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Community News

TOPS Meeting Planned
A TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly will be meeting at Slater Hall, First United Methodist Church, 109 James Street in Brackettville, on July 24. Weigh-ins will be from 5 - 5:30pm. Meeting will be from 5:30 - 6pm. TOPS is a Non-Profit Weight Loss Support group. Call if you have any questions: Junetta Myers, 830-563-9984 or 830-703-6221. email junetta2002@yahoo.com

Computer Classes
The Kinney County Library will be offering an "Introduction to Microsoft Office" class on Tuesday and Thursday from 9am - 10am beginning July 8. "Cyberspace 101: Introduction to Computers and the Internet" class will be on Tuesday and Thursday from 9am - 10am beginning September 9.

Local Governmental Meetings
Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District will hold a meeting on July 10, at 3:00 PM to discuss the Rules Committees at Slater Hall on James Street in Brackettville, Texas.

Local Summer Youth Programs
Tiger Weight Room: Until July 24, Monday - Thursday, Junior high: 9am until 11am and high school 6:30 until 8:30pm.
Softball Camp: July 14 - July 17, 9am until 12 noon. Participants: 3rd-9th graders and cost \$30.00.
FCS Pool: Membership required. Monday - Thursday 7am until 10pm and Friday - Sunday 7am until 12 midnight.
FCS Golf Course: Open everyday 8 am until 6pm except Monday. Call for fee schedule 830-563-9204

Weekly Activities at the FCS **Teen Center** - Membership required.
Horseback Riding Lessons: Lindy Orozco is offering lessons, for more information call 830-422-2379.

First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School: July 21 - July 25, 9am until 12 noon. Offered for children 4 years of age through 6th graders.
First United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School: August 11-15. Details TBA.



Weekend WEATHER

Friday
High: 91
Low: 72
PM T-Storms

Saturday
High: 90
Low: 71
Isolated T-Storms

Sunday
High: 90
Low: 72
Scattered T-Storms

County residents show off true colors

By Allison Taylor
Editor

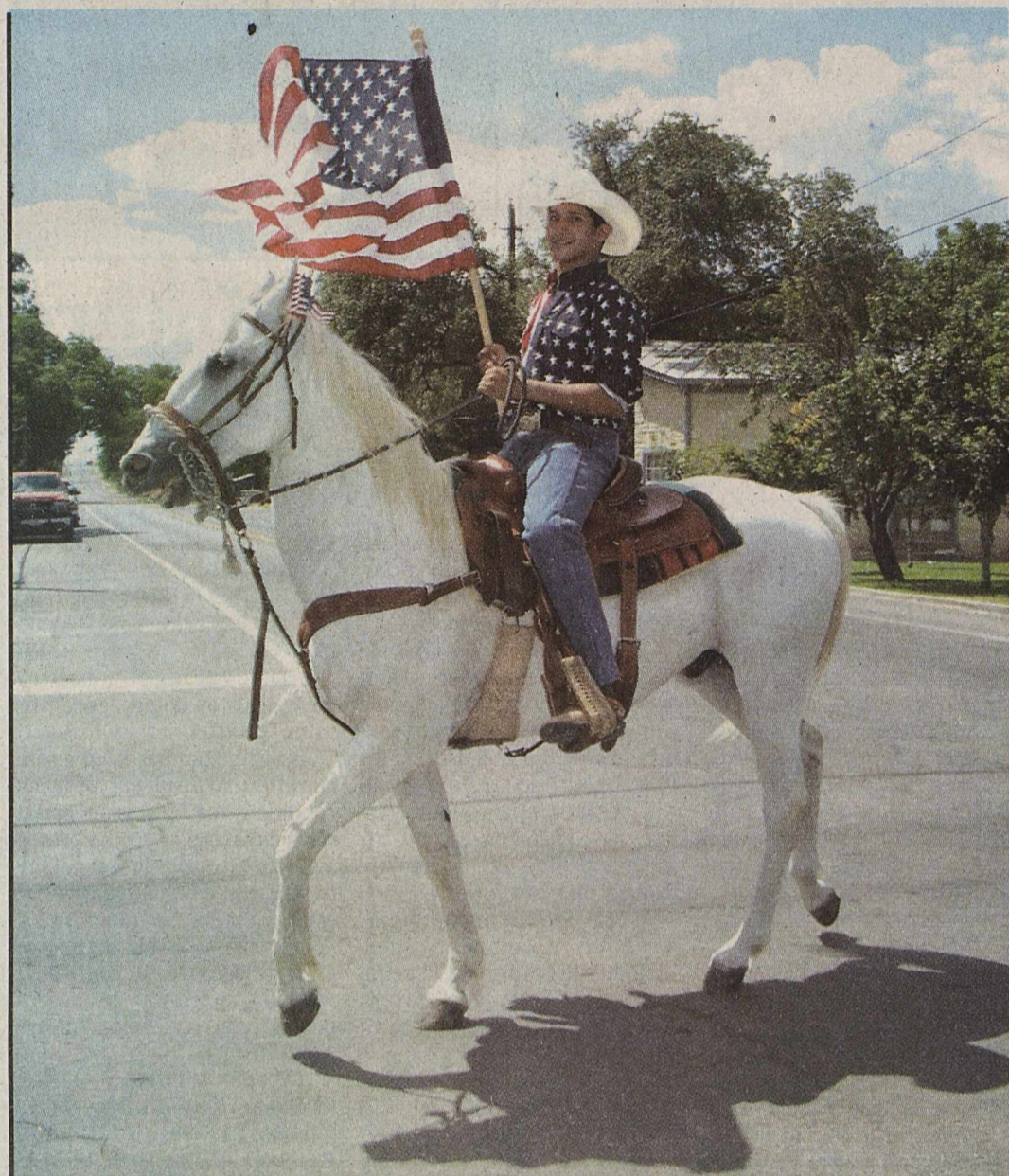
Kinney County's Annual Independence Day celebration,

parade and patriotic program was held on Friday, July 4.

There were a total of 56 entries in the parade with the first place car entry being awarded

to Gary Huey of Fort Clark Springs with his 1939 Ford.

First place kid's float went to Caleb Volcsko with his model of the Empire State Building.



Patriotic Partner Poses With His Pony

Photo By Leigh Volcsko

BHS student Adam Resendez shows off his patriotism during the 2008 Independence Day Celebration parade down Ann Street.

First place golf cart entry was awarded to Bob and Marguerite Nelson. The cart was covered with an array of streamers, ribbons and patriotic bows.

First place animal entry was awarded to the Donkey Express, a donkey driven float full of festive locals.

The first place marching entry was awarded to the Brackettville First United Methodist Church with their bell choir.

