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COMMUNITY NEWS

ASIAN SINGERS TO PERFORM

ALASH ensemble, master throat singers from Tuva, a tiny republic in the heart of Central Asia will be performing at the Fort Clark Town Hall on Friday evening at 7:30 pm. The group will be performing at the Brackett Schools earlier in the day. They are being sponsored by Brackett I.S.D., The Old Quarry Society, Kinney County Arts Council and Fort Clark Springs Association. It was through the efforts of Elliot Stone, son of Louisa and Greg Stone, that the group was able to come to Brackettville. Tickets for the evening performance are \$5.00 to help defray the cost to house the group. This group will be touring the U.S. for a year and we are extremely fortunate to bring them to our community. You may see more of this group by going to ALASHensemble.com on the web.

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

The CSFP Over Age 60 Distribution will be on November 20 from 1pm until 5pm at the newspaper office. PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY AND YOU MUST PICK UP ON THIS DAY. Call 830-563-2852 for more details.

FILL THE CITY WITH LIGHTS

Again this year local businesses are asked to decorate their store fronts with white lights in an effort to add a little sparkle to our quaint town. Don't forget about TBN's Third Annual Christmas Decorating Contest. Prizes will be given to the best decorated home in Brackett, best decorated home on the Fort and the best decorated business. A list of "Decorations You Gotta See" will be printed and updated weekly starting Dec. 4.

CHRISTMAS CHILD PROJECT

Operation Christmas Child Comes to Kinney County L.A.M.B.'S (Ladies About The Master's Business) of the Frontier Baptist Church will be collecting shoe boxes filled with toys, toiletries, school supplies and candy for needy children worldwide. Deadline for shoe boxes is November 7. For information on how to pack shoe boxes and how your organization can get involved call Rose Reagan at 830-563-9429

Weekend WEATHER

Friday



High:59
Low:45

Mostly Cloudy

Saturday



High:66
Low:53

Mostly Cloudy

Sunday



High:72
Low:54

Mostly Cloudy

Business owners must pay higher fees

After many years of not collecting business permit fees, the City of Brackettville notified its commercial customers by letter on November 14, they must all pay \$45 each.

"Commercial Customers: The City of Brackettville requires all commercial customers to have a City Occupational

or License Tax Receipt. The fee for the City Occupational or License Tax Receipt is forty five dollars. If you have a current City Occupational or License Tax, please disregard this letter. Should you have any questions please contact...City Hall 830-563-2412 or come by at 119 W Spring," read the letter.

One Brackettville business owner stated they were upset by the letter because they had attended the last several city council meetings and the reinstatement of the fee was not discussed. The owner was also concerned that businesses were not given any sort of notification other than a letter requesting money.

City Officials support their request for money from business owners citing Section 16 of the City's original charter. The charter, adopted on October 8, 1928, reads, "Trade Taxes. 16. To tax all trades, professions, occupations and callings, the taxing of which is not prohibited by the Constitution of this State; which tax shall not be construed to be a tax on property."

On November 11, council members Mary Flores, Ponce Padron, Francesca Chica Hernandez voted unanimously to raise all commercial trash collection rates from \$12.35 per cubic yard to \$20, effective February 3, 2009. The city estimates 12 bags of trash make up one cubic yard, making the new cost for the city to pick up one bag of commercial trash, \$1.67.

Mayor Charles Feagley was present, but did not vote. Demetrius Williams and Stephanie Buitron were absent from the meeting.

Election recount complete Metcalf takes a seat on water board



After a recount of the ballots for the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Fort Clark Springs-MUD At Large Director, Stan Metcalf was declared the official winner and will be sworn in today at the county courthouse.

Stan Metcalf challenged incumbent Ed Dillon for his seat on the water board and narrowly defeated him by 15 votes.

On election night, unofficial results had Metcalf leading Dillon by mere 14 votes, prompting the Dillon Camp to request a recount of the ballots.

The ballots were recounted on Friday, November 14 and in the end offered up no change in the number of votes for Dillon, however, the new count added one additional vote to Metcalf's total.

The final tally resulted in 637 votes for Dillon and 652 votes for Metcalf.

"I am looking forward to serving on the board," said Director-elect Metcalf.

The recount was supervised by KCGCD Board President Lloyd Davis, Jr. and Kinney County Clerk Dora Sandoval.

Scholar of the Month

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Kaili Price
September Scholar



Maddie Frerich
October Scholar

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Photo By Adrian Resendez

Junior photographer Adrian Resendez captured this picture of Juan Morales. Both boys play for the Del Rio Youth Football League and attend Jones Elementary-Intermediate School.

