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Notice to City Residents
Due to the Christmas Holidays, the City of Brackettville will be closed Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25. Trash pick up will resume on Wednesday, December 26 for Mondays commercial pick up and Tuesday's residential. The trash pick up regularly scheduled for Wednesday will be picked up Thursday, December 27. Sorry for any inconvenience.



Holiday Deadlines
The deadline for the Dec. 27 issue will be Friday, December 21 at 12 noon.
The deadline for the Jan. 3 issue will be Friday, Dec. 28 at 12 noon.



Candlelight Services
The community is invited to the Annual Christmas Eve Candlelights Service at First Baptist Church Brackettville, Monday, December 24 at 6:00 P.M. First Baptist Church is located at the corner of North Ann Street and Veltman. For more information call 563-2245

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
First United Methodist Church will have a candlelight service December 24 at 7:00 P.M.

Christmas Eve at Our Redeemer Church
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church invites you to attend their Christmas Eve potluck beginning at 5:45 P.M. Please furnish a dish for the potluck and your own table service. A candlelight Christmas service presided by Pastor Nathan Lafrenz will begin at 7:00 P.M. immediately following the dinner. All are encouraged to attend this candlelight caroling service celebrating the birth of our Savior.

Aging Center Bingo
Bingo will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:30 to 11:30 am at the Aging Center. For more information call 563-2015 or 563-9141.

Weekend WEATHER

Friday
High: 64
Low: 47
AM Showers

Saturday
High: 58
Low: 31
Mostly Sunny

Sunday
High: 57
Low: 33
Mostly Sunny

Preliminary hearing held for Grass Valley

By Allison Taylor
Managing Editor

The Kinney County Ground-water Conservation District (KCGCD) held the preliminary hearing on Tuesday, December 18, for permit applications filed by Grass Valley Water, LP (Grass Valley) of Kingsbury, Texas.

Attorney John J. Vay presided as the Hearing Examiner over the preliminary hearing.

The purpose of the preliminary hearing for Grass Valley was receive public comment and for persons to request to participate as an interested party.

Approximately a dozen declared interested parties opposed the permits, including but

not limited to Helen Davis Cates, JWJ Livestock, Shahan Ranches Limited, John Boerschig, Lloyd Lee and Susan Davis, Richard Tetens, Davis Family Partnership, Willie Joe Dooley, LP, and Elise Huntsman.

Grass Valley initially filed water permit applications on June 3, 2005 requesting 10,998 acre feet of water.

On July 31, 2007 Grass Valley requested to amend the original permits to a total annual production of 22,510 acre feet of water.

The declared parties in the preliminary hearing tentatively scheduled a pretrial hearing for May 14, 2008, and a hearing for May 19, 2008, in the District court room.



Letters to our Troops
If you would like to send out a postcard or letter to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan please contact Bonnie French at 563-5372. Letter and notes are the most requested since it boosts their morale and reminds them that they are not forgotten.



Miss/Mister Kinney County Scholarship Pageant 2008
The Kinney County Chamber Office has added a scholarship package as well as a Mister Kinney County Age Category after a meeting this past weekend in Brackettville. Pageant date has been confirmed and will be Saturday March 1, 2008 to coincide and celebrate Texas Independence Day. Pageant will be held at the Brackett High School Auditorium with a \$5 admission for spectators. Pageant contestants should be Kinney County residents and the age range starts at 4 for both boys and girls. The title of Miss and Mister Kinney County will be given to a local resident who competes at the age division of 15 and up and single and will receive a \$500 Scholarship. Prizes will be given to everyone who enters. First ten to enter will receive a gift on stage!



LEPC Meeting
The December Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting has been rescheduled for Jan. 7, 2008 from the last Monday of December. Please be responsible and safe in all your activities on New Year's Eve.

Attention 4th and 7th Grade Students and Parents

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas Caddell-Smith Chapter are sponsoring a Texas History essay contest for all 4th and 7th grade students. Public, private, charter and home school students are invited to participate. The subject for 4th grade students is The Austins of Texas and the subject for 7th grade students is The Texas Rangers. Essays must be received by January 31, 2008. Please contact Sharon Tweedy of Brackettville at 830-719-3343 for any questions.



Fort Clark Springs Calendar
Aerobics Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9am at Dickman Hall
Tuesday, December 25 Administration and Adult Center closed.
Thursday, December 27 Ceramics 10am RV Day Room.
Friday, December 28 Bingo at 7pm Shafter Hall.
Saturday, December 29 RV Breakfast 7-9am, Golf Scramble 9am.
Monday, December 31 New Year's Eve Party 8pm-12:30 at the Post Theater.



Deck the Hallers

City residents, Elmer and Patsy Haller, of 410 E. El Paso street, took first place in *The Brackett News* 2007 Deck The Halls Christmas Decoration

Competition. The Hallers filled their lawn with cheerful Christmas candyland cutout including some carolers.

Winners for the Best Deco-

rated House on Fort Clark will be announced after the owners have been contacted, but the winner resides on Colony Row.

