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Community News

Local Governmental Meetings

BISD Board of Trustees will hold a Regular meeting on September 8 at 6:30pm.

City Of Brackettville City Council will hold a Regular meeting on September 9, 2008 at 6:00pm.

Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District will hold a public hearing on the tax rate and a Special meeting on Thursday, September 4 at 2pm in the District Courtroom of the Kinney County Courthouse.

Kinney County Commissioner's Court Commissioner's will hold a Regular meeting on Monday, September 15 at 9am in the County courtroom.

Fort Clark Springs FCS Board will hold a Regular meeting on Saturday, September 20 at 9am in the main office board room.

Athletic Booster Meeting The next Booster Club meeting will be Monday, Sept. 8th @ 6:30 in the Home Ec Cottage.

Brackett High School is requesting volunteers to fill vacancies on the Brackett Secondary Schools Campus Improvement Committee. We currently need business and community representatives. If you are interested in serving on this committee please contact the high school office at 830-563-2491 ext. 400.

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.

Weekend WEATHER

Friday



High:92
Low:72

PM T-Storms

Saturday



High:92
Low:72

Isolated T-Storms

Sunday



High:89
Low:71

Isolated T-Storms

Election time just around the corner

By Allison Taylor
Editor

The November 2008 Primary election is crawling closer and closer.

Positions on the ballot include:

County
Attorney, Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector, County Commissioner precincts 1 and 3 and Constable.

State: 63rd Judicial District
District Judge and District Attorney.

Robert Bob Adams (D) is running unopposed for the Kinney County Attorney position which is being vacated by Tully Shahan. Shahan held the office for 31 years.

Incumbent L.K. Buddy Bur-

gess (D) is on the ticket for Sheriff.

Martha Pena Padron (D) is running for Tax Assessor-Collector, unopposed. Padron has held the position for 17 years.

Dennis Dodson (D), County Commissioner, Precinct 3 candidate is running up against Doug Davis (R). Davis is the only in-

dividual to run on the Republican ballot in the County Election.

Enrique Henry Fernandez (D) will challenge Jacques Jack De La Mota (R) for the position of District Judge, currently held by Thomas Lee who is retiring.

Incumbent District Attorney Fred Hernandez (D) is being challenged by Martin Underwood (R).

What's Happening

Red Hatters

Excitement is permeated in anticipation of an elegant dining experience. Ladies who attend the Viola Veronica Crout Red Hat luncheon on Wednesday, September 10 at 12 noon in FCS's Service Club will have the honor in meeting the colorful mascot in person. Also, Queen Mary will greet guests on arrival. Sign up deadline is Friday, September 5 at 5 pm. Accommodations are provided for our business ladies in order for them to enjoy a gourmet lunch. Everyone is invited to attend, especially those who enjoy fabulous food, clean fun and enjoyable fellowship.

TOPS Meeting

TOPS is Take Off Pounds Sensibly and is a Non-Profit Weight Loss Support group. Meetings on Thursday's. Weigh-Ins will be from 5:00 - 5:30pm. Meeting will be from 5:30 - 6:00pm. Slator Hall, First United Methodist Church, 109 James Street. Call if you have any questions: Junetta Myers, 830-563-9984 or 830-703-6221 or email junetta2002@yahoo.com

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 Frerich at 563-5372. Letter and notes are the most requested since it boosts their morale and reminds them that they are not forgotten.

TBN Mailbox

The Brackett News recently installed a mailbox on the front door of the office. We hope this will be of help to the early birds that stop by the office before 10am.

