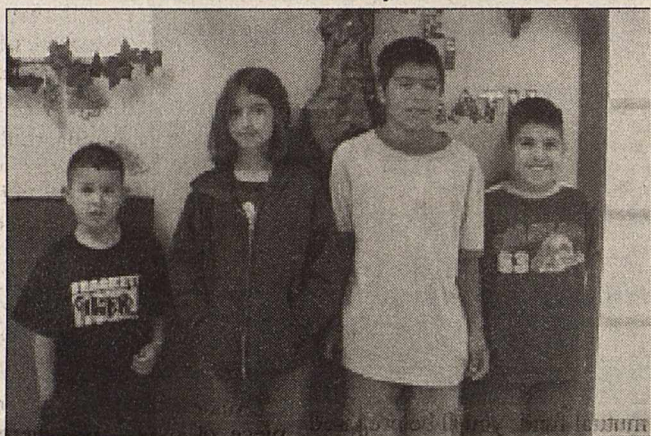
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AB Honor Roll Junior High 7th Grade
 Priscilla Aguirre, Daniel Brinker, Vanerick Domenech, Briana Garza, Selina Gerardo, Ethan Justice, Joshua Pavon Tait, Jasmine Pena, Jonathan Pinales and Brittany Sweet.

8th Grade
 Brittany Hale, Amanda Herrera, Nevada Payne, Yanira Perez, Jared Shirkey, Joel Talamantes and Daulton Woodson.

Jones Elementary and Intermediate Citizens of the Week

Week of November 5-9
 Left to right: Manuel Talamantes, Shannon Gammill, Michael Pina and Taylor Carcasi



National Honor Society induction ceremony

Submitted by BISS
 The Induction Ceremony of the Brackett High School National Honor Society was held on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Cesar Cantu, President, was Master of Ceremonies. Officers for the 2006-2007 school year are:

Cesar Cantu, President, Doolie Fernandez, Secretary, Lauren Cornelius, Vice-President, Gabby Schroeder, Treasurer and Bailee Allen, Reporter.

The guest speaker for the Induction Ceremony was Mrs. Lynn McCarson, president of the Brackettville branch of The Bank & Trust. Mr. Frank Taylor, High School Principal, also addressed the society. Both Mrs. McCarson and Mr. Taylor praised the students and encouraged them to continue striving for excellence in the four qualities held in esteem by the National Honor Society: scholarship, service, leadership and character.

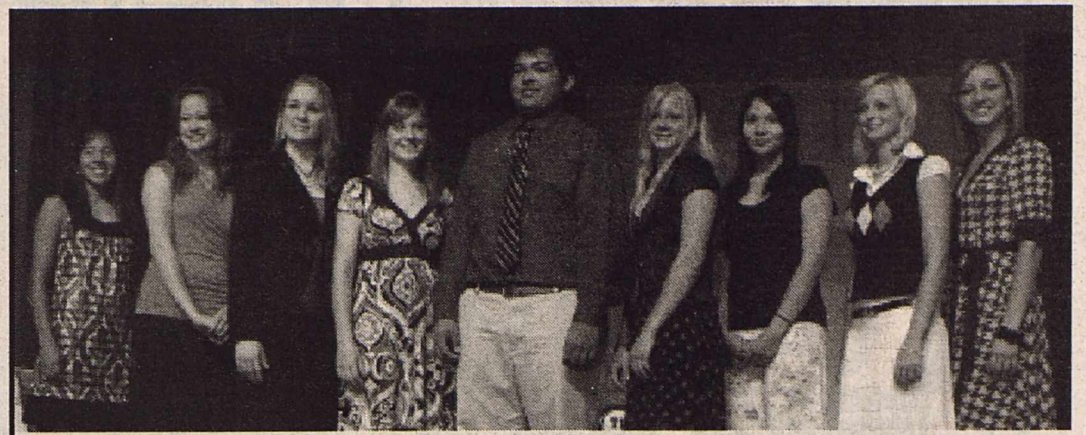
Mrs. Jamie Ballew is the current faculty adviser. She was assisted in the presentation of the new members by former adviser, Mrs. Cindy Brandt. A brief reception was held in the school cafeteria following the ceremony.

Existing members hosting the program:

Bailee Allen, Daphne Hunt, Cesar Cantu, Gabby Schroeder, Lauren Cornelius, Bianca Stewart, Meghann Davis, Anolda Watkins and Doolie Fernandez.

