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Community News

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING
American Legion will meet at Slator Hall on Thursday, November 12 at 6:30pm. All Veterans welcome.

BIBLE STUDY
Bible Study at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, located on the corner of Henderson and Fort, will be on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Challenges of caregiving for alzheimers, dementia and any other health care concerns.

VETERANS NEEDED
Veterans and citizens are needed to help get a U.S. Flag on the house or gate of every living Veteran in Brackettville and Kinney County. I am starting a "U.S. Flag Drive" for living Veterans. We will need donations to help buy flags, donations can be made at D&D Hardware and Kinney County Wool & Mohair. For more details contact Monty Montgomery, US Army (Ret), at 830-563-2291. Don't Forget Veterans Day Flag Raising at the Kinney County Courthouse on November 11 at 9am.

HEALTH FAIR
Will be held November 12 at the Brackettville Civic Center from 12 noon - 6pm. Lions Eye bus will screen vision, Lions Hearing board will screen hearing. Flu shots will be available and CHEER will be available for assistance. For more information contact Lolima Lewis at 830-563-3033

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP
Our Cancer Support Group will be having its monthly meeting on Thursday Nov 5th at 6:30PM at the Frontier Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Guest Speaker will be Donna Ward from the American Cancer Society to discuss services provided by ACS for members of our community. We will have a potluck meal. Meat will be provided. Please bring a side dish, salad, vegetable, or dessert. Cancer survivors, caregivers, and family members invited. Any questions, please contact Pat Sitzes at 830-563-5528

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
AA closed meetings will be Saturdays a 7pm at 109 Spring Street. info: 830-261-9596.

OLD QUARRY
It is that time of year again... time to get your Old Quarry season tickets for the 2009-10 year! Come to the Wine and Cheese social on Sunday Nov. 2-4 pm at the Administration Bldg. Best deal in town at \$35 a ticket for 4 exciting shows, PLUS the Cabaret Dinner. Be the first to get your tickets. Questions? Contact Wendy Knox 313-6695 or Tom McNew 563-9229. www.oldquarry@brackett.org

PICTURES AVAILABLE!
Parents Night pictures are available for purchase at the news paper office for \$2 each. This includes Varsity Football, JV Football, Cross Country, Cheerleaders, Volleyball and JH Volleyball. Info: 830-563-2852.

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TIGER AUTO DECALS
Show your love for the hometown team with a window decal for your automobile. Stop by the newspaper office at 111 W. Spring. The decals are on sale for \$6 each or two for \$10 and feature the new tiger logo. Both Tiger and Tigerette decals are available.

FOOD BANK NEWS
The CSFP Over Age 60 & TEXCAP Family Distribution will be on Friday, November 20 from 11am - 5pm at the newspaper office. Please do not arrive early. All food must be picked up on this day.

Detention center shut down after escape Locals return to work although cells are empty

By Leigh Volcsko
The Brackett News
Twenty-one county residents employed by the Kinney County Detention Center (KCDC) returned to work on Monday, November 2, after the facility was shut down for five days subsequent to the escape of a federal prisoner on October 23. Manuel Guardioli, 33, of Eagle Pass was in the detention center pending his appeal on his recent 35 year sentence for charges related to organized crime and last week, convinced a KCDC correctional officer to let him go on the promise

Guardioli would pay him money and arrange for him to meet girls. The correctional officer reportedly unlocked Guardioli's cell and allowed him to make his way to a fenced area in the rear of the center where he cut a hole in the fence and escaped. Once the escape was discovered early Friday, a specialized scent dog was brought in and it tracked Guardioli to the edge of Highway 131 where the facility sits just a few hundred yards back. Guardioli is still at large. The guard was taken into custody by the U.S. Marshal Service.

The center owned by Kinney County and built in 2004, employs a total of 66 people and is operated by independent contractor Community Education Centers (CEC) headquartered in New Jersey. CEC Director of Secure Facilities Division Jim Shaw said Tuesday, "A complete facility assessment," was underway and expects to be prepared to receive prisoners again in a matter of weeks. At the time the facility was closed, 267 prisoners were being housed there. All were rapidly moved by the U.S. Marshal

Service to other area facilities. The employees are cleaning the facility and will all undergo intensive training while the facility is still unoccupied. Shaw confirmed Warden Mickey Hubert and Assistant Warden Joe Rodriguez were both officially relieved of their duties on November 2. Ellen Hawks has been brought in as an interim warden until new wardens can be assigned, a process that CEC Senior Vice President for Business Development Peter Argeropulos says will begin immediately.



Interim Warden Ellen Hawks

HALLOWEEN HAUNTINGS



Brackett News Photos By Leigh Volcsko
Above: Linda Corrella, Nevada Coe, Elia Coe, Marty Payne and Rosie Luna carry out what has become a Brackett tradition by passing out hotdogs and flavored popcorn to trick or treaters of all ages.



Below: Alyssa Hernandez, Vanessa Hernandez, Xristian Hernandez, Lalo Garcia, Lalo Garcia, Jr. and Joe Anthony Hernandez trick or treat around Brackett in high Halloween fashion.

GED enrollment process a success

Twenty-three (23) students joined at the library's Cyber Café last week, eager to enroll in the GED program brought to Brackettville by SWTJC and 12 of them took in one step further and enrolled in the College Spring Semester. Ms Elizabeth Baynes has been hired as the GED Teacher and will begin classes on Wednesday, November 4. Classes will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights at the Cyber Café from 6-9 PM. Deadline for enrollment is November 30. The Public Library will stay open until 8 PM on those nights to accommodate the GED students and to assist with child care by providing a Story Hour Program from 6-7 pm. Library Director, Sarah Terrazas understands how hard it is to balance school, work and family and therefore, wants to help out as much as possible. But she is not alone we are so blessed to be living in a community that is ready to step up when needed. People like Nancy Mendoza, Alison Sanchez, and Gloria Rosales have already offered to volunteer their time to come in on those nights to assist with the children's program, and the library staff is willing to work later hours to help out. Volunteers are still needed to help Ms. Bayne's tutor the GED students; therefore, if you would like to help make a difference in our Community please contact; Sarah Terrazas at 830-563-2884 for more information.

Grass Valley secures activity bond

On September 17, 2009 Grass Valley Water, LP was issued a Certificate of Reservation (Docket Number 3782) by the Texas Bond Review Board for a total of \$483,000,000 to be used for the development of the Grass Valley Water project. The reservation allows Grass Valley to issue up to \$483,000,000 of tax-exempt private activity bonds upon signing a contract with an end user to supply water from the project. Said project consists of a 64 inch pipeline, appropriate production wells, collection systems, holding tanks, pressure reduction stations, pump stations and leased and/or purchased land and groundwater rights. The project will be able to transport and deliver to the San Antonio area significant quantities of groundwater pumped from the western areas of the Edwards and Edwards-Trinity Aquifers, where excess groundwater is known to be available on a sustainable basis.

Kinney County Judge Ward: Moving Forward

By Katie Brown
The Brackett News
The office of the County Judge encompasses much more than just presiding over the Commissioners Court. The County Judge is the Chief Financial Officer for the county; the administrator who, among other things, supervises the EMS and Fire Departments, the Nutrition Center, the Kinney County Library and the cemetery. He oversees the maintenance of all the county buildings. "Most counties that have the amount of property this county has, have augmented the administrative duties of the county judge with what they call a court administrator; that is an individual who aides the judge in the coordination and the administration of the various programs," said Ward. "That person would be more in a managerial type position; the person who would do the leg

work for the judge." That position does not exist in Kinney County, so one can imagine the tremendous work load our county judge assumes. Judge Ward had previously held the position of County Judge and was fully aware of the magni-



County Judge Tim Ward

tude of the office when he was appointed to finish out Judge Fritters' term. Due to health issues, Fritter was unable to actively participate in the day to day issues, leaving department heads to take on more responsibility. Now that Judge Ward is in the office on a day to day basis, they have had to readjust and acquiesce those assumed responsibilities to him. The department heads are working closely with Judge Ward to ensure a smooth transition. Ward describes the courts that are under the judicial county constitutional court. "The county judge is what they call a constitutional county court; it is basically established in the constitution. It is the court that hears "jailable" offenses, county jail offenses. So I have my criminal duties in the court, I have a civil court and I have probate court. In addition to that there is a juvenile court." Through the legislature it is strongly recommended, and it has been implemented for a number of years, that the adjudication of juveniles is done by the district judge; reason being is that it is a court of higher level and they are attorneys and they have court stenographers and they can provide the level of judicial responsibility that needs to be adhered to for juveniles. In the last sixty days Ward has heard numerous probate cases and civil docket as well and a large criminal docket. A docket call is one that calls a case to trial. In a criminal docket you basically have an arraignment, pre-trial and then a trial. Each time a case is heard before a judge, it moves to a different level; it moves from an arraignment where the individual is advised of their rights to pre-trial and then to trial. The majority of the criminal cases

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Brackettville's 7-Day Forecast Nov. 5-11	This Week's Local Forecast							Weather Trivia How far is the sun from the Earth? ? 93 million miles
	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
	Sunny 78/53	Sunny 76/55	Mostly Sunny 77/59	Partly Cloudy 77/61	Partly Cloudy 78/56	Partly Cloudy 76/55	Mostly Sunny 74/58	
	Precip Chance: 0%	Precip Chance: 0%	Precip Chance: 5%	Precip Chance: 10%	Precip Chance: 10%	Precip Chance: 10%	Precip Chance: 5%	

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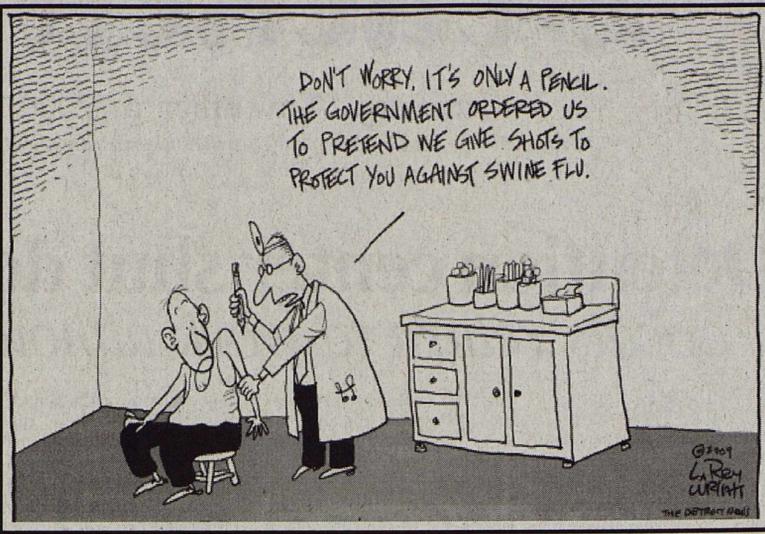
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Save money and lose the guilt



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

This month's new habit is menu planning. Now don't go running to the closet to hide. This is quite simple when you take just a few minutes each week to do this.

First I need to explain to you why menu planning is so important to us. You can't eat what you don't have in the house. Just the simple act of sitting down and thinking about what to fix for the next week, then going to the grocery store and purchasing the food will give you more freedom than almost anything. This will save you time and money and put good food in your pantry. When you have nutritious food in your home you will feel better about what you and your family are eating.

With the extra cost of heating our homes and driving our cars we have to find a way to save a few bucks here and there. The easiest place to do this is with our food budgets. Oh you don't have a budget. You have been doing whatever it takes to get food down your family's throats. When we are in a hurry the first thing that comes to mind is the closest fast food joint or picking up the phone to order pizza once again. A little menu plan and a clean kitchen can go a long way toward feeding your

family and saving money at the same time. Now we are heading into a busy and expensive holiday season. We want to help you use your time and your money in an efficient way to feed your family and at the same time release the guilt. Menu Planning will do this. Now I am not just talking about dinner time. We have to eat snacks, breakfasts and lunches too. This has to be in our menu planning and on our grocery list. When I first started dealing head on with my health issues, Leanne helped me to develop a pantry for feeding myself good food. We all have to do this too. It started with the first meal of the day. I am not a breakfast person unless it is a full blown meal eaten out. I don't feel like eating in the morning. But in order to get fuel my body I needed to have good food in my home. I have learned that I have to eat to live and I no longer live to eat. I couldn't stave myself all day and then pig out for dinner. Leanne helped me put together a list of foods that is perpetually on my grocery list. I always have them in my refrigerator and my pantry. For me these are high protein snacky type foods; Yogurt, cottage cheese, cheese, almonds, deli ham and eggs. You have to adapt this list for your family and your dietary needs. Then you have lunches. If you take your lunch then you will need items that can easily pack or use Leanne's website <http://SavingDinner.com> to produce glorious leftovers that you co-workers will beg you for. Put

these things on your perpetual grocery list. Keep your pantry and refrigerator stocked so you will not have spend extra money that we don't have right now to eat out.

Next we have to think about what we are going to cook for the next week's evening meals. Establish a Basic Weekly Plan and make it fun. You could use an Ethnic theme: Monday could be Italian, Tuesday Mexican, and Wednesday Chinese. You get the picture or you could use another formula: Monday chicken, Tuesday beef, Wednesday pork. Or you could mix it all up and say: Monday is ethnic day, Tuesday Crock Pot day, Wednesday Soup and Sandwiches, Thursday Leftovers, Friday Kid cook day, Saturday Picnic, Sunday Special dinner. So you see menu planning does not have to be boring. You just need a template to do the scheduling. You can use your calendar for this too.

