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BISD math department honored

Brackett Independent School District (BISD) Mathematics Department participated in the Region 20, Secondary Math Showcase at the Education Service Center (ESC) in San Antonio on Sept. 15.

The ESC assists school districts in improving student performance and increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of school operations.

Recently the ESC formulated criteria to rank all the schools in Region 20. The twenty highest ranking schools were then asked to participate in a showcase to share their secrets for success with other math instructors and administrators.

"The high school TAKS Scores, the number of students with commended TAKS scores, the graduation/dropout ratio and the SAT/ACT scores were all considered and used to rank the schools," said Sheila Collazo of the ESC.

"To be chosen is quite an honor. Brackett is known for scoring well," Collazo continued.

Brackett High School (BHS) Principal Frank Taylor said, "We're very honored to be invited of course, but the honor goes to the teachers and the students. We're very proud. It's evidence that we're doing a good job."

BHS was the only rural area school included in the showcase.

Other high schools included in the top twenty were Health Careers High School, Northside ISD; Tivy High School, Kerrville ISD; La Vernia High School, La Vernia ISD; Boerne High School, Boerne ISD; O'Connor High School, Northside ISD; Poth High School, Poth ISD and Virginia

Allred Stacey High School, Lackland ISD.

BHS Mathematics Department Head Jamie Ballew actively participated in a discussion panel at the ESC event and fielded questions on how a small rural school, in a financially depressed area could produce such

high scores on standardized and college entrance examinations.

Ballew, in an interview Tuesday afternoon, stated her philosophy about teaching math was based on an old saying that she heard many years ago: *Before you can impress a student with how much you know, you*

must first impress them with how much you care.

"I care about these students," said Ballew as she explained that BISD has created a math powerhouse by starting pre-advanced placement classes at the seventh grade level, forming a math club and exposing students to

careers in math by taking them on field trips.

Last year, a group from Brackett was taken to A&M University and another group to San Antonio to a petroleum engineers convention. More than half of the students participating in the trips were female, a

endangered species in the mathematical career world.

"After school tutoring plays an important role, but without a doubt - we have the technology. When Mr. Taylor was in charge of the Technology Department, he was able to find enough grant money to put a graphing calculator in the hand of every student, all year long," continued Ballew.

A graphing calculator retails for around \$98.

Recent BHS graduate Brand Wylie was recently recognized by the BISD Board of Trustees for scoring a perfect five out of a possible five on his advanced placement calculus college entrance exam and Ballew touts that BHS traditionally scores higher than the state average on the SAT/ACT tests.

Ballew graciously gives the credit for the program's success to the entire team of instructors at BISD, as well as to the hard working students.

"We all work very well together. We have the same goals in mind. We want to keep our kids competitive for college entrance, scholarships and success in general," concluded Ballew.

Math Instructors at BISD include: Kindergarten: April Blake, Lisa Conoly and Christy Price; First Grade: Candy Hobbs; Second Grade: Maxine Bonner; Third Grade: Kandace Lamascus; Fourth Grade: Jason Gridley; Fifth Grade: Olivia Robinette; Sixth Grade: Marilyn Faulkner; Seventh and Eighth Grades: Michelle Bowers; Pre-AP Algebra I, Algebra I, Pre AP Geometry: Julie Bruce; Algebra II, Model of Mathematics, Special Education (with Erik Henson), BEA Tutoring: Chica Hernandez; Pre-AP Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Pre-AP Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus AB and TAKS Review: Jamie Ballew.



Mathletes
From Left: Julie Bruce, Chica Hernandez, Math Department Head Jamie Ballew and Erik Henson were recently recognized for being one of the top twenty schools in the Educational Service Center, Region 20, for mathematics. Brackett has become a mathematics powerhouse by combining caring attitudes with technology.

Photo by Allison Taylor

Boxell withdraws from water race

John Jack Boxell, of Fort Clark Springs, officially withdrew his bid for the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District (KCGCD), Director Precinct 1, on Sept. 18, as it was announced by Kinney County Clerk Dora Sandoval in Commissioner's Court.

Boxell's application for Precinct 1, was declared invalid by the Secretary of State and the mistake blamed on KCGCD General Manager Darlene Shahan for posting and using incorrect election deadline dates.

In the same court session, Shahan expressed concern about being able to remove Boxell's name from the ballot, but Sandoval clearly stated via telephone on Sept. 20, that Boxell's name will not appear on the November ballot.

Prior to being declared ineligible by the Secretary of State, Boxell's twelve day campaign was embroiled in controversy.

Ballot order names were drawn on Sept. 12, (erroneously reported as Aug. 12, in the Sept. 14, edition of TBN) the same day that Precinct 1, incumbent Beth Ann Smith filed an election complaint with the county clerk's office regarding Boxell's eligibility. Smith claimed Boxell was not a "rural" resident, therefore; not eligible to run for the directorship.

Smith's complaint cited legislation, Texas HB 3243, that describes the rural precincts and the eligibility requirements.

Then on Sept. 13, (also erroneously reported as Aug. 13, in the Sept. 14, edition of TBN) Boxell called TBN office late in

the afternoon to announce that he was going to withdraw from the race early in the morning on Sept. 15; and at the time offered no explanation for his actions.

The newspaper office received several phone calls late on Sept. 14, and early on Sept. 15, stating the reason for Boxell's abrupt resignation was due to threats of financial ruin from a local businessman.

Although none of the persons alleging misconduct had spoken to Boxell personally, TBN contacted Boxell on Friday morning and specifically asked him if his resignation was related to threats of any kind made against him by a local businessman or anyone else.

Boxell answered, "No," as the windchimes from his backporch echoed through the phone.

City Clean Up Campaign!

Mayor Esparza asks you to **Help Beautify Brackettville!**
SAT, SEPT 30
First Area Clean Up!
Brackett Square Behind Civic Center, 9 am - 2 pm,
Volunteers needed!
Hot dogs, Tools and All Supplies needed for the clean up are being generously donated by Langley & Banack, Inc.



Clean it Up!
From Left: D&D Hardware Store owner Dennis Dodson accepts a generous check for the purchase of supplies for the first City Clean Up from Catrina Purcell Longoria of Langley & Banack, Inc., of Eagle Pass.

Photo by Allison Taylor

News BRIEFS

Wylie Fire Relief

Anyone wanting to contribute to the Wylie Fire Relief Fund can make a deposit at the Brackettville Bank & Trust.

LEPC

Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting will be held Sept. 25 at the EMS Building at 7 pm. It's job assignment night. 563-3678

Alamo Trailride

Alamo Village & Shahan HV Ranches Trailride and Cattle Drive October 26, 27, 28, & 29. THURSDAY: Registration/ Dinner and Entertainment in Front of Alamo FRIDAY: Trail ride/Lunch on Trail/Sunset Ride/ 3 Meals. SATURDAY: Trail ride/Lunch on Trail/ 3 Meals. SUNDAY: Church/Cattle Drive thru Village/2 Meals. INFO: Primitive Camping at Movie Set. RV's and Trailers (NO Hook-ups), Motel Rooms Available at Fort Clark Springs: 1-800-937-1590, Coggins Papers Required, Please Keep Pets on Leash, Limited Stall Space-RESERVE EARLY-\$10.00 per Horse per Day. Rental Horses are available, please call Bub Winn 830-279-

0185, Bub Winn. PRICES: \$235 if paid before 1st day of event \$250 if paid at time of arrival, NON-RIDERS Adults \$160, Kids \$150 (11 & under). DAY RATE: Adults \$150 Kids \$75.00, Early arrival/Late Departure Over night fee: \$15.00 per night. FOR MORE INFORMATION: CALL - (830) 563-2580, FAX (830) 563-9226, WRITE - Box 528 Brackettville, Texas 78832, email: happy@hilconet.com or VISIT: www.alamovillage.com.

