

# The Brackett News

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## Local scouts rough it in the outdoors

Seven Cub Scouts from local Pack #257 and their families traveled to Terrell County on Friday, April 27th and camped out on the Pecos River at the Cy Banner Ranch. The scouts and their families fished, swam, cooked all their meals on an open fire and went on an archaeological hiking tour.

The scouts attending were Wolf Cubs; Ayland Letsinger, Josh Smith, Bryan Caulk and Ward Kerr, all second graders at Jones Elementary. The Tiger Cubs attending were Doulton Woodson, Tariq Cherradi and Banner Kerr, whom are all first graders at Jones Elementary.

The Cy Banner Ranch is Ward and Banner Kerr's Grandparents home on the Pecos River.

Also attending the campout was Cub Scout Pack #160 of Sanderson, Texas. Three Tiger Cubs and their families joined the local pack in the weekend fun.

Over 50 pounds of catfish and bass were caught by scouts and family members. Don and Mike Woodson, grandfather and uncle to Daulton Woodson, and Cash Letsinger, father to Ayland Letsinger, had the easy job of skinning all 50 pounds. Then Phil Caulk, father of Bryan Caulk, did the honors of cooking the fish for

Saturday nights meal.

Tariq Cherradi caught the biggest catfish weighing in at around five pounds and Daulton Woodson landed the largest bass weighing four pounds.

A hiking tour was lead by Hudson and Maggie Kerr. The group was lead to a perfectly preserved "burned rock midden." This particular midden is from the Archaic period (8,000 - 1,200 years ago) and was thought to be associated with prehistoric cooking activities. These burned rock middens could reach temperatures of up to 900 degrees Fahrenheit.

Then the group hiked to a burned rock midden that had been unearthed. This particular midden had been covered with many years of silt overflowing out of the nearby Richland Creek that flows into the Pecos River. At this site, the group was able to search for Archaic and Prehistoric artifacts on the surface. Two well-preserved spear points were found. One very old basic spearhead was found by Justin Caulk, a sixth grader at Jones Elementary and the other point found, by Lori Banner, was similar to a Marshall point.

An archaeological summary of the area was put together by Anne C. Kerr, an Archaeologist with a



Pictured standing from left to right - Daulton Woodson, Trey Smith, Star Smith, Mike Woodson, and Miranda Letsinger. Kneeling from left to right - Ward Kerr, Banner Kerr, Robert Montalvo, Cole Banner, Bryan Caulk, Josh Smith and Justin Caulk.

Masters Degree in the Anthropology Department at The University of Texas at Austin. Anne is a cousin to the Kerr family. This

summary was shared with the group before beginning their tour.

Other family members in attendance were Kathryn and daughter,

Miranda Letsinger; Star, Susan and son Trey Smith; Linda Woodson; Jeanie Cherradi and her father, Louis Bell.

## Briefs ...

### Lamar Medal awards

Las Moras Masonic Lodge will present Lamar Medals to Brittany Shewbart and John Wiley, next Monday night at 7pm.

The presentation will be held upstairs at the lodge building, located in front of the courthouse.

The Lamar Medals are given by the Masonic Lodge to outstanding graduates each year in memory of Mirabeau Lamar, the second president of the Republic of Texas. He fought in many battles, including the Battle of San Jacinto. He was appointed Secretary of War, and was elected vice president of the Republic of Texas. He was the sponsor and founder of the first public schools in Texas. In his memory, the Masonic Lodge gives these medals and a scholarship to these students.

### FFA arena clean-up

Attention 4-H members and parents: There will be a cleanup at the FFA Arena this Saturday, May 12th, starting at 7:30 a.m. Anyone interested in cleaning up the arena and the surrounding area, please be there.

### Service for veterans

American Legion Post #298, will hold a service for all veterans in Brackettville and surrounding areas, on Memorial Day May 27, 2001, 11 a.m., at Seminole Cemetery.

### Task Force meeting

The Kinney County Economic Development Task Force will meet on Monday, May 14th at 6 pm at Barbara's Table.

### Host families needed

Host families - with or without children - are needed to host international exchange students for the 2001/2002 academic year. The students hope to arrive in early August and will stay with the host family for one semester or until the end of the school year. The students are between the ages of 15 and 18, speak English, are covered by medical insurance, and have spending money for their personal expenses.

Please call Yvette Coffman at 1-800-941-3738 for more information.

### Baseball tournaments

Lone Star Athletics is happy to announce the State Championship Tournaments for the summer of 2001. The teams will be broken down into classifications depending on what their local high school program participates in (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A). For more information contact Frank Dorner at 281-469-6721.