Just pencil in what you have eaten this last week to give you something to go by. Eventually you will have a whole month penciled in! It is time to get started working on your menus and your grocery list. Get out your pen and paper and set your timer for 15 minutes. I am not asking you to drag out all your cookbooks, we are just working on a plan. Are you ready to save money and feed your family by establishing this new habit? Who knows it may just help you get rid of some of that Body Clutter that is in your head! You know the "I don't have time to cook tonight" thought that comes into your head every evening at 6:00pm.

Avoid these scary investment moves



Emily Cooper
Edward Jones in Del Rio

It's Halloween time again, so you'll probably be seeing a lot of ghosts, goblins, witches and werewolves. While you may find these sightings more amusing than fear-inducing, you don't have to look far to find things that really are frightening such as scary investment moves. Fortunately, by recognizing these sinister steps, you can help avoid them. Here are a few to consider:

Scary Move No. 1: Trying to "time" the market If you always knew when to "buy low and sell high," you'd be a tremendously successful investor. Unfortunately, no one can accurately predict highs and lows and if you try to jump in and out of investments in response to speculation about where the market is heading, you could end up missing good opportunities. You're typically better off by staying invested and investing based on your individual risk tolerance, time horizon and need for diversification. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, cannot guarantee a profit or protect against a loss.)

Scary Move No. 2: Chasing after "hot" tips You can get "hot" investment tips from anybody your neighbor, your brother-in-law or even that guy you always see at the bus stop. But while these tips may be well intentioned, they may be flawed, for a couple of reasons. First, if an investment really was "hot," by the time you hear about it and get around to purchasing it, it may already be cooling off. But more importantly, it might not be suitable for your individual needs. Look for investments that you understand and that can help you meet your goals.

Scary Move No. 3: Investing too aggressively or too conservatively. If you invest too aggressively, you could be taking unnecessary chances. On the other hand, if you invest too conservatively, you may never achieve your long-term objectives. Try to find a mix of investments that fits your individual risk tolerance.

Scary Move No. 4: Leaving your portfolio "unbalanced" Over time, your individual situation will change, as will the fundamentals of some of the investments you own. That's why it's important that you regularly rebalance your portfolio, possibly with the help of an experienced financial professional.

Scary Move No. 5: Failing to take advantage of investment opportunities To help meet your goals, such as a comfortable retirement, it's important to take advantage of suitable investment opportunities. Contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, as well as your IRA and other retirement accounts you may have. As an investor, your greatest ally is time, so the more years you invest especially when you're investing in tax-advantaged accounts such as a 401(k) and an IRA the greater your prospects for achieving your financial objectives. You can't elude all the pitfalls that life may hold in store.

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6	5	9	7	1	4	3	2	8
7	2	4	3	6	8	1	9	5
4	9	1	6	8	3	7	5	2
2	3	7	4	5	9	8	1	6
8	6	5	1	7	2	4	3	9

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Brackett VB vs. Burton

Area Playoff: It will take place at the Tivy High School at Kerrville Thursday, Nov. 5 at 7pm.

FCA'S ANNUAL THANKSFORGIVING

Food Drive is underway, thanks to the Brackett Junior High and High School Student Fellowship of Christian Athletes Chapter.

Teams of students and adult volunteers will deliver Thanksgiving food boxes to more than 20 area Kinney County families on Wednesday, November 18th.

Students have been collecting food items since last week.

FCA is the largest student organization on campus and is made up of nearly 100 junior high and high schoolers. Students meet for prayer, fellowship and worship every Wednesday night at the high school gym. Coach/sponsors are Rhonda and Charlie Marquardt.

For more information, please call Rhonda Marquardt at 563.5181.

Brackett HS 2009-2010 1st Nine Weeks "A" Honor Roll

7th Grade: Peyton Bonner, Morgan Brown, William Blake Duncan, Madison Frerich, Rivers Maddox and David Ortega. **8th Grade:** Leslie Allen, Shannon Gammill, Rebecca Rangel Nadia Rodriguez and Shelby Schuster. **Freshmen:** Megan Flores **Sophomore:** Grant Westbrook **Juniors:** Brandon Allen, Kelsey Bruce, Haley Hale, Aylard Letsinger. **Seniors:** Victor Cantu, Brianna Escamilla, Brooklyn Gose and Jeffrey Sitgraves

Brackett HS 2009-2010 1st Nine Weeks "A-B" Honor Roll

7th Grade: Webb Ashley, Teno Flores, Treya Houston, Ryan Lindhorst, Christian Lopez, Cheyenne Pena, Amber Resendez, Ariana Rodriguez, Sebastian Salinas, Dense Salmon Gabriela Sandoval and Te'a Sandoval. **8th Grade:** Judith Adams, Korlee Allen, James Blake, McKenzie Castillo, Clarissa Cruz, Dolores Garza, Heather Knox, Forrest Maddox Jennifer Musgrave, Garon Rueda and August Stephenson. **Freshmen:** Daniel Brinker, Tony Flores, Briana Garza, Selina Gerardo, Rolando Gutierrez, Madison Koontz, Austin Pettett, Jonathan Pinales, Selena Talamantes and Jacquelyn Yandell. **Sophomores:** Nevada Coe, Lauren Duncan, Maria Garcia, Alicia Guerrero, Elvia Guerrero, Irm Guerrero, Levi Gutierrez, Brittany Hale, Kelli Kennedy, Steven Lowrance and Cynthia Salazar. **Juniors:** Kasey Croy, Sarah Davis, Michael Flores, Courtney Kirkland, Sahara Rodriguez, Jaime Sandoval, Joshua Smith, Roberto Torres and Eric Villanueva. **Seniors:** Cheyenne Billings, Chris Blake, Charles Conoly, Jessica Earwood, Ramon Gutierrez, Kimberly Hamilton, Tanner Hinsey, Adan Pinales, Lawrence Salazar and Katryna Swilley.

Brackett vs La Pryor



Tiger Gridiron
Thomas Hurney

The La Pryor ISD web page made reference to the beatdown inflicted upon the Tigers last week in a detached, almost gentle, manner (it read, in part, that the Bulldogs had "defeated" the Tigers) and I thought that it was kind of nice of them not to rub it in, although they surely could have.

The Bulldogs remained unbeaten and won their second consecutive district title in the

process with a 55-14 dismantling of host Brackett Friday night at Tiger Stadium.

About two minutes into the game, La Pryor's Wyatt Howell scored on a fumbled punt return and it was all down-Howell from there, as they say, in the second quarter Sage Granado capped an 89-yard drive with an 8-yard touchdown run of his own, and quarterback Israel Medina hooked up with wide receiver Micheal Martinez on a 36-yard touchdown pass to put the Bulldogs up 21-7 at the half.

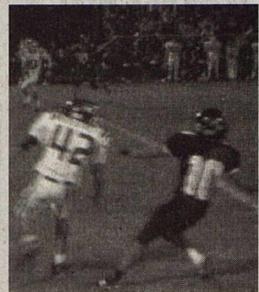
Medina, Martinez, Granado and Howell each scored again in the second half (Medina had two touchdowns, in fact). Quarterback Cody Clark and half-back Victor Robledo accounted for the Tigers two touchdowns

on the evening.

All of which brings us to the season finale in Sabinal. Three teams in our district will qualify for the post-season, and two of them are named La Pryor and D'Hanis.

The Tigers and Yellow Jackets have the same record within the district, so Friday night's contest will determine who gets the remaining playoff berth and who goes home.

Exciting stuff, that. I hope to see a lot of black and gold at the game this Friday-let's see if we can neutralize their homefield advantage just a bit. Kickoff is at 7:30.



	TIGERS	La Pryor
Points Scored	14	55
First Downs	16	15
By Rush/Pass/Penalty	12/0/4	9/5/0
3rd Downs Made/Att/Eff	4/11/36	7/11/64
4th Downs Made/Att/Eff	0/2/0	0/1/0
Total Yards / Avg per Play	227/4.6	479/9.6
Total Yards Rushing	225	277
Rushing Att/Avg	45/5.0	34/8.1
Total yards Passing	2	202
Pass Att/Comp/Int	4/3/0	16/6/0
Average Yards per Pass	0.5	12.6
Punts /Avg	5/32.8	2/49.5
Punt Returns/Yards/Avg	1/10/-10	4/13/3
Punts Blocked	0	0
Kickoff Returns/Yds/Avg	8/83/10	2/46/23
Fumbles /Lost	4/3	1/1
Total Turnovers	3	1
Penalties /Yards	1/8	11/73
Sacks /Yards	1/5	3/13
TDs	2	7
TDs Rush/Pass	2/0	4/3
Field Goals Att/Made	0/0	1/0
Time of Possession	22:33	25:27

Score by Quarter	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
La Pryor	7	14	20	14	-	55
TIGERS	0	7	7	0	-	14

Scoring Summary

La Pryor: 1 Play, at 10:01 1st Q, La Pryor recovers a Tiger punt return fumble for a TD. PAT Kick Attempt - Good.
 La Pryor: 13 Plays, 89 Yards, at 4:59 2nd Q, 8 yard rushing TD. PAT Kick Attempt - Good.
 TIGERS: 10 Plays, 64 Yards, at 1:16 2nd Q, Clark, Cody, 1 yard rushing TD. PAT Kick Attempt - Allen, Brandon - Good.
 La Pryor: 1 Play, 36 Yards, at 11:54 2nd Q, 36 yard passing TD. PAT Kick Attempt - Good.
 La Pryor: 9 Plays, 99 Yards, at 9:42 3rd Q, 3 yard rushing TD. PAT Kick Attempt - Failed.
 La Pryor: 3 Plays, 65 Yards, at 7:04 3rd Q, 65 yard passing TD. PAT Kick Attempt - Good.
 La Pryor: 3 Plays, 62 Yards, at 3:04 3rd Q, 55 yard passing TD. PAT Kick Attempt - Good.
 TIGERS: 7 Plays, 56 Yards, at 1:09 3rd Q, Robledo, Victor, 2 yard rushing TD. PAT Kick Attempt - Allen, Brandon - Good.
 La Pryor: 6 Plays, 54 Yards, at 11:47 4th Q, 4 yard rushing TD. PAT Kick Attempt - Good.
 La Pryor: 1 Play, 27 Yards, at 1:42 4th Q, 27 yard rushing TD.

The "Whole" Note



Heather Knox

Marching bands have existed in some form for as long as there have been organized armies with access to some kind of instruments. Bands grew out of the military where there were thousands of people who needed to move in the same direction, all together, and not trample each other. The troops moved best when everyone stayed in neat rows, the same distance apart. This task was most easily accomplished if there was some way of indicating to the troops which foot should come down when.

With no instruments, the troops often chanted, "Left —, left —, left right left —" (sometimes with humorous songs attached to them). Drum beats made it easy to stay together and

could be heard at a great distance. Add a few instruments playing melodies, and the music also helped keep up the soldiers' spirits. Marching bands can be made up of any instruments and any number of players. American soldiers marched to fifes & drums during our Revolutionary War period, drum and bugle corps during our Civil War period, and full brass, woodwind & percussion military bands during World War I & II. If you were a soldier in Scotland or some places in Canada, you might have marched to drums and bagpipes.

During the Civil War, bands were kept to rally the troops. A civil war general was watching his troops lose a battle, and scatter everywhere. He decided to try rallying them with music. Finding several regimental bands standing confused as the enemy closed in, Heintzelman ordered them to take up their instruments. "Play! Play! It's all you're good for," he shouted. "Play some marching tune! Play

'Yankee Doodle,' or any doodle you can think of, only play something!" Before long, over the roar of the guns, came the sound of "Yankee Doodle" and then "Three Cheers for the Red, White, and Blue." One of the General's officers thought the music was worth a thousand men. "It saved the battle," he wrote.

Marching Bands for just the pleasure of the music started in the 1800's with the Sousa and Patrick Gilmore Bands. Gilmore is considered to be the 'Father of the American Band'. He led a regimental band and wrote the words for "When Johnny Comes marching Home Again". He set up the standard for marching bands, and added the woodwinds back into marching bands.

Did you know?... Until 1972 bands were all male (except for during WWII). Princeton had the first college band, and developed the "Scatter", where all members run on field haphazardly to their positions.

"Youth Rodeo Club"



Photo Courtesy to The Brackett News - Maddie won ALL-AROUND COWGIRL in the Quemado Youth Rodeo Club for the 2009 series, and Walker Harris won ALL-AROUND COWBOY.



Photo Courtesy to Brackett News - Maddie won ALL-AROUND COWGIRL in the Del Rio Youth Rodeo Association for the 2009 series, and Levi Gutierrez won ALL-AROUND COWBOY.

XC meet in San Antonio

The Varsity girls and Joelson Terrazas qualify for the Regional XC meet in San Antonio, on November 7, 2009. Brackett JH and HS XC team competed in the District XC Meet on Wednesday, October 28. The Varsity girls placed 2nd, the individual results were Kelsey Bruce 1st 12:41, Bianca Cruz 5th 13:41, Haley Hale 10th 14:02, Sahara Rodriguez 12th 14:12, Erica Villanueva 18th 15:26, Cheyenne Smith 19th 15:29 and Icela Rueda 21st 15:39.