Commissioners take the plunge

Swim park may have hope

Kinney County commissioners voted to form an exploratory committee to research what it would take to revitalize the dilapidated swim park facility located in the heart of Brackettville.

Commissioners Joe Montalvo, Pat Melancon and Judge Johnny Fritter voted unanimously to search for people interested in gathering information that will eventually lead to the redevelopment of the town square.

The swim park facility was developed with grants from the Goldie Fritter Estate and Texas Parks and Wildlife in 1974. The county did not keep the pool open and eventually leased it to the City of Brackettville in 1997, county officials say.

The City fell on hard economic times and the pool's upkeep was abandoned and the facility virtually crumbled from the inside out.

Over the last year, commissioners and County Attorney Tully Shahan worked to legally dissolve the lease with the City of Brackettville and reclaim possession of the pool.

Sandy Fitzpatrick, Martha Padron, Jean Reardon, Cynthia Stafford and Leigh Volcsko, all county residents interested in serving on the committee, were escorted around the park by County Maintenance Technician Albert Payne on Tuesday, November 18 for a complete tour.

The facility includes two half-sized basketball courts, a tennis court, a sand filled volleyball pit, a children's play ground and a swimming pool, all of which are in various stages of disrepair.

Although committee members admit the redevelopment of the county's park will be quite formidable, their enthusiasm for the project never faltered and some reportedly offered up recollections of what the park was in the past.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

COMPUTER CLASSES

The Kinney County Library will host "Cyberspace 101: Introduction to Computers and the Internet" on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-10am.

ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

FCS Art Club Annual Arts And Craft Show Saturday, November 29, 2008 At The Fort Clark Service Club Brackettville, Tx 9 A.M.Until 3 P.M.

THANKSGIVING DEADLINE

Deadline for November 27 Thanksgiving Paper will be Monday November 24, 2008 at 5pm.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The community Thanksgiving service sponsored by the Kinney County Church Alliance will be Sunday, November 23rd, 7 PM First United Methodist Church, 109 James Street next to clinic. An offering will be collected to support the KCCA benevolence fund which provides monetary assistance to those in need in Kinney County. Refreshments following in Slaton Hall across the street from the church building.

2008 CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY UNITY PROGRAM:

TREK TO BETHLEHEM

On December 6th the churches of the Brackettville community will once again join together to present the public with the gift of a wonderful Christmas celebration. This year's focus will be a bit different as the name of the event reflects. The public is invited to join in a multicultural/ecumenical *Las Posadas* event as we follow Mary and Joseph in their journey to find lodging in Bethlehem. The procession will begin at 3 PM at the EMS building, proceed up Fritter Street past the Courthouse and City Hall and end at the Civic Center where there will be refreshment and other Christian-themed booths sponsored by local churches and other organizations. Although Santa will not be distributing toys at this event, there will be wonderful refreshments and fun at the booths for the entire family. There is NO admission charge for this event. It is a gift to the community. Parking will be available at the Civic Center. Churches or other organizations should contact Rev. Jeff Janca (563-5230) if they would like to set up and host a booth and Rev. Jean Reardon (563-5188) if they would like to provide a music offering at the Civic Center. Individuals who wish to offer music may also contact Rev. Reardon. Guitarists, etc. who would be willing to provide music for the *posada* itself should contact Rev. John Quigley (563-9396). We hope that you will join us for this Christ-centered Christmas celebration which we pray will return the focus of Christmas to the one for which the holiday is named.

LEPC

The Local Emergency Planning Committee will hold the monthly meeting Nov. 24, 2008, 7:00 pm in the Fire Rescue Classroom. Business meeting and program will follow: Annual Gas update and Regional Nurse presentation with others if time permits.

Publishers PLOG

For those of you wondering what all the activity is on the third Thursday and following Friday of each month at the newspaper office, I will offer an explanation...

It is a food bank distribution sponsored by the Kinney County Church Alliance. The Client Coordinator is Cerilla "Cookie" Steward and I am the Food Bank Director.

The first of two programs is held on the third Thursday of each month, seniors aged 60 years and over that have completed an application and met federal income guidelines receive a bag of commodities. This program is federally funded.