Chuckwagon Dinner Theater

A Chuckwagon Dinner Theater will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2006 with the chuckwagon dinner served at 6 p.m. at the Uvalde Adult Activity Center, 250, E. Main, and the reserved seating performances at the Janey Slaughter Briscoe Grand Opera House at 8 p.m. The purchase of a \$15 ticket entitles a person to attend the chuckwagon dinner and

5th Quarter Fellowship

The First Baptist Church will be hosting 5th Quarter on September 29, 2006, after the football game. There will be pizza, prizes, games and plenty fun. On Friday, September 15, 2006, 92 young people enjoyed fun and fellowship after the home football game. There were lots of adults in attendance as well with drawings for CD's, and gifts. Brother Jeff Janca gave his testimony. Adults on hand to supervise and enjoy the fun were Pam Janca, Bret and Natalie Allen, Rendell and Susan Moore. Paul and Kathy Kluzek, Misty Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Kellar, Janette Bolinger, J.D. and Mary Martin, Nick and B.J. Eckenrod, Carol Salladay, Beth Ann Smith, Debbie Ward, Mary

Pevehouse, Tina Hernandez and Rosie Medley.

Landfill Fee Increase

City of Brackettville's residential landfill fee increase from \$7.00 to \$10.00 per month effective October 1, 2006 Commercial and bulk \$6.50 per cubic yard. Present current utility bill as proof of residency. All non residential will be charged \$6.50 per cubic yard. If you haul trash for anyone besides your household, the charge will be \$6.50 per cubic yard. Metal, cardboard, batteries, and motor oil disposal is free.

Homecoming Dance

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Homecoming Dance following the football game on October 27, 2006, at the Fort Clark

Springs Service Club. Tino Gomez will be the D.J. and tickets are \$5.00 per person. The Dance is for BHS students, Alumni and other adults. Proceeds will benefit the Chamber Scholarship Fund and operating costs for the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce. For more information call the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce Monday - Friday from 10-12 and 1-3.

4-H Banquet

All 4-her's and their parents are invited to attend our Annual Awards Banquet, which will be held this Sunday, September 24, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. The Banquet will be held at the Service Club located at Fort Clark Springs. There will also be a brief 4-H meeting following the Banquet.

4-H Rabbit Project Meeting

There will be a 4-H Rabbit Project meeting Monday, September 25, at 4 p.m. in Mrs. Melancon's room.

Weekend WEATHER

Friday
Isolated TStorms
High:98
Low:76

Saturday
Partly Cloudy
High:97
Low:76

Sunday
Isolated TStorms
High:86
Low:67

Letter To The EDITOR

Dear Editor,
Beware citizens of Kinney County. The only thing that stands between you and the water marketers is the K.C.G.C.D., the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District.

The water marketers stand to make enormous profit by pumping from both sides of our county. Let's say the going rate is \$5000 an acre foot. If a water marketer application requests over 10,000 acre feet, that's at least fifty million (\$50,000,000) dollars in one year. Is it any wonder they will stop at nothing to get Kinney's water?

Do not believe anything you are told "on the street" about the K.C.G.C.D., the Directors or the General Manager. The water marketers will say anything/do anything to discredit the District. They will try, in the upcoming election, to put more water marketers on the board. They are clever, motivated and have unlimited funds. We might even anticipate the Texas legislature to try, once again, to dissolve the K.C.G.C.D.

Have you ever wondered why the Directors take so much abuse? It's not for the money. Their salary is zero for all their hard work. Could it be that they take their jobs very seriously? I'm sure most of the Directors believe they were elected because the people trusted them to protect our valuable resource.

Water and our aquifer are the lifeblood of Kinney County. To

this day nobody actually knows how much there is or where it comes from. No one knows, once heavy pumping and export begin, what will happen to our aquifer. Will our oasis in the desert die? There are many places in Texas destroyed, utterly and forever, because of irresponsible water use.

The K.C.G.C.D has more than one fight on its hands. Grass Valley, Hillco Partners and Water Texas are all waiting in the wings. They do not care what happens to us. Believe it or not, some of your fellow citizens are in collusion with these "Big Money" exploiters and can't wait to cash in on water rights they own. I guess, if you have enough money, you can move anywhere you want.

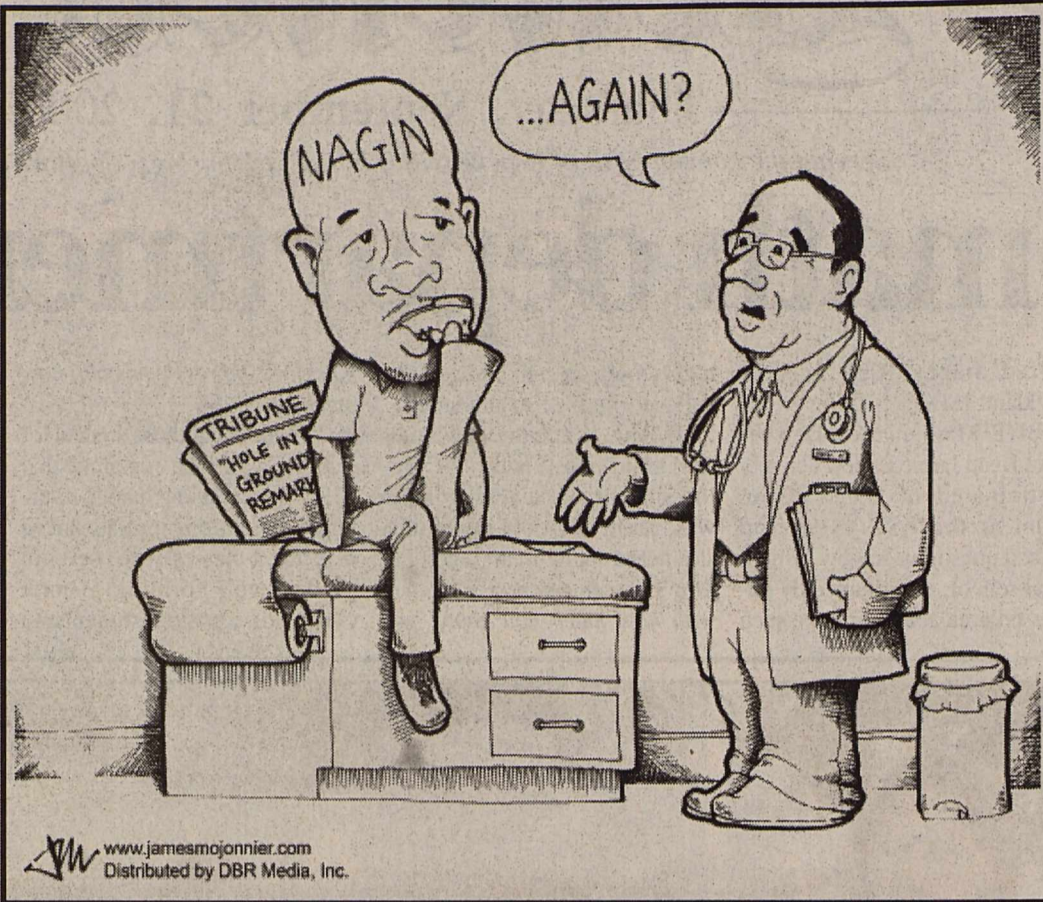
Here's what to do:

1. Make it a priority to show up when they meet in the Court-house. Notice is posted in the Post Office.

2. Thank them for their hard work for no pay.

Consider this: if you are confused and don't know what to believe, follow the money. Ask yourself who stands to gain. The water marketers' gain is your loss. You can take THAT to the bank! Looks like a WATER WAR and Kinney County is fighting for its life. We need to SUPPORT OUR TROOPS, the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District.

Carol Parks Sachs



You Can't Organize Clutter



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Why is that we feel we have to hold on to everything.