The Best Decorated Business

was awarded to Rio Grande Electric Co-op for their large Christmas tree and Nativity scene.

All three will be awarded special prizes donated by local businesses.

RGEC aides in Kansas power outage

Submitted by RGEC, Inc.

When Fort Riley, Kansas, put out a call for help to their sister base, Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas, to aid in restoring power, it was Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc., which ultimately responded.

The message received by RGEC El Paso Area Operations Manager Manuel Uy from Fort Bliss officials was simple and urgent. It read, "Fort Riley, near Kansas City, needs linemen urgently to restore power. See if you can help."

Ft. Riley, like much of the Midwest, has been barraged by ice storms, which have already been blamed for at least six deaths in Kansas alone. Local utilities have been unable to rebound from the massive damages caused by accumulations of ice bringing down lines and poles. At over 100,000 acres, Ft. Riley is served by three electric cooperatives and one for-profit utility. One of the cooperatives, DS&O Rural Electric Cooperative, reports the following on its website: Running Total of Downed Poles = 700; Number of Poles Replaced = 130. It is unknown exactly how many poles are down at Ft. Riley.

At the peak of the storm, more than 118,000 Kansas residents were without power, according to a published statement from a spokesperson for the Kansas Department of Emergency Management, but as of Sunday, the numbers were declining, as repairs were being conducted. However, snow in excess of 12 inches fell this past weekend in parts of the state, compounding

the initial problems caused by ice.

Those from Rio Grande Electric who volunteered to assist Fort Riley were: Construction Supervisor David Meyer, Brackettville, Area Operations Manager, Ken Buscher, Carrizo Springs, and linemen, Gilbert Villarreal, and Daniel Garza, Brackettville, and Joe Cruz, Mark Byrom, Ramiro Quintanilla, and Catarino "Cat" Aranda, of Carrizo Springs.

Those remaining in the Brackettville and Carrizo Springs Operations areas will be taking on additional duties, in order to meet the needs of RGEC's members while volunteers are assisting Ft. Riley. "We are glad to do what we can," said Line Foreman Ronnie Mata, of Brackettville, "Those of us who are staying here so others can go and help Fort Riley are doing our part to help our soldiers, too."

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative's General Manager and CEO, Dan Laws said, "When we entered into the electric utility privatization contract with Fort Bliss, we created a partnership. We agreed to keep the lights on Post burning so our soldiers did not have to worry about their families—that's what we do best. Accordingly, they are freed to protect America's liberty—that's what they do best."



Co-op aids Fort Riley, Kansas

Courtesy Photo

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc. employees from Brackettville and surrounding areas volunteered to assist those in the massive power outage at Fort Riley, Kansas.

MISTAKES



Please remember that we attempt to include something for everyone within the pages of our newspaper. We realize that some folks enjoy finding fault and for those readers we thoughtfully to include a socially acceptable number of errors within our publication.

Thank you

Friends, Family & Neighbors
On behalf of the Jaso Family, we want to thank you for your prayers, flowers, calls, cards and good food, in our time of loss of Ernest Jaso, Jr. We appreciate your support and you will stay in our hearts.

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Investments can make great holiday gifts



Emily Cooper

Now that the holidays are here, you're probably looking around for the right gifts for your loved ones.

Of course, as you know, it's not always easy to find gifts that are both meaningful and useful. This year, why not add financial gifts to your shopping list?

What types of financial gifts should you consider giving? Let's look at a few possibilities:

Contributions to Section 529 plans - If you have a child (or grandchild) that will be headed off to college in a few years, you may want to contribute to a Section 529 college savings plan. Your earnings and withdrawals will be exempt from federal taxes as long as the money goes toward paying college costs. There may be additional tax benefits to those who participate in their own state's plan. Also, you can contribute

generous amounts to your savings plan. Plus, you can change beneficiaries; if you've been putting money in a Section 529 plan for your child or grandchild, and he or she decides to forego college, you can transfer the money to another family member.

Contributions to an IRA - Consider making a cash gift to a loved one, with the suggestion that the money be used for his or her IRA. Be creative - put the check in a special "IRA envelope." Many people don't fully fund their IRA each year - so any help you can give toward that goal will be important.

Stocks - Consider giving shares of a company that produces products or services that are used by your intended recipient. If you're going to give away some of your own shares, you'll need to know what you originally paid for the stock, how long you've held it and its fair market value at the date of the gift. Recipients of your gift will need this information to determine gains or losses if they decide to sell the stock. (You'll also need to determine if you have to pay gift taxes. You can give up to \$12,000 per year,

free of gift taxes, to as many people as you want; over your lifetime, you can give up to \$1,000,000 without incurring gift taxes.)

Savings Bonds - They may sound old-fashioned and stodgy, but U.S. Savings Bonds can still make nice financial gifts, especially for young people who can use the money in the future. Among the most popular savings bonds are Series EE Bonds, which can be purchased in denominations ranging from \$50 (or \$25.00 for Electronic EE Bonds) to \$10,000. Paper EE Bonds are sold at half their face amount and will increase in value until they are cashed in or reach final maturity in 30 years. Electronic EE Bonds are sold at face value and reach maturity immediately. You can learn more about Series EE Bonds and TIPS, or even purchase them directly, from the Treasury Department's web site devoted to savings bonds: www.savingsbonds.gov.