Benefit for St. Judes Children's Hospital

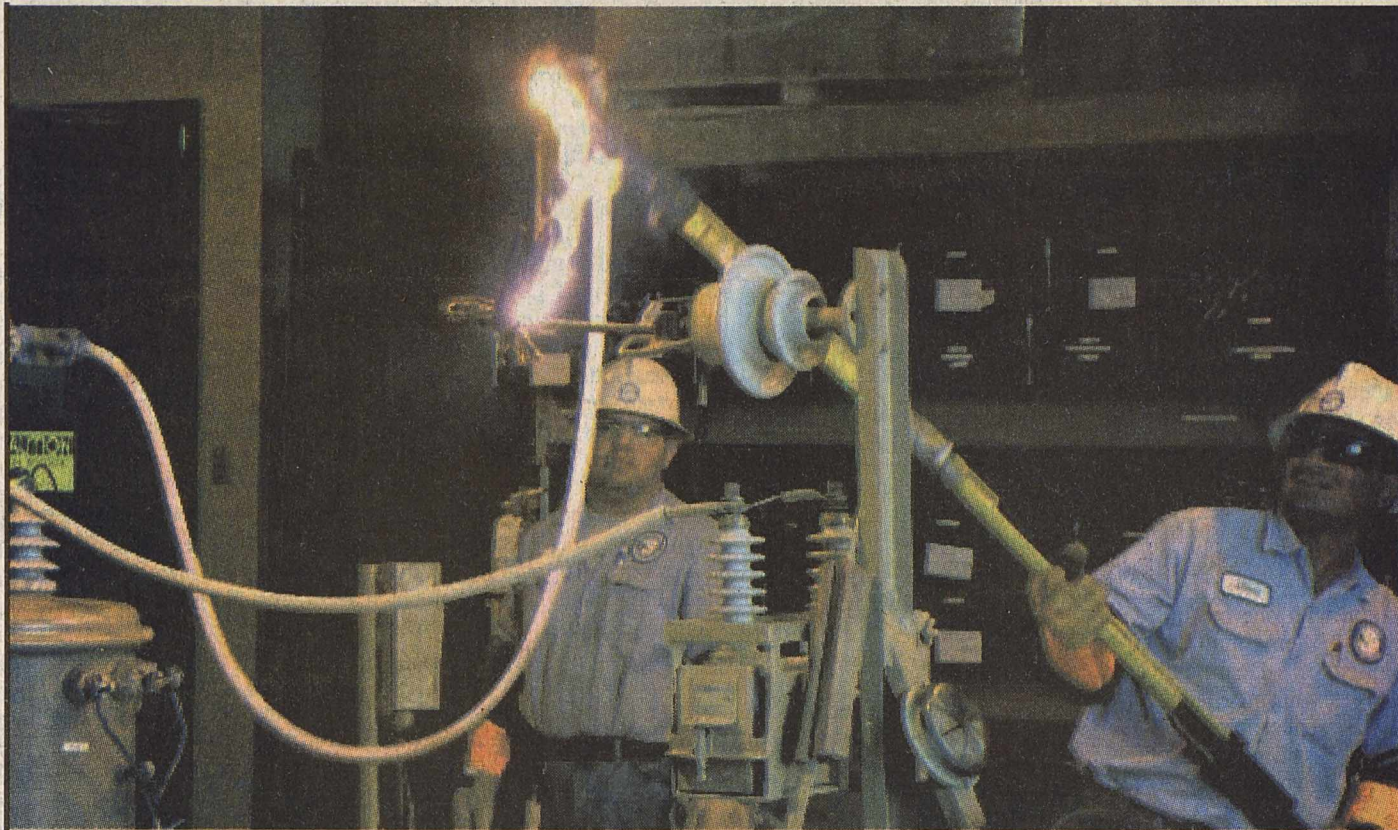
St. Judes Children's Hospital can use the front of any greeting cards you receive throughout the year for craft projects. Only the front of the card depicting any and all occasions is needed. For details, call Vada at 830-563-9377.

Food Pantry Distribution

The CSFP Over Age 60 Distribution will be on September 18 from 1pm until 5pm at the newspaper office. PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY AND YOU MUST PICK UP ON THIS DAY.

The KCCA TEXCAP Food

for Families Program will be distributed on September 19 from 1pm until 5pm at the newspaper office. If you are eligible for commodities on this date, you will receive a phone call. There is a waiting list. PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY AND YOU MUST PICK UP ON THIS DAY.



Shocking Day
Courtesy Photo

Nat Terrazas and Gilbert Villarreal provide an arching demonstration at a recent first responders safety meeting at Rio Grande Electric Co-op.