Inducted into the National Honor Society: Summer Allen, Maribel Rivas, Katie Braesicke, Arlene Roth, Emily Calk, Jacob Schroeder, Samantha Moore and Laura Swinson.

Serving as probationary members for the 2007-2008 school year, and being introduced during tonight's program: Chris Blake, Tanner Hinsey, Victor Cantu, Rebecca Mann, Cody Clark, Paul Novel, Shaun Davis, Jay Proulx, Brianna Escamilla, Jeff Sitgreaves, Brooklyn Gose and Katryna Swilley.



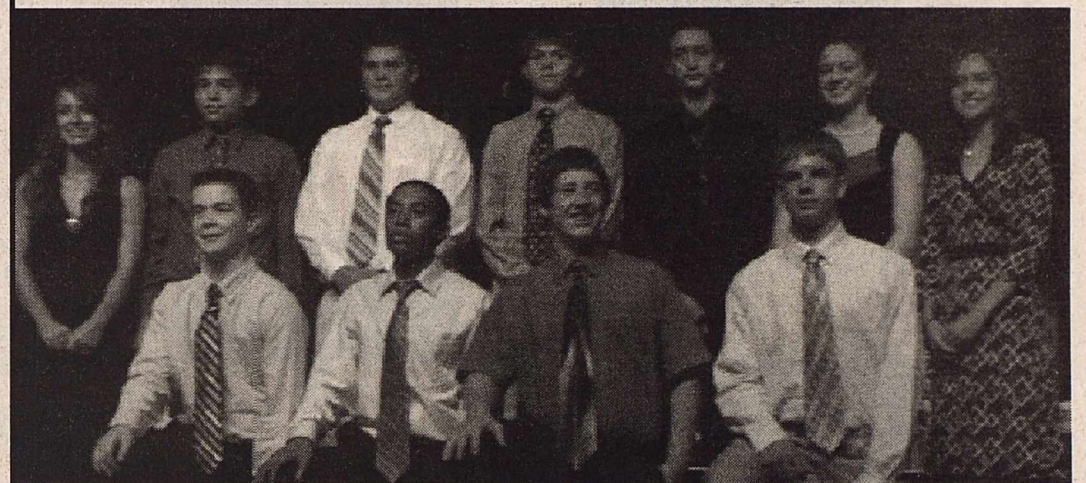
NHS Senior Members 07-08

From left: Gabby Schroeder, Daphne Hunt, Bailee Allen, Meghann Davis, Cesar Cantu, Anolda Watkins, Doolie Fernandez, Lauren Cornelius, Bianca Stewart



NHS New Member Inductees 07-08

From left: Summer Allen, Laura Swinson, Emily Calk, Jacob Schroeder, Arlene Roth, Katie Braesicke, Samantha Moore, Maribel Rivas



NHS Probationary Members for 07-08

Front row from left: Tanner Hinsey, Jay Proulx, Shawn Davis, Cody Clark. Back row: Brooklyn Gose, Victor Cantu, Jeff Sitgreaves, Chris Blake, Paul Novel, Rebecca Mann, Brianna Escamilla

HOY Es El Tiempo

**Para su Revisión Anual de Inscripción a Medicare
 (Se Inicia el Periodo de Inscripción el 15 de noviembre)**

Cada año, todas las personas que reciben Medicare deben revisar y comparar sus planes de Medicare. Esto incluye a las personas que ya están enlistados en un plan. El día 15 de Noviembre es el primer día en cual puede cambiar su cobertura de recetas medicas de Medicare para el año siguiente de 2008. Si recibe una carta de Medicare, del Seguro Social o de su plan, informándole de cualquier cambio en su plan de recetas medicas, o sus deducibles, llame inmediatamente a su Area Agency on Aging local para aplique otra vez