The Varsity boys placed 5th, the individual results were Joelson Terrazas 7th 18:19, Bradley Edwards 33rd 21:37, Victor Cantu 38th 22:23, Jaime Sandoval 39th 22:47, Victor Roman 40th 23:11 and Grant Westbrook 50th 25:54.

The Junior Varsity individual results were Marissa Villareal 1st 14:55, Mercedes Ocasio 6th 16:34 and Sariah Guartuche 18th 19:01.

For the Junior Varsity boys Adrian Hernandez placed 2nd with a time of 20:19. Junior High girls were placed 2nd, the individual results for the seventh grade girls were Clarissa Valdez 6th 15:37, Gabby Sandoval 7th 15:39, Morgan Brown 8th 15:52, Amber Resendez 13th 17:03, Ayssa Rodriguez 15th 17:27, Maddie Frerich 19th 17:45, Alexis Castillo 21st 18:08, Cheyenne Pena 22nd 18:20, Karina Perez 23rd 18:37, Peyton Bonner 25th 19:25, Sierra Falcon 28th 20:12 and Rivers Maddox 32nd 21:13.

The individual results for the eighth grade girls were McKenzie Castillo 8th with a time of 15:53 and Haley Smith 21st with a time of 19:01. Junior High boys placed 2nd, the eighth grade boys individual results were Garon Rueda 2nd with a time of 13:31 and Wyatt Blake 8th with a time of 14:04.

The seventh grade boys individual results were Bennie Brinker 5th 14:08, Marco Rosales 9th 14:56, Sebastian Salinas 10th 15:00, Dante Luna 11th 15:07 and Travis Earwood 25th 21:08.

Brackett Bengals run over 49ers



Photo Courtesy to The Brackett News - The Brackett Bengals Flag Football Team are now 5-0. The Bengals are part of the youth football league in Uvalde. Support the team this Saturday as they play for the championship at the practice fields at Uvalde High School. Players first row from left: Diego Castillo, Javi DeLeon, Giovanni Rodriguez, Ty Edwards and Kristopher Creel. Second row: Martin Garcia, Michael Falcon, Ethan Garcia, Logan Fisher, Cayden Regalado, Witt Gutierrez and Stetson Schuster. Third Row: Bryan Fisher, Coach Frank Castillo and Michael Falcon.

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Public Hearing BISD
 There will be a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. Monday 11-9-2009 to provide information about the High School Equivalency Program (HSEP) being proposed at Brackett High School. The High School Equivalency Program (HSEP) or In-School GED Option Program will provide an alternative for high school students, age 16 and over, who are at risk of not graduating from high school and earning a high school diploma. The board of trustees of a school district must hold a public hearing concerning the In-school GED Option Program application before submitting the application to the state education agency. Additionally, a public hearing must be conducted annually to review the performance of the program.

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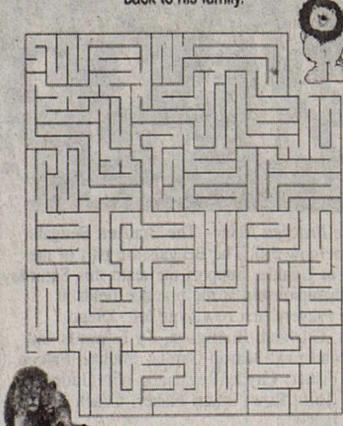
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Cryptogram
 A cryptogram is a puzzle where a sentence is encoded by substituting the actual letters of the sentence with different letters. The challenge of the puzzle is to 'decode' the sentence to reveal the original English sentence. We have provided a few of the decoded letters to help get you started.
Hint: Quote by Martin Luther King, Jr.
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 IRI
 DRO DBCO BP JLTJAP KBNRD DQ
 IRI
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Sudoku Answer
 Page 6
 The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

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Happy 3rd Birthday!!



Tommy Gomez

May all your dreams and wishes come true! Love Daddy, Mommy and Chunky. Ama, Tata, tia Sha, Anda, Mimi and Papi. Rampa and Randma Tia Cici, Cassandra, Carlos.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Monday, October 26

7:20pm, A man called stating he was driving in Del Rio, and another individual was drifting in and out of traffic on Bedell Ave. The dispatcher notified Del Rio Police Department, they stated they would relay the message to an officer in the area.

Tuesday, October 27

4:10pm, A woman walked into the Sheriff office requesting to speak with a deputy. A deputy was informed.

5:58pm, A motorist called to report loose livestock on Hwy 90. A deputy was informed and enroute to the location.

6:36pm, Fort Clark Security called requesting a deputies assistance at the gate. A deputy was advised.

7:39pm, A call was received about a reckless driver headed towards Brackettville. A deputy was informed.

Wednesday, October 28

6:33am, A woman called stating there was a loose horse by the football field. A deputy was advised of the situation.

7:23am, A alarm company called stating a alarm was going off at the school. A deputy was informed of the incident.

10:41am, A man called stating a reckless driver almost hit his vehicle. The man later came to the Sheriff office to file a formal complaint.

11:24am, A woman called to report there was tire shreds on Hwy 90 from a semi truck. TxDot was notified and stated they would take care of the situation.

1:41pm, A man called to report there was loose goats on Hwy 90 East. A deputy was notified.

8:08pm, A woman called stating she heard a woman screaming near her residence, she also stated it sounded like she was getting hit. A deputy was notified and enroute to the location.

Thursday, October 29

7:23am, A alarm company called stating a alarm was going off at the school. The alarm company contacted an employee who knew the code for the alarm.

8:52am, A trooper radioed in to report a line down close to a water drainage. A City hall employee was notified and stated a crew would be enroute to the location.

8:52am, A man called to report a vehicle driving reckless on Hwy 90. A trooper was notified of the situation.

11:43pm, Diomcio Olivares, 45, of Brownsville, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, third offense. Olivares is still being held at press time.

Friday, October 30

1:00pm, A 911 call was received about loose livestock on Hwy 277. A deputy was informed and made contact with the owner.

Saturday, October 31

1:31pm, A woman came to the Sheriff office stating the doors were unlocked at a local business and nobody was inside the building. A deputy and an employee were notified of the situation.

Sunday, November 1

2:08am, Border patrol called stating one of their units had a possible intoxicated driver in custody. A deputy was notified of the situation.

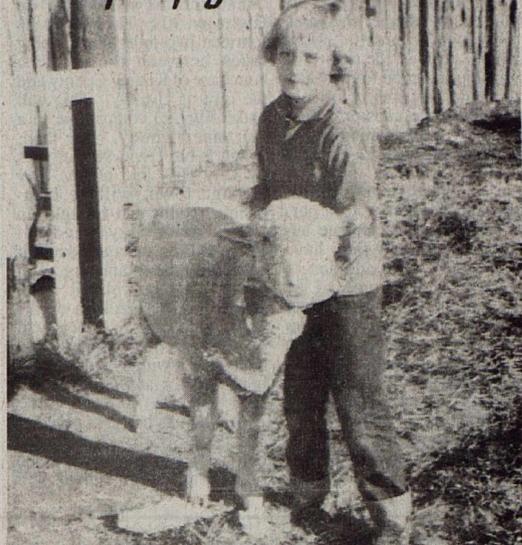
3:03am, Lisa Marie Flores, 44, of Quemado, was arrested for public intoxication. Flores was released on a \$305.00 fine, \$50.00 jail credit, \$255.00 balance due December 1, 2009 on a written promise made by defendant, JP Villareal.

1:00pm, A man called to report there was three cows on the road. The Game Warden was advised.

3:20pm, A man called to report his property had been damaged by his neighbor. A deputy was informed of the incident.

4:52pm, A woman called stat-

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Happy 60th Birthday!

We love you, Dee Dee, Clinto, Morgan and Gage, Caven, Stormy and Laura

Co-op Welcomes New Linemen

New to Rio Grande Electric Cooperative and Brackettville are California transplants Alex Ellis and Jason Smith. Both are graduates of Northwest Lineman College and are the Co-op's newest apprentice linemen.



Ellis, who holds an AA degree from Mendocino Community College, heard about Rio Grande and Brackettville from a former lineman's college buddy, who now works in the Co-op's Fort Stockton operations area. Alex says he is excited to be working in Brackettville, and has heard good things about RGEC. He is getting settled in to his new residence and looks forward to getting to know the people of Brackettville.



Smith is a family man, who originally hails from Lodi, California. He attended Delta Community College, in Stockton, California, where he received certification in Automotive Technology. He and his wife, Amy, are the proud parents of two sons, Lucas and Ty, ages seven and four, respectively. Jason thoroughly researched Brackettville before deciding to make the big move.

He says the school district rating and small town atmosphere only helped reinforce his decision to come to work for Rio Grande Electric Co-op. Smith says he is excited to finally be doing what he loves to do - working on power lines.

The Co-op's Brackettville operations area is the second fastest growing in the RGEC system, with nine new hires since the beginning of the year. The El Paso operations area comes in at number one, having added fourteen new employees. Alpine comes in 3rd, with four new hires.

The Fort Stockton area has added two new employees, and the Co-op's Dell City operations area has added one. The Carrizo Springs operations area is fully staffed, therefore, there have not been any additional hires at that location this year.

MEMORIAL

Gertrude C. Trautwein

Gertrude C. Trautwein, long time resident of Fort Clark passed away on November 1st. A memorial service will be held at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on Monday, November 9th, at 4pm in the afternoon. Mrs. Trautwein was 94 years old.

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Border Patrol News



Photo Courtesy to The Brackett News - Mr. Joel Sims, PAIC and Mr. James Mooney. After 13 years of service with Border Patrol, Friday October 31, was Mr. Mooney's last day. Mr. Mooney was presented with awards of appreciation and a Susan Ridgeway cake. Mr. Mooney has recently completed Massage Therapy school and has plans of practicing in Brackettville.

Are you a lefty?



Jeff Janca

About six years ago I first became acquainted with Lefty and his wife Romaine.

Lefty served as a US Marine during the Korean War. He had only been in Korea for two weeks when a bullet tore through his arm leaving him

with only one arm. The Lord kept him from dying that day on the battlefield.

Lefty is an amazing man. When he returned to the states he went back to college and earned his degree. He became a teacher and coach. He also became a preacher. From what I saw and learned of Lefty is that he is no quitter.

He learned how to shoot a rifle with one arm and also he could play a very good game of golf with just one arm. He easily whipped me every time we played golf. Lefty also has a deep love for America.

Lefty is a fine Christian who did not allow his limitations to slow him down. A matter of fact he looked at life as being a wonderful opportunity to serve the Lord. I am reminded of a wonderful ministry that he began in a Church in Colorado.

He began teaching hunter education and safety courses there in the Church. Many out of state hunters passed through his class. They learned not only about how to be good and safe hunters but they also learned some things about a Savior who loved them and cared for them. Many came to know Jesus Christ through that program.

Lefty has lived a wonderful life and has influenced and touched many people over the years including me. When he lost his arm back in the 1950's he could have thrown in the towel and quit, but he didn't. The Lord Jesus helped Lefty to press on and to not quit. No matter what trials you may be facing please know that the Lord Jesus will help you if you will only come and surrender your life to Jesus. Be a Lefty.

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Kinney County Judge Ward: Moving Forward

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are DWI, alcohol and drug related cases. On the civil docket side, he hears appeals from the Justice of the Peace court, it is the appellate court for JP court, whether the cases are civil or criminal. "Now Probate, this is the court of original jurisdiction for probate; that would be cases involving, generally, the estates probating of wills. Also falling under probate is the welfare of individuals in the event that there is an imminent need or threat regarding the welfare of a person; the court has probate authority to see that they have proper care." In addition to the above, in the absence of the Justice of the Peace, the county judge has the current jurisdiction with JP court to perform inquests and to magistrate prisoners and set bond. Like a doctor, the county judge is on call 24 hours a day.
Several issues have come before Judge Ward in his first sixty days and he touched briefly on

a few of the more significant ones. Ward met with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT). Within 18 months construction will begin on Highway 90. There will be fourteen two-mile long passing lanes between the western boundary of Kinney County and the city of Uvalde. This will make Hwy.90 comparable to a four lane highway. The loop, which is old Hwy. 90 that goes by City Hall and all the way through town, will be completely rebuilt and brought up to a heavier duty standard. There will not be any kind of a bypass of the community. Ann Street will be rebuilt from Hwy.90 to the bus barn on the north end. Improvements will be made to the Camp Wood highway; it will be widened and improved for at least six miles out.

A plan has been approved to update the security at the court house. There is an established fund for this; alarm buttons will

be provided for each office.

The county is in the process of refinancing the Detention Center in an effort to lower the interest rate from 9 3/4 to less than 6 percent on the \$8 million debt. Kinney County has no exposure liability wise to the payment of that debt. "It stands on its own. The way that it was set up, Civigenics is the operator of the facility; Kinney County owns it. It does have financing through a group called REATA, a group of investors who came together and wanted to make this investment," said Ward. REATA knew the history of Civigenics and its proven track record. "Knowing the statistics of it, the location of the facility and the need for it here, they were willing to finance it without any security from Kinney County as far as being obligated to repay the debt. The revenues that it generates are the consideration that Kinney County gives for repayment of the debt." In the event

those funds would cease, be reduced or become depleted, Kinney County would have no liability exposure wise to the debt. Any refinancing would have to be under those terms.