A financial gift may not be traditional, but it can have a big impact on the recipient's life - and it won't be forgotten after the holidays are over.

Your Health



Barbara Hogan
State Health Nurse

Healthy People 2010 leading health indicators reflect public health concerns. One of the indicators is Physical Activity and Obesity Rates.

In the Center for Disease Control report November 2007, 33% of adult men and 35% of U.S. women are obese.

The highest rate is in ages 40 to 59. In Texas the obese are 25 to 29% of our population. In 1980 our US rate of obesity was 15%, so we have come a long way! About 1/3 of these obese adults had not been told by their doctor at an appointment they are overweight. So we, obese people, need to recognize our own weight.

Obesity can worsen these diseases: Hypertension, Diabetes, Cholesterol, Heart Disease, Stroke, Arthritis and some Cancers. Some ways to reduce weight are: Control or make smaller food portion size; Reduce sweetened beverages; Increase fruits and vegetables, especially dark colored; Increase physical activity; reduce screen time, children less than 2 hours a day.

We should have 30 minutes of physical activity most days of the week. Have a healthy New Year.

The most precious gift



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

All of our lives we have spent putting out fires. These fires were started by our perfectionism and our procrastination. Along with panic of these fires come the squeals of martyrdom and yells of dissatisfaction.

We have all done this and it is our family who have had to listen to it.

Why do we torture our family with hurtful words? I can tell you why! You are so stressed out and feeling like a martyr! This has got to stop! I can help you get rid of the stress, but it is up to you to curb those angry words.

The first steps is to follow our directions for your routines, getting dressed to shoes, hair and face.

It is up to you to change your attitude toward your family! Once you change your martyred outlook to one of blessing your family and giving teaching moments, you will see a change in them.

I know that you don't believe me, but you can only change yourself.

It is by your example that your family will begin to help and support your efforts to secure a peaceful home.

What does your wicked tongue do to your children, your husband and most of all you. It doesn't tell them you

love them. It makes them feel less than; it hurts their self-worth. They feel that they have no say in things. It makes your husband feel that he is married to his mother! I don't even want to go there.

They feel like servants, instead of family members. Those harsh words are worse than a whipping. You cut your family out of the conversational loop. The family can't even say what is on their mind because they are afraid of you.

Home life is based on the fear of not making mother mad. Your family members hide from you. They become afraid to tell you when something happens.

After those words have come from your lips, just how do you feel then? Do you feel laden with guilt or do you even realize you are barking nasty remarks their way. Oblivious to the torture you have inflicted upon your loved ones.

There is absolutely no excuse for this. I don't want to hear that this is the only way I can get my family to do anything. This is the lie that you tell yourself to not feel guilty. It is time to forgive yourself and then ask them to forgive you.

Many times in our lives we are faced with things that are difficult. As sidetracked people we allow our perfectionism to hurt us and our children.

We just do not know that is what is causing us to be raving banshees.

Now you have a chance to change by taking actions. You may not have known how to change in the past but you are learning.

Take these words into your heart and forgive yourself. You know the things you have said. This can be the beginning of a new relationship with your family.

I would like to suggest that you start writing your feelings down too. Not just the pain you are feeling but how you can change.

First you have to forgive yourself. You are just learning these things; the more you write the more you will discover about yourself. You are not expected to be perfect.

Love yourself enough to take these words and go forward from here. This is not the end but the beginning of a new life.

After you forgive yourself and get in touch with your own feelings; then you can ask for forgiveness. My heart goes out to you! My prayers are with you and your whole family.

You can do this; you found us because you were looking for a change in your life. You are willing to make changes. Your tongue can criticize or it can encourage.

The choice is all yours. If you have not changed your attitude, then how can you expect to see a change in them. It has to come from the heart. If not they will see right through you.

They may not even believe it at first, because you will not be sounding like the mother that have been used to all your life. The children may think the aliens have taken their real mother away. Prove to them and their father that you have changed.

Sprinkle your words of love, encouragement and teaching, all over your home. Apologize for your tongue. Don't play the martyr game anymore. No one loves a martyr. Not even you! It time to FLY without the Guilt; forgive yourself!

From Our Family
to Yours

May this be a very special Holiday Season. Thank you for your continued support and the opportunity to represent you in the Texas House of Representatives.

Respectfully,
Tracy O. King and family

Dr. Kent & Suzanna Lowery
WISH YOU AND YOURS A
Merry Christmas
CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC

Each year at Christmas we all stop, count our blessings and make resolutions for the New Year. Our blessings are you - our patients and friends. Our resolution for 2008 is to continue to provide quality chiropractic care. May this season be one of joy as you share it with family and friends

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Santa came to town

Courtesy Photo
 Jones Elementary/Intermediate were pleased to have the Brackettville VFD bring Santa to visit K thru 4 grade on Friday, December 14, 2007.
 Pictured: Joe Luna, Joey Luna, Rick Alvarado, Not pictured: Ruben Buantello.