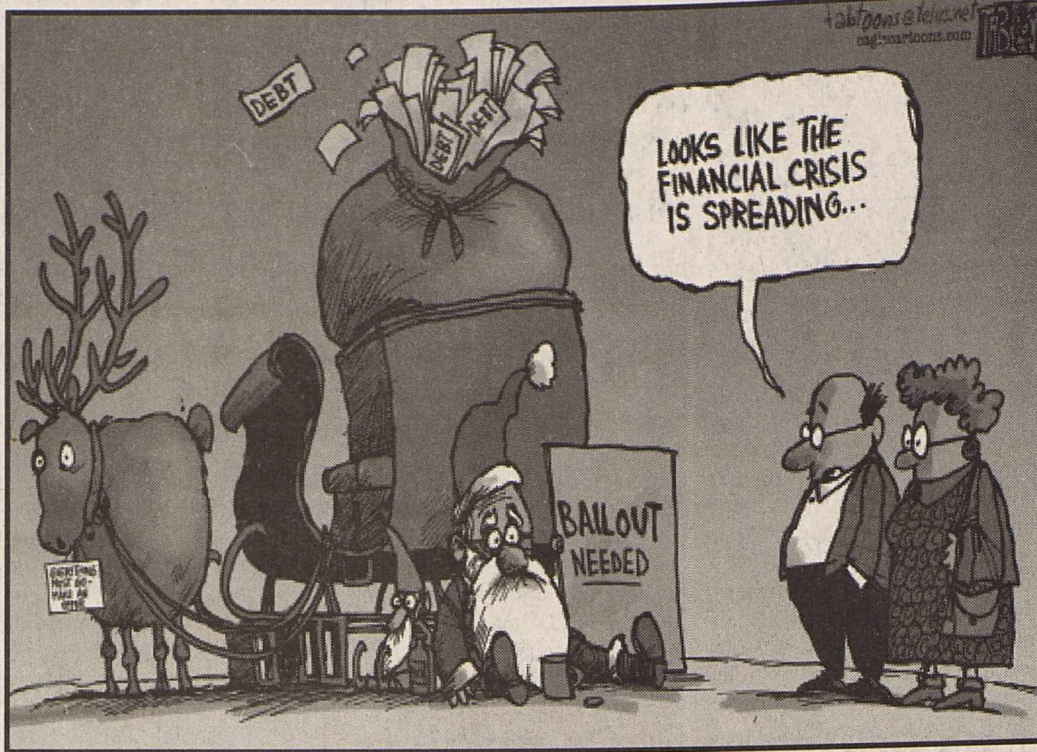
The "Over 60" bags contain canned juice, canned fruits, canned veggies, boxed breakfast cereal, dry milk, dry rice, dry beans and a block of cheese. The bag does not fill the applicants food needs for an entire month, but it does help them get to the end of the month without having to eat less or go completely without food until their social security checks arrive.

The second program is for individuals or families of any age. A short application must be completed and income requirements are generous. This program is paid for by LOCAL donations. The Church Alliance accepts monetary donations from local church members, individuals and organizations and then purchases food from the Laredo Food Bank. The bags consist of 30lbs of food. The "Friday Bags" as we like to call them, include dry breakfast cereal, a bottle of cooking oil, dry rice, dry beans, canned juice, dry pasta noodles and a variety of canned goods. Again, the bag is meant to supplement the monthly needs of the client, not fulfill them.

#1: If you are in need, especially during these hard economic times, then please come in the newspaper office after 1pm on Thursdays and we will do our best to qualify you for one of our two programs.

#2: If you want to donate. One 30 lb bag of commodities costs \$5. Make checks payable to KCCA, PO Box 78832, Brackettville TX 78832 or contact Joe Gobel, Mr. Gobel is the KCCA Treasurer and member of St. Mary Magdalene's Catholic Church.

#3: If you want to serve as a volunteer or need to complete community service hours. Please contact the newspaper, 830-563-2852 for more details.
Leigh V.



Not my fortune cookie



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

We went to our favorite Chinese Restaurant, Twin Dragons for dinner tonight.

Robert and I always look forward to our fortune cookies! When I opened mine I wanted a recall! This could not have been my fortune cookie!

It said, "You have a yearning for perfection!" This could not be me! I told Robert he had my fortune. But mine did not fit him either.

I got to thinking about this fortune and I finally realized that I do have a yearning for perfection! It happens every day and I have to fight that yearning because it is no different from any craving.

My food drug of choice of Marconi and Cheese; I have fought this desire for many years.

My yearning for perfection started as a child. I was taught from an early age that if you can't do it right; don't do it at all! I was forced to redo jobs till they passed inspection.

Didn't you grow up with that too? I think we all did! That perfectionism is part of the reason that procrastination has reigned strongly in my life and the lives of my members.