The first place float entry went to the Kinney 4H Club.

Patrick McNew won the first place patriotic entry for his portrayal of a soldier while riding his bicycle.

The first place bicycle entry was D.J. Luna.

Parade Chairperson Martha Padron handed out the parade awards.

First Baptist Church Pastor Jeff Janca gave the invocation to the program. Chief Master Sergeant Bob Nelson USAF Retired spoke on Honoring all American Veterans.

State representative Tracy King was the guest speaker and the parade Grand Marshal.

Lauren Cornelius read "Take the Time to Thank a Veteran" written by Joanna Fuchs.

Nathan Laffrenz and Anna Renken gave a Patriotic musical presentation.

Approximately 200 people turned out for the dance and over 200 people were reported to have attended the fireworks show.

"It was a great turnout and I was so pleased to see so many in attendance," stated Padron.

Padron also said, "Our unity of effort and cooperation resulted in a lasting memory and an event which reflected the pride we all take in our unique community."

This year's program was sponsored by the Independence Day Committee: Henry Garcia, Cecil Smith, Mary Sam York, Joe York, Jr., John Quigley, Mary Martin, Bob Nelson and Martha Padron.

Library offers computer classes

The Kinney County Library held the first in a new series of computer training classes in their newly created computer lab on June 9.

More than twenty people attended the class that detailed the basics in some of the Microsoft Office products including Word and Excel.

According to Library Volunteer Joe Williams a variety of people, young and old, attended the class including six individuals that wanted to enhance their job skills.

Ten people brought their own laptops while the rest used every available seat in the library's cyber cafe.

The library started offering a few short computer courses last year and due to the continued interest in the programs, the li-

brary now, with the combined assistance from local volunteers and Alamo Area Library System technicians, has created a computer lab with 21 workstations and wi-fi capabilities.

"I am excited there are people out there that want to learn about computers and they are taking advantage of this opportunity. The library is about improving its services to the community. The turnout was impressive," said Librarian Sarah Terrazas.

The classes are free and will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9 a.m.

Williams says the program, developed by Goodwill Industries, was designed to teach the basics of these widely used programs and is absolutely free to the library.

RGEC announces essay contest winners

Submitted by RGEC, Inc.



Schroeder Wins RGEC Contest

Photo By RGEC

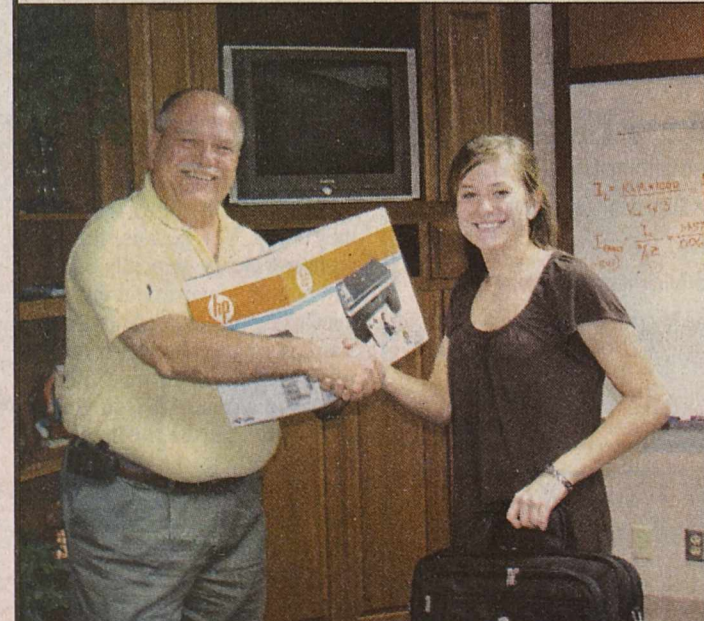
Jacob Schroeder, (center), accepts his new Wi-Fi laptop computer system and printer from Rio Grande Electric Cooperative GM/CEO Dan Laws, (left), and Board President Art Gonzalez of Dell City, Texas, (right)

Jacob Schroeder and Meghann Davis, both of Brackett High School, were selected as winners in the 2008 Essay Contest. Their essays outscored those of five other students representing Del Rio High School, Fort Stockton High School, Comstock High School, Dell City High School, and Indian Creek School (Homeschool). Essays were assigned numbers, and the judging was conducted by the RGEC Board of Directors without knowing the name or geographic region in which the author resides. Both Jacob and Meghann received a new Dell Wi-Fi Laptop computer system and printer for their winning efforts.

The Cooperative Advantage
By Jacob Schroeder,
11th grade, Brackett High School, Brackettville, Texas

A cooperative business is one that is owned by its members democratically controlled and is determined to meet the economic, social, and cultural needs of the people that surround it. The term "cooperative business" is exceedingly broad and unspecific. The cooperative business model can be applied to any business activity and it exists in a wide variety of economic sectors, such as: fisheries, consumer and financial services, housing and production, health and social care, transportation, and utilities. Cooperative businesses are respected and greatly admired because they are built on a foundation of seven core principles that reflect the best interests of the consumers they serve. The seven guiding principles of a cooperative business consist of:

- Voluntary and Open membership
- Democratic Member Control
- Members' Economic Participation
- Autonomy and Independence
- Education, Training, and Information
- Cooperation Among Cooperatives
- Concern for Community



Davis Wins RGEC Contest

Photo By RGEC

Meghann Davis accepts her new computer and printer from RGEC General Manager/CEO Dan Laws. (Meghann was attending college orientation at TAMU and could not be present at the meeting of the RGEC board of directors.)

cooperative enterprise is the ONLY enterprise that ensures that all three basic interests are placed in the hands of the consumer. Unlike many other businesses that cover the globe, cooperative businesses exist solely to meet the needs of their members. Cooperative businesses place the people and the interests of communities at the heart of their business rather than a strict motivation for profit. Since cooperative businesses are owned and democratically controlled by their members the decisions they make are capable of sufficiently managing between the needs of the members and their communities and the need for profitability.

A cooperative business operates most effectively when there are people who have a strong common interest, have a desire to maintain a broad base of control, and are willing to place the benefits of owning and controlling the business over thoughts of purely receiving company profits and increasing share values. The greatest priority of a cooperative business is to make sure that consumers are pleased with the way they conduct business.

Throughout the world, millions upon millions of people have chosen the cooperative business model as the solution to obtaining their personal and community goals and this is why. Not only do cooperative businesses place them (the consumers) at the heart of their business, but in addition to that they are able to create and maintain employment providing income, as well as produce and supply affordable food and unsurpassable services to their members and the communities in which they serve. Cooperative businesses even pay taxes on income kept within the cooperative and return surplus revenues from the cooperative to individual members who pay taxes on the income. Unlike most business structures that transfer benefits to their members according to their percentage of ownership, cooperative businesses transfer benefits to members according to their patronage.