Pictured standing from left to right - Cash Letsinger, Hudson Kerr, Phil Caulk, Star Smith and Bobby Stegall; Middle row from left to right - Ayland Letsinger, Bryan Caulk, Shawn Stegall, Justin Caulk and Banner Kerr; Kneeling from left to right - Ward Kerr, Tariq Cherradi, Wyatt Banner, Cole Banner and Josh Smith.

## Honoring those who serve

By Ray G. Smith  
Contributing Writer

Indianapolis - Gen. George S. Patton once said: "...the highest obligation and privilege of citizenship is that of bearing arms for one's country."

Military service is the highest form of citizenship. Today's men and women serving in our nation's armed forces are living proof of that.

Our government recognizes their outstanding service by setting aside a week each year in May for Americans to honor the efforts of America's uniformed troops. This year's Armed Forces Week observance starts Saturday, May 12th and concludes on Sunday, May 20th.

Though our country has not been involved in any protracted military actions since the Vietnam War, our troops haven't exactly

been at peace. There was Grenada, Panama, Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Somalia, Bosnia, Kosovo, and many other engagements or incidents that placed our troops in harm's way.

If you've scanned the national news headlines lately, you are no doubt familiar with some of the recent tragedies involving America's military. Every day, they are engaged in a dangerous occupation that all too many Americans take for granted. As we sleep, they are on patrol in the skies over Iraq, the seas across the globe and the streets of Kosovo. They remain vigilant in our defense.

Through it all, our troops uphold the highest traditions of military service.

In the American Legion, we are proud of our uniformed men and women serving around the world. They are among the best and

brightest America has to offer.

And we're equally proud that our organization, the world's largest of its kind, continues to attract these uniformed veterans to fill our ranks, just as generations before them have joined.

Thousands of today's active duty and reserve Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen continue to serve their country and community in their off-duty time, by donning a Legion cap and volunteering at their local posts.

It is true that today's armed forces is different than that of decades past, but our service members' spirit of service remains alive and well.

To each and every member of America's Armed Forces -- active duty, Reserves and National Guard -- your fellow Americans say, "thank you."

## McMaster presents program on Alzheimer's

Thursday, May 3rd, found the Rotary Club readying itself for an active time immediately ahead. Rotary President, Joe Hardin, incoming president Bill Haenn, Frank Cheaney and Tino Guzman would be attending a District 58 meeting to be held in Kerrville over the weekend. Then, on June 24 through 27, the International Rotary Convention will be held in San Antonio. The Brackettville Club will be helping entertain visitors and taking part in the Convention in various ways.

Brackettville Club program chairman, Frances McMaster, presented the first May program by addressing memory loss that may accompany aging. Alzheimer's disease, coping devices for memory loss and possible prevention and treatment of the disease.

McMaster said that looking back over the years she worked as a counselor at Family Service Center and then in private practice, she can see a change in people's attitude toward illness. A paradigm shift occurred from a general passivity and dependence on medical doctors who treated symptoms of illness, to an attitude of taking responsibility for one's own health and well being. Many people want to avoid illness if possible by taking better care of themselves, and if they become ill or have health problems, they want to know what they can do to make things better. This is reflected in

the use of alternative methods of healing and the many vitamins and additives sold across the country in health food stores and through mail orders. As a result, much research is now focused on understanding the causes of disease and prevention as well as treating symptoms of illness.

Memory is now becoming a problem in a complex and constantly changing and demanding world. Loss of memory that interferes with living may be associated with normal aging or it can be the dreaded disease of Alzheimer's. A diagnosis of Alzheimer's in the past could be made only after an autopsy. Now, physicians who specialize in memory loss can diagnose it in early stages. There are medications that actually help, but at

present there are no cures. Alzheimer's is progressive and is the primary cause of dementia.

Between the ages of 60 and 70, memory loss may occur. Blood tests can tell physicians whether a gene, which is associated with the severest form of the disease, is present. There are also two key memory centers in the brain that are smaller in people with even very mild Alzheimer's.

Some researchers believe the number of neurotransmitters in the brain decrease with age. New studies show that brain cells don't just die throughout life and are not replaced. Some do regenerate, it appears, and research to learn more about this looks encouraging.

Neurotransmitters are the mes-

## Davis elected once again Terrazas and McDaniels keep seats

Incumbent Sara Terrazas and Jim McDaniel retained their seats in the School Board election held last Saturday. Also elected to the school board was Lloyd Lee Davis.

Also in the school board race were Julie Fuentes Molano receiving 107 votes, Drue Duncan - 187 votes, Linda Jaso - 54 votes and Alan McWilliams who received 136 votes. Terrazas received 278 votes, Davis received 235 and McDaniel received 194.