Here is what happens when it comes to our yearning for perfection. We see a job that needs to be done then we look at the clock. When we can't find several hours to work on a job that when we put it off and do nothing.

Then there is another side to our yearning for perfection. We feed it by hyper-focusing. We work ourselves into the ground. You know how we crash and burn! We don't have to live this way.

Many years ago I recognized my yearning for perfection and my obsessive personality. I was a stained glass artist. I would spend twenty hours a day working on a window.

After three weeks of pushing myself toward perfection; I would be sick. The window would be finished and be beautiful but I was in the bed for two weeks afterwards.

I realized that I threw myself into my work because of my need to be perfect. I was also not being kind to myself.

After looking hard at this yearning for perfection I decided that I was never going to be perfect and starting making a mistake in each window. It became my signature piece.

This was a big step for me! I started pacing myself and being kind to me for the first time ever! My first step was recognizing my yearning for perfection and putting a stop to it. That was seven years before I became FlyLauy.

I never dreamed that my perfectionism was the reason I was living in clutter and CHAOS.

The simple act of Finally Loving Yourself will eliminate your yearning for perfection!

For when you love yourself, you will not be mean to you.

We have lived our lives thinking that if we were not perfect that we were not worthy of being loved! You are worth loving!

I want your yearning for perfection to be replaced by a desire for peace in your life.

This peace begins with you! Are you ready to FLY!

Want to retire early? Adjust your investment strategy



Emily Cooper

Do you want to retire early? Many people do — but they're not always financially prepared. If you're thinking of taking early retirement, start preparing for it — as early as you can.

To afford early retirement, you've got to address at least two key financial concerns. First, by definition, you'll have more years of retirement to pay for than people who retire later. And second, by retiring early, you're sacrificing the opportunity to contribute to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan; also, you need

earned income to contribute to an IRA.

How can you overcome these potential barriers to a successful early retirement? For starters, you'll need to put as much as you can possibly afford into your 401(k) and IRA each year — and a greater percentage of the investments in these accounts may need to be in growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks.

Of course, it's not a good idea to fill your retirement accounts entirely with stocks, given their higher risk and volatility. You'll also want to add some bonds, certificates of deposit (CDs) and other fixed-income investments to help diversify your holdings. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification cannot guarantee a profit or protect against loss.) Furthermore, if you're going to retire early, you may well need these fixed-income vehicles to provide you with a more predict-

able income stream. Remember, however, that since your retirement could last 30 years or more, you'll still need growth-oriented investments to keep you ahead of inflation, which, over time, can seriously erode your purchasing power. So, a few years before you retire, you may want to review your portfolio to make sure you have the proper balance between "growth" and "income" investments.

To afford early retirement, you may also decide to take Social Security earlier than at your full retirement age. Your monthly payments will be lower than if you had waited, so, before you retire, make sure these smaller checks can still provide for some of your needs.

And speaking of checks, there's no reason that early retirement means you'll never earn another paycheck. If you decide to open a small business, take a part-time job or do some consulting, you can once again contribute to an IRA or even open your own retirement plan, such as a SEP-IRA or SIMPLE IRA. Obviously, the additional income and the ability to contribute to a retirement plan can make early retirement more affordable.

One final note: If you're contemplating early retirement, you may want to consult with a professional financial advisor well before you make your move to make sure you've saved enough. A financial advisor can also help you decide upon a reasonable annual rate of withdrawal from your investments. You don't want to take out so much that you risk running short in later years, nor do you want to withdraw so little that you struggle to make ends meet.

Early retirement can be both a challenge and a joy. To reduce the challenge and increase the possibility of joy, though, you'll need to start planning soon — as in right now.