This stuff is suffocating our creativity and holding us back from what we are really supposed to be doing.

It is so hard to clean house when you have clutter everywhere!

Anything can become clutter when you don't use it, don't love it and you don't have a place for it.

We collect things because we think we may need them one day.

All this does clog up our homes and our lives. That clutter becomes a stumbling block to our daily routines.

It gets in the way of living.

We become the caretaker of stuff instead of living our lives. We have a choice; our houses can become a museum, a landfill or a home!

Three times a year we do a Super Fling Boogie.

This is when we focus on getting rid of our clutter.

You can fling any time you want to.

You don't have to wait for our Super Fling Boogies.

You can do a 27 Fling Boogie each day to gradually eliminate your clutter.

This is a fun way of releasing your clutter.

Grab a grocery bag and run through your home and gather up 27 pieces of trash to throw away.

Then put the bag in the trash can and don't look in it. Next grab a bag or box and run through your home searching for things to give away.

The key word here is run.

Do not think hard about this.

When you think too long on clutter it will convince you that it has to stay!

After you have collected 27 items to give to a thrift store then go put the bag into your car to donate next time you are out.

You have messed in your clutter for years.

It has dominated your every waking moment.

You have tried to sort it, box it up, put it in plastic tubs, cram it into closets, fill up the garage and you have even rented rooms for your clutter!

It has stolen your money, robbed you of your time and put your life in chaos!

Why?

All because you thought you might need it one day!

Then when you do need it; could you actually find it in all your pretty silk boxes, plastic tubs and filled to overflowing closets.

We have all been at this point in our lives; looking for one item that we have put in a safe place.

This is when all those boxes, tubs and closets throw up all over your cutesy organized clutter.

We spend our lives looking for things in the mass of clutter.

Aren't you tired of these endless searches?

If you learn nothing else from me, I hope that these words will stick with you.

You can't organize clutter; you can only get rid of it.

Spend a few minutes each day flinging your clutter.

Join us three times a year for a Super Fling Boogie.

Let go of your clutter and make room for more time for you!

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out her website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or her book, Sink Reflections published by Bantam.

Pro-life victory in Fifth Circuit Court



Gina Parker

By Gina Parker Recently, judges for the Fifth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals overturned a verdict previously handed down by a Texas court that upheld two City of Waco ordinances making it illegal to demonstrate peacefully outside the Waco Planned Parenthood location. The Waco City Council used the location of a Montessori School - located directly across the street from the Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic - to circumvent and deny citizens their First Amendment right to assemble peacefully to protest actions and events taking place in the clinic, which violated the moral beliefs and consciences of law abiding citizens. The Circuit Court judges ruled that the two Waco ordinances - one for

school zones and the other for parades - were "unconstitutional" because they were not "narrowly tailored" to remedy the problems for which ordinances are intended. Instead, they were purposefully written to be overbroad and vague with the intention of preventing demonstrations near the building. In 2004, pro-life Christians Carolyn Knowles and Joe Rodriguez, Jr., who had peacefully demonstrated outside of Planned Parenthood for several years, filed suit against the City of Waco after the city fined more than 20 of their fellow pro-life Christian contemporaries for violating an even broader version of the school zone ordinance. The pair took swift action by challenging the constitutionality of the ordinances, which seemed conveniently to envelope the Planned Parenthood building during peak visiting hours - times when demonstrating is most effective. The court clarifies just how Knowles and Rodriguez demonstrate: they "pray, display anti-abortion signs, distribute literature, and

counsel clinic clients on the public sidewalk." Sometimes, they even talk with and pray for the doctors and nurses that venture outside of the building, as opposed to screaming, egg-throwing, slander, or arson - all radical actions that liberals often associate with pro-life demonstrators. The first court to hear this case, however, found nothing wrong with the ordinances crafted obviously by those with an interest in the pro-choice agenda. The Waco City Council - a longtime supporter of Planned Parenthood - in a thinly disguised action used the close proximity of the Planned Parenthood Clinic and the school to write an ordinance protecting ironically not school children but insulating the Planned Parenthood Clinic from those opposing the purpose of the clinic. The Appeals Court, however, heard the case, righted the wrongs created by liberal elected officials, and found the ordinance violated people's constitutional right to assemble peacefully.

Make good use of retirement plan distributions



Emily Cooper

Are you getting close to retirement? If so, you know that one of your biggest challenges will be to manage your cash flow in a way that allows you to enjoy the lifestyle you've envisioned.

And one key part of that cash flow can be the distributions from your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

That's why it's essential that you take these distributions at the right time - and in the right amounts.

Required Minimum Distributions

The rules governing withdrawals from traditional IRAs and 401(k) plans fall under the Internal Revenue Service's "required minimum distributions" (RMD) guidelines. (You aren't required to take these distributions from a Roth IRA.) Here are some of the key RMD points to keep in mind:

- Take distributions by age 70 1/2. You should begin tak-

ing RMDs in the year in which you turn 70 1/2.

If you don't take your first RMD during that year, you must take it no later than April 1 of the following year.

If you do put it off until April 1, you must take two distributions in one year.

If you don't take your RMDs on time, you may have to pay the IRS a 50 percent penalty tax on the taxable portion of your uncollected distribution - so make sure you know your dates.

- You can take more than the minimum. You can withdraw more than the RMD, but, as the word "required" suggests, you can't withdraw less.

- You may be able to delay RMDs if you're still working. If your employer's retirement plan permits it, you may not have to take RMDs from the plan if you are still working and you are 70 1/2 or older.

However, this exception won't apply if you own five percent or more of your company.

To determine your RMD, you'll need to use either the Uniform Lifetime Table, which is based on your life expectancy, or the Joint Life Table, if you have a spouse who is the sole beneficiary and who is more than ten years younger.

Your tax advisor can help you

make this selection.

Other Factors to Consider:

How will you know the level of retirement plan distributions you should take? First, of course, you'll need to know, with a fair degree of certainty, how much money you'll need each month.

Then, consider these factors:

- Social Security - The more Social Security you receive, the lower the distributions you may have to take from your retirement plans. Conversely, the less you collect in Social Security, the more you may have to take from your plans.

- Investment mix - How much you take in retirement plan distributions will also depend on how much income you have coming in from your investments held outside your 401(k) and IRA.

You will want to review your portfolio to make sure it provides you with both growth and income opportunities during your retirement years.

Your financial and tax professionals can help you determine the appropriate choices when it's time to start taking distributions from your retirement plans.

By making the proper moves, you can help ensure your hard-earned savings pay off for you when you need them.

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If you read an opinion piece and you couldn't disagree more - Let us know! Write a letter to the editor today!

The Brackett News

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Turn to the Experts

Tiger Pride



Brackett vs Charlotte



Tiger Gridiron
Thomas Hurney

The Brackett Tigers rebounded from last weeks debacle at Sonora with a 56-7 dismantling of Charlotte Friday night at Tiger Stadium. Quarterback Robert Davis had two touchdown passes and a resurgent running game rolled up nearly 400 yards against an overwhelmed Trojan defense.

Charlotte began the game on a sour note (one of many for the Trojans and their faithful) with a failed on-side kick attempt on the opening kickoff. The Tigers took over on their own 48 and scored two plays later on a 40 yard pitch and catch from Davis to tailback Travis Bonner. Jacob Schroeders' extra point attempt fell short though, and the Tigers led 6-0.

Charlottes 1st possession of the night went nowhere and the Trojans had to kick it away. The Tigers had the ball back, but their next foray into Charlotte territory stalled at the Trojan 15 and a Brackett field goal attempt on 4th and 5 sailed wide right. Charlottes next drive produced all of 5 yards and again they were again forced to punt. This time however the Tigers took advantage of the opportunity, mounting an 8-play, 59- yard drive in typical Tiger fashion, (i.e. all of it on the ground) culminating in a 10 yard TD sprint by Ivan Pinales.