Cooperative businesses are extremely socially conscious of their members and do simply anything and everything they can to provide their members with the necessities they require, whether it be in literacy, technical training, or even to help with such atrocities such as worldwide pandemics and disasters. Many countries throughout the world perceive the cooperative business model as an astounding and marvelous social and economic actor because of the vari-

ety of services it offers and because it adequately equips them with personal development and contributes heavily to the well being of entire populations. Another goal that cooperatives strive to maintain is staying competitive with other businesses.

The Cooperative business model is a work of pure genius. In the United States alone cooperatives serve approximately 120 million people. Worldwide, roughly 750,000 cooperatives serve 730 million members. Over the years cooperative businesses have maintained a reputation of being exceedingly "people oriented" and successful with the way they conduct their business. As life continues to move forward so will the cooperative business model, constantly striving to serve its members in any way possible.

WINNER PROFILE:

Jacob is the kicker for the Brackett Tigers Football Team, and a member of National Honor Society, Math Club, and History Club. He enjoys building new things, drawing, researching historical events and spends his summers volunteering at the public and school libraries.

The Cooperative Advantage
By Meghann Davis, 12th grade, Brackett High School, Brackettville, Texas

"Owned By Those We Serve." This is the motto that Rio Grande Electric Cooperative abides by every single day and the reason it has been a successful organization since it began in 1945. It serves 5,037 members in 18 different counties, with the majority being rural customers. Why does it flourish? Because it offers superior service at a lower cost; in addition, its customers are members as well and are able to voice their opinions and suggestions within the coop and actually be heard and valued. A cooperative is loyal to its members and the community in which they live and continually finds ways to better serve them. For example, many rural coop customers are unable to receive high-speed internet because of their distance from phone line access for large internet providers. RGEC, in an effort to add another convenience at a reasonable price for its customers, now offers Wild Blue, a faster satellite internet service, with an easy payment plan and local servicing.

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Letter to the Editor

Thanks to *The Brackett News* for all your help in getting information out to the residents of Kinney County regarding the Local Emergency Planning Committee's (LEPC) seminars on Hazardous Materials Awareness. With the initial response I had to get a larger meeting room and with the help of Yvette Clements, Secretary to Judge John Fritter, Jr., we moved to the Senior/Nutrition Center, thanks Julie Noriega.

Unexpectedly, our presenter J.D. Bates was taken out of town and we had to delay the first session of the seminar which needed a last minute update in your newspaper. When all was ready on the 16th of June we had 33 reservations. With the above problems a total of 24 residents attend at least one of the seminars.

We were able to hand out 14 CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE, for both sessions.

The people attending were residents of Kinney County and included: Kinney County Judges Office (1), Kinney County Commissioners (2), County Roads and Bridges (1), City of Brackettville Secretary and employees (4), Brackett Schools (1), Rio Grande Electric Coop (2), Fort Clark Security (1), Spofford residents (2), Local Emergency Planning Committee members (8) and interested residences (3). What a cross-section of our great county who attended.

Attendees had their eyes opened as to what travels our roads. With the help of the handouts all will be prepared if they happen on an accident knowing just what to do in notification of 911.

Again thank to *The Brackett News* for your willingness to advertise this seminar and to all who cared enough to attend.

Lesley Jones, LEPC Chairperson

Dear Leslie:

Thank you for the kind words, however; TBN believes you and your support staff at LEPC deserve all the credit and gratitude from the citizens of Kinney County.

Leigh V.

Tell a hairdresser or rather let a hairdresser tell you. My late husband Michel Holley and I always supported our local businesses.

There is no way small business owners can compete with big business. A lot of us small business owners take pride in what we do. That includes making our building look attractive. As some of you know, almost everything in my salon is furniture bought in garage sales. Yet people always compliment me on the salon.

I have traveled to many different places. Believe me when I tell you that some people really take pride in keeping their businesses attractive with real curb appeal using landscaping, potted plants, hanging plants, furniture, patio umbrellas, etc.

Then someone comes along and decides that they really want to take your bench or your beautiful ferns, and they just take them.

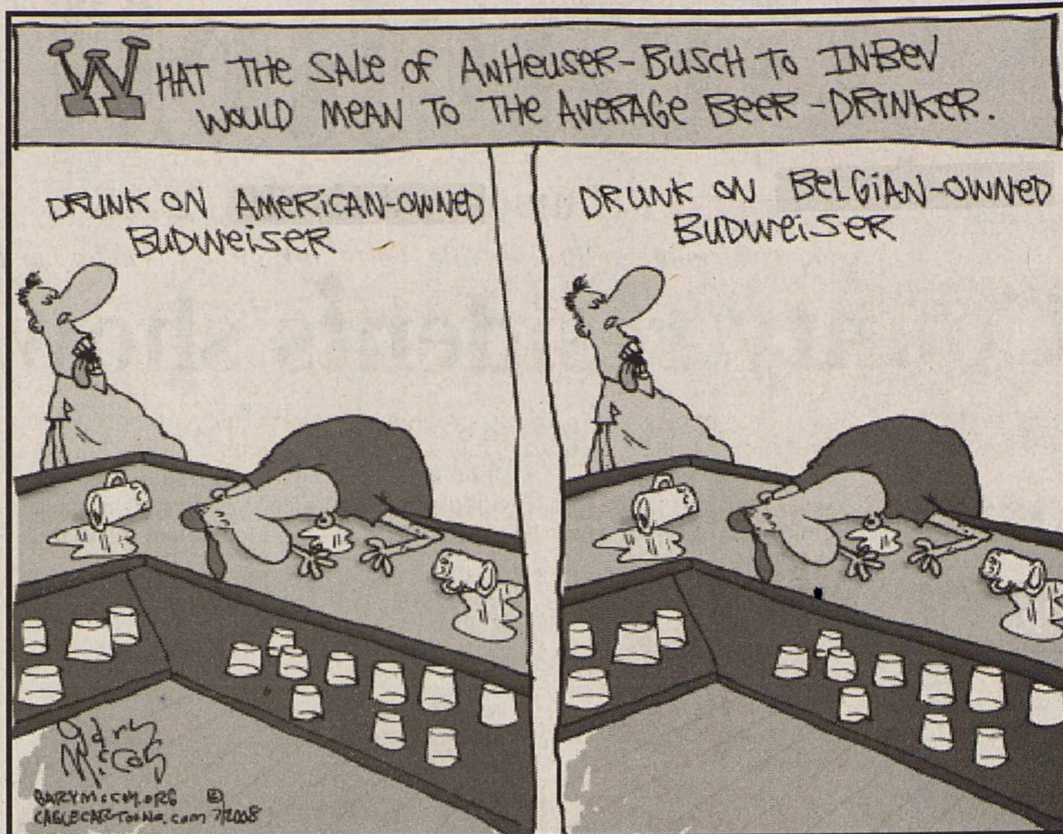
So you start over and get new plants to you can make your place attractive again. Because I take pride in my business.