Tigerettes place third at LaPryor Tournament

Submitted by Coach Ricky Creel

This past weekend the Brackett Tigerettes traveled to LaPryor to compete in their tournament. The girls took third place in the tournament and Julie Castillo was named All Tournament.

The first game was against the Leakey Lady Eagles on Thursday, December 13. The Lady Eagles came off with a strong start with 12 in the first quarter and the Tigerettes with 11. The Tigerettes came back in the second quarter scoring 17 and Leakey with 8. Continuing the strong drive in the third quarter, the girls scored 12 in the third and Leakey scored 5. The girls ended the last quarter scoring 13 and Leakey with 7. The Tigerettes defeated the Lady Eagles 53-32.

Julie Castillo was the lead scorer with 17 points 9 steals, Castillo also had 2 rebounds and 1 assist.

Daphne Hunt scored 14 points, 5 rebounds and 7 steals.

Veronica Talamantes had 7 points and 2 rebounds. Bailee Allen put in 4 points, 7 rebounds and 3 steals.

Bianca Terrazas contributed to 4 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist and 5 steals.

Nena Molinar added in 3 points, 1 assist and 1 steal.

Bianca Martinez had 2 points and 7 rebounds.

Meghann Davis had 2 points and 2 steals for the team.

Hayley Harris had 4 rebounds and 3 steals.

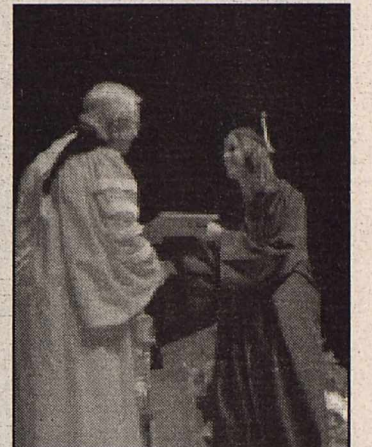
The second game later in the day was against Nueces Canyon Lady Panthers. In the first quarter the Lady Panthers took control of the court scoring 16, while the Tigerettes scored 8. In the second quarter the Lady Panthers scored 13 and the Tigerettes scored 14. Tigerettes scored 10 in the third quarter and the Lady Panthers stayed ahead with 17. The Tigerettes scored 18 and the Lady Panthers scored 16, but it was not enough for the Tigerettes to win the game. The Tigerettes lost to the Lady Panthers 50-62.

Castillo was the top scorer

Two graduate from Sul Ross State University



Cindy Welch, of Del Rio, graduated December 15, 2007 from Sul Ross State University -Rio Grande College with a Masters Degree in Education, Counseling.



Tara Brooke Eckenrod, of Brackettville, graduated December 15, 2007 from Sul Ross State University -Rio Grande College with a Bachelors Degree of Arts, Psychology.

Tigerettes defeat Lady Eagles

Submitted by Coach Rhonda Marquardt

Brackett Tigerettes went up against the Leakey Lady Eagles Tuesday, December 11.

The Tigerettes dominated from the first quarter scoring 10 points and Leakey with 6.

Tigerettes scored 16 maintaining the lead and Leakey

scored 9 for the second quarter.

Continuing to control the court the girls added in another 14 points in the third quarter and Leakey had 7. The girls gave the Lady Eagles a break scoring 6 points in the fourth quarter while Leakey had 8.

Bailee Allen led the team in points scored with 17.

Daphne Hunt added in 11 for the Tigerettes.

Bianca Terrazas put in 8 points for the team.

Hayley Harris and Julie Castillo each contributed to 3 for the team.

Veronica Talamantes and Nena Molinar each put in 2 points

JV girls sweep Leakey Eagles

Submitted by Coach Rhonda Marquardt

On Tuesday, December 11, the Junior Varsity girls wiped the floor clean with the Leakey Junior Varsity Lady Eagles 33-13.

Lila Molinar was the top scorer with 10 points and also had 1 steal and 1 rebound.

Nydia Talamantes had 6 for the team, 1 steal and 3 rebounds.

Rachel Nash put in 5 points for the JV girls, 2 steals, and 2 rebounds.

Kelsey Bruce had 4 points scored, 4 steals, and 2 rebounds.

Bianca Cruz added in 4, lead the team in steals and rebounds with 5 each.

Paige Nowlin scored 2 points, 2 steals, and 4 rebounds.

Ashley Shadwick contributed 2 points, 1 steal, and 2 rebounds.

Karley Harris had 2 steals and 2 rebounds for the team.

Stella Guajardo had 1 steal and 1 rebound. Lilly Valdez had 1 rebound.

Scholarship for FFA Members

Submitted by Del Rio Ford Lincoln Mercury LTD

Del Rio Ford Lincoln Mercury LTD joined up with Ford Motor Company in their ongoing commitment of \$1 million in annual support to the National FFA Foundation (formerly known as the Future Farmers of America).