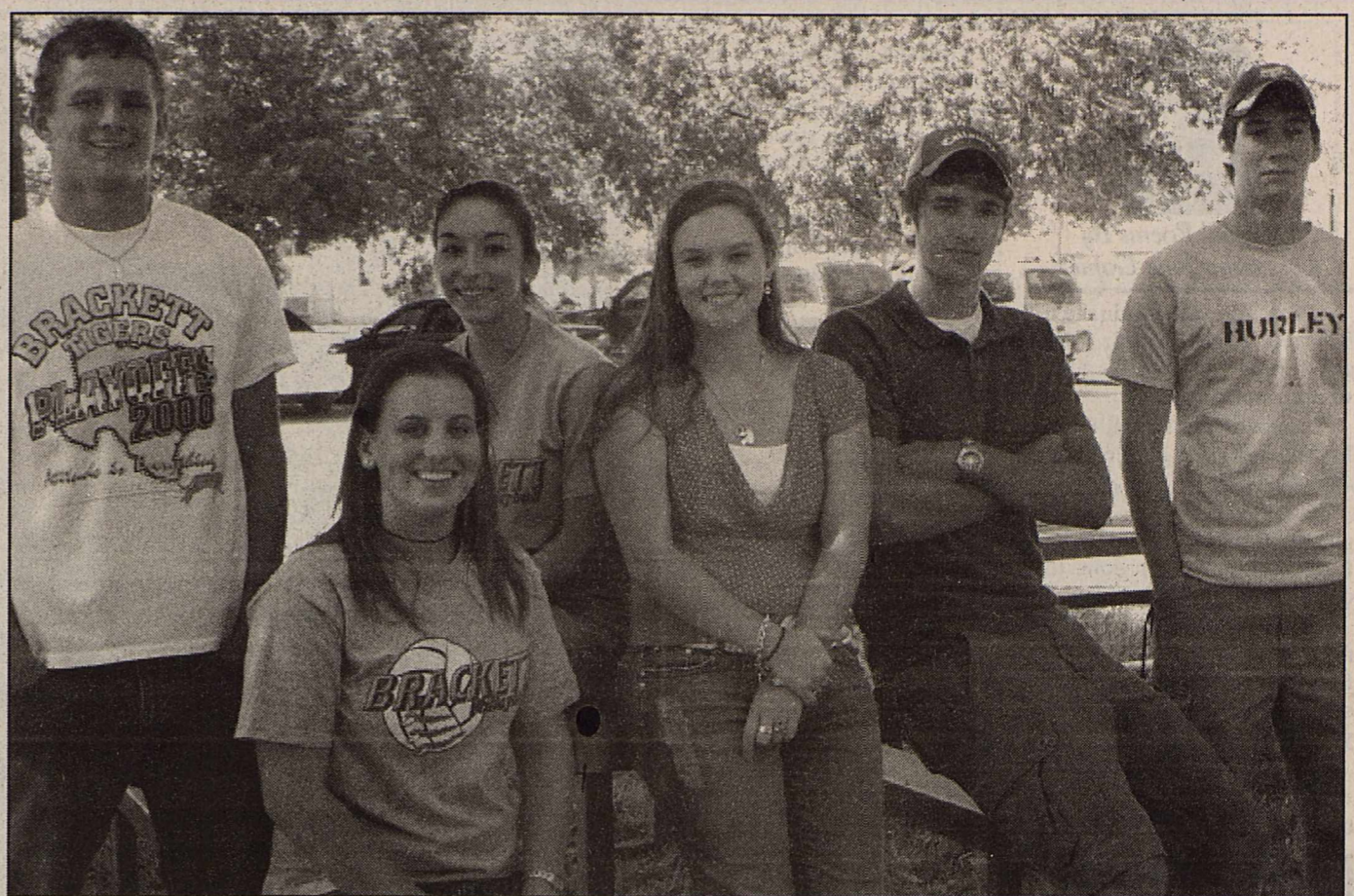
Former Ohio State head coach/ icon Woody Hayes once said "3 things can happen when you pass the football, and two of them are bad". Somewhere tonight Woody was beaming.

Jacob Schroeder tacked on the point after touchdown and Brackett extended its lead to 13-0.

On the topic of famous quotations, someone once said "it can always get worse" and it did for the Trojans who lost 13 yards on their next drive. A 6 yard return of a short punt from the Charlotte seven and Brackett went to work from the Trojan 24 cashing in 3 plays later by virtue of a 1 yard TD plunge by Pinales. Extra point good, Tigers lead 20-0. At this point it occurs to me that a full accounting of each scoring drive from here on out would produce a nasty case of writers cramp (I write long hand) and a roughly 12 inch thick edition of The Brackett News, so I'll summarize. In the second quarter Brackett had 3 scoring drives capped (in order) by a 27 yard Davis to Bonner hook-up for touchdown, a 6 yard TD rumble by fullback Fermin Villanueva and a 36 yard romp by Pinales for 6.

More of the same in the 2nd half, the exception being a 5 yard touchdown run by Charlotte's Mr. Versatility, quarterback, running back and defensive back Rocky Villalobos early in the 3rd quarter. It's just as well, as the scoreboard seemed to list precariously to the "home" side under the weight of all those numbers. Fermin Villanueva and Travis Bonner added to that tally later in the 3rd quarter with TD runs of 8 and 19 yards respectively. Kudos also to the Brackett defense led by Pinales and senior John Moore and Junior Adams, who lived in the Trojan backfield and harassed Trojan QB Villalobos all night long, sacking him 4 times and causing a fumble.

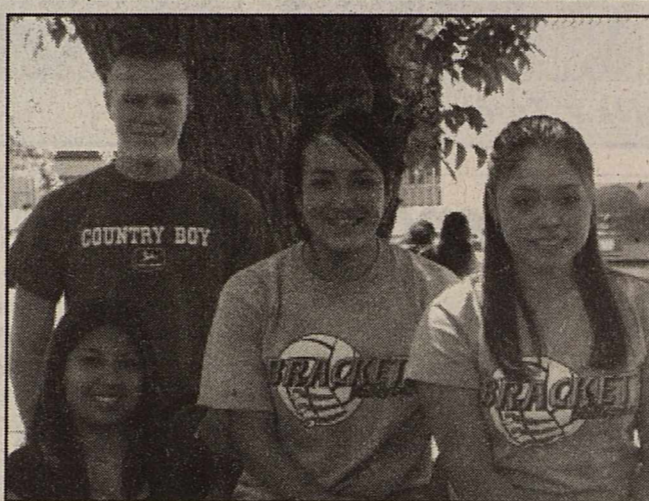
The Tigers have a bye week this week and a home engagement September 29th against Natalia.



Senior Class Officers

Photo by Leigh Volcsko

From Left: Class Representative Robert Davis, President Laura Meyer, Secretary Lola Cano, Treasurer Alison Carroll, Vice President Justin Calk and Class Representative Cullen Duncan



Junior Class Officers

Photo by Leigh Volcsko

Front Row from Left: Vice President Mari Juarez, Secretary Julie Castillo, Treasurer Chaito Sanchez. Standing: Pres Josh Kluzek



Sophomore Class Officers

Photo by Leigh Volcsko

From Left: Class Rep. Roxie Gomez, President Bianca Terrazas, Class Rep. Jacob Schroeder, Treasurer Marible Rivas and Secretary Ashley Resendez.