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by Fly Lady Marla Cilley

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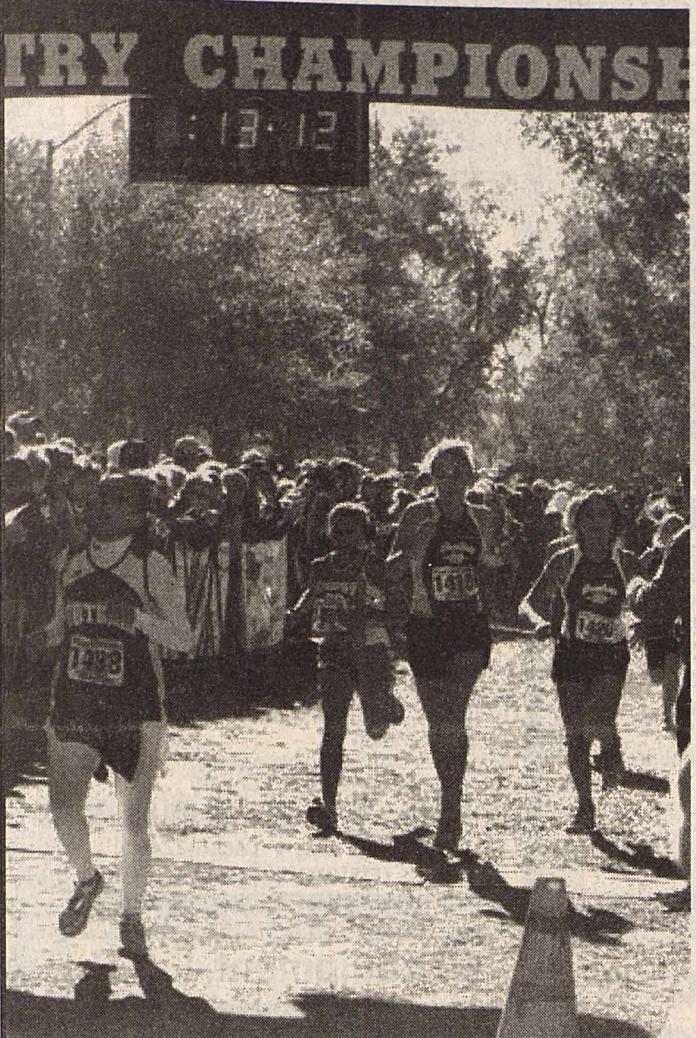
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Your yearning for perfection replaced by a decrease in your life. If you parlay five million into half a million, you're an idiot. At 0 and three, the Brackett Tigers were an after-

Varsity cross country take 6th at state meet



Courtesy Photo

On November 15, the Brackett High girls cross country team traveled to Austin for the state meet. The team placed sixth over all in the 1-A division with score of 172 points. Placing first Sundown 70, second Shamrock 74, third Lindsay 101, Fourth Seymour 107 and fifth place Sunray with 141. Individually Kelsey Bruce in 13th placed with a time of 12:16, followed by Harmony Pettett: 47th, 13:10; Sahara Rodriguez: 49th, 13:11; Bianca Cruz: 70th, 13:45; Cheyenne Smith: 76th, 13:54; Icela Rueda: 79th, 13:57 and Haley Hale: 85th, 14:13. The girls team finishes the year in the top 10 for the state for the third time in the last five years.

Tigers end 08 season 6-1 tri-district champs



Tiger Gridiron Thomas Hurney

I have to admit to you that I don't care much for neutral stadiums these days, because when we're neither home or away that usually means that it's playoff time, and we have not excelled at post-season play lately.

Such was the case Friday night at Barry Field in Hondo (home of the Owls) where the Brackett Tigers were upended 36-13 by the Junction Eagles.

Still, it's important to remember that these kids began the season at 0 and 3, but recovered well enough to claim a share of the district title, along with D' Hanis and La Pryor (after their dismal start, Brackett's only regular season loss the rest of the way was a 32-13 decision to the Bulldogs in La Pryor).

Kudos to head coach Greg Voyles and his staff for not giving up on the kids, and to the kids for not giving up on themselves, and best of luck to our seniors.

You have represented your school and your community honorably over the past three and a half years, and I thank you for that.

After the game had ended, Cash and I moved in a bit, so that we could hear the coaches address the team, who had all taken a knee and who had formed a little knot at about the 40-yard line.

Coach Charlie Marquardt was the first to speak, and he said that the post-season will end unhappily for all of the teams in it, except one. Very true. But in life it isn't so much about where you end up as it is about where you end up in relation to where you began.

In other words, if you parlay five thousand dollars into half a million, you're a genius.

If you parlay five million into half a million, you're an idiot. At 0 and three, the Brackett Tigers were an after-

thought, dead in the water, irrelevant. They turned it around, won six of their next seven games, and became co-district champions.

If you look at it that way, maybe Coach Marquardt was wrong, and the season didn't end unhappily after all.

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Allen awarded Scholarship honoring Michael D. Meyer

Courtesy photos
The Brackett High School Class of 1998, commemorating their ten-year anniversary this last summer, chose to award a \$500 scholarship in memory of their classmate Michael David Meyer, to a 2008 graduate. Michael is remembered by those who knew him as cheerful, energetic, athletic (great baseball player), and as a prolific writer. He also had a very generous nature, which was exemplified in his daily life, and in his choice to be an organ donor. The high school faculty was asked to choose a senior who best exemplified the spirit of Michael. Bailee Allen, daughter of Bret and Nadalee Allen, was chosen as the recipient of the scholarship. She plans to receive her degree from Texas A&M University in Animal Science, with the Pre-Veterinarian option.