In the school board election, 462 people cast their votes, including 196 early voters.

Because no city council candidates were opposed, no election was held, and all council members retain their positions.

According to Martha Pena Hooten, tax assessor-collector, there are 2,402 registered voters in Kinney County. All registered voters were eligible to vote in the school board election.

## Taste of Texas



Pictured is Alma Gutierrez's first grade class as Justin Perez, a fifth grader at Jones Elementary, demonstrates how to saddle a horse, and the proper use for spurs for Sheila Dipprey of Barron, Wisconsin.

Sheila Dipprey, her daughter and other visitors from Wisconsin were welcomed at a reception held Monday at Jones Elementary.

After a busy weekend of Texas and Mexico sight-seeing, led by Mrs. Alma Gutierrez and her first grade class, Dipprey visited Jones Elementary to hold writing workshops for students.

Superintendent Taylor Stephenson gladly welcomed the visitors.

"I just want to extend a big Texas welcome. We're very proud that you are here," said Stephenson.

Dipprey began a pen-pal group in August of 1999, called "Bridging Communities Across the States," after having two migrant students from Brackettville in her first grade class. Students in Gutierrez's class keep in touch with Dipprey's students via e-mail and letter writing.

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report .....

Monday, April 30

10:30 a.m., An alarm went off on a ranch three miles east of town on Hwy 90. Sheriff Buddy Burgess responded to the call.

2:40 p.m., 911 received a call about a cow that was stuck in the cattle guard on FM 2804. K.C. road crew and Sheriff Burgess were informed.

10:27 p.m., A woman from the Senior Apartments requested an EMS attendant be sent to her residence. EMS was notified.

11:10 p.m., A Fort Clark resident requested to talk to a deputy, because her daughter was harassing her grandson and her. Deputy Karl Chism responded.

11:37 p.m., A woman called to report that her mother took her son and wouldn't return him. Deputy Chism responded to the call.

Tuesday, May 1

8:30 a.m., A man reported firewood, bikes, and tires were put against his fence by his neighbor and wanted something to be done about it. Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo responded.

1:50 p.m., Fort Clark maintenance requested Reserve Deputy Manuel Pena Sr., to check a sick cat.

7:15 p.m., A man reported a woman who harassed him at the Fort Clark swimming pool. Deputy Chism responded.

9:30 p.m., A woman requested Deputy Chism to go with her to pick up her child.

Wednesday, May 2

1:20 p.m., Manuel Cruz Fernandez, 20, from Uvalde, was arrested for aggravated assault and an outstanding warrant by Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter. Fernandez is still being held with a \$20,000 bond.

4:35 p.m., A Fort Clark resident reported that a historical building had been damaged.

4:40 p.m., A woman reported someone had cut her grass and trees. City Hall was advised.

4:52 p.m., A woman reported someone was firing shots and had hit the hood of their car. Deputy Fritter responded to the call.

7:52 p.m., The Post Office had letters out of the outside mail box and all over the parking area. Deputy Fritter responded.

Thursday, May 3

12:06 a.m., A woman requested to talk with a deputy. Deputy Manuel Pena Jr. responded.

Friday, May 4

12:06 a.m., The Senior Apartment's manager wanted to know information on one of her renters that had been caught with 56 pounds of cocaine. Deputy Pena responded.

3:36 p.m., A woman reported a rattlesnake in her house on 708 N. Ann Street. Chief Alonzo responded.

3:45 p.m., A man reported goats out of the Harwood pasture. Owner was advised.

11:56 p.m., A dispatcher from Val Verde Sheriff's Office advised that their office received a report of an accident on Hwy 277. Deputy Pena radioed the Border Patrol to check the area and found nothing.

7:05 p.m., Deputy Cordelia Mendeke radioed the Sheriff's Office about the severe weather. An employee from the Texas Department of Transportation was notified about the flooded road on FM 674. All other departments were advised.

8:11 p.m., United States Border Patrol radioed to advise four cows loose on FM 334 near the Smith's ranch.

Saturday, May 5

9:07 a.m., A pole was reported leaning over at the Civic Center with live wires. CPL was notified immediately.

10:50 a.m., A vehicle had washed off on the Live Oak crossing.

12:41 a.m., Jose Jesus Ordaz Jr., 19, from Campwood, was arrested by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley for possession of drugs (paraphomona). Ordaz was released the same day for a fine of \$152 and a total of \$252.

12:41 a.m., Michael Scott Short, 19, from Campwood, was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol by Trooper Ashley. Short was released the same day for a fine of \$152 and a total of

\$252.