VOLLEYBALL UPDATE

Varsity girls win Utopia Tournament

Submitted by Coach Rhonda Marquardt

Brackettville varsity won the Utopia Tournament. Brackett beat SA Cole 25-4; 25-9. Kills: Emily Valenzuela - 4, Rebecca Mann, Daphne Hunt, Bailee Allen - 2, Bianca Stewart 1, Blocks: Bailee Allen - 1, Digs: Julie Castillo - 3, Bianca Terrazas and Bailee Allen - 2, Daphne Hunt, Emily Valenzuela, Lola Cano, and Rebecca Mann - 1, Aces: Julie Castillo and Emily Valenzuela - 3, Bailee Allen and Daphne Hunt - 1, Assists: Julie Castillo - 6, Serving 95 percent. Brackett beat Leakey 25-13; 25-17. Kills: Daphne Hunt - 6, Emily Valenzuela, Julie Castillo, Bailee Allen - 4, Bianca Stewart - 3, Rebecca Mann - 2, Blocks: Rebecca Mann and Emily Valenzuela - 1, Digs: Lola Cano and Bailee Allen - 5, Daphne Hunt, Julie Castillo and Laura Meyer - 4, Bianca Stewart - 3, Aces: Daphne Hunt - 2, Assists: Julie Castillo - 14, Serve 93 percent. Brackett beat Utopia for the championship 25-15, 25-21;

25-16. Kills: Daphne Hunt - 9, Emily Valenzuela - 8, Bailee Allen - 5, Rebecca Mann, Bianca Stewart, and Julie Castillo - 2, Laura Meyer - 1, Blocks: Rebecca Mann - 2, Bianca Stewart and Daphne Hunt - 1, Digs: Laura Meyer and Bianca Terrazas - 8, Daphne Hunt - 7, Bailee Allen - 6, Lola Cano and Emily Valenzuela - 4, Julie Castillo - 2, Bianca Stewart - 1, Aces: Julie Castillo, Daphne Hunt, Bailee Allen - 2, Laura Meyer and Emily Valenzuela - 1, Assists: Julie Castillo - 16, Serve 89 percent. Record 15-8.

Brackett beat Utopia 25-18; 27-29; 25-7; 25-20 last Friday. Kills: Daphne Hunt - 12, Julie Castillo - 9, Emily Valenzuela - 8, Bailee Allen - 6, Rebecca Mann - 4, Bianca Stewart - 2, Aces: Bailee Allen - 6, Emily Valenzuela - 3, Julie Castillo - 2, Bianca Terrazas - 1, Assists: Julie Castillo - 19, Emily Valenzuela - 5, Bianca Terraza and Bailee Allen - 2, Lola Cano - 1, Blocks: Emily Valenzuela - 2, Rebecca Mann, Julie Castillo, and Bianca Stewart - 1. Record 17-8.



Freshmen Class Officers

Photo by Leigh Volcsko

From Left: Treasurer Ivy Garcia, President Victor Cantu, Vice President Elidia Molinar, Class Representative Elena Molinar, Class Representative Raul Rivas and Secretary Nydia Talamantes.

Cubs beat Trojans 16-0

Submitted by Coach Steven Hutcherson

The Brackett Junior High Football team moved to one and one after defeating the Charlotte Trojans 16-0.

In the first week of junior high play the Cubs suffered an embarrassing 32-6 loss to Sonora but the Cubs rebounded quickly.

The offensive stars for the Cubs against Charlotte were Salvador Pacheco, Victor Robledo, Sam Stewart, and Brandon Allen.

It was total team defensive effort with great defensive back, linebacker, and D-Line play as the Cubs held a talented and athletic Trojan offense scoreless and zero completed passes.



Tiger Team Work!

GAME STATS BY CASH LETSINGER

	TIGERS	Trojans
Points Scored	56	7
First Downs	24	2
By Rush/Pass/Penalty	20/3/1	1/1/0
3rd Downs Made/Att/Eff	5/9/56	0/9/0
4th Downs Made/Att/Eff	2/2/100	0/1/0
Total Yards / Avg per Play	471/7.6	102/3.0
Total Yards Rushing	392	55
Rushing Att/Avg	54/7.3	24/2.3
Total yards Passing	79	47
Pass Att/Comp/Int	8/3/0	10/1/0
Average Yards per Pass	9.9	4.7
Punts /Avg	0/0.0	8/32.4
Punt Returns/Yards/Avg	3/45/15	0/0/0
Punts Blocked	0	0
Kickoff Returns/Yds/Avg	0/0/0	5/102/20
Fumbles /Lost	4/2	1/1
Total Turnovers	2	1
Penalties /Yards	3/18	2/26
Sacks /Yards	4/29	0/0
TDs	8	1
TDs Rush/Pass	6/2	1/0
Field Goals Att/Made	1/0	0/0
Time of Possession	29:02	18:58

Score by Quarter	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
Trojans	0	0	7	0	-	7
Tigers	21	21	14	0	-	56

Scoring Summary

- Brackett TIGERS: 1st Qtr, Davis pass to Bonner 40 yard TD
PAT kick - no good
- Brackett TIGERS: 1st Qtr, Pinales rush 10 yard TD
PAT - Bonner rush good
- Brackett TIGERS: 1st Qtr, Pinales rush 1 yard TD
PAT kick - Schroeder good
- Brackett TIGERS: 2nd Qtr, Davis pass to Bonner 27 yard TD
PAT kick - Schroeder good
- Brackett TIGERS: 2nd Qtr, Villanueva rush 6 yard TD
PAT kick - Schroeder good
- Brackett TIGERS: 2nd Qtr, Pinales rush 36 yard TD
PAT kick - Schroeder good
- CHARLOTTE TROJANS: 3rd Qtr, Villalobos rush 5 yard TD
PAT kick - Salazar good
- Brackett TIGERS: 3rd Qtr, Villanueva rush 8 yard TD
PAT kick - Schroeder good
- Brackett TIGERS: 3rd Qtr, Bonner rush 19 yard TD
PAT kick - Schroeder good



Original Poems By
Cassandra Jane Gomez

As a recent graduate of Brackett High School, I take great pride in talking about where I'm from.

I went to the football game Friday, and I was a little bit less than pleased.

The tigers did well, (way to go guys) but the band didn't. It was the new fight song that disappointed me most.

I told my mom that I wanted to write a letter to the School Board about this issue, and she said, "Why write a letter, when you can write a poem?"

So, I did!

That's A Brackettville Tradition! Jalisco! Jalisco! Go Ti-

gers Go!

The fans all clap to our fight song Tradition is all that we know Walking out into the gym Full of teachers, students, and parents all alike Clapping to our fight song Cheering us on to a victory tonight Hand and hand Heads held high Crashing through the banner We just can't hide that Tiger Pride What's that song we hear It's a song of victory Black and gold dotting the stands Is all that we can see Another touch down made Go ahead and look at that score Brackett fans jump to their feet To clap to Jalisco once more The band plays this song proudly There is an overwhelming sense of pride You can tell by the way they play it You can see it their eyes The game is over The Tigers gather as one To listen to their fight song And celebrate a job well done Brackett is about traditions Brackett is about pride To us Jalisco defines both And about that you can't lie.



New Trooper in Force

Floyd graduates DPS Academy

AUSTIN - Lynn E. Floyd of Corpus Christi graduated from the Texas Department of Public Safety's 131st Training Academy.

State Representative Jim Pitts of Waxahachie, the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, delivered the keynote address.

"It's an honor to join these troopers as they celebrate their graduation and begin their service on the front line of public safety," said Pitts. "All of them have accepted a career that is challenging, difficult and dangerous, but one that is essential. I thank all of them for their dedication and service to this great state."

Ernest Angelo Jr., chairman of the Texas Public Safety Commission, spoke to the graduates during the ceremony.

Lt. Col. David McEathron, DPS assistant director, also participated in the ceremony along with DPS training officers.

The 27-week school in the longest continuous training academy offered by any law enforcement agency in Texas, and one of the longest in the nation.