Kinney 4-H News

Submitted by AgriLife Extension office

The Kinney County Food Show was held on Sunday November 9th at the Church of Christ.

These 4-Hers completed their project by preparing a dish and answering questions related to the dish, food guide pyramid and what they learned in the project.

The winners were Morgan Knox and Tyler Schuster, Heather Know, Garon Rueda, Shelby Schuster and Austin Pettett.

Extension programs serve

people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service, or accommodation in order to participate in meetings are encouraged to contact the Extension office.

Thank You

To the voters of Kinney County, Thank you for your support for my bid for KCGCD Director. I appreciate your help, and look forward to working with the community as a director on the water board.

Stan Metcalf

Sutherlands
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Friday, Nov 21 at 7 a.m.

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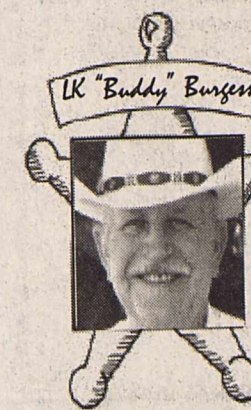
Brackett Deer Cooler offers deer processing, taxidermy services, feed and feeder supplies, new and used hunting equipment, ranch cleanup and embroidery services; they also have candles and other great gifts for Christmas.

Their main goal is to provide affordable items and services to Kinney County and surrounding area hunters in order to enhance their hunting experience.

They are currently working on improving their store with better hunting gear and a wider selection of camouflage clothing and feeder parts.

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Monday, November
4:31 pm A local Border patrol agent reported loss on Hwy. 334. The owner notified and the cattle was back on the property.

Tuesday, November
6:00 pm Holms Arron 19, of Dripping Springs, arrested for possession of marijuana, two ounces. Was released on an Ace bail.

4:21 pm A caller reported loose cattle on Stand and Las Moras Road. Was enroute to the location.

5:05 pm A woman reported someone had tried to break her vehicle. A deputy was notified.

Wednesday, November
10:30 pm Arturo F. 49, of Del Rio, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

4:09 pm A woman reported that a pitbull had bitten a possible intoxicated City employee who was trying to retrieve the animal.

8:05 pm A 911 caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy. 90. A deputy was enroute to the location.

9:10 pm A woman reported that the lights and door were to a local business. They were notified and went to the building.

Thursday, November
7:45 pm Angel Loui Jr., 32, of Killeen, was arrested with a warrant for unmonitored child support is still being held at the prison.

10:54 pm A caller reported livestock out near Hwy. The City Annex. A deputy was enroute.

11:11 pm A caller reported loud noise coming from business. A deputy was enroute to the location.

Friday, November
11:50 pm Jesus Martinez of Rocksprings, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury. Martinez was released on \$1,500 bond.

2:50 pm A caller reported assistance of a deputy was at the school for a notification. A deputy was enroute.

7:43 pm A man reported individual assaulted and threatened him with a weapon at a local establishment. A deputy was notified.

9:38 pm A 911 caller reported a notification and dispatch to a location.

Let Peace Rule



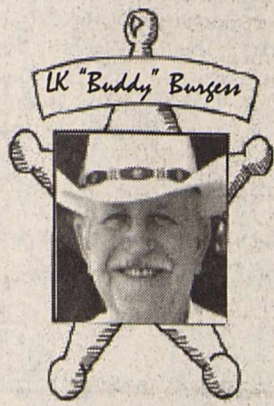
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Let Peace Rule! Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you are called in one body and by one Spirit.

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Colossians 3:15

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Monday, November 10
4:31 pm A local Border Patrol agent reported loose cattle on Hwy. 334. The owner was notified and the cattle were put back on the property.

Tuesday, November 11
6:00 pm Holms Arron Waltin, 19, of Dripping Springs, was arrested for possession of marijuana, two ounces. Waltin was released on an Ace bail bond.

4:21 pm A caller reported loose cattle on Standard Lane and Las Moras Road. A deputy was enroute to the location.

5:05 pm A woman reported someone had tried to break into her vehicle. A deputy was notified.

Wednesday, November 12
10:30 pm Arturo Ferguson, 49, of Del Rio, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, third offense. Ferguson is still being held at press time.