Co-op hosts emergency responders' training

Submitted by RGEC

Kinney County Sheriff's Department and Fire and Rescue personnel attended a special training session entitled "Electrical Safety for First Responders" Thursday, August 7, 6:00 P.M., at Rio Grande Electric Co-operative.

Rio Grande's GM/CEO Dan Laws welcomed the fifteen participants, who viewed a slide presentation, video, and special demonstrations, providing vital safety procedures for emergency personnel when faced with electrical emergencies. Those presenting information included Director of Operations Clinton Brown, Brackettville Area Operations Manager Danny Samaniego, and Manager of Technical Services Frank Rodriguez.

A special arching demonstration was conducted by First Class Lineman Gilbert Villarreal and Groundman Nat Terrazas. Arcing is what happens when electrical current jumps a gap in a circuit or between two electrodes, and is typically characterized by a distinctive blue light accompanied by loud buzzing or popping. Arcing demonstrations are routinely presented to school children as part of RGEC's ongoing safety education program.

This was the first Electrical Safety for First Responders training, which will be provided throughout the Co-op's territory. Local emergency personnel requested that RGEC offer the event on an annual basis. A grilled hamburger meal with all the trimmings was provided by the Co-op upon conclusion of the training.

Samaniego family celebrates 50 years

Placido and Gloria Samaniego celebrated fifty years together this past weekend with family and friends in Brackettville.

The couple renewed their vows at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church at 3:30 p.m., officiated by Mr. Jimmy Bader. A reception and dance followed at the Brackett Civic Center.

Placido and Gloria were married on October 11, 1958 at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic church which is located behind the new church and had their reception at the "Hilltop DanceHall" which was located where the storage units are currently located at on Hwy 90 east, across from RGEC and then they spent their honeymoon at the "Gateway Hotel" which was located next to the Beverage Barn. As Mr Bader mentioned during the church ceremony, both buildings have burned. Their love has grown stronger throughout the years.

Placido was a sheep shearer since the age of 15 until 3 years ago. Gloria was a full-time mother and also worked at Brackett ISD and also worked

as a provider. Both are now retired and enjoy being the most devoted fans for our Tigers and Tigerettes Jr High and High School teams.

The Samaniegos had eight children, Tony Samaniego, twins Danny & Maria (deceased) Samaniego, John Samaniego, Patty White, Martha Crowder, Placido

Samaniego Jr, and Sandra Samaniego. They have 15 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Their oldest child, Tony, is Warden with Texas Department of Corrections, Danny is Area Operations Manager at Rio Grande Electric Coop, John is a jailer at Kinney County Jail, Patty works with Dalhart ISD,

Martha is Assistant Manager ALCO Department Store, Placido Jr is a Captain with Texas Department of Corrections, and Sandra is a Teachers Aide with Headstart.

Family members came from Chicago and all over Texas to attend the ceremonies.

Information for this article was provided by the Samaniego Family.



50th Anniversary
Courtesy Photo

Placido and Gloria Samaniego celebrated fifty years of marriage by renewing their vows on August 30. Pictured front row from left to right: Placido and Gloria Samaniego. Second Row from left: Sandra Samaniego, Martha Crowder, Patty White, Tony Samaniego, Danny Samaniego, John Samaniego and Placido Samaniego Jr.

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Publishers PLOG

I always get a big kick out of the responses we get from the PLOGs.

Add to those who don't know what a PLOG is, I will explain. If you keep your diary on the internet it is called a Weblog. Of course you say it enough times it comes out BLOG. It is just a modern day way of people to write about their thoughts and feelings but they just don't keep it secret. The whole world can read it and it is nearly the same with the PLOG. Of course, the PLOG is my diary of my experiences as a business owner in Brackettville. The things that happen to me and my family and my thoughts on how things operate in Brackett. Sometimes it is funny but most of the time it is downright scary. I think most people get it and it gives us a little something to think about. You may live it one week and then it is the next.

I'll admit that my writing at times has been controversial. I like to see about the attitude of our residents on our community commission. I like to see about the attitude of our residents on our commission. I like to see about the attitude of our residents on our commission. I like to see about the attitude of our residents on our commission.