And you, who take my belongings, where is your pride? Do you even care that you are breaking the law by stealing!!!

Just think about it! For once, put yourself in my place. How would you feel if someone did that to you? Think about it.

Being physic, I know who you are, however, I need proof, so the next time you'll be on video.

Ida D. Holley - Ida's Hair Salon



If you are a patriot vote Republican



Steven LaMascus
The Way I See It

I am not a Republican. In fact, I see a great many things wrong with the political stance of the Republican party. However, in the present political climate of the United States, the Republican party is the best choice. If you vote some other party, such as the Libertarians, which is really closer to my own political beliefs, you have no chance of winning. If you vote for the Democrats, then you are voting for a party that is diametrically opposed to everything I believe.

The current Democratic party, in case you have been in a coma for the last few decades, believes in radical gun control, to the point of confiscation and total bans.

They believe in abortion on demand, including partial birth abortion. That means that the baby is being born; is partially out of the birth canal; is healthy and viable, and needs only to be pulled a few more inches to be breathing and crying; then the "doctor" sticks a metal tool into its brain and kills it before he pulls it from its mother. That isn't abortion; that is murder! I believe all abortion is murder, but there is no other possible definition for partial birth abortion. If we allow this, the blood of the innocents is on our hands and we are guilty of murder.

They believe in higher taxes. The Democrats, lead by Al Gore, want gas to go to \$5.00 a gallon, so that we will drive less, and thereby do less damage to the environment. This will help quell the rampant global warming. Of course, global warming is a lie, but hey, Al Gore has to have some cause to champion or he would be just another forgotten politician. He has to make us afraid of something so we will turn to him and the Democrats for protection. You see, many years ago a very intelligent man figured it out. His name was H.L. Mencken and he said, "The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace in a continual state of alarm (and hence clamorous to be led to safety) by menacing them with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary."

That is exactly what Al Gore and his minions of fear are up to. As long as they keep us scared of something, we will turn to them for protection. They therefore make up lies to suit the need. In the 1970s the same scientists that are today screaming about global warming told us that an ice age was imminent. What is next?

They believe that animals have just as much right to live as we do. They would have all of us be vegetarians. They do not understand that the life of a person is more important than the life of a dog.

I could go on, but that should give you an idea of what the Democratic party stands for today. This is not the same party that spawned John F. Kennedy. It is not the same party that your grandfather was a member of. It has changed from a party of the people to a party of the exclusively wealthy. They are the part of movie stars, super rich, limousine liberals, and welfare states. They hate the United States and want to give it to the United Nations. They want to disarm us so we can't resist, not to make us safer, but to make it safer for them to take over.

If you are a patriot, if you love this country, vote for McCain. He may not be the best, but he is certainly the best in this race. Your option is to vote for Obama, the man who refuses to place his hand over his heart when the National Anthem is played and who refuses to wear a pin depicting the flag of the United States. He said, "As I've said about the flag pin, I don't want to be perceived as taking sides. There are a lot of people in the world to whom the American flag is a symbol of oppression. And the anthem itself conveys a war like message. You know, the bombs bursting in air and all. It should be swapped for something less parochial and less belligerent. I like the song 'I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing.' If that were our anthem, then I might salute it."

As I heard the other day: 'We have been sending out young men to foreign lands for many years, to die so that others might have freedom. All we have ever asked is enough land to bury them.' Obama is a traitor who hates the United States and all it stands for. What makes him think he deserves to be the Commander in Chief of the heroes who kept us free.

Voting for this man is a slap in the face of every one of those dead American heroes. Please, don't do it!

Headaches and acupuncture



Dr. Kent Lowery,
D.C., FIAMA

Since we know there are side effects and dangers to drug therapy, are there safe alternatives to treat headaches, including migraines? Safe, hands-on therapies like chiropractic, acupuncture and even massage can offer the headache sufferer relief that is safe and free from side effects.

A study of from *The British Medical Journal* (2004) involved 401 subjects who regularly experienced headaches several times each week.

The patients were divided into two groups. Group One received 12 acupuncture treatments during a three month period. Group Two received nothing.

The results for Group One were significant:

- * An average of 22 less headaches per year
- * A 25% decrease in doctor visits
- * 15% fewer sick days
- * A reduction in headache severity

- * Took 15% less medication than the control group

A second study documented in the journal *Headache* (2006) tested the response 114 migraine patients had to 12 weeks of acupuncture treatments. During the four weeks prior to the test, all patients kept a diary of information about their headaches, after which they were randomly divided into two groups.

GROUP ONE (medication)
Received commonly prescribed migraine prevention drugs (metoprolol) for 12 weeks
18 patients dropped out of study

After 12 weeks, only 49% had 50% or fewer migraines

After 24 weeks, only 26% assessed themselves as doing

"good" or "very good"

GROUP TWO (acupuncture)
Received between 8 and 15 acupuncture treatments
2 patients dropped out of study

After 12 weeks, 61% had 50% or fewer migraines and 70% assessed results as "good" or "very good"

After 24 weeks, 56% assessed themselves as doing "good" or "very good"

Acupuncture has been a safe and effective treatment for many conditions for 5000 years and it remains safe and effective today. With the advances in technology as well as improved standards of sanitation and packaging of needles, it is a viable alternative to drug therapy. If you would like more information about acupuncture and its benefits, please contact

Dr. Kent Lowery, D.C., FIAMA, The Chiropractic Clinic, #1 Mesquite Alley, Brackettville, (830) 563-6249.

Pay attention to parents' investment strategies



Emily Cooper

If your parents are getting older, you may have to assist them in various aspects of daily life - one of which may be their investment strategies. And by being "proactive," you may be able to make things much easier for Mom and Dad in their retirement years. One of the best things you can do for your parents is to find out if they are investing in a way that's appropriate for their situation. When many people get older, they tend to get more financially conservative, choosing

investments that offer significant preservation of principal, such as certificates of deposit (CDs) and U.S. Treasury securities. And of course, this is understandable, because your parents, like many people at their stage of life, probably don't want to take too many financial risks. And yet, by "taking no chances" with their money, they could actually be taking on more risk than they think.

Why? Because by investing too conservatively, they might not be able to afford the lifestyle they've chosen, given the importance of two factors: longevity and inflation.