The cadets entered the Academy in January and completed 1,214 hours of instruction - more than twice the training required by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

Instruction covered more than 100 subjects, including counter terrorism, traffic and criminal law, arrest and control procedures, accident reconstruction, first aid and Spanish.

They also received extensive use of force, communication skills, firearms, driving, criminal interdiction, cultural diversity and physical fitness training.

"These men and women will put themselves in great danger everyday to serve and protect the citizens of Texas. They will act as the first line of defense against criminals of all sorts - from drunk drivers to terrorists," said DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr. "We expect them to serve with integrity and to honor the proud tradition of the Texas Department of Public Safety."

Trooper Floyd will be assigned to the Texas Highway Patrol in Port Lavaca.

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Instead of just plain ham steak, it dresses it up.

Because of the ingredients, it's also much more appealing to the kiddies.

A dash of grated ginger adds just that little kick of spice to make it more desirable to the grown-up palate.

You could also use this recipe to recycle any leftover canned ham you may have.

It's versatile, a snap to make, and mouth-wateringly delicious!

Although the recipe calls for it to be done in the broiler, you can easily grill it outdoors to suit the season's weather.

I guarantee, though, this

will become a regular in your roster of meals all year 'round.

Jif peanut glazed ham steak

1 fully cooked ham center cut slice, cut 1/2-inch thick (about 1 pound)

3 tablespoons Smucker's Orange Marmalade

2 tablespoons Jif Creamy Peanut Butter

1 tablespoon water

1 teaspoon grated ginger

Preheat broiler. Slash edges of ham slice; place on broiler pan. Broil 3 inches from heat for 5 minutes.

Turn ham slice; broil 4 to 5 minutes more.

Combine marmalade, peanut butter, ginger and water.

Spread over ham slice. Broil 1/2 to one minute longer till lightly browned.

Yield: 4 servings.

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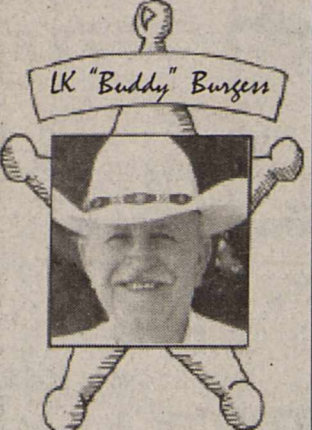
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Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Tuesday, September 12
 4:45 p.m. VVSO reported cattle on HWY 277. Maverick SO was contacted.
 5:20 p.m. An alarm went off at one of the housing apt., a deputy was dispatched. The alarm was set off by maintenance.
 11:20 p.m. A lady called KCSO reporting her neighbors were very loud. A deputy was dispatched.

Wednesday, September 13
 2:31 a.m. Border Patrol called the KCSO requesting EMS to their location. EMS was dispatched.
 10:20 a.m. VVSO called to report a possible stolen car. VVSO called back stating to disregard the situation.

Thursday, September 14
 4:00 p.m. A call came in asking for a deputy at the EMS building. A deputy was dispatched.

Saturday, September 16
 7:46 p.m. A man and his son came to the KCSO wanting to speak with a deputy.
 10:35 p.m. A person called the KCSO stating there was someone knocking on her window, when the mother went to the house she thought she saw someone by her fence. A deputy was dispatched.
 11:45 p.m. A person called KCSO stating that a UP train had been blocking the entrance to their ranch for an 11/2. UP was called.

Sunday, September 17
 7:24 p.m. A woman called KCSO requesting a deputy at her residence in reference to her son breaking windows and assaulting her husband. A deputy was dispatched and Border Patrol assisted.

Monday, September 18
 4:00 p.m. A man called KCSO asking for a deputy to check on his wife, he had not heard from her in several days. A deputy was dispatched and the wife was fine.

Mind Your P's and Q's!
 As stated many times in this space, children should learn proper manners from an early age. One thing that has become increasingly common in our society is for children to address adults by their first names. This is not acceptable. Even if the adult in question is a close friend of the family, the child should be taught to address the person as Ms. So-and-So or Mr. So-and-So, never "John" or "Mary." If you like, though, the child can address the person as "Uncle John" or "Aunt Mary."

Home Handyman
 Self-defrosting refrigerators seem complicated, yet most of them have only three functional defrost components. When repairing a self-defrosting problem, it is often cheaper to replace all three parts than it is to hire a technician to come out. In addition, many functional parts have a similar life expectancy. So replacing all three parts may prevent another repair in the near future.

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Steelers Steal The Game
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The Fort Clark Historical Society opens its 2006-2007 program season

Submitted by Bill Haenn
 take his trademark "Birdseye view" panoramic photographs of the post from the water tower and of Fort Clark's soldiers.
 Reprints of these historic photos of Fort Clark are in fact still available from The University of Texas Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center in Austin. The Center houses the Goldbeck Collection of nearly 80,000 panoramic photographs taken over a career spanning almost 75 years and covering the world. Mr. Goldbeck's most frequently photographed subjects were the military and U.S. Army post in Texas. Today, The Goldbeck Company in San Antonio (www.goldbeck-company.com) carries on the family photography business begun in 1921 as the National Photo Service. Please join us for this throughout the 1920s and 30s to most informative program.

2006 Steeler Football Schedule

- September**
 23 at 1 p.m. VS Redskins
 30 at 11 a.m. VS Cowboys
- October**
 7 at 1 p.m. VS Redskins
 14 at 11 a.m. VS Texas
 21 at 1 p.m. VS Vikings
 28 at 11 a.m. VS Ravens
- November**
 4 - Playoffs at 11 a.m. / 1 p.m.
 11 - Semi-finals at 11 a.m. / 1 p.m.
 18 - Championship at 5 p.m. / 7:30 p.m.

Steelers beat Sabinal 40-12
 Saturday, September 16, the Uvalde Youth Football League hosted the Brackettville Steelers and the Sabinal Vikings.
 The game was close through the first quarter, but as the second quarter started our boys pulled away and never looked back.
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Ranch & Rural Living

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Enroll in Hunter Education course before the season

TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE

AUSTIN, Texas — Despite offering 4,400 hunter education courses throughout the year, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department understands there are some who will still wait until the last minute before hunting season to get certified. This fall, those procrastinators need not panic.

"There are still more than 220

structured courses scheduled across the state between now and Nov. 3, the last day before the opening of deer season," said Terry Erwin, hunter education coordinator for TPWD. "And there are over 80 home-study courses available, but all of these courses are subject to change as they fill up daily. It may be tough getting into a course before deer season."

That's where TPWD's hunter education deferral option can help. The deferral option, which was introduced two years ago, allows people 17 years of age or older, a one-time only extension to complete the state's hunter education requirements.

The individual must purchase

a hunting license and then may purchase the "Deferral Option # 166, and must be accompanied by someone 17 years old or older who is also licensed to hunt in Texas.

The accompanying individual must have completed hunter education or be exempt from the requirements (born before Sept. 2, 1971). The extension is good from date of purchase until Aug. 31 of the current license year, by which time the person with the deferral option needs to complete a hunter education course.

This option will not be available to those who have ever received a conviction or deferred adjudication for lack of hunter education certification. They still must take the course before go-

ing afield.

The deferred option costs \$10 and may be offered one-time only. The new hunter also receives a \$5 discount off the price of a hunter education course, which costs \$15, but only if the course is taken prior to the end of the current license year. The option is surrendered at the time the course is taken and replaced with a hunter education "temporary card" until the actual certification card arrives from Austin.

The deferred option will also be available to out-of-state hunters, as well as those in the military who are stationed in Texas or who are home on leave. However, the deferral is only good in Texas, and will not be hon-

ored outside the state.

"People who are off in college out of state are helped by this program," said Erwin. "I talked to one mom who was concerned her son would not have time to take the course when he came home from college during the holidays and wouldn't be able to go hunting with his dad. She got the deferred option as insurance."