Sometimes I am surprised by what this area can do. One about me being a Republican and I did it. I didn't know my confession would be so public. I am surprised to see many people who are Democrats. I like to see about the attitude of our residents on our commission. I like to see about the attitude of our residents on our commission. I like to see about the attitude of our residents on our commission.

On more things, I had a conversation with one of our elected representatives and I am starting to see why some may not like my republican views. I like to see about the attitude of our residents on our commission. I like to see about the attitude of our residents on our commission. I like to see about the attitude of our residents on our commission.

What's your opinion?

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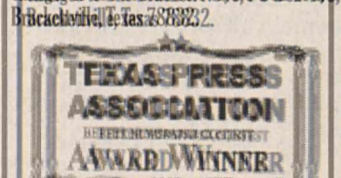
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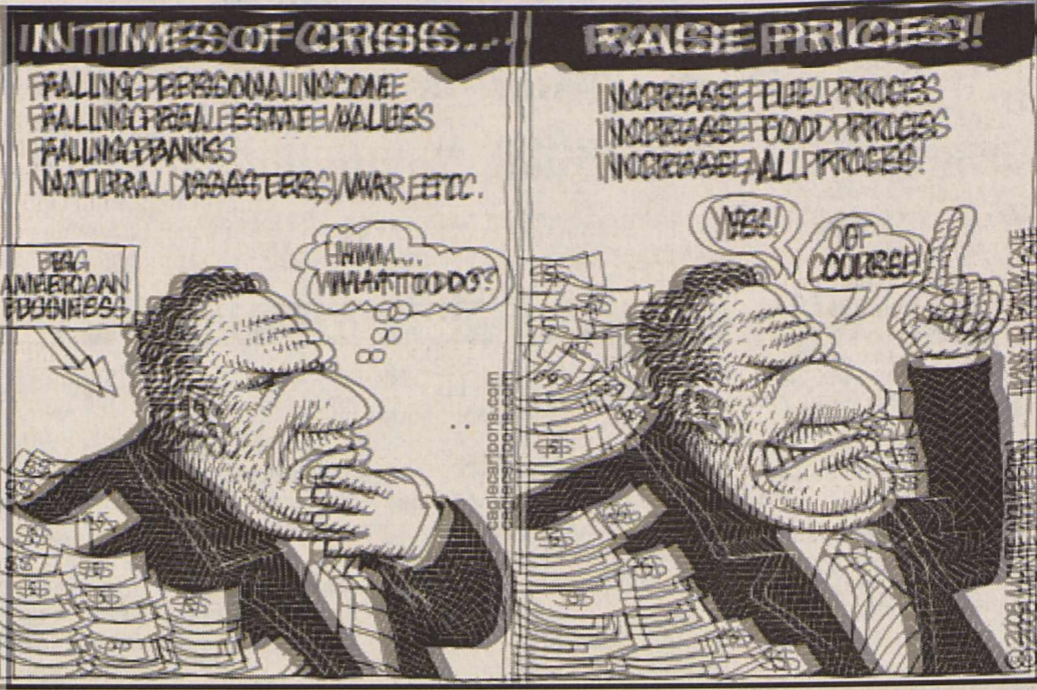
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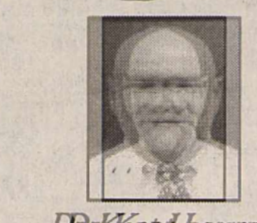
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Why do pro athletes rely on regular chiropractic care?



Dr. Kean L. Lewis, D.C., F.A.A.M.C.A.

It is not surprising that professional athletes rely on regular chiropractic care. In fact, many professional athletes have a long history of chiropractic care. Dr. Kean L. Lewis, D.C., F.A.A.M.C.A., a chiropractor in Brackettville, Texas, explains why.

Chiropractic care is a non-invasive, drug-free approach to health care. It focuses on the relationship between the spine and the brain. The spine is the central axis of the body, and it is responsible for supporting the weight of the body and protecting the spinal cord. The brain is the control center of the body, and it sends signals to the rest of the body to coordinate movement and maintain balance. When the spine is misaligned, it can interfere with the brain's ability to send signals, which can lead to a variety of health problems.