Medicare Rx – Ayuda para pagar por su costos de medicamentos

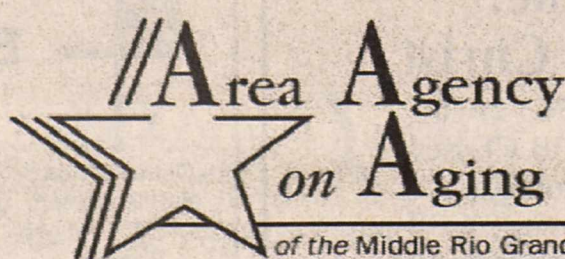
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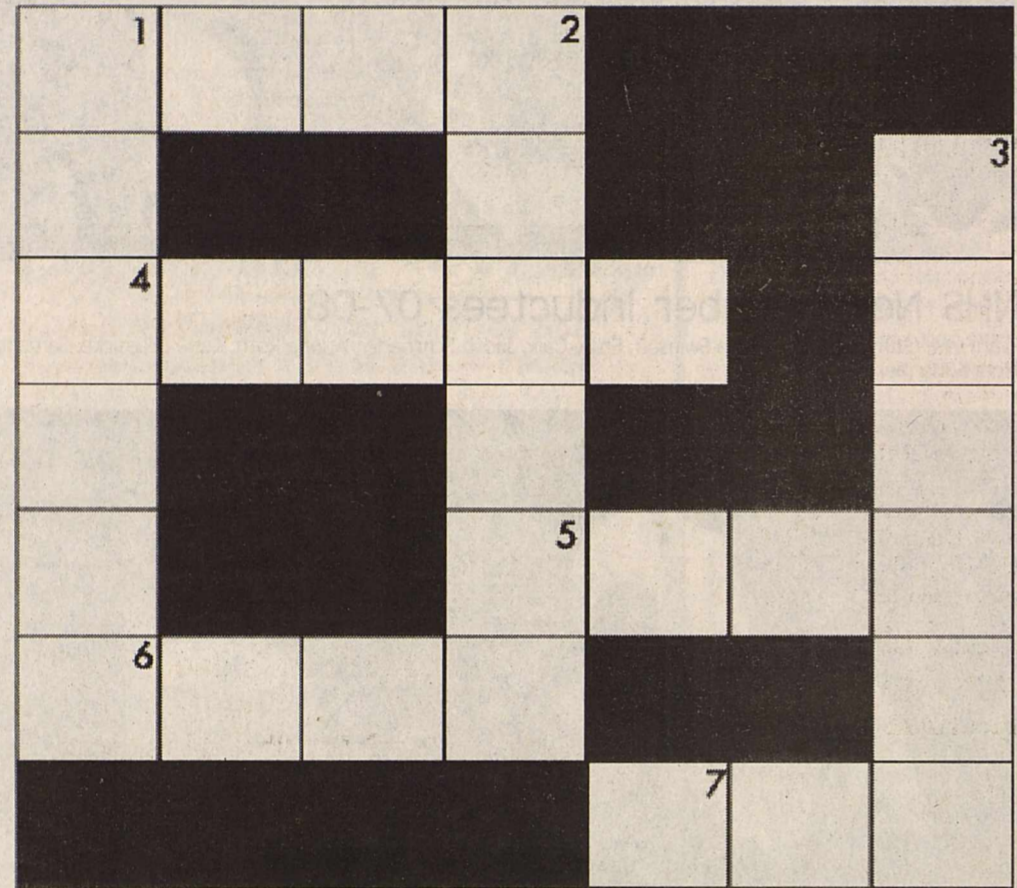
KIDS' corner

new word
gizzard
 part of a bird's digestive tract

Food FACT:
 WHAT THANKSGIVING SIDE DISH SHOULD BE COOKED PRIOR TO BEING USED IN THE TURKEY?
 ANSWER: STUFFING

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY
 November 22
 • 1880: ACTRESS LILIAN RUSSELL MAKES HER DEBUT.
 • 1963: PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY WAS ASSASSINATED IN DALLAS DURING A MOTORCADE.
 • 1986: BOXER MIKE TYSON, AT AGE 20, BECOMES THE YOUNGEST HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP IN THE SPORT'S HISTORY.

Turkey Day Crossword



CLUES ACROSS **CLUES DOWN**

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|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Speak | 1. Thanksgiving food |
| 4. To rest | 2. Cabbage products |
| 5. Flip over | 3. Showing appreciation |
| 6. Tuber food | |
| 7. "___ the season" | |

Answers
Across
 1. Talk 4. Relax 5. Turn 6. Yams 7. Tis
Down
 1. Turkey 2. Krauts 3. Thanks

How they SAY it in...
 English: TURKEY
 Spanish: PAVO
 Italian: TACCHINO
 French: DINDE
 German: TRUTHAHN

Did YOU KNOW?
 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PROPOSED THAT THE TURKEY BE THE OFFICIAL BIRD OF THE UNITED STATES. THE EAGLE WON OUT.

get the PICTURE?
 Can you guess what the bigger picture featured here is?