A county extension agent has been hired and he will effectively be here in December.

The county is working with Fort Clark and the city of Brackettville on an inter-local agreement for the purpose of maintaining the Los Moras Creek drainage and the two large watershed dams. Improper maintenance results in the flooding of some areas with even a moderate amount of rain. The most imminent threat lies on Fort Clark as the city of Brackett drains very quickly, hitting the Fort in several different areas.

Necessary repairs and maintenance are being done at the Kinney County Courthouse. The 1891 benches in the lower hallway have been refinished to their original splendor. Repairs are being made to get the clock

in the tower back in working order. Exterior lighting will be installed as an additional security measure. The 35 year old air conditioner in the upstairs courtroom needs to be replaced and plans are to move the duct work to the walkway above the original tin ceiling, thus removing the dropped ceiling and once again exposing the beautiful tin ceiling in the courtroom. All repairs are being in a manner that maintains the historical integrity of the building; not an easy task considering the original building did not provide for plumbing or air conditioning.

The county is working with the city on an inter-local agreement to provide fire protection. In a related matter, efforts are being made to update the records to reflect improved water resources such as additional hydrants and water storage tanks. Doing this would yield the county a higher PPC (Public Protection Classification)

which directly affects the insurance premium rates. Currently we are just one point off from Uvaldes PPC which is very good.

Many other areas of concern are being addressed as well. Grants are being applied for that will benefit Kinney County such as the Stonegarden Grant that will provide about \$450,000 in revenue to the county for salaries and equipment and a grant to aid with the restoration of our historical court house.

Judge Ward has accepted the challenge to carry our county forward in a positive manner and the task is one that would overwhelm the most capable of individuals. Only a few of the immediate undertakings have been mentioned.

With the aid of a most competent staff of county employees there is no doubt that we are moving in a direction that will be of great benefit to all who live in beautiful Kinney County.

New homestead exemption offers relief for disabled veterans



Martha Padron
Kinney County T.A.C.

Veterans who meet the highest threshold of qualifications will be exempt from paying property taxes on their homesteads to any taxing entity. To qualify for this new exemption, a veteran must meet the following criteria:

- Served in the armed forces of the United States;
- Been classified as disabled by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA) as a result of a service-connected disability;
- Received 100 percent disability compensation from the VA; and

Received either a 100 percent disability rating or been classified unemployable by the VA.

House Bill 3613 from the 81st Texas Legislature allows the complete property tax exemption, which is effective for the 2009 tax year, which means that it is retroactive to Jan. 1, 2009.

If the veteran qualified for the exemption under the new law as of the first of the year, he or she may qualify for the full exemption for 2009 taxes. The law, however, does not allow the surviving spouse of eligible veterans to receive the 100 percent residence homestead exemption. Surviving spouses do remain eligible to receive the exemption allowed for persons age 65 and older or persons with disabilities. This complete exemption also applies to a veteran who owns the homestead as community property with a spouse.

If, however, the veteran owns the homestead jointly with someone else, not as community property, the veteran is eligible for the exemption of 100 percent of his or her ownership interest and not on the entire property's appraised value.

HB 3613 also allows veterans who are partially disabled to qualify for exemptions based on the percent of their disability rating. The exemption amounts for any property owned by qualifying disabled veterans, as defined in Property Tax code Section 11.22 is as follows:

- a disability of 10 to 29 percent permits a \$5,000 exemption;
- a disability of 30 to 49 per-

cent permits a \$7,500 exemption;

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- TX-based CAF has a _____ Messerschmitt BF 108
- sandwich cookie
- College Station AM
- Coleman's "Fiesta de _____ Paloma"
- music genre of TX Vanilla Ice
- it's red with acid, and blue with alkaline
- in Jasper Co. on 96
- TXism: "busy as _____ fry cook in a truck stop"
- TX Ann delivered keynote _____ at '88 Dem. convention a hungry bear can _____ camping trip
- Ft. Worth's University Baptist has a tall one
- 2009 TX Rangers is close-_____ ball club
- "senor" so. of border
- chuch song book
- Cowboy Flozell is an offensive _____
- before LK in NT
- TX truck windshield: "bug-_____"
- TXism: "spinning like a weather _____ in a whirlwind"
- actress Farrow in "A Wedding" with TX-born Carol Burnett
- actress Vaccaro who was raised in TX
- causes someone to lose their freedom
- TXism: "take a _____ off" (sit down)

- "D" of TX staple "DQ"
- mischievous youngsters
- fatal Dallas street for JFK
- TX-born Burnett won this award in '72, '74 & '75
- Santa _____ TX
- dangerous water flows near a TX beach
- exclamation of alarm _____ Grande
- former country music TV cable network (abbr.)
- American technology conglomerate (abbr.)

DOWN

- TX Nash's "I Can See Clearly _____ Sciences"
- this Howe coached for Rangers & Astros
- early TX wool co.: "New _____ Sheep Company"
- newspaper for town in Wichita Co. on hwy. 370 (3 wds.)
- ill-mannered _____
- TXism: "_____ but the fillings in my teeth" (went broke)
- based on true story: "Murder _____ Texas"
- pos. of Cowboy Martellus Bennett
- TX A&M has "Center for _____"
- ancestor of domestic cattle in Europe
- struck with a blow
- Houston Astros or TX Rangers (2 wds.)
- gratis in software: "free _____ bear"
- last words of TX William Longley: "I see a lot of _____ out there, and _____ mightily few friends"
- TXism: "_____ the bottom of a well"
- OK town
- Mr. Houston (init.)

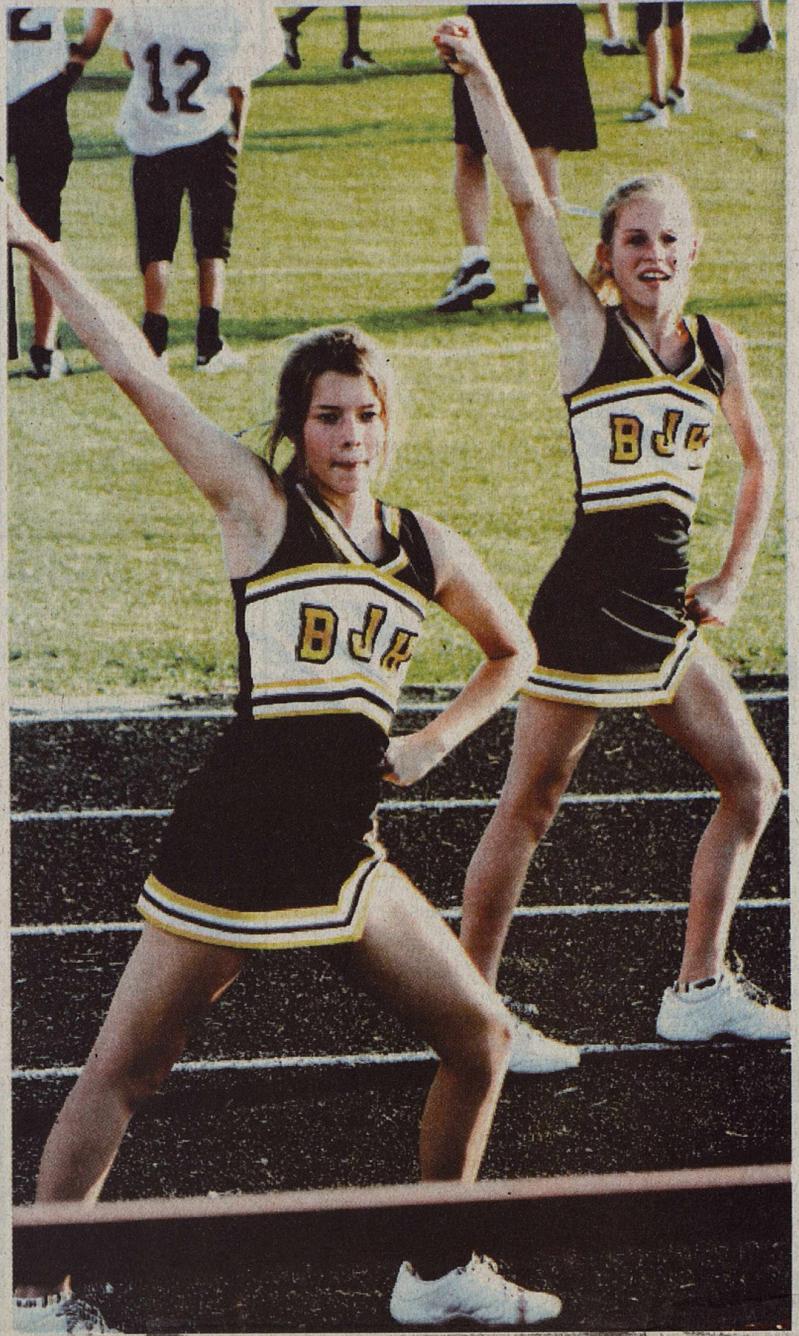
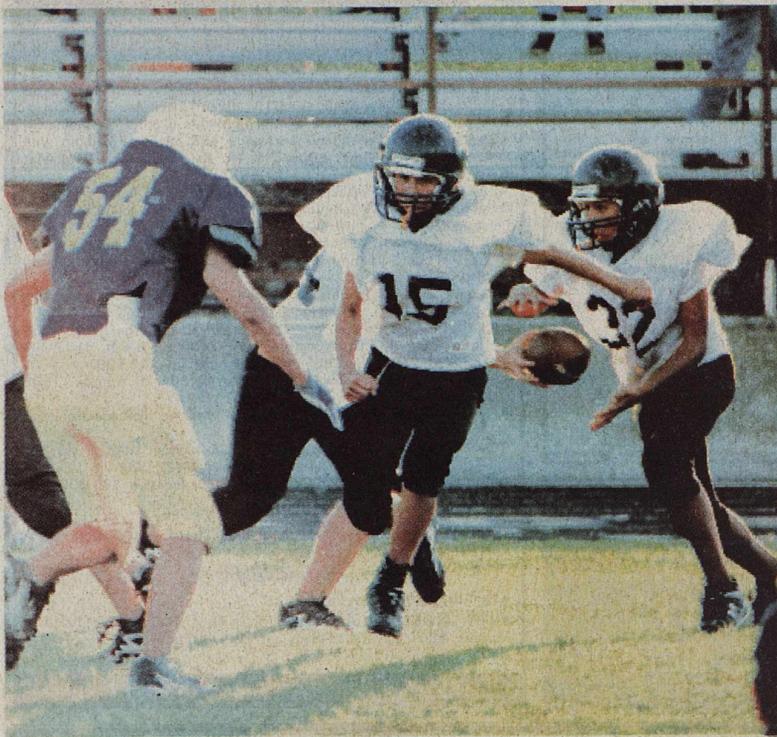
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Answer Page 2

- TX Orbison sang "_____ of the Line"
- actor Duvall in "Breakout" with TX Randy Quaid (init.)
- Rangers "Pudge" was AL _____ in '99
- in Liberty Co. on 90
- TX Jim Reeves' "_____ Losing You?"
- bring in from another country
- what TX golfers dream of: "hole _____"
- TXism: "_____right boys" (police)

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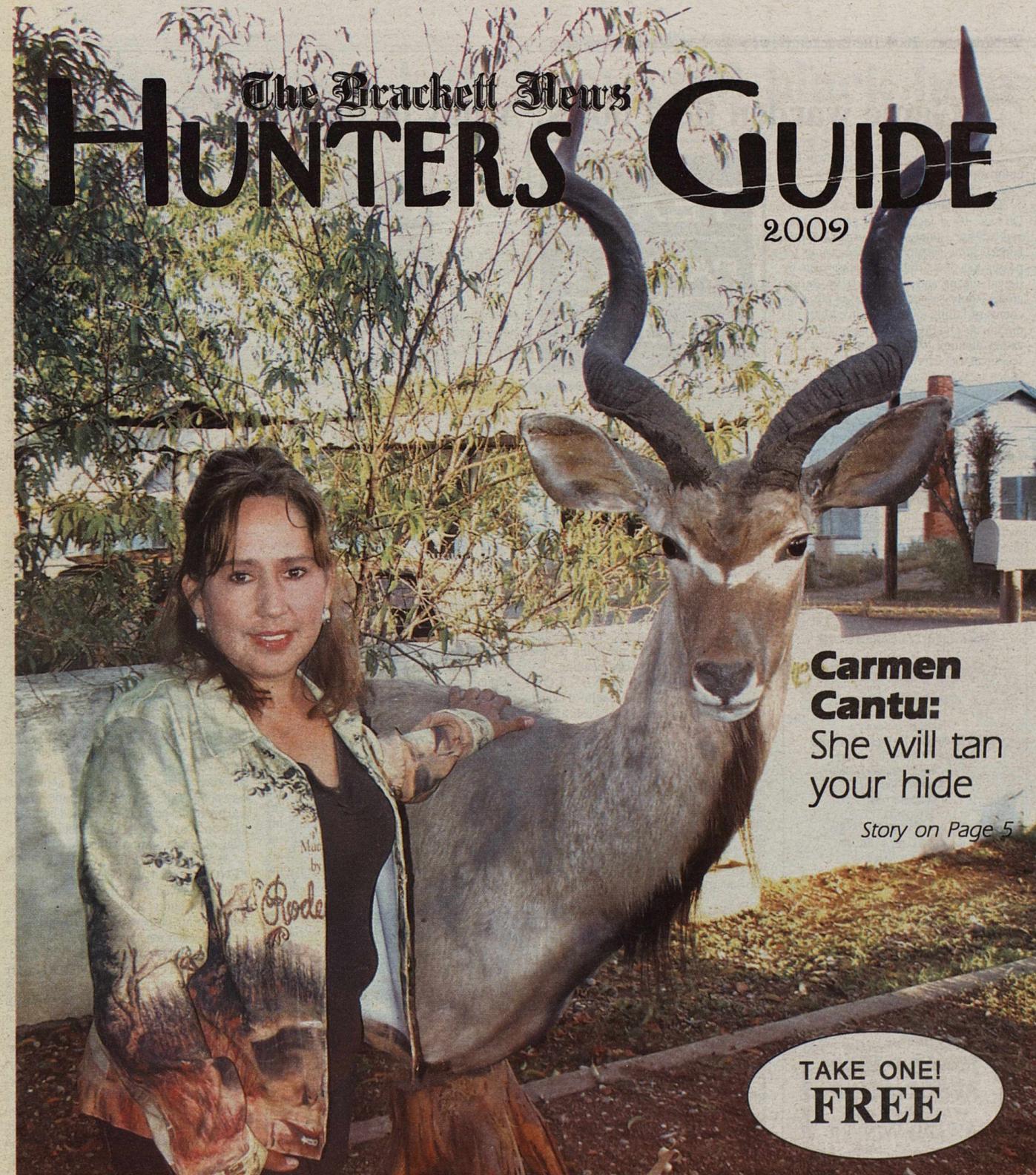
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Game warden field notes: A day in the life of a warden