In 2008, Ford Motor Company will provide substantial support for the 81st National FFA Convention in Indianapolis and the FFA Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

In addition, Ford has committed to an eleventh year of the Built Ford Tough collegiate scholarship program which will ward up to 700 FFA members

with a \$1,000 college scholarship, each co-sponsored by Ford Dealer like Del Rio Ford Lincoln Mercury LTD.

Del Rio Ford Lincoln Mercury LTD is sponsoring the Built Ford Tough college scholarship program for Brackettville High School and Rocksprings High School and has been a proud supporter for 6 years.

For the 2007-08 school year, they are helping 2 local students attend the college of their choice.

FFA Members must take their scholarship application to Del Rio Ford Lincoln Mercury LTD for the dealer signature and the official code to be included in the scholarship search.

The applications are then

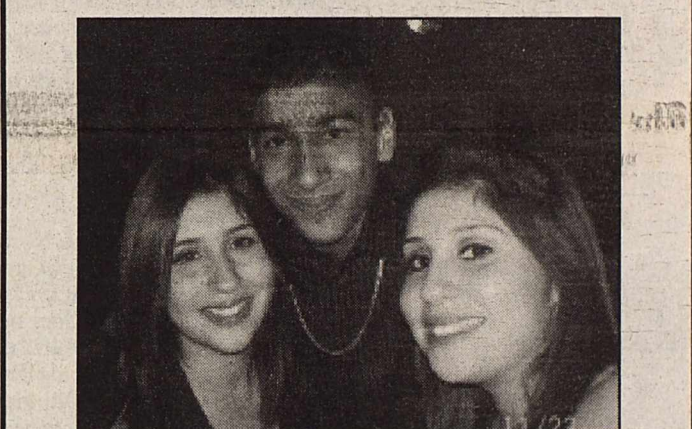
sent to the National FFA for final judging and selection.

As a result, the FFA members get to personally meet-and-thanks-the dealer that could possibly help fund their college education.

We want to wish each and everyone of you a Merry, Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Alfred (Chapo) and Joe

Happy 16th Birthday!



Elidia, Daniel and Elena Molinar
 Love, your Mom and Dad, Tony and Elena Molinar and your siblings Tony, Tanya, Rocio and Chapo. We love you!

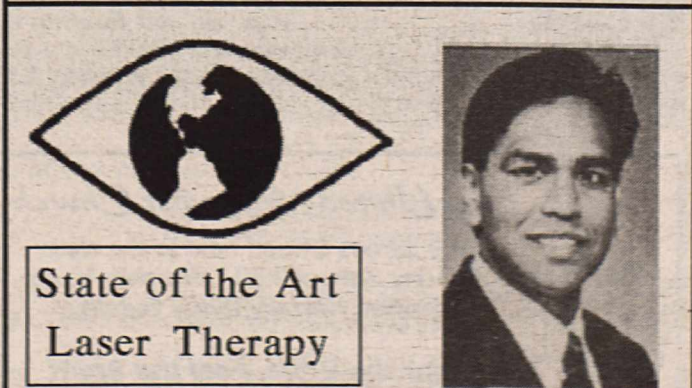
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Dear Santa: Mrs. Voyles 1st grade

Dear Santa,
How do your reindeer fly? I would like a remote control car. I also want a basketball. I want a toy gun. I have been good this year. Please bring my mom a necklace. Please bring my dad a watch. My brother Avian wants a basketball court and Gerardo wants a scooter.
Love,
Aaron P.

Dear Santa,
How does Rudolph's nose glow? I have been good all year. Could you get me an X-Box? I also want a Play Station 3 and a fishing pole. I will leave some cookies out for you. Love,
Fabian T.

Dear Santa,
How do you get your magic? I want a trampoline and some Heeles for Christmas. I would also like a jumping castle to put in my yard. My sisters and I will jump and play in it. I will make you some cookies. I will leave them on the table for you. I want you to bring my dad a present too. Thank you. Love,
Klarissa R.

Dear Santa,
Why do you wear a red suit and how do you fit down the chimneys? I would like a pair of Heeles and also a bike to ride. Also I would like a Barbie doll. Please bring my mom some new clothes because she is having a baby. She also needs a crib.
Love,
Yesenia G.

Dear Santa,
How do elves make the toys? I want a basketball and a toy horse for Christmas. I have been good this year. I am going to write a note to you. I will leave it under the tree. My house is white. The roof is violet red. I have been a very good kid this year. Be careful on your trip.
Love,
Trey G.

Dear Santa,
Why do you live at the North Pole? I would like an iPod for Christmas. Santa, I want you to know this. My brother does not like girls. He hits me when he plays football. Please bring him something anyways. I will give you cookies and milk. Is that what you want Santa Claus? I hope so. Love,
Connie T.

Dear Santa,
Why do you wear a red suit? I want an X-Box and a remote control Hummer. I would like a PSP too. I want a PSP because it is one of my favorite things to play. I would share it with my brothers and my sister. When you come to see me, I will leave some cookies and milk for you.
Love,
Fabian R.