"Después de la Biblia y junto con la Biblia, no busquemos nada mejor que el Catecismo." La profesora licenciada Rosalba De Favero.

EL CATECISMO DE LA IGLESIA CATÓLICA, segunda edición

Adaptada de esta fuente original: ESCUELA DE LA FE, por Rosalba De Favero, *El Zócalo de Piedras Negras*, Martes, el 6 de Noviembre de 2007.

"El catecismo, una joya inestimable."

"[S]alió el anhelado catecismo, cuya difusión asombró a todos. ¿Cómo es posible que este respetable volumen se convierta desde el primer día en un bestseller arrollador? ¿Cómo en los primeros días llegan a venderse en tantas lenguas muchos centenares de miles de ejemplares?"

"Esto demostraba que el mundo cristiano está hambriento de la verdad; que todavía le interesa Dios; que Jesucristo y su doctrina son la esperanza de la sociedad moderna; que el error debe ir cediendo el puesto a la luz del evangelio, confiaba por Jesucristo a su Iglesia.

"Así haremos lo de los primeros cristianos, que perseveraban unánimes en la escucha de la doctrina de los apóstoles.

"Pues, esto es el catecismo. Después de la Biblia y junto con la Biblia, no busquemos nada mejor que el catecismo.

"El catecismo lo aprenden los niños y lo estudiamos los mayores. Los niños reciben con él la semilla de la doctrina en el corazón. Los mayores la hacemos crecer hasta su pleno desarrollo, hasta conocer y entender bien el misterio de Dios y de Jesucristo.

"Niños o grandes, para todos es el catecismo."

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The Patrick Building (right) was built in 1881 by Dr. W.R. Patrick as part of the original town of Brackett. The limestone building is a particularly impressive example of the stonemason's art. Originally identified as the Patrick Hotel, Dr. Patrick used the building as a drugstore and for general merchandise.

Today the Patrick Building has two identities: the Brackett Funeral Home on the ground floor and a private apartment on the second.

The Tim Ward family, which first began restorations when they purchased the building in the early 1980's, has continued to enhance the structure through the years. Extensive repairs were made to the facade of the building last year while this year has

seen a complete renovation of the upstairs apartment.

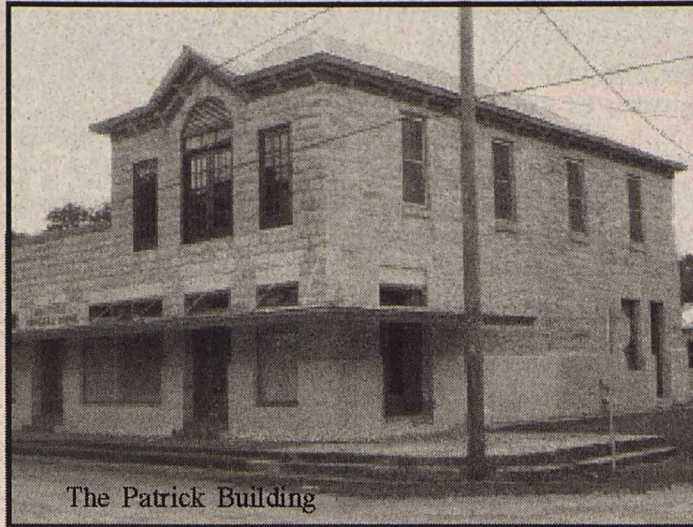
Entrance to the one bedroom apartment is accessed through a door on the west side of the building.

After climbing the interior stairs, guests are rewarded by an abundance of natural limestone and stained wood that has been painstakingly preserved.

The welcoming rooms have been decorated with antique and rustic elements to compliment the original integrity of the structure.

Modern conveniences have not been forgotten, however, as evidenced by the spacious kitchen and adjoining bathroom.

Finally, the space glows with sunlight from double hung windows on either side of the building as well as French doors that face the historic courthouse.



The Patrick Building

Submitted by KCAC

This attractive three-bedroom, three-bath home (left) was built in 2000 by the Bowlin family, the current owner settled into the house in May of 2005.

To make use out of the natural surroundings the house was built using Dryden stone and cedar pillars.