Who is Hiding Behind Your Mask?



The Fly Lady Mollie Gilly

It is a common sight to see a person wearing a mask. Whether it is a surgical mask, a gas mask, or a costume mask, we all wear masks at some point in our lives. But what if the mask is hiding something more than just a face? What if it is hiding a person's true identity, their true feelings, or their true intentions?

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Is your money working as hard as you do?



Emily Cooper

It's Labor Day, which, in many ways, means that many people are taking a day off work.

But if you are like most people, you spend most of your days working hard.

And if you are going to achieve your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement, you'll want your money to work hard for you, too.

What can you do to keep your money growing steadily? Here are a few ideas:

● Invest for growth. Many people make the mistake of investing in conservative, low-risk investments. While these investments may be safe, they may not provide the growth you need to reach your goals. Consider investing in a diversified portfolio of stocks and bonds.

● Don't take "vacation" from investing. If you want your money to work for you, you need to invest regularly. Even if you only have a small amount of money to invest, it's better to invest a little bit every month than to wait until you have a large sum of money to invest.

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Tigers melt in the rain against Dilley Wolves



Tiger Gridiron
Thomas Hurney

Brackett fell 20-7 to Dilley Friday night in a steady rain at Tiger Stadium. The Tiger defense held up well throughout the game despite turnovers and a sputtering offense that often left them having to defend a short field. Senior Jacob Schroeder hit several booming punts that improved the field-position equation enormously for the host Tigers, albeit temporarily.

porarily.

The Wolves were so eager to score that they didn't even wait for their offense to take the field. Junior tailback Noel Cantu took the opening kickoff at about the 10-yard line, cut right and raced untouched into the end zone for the first points of the game. Junior Raul Hernandez tacked on the point after, and the Wolves were up 7-0.

The half ended with Dilley on top by the same 7-0 margin. The Wolves were marginally more effective on offense than the host Tigers, but an inspired Brackett defense kept them out of the end zone.

The Tigers received the ball to open the second half, but could only muster about 9 yards on offense and had to punt. Opportunity knocked however, as Dilley muffed the punt and sophomore Sam Stewart pounced on the loose (and, by now, waterlogged) football at about the Dilley 30-yard line. On a 3rd and 15 at the 35 Stewart took the pitch from quarterback Cody Clark, found an opening (not much of one, at that) and burst into the open field, leaving frustrated Wolves defenders in his wake en route to the end zone. The point after sailed through without incident, and with about 8 1/2-minutes remaining in the 3rd quarter we were all tied up at 7apiece.

But, the rest of the night, as they say, belonged to Dilley. The Wolves took over at the Brackett 27 after an ill-timed Clark fumble, and, on a 1st-down

at the 15 fullback Cody Carroll rumbled into the end zone to put the visitors up by a count of 14-7.

The Wolves would add to their lead in the 4th quarter with their only sustained drive of the evening. They took over at their own 14, and after a couple of big runs by Carroll and senior fullback Javier Leija quickly made their way to the Tiger 28. Junior Zack Sambrano capped the drive with a 28-yard touchdown run to put the game out of reach for the host Tigers. Hernandez missed the extra point, but it hardly mattered as Dilley went on to win 20-7.

Brackett travels to Harper this Friday night for a date with the Longhorns. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m.



Rained Out

Photo By Bruce Hudgens

Sam Stewart makes a play for the endzone in the Tiger's first game of the 2008 Season

Varsity Volleyball Update

Submitted by Coach Lindsey Kunz

Brackett defeated Dilley 25-10; 19-25; 25-14; 25-9 at home on Friday, August 29.

Leaders for Brackett were: Aces: Marisol Aguirre 4; Digs: Marisol Aguirre 10; Kills: Marisol Aguirre and Nena Molinar (6); Assists: Bianca Terrazas 11; Blocks: Becca Mann 1.