Dear Santa,
Do you put up your Christmas tree? Why do you put a red suit on? I would like a robot dog please. I would also like a Barbie too. I would like a robot fish please. Santa Clause, I think that you are nice. Last year, I heard a thump. I think it was you! Love,
Sara T.

Dear Santa,
How can you fit down the chimneys? I would like a new Barbie doll and a jewelry box.

Would you get me a miniature horse so I can ride it? I am going to leave some cookies and milk and I am going to leave a surprise for you too. Love,
Kimmie S.

Dear Santa,
Why do you wear a red suit? Santa, I would like a Wii Game and Santa I would like a talking parrot toy and a puppy. Santa, I've been very good. I hope your elves are working very hard for all of the kids. I love you. You are the best, best, best, best Santa ever in the whole world. Love,
Karina T.

Dear Santa,
How does Rudolph's nose glow? Can you please bring me a Bratz doll? I really want Butterscotch the horse. I will bring you gingerbread cookies. Can you put candy in my stocking? I know that you will be great! I hope that you do not drop presents from your sleigh. Love,
Graci M.

Dear Santa,
How does Rudolph's nose glow? Can you bring me Butterscotch the horse? Can you bring me a toy tiger and a toy angel? I have been a good girl this year. I will leave some chocolate chip cookies and milk. I will also leave some muffins. Love,
Judith P.

Dear Santa,
How do you fly all over the world to give toys? I would like to have a scooter and a stuffed Santa doll and a Barbie. I love you Santa. Also, I am asking if you would bring an Army man for my brother Adam. Love,
Savannah B.

Dear Santa,
How do you fly all over the world to give toys? I would like a pocket knife, a throwing knife, and a motorcycle. Will you give my mom a present and will you say, "To mom, From Tyler" on the present? I would like to go to the North Pole to see you. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Love,
Tyler W.

Dear Santa,
What are your elves names? May I have an iPod, a drum set, and a motorcycle? I love you Santa my stocking? Love,
Kaili P.

Dear Santa,
How do your reindeer fly? I would like a stuffed bear, some games, and a Barbie. I clean my room every day. What kind of cookies do you like? I like your suit. I have been good this year. Love,
Tiffany G.

Dear Santa,
How old are you? I would really like an iPod shuffle, also a Wii Game, and a phone. Can you bring my mom a necklace and an X-Box for my dad? How is Mrs. Claus? How are the elves? Are the elves OK? I will wait for you. I will make you cookies and get you a glass of milk. Tell Rudolph hello. Love,
Natalee T.

Dear Santa,
How do your reindeer fly? I would like a dinosaur and a race car. I love you and what is your favorite kind of cookies? Do not

forget to come to my house. Can you bring my mom a ring? I love Mrs. Claus and you. Can you bring my sister a necklace?
Love,
Kyle G.

Dear Santa,
How do you know if I have been good or bad? I would like to give you some cookies and milk. Could you give my mom a big surprise? Could you give me a Santa Claus chair? Could you give my baby sister a little car? Most of all Santa, I love you. Could you give my dad a wallet? Love,
Lucero R.

Dear Santa,
How do your reindeer fly? May I have a Wii Game, a Nintendo, and a Barbie please? I love you. Do you love Mrs. Claus? I will be good this year. I did not pull any cards. I will be good at home too. I will set out cookies for you on Christmas Eve. Can you bring a toy for my little sister and a Nintendo for my mom? Love,
Taylor S.

Dear Santa,
How do you fit down the chimney? I would like a phone, a Game Boy, and a Nintendo DS. Do you want cookies and milk? I love you. My dog would like a coat and a treat. Love,
Mya G.

Dear Santa,
How do you fit down the chimney? I would like a PSP and a V-Bot for Christmas. I am going to leave you milk and cookies. Please get Haden a helicopter. Get my dogs a leather coat and hat. Love,
Brendan T.

Dear Santa,
Which house do you go to first? I would like an iPod. May I please have a bike and please give my sister some books. I've been good. I have not been bad. I will make you some cookies. We will like our presents. Can you bring my sisters presents? Love,
Kristal C.

Dear Santa,
How old are you? I want a Play Station 2 and a game called, The Legend of Spiral, the Internal Night. I am going to make you cookies. Can you give my brother a game called Battle Craft? Love,
Matthew S.

Dear Santa,
How do you fly all over the world to give toys? I would like a Game Boy, a bike, and a Play Mobile. I love you. I would like a coat for my dog. I will give you cookies and milk. I would like for you to give my dog a treat. I will try to go ton sleep as fast as I can. Love,
Sam P.

Dear Santa,
Do you have magic? I would like a Bratz doll for Christmas. Santa, my mom said that you can walk through walls. I really want to meet you. How do your reindeer fly? I wrote about you in my journal. Love,
Tanner S.

Dear Santa,
How do the elves make the toys? I want a Barbie doll and a baby kitten. Could I have a

Barbie house? I have been good this year. I love you because you make Christmas special. Christmas is all about love and being caring. Love,
Francesca S.