The following are excerpts from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

THROWING THE BOOK AT THEM: On Oct. 10, a Jack County game warden and a Wise County game warden apprehended three subjects at a deer camp for possession of marijuana, hunting deer by illegal means and methods (rifle during archery-only season), failure to tag, two counts of failing to maintain in edible condition, no archery stamp, no hunter education, hunting in closed season and possession of a stolen ATV. The ATV had been stolen in Wise County in 2001. The ATV was returned to Wise County sheriff's office. Cases pending.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT: During the week of Oct. 19-22, a Grayson County game warden spent several days investigating what began as an individual leaving one of the local marinas without paying. The investigation soon became a collaboration with the Rockwall County sheriff's office, a TPWD investigator and the Grayson County sheriff's office. The investigation caught the same individual



Rob Frets
Game Warden

stealing a \$200,000 36 foot Carver boat. Charges pending for theft of more than \$100,000, unauthorized use of a motor boat and theft of services.

SHOULD HAVE LET HIM PASS: On the night of Oct. 18, a Jasper County game warden stopped a subject who failed to yield right of way to a DPS trooper as he attempted to stop another vehicle. Upon making contact with the driver, the warden noticed several beer cans in the back seat and a .22-caliber magnum rifle in the front. A search of the vehicle's trunk produced a doe head, guts, and a cooler containing numerous quarters. The case may be linked to other cases involving the illegal sale of deer meat. Case pending.

GAME WARDEN FINDS LOST CHILD: On Oct. 19, a Shackelford County game warden responded to a call about a missing two-year-old girl. The child had wandered away from her house accompanied by her two Doberman pinchers. While searching, the warden heard a dog barking in the distance and directed a volunteer fireman in a four-wheel-drive ATV to the area. The child was found about a half mile from her house beside a stock tank, with one of the dogs by her side. She had removed her wet and muddy clothing but was unharmed.

GAME WARDENS CONFRONT SERIAL TRESPASSER: A Runnels County game warden received a call from a landowner who said her hunters had come in and checked their game cams to discover a picture of a man walking through the deer feeder area with a pistol strapped on. The warden met with the hunters and recognized the man as a neighbor. The landowner was contacted and signed an affidavit. She had caught him trespassing in the mid-'80s and warned him about it then. The rancher had also caught him about five years ago. One felony and one misdemeanor warrant are pending.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT, PART 2: On Oct. 15 at 1:00 a.m., two Montgomery County game wardens were running a deer decoy operation near Montgomery when they apprehended three subjects night/road hunting deer. A vehicle passed the decoy, turned around and, on its way back, started shining a flashlight. As the vehicle approached the decoy, the passenger shot at it one time, hitting it just below the head with a .17-caliber rifle. The wardens stopped the vehicle, and after identifying the occupants realized they had caught the shooter night/road hunting three years before. The subjects confessed to having done this many times before. The driver

and the shooter were arrested.
THOUGHT HE DIDN'T NEED IT: On Oct. 18, while checking fishing licenses on the San Gabriel River, a Williamson County game warden came across a fisherman who thought he did not need a license unless he was fishing on the lake. While issuing a citation for no fishing license, it was found he had a warrant for his arrest for an unpaid ticket. He said he thought he did not have to pay for the ticket since he had moved and did not receive a notice. Williamson County was glad to clear a case off their books.

WELL, THAT DIDN'T WORK: On Oct. 25, a Trinity County game warden received a call that a local subject had killed a deer off of a county road. When the warden arrived, he found two subjects with one skinned buck deer head arguing over the proper way to measure the spread, along with a cooler full of meat on top of two hoop nets behind the barn. The suspect said that he was dropped off by his friend in the national forest to squirrel hunt but could not pass up the large buck. When the subject was asked why he had his friend drop him off to hunt, he stated, "So the game warden would not catch me."

WATER CHASE: On Oct. 27, a Starr County game warden and a Zapata County game warden patrolled the north end of Falcon Lake and the Rio Grande River in search of illegal commercial fishing activity. The wardens found and seized 11 sections of gill net (approximately 3,630 feet). With the net weighing down the bow of the boat, the wardens were about to call it a day and head back toward the lake when they saw a Mexican commercial fishing vessel traveling northbound, hugging the U.S. shoreline. The wardens went out to the half-way point of the river and were able to stop and board the boat. They arrested both subjects on board and seized another two sections of gill net (approximately 660 feet).

MASSIVE DEER CAUGHT IN FENCE: On Oct. 20 a Camp County game warden received a call from a landowner in Franklin County about two bucks that he found on his property that had gotten their antlers locked together and were stuck together, each on opposite sides of a fence. One buck was a 9-point that had already died, but the other was a huge 14-point that was still alive, but exhausted. The warden notified a Franklin County game warden and both wardens met with the landowner. When they arrived, Warden Taylor and the landowner were able to pry the bucks apart and untangle the huge buck from the fence. After laying on the ground for a couple of minutes, the big buck stood up and walked into the brush, escaping what would have been certain death. Both the wardens and the landowner said it was one of the biggest bucks they had seen in this area.

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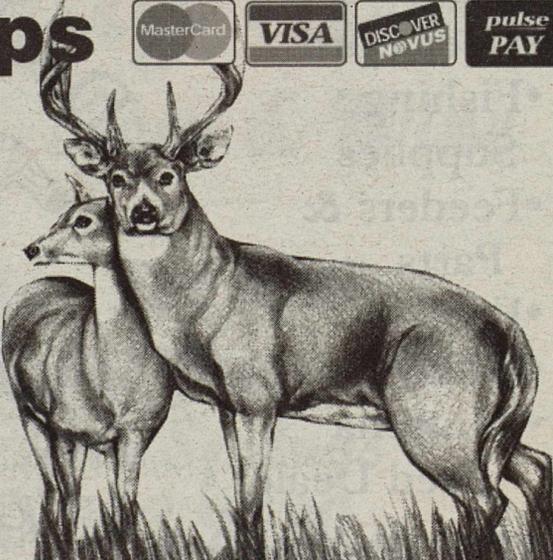
Hunters at the Bass Frontier Ranch recently donated ten deer to the Talamantes Family in Brackettville. Family and Friends gathered together to prepare the meat. Pictured at left is Hernan Talamantes. At right: Yessenia Argil, Alex Zamora, Sergio Aguirre, Eddy Argil, Joe Rivas, Angelita Rivas and Jose Rivas.

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Hit and run kills protected black bear

By Leigh Volcsko
The Brackett News

Kinney County Sheriff's Deputy Ramon Gutierrez found a dead black bear on the side of Highway 90 early Monday morning.

At around 7:25 a.m. on October 27, Gutierrez, patrolling the area of Kinney County where FM Road 3008 intersects with Highway 90, spotted what he believed to be a large black trash bag, however, as Gutierrez slowed his vehicle to get a closer look, he realized the bag was actually a black bear.

Gutierrez quickly determined the bear was deceased and called in Texas Parks & Wildlife Division (TPWD) Game Warden Rob Frets.

Frets believes the bear was accidentally hit by a motor vehicle and died at the scene located approximately 12 miles west of Brackettville.

The bear did not have any apparent external wounds, other than a small gash on his front right paw, but was bleeding from his mouth leading officials to suspect he died of massive internal injuries.

Frets took the bear to Mike O'Neal's Creative Taxidermy in Sabinal where a TPWD biologist later collected some data, including a DNA swab sample and some

body feature measurements.

The only preliminary results released was the bear's weight of 147 pounds.

TPWD Region V, District II Game Warden Captain Gus Sorola said the information collected will be archived for use in studies related to the bear's activities in the state.

Sorola added once tests on the bear have been completed, the body will be mounted and used in the Operation Game Thief Educational Trailer.

The trailer is used as a tool by TPWD to make the public aware of issues related to the management and preservation of wild animals in Texas.

The bear's death confirms recent sighting reports in Kinney County.

Kinney County Deputy and retired Animal Damage Control Agent Manuel Pena Sr. stated he had taken three separate reports of a bear sighting on Standard Lane in September.

The last reported sighting prior to this year was actually photographed by a visiting hunter in December, 2006.

A San Antonio police officer was driving on FM Road 3008 when he thought he saw a wild boar running along a fence line, but when he realized it was a bear, he grabbed his camera and started excitedly snapping photos.

In 2006, Game Warden Henry Lutz explained the bears, once native to the area, were more commonly seen in Mexico. Over time and a change in conditions the bear's habitat has been pushed from the border up into the mountainous areas just across the Rio Grande River.

Kinney County Sheriff LK Buddy Burgess warns the black bears are a protected species and hunters and ranchers are again cautioned not to shoot them.

Information about the bear's accidental death or additional sighting can be reported to the Sheriff's Department, 830-563-2788.

Kinney County Sheriff

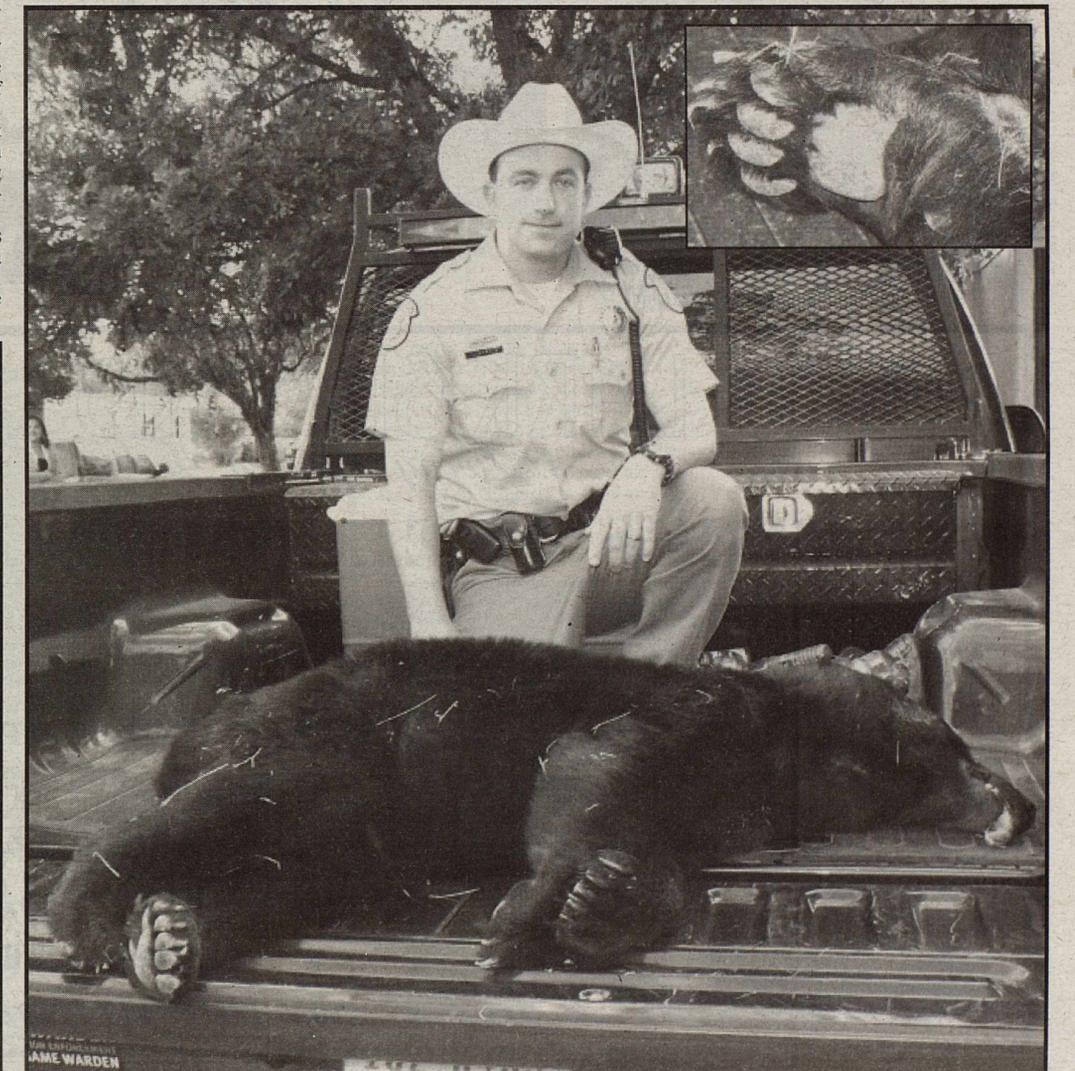
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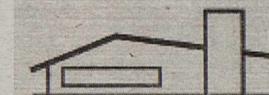
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Kinney County Dove Season
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Axis Deer