According to TPWD game warden records, the most common citation written is for hunter education certification violations.

Texas certifies more than 33,000 hunters annually through 4,400 hunter education courses offered across the state, with at least one offered in each of the

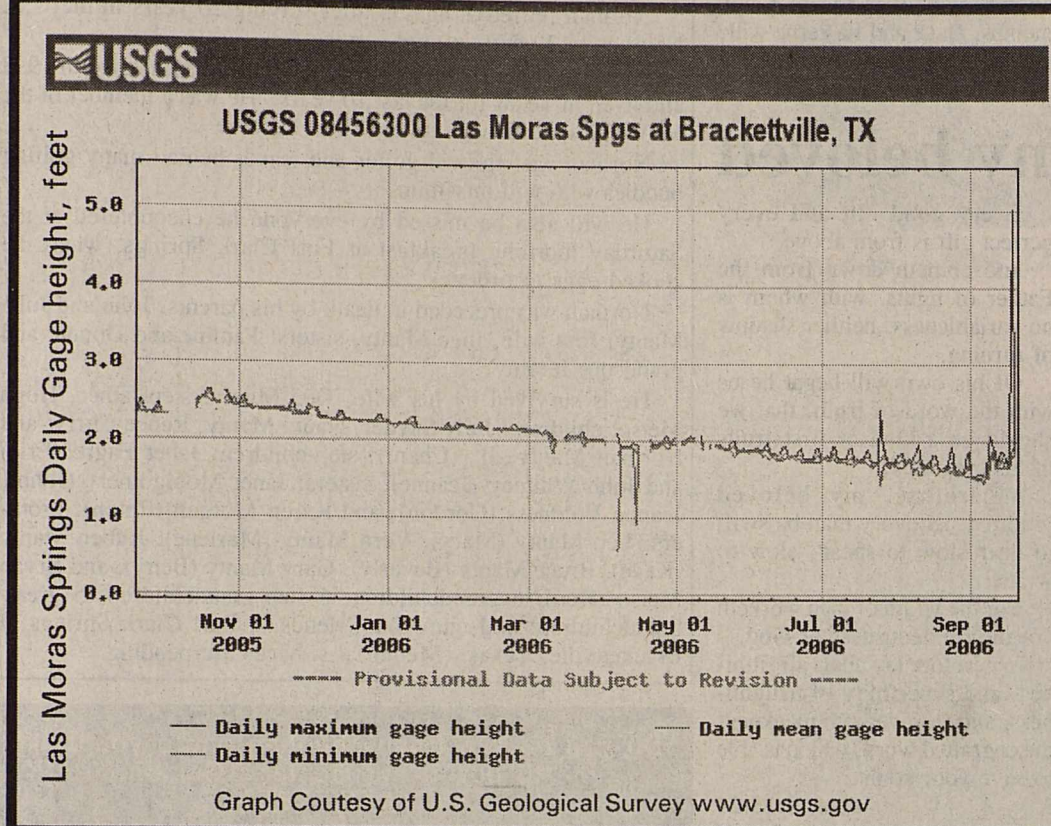
254 counties. Hunter Education courses are a minimum of 10 hours of classroom and hands-on activities.

The classroom portion can alternatively be taken through home study or online, followed by a hands-on, outdoor session taught by volunteer instructors.

"Although we offer the course throughout the year, there are times during the holidays when only a select number of courses may be available and that's typically the time of year when most people have an opportunity to go hunting," said Erwin. "This deferred option will give folks time and convenience to enroll at a later date and still take advantage of an opportunity to go hunting."

During the last four decades, hunting-related accidents have declined by more than half and the credit goes to mandatory hunter education.

If anyone is interested in becoming an instructor or for more information about hunter education and the new deferred option, call TPWD toll free (800) 792-1112 or visit the Web site (http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/hunter_education/).



USGS offers real-time information on Las Moras Springs

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) was established by 45th Congress in 1879, under President Rutherford B. Hayes.

The USGS currently works to provide scientific water management information to a variety of private and governmental agencies. USGS employs 10,000 scientists, technicians and support staff in 400 locations throughout the United States.

These individuals also collect, monitor, analyze biological, energy and mineral resource information.

The chart (at left) represents real-time information collected by the USGS from the Las Moras Springs here in Kinney County at Brackettville every 15-60 minutes and transmitted to the public via satellite, telephone or radio every 1-4 hours. Recording and transmissions may occur more frequently during critical events.

To follow the daily levels of the Las Moras Spring and other Texas water sources monitored by the USGS, visit their website at www.usgs.gov.

Pet corner

Q. My veterinarian recently suggested I have my 5-year-old dog vaccinated against Lyme disease.

We do live in an area which is quite rural, and there are lots of deer, etc.

However, I'd read somewhere a few years back that the Lyme vaccine for pets wasn't really effective. Shouldn't I just stick to my usual flea-and-tick preventative, which I administer once a month?

A. You're correct about the Lyme vaccine. It's only about 80 percent effective.

However, more and more, vets are reporting that young dogs who are infected with Lyme are actually dying.

For some reason, the nature of the disease has changed, and it's attacking the vital organs, kidneys specifically, of infected dogs.

We agree with your veterinarian. Have your dog vaccinated.

That, in combination with what you're already doing (we assume you're using Advantage or Frontline) to prevent flea and tick infestation should do the trick.

Q. My neighbors recently killed a snake which was curled up under their porch. They were concerned that it didn't know what kind it was and assumed it was poisonous.

I'm upset about this. What can someone do in a similar situation to prevent the destruction of an innocent animal, even if it is a snake?

A. Your neighbors should have called the local wildlife authorities to come out and identify the snake.

Chances are, it wasn't poisonous, but you never know. Even if it was, the proper people could have dealt with it and relocated the snake to a safer, more remote area.

To give your neighbors the benefit of the doubt, depending on the size of the snake, any pets they have (such as cats) could have been in danger.

Snakes have been known to feed on small dogs and cats. Again, this depends on just how big the snake was.

Let your neighbors know that in the future, they should contact the proper authorities to deal with any wildlife situation they may encounter.

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First United Methodist Church reaches out with Angel Food Ministries



Pastor Jean Reardon

Can you or someone you know benefit by getting \$50-\$75 worth of good, nutritious food for \$25? If so, then Angel Food Ministry will serve your needs well.

Angel Food Ministry is designed to provide quality food at a low price to anyone that might benefit from such an opportunity. There are NO qualifying criteria.

How does it work?

For \$25, you can order a box of food designed to feed a family of four for a week. The food is first quality food from name brand and well-known suppliers, and would cost \$50-\$75 if purchased

at your local grocery store.

Angel Food Ministries, a non-profit organization located in Monroe, Georgia, orders and distributes this food in bulk to host sites in 34 states. Each host site distributes this bulk food to local churches (such as First United Methodist Church of Brackettville), outreach ministries and non-profit organizations, which then distribute these items as food boxes per individual orders. Distribution at local sites is done by volunteers.

Orders will be taken and food distributed each month. Anyone can purchase a food box!

As stated earlier, there are no qualifications and no limits on the number of food boxes you may order. You can purchase for yourself, for a friend, for a group or for a family you know who is in need. This ministry is being offered simply to help those with financial or nutritional needs.

Why are we doing this?

First United Methodist Church is a caring community of believers who have seen a need in our community and prayed for a way to help. As we prayed watchfully, we became aware of Angel Food Ministries last spring. Although we are still waiting for approval as an official "host site" we have learned that we can order through the United Methodist Church in Uvalde. We believe that participating in offering this ministry is something that Jesus would have us do. October order deadline: 6 PM Thursday, October 5th

October distribution: SATURDAY, October 21st, Slaton Hall.