Let's consider longevity first. The average 65-year-old man is expected to live 16.5 more years, while the average 65-year-old woman has 19.1 more years of life expectancy, according to the

Social Security Administration. And these figures, as noted, are averages, which means that half of all men and half of all women can expect to live longer than 81.5 years and 84.1 years, respectively.

Consequently, your parents could easily spend two or three decades in retirement. And if they're investing predominantly in fixed-income vehicles, their returns may not even keep up with inflation. For example, suppose your parents' total cost of living is currently \$80,000 per year. If inflation were to average three percent annually over the next 20 years, your parents would then need more than \$144,000 per year just to maintain the same standard of living that they enjoy today.

So, given the possibility of a long retirement combined with the cumulative effects of inflation, your parents will likely need at least some growth potential in their investment portfolio. A reasonable percentage of quality stocks may be able to provide them with that potential, but their mix of investments really depends on their individual needs, lifestyle choices and risk tolerance.

Here's one other investment-related question you may want to raise with your parents: How much should they take out each year from their 401(k) and IRA? It's essential that they neither withdraw so much that they deplete their accounts nor so little that they can't afford the things they enjoy. Yet, because the ideal withdrawal rate depends on several factors - investment mix, risk tolerance, life expectancy, other sources of income - it's not always easy to determine the appropriate amount. You might not have the expertise to help your parents address these two issues - choosing the right investments during their retirement years and taking out the right amounts from their 401(k) and IRA. And that's why you may want to encourage your parents to work with a professional financial advisor, if they don't already have one. At their stage of life, they really need to make the right moves with their money - so do all you can to help. You'll be glad you made the effort.

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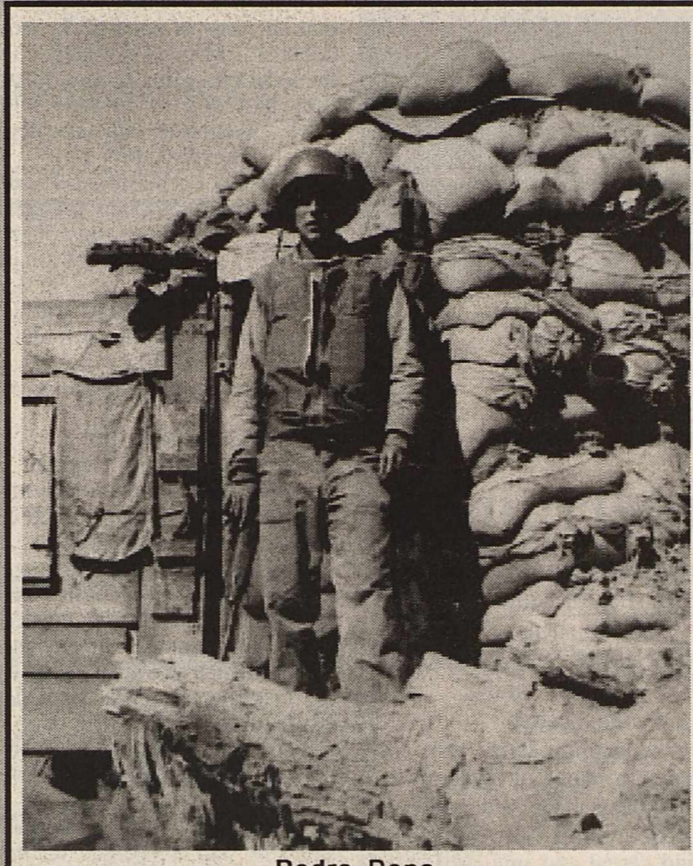
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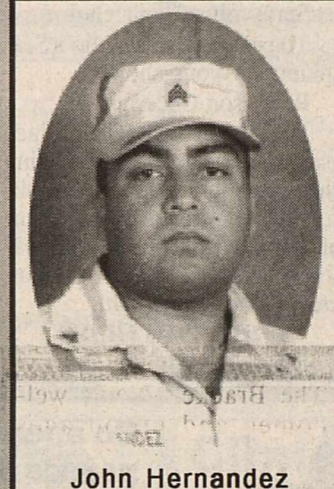
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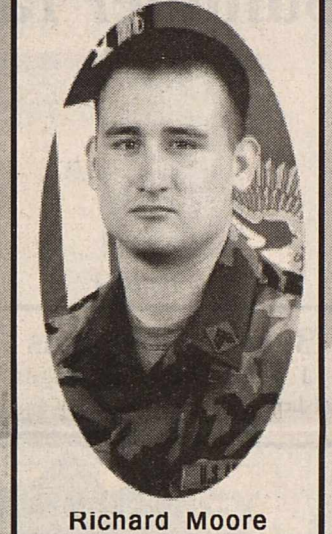
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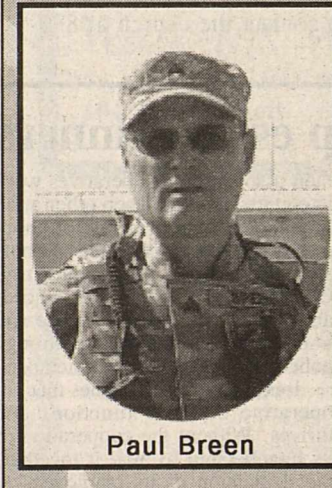
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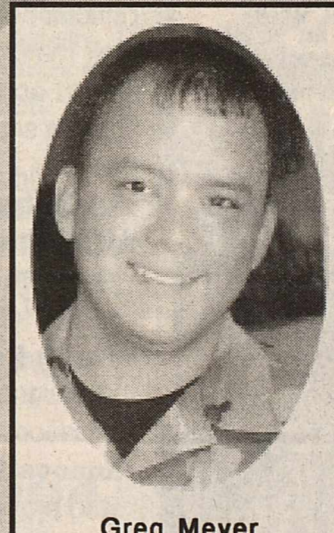
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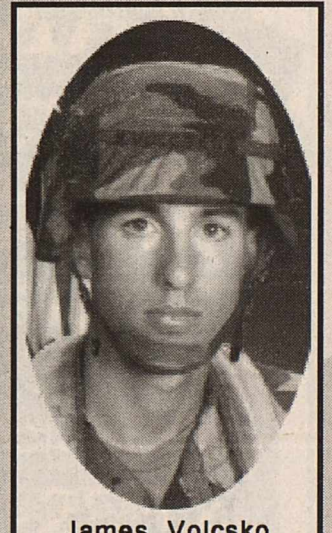
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We want to thank everyone for honoring the active and veteran service men and women in their lives. TBN was overwhelmed and under-prepared for the amount of photos submitted for this special section, but what a position to be in! We have a lot to be proud of here in Kinney County.