Axis deer are beautiful animals and are also a great prize for deer hunters. These photos were taken by TBN Editor Sara Rivas at Fort Clark Springs. Next to the red stag, the axis deer is generally considered one of the most attractive of all wild deer. Their beautiful coloration is primarily a

reddish brown with white under their throat, stomach and tail area. Most axis deer also have a dark stripe that runs from their head to their tail and white spots that dot their sides and upper body. Of course, their most impressive asset is their long barrel shaped antlers. It is these extremely tall and narrow antlers that create the mount that most trophy deer hunters can't resist.

http://www.deer-pictures.com/axis_deer.html



Female taxidermist Carmen Cantu: She will tan your hide

By Katie Brown
The Brackett News

The Canada Goose looked as though it were ready to sweep down and grab up a tasty morsel in the grassland below; while nearby a beaver was busy going about the task of building his lodge. Neither one seemed aware of the badger that was stalking its prey or of the Chukars perched on the rocky hillside. There was even an Aoudad Sheep grazing in the tall grasses. Everywhere you looked eyes watched every move. It was unusual to find all these different species in one area, but not if you were standing in the gallery of RC Taxidermy in Del Rio.

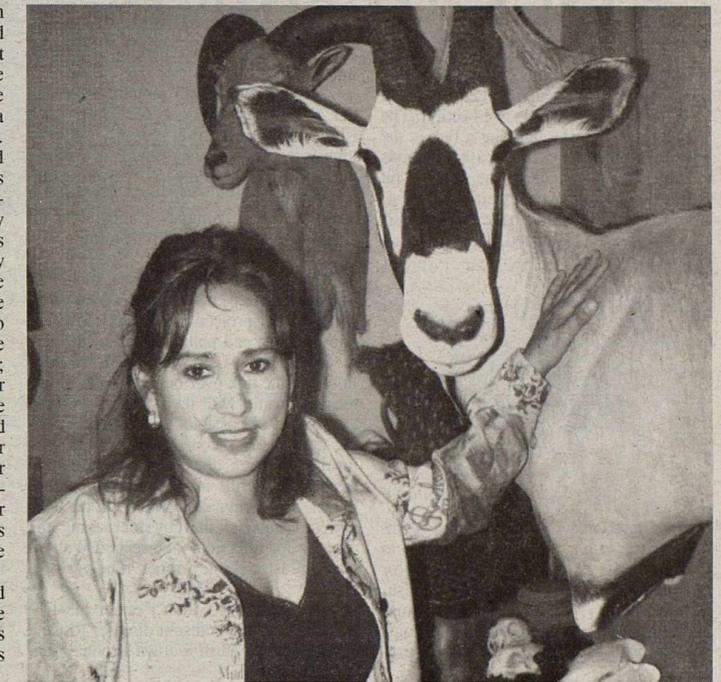
RC Taxidermy is owned and operated by Carmen Cantu. Standing at just over five feet in height with a bright smile and a perky personality she is not what you would expect to find in a person who handles every aspect of the business.

It was on a Monday morning and a prospective client walked in; the Blackbuck he had just shot on the on the Ghost Water Ranch on the Devils River north of Del Rio was laying in the back of his truck and it was an animal worthy of being mounted. He had just built a new home and had the perfect spot for a life size mount. Carmen came well recommended for her skill in

creating anatomically accurate figures in artistically gripping poses. They discussed every aspect of the transaction from what pose he preferred, to the type of mount he wanted and how it was to be shipped. Once the details were ironed out, he left with a smile on his face and Carmen went to work.

Born and raised in Del Rio, Carmen had always loved to hunt. However, it was more a weekend hobby than a lifetime business. She worked at a local travel agency for sixteen years and on the weekends would help out friends who had a taxidermy business in Llano, TX. As a hunter, she was very interested in the process and the methods they employed. Carmen went to couple of schools on taxidermy and in the summers attended workshops in Houston; perfecting her skills and developing her own technique. It was not long before she opened up her own shop in Del Rio and worked at it part time while keeping her job with the travel agency. Marketing her skills to local ranches increased her business considerably and the quality of her work was becoming well known. It was not long before she quit her job with the agency and opened her shop full time.

Carmen hauled the Blackbuck around back to hang it up and began removing the hide. Her skill with a simple knife was deft and accurate. In less than 20 minutes



the entire hide lay at her feet. As she worked she related how sometimes an unskilled hunter creates undesirable complications, but like a true artist, she said she could repair any damage so that it would be undetectable. After gutting and skinning the animal, Carmen explained the rest of the process. "I'll mark it, tag it and log it. Next I freeze the hide and get my forms ready." The forms are usually made of polyurethane and are unique to the animal that is being prepared. If the form is too large or too small then she has to adjust the measurements to match those of that specific animal. The desired position may require that she crack the neck on the form to face a different direction. A taxidermist must have experience with sculpting or other art forms; a vast knowledge of anatomy, painting and tanning are needed to achieve lifelike representations.

Once a month, Carmen sends the hides off to a commercial tannery. When the hides are returned, she again contacts the client to see if they have made any changes and to reconfirm other details such as the position in which they want the animal mounted. Having done that, the artist takes over as she places the hide on the form, installs glass eyes and plastic inserts for the ears; incisions are made and the horns are placed in position. Stitching as necessary and the final grooming complete the project and its ready to ship.

How the animal is mounted is often de-

termined by space or setting. A piece that is done for a museum or other large area often requires that the mounted animal be depicted in its natural habitat. Using her imagination and skill, Carmen can build the scene from the ground up. Making use of materials such as lumber, chicken wire, plaster and paint as well as things from their natural surroundings such as dirt, rocks, and plant life, Carmen creates a setting so real Mother Nature could not tell the difference. One such scene was recently on display in Del Rio at Sutherlands. She posed two Aoudad Sheep on a rocky outcropping that looked to have weighed thousands of pounds but in fact it weighed less than 300. That particular piece will be on display permanently at a bank in Lufkin, Texas. Carmen says that building the scene is "her time". It gives her the opportunity to freely express her yeasty talent.

Once a client takes possession of the mount, he can proudly display the result of the hunt. Little care is required to maintain the integrity of the mount because of the way the hide is tanned and cured. Carmen does not limit herself to mounting mammals; she also mounts fish and birds. She ships worldwide; most recently she shipped a buffalo to Africa. The freighter company handles all of the export paperwork; certain types of shipping crates are required. From beginning to end the process is quite an undertaking; a challenge this little lady successfully met.

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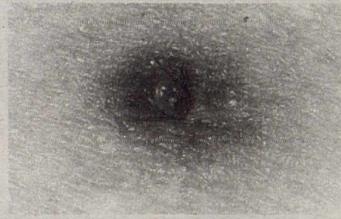
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Tick treatment: Self-care at home

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Two cautions - Commonly used methods such as a hot match head touched to the hind parts of the tick, to covering or "painting" the tick with paint, nail polish, petroleum jelly, or gasoline, may cause additional injury to the host (humans, dogs, cats) as well as stimulate the tick to pro-

duce more pathogen-containing secretions into the bite site.

All of the head and mouthparts of the tick should be removed. Because the tick is attached firmly to most hosts, rough or improper handling may result in portions of the head and mouthparts remaining embedded in the skin. This can be a site of infection and inflammation and might increase the likelihood of transmitting disease.

How to remove a tick - Use a small pair of curved forceps or tweezers. Wear some sort of hand protection such as gloves so you don't spread pathogens from the tick to your hands. Using the tweezers, carefully flip the tick over onto its back. Grasp the tick firmly with the tweezers as close to the skin as possible. Apply gentle pulling until the tick comes free. Twisting or turning the tick does not make removal easier because the mouthparts are barbed; in fact, such actions may break off the head and mouthparts, thereby increasing the chances for infection. The second Web citation illustrates the proper removal of a tick.

Once removed, don't crush the tick because you may transmit disease. Rinse it down a sink or flush it down a toilet. Con-

sider keeping it in a tightly closed jar or taped to a piece of paper. Show the tick to the doctor if you become ill from the tick bite.

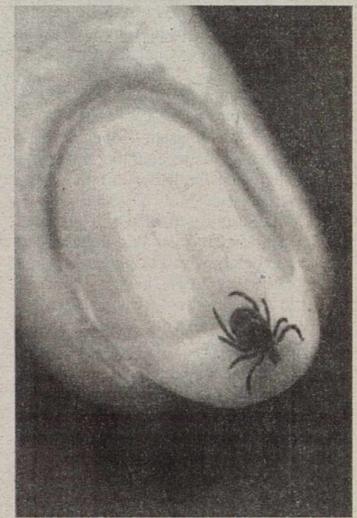


The area of the bite should leave a small crater or indentation where the head and mouthparts were embedded. If portions of the head or mouthparts remain, they should be removed by a doctor.

Thoroughly cleanse the bite area with soap and water or a mild disinfectant. Observe the area for several days for development of a reaction to the bite, such as a rash or signs of infection. Apply antibiotic cream to the area. Application of an antibiotic to the area may help prevent a local infection but usually does not affect the chance of developing diseases transmitted by the tick.

Remember to wash your hands thor-

oughly after handling any tick or instruments that touched a tick. Clean and disinfect any instruments that were used. This information is courtesy of TickTexas.org.



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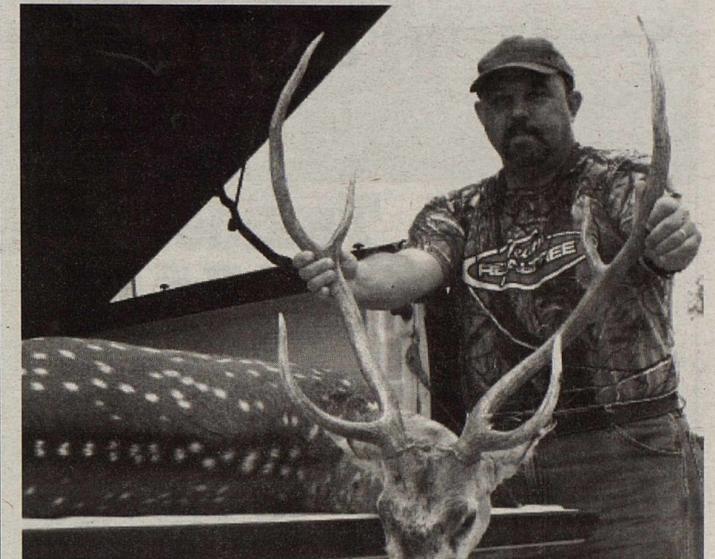
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A guide to age determination of White-tailed deer

Tooth wear and replacement is one of several methods for aging white-tailed deer. Texas Parks and Wildlife biologists have been using this deer aging technique to manage deer on ranches, wildlife management areas and by county since 1965. Although this method is not perfect, it has been used for the past 35 years in the successful management of deer herds in Texas. Deer are aged by examining the wear and replacement of the premolars and molars of the lower jaw. As a deer grows older, its teeth

continue to wear. As the enamel begins to wear away, and exposes the dark dentine material, noticeable distinctions in tooth wear occur between each age class. Deer are aged in year and half increments, such as 1 1/2, 2 1/2, 3 1/2, etc., since fawns are born from late May through July and are not harvested until the fall hunting season.

Biologists, landowners or land managers may be interested in deer ages from a deer management standpoint. Age data provides information about deer herd characteristics, hunting or mortality pressure on a particular age class, and progress of the wildlife management program. Age data becomes a valuable piece of information when used with other data such as antler characteristics, dressed body weights or lactation in females.

Deer herd trends can thus be monitored if enough data are collected over time. Often these trends can be related to a particular management style, climatic conditions or any other factors affecting deer. Dressed body weights, age and antler measurement data should be collected every year and from every deer harvested.

Collecting partial data, only occasionally during a season, or every couple of years may result in land managers making uninformed decisions about deer management. Aging deer using the wear and replacement method is not difficult, but it does require practice. When aging a deer, it is helpful to cut the skin along the edge of the jaw to allow better inspection of the teeth. Do not cut the skin if planning to mount the deer. Taxidermists will cape out the deer head and save the lower jaw if asked.