4:09 pm A woman reported that a pitbull had bitten her son. City employees were notified to retrieve the animal.

8:05 pm A 911 caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy. 90. A deputy was notified and enroute to the location.

9:10 pm A woman reported the lights and door was left open to a local business. The owners were notified and went to secure the building.

Thursday, November 13
7:45 pm Angel Louis Ramirez Jr., 32, of Killeen, was arrested with a warrant for unpaid payments of child support. Ramirez is still being held at press time.

10:54 pm A caller reported livestock out near Hwy. 90 by the City Annex. A deputy was enroute.

11:11 pm A caller reported loud noise coming from a local business. A deputy was dispatched to the location.

Friday, November 14
11:50 pm Jesus Martinez, 33, of Rocksprings, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury. Martinez was released on a \$1,500 bond.

2:50 pm A caller reported the assistance of a deputy was needed at the school for a minor accident. A deputy was dispatched.

7:43 pm A man reported an individual assaulted him and threatened him with a deadly weapon at a local establishment. A deputy was notified.

9:38 pm A 911 caller requested a deputy. A deputy was notified and dispatched to the location.

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Schuster honored at district meeting



Submitted by

The District 10 4-H Honors Banquet was held Saturday, October 18, at Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde. This event honors the outstanding 4-H members from the 21 counties in District 10 who have been selected to receive 4-H's highest honor. The 4-H member from Kinney County that was recognized was Cheyenne Smith and Donna Schuster.

Gold Star recipients were special guests of AEP-Texas, the sponsor of the Banquet for over 40 years. Each honoree received the traditional Gold Star Pin from Texas AgriLife Extension Service and a 1 gigabyte jump drive from AEP-Texas. Mrs. Gloria Schwarzlose, retired District Extension Director, was the keynote speaker. Mrs. Schwarzlose is a product of the 4-H program. She was a ten year 4-H member and Gold Star recipient.

This year also began a new tradition with the addition of recognition of volunteers with the Golden Clover Award.

Each county had the opportunity to nominate one volunteer for this award. There were 14 volunteers nominated this

year. The volunteer honored from Kinney County was Donna Schuster.

Let's take a look at the impact that volunteers have on the 4-H program. During the 2007-2008 4-H year, there were 3,416 volunteers in District 10. Let's estimate that each volunteer gave 40 hours during the year (most of them give more time than that!). That equals 136,640 hours of volunteer time. According to the Independent Sector, the value of a volunteer's time is \$19.51 an hour. The total value of volunteers to the District 10 4-H program was a whopping \$2,665,846.40. The time, dedication and service volunteers give to 4-H are priceless!

The Gold Star award has an interesting history that began back in 1929. The first Gold Star Awards in Texas were presented to County Extension Agents, not youth! In 1929, agents who submitted the most 4-H record books from their county to the State received the award. In 1933, E.C. Martin, Boy's 4-H Club Specialist, wrote that nominations would be received and the top 100 4-H'ers across Texas would receive the Gold Star Award at

State Short Course at College Station (currently called State 4-H Roundup).

In 1948, the award was changed to include the outstanding boy or girl in each county. The cost of the pin was 30 cents plus 5 cents for postage. Girls could wear the pin on bracelets and boys could use them for tie clasps. At this time, selection for girls were made by the chairman of the county home demonstration council and two 4-H club girls. The agricultural agent could use the Ag Council or the County Judging Committee for boy's selection.

In 1953, Texas allocated 250 Gold Star tie clasps and 250 bracelets across the state. By 1972, boy and girls designations were changed to include only the outstanding 4-H'ers in the county. In 1979, the Gold Star pin was redesigned and the current allocation system based on 4-H enrollment was implemented statewide.

Congratulations to the Kinney County Gold Star and Golden Clover recipients for a job well done! We look forward to seeing what your future holds as you continue to "Make The Best Better!"

Holley awarded Yard of the Month



Courtesy Photo

My late husband Mike Holley and I moved to the Fort in December of 1994. We moved into our home in Dec. of 1995. We loved living here. Since his passing, my son James Woodes and my granddaughter Olivia moved into my home and have brought love, life and beauty into our home. This is the first time we have been chosen for this award and I can honestly say that I have James to thank for that. He is a wonderful son.

Getting ready with a winter weather checklist

With the start of 2008/2009 winter season, this is a good time to have a winter weather checklist. We can never be too ready for winter in Texas. From large swings in temperature to ice storms, high winds, and snow, winter can strike quickly. At home and at work, the main concerns are the possible loss of heat, power, phone service, and shortage of supplies.