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Brackett Cross Country

Schedule

Date	Site
Sept. 6 (Sat.)	Uvalde
Sept. 13 (Sat.)	Eagle Pass
Sept. 20 (Sat.)	UTSA (San Antonio)
Sept. 27 (Sat.)	Nueces Canyon
Oct. 4 (Sat.)	OPEN
Oct. 11 (Sat.)	Del Rio
Oct. 18 (Sat.)	Comfort
Oct. 22 (Wed.)	Bandera
Oct. 27 - Nov. 1	District (TBA)
Nov. 8 (Sat.)	Regionals (San Antonio)
Nov. 15 (Sat.)	STATE (Round Rock)

District 10 4-H Mega Meeting



Cheyenne Smith
Senior Club Reporter

District 10 had our annual Mega Meeting in Castroville on Saturday August 23. 4-H members that attended learned about our District 10 community service project which is called "FILL THE SHELVES". This project will strive to fill the shelves at the health office/first aid kits and the program's supply closet. The collection sites to drop off items are: District 4-H Food Show and Round Up on Saturday December 6 or Consumer Judging contest and Fashion Show on Saturday, April 25, 2009.

After we had our morning meeting we broke up into project meetings. Eliza Banks a Small Animal Vet from Austin spoke about Vet medications for dogs. Foods and Nutrition representatives talked to us about December 6 being our

Brackett Junior High Cross Country Schedule

Date	Site
Sept. 13 (Sat.)	Eagle Pass
Sept. 27 (Sat.)	Nueces Canyon
Oct. 11 (Sat.)	Del Rio
Oct. 27 - Nov. 1	District (TBA)

Brackett FCA kicks off new year

Submitted by Carolyn Conoly

FCA Kicks off September with Banana Rugby! Adult Chapter meets this Sunday! Brackett High School and Junior High Fellowship of Christian Athletes Chapters will kick off the 2008-2009 school year with Banana Rugby on September 3rd, 8pm, location to be determined. All junior high and high school students are welcome. FCA is led by Coach/Sponsors Rhonda and Charlie Marquardt, FCA's Coach/Sponsors of the Year.

FCA is an interdenominational organization whose mission is "to see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of athletes and coaches." Student officers for this year are: Samantha Moore, Jeff Sitgreaves, Becca Mann, Christi Gomez, Charles Conoly, Brandon Allen, Paige Nowlin and Bodie Harris. High school and junior high students meet for prayer, fellowship and service every week throughout the school year. This year's FCA theme, GET FOCUSED, is from Philippians 3:13-14. On Sunday, September 7th, 2pm, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church/Our Redeemer Lutheran, any adult interested in supporting the work of the student chapter is invited for the first adult chapter meeting of the year and a light lunch. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend. Students will meet at 8pm, Wednesday, September 10th and study God's Love and Forgiveness. Wednesday, September 17th, students meet at 8pm at Tiger Stadium for game night. Wednesday, September 24th, at 7am, the public is invited to attend "See You at the Pole" for prayer for our nation, our schools, students and school district. The Church of Christ is again sponsoring a continental breakfast at this annual event, which will be held at the flag pole outside BSD's Central Office. For more information, please contact Carolyn Conoly, Adult Chapter President at 563.3699 or Rhonda Marquardt at 563.5181.

Review your portfolio regularly. To make sure your money is, in fact, working you'll need to check on it from time to time. That's a good idea to have a portfolio reviews, preferably with an experienced financial advisor.

Over time, your needs may change, or your investments may evolve in a way you hadn't anticipated. If things happen, you may want to make some changes to your portfolio so that you can take advantage of new opportunities. Following these suggestions, you can help your money work for you in the years ahead.

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4 to 5 cups cooked chicken (or more) cut in bite size pieces
2 cans cream of chicken soup
16 oz. sour cream
1 1/2 stacks Ritz Crackers,

crushed
3 tbsp. poppy seeds
1 stick margarine
Mix chicken, soup and sour cream together. In another bowl stir together the crushed crackers, melted margarine and poppy seeds. Spread half of cracker mixture in 9x13 pan.