The mantle is an exquisite cedar plank from the hill country. The gorgeous landscape is a hummingbird haven in the spring through the fall.

The homeowner and her dogs enjoy watching the turkeys as they strut along Las Moras Creek and the whitetail and axis deer graze and lay peacefully in the grass.

Although she has found that some deer proof plants are not axis resistant.

Inside the home you will see

that the landscape, wildlife, and creek played a great role in how to design the house.

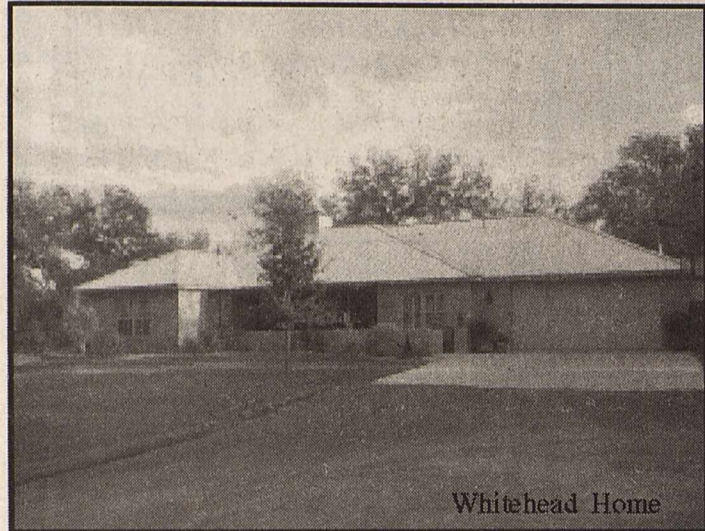
Every room has a sensational view. The office is a collection of the owner's late husband's love for his race horses. He won the All American Futurity in 1971.

The den shows a collection of the owner's favorite antiques ranging from a telephone operator's switchboard to a table that was the hatch on a ship during World War II.

The quilted patchwork wall hanging was made by a woman near Kerrville.

The wrought iron pot rack in the kitchen was designed and made by Roberto Garza of Acuña.

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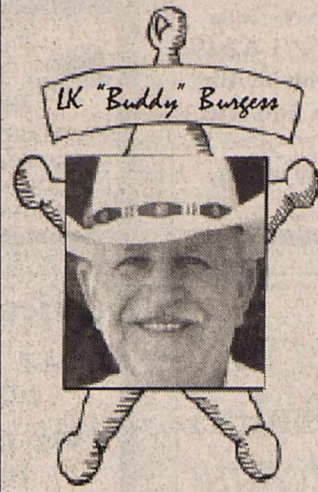
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Tuesday, October 30

3:45 pm A city employee reported the fence at the dog pound was cut and one of the dogs was missing. A deputy was notified of the situation.

8:33 pm A local man reported his parents went driving and had not returned home. The individuals were

located and en route to their residence.

Wednesday, October 31

10:40 am A local woman reported hearing shots being fired near her residence. A deputy was dispatched.

Thursday, November 1

11:18 am A local woman reported hearing shots being fired. A deputy was dispatched.

4:00 pm The Del Rio Police Dept. reported a bank robbery suspect to be a white male last seen wearing a black hood sweat shirt, medium build, blonde hair and blue eyes.

5:15 pm A man called the Sheriff's office numerous times reporting he was being detained. He was informed the officers were doing their job.

8:15 pm Ernesto Flores, 38, of Brackettville, was arrested for first offense driving while intoxicated. Flores was released the following day on a \$1,200 bond.

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- Physically weak
- Cologne
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- Package (abbr.)
- Distilled from fermented molasses
- Sunbathing wrapped together
- Insecticide
- Civil rights leader Parks
- Strength of a solution
- 1st Lady peace activist
- Muslim women's garment
- Slanting typeface

- Henry ... founded SPCA
- Tri-colored cat
- Cambodian dictator Pol Pot
- Arid South American plain
- A citizen of Yemen
- Enough (archaic)
- NY Senator elected in 2000
- Speed competitions
- Dinornis giganteus
- Belonging to a thing
- Getting up
- One of 52 across
- No (Scottish)
- Born of
- Lepidid mammals
- Tax collector
- Fate
- Abstemious' inverse
- Intent on
- European nation
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CLUES DOWN