Exact time will be announced later—probably between 10:45-noon

Place your order at Slaton Hall across from First United Methodist Church on Tuesdays 9 AM to

1 PM or Thursdays 2 PM-6PM beginning Thursday, September 21st.

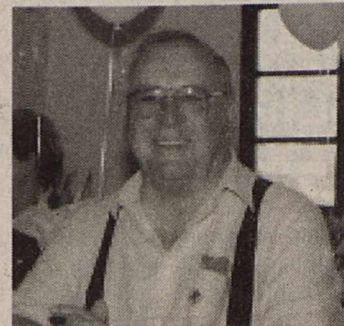
Orders must be paid at the time they are placed. At this time, sales are cash only. Order forms may be picked up at local churches, Kinney County Library, and the Visitors' Center on Fort Clark. You must bring a large box or laundry basket to pick up your food on distribution day. Food not picked up by 1:30 on distribution day will be donated to the Food Bank. Contact Ava Lindeman at 563-5641 or First United Methodist Church (563-2823) for more information or to volunteer to help.

We at the Methodist church are grateful to Dave Harper, a member of Frontier Baptist, for offering the community a taste of Angel Food Ministries by ordering on his own over the last few months. Dave and LaVerne will continue to be active volunteers in this ministry.

OBITUARY

Norman Roger Manty

September 14, 2006



Mr. Norman Roger Manty age 75 of Brackettville, Texas died Thursday, September 14, 2006. Norman lived a very full life while traveling in the U.S. Navy.

While in the U.S. Navy, he married his first wife and together they raised 4 children.

Norman retired at age 55 after serving 20 years in the U.S. Navy and 12 years in civil service.

After the death of his first wife in 1992, he remarried in 1995 and lived in Texas for the last 10 years. He was a member of the VFW, American Legion, and Fleet Reserve.

Norman was an avid golfer and leaves behind many golfing buddies who will miss him.

He will also be missed by everyone he encountered at the Saturday morning breakfast at Fort Clark Springs, where he cooked eggs to order.

Norman was preceded in death by his parents, John and Julia Manty, first wife, Inge Manty, sisters: Pauline and Donna, and grandson, Jeremy.

He is survived by his wife, Dee Manty; step-father, Hugo Metso; children: Judy Snyder, Nauni Manty, Renee Curry, and Norman Manty, Jr. (Chere); step-children: Janet Fagre (Eric) and John Whitney (Jeanne); sisters: Janet Montgomery (John), Jeanne Voldness (Gordon), and Karen Morgan (Ralph); brothers: Leo Manty (Mary), Vern Manty (Marlene), Ruben Manty (Kaye), Bruce Manty (Beverly), Gary Manty (Betty), and Bryan Metso (Hen); 6 grandchildren; 6 step-grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; and numerous friends in Fort Clark Springs in Brackettville, Texas. Memorial services are pending.

Do you have a trophy hunting photo you'd like to put in our Hunter's Guide? Call 563-2852

Big daddy Do not err my beloved



Jeff Janca

He was well known during the first years on the University Campus as being a football player and a tough and mean guy. One of his nicknames was "Big Daddy".

He lived a hard and rough life, till one day, he found himself at the end of his rope. Desperate, Walter cried out to Jesus for help and surrendered his life to the Lord.

The transformation that the Lord did in Walter's life was amazing. He quit drinking and hanging out with the wrong crowd and he started to go to church.

Walter began to put Jesus first in his life. He began reading his Bible and praying. It was somewhere during this time the Lord called Walter to preach. He said yes and soon was pastoring a small country church.

The Lord did a wonderful work in Walter's life. He graduated from college, married a fine Christian woman, and they had 3 great children. Walter graduated from Seminary and over the years pastored

Churches in Colorado and Texas.

Life was not always easy for Walter, his wife, and children. Several years ago, his oldest daughter died tragically in an accident.

She was a wonderful Christian girl and many were touched by her witness for Jesus.

Last Friday, I received a call from a friend who said that Walter had died suddenly at the age of 50. One moment he was here on earth, the next moment he was with the Lord Jesus Christ and reunited with his daughter in heaven.

Walter was ready to go. He was prepared for his eternal destination because he had a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

His family probably has mixed emotions about his dying. They will miss him greatly, but they also know that he is now with Jesus; he is now at home with the Lord.

How about you? Do you have a relationship with Jesus Christ or do you just have religion? If you were to die this moment would the Lord let you in heaven? Is Jesus your Lord and Savior?

Take a moment and invite Jesus into your life today. If you would like to know more about having salvation in Jesus Christ give me a call at First Baptist Church.



Rev. Bill Adams Sr.

Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Do not err, my beloved brethren.

Phone Home; It's Me - God!

During difficult times, people are tempted to curse Me. Why could I let this or that happen? What kind of merciful God would allow these things?

Think about this. If you never knew sorrow, you could never fully experience real joy. If life went smoothly for you every day, you'd never appreciate the good things as they happened. You would know only sameness and boredom. Man thrives on challenge. It is what spurs you to great discoveries. It's what gets you to use the talents I gave you. If there were no obstacles, big or small, there would be no progress.

You also make progress in your spiritual life when you learn to cope with loss and tribulation. You come to value what's important. You grow closer to Me, if you turn to Me and trust in Me. I walk with you always.

Just a little rain

Every thing was so dry and burnt up and it looked like no change in sight.

My wife and I were both up and down emotionally.

We had to work through our emotions but we both came to the place, after much time in prayer and time alone with God. If that was God's will, we could accept it. (James 1:2&3).

One morning we got three tenths of an inch of rain and I was so happy until I heard one of my neighbors got two inches of rain.

I was glad that he got two inches of rain but unhappy because I did not get as much.



Brother J.

I learned some valuable lessons from that experience. Do not be looking over the fence and trying to see what the neighbors have.

We will never be thankful for what we have. We need to be thankful, even for the little things.

I finally came to my senses

and looked at how God had blessed me with that three tenths.

I had to ask His forgiveness and thank Him for that.

Once I came to that place, the joy returned to my heart, (Philippians 4:6&7).

Don't be looking across the fence just straight up and down. Up to ask God, (John 16:24, 1John 5:14&15) and down to see how he has blessed you and then thank Him, (Psalm 100:4, Ephesians 3:20&21).

Days later, we got two inches of rain. See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

Angel Food Ministries

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Your Horoscope by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A business deal goes better than expected. Socially, you gab about quite happily this week. Take time to catch your breath over the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) In defending a friend, don't get into a fight with your mate. Sometimes, you're too involved in others' problems. Loved ones can take offense.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A minor delay in your plans throws you off track. However, things clear up by midweek. Later, travel and romance go hand-in-hand.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Take some time this week to reconnect with your mate. Some quiet, alone time is just what you both need. This weekend, tackle some chores you'd been procrastinating on.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Look for ways to improve yourself. Believe it or not, it can be done. Ultimately, this aids in your success.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're tempted to give in to stress. This isn't good for you emotionally or physically. If need be, don't be afraid to ask for help.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You've been somewhat oblivious to a close friend's ploy for attention. Experience will tell you that you're right to ignore this. You don't need to be this person's crutch.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) It's unlike you to be reticent about anything you have to say. Don't worry. You can speak your mind tactfully and still get your point across.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Financial matters are favored. However, domestic matters are another story. By week's end, you sort everything through satisfactorily.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Stay out of the fray this week on the home front. Others will strive mightily to get you involved. However, this really has nothing to do with you, and you're wise to realize it.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Early in the week, business meetings prove frustrating. Put that mind to work and come up with a new plan. You're certainly up to the challenge!

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Friends are making unfair demands on your time. Feel free to say no. You don't have to attend every party or event.

CELEBRITY BIRTH-DAYS: Harry Connick, Jr., September 11; Ruben Studdard, September 12; Peter Cetera, September 13; Faith Ford, September 14; Oliver Stone, September 15; Ed Begley, Jr., September 16; Elvira, September 17.



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