Pour entire chicken mixture over it then top with remaining cracker mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 to 60 min. This makes a little bit of chicken serve many!

Kinney County Sheriff 's Report



Monday, August 25

10:18 am A woman reported two pitbulls running loose around her residence. A city employee was notified of the situation.

11:13 am A woman called to report someone had hit the back of her car, and no one was around. A deputy was notified.

6:22 pm A man called to state a tan pitbull trying to get in his yard. A city employee was notified.

10:10 pm A woman called to request a deputy due to a domestic situation. A deputy was notified.

11:05 pm A woman called to report a domestic situation. A deputy was notified.

Tuesday, August 26

3:59 pm A man called to report a domestic situation and requested a deputy. A deputy was notified and en route to the residence.

Wednesday, August 27

1:13 am A woman called to report kids fighting. A deputy was notified.

2:00 pm Clay Threadgill, 19, of Sniden, was arrested for reckless driving. Threadgill was released after serving 21 days.

Thursday, August 28

9:24 am A man called to report a minor accident in the parking lot of a local business.

Friday, August 29

10:04 am Armando Campeas, 38, of Del Rio, was arrested for driving while intoxicated with an open container. Campeas was released the following day with a \$1200 bond.

Saturday, August 30

1:00 am A woman called to

report a possible drunk driver. The woman stated a relative drove off in a vehicle with two small children asleep in the back seat. The caller believed the subject was intoxicated and may be en route to Mexico. DPS was advised and a BOLO (Be On the Look Out for) was broadcast.

2:23 pm A man from Fort Clark security requested a deputy because a woman was at the gate asking for drugs. A deputy was informed and en route to the location.

5:00 pm A 911 caller reported a lady walking on the side of HWY 334. The caller stated they would pick up the woman and bring her to the Kinney County Sheriff's Office.

Sunday, August 31

12:14 am A caller from Val Verde Sheriff's Office informed Kinney County Sheriff's office of a reckless driver driving at a high rate of speed head east towards Brackettville. A deputy was informed.

12:41 am A caller from the civic center security requested a deputy for a fight in progress. A deputy was dispatched to the scene.

2:01 am An unknown caller reported a domestic disturbance. A deputy was notified and en route to the location.

9:44 am A woman called to report a burglary at her residence while she was out of town. A deputy was dispatched to the scene.

4:02 pm A woman called to report a car accident on Spring Street. The woman stated another driver ran a stop sign and hit her car. A deputy was informed and en route to the location.

4:09 pm A 911 caller reported an accident on E. Spring Street. A deputy was advised.

7:54 pm A woman called in reference of two vehicles that were weaving in and out of traffic on HWY 90. A deputy was notified and was unable to catch up with the drivers, therefore Del Rio DPS was notified.

8:40 pm A woman called to request a deputy due to a domestic situation. A deputy was notified.



First United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School

Photo By Leigh Volcsko

Children of all ages enjoyed FUMC's Power Lab Vacation Bible School August 11-15. Each day the children participated in a scientific experiment including dropping Mentos candy in a bottle of Diet Coke and watching it explode. A delicious lunch was served to the children after a day of bible stories, movies, music and lab experiments.

Most U. S. Measles cases reported since 1996 Many unvaccinated because of philosophical beliefs



Barbara Hogan
State Health Nurse

More measles cases have been reported in the United States since Jan. 1, 2008 than during the same period in any year since 1996, according to a report released today in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.

Between January 1 and July 31, 2008, 131 cases were reported to CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD). At least fifteen patients, including four children younger than 15 months of age, were hospitalized. No deaths have been reported.

In the decade before the measles vaccination program began, an estimated 3-4 million per-

sons in the United States were infected each year. Of these, 400-500 died, 48,000 were hospitalized, and another 1,000 developed chronic disability from measles encephalitis.

"Measles can be a severe, life-threatening illness" said Dr. Anne Schuchat, director of NCIRD. "These cases and outbreaks serve as a reminder that measles can and still does occur in the United States."

Of the 131 patients, 112 were unvaccinated or had unknown vaccination status. Among the 112 unvaccinated U.S. residents with measles, 16 were younger than 12 months of age and too young for vaccination, and one had presumed evidence of measles immunity because the person was born before 1957.