A jaw spreader and small flashlight may also be used to prop open the jaw while examining the teeth, especially when the skin is not to be cut.

Be sure to remove any food particles or debris to maintain a clear view of the teeth along the jaw. Inspect teeth on both sides of the jaw to confirm that wear is consistent. (See photo on back cover).

Deer Teeth Parts
Cusp: a point or projection on a tooth
Back Cusp: very last cusp on tooth 6 on cheek-side of the jaw
Lingual Crest: tooth ridge adjacent to the tongue
Enamel: hard, white, outer coating of a tooth
Dentine: soft inner core of a tooth, dark brown color
Infundibulum: crescent-shaped depression in the central crown of a tooth between the enamel ridge or crest

Fawn (1/2 year)
Aging fawns should not be difficult. For more clarification, inspection of the lower jaw will indicate age. Fawns have 5 or less teeth present and the third premolar (tooth 3) has 3 cusps. Tooth 6 has not yet erupted.

In younger fawns tooth 5 has not erupted and only 4 teeth will be visible.

1 1/2 years Tooth 3 (3rd premolar) has 3 cusps. Tooth 6 has erupted and is slightly visible just above the gum line.

2 1/2 years Lingual crest on all molars are sharp and pointed. Tooth 3 now has 2 cusps. Back cusp of tooth 6 is sharp and pointed. Enamel is wider than the dentine in tooth 4, 5 and 6.

3 1/2 years Lingual crest on tooth 4 is blunt. The dentine is as wide or wider than the enamel in tooth 4. The back cusp on tooth 6 is forming a concavity.

4 1/2 years Lingual crest on tooth 4 are almost rounded off and lingual crest in tooth 5 are blunt. The dentine in tooth 4 is twice as wide as the enamel. The dentine in tooth 5 is wider than the enamel. The back cusp on tooth 6 is worn so badly that it slopes downward towards the cheek.

5 1/2 years Lingual crest is worn away on tooth 4 and rounded in tooth 5. Lingual crest in tooth 6 is blunt. Dentine in tooth 6 is now wider than the enamel. 6 1/2 years Tooth 4 is worn completely smooth; no enamel ridge should be visible in the center of tooth 4. Small enamel ridge will be present in center of tooth 5 and tooth 6. Lingual crest on tooth 5 is almost worn away and rounded in tooth 6.

7 1/2 years Tooth 4 and tooth 5 are worn smooth; no enamel ridges are present in the center of these teeth. Lingual crest is gone from tooth 6. Infundibulum in tooth 6 is a narrow crescent shape.

8 1/2 years Tooth 4, 5 and 6 are completely dishd out and no enamel ridges are showing in the center of these teeth. A simple jaw spreader can be made from 1/4 inch rebar and welded into a similar shape as the above photo.

Insert jaw spreader into mouth as shown in photo. Be sure spreader is pushed completely through the mouth. Rotate jaw spreader downward as shown. Teeth are now visible for inspection. A small light may be helpful for viewing teeth.

Where to start

First you must tag the deer with the temporary tag attached to your deer permit. If you are exempt from hunting with a permit, you must attach a homemade tag with your name and address and the date and time the deer was killed.

Field Dressing
Field dressing-removing the deer's entrails- is not difficult, but it is the most important step to good venison. Just roll up your sleeves and get to it. The principle is the same as with small game. The important things are to keep the carcass clean and to cool the meat quickly. You will need a sharp, sturdy hunting knife.

Preliminary Steps
Some hunters prefer to remove the scent glands on the inside of the hind legs. This step can be omitted, but take care that the meat does not contact the gland area. "Bleeding" or cutting the deer's neck is not necessary. Blood removal is accomplished by field dressing.

The First Cut
Place the deer on its back. Starting at the anus, cut through the skin and body wall along the center line. The center line extends along the underside of the deer from the anus to the center of the diaphragm. Use your fingers to guide the knife and keep the blade away from the stomach and intestines. Make the first cut by keeping the knife at a low angle and cutting only deep enough to slice through the skin.

Continue Cutting
Cut the length of the carcass, opening the chest cavity by cutting through the breast bone. Cut deeply around the anus

to loosen the intestine. Split the pelvic bone by slicing through its center with a sturdy knife or cutting through with a small saw or hand ax.

Save the Heart and Liver
The diaphragm separates the chest and body cavities and must be cut away. Reach inside the chest cavity and loosen the heart

and liver from connective tissues. Take along a plastic bag to put them in if you wish to keep them.

Loosen the windpipe and gullet by cutting through them as far forward into the neck area as you can reach.

It is Just Like a Big Rabbit
Roll the carcass on its side so you can remove the entrails. Most of the entrails will pull away easily. Carefully cut and loosen any connective tissues.

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Wipe the body cavity clean and remove any remaining tissues and damaged flesh. Prop the body cavity open by inserting a stick in the rib cage.

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Transporting

Keep your deer clean and cool. If possible, don't haul it atop your vehicle. Keep it away from engine fumes, heat, and dirt. Be certain to have your deer tagged at a deer checking station.

Hang the Deer By the Hind Legs

The carcass should be aged before skinning and processing. If the outside temperature is in the 35 to 40 degree F range the deer can safely hang and age for a week. If the temperature is warmer you should skin the deer and age the meat in a refrigerator or cooler.

Skinning

Skinning is easiest when the deer is hanging by its back legs, first cut the skin around the lower part of the back legs and slit them on the inside, down to the pelvis. Peel the hide by pulling with one hand and rutting the difficult places with a knife in the other hand. Using a balled fist behind the hide and carcass helps separate

skin without tearing. Take care not to let the hair touch the meat. When you reach the front legs, cut and skin them the same as the rear legs.

Preserve that Trophy

If you want to have your trophy deer head mounted, take care when you skin your deer. Leave the head and hide intact as far back as the rear of the shoulder. Let the taxidermist do the rest of the work. Save the remainder of the deer hide and have it tanned or sell it to a fur buyer.

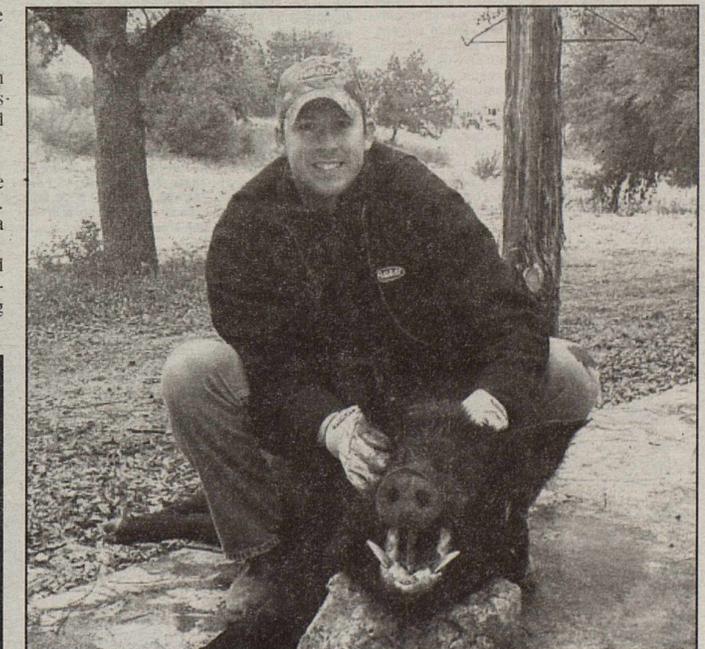
Freezing

Freezing is the best and most convenient way of preserving your venison. Prompt freezing preserves the freshness and flavor of the meat so it will be at its best when cooked.

Trim away the heavy fat from the meat. The fat gives venison a strong flavor that most people do not like.

The venison can be wrapped as soon as the cuts are made. Be sure to use wraps or packages made for freezing. These wrapping papers or containers should prevent the passage of moisture and air into the venison. The packages should be marked telling the cut of meat in the package and the date it was frozen. Use the venison within a year after it has been frozen.

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Val Verde

Texas Hunting Seasons for Val Verde County (County seat: Del Rio) White-tailed Deer - Archery Only: October 3-November 6, 2009. No permit required to hunt antlerless deer unless MLD permits have been issued for the property. (That southeastern portion of the county located both south of U.S. Highway 90 and east of Spur 239) Bag Limit: 5 deer, no more than 3 bucks, all seasons combined. General Season: November 7, 2009-January 17, 2010. No permit required to hunt antlerless deer unless MLDP antlerless permits have been issued for the tract of land. Special Late General Season: January 18-31, 2010 (antlerless and spike bucks only). (North of U.S. Highway 90; and that portion located both south of U.S. Highway 90 and west of Spur 239) Bag Limit: 5 deer, no more than 2 bucks, all seasons combined. General Season: November 7, 2009-January 3, 2010. Special Late General Season: January 4-17, 2010 (antlerless and spike buck deer only). Special Youth-Only Season: Early open season: October 31-November 1, 2009. Late open season: January 4-17, 2010. Bag limits, provision for the take of antlerless deer, and special requirements of the county, shall be as specified for the first 2 days of the general open season. Licensed hunters 16 years of age or younger may hunt deer by any lawful means during this season. Mule Deer Archery Only Mule Deer: October 3-November 6, 2009. Bag Limit: One buck deer. General Season: November 28-December 13, 2009. Bag Limit: 2 deer, no more than one buck, all seasons combined. Antlerless deer may be taken only by Antlerless Mule Deer or MLD permit. Javelina: No closed season. Bag Limit: 2 per license year. Squirrel: No closed season. No bag limit. Turkey The annual bag limit for Rio Grande and Eastern turkey, in the aggregate for all counties, is four (4), no more than one of which may be an Eastern turkey. For counties that have an Eastern Turkey spring season, there is no fall season. -Fall: (That southeastern portion located both south of U.S. Highway 90 and east of Spur 239) Open season: November 7, 2009-January 17, 2010 Bag Limit: 4 turkeys, gobblers or bearded hens. (North of U.S. Highway 90, and that portion both south of U.S. Highway 90 and west of Spur 239) Open season: November 7, 2009-January 3, 2010 (either sex). Archery Only: October 3-November 6, 2009. Special youth-only (general) fall turkey season: October 31-November 1, 2009, and January 16-17, 2010. Only licensed hunters 16 years of age or younger may hunt turkey during this season. Bag limit as specified by the general fall turkey season. -Spring: Rio Grande turkey: Open season: March 20-May 2, 2010 (gobblers only). Special Youth-Only (Rio Grande turkey): Open season: March 13-14 and May 8-9, 2010. Quail: Statewide: Open season: October 31, 2009-February 28, 2010. Daily bag limit: 15 Possession limit: 45 Dove: The area south of a line beginning at the International Toll Bridge in Del Rio, northeast along U.S. Highway 277 Spur to U.S. 90 in Del Rio, east along U.S. 90 to the county line is in the Special White-winged Dove Area. The remainder of the county is in the Central Zone.

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Zavala

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Dimmit County

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Edwards

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Expect uncommon encounters when hunting border

Submitted By US Border Patrol
Brackettville Station, Brackettville, Texas

The U.S. Border Patrol, would like to welcome all hunters to Kinney County and wish everyone a safe and successful hunting season. In addition, we want to extend an invitation to anyone to visit our offices to discuss Border Patrol operations in the area. As a branch of the Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Border Patrol has a mandate to protect the border of our nation from the illegal importation of weapons of mass destruction and the illegal entry of potential terrorists.

The Border Patrol also continues to perform its more traditional role of preventing the entry of and apprehension of undocumented aliens.

A small part of Kinney County is International Border and all of Kinney County is included in what is considered a Border Corridor.

As such, this area experiences significant traffic by undocumented aliens.

It is not uncommon for hunters to encounter undocumented aliens or groups of undocumented aliens during a hunt.

It is also not uncommon for hunters to encounter Border Patrol Agents following

the sign of undocumented aliens.

Please be aware that you and your prey may not be the only one within shooting distance and be careful to completely identify your target before shooting. Your diligence may save a life.

Campsites are often burglarized by groups of undocumented aliens in search of food or water.

However, valuables (including weapons) left behind are temptations that may or may not be passed up.

It is best if the temptation does not exist and we strongly urge hunters to take valuables (especially weapons) with them when

they abandon their camps. If undocumented aliens are encountered during a hunt, it is recommended that confrontation be avoided. Hunters can report sightings of undocumented aliens at the Brackettville Border Patrol Station or by calling the station phone number (830) 563-6000.

Again, we hope each of you will have a safe and successful hunting trip.

The hunting industry provides tremendous income and support to the citizens of Kinney County and Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Brackettville Office are working hard to ensure you are protected not only as a hunter but as an American.

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Kickapoo Cavern's Stuart Bat Cave offers tours

As the sinking sun tinges the sky above Kickapoo Cavern State Natural Area in pastel pink, a ragtag squadron of squeaking cave swallows perform aeronautic acrobatics, swooping in and out of the mouth of Stuart Bat Cave – a prelude to the main event.

Tiny charcoal specks of bat guano sprinkle the floor of the concrete viewing platform, where I sit on a v-shaped bench, awaiting the stars of the show at this remote 6,368-acre park straddling the Kinney-Edwards county line.

A full-grown porcupine appears on the rocky hillside just above the lip cave opening, more interested in chomping on the foliage of an overhanging shrub than in the presence of the human intruder less than 30 feet away.