TBN found one more WWII Veteran still living in Kinney County - Bob Lee. That makes 11. Do you know of any more? Call 830-563-2852.

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Meyer's Celebrate 30th Anniversary

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Phyllis and Les Meyer, married in 1978, will celebrate their 30th Anniversary on July 15. The Meyers were married in Needville, Texas, and reside at Fort Clark Springs and own a real estate business in Brackett.

Summer favorites for entertaining



Vada Baldree

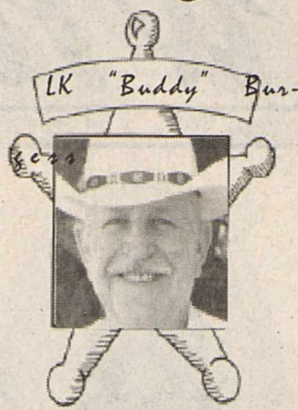
Baked Asparagus
1 pound fresh asparagus, washed

Spray oil of your choice
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Parmesan Cheese
Heat oven to 350 F. Place asparagus on baking sheet and lightly spray with oil, roll vegetables to coat completely. Sprinkle with the seasoning and cheese. Bake 20 minutes. Good hot or cold.

Date Surprise
8 ounce box pitted dates

1 cup Rice Crispy cereal
1 stick of butter
3/4 cup sugar
1 cup pecans, chopped
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup coconut
In medium sauce pan, cook dates in butter on medium heat until dates melt. Add vanilla and sugar and mix well. Add pecans and cereal and mix well. Form into balls the size of walnuts. Roll balls in coconut. Store in fridge.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Monday, June 30
10:42 pm Ramon Trinidad Ortiz Jr., 31, of Houston was arrested for furnishing alcohol to a minor and possession of a prohibited weapon. Ortiz is still being held at press time.

10:42 pm Mario Reyes, 31, of Brackettville, was arrested for assault with a weapon that caused body injury to a family member. Reyes was released on a \$1,200 bond.

8:36 pm A woman reported that she was in need of an ambulance. EMS was dispatched to the location. Units reported that they had one in custody and EMS was enroute with one rider.

Tuesday, July 1
Montana Le Nettleton, 17, of Del Rio, was arrested for possession of marijuana, 2oz. Nettleton was released on a \$1,200 bond.

7:46 pm A woman reported a fire burning on a local Ranch.

7:50 pm KCFD reported a brush fire on a local ranch on Hwy 90.

Wednesday, July 2
12:35 am A man reported a Ford F150 Pick up was driving as if the driver was intoxicated. A deputy was dispatched.

Thursday, July 3
3:40 pm A 911 caller reported a roll over that needed medical assistance. A deputy and an ambulance was dispatched to the location on Hwy 90. EMS advised that Air Life be on standby due to a passenger being ejected from the van. Air Life was later needed.

6:25 pm A man reported that someone had trespassed on his ranch. A deputy was dispatched.

Friday, July 4
7:00 pm Galendo Julio Gallego, 54, of Uvalde, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, first offense. Gallego was released on a \$1,200 bond.

10:00 pm Banito Talamantes, 31, of Brackettville was arrested for public intoxication. Talamantes received jail time, which was served.

1:10 am A 911 caller reported a domestic dispute between a

male and female behind the school. A deputy arrived at the scene and took care of the situation.

8:00 am A woman reported that when she arrived at a local business, another driver drove up and hit her door. There were no injuries, but the woman wanted a deputy at the scene. Since it was private property, the woman was advised to collect the other driver's information.

9:31 pm An employee at a local business reported that a fight was about to take place in the parking lot. A deputy arrived at the scene.

10:21 pm Several callers reported a train blockage in Spofford. Dispatch was able to contact with the S.P. and advised that it will at least 45 minutes before they could clear the

track crossing.
10:32 pm Several callers reported a disturbance at the pool area at Fort Clark. A deputy was dispatched.

Sunday, July 6
4:00 pm Sentry Security reported that an audible alarm was going off at the school. Dispatch called BISS Security and informed them of the alarm. Security was enroute to reset the alarm.

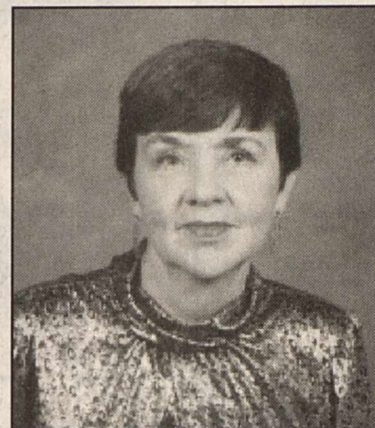
4:06 pm A caller reported that a white semi truck had an open container was driving recklessly on Hwy 90. A deputy was able to stop the truck near a local tire shop.

6:58 pm A caller reported that she had a flat, but her jack was missing. A deputy was dispatched to the location.

OBITUARY

Marjorie Louise Parker Love

January 29, 1928 - July 2, 2008



Marjorie (Marj) Love was born on January 29, 1928 in Albany, California and entered heaven on July 2, 2008 at Fort Clark Springs, Texas.

Most of her life was spent in California and she and her husband Earl retired to Fort Clark Springs in 1987. Her new life was not idle or boring. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) as well as being active with many Fort Clark Springs Association organizations, especially the theater group Old Quarry Society.

She was also a vital member of First Baptist Church, working with the church children for many years.

She was fun to be with, a loving and caring friend who never met a stranger.

She is survived by her spouse, the love of her life, Earl M. Love, her sister Gloria Koehler of Leonardtown, Maryland, her brother Bruce Parker of Palmdale, California and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service was held at First Baptist Church, 301 N. Ann St., Brackettville at 11 am, Tuesday, July 8, 2008. For information, please contact the church at 830-563-2245.

Two students from BHS are co-op essay winners

Continued from Page 1

The Coop is in the process of updating data retrieval for all rural electric meters with "turtles" that eliminate one more task from the customer to provide timely meter readings each month. RGEC and its employees support the local schools and communities with opportunities for students to win computer systems, participate in parades and fundraisers, host blood drives, and provide safety programs about electricity to children. The administration and employees of RGEC look through the eyes of their customers and their community to search for opportunities to provide

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The foundation for such excellence is the cooperative business model, a compilation of seven key principles to which all cooperatives adhere. Cooperatives have voluntary and open membership. Individuals who accept membership responsibilities can be involved in a cooperative and use their services without any type of discrimination. Cooperatives are organized in a democratic manner and controlled by their members. Members actively participate in making policies and decisions, as well as electing representatives who are accountable to their views and goals. Members contribute to the common property of the cooperative on an equitable basis. While they usually receive limited or no compensation on any capital invested as a provision of their membership, they do assign surpluses to the coop for many reasons, including expansion and supporting various activities approved by the membership.