Of the 95 patients eligible for vaccination, 63 were unvaccinated because of their or their parents' philosophical or religious beliefs.

Although immunization coverage rates for measles vaccine remain high, unvaccinated persons are at risk for measles, and

sizeable measles outbreaks can occur in communities with a high number of unvaccinated persons.

Measles is consistently one of the first diseases to reappear when immunization coverage rates fall. Increases in the proportion of the population declining vaccination for themselves or their children might lead to large-scale outbreaks in the U.S. Currently, Israel and a number of countries in Europe — including Switzerland, Austria, Italy, United Kingdom — are reporting sizeable measles outbreaks among populations refusing vaccination.

"These cases resulted primarily from failure to vaccinate, many because of philosophical or religious belief," said Dr. Schuchat. "The vaccine against measles is highly effective in preventing infections, and high immunization levels in the community are effective at preventing or drastically decreasing the size of outbreaks."

Reports include cases from Illinois (32 cases), New York (27), Washington (19), Arizona (14), California (14), Wisconsin (7),

Michigan (4), Hawaii (5), Arkansas (2), and Washington, D.C., and Georgia, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, and Virginia (1 each).

Nine of the importations were in U.S. residents who had traveled abroad, and 8 were in foreign visitors. An additional 99 of the 131 cases had evidence of importation or were epidemiologically linked to importations.

These import-related cases have largely occurred among school-aged children who are eligible for vaccination but whose parents have chosen not to vaccinate them. The source of 15 cases could not be determined.

Of the 131 cases, 17 were importations from the following countries: Switzerland (3), Italy (3), Israel (2), Belgium (2), India (2), Germany (1), The People's Republic of China (1), Pakistan (1), The Russian Federation (1) and the Philippines (1).

There were 55 cases of measles reported during 2006; 66 cases during 2005; 37 cases during 2004; 56 cases during 2003; and 44 cases during 2002.

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28 Maine college town
29 Course calc.
30 Heston's ___ Man
31 ___ a Stranger: Sinatra film
32 Seed: prefix
33 Canada's neighbor, colloquially
34 M*A*S*H role
35 Oglers
40 Goes over again
43 Mil. decoration
45 Turkish Pool-Bah
46 Predicaments
48 Swamp critter
49 Dodge model
52 Kind of varnish
53 Quiz answer
54 Roster
56 Electrical unit
57 Genesis man
58 Add auric plate
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61 Sediment
63 Drench
64 A dozen doz.
65 Holy femme: abbr.

YOUR HOROSCOPE BY WANDA PERRY

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Avoid getting involved in intense negotiations, negative thinking or pessimistic moods. See beyond petty problems and stay focused on the solution level.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You have very important lessons on tap this week. Throw yourself wholeheartedly into a social situation and learn from just being present and active.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): There could be positive or negative results from a confrontation with family members. Be prepared to connect with them on a deep and profound emotional level.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Your thoughts and ideas are powerful and extremely insightful. Stay alert and develop the perfect plan for initiating mass movements or social change.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Keep a close watch on spending this week. Money that lands in your possession has a tendency to deplete, retreat or quickly disappear.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): The best opportunities will come to you through contacts with friends or interactions with associates. Put your best foot forward and

welcome their input.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Enjoy a very reflective and retiring mood. Take time to stop, ponder and think about how you can learn or benefit from prior mistakes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Group interactions are charged with energy and a high degree of excitement. Support a project that is designed to improve the quality of life on the planet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Gear up to jump over the roadblocks or hurdles that are likely to slow or impede your professional progress. Back up and get a running start.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Foreign interests, people or cultures will command your attention this week. Keep an open mind and learn as much as possible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Your finances may not be as stable as you would like. Make an honest effort to pay your bills on time, even if it requires sacrifice and waiting.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Impress your partner by being prepared for almost anything. Direct your activities to allow you to go with the flow or to follow the way the wind blows.

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Signed this 2nd day of September, 2008
L.K. Burgess, Sheriff
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