Have available: A flashlight and extra batteries, a battery-powered AM/FM radio and a NOAA weather radio for emergency information, these may be your only outside link; extra food and water. High energy foods, such as dried fruit or bread, and food needing no refrigeration or cooking is best. Extra medicine and baby items and supplies for first aid. Heating fuel. Fuel carriers may not reach you for days after a severe winter storm.

Emergency heating source such as a fireplace, wood stove, or space heater. Learn to use these correctly to prevent fire and keep areas well ventilated.

Fire extinguisher and smoke detector. Test these regularly to ensure your safety.

If you travel, plan for potential winter weather. Stay alert to the latest weather conditions in advance of winter storms to ensure your safety. Check and winterize your vehicle at the start of the winter season. Keep your gas tank near full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines. Avoid traveling alone and let someone know your travel plans, timeable and route. If a winter storm threatens your route, have the follow-

ing winter storm survival kit with you: Blankets/Sleeping bag, Flashlight and extra batteries, First Aid kit, Knife, Food that is high in energy and non perishable, Extra clothing to keep dry, Can and water-proof matches to melt snow for drinking water, Sack of sand, Shovel, Windshield scraper and brush, Tool kit, Booster cables, Water container, Large containers for tissue paper and towels, Compass and road maps.

On the farm: move the animals to a sheltered area if possible, provide extra feeding to nearby feeding areas, have a water supply available, most animals deaths in winter storms are from dehydration. Dress to fit the season. Wear loose fitting, light weight, warm clothing in several layers. Trapped air insulates. Layers can be removed to avoid perspiration and subsequent chill. Outer garments should be tightly woven, water repellent, and hooded. Wear a hat. Significant body heat loss can be from

the head. Cover your mouth to protect your lungs from extreme cold. Mittens that are snug at the wrist are better than gloves. Try to stay dry. We at the National Weather Service wish you a very happy and safe holiday and winter season.

OBITUARY

Charles Michael Nelson

February 12, 1941 - November 18, 2008

Charles Michael Nelson of Brackettville passed away on November 18, 2008 in Uvalde Memorial Hospital at the age of 67. He was born on February 12, 1941 in Austin, Minnesota to Charles and Lavina Nelson. He married Linda Postell on November 15, 1978 in Lytle, Texas. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Linda Nelson of Brackettville, Texas; two daughters; Jennifer Nelson and Juliane Nelson both of Minnesota; twin sons; Jason and Joel Nelson both of Minnesota; one brother; Nicholas Nelson of Blanco, Texas; numerous grandchildren; niece; Doreen "Dodi" Campbell of Blanco, Texas; he was preceded in death by parents and one sister; Linda. He was a member of the Badland Texas Rangers. Cremation under the direction of Rushing-Estes-Knowles Mortuary. Memorial services are still pending.

Days end deer stew



Vada Baldre

1 cup boiling water, ¼ lb. diced lean bacon, ¼ lb. margarine, 20 peeled boiling onions OR 4 large onions, chopped, 1 lg. garlic clove, minced, 2 lbs. boneless venison cut in 1 ½ cubes, 2 Tbsp. flour, 2 tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. pepper, 1 (12oz) can or bottle of beer, 1 Tbsp. lemon juice. Pouring boiling water over diced raw bacon & let stand

for 1 min. Drain. Put bacon & margarine into large skillet or Dutch oven. Cook until the onions are golden. Add meat a few pieces at a time. Brown over high heat. Transfer the meat to a platter after browning; stir in flour, salt and pepper & beer. Put all back in skillet. Just cover the meat with the beer. Add more beer as it cooks if more liquid is needed. (You may drink the rest of the beer if any is left!) Bring to a boil, reduce heat & add lemon juice: stir. Rice or noodles go well with this. Can be cooked in crock pot just as well by dumping all ingredients. Together & cook on low heat for 6 to 8 hours. Serves 8.

Rex; Meade to wed in Houston



Richard and Catherine Rex of South Belt, are proud to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Rex to Shawn Meade, son of David and Kathleen Meade of Pasadena. The bride to be is a 2001 graduate of Dobie High School. She is currently employed as a surgical assistant for Texas Eye

Institute. The prospective groom is a 2001 graduate of Sam Rayburn High School. He is employed with the Houston Fire Department, Jennifer is the granddaughter of Russell & Joy Williams of Brackettville. The couple plan a late November wedding at Vargo's in Houston, Texas.

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