Moreover, a cooperative is self-governed. All business activity and agreements with other entities or organizations are executed in a manner that ensures democratic control by their members and also allows them to maintain self-direction. Cooperatives also provide education, training and information for their members, employees, managers and directors so that they are able to effectively contribute to the progress of their organization. In order to most effectively serve their members and strengthen

their association, cooperatives work in conjunction with each other at all levels. The final principle of cooperatives which is of utmost importance is concern for the community. Cooperatives consider member needs and work to maintain, advance and improve their communities through policies established by their members.

It is by these high values that cooperative business functions and thrives. Without the cooperation of its membership to bind it together, the dedication of its employees to make it run smoothly, and positive contributions from members to make it better, a coop could not be the favored business model. It is these qualities that set a coop apart from the rest of the corporate world and enable rural residents to enjoy and live their chosen lifestyle without lacking modern services. In a world that is being overwhelmed with conglomerates and huge corporations, cooperatives excel as businesses committed to service and the values that give them "the cooperative advantage".

WINNER PROFILE:

Meghan just graduated from Brackett High School and will be attending Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. She plans to become a pharmacist, and volunteers her time at the local health clinic pharmacy. She enjoys playing basketball, golf, reading, and art.

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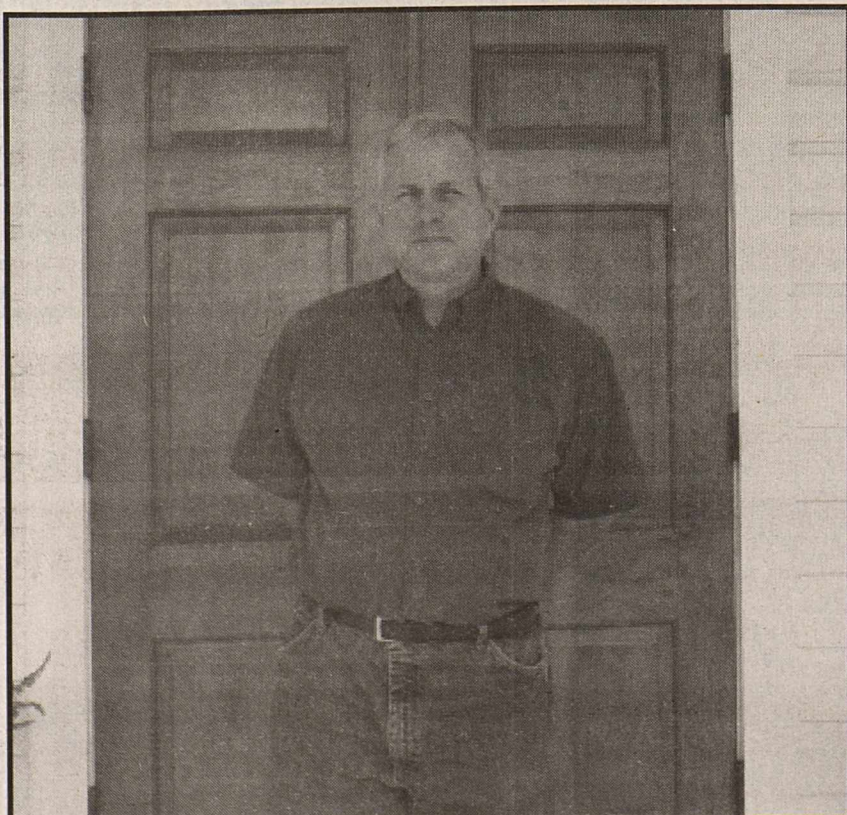
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FOR SALE OF LEASE: 3/1 house, 213 W. Veltmann (Lot 8, Block 61). \$50,000 (Owner finance with 10% down and approved credit) or \$500/month with deposit. 830-765-8135.

House Cleaning

HOUSE CLEANING, weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or one time. Over 30 years experience. References available. Call 830-563-5520 or 830-563-7195.

Remodeling

REPAIRS, REMODELING, PLUMBING, painting and lawn service, reasonable estimates and rates. Call Mike at 830-261-9596.

Request For Proposals

BRACKETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL District is soliciting proposals for a phone system upgrade to accommodate PA system capabilities. Proposal to include materials, installation, and maintenance/service costs. Submit in a sealed envelope, with outside marked "Phone System Upgrade Proposal." Proposals will be opened and read aloud Monday, July 21, 2008, at 9:00 AM, in the Central Office, 400 Ann Street. Contact: Marla Madrid, Business Manager, BISD, PO Box 586, Brackettville, TX 78832, (830) 563-2491, ext. 113. BISD reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive technicalities.

GOT LAND?



Special Government Program

Zero down. No money out of pocket if you own land or family land, limited credit OK! Call 1-888-277-2758 RBI#35621

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• **New Listing** near post office on Spring St.: Two properties for sale: attractive rock building and 3 bed mobile home. Will sell together or separately. Both for \$45,000.

• **South Gove St.:** Renovated 3 bed, 2 baths on 2 lots. Separate back building with carport \$68,500.

Fort
• **Sunset Lane:** Price reduced on 3 bed, 2 baths. Now \$99,000.

• **Rent or Sale:** 1 bed, 1 bath townhouse \$35,000.

• **Rent:** 3 bed, 3 baths on Colony Row, \$850 + utilities.
Rentals-short and long term

HORSEBACK RIDING LESSONS



CHA Certified Instructor.

Sign up now, space is limited.

Thursday-Friday lessons will be in Brackettville.

Special summer pricing, \$20 off with purchase of 4 lessons.

Contact Lindy at 830-422-2379 or ridedelrio@live.com

Oración a la Virgen de Guadalupe

Rezar 9 Ave Marias durante 9 dias, con vela encendida. Pedir tres favores, uno economico, dos imposibles. Al noveno dia publicar. Al noveno dia dejar consumir la vela. Am sin tener le se cumple.
Gracias Virgen de Guadalupe. M.T.