Dear Santa,
How does Rudolph's nose glow? Santa, can you bring me a present? I want a race car for Christmas. I also want a toy motorcycle. I will be at my mom's house. I will not break my toys because you gave them to me. Love,
Manuel T.

Dear Santa,
Why do you have reindeer and not an airplane? I would like a toy soldier. Can I have a new bike? I would also like a pet boxer dog because he can keep my baby brother distracted so I can ride my bike with my friends. I will leave milk and cookies for you and water for your reindeer. Love,
Adam B.

Dear Santa,
Why do you live at the North Pole? Santa, I would like a razor phone. I would also like a Dora doll. I will save you some cookies. I like you. Santa, go to my chimney so you can bring me my Dora doll. I love you Santa Claus and I like Frosty the Snowman too. Love,
Sofia M.

Dear Santa,
Why do you live at the North Pole? Santa, please bring me a Barbie house and a Bratz doll. I hope I have a nice Christmas. We will open presents on Christmas Eve. Have a happy Christmas. Love,
Jewel S.

Dear Santa,
Why do you have a sleigh and not an airplane? I want an X-Box and a motorcycle. I would also like a remote control car. I will give you a present when you come to my house. My family and I will leave you cookies and milk. Santa Claus, what do you want for Christmas? Do you want a guitar? Why do you live at the North Pole? Love,
Eduardo C.

Dear Santa,
Why do you wear a red suit? I would like a Nintendo DS and a Barbie. I like you Santa Claus. I will wait up for you as long as I can. I will leave some snacks for you and your reindeer. Be careful on your trip. Love,
Aries T.

Dear Santa,
Why do you wear a red suit? I would like a gold eagle necklace on a chain. I would also like a Play Station 2 and a remote control car. We will leave you cookies and some milk in our kitchen. I like you Santa. Why do you live at the North Pole and do you put up your Christmas tree? Love,
Alejandro D.

Dear Santa,
Why do you have reindeer fly your sleigh and not an airplane? I would like a robot dog and a Barbie for Christmas. I like Christmas. Do you like Christmas? Oh, Santa, I would like a ball. Do you like to play with balls? I like robot dogs, do you? Love,
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OBITUARY

Deborah Estrada

February 13, 1970 - December 13, 2007



Deborah Estrada, age 37, entered into rest December 13, 2007, in Rantoul, IL. She was born February 25, 1970 in Brackettville, Texas. She graduated from Centennial High School, Champaign, IL in 1991. She was employed through DSC. Deborah was involved in the Parkland Pops and Theater. She loved horses, arts and crafts. She was preceded in death by her grandfather and one uncle.

Left to cherish her memory is her mother Viviana Estrada. Brother Isaac Estrada of Ft. Greely, Alaska, sister Emily Green of Bakersfield, CA, grandmother Josefina Estrada of Brackettville, Texas, 2 nieces and one nephew.

Visitation was held Tuesday, December 18, 2007 3PM-9PM, Sunset Memorial Oaks Funeral Home, Brackettville, Texas.

A Chapel Service was held Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 2 PM.

Interment followed at Kinney County Cemetery.

Going Home for Christmas

Submitted by Pastor Jean Reardon

One of the most familiar Christmas songs we hear this time of year is "I'll Be Home for Christmas". Many of us long to be home for Christmas.

When many of us adults hear that song we often think of the comfortable place of childhood where we felt loved, secure and protected from harm.

Some never had that kind of home life and long for what others had. Whichever of those groups you fall into, I say that it is possible for you to go "home" to that kind of place this Christmas.

Home to a comfortable, warm, loving family where you will be welcomed with loving arms no matter what you have said or done that makes you feel you will not be welcome.

Maybe it is a home that you have been away from far too long. Or maybe it is a home that you have never had.

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The breakfast tradition came into being for us because quite a few of us have no blood relatives in Brackett with whom to share Christmas morning.

Anyone is welcome to come whether they have family here or not.

Although we would LOVE to have you come to our family's Christmas celebrations, it may be that you have a home in another church in Brackett that you have been

too busy to get to for a while. If that is the case, I would encourage you to consider Christmas as a time to go home.

Our community is like most in our country where the majority of people claim to be Christian, but can't find an hour or so on Sunday morning to work church attendance into their busy lives. Believe me, if you do, you will find spiritual nourishment that will give you

renewed energy to face the problems of your life.

It is a matter of priorities. Your Father is waiting for you and so are your brothers and sisters. Won't you please consider going HOMB FOR CHRISTMAS?

We pray that your Christmas will be filled with the grace and peace of God.

Pastor Jean Reardon and the people of First United Methodist Church.

Detention Center Employees awarded

Submitted by KC Detention Center

Those awarded Employee and Supervisor of the Month for the year received recognition at the Company Christmas party. David Campos was awarded Employee of the Year.