At 8:45 p.m., as if on cue as predicted by park manager Mike Knezek, a handful of "performers" flit into sight at the nearby mouth of the hillside cave.

Seconds later, hundreds, then thousands, then tens of thousands of Mexican free-tailed bats hurtle from the cave opening. The air comes alive with a whirl of a million wings beating just above my head as the flying mammals stream into the night in search of their insect supper.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the West Nueces River some 50 miles away, more than three million of their cousins, as well as a lesser number of cave myotis and eastern pipistrelles, are taking flight from the

depths of Devil's Sinkhole, a 351-foot collapsed limestone pit that is the heart of an 1,859-acre state natural area.

It reigns as the largest single-chamber and third deepest cavern in Texas.

Like Kickapoo Cavern, the mostly undeveloped Devil's Sinkhole SNA is open to the public by reservation only.

The non-profit Devil's Sinkhole Society takes reservations (830-683-BATS) for bat flight observation tours. Currently, bat tours take place Wednesday through Sunday nights from May through Mid-October.

Tour participants meet at the Visitors Center in Rocksprings for the 20-minute bus ride to Devil's Sinkhole eight miles northeast of town.

Thanks to the installation last summer of a wheelchair-accessible viewing platform that extends just beyond the edge of the sinkhole, the public can more readily peer into this amazing registered National Natural Landmark some 70 miles west of Kerrville.

Before the platform was constructed, a park visitor seeking a glimpse into the depths of Devil's Sinkhole would have to lie on his stomach and inch forward to the edge of the 46-foot wide chasm to view the trees, shrubs, ferns and boulders on the floor of the main cavern 150 feet below.

A new two mile paved road, new chemical toilet and picnic facilities near the sinkhole have brought additional creature comforts to tour participants.

Bat flight tour fees are: \$10 adults, \$8

over 65, \$6 children 4-11.

Some of the bats at the Sinkhole and most of those at Kickapoo Cavern's Stuart Cave head out to maternal bat colonies elsewhere from mid-June through mid-August.

While Devil's Sinkhole Society continues its bat tours throughout the summer, Kickapoo Cavern bat tours take a mid-summer hiatus. Nonetheless, the Kickapoo Cavern staff stays busy conducting cave and birding tours much of the year.

Tour participants must make reservations (830-563-2342) on scheduled tour dates to guarantee admission to the park, whose gates are kept locked to control entry to the state natural area, which contains noteworthy, and in some cases endangered, natural and cultural resources.

The former Sergeant Ranch, which was acquired by the state in the mid-1980s, is home to relict populations of papershell pinyon pines and more than a dozen caves, as well as the federally endangered Tobusch fishhook cactus, golden-cheeked warbler and black-capped vireo. The breeding population of black-capped vireos is believed to be one of the largest in existence on public lands in Texas.

Kickapoo Cavern traditionally has restricted public access, too, because of a lack of suitable infrastructure – water, sewer, electricity and overnight facilities. But Knezek says that is slowly changing.

Several miles inside the park gates, there are signs of new development.

A new restroom stands just off the road and campsite construction is under way next to the day use picnic area.

When completed, the campground will feature 15 sites, some of which will be able to accommodate recreational vehicles.

Motorists heading to Big Bend and folks from as far away as Houston and Dallas find their way to Kickapoo Cavern for "wild cave tours." Trained guides lead visitors through

the park's namesake, the largest of 20 caves found in this land of steep limestone hills, extensive canyons and grasslands located roughly 10 miles north of the Balcones Escarpment, an uplift along the Balcones Fault Line. Here over the eons, carbon dioxide-charged water has flowed underground, dissolving limestone structures, creating caves such as Kickapoo Cavern filled with eye-catching cave formations, known as *spelothems*.

Guided two-hour, flashlight tours take adventurous participants across fields of loose boulders more than 1,000 feet deep into the main rooms of the cavern to view bizarre-looking icicle-like stalagmites, stalagmites and helictites, flowstone and 80-foot twin, crystalline calcite columns – the largest of their kind in Texas.

Here, in this subterranean wonderland of weird formations, trickling water and odd creatures like cave crickets, harvestmen and scorpions, tour participants can marvel at Nature at work – four million years and counting.

Note: Couch potatoes need not apply for this sometimes-strenuous tour. Reservations are a must.

Kickapoo Cavern and Devil's Sinkhole state natural areas are two of more than 120 state parks that make up the Texas State Park System.

Kickapoo Cavern is located off Ranch Road 674 22 miles north of Brackettville and 39 miles south of Rocksprings.

Call first (830) 563-2342 to arrange a visit. Devil's Sinkhole SNA is located approximately seven miles northeast of Rocksprings.

For tour reservations, call (830) 683-BATS.

To learn about all of the Texas state parks, call (800) 792-1112, or log onto the Texas Parks and Wildlife Web site: www.tpwd.state.tx.us.

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Woman shot west of Brackettville; safety precautions disregarded

By Allison Taylor
Editor

A 51 year old San Antonio woman was accidentally shot in the back by her 32 year old son, on Saturday, November 24, 2007.

The incident occurred 15 miles west of Brackettville on the AA Ranch.

According to the Kinney County Sheriff's Department, the victim's son accidentally discharged his rifle while attempting to place it on the top bunk in the rear of a camping trailer.

The female victim suffered from a gun-

shot wound to the upper left shoulder and "explosive tissue disintegration" near her left side collar bone, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Hunting Accident report filed by Game Warden Henry Lutz.

The woman was then transported by Kinney County EMS to Val Verde Regional Medical Center in Del Rio for treatment.

The injured woman was reportedly hit with a factory 308 Winchester 150 grain Ballistic Silvertip bullet fired from a 308

Savage model 10 at a distance of approximately 5 to 6 feet.

"Ideally, you should unload your weapon prior to getting out of your blind to avoid any accidental discharges, cer-

tainly, before entering a vehicle, residence or camp," stated Game Warden Lutz.

The Sheriff's Department has declared the shooting accidental with no foul play involved.

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10 Gun Safety Tips

You can never be too careful with certain things. Guns are one of those things. If you aren't careful enough with guns you own and with guns you're using, accidents can happen, and they can result in serious injuries, or even death. What can you do to prevent such horrible accidents? Here are the top 10 safety tips for preventing gun accidents.

10. Wear eye and ear protection when you can. If someone breaks into your house and threatens you or your family, it is understandable that you might not take the time to find and put on eye protection and ear protection, but when firing at a shooting range, there is no reason not to have this extra protection.

9. Only use the ammunition that your gun is designed to use. Using the wrong ammunition can cause the gun to become inoperable, or worse. Guns are designed with certain ammunition types in mind, and disregarding that could cause the gun to fire in unexpected ways.

8. Be sure that the gun you are using is in proper working order. A gun that fires when it shouldn't, doesn't fire when it should, or even simply jams on occasion can be useless to you when you need it and dangerous to you and others when you are using it even for recreational purposes (a shooting range, for example).

7. When storing your gun, be sure to unload it. It is scary for any adult when their child or a friend's child finds and picks up a loaded gun, especially if the child doesn't understand what the gun is or how to use it safely.

6. Pay attention to your surroundings, not just your target. Accidentally hitting something or someone that you didn't mean to is not a fun experience.

5. Keep the gun out of reach of children, preferably locked away. No one wants their child to accidentally use a gun on something or, even worse, somebody.

4. Store the ammo in a different location than the gun, also locked away, and also out of reach of children. A gun is much less dangerous without ammo.

3. Avoid alcohol, drugs, and even over-the-counter medicine when firing a gun. The repercussions of a misfired weapon are simply too monumental to risk firing a gun under the influence of any kind of drug.

2. Teach your child gun safety. If your child understands how to safely use a gun, or at the very least, what to do if they find a gun, then they are far less likely to accidentally injure themselves or others.

1. Don't hold your finger over the trigger until you are ready to fire. Very little is more devastating to a gun owner than accidentally injuring or killing someone because they fired when they didn't mean to.

Following these tips could prevent an injury or an accidental death. Don't let an accident ruin the enjoyable experience of owning and operating a gun in a safe manner.

For more information, please visit Total Home Security or their article on Gun Safety

Steve McDowell is a freelance writer who's curiosity about security technology had led him into in-depth research about a variety of security and safety related topics. Steve has recently been working on Total Home Security (totalhomesecurity.com). How safe is your home? Steve McDowell wants to know. Do you?

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The endangered Ocelot



Ocelots live in South Texas, but not many people ever get a chance to see them – they are active at night! The ocelot is twice the size of the biggest house cats. Ocelots are yellow-tan with dark spots. It eats small animals and lizards. National Geographic says, "Many ocelots live under the leafy canopies of South American rain forests, but they also inhabit brushlands and can be found as far north as Texas. These cats can adapt to human habitats and are sometimes found in the vicinity of villages or other settlements. Ocelots' fine fur has made them the target of countless hunters, and in many areas they are quite rare, including Texas, where they are endangered. Ocelots are protected in the United States and most other countries where they live. Female ocelots have litters of two or three darkly colored kittens. In northern locations females den in the autumn, while in tropical climates the breeding season may not be fixed." See the brown Chacalaca with its fan-like tail? It lives in South Texas and Central America, too.

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Deer Jerky Recipe

Prep Time: 30 Min Cook Time: 6 Hrs Ready In: 16 Hrs 30 Min

Directions: Stir together Worcestershire sauce, soy sauce, liquid smoke, lemon juice, teriyaki sauce, ketchup, and hot pepper sauce in a bowl. Season with garlic powder, onion powder, and pepper. Mix in the sliced venison until completely coated. Cover tightly, and marinate at least 8 hours in the refrigerator.

Prepare jerky in a food dehydrator according to manufacturer's directions, or dry on racks in the oven at 150 degrees F (65 degrees C) until the jerky has dried and will snap when bent, 10 to 12 hours.

(e.g. Tabasco™), or to taste

- 3/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon liquid smoke
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons teriyaki sauce
- 1 tablespoon ketchup
- 1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 pound venison, cut into 1 x 1/4 inch strips

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Texas hunting is best

By Michael J. Stroff III

As we start another hunting season every Texan should realize how lucky they are.

My name is Michael J. Stroff III and although I've been coming to Texas for years, I recently realized how lucky this state is to be blessed with the best hunting in the lower 48 states. Think about it, we have great whitetail hunting, exotics, mule deer, javelina, wild hogs and the last best quail hunting left in the United States.

Being in the professional hunting business since the early 1970's, I've had the pleasure of hunting almost every state. What makes Texas so special is that private property owners still have their full bundle of rights to enjoy the wildlife of the great state of Texas.

As we get ready to start a new season all of us need to reflect on the opportunities that Texas gives us.

Whitetail deer are going to be in record numbers this year and although water was off in the spring we are looking to take some great bucks. Your best bet for trophy bucks will be in most South Texas counties, but border counties like Kinney, Val Verde, and Edwards may give up some great bucks. Water was better in Maverick and Webb counties and even with the light rainfall, you have to spend time in the stand

to get a real feel for what your lease or outfitter has to offer. Hunt hard!

Mule deer in West Texas are showing good size and some great mass. The Davis Mountain range and the Delaware range all offer some great opportunities.

Their are some good outfitters out west and Texas Trophy Hunter magazine along with some other publications have some great guide services listed.

Axis deer are in great numbers in our area and many of the local ranchers have super packages available for the sportsman.

Kinney, Real, Edwards and Maverick county have some great opportunities for trophy Axis and if you enjoy your venison, there is no better eating than Axis deer. I like my axis venison any way you cook it.

All of us taking to the field this fall need to remember safety is our #1 priority lets have a safe, productive season. Respect the ranchers land and work with our wardens to make the 2008-2009 our best and safest ever. Remember to keep your rifles sighted in and your broad heads sharp.

Also for all you water fowlers, Val Verde County is a best kept secret. All the live water in the Del Rio area make a great winter playground for the ducks. Let us know how your season goes. Please send in your photos and special moments afield.

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An expert hunter's checklist

Before you send that hunter out this season, be sure they have everything they need.

It is extremely important to check the weather advisory for your hunting location.

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Checklist:

- Alarm Clock
- Sleeping Bag
- Cooking Utensils
- Bottle Water
- Water-Proof Matches
- Fire Starter
- Space Blanket
- Insect & Snake Bite Kit
- Knife Sharpener
- Hatchet
- Saw
- Rope
- Mirror (Small Compact)
- Flashlights
- Spare Batteries
- Pillow
- Weather Radio
- Binoculars
- Hunting Equip
- Ammunition
- Bow and Arrows
- Camera
- Grunt Tubes
- Game Calls
- Scents & Attractants
- Camo Clothing
- Bug Repellent
- Plastic Sheet 10'x10'

- High Energy Snacks
- Compass
- Spotting Scope
- Needle Nose Pliers
- Trail (marking tape)
- Extra Clothing
- Rain Gear
- Cool Weather Gear
- Hot Weather Gear
- Water Purification Tablets

- Hunting License
- Proper ID
- Extra Ammunition
- Emergency #'s on hand
- Sharp Knife

Archery Checklist:

- Extra release aid
- Sharp broadheads
- make sure all are same and of weight
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- Safety Harness
- pull up rope
- secure tree stand
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