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New Listing-2 Bedroom 2 Bath Condo-2 verandas overlooking #1 Fairway and Green. Must See! \$62,000
Unit 15- 3/2 modular home, 1 lot, carport, back deck overlooking common area, screened porch, workshop w/A/C, CONTRACT PENDING
Unit 15- 2/2, fully furnished, carport, storage shed, well maintained! CONTRACT PENDING
Unit 14- 2 lots with RV cover and 804 sf living area. MAKE OFFER
Golf Course Lot on Fort Clark Road- \$4,500.00
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New Listing: 72 Sunset Lane - spacious 2BR, 2B home with upgrades, carport, workshop and screen porches to enjoy beautiful landscaping.
176 Crockett: nice 3/2 stone home, super locale, tiled sunroom, garage/carport, office/workshop.
38 Sunset Lane: lovely 3BR, 2B home, FP, 2,176 +/- sq.ft., interior upgrades, roomy workshop.
Unit 21: Historical Property: 2 apartments, CHA, high ceilings, lots of charm. Reduced to \$69,500.
Unit 15: lovely 3/2 doublewide with FP, sunroom, workshop and metal roof!
181 Bowlegs: 3/2 home CONTRACT
155 Avenida Juarez: townhome overlooking creek, CONTRACT
Spring Street: large building, CHA, 2 renters, seller financing!
705 N. Ellen: A MUST SEE! 3BR, 2B brick home, 1,900 +/-sq.ft., beautifully remodeled, fenced, workshop, new metal roof, Great Buy \$85,000!

Ranches & Small Acreage For Sale

KEN BARNETT REAL ESTATE
102 W. Spring St., Brackettville, TX 78832
Ken Barnett - Pat Owens - Melissa Davis
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FORT CLARK:
NEW LISTING: Fantastic 2 story home on OAK LANE. 3BR/3B, 2 car garage + separate workshop. Many upgrades and fine features throughout. 2,740 sq. ft. on 1 LOT. Great Location! \$219,000.
NEW LISTING: 115 Mesquite St. Very nice home w/ 2BR/1B plus a bonus room/office. Open floor plan, approx. 1,162 sq. ft. Covered RV parking and 2 storage areas. Great buy @ \$69,900.
BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED HISTORIC HOME on Colony Row. Hardwood floors and upgrades throughout. Spacious screened porches overlooking 3 par golf course. 4BR/3B. What a treasure. Reduced to \$145,000.
155 BLISS CIRCLE, Unit 15, 2BR/2BA, very clean, well maintained \$35,000.
NEW LISTING: 1073 W. IRVINGWAY CIRCLE. Beautiful home (2 1/2 years old) on golf course. 3BR/2B 2 garage, CHA, fireplace, fantastic kitchen, all electric. Great location! Approx. 1750 sq. ft.
407 FT. CLARK RD. Unique Townhouse located in the heart of the Historical district. 1BR/1B. Covered parking in the back. Appliances included, CHA. Great decor! Great price! Approx. 945 sq. ft.
CORNER OF TRAVIS/ANDERSON. 1 lot w/metal RV cover & 33' travel trailer. \$10,000.
BEAUTIFUL, LARGE HISTORIC rock home. Approx. 3,400 sq.ft. This property now includes a 900 sq.ft. guesthouse plus shop Great peaceful location on Calvary Trail culdesac. Great location! **REDUCED \$ 230,000 FOR BOTH PROPERTIES**
223 POMPEY - Wonderful 2BR/2B with guest house in great neighborhood. New carpet, painted throughout. REDUCED to \$135,000
BRACKETTVILLE:
NEW LISTING: 602 N. Ann St. Beautiful 4 BR/3B family home w/ FP and CHA on 2 lots in a Great Location! New carpet, blinds and paint throughout. Fenced back yard. Approx. 2,900 sq. ft.
154 CROCKETT, 4BR/2BA, 2 car garage, privacy fence. No Assessments, near Border Patrol Office. \$120,000.
221 Acres Prime Hunting. Approx. 1,400 sq. ft. Log cabin w/ panoramic views. 25 miles north of Brackettville on FM 674

OFFICE: 830-563-2446 or 830-563-5121

Angel Food Ministries



"A Food Ministry With A Servant's Heart"

JULY 2008 MENU

40 oz. Marie Callender's® Family Crock Pot Dinner (Meat Included)	1 lb. Peas and Carrots
1.5 lb. Boneless Pork Filet	28 oz. Pasta Sauce
5 lb. Breaded Chicken Chunks	1 lb. Pasta
1.5 lb. Meaty Beef Ribs	32 oz. Borden 2% Reduced Fat Shelf Stable Milk
28 oz. Meatloaf and Gravy	32 oz. Hawaiian Punch
1 lb. Beef Fajitas	12 ct. Corn Tortillas
1 lb. Fully Cooked Meatballs	7 oz. Blueberry Muffin Mix
1 lb. All Meat Hot Dogs	1 dozen Eggs
1 lb. Broccoli	1 Dessert Item

ALL THIS FOR THE LOW COST OF JUST\$30.00

One or More Specials Available Only with the Purchase of a Regular Box

<p>JULY SPECIAL #1</p> <p>7 lb. Family Variety Grill Box \$20.00</p> <p>1.5 lb. New York Strip Steaks (2 x 12 oz.) 2.5 lb. Boneless Nettle Boston Butt Roast 2 lb. Meaty Beef Ribs 1 lb. Mild Italian Sausage</p> <p>JULY SPECIAL #2</p> <p>4.5 lb. Steak & Chicken Combo Box \$20.00</p> <p>1.5 lb. Kansas City Strips (2 x 12 oz.) 1.5 lb. Bone-In Ribeyes (2 x 12 oz.) 1.5 lb. Bacon-Wrapped Chicken Filet (4 x 6 oz.)</p> <p>JULY SPECIAL #3</p> <p>10 lb. Breaded Chicken Breast Tenders \$18.00</p>	<p>JULY SPECIAL #4</p> <p>Fresh Fruit and Veggie Box \$16.00</p> <p>6 ears Corn 2 lb. Carrots 2 lb. Yellow Onions 1 Cello-Wrapped Lettuce 1 Pineapple 4 California Oranges 1 Seedless Watermelon 6 Russet Potatoes</p> <p>Order Dates Thursday, July 10th, morning 10-12 Friday, July 11th, 4-6 afternoon If you have paid by check before, you may mail you your order and payment to: 1st UMC Brackettville PO Box 93 Brackettville, TX 78832</p>
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Food not picked up by 12:00 noon on distribution day will be donated to donated to the Food Bank.

Contact **Ava Lindeman** at 563-5641 or **First United Methodist Church 563-2823** for more information or to volunteer to help.
Order Deadline: Friday, July 11th 6 P.M.
Distribution Day: Saturday, July 26th 10:30 -Noon

We Accept Food Stamps (EBT). Angel Food Ministries Reserves the Right to Substitute Any of the Above Items Due to Availability, Cost and Quality.

Name: _____ Phone _____
____ regular boxes (\$30 each) SPECIALS: #1 (\$20) #2 (\$20) #3 (\$18) #4 (\$16)

TOTAL: _____

Weekly Sudoku Puzzle

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Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, as must every 3x3 square.

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Weekly Sudoku Solution

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