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Back Row: Sgt. John Bealefeld, Officer Myron Falcon, and Warden Mickey Hubert. Middle Row: Sgt. Daniel Lopez, Officer Jose Gaona, Cpt. Regina Pena, Officer Maria Leal, Norma Aguirre, Officer Eduardo Hernandez, and Officer Angel Figueroa. Front Row: Stephanie Buitron and Officer Eunice Blankenship



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From left to right: Warden Joe Rodriguez, Leo Luna, Tony Negrete, Officer Trina Lee, Sgt. Rafael Gutierrez, Cpt. Dwayne Rose, Officer David Campos, and Officer Roberto Ibarra

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Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

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Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

Isaiah 55:1-3
Hast thou not known? hast

thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might

he increaseth strength.

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not

be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 40:28-31
Praise the Lord!

Preparing for Community Unity

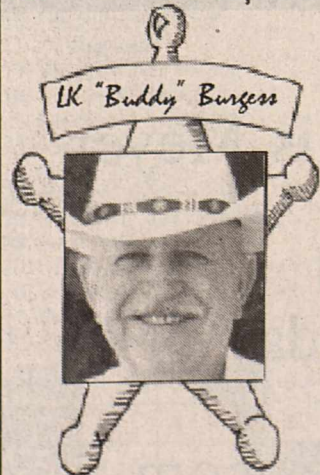
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Ryan Clark prepares Christmas decorations for the 2007 Community Unity Christmas Program at the Kinney County Civic Center held on Saturday, December 8, sponsored by the Kinney County Church Alliance.

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Tuesday, December 11
5:05 pm EMS was dispatched to the Senior Apartments.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Pea shell
2. Slavs
3. Tooth caregiver
4. Winglike
5. Seaport in Cameroon
6. Macaws
7. Gambling town
8. Among the largest bony fish
9. Just acquired
10. Spherical
11. Capital of Venezuela
12. Expires
13. Got stuck
14. Hanks TV show
15. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
16. Soft creamy white cheese
17. Not intoxicated
18. Light; hermetical
19. Before
20. International defense organization

CLUES DOWN

1. Young salmon
2. Vegetable oil spread
3. Irish mother of gods
4. South Dakota
5. Portuguese
6. Drive against
7. A group of countries in special alliance
8. Highly spiced fatty sausage
9. Tap or ballet
10. Fearful anticipation
11. Cutting tools
12. Kia crossover vehicle
13. 1st sign of the zodiac
14. Lacking in brightness
15. Malicious burning to destroy property
16. The outward flow of the tide
17. Something that is certain
18. Small nail
19. Off-Broadway theater award
20. D. Day son, Que ____ (XZ)
21. Paul ____ British physicist
22. Profoundly
23. Lyric poet
24. Ladies' bug for small articles
25. Popular tomato for Italian cooking
26. Three pip cards
27. Scornful smile
28. Old French coin
29. Relating to the abdomen
30. Leguminous plant fruit
31. Electronic communication
32. Pacific Islands
33. A way to excuse
34. National law-enforcement officers
35. A sharply directional antenna
36. Red organic pigment containing iron
37. Stock ownership plan
38. Ringing sound
39. Resinous secretion used in shellac
40. Of 1
41. One of the six noble gases

PUZZLE SOLUTION

P	O	D	S	E	R	B	S	D	D	S
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SUDOKU

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1	8	6	7	9	2	9	8	
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7	5	7	6	9	1	9	6	7
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YOUR HOROSCOPE

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, try to be clearer in your communication. Others find your messages garbled and have trouble following along. Continue to refrain from taking on new projects.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
There's a slowdown at work and you're left feeling your patience pushed. Try to handle some personal business while you wait for things to pick up.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Get together with coworkers and discuss your shared interests. It could lead to better work relationships - and perhaps friendships outside of work as well.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Expect to enjoy life a whole lot more this week, Scorpio. Your dreams start to come true. While that's a bit concerning at first, soon you'll warm up to the idea.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
You'll find that people seem a little "denser" this week and you have to struggle to make your self clear. It will be well worth the effort, though, so don't give up.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
You have to act on your relationships this week, Sagittarius, not just think about them. The idea may seem intimidating, but if anyone can tackle a challenge it is you.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, so many things in your life will be shifting, but now is not the time to question why. Just go with the flow for the time being and you'll find that things will work out.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
This week is great for building social connections with the people you don't often see but really wish you did. Your efforts may even bridge new relationships.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Life is very subjective. Where one person sees trash, the other sees treasure. Therefore, don't be surprised if others don't share your point of view this week, Leo.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, this week should be reserved for taking care of your own needs. So even if you have a spouse or kids, focus some deserved attention on your personal desires.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
You deserve to splurge on yourself, Pisces, so go right ahead. You're on sure footing this week and can afford to be spontaneous and frivolous.

The Time is NOW
For your Yearly Medicare Enrollment Review.
(Enrollment Period Begins on November 15)

All People with Medicare –even those who are already enrolled in a plan–should review and compare their plans each year. November 15th is the first day you can change your Medicare Rx drug coverage for 2008. Check you mail for information regarding changes to your plan, current premium, or deductible. If your receive any letters from Medicare, Social Security or your Plan that you no longer qualify for extra assistance you should reapply immediately by contacting your local Area Agency on Aging.

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