- Glass vessel
- An Alda actor
- Highway
- Israeli Prime Minister
- Unwind a spiral
- Ball playing tennis association
- Trauma center
- Coarse file
- Passport endorsement
- Appliance current
- Money returned to a payor
- Annoy constantly
- Leonhard ... Swiss mathematician
- Polish
- Food preparation room
- Negligible amount
- A light fitful sleep
- Crab
- Concealed sharpshooter
- Word that expresses opposing concept

- Diamond pattern weaves
- Tri-colored cat
- Alumina
- Scandinavian capital
- Opposed to
- Genus Fulica
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- One thousandth of an ampere
- Capital of Zimbabwe
- Frostiest
- Tibetan priest
- Line on a weather map
- Wife of a rajah
- Tidy
- East German town
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- Mischievous child
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Employment

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ARIES ♈ Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, you're thinking all about yourself now, which you're apt to do. Others may take offense to your self-importance, but you aren't worried about the consequences.

LIBRA ♎ Sept 23/Oct 23
You are very articulate, Libra, and know how to get your point across without ruffling too many feathers. This trait will be needed when work presents a problem.

TAURUS ♉ Apr 21/May 21
The people whom you meet this week will have lots to say that will inspire change in you, Taurus. You see, all you needed was a little inspiration and encouragement.

SCORPIO ♏ Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, big-ticket purchases are tempting you, but you have to put your wallet under lock and key. The finances just aren't there at this time to make rash purchases.

GEMINI ♊ May 22/Jun 21
You are feeling a great amount of community spirit, Gemini. Channel that energy into an enterprising purpose, such as volunteer work or social services.

SAGITTARIUS ♎ Nov 23/Dec 21
With a jovial nature, Sagittarius, you have no trouble at all making a few new friends this week. Spread the joy to others who aren't so secure with socializing.

CANCER ♋ Jun 22/Jul 22
You cannot force a relationship to a deeper level unless the other person is on the same page as you, Cancer. Take the time to sort out your feelings together.

AQUARIUS ♒ Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, there are changes going on all around you and it can be easy to get caught up in the gossip and drama. Resist the urge to swim in treacherous waters.

PISCES ♉ Feb 19/Mar 20
Make sure you take some time this week to work with a team and show off your people skills, Pisces. Explore new skills as well.

LEO ♌ Jul 23/Aug 23
There are big changes in store for your love life and the excitement lies in finding out what they are, Leo. Find a way to travel and experience new culture this week.

VIRGO ♍ Aug 24/Sept 22
Resist the urge to rush ahead with all of your projects, Virgo. You are juggling many things, as you often do, and picking up the pace could cause trouble.

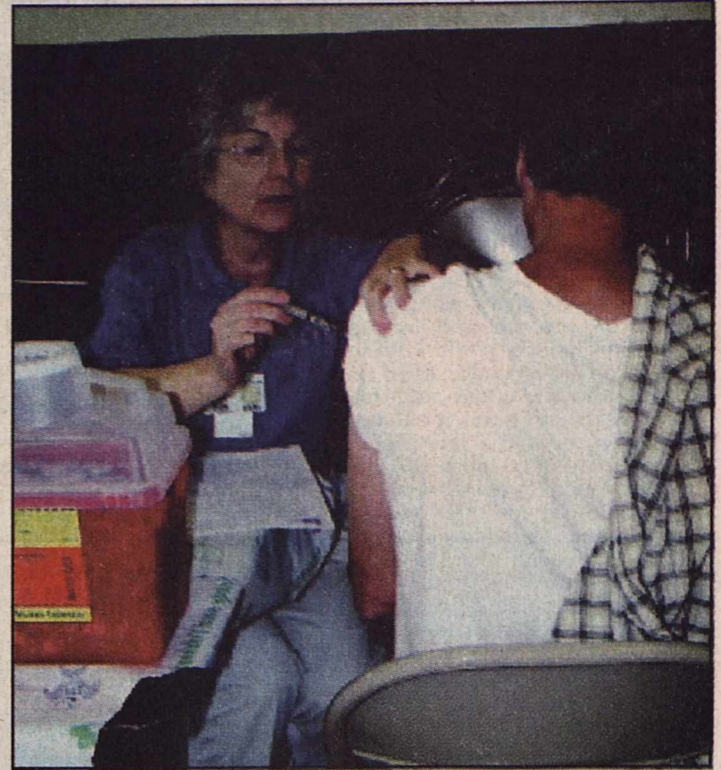
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