5:54 p.m., Trooper Ashley notified the Sheriff's Office about the lights that were blinking at the intersection of Ann and Spring Street. An employee from TXDOT was notified.

Sunday, May 6

1:05 a.m., Patricia H. Castillo, 26, from Pasadena, was arrested for a fugitive warrant by Trooper Ashley. Castillo was released the same day on a bond of \$1,000.

3:26 a.m., 911 received a call about an accident on Hwy 90 14 miles east of town. Deputy Chism responded.

1:57 p.m., A woman reported kids on a go-cart on the corner of Beaumont and El Paso. Deputy Pena responded.

2:55 p.m., Laughlin Airforce Base advised that a truck with a water tank had run through the front gate at the landing strip on Hwy 131. Deputy Pena was notified.

5:30 p.m., An employee from housing maintenance needed some assistance for a sewer problem. A city employee was notified.

8:30 p.m., A resident from

Spofford reported that dogs may have been killing livestock at a nearby ranch. Reserve Deputy Pena responded.



Happy Birthday Ethan William!

We love you and are very proud of you. Love, Mom, Grandma Sissy, Aunt Bessie, Dad, Abuelita and Abuelito DeLeon and Uncle Javi and Edgar.

Volunteering makes a difference

Have you seen the Jones Elementary playground recently? If you have, then you've seen the difference volunteers can make!

This Saturday, May 12, will be the last workday for the Jones Elementary "Play it Safe" playground improvement project.

All community members are asked to come to the playground

anytime between 8 am and 5 pm this Saturday to help the PTO finish painting, assembling and repairing playground equipment. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

Please bring any tools you think may be of use, such as extension cords, screwdrivers and paintbrushes.

In addition, if you are a student who needs to complete a community service project for a scholarship application, this is an excellent opportunity for you. Please help your community!

You will be rewarded with the many smiles of Brackettville children, who will be able to enjoy this playground for years to come!

Preceptor Theta Sigma hears Fort Clark legends

Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at the Adult Center at Fort Clark Springs on Monday, May 7. The Opening Ritual was led by President Shirley Hadsell.

Installation of officers for 2001-2002 followed with Pat McKelvy installing Arlys Simpson as President and Shirley Hadsell as Treasurer. Lou Green, incoming Vice-president and Janie Meredith, incoming Secretary were unable to attend.

Following the installation of officers hostess Hawkins Huey gave an interesting program entitled "Lies, Lores and Legends"

concerning the property owned by the Hueys both on Fort Clark and in Brackettville. As with most legends and lore, it is often difficult to distinguish between fact and fiction.

One of the legends concerning Quarters No. 1 is about a young lady who was to come to Fort Clark to marry a young soldier. There was a mix-up in her transportation, so by the time she arrived, the fickle soldier had married someone else. In despair, she killed herself and now frequently roams through Quarters No. 1 and the surrounding area.

At one time there was an of-

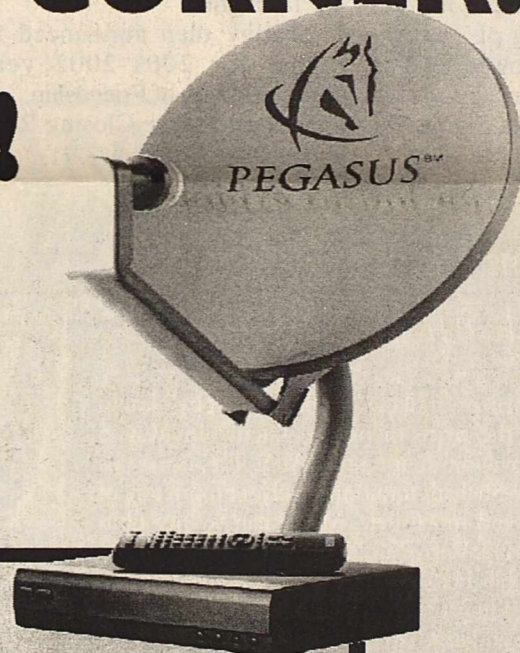
ficer living in Quarters No. 1 who frequently liked to "imbibe" too much. Once when he was "in his cups" he beat his housekeeper so severely that she died.

She can be heard today walking around on the ceiling. Hawkins told us that they had never experienced either of these phenomena, but have had guests who did.

Members present were Jan Chism, Marge Geeze, Luella Gilliland, Shirley Hadsell, Doraline Keller, Clara McCord, Pat McKelvy, Lynn McNew, Alicia Raymer, Molly Schroeder, Arlys Simpson and Bobbi Waddill.

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# Apologizing is the first step Rogers to bring blue-grass style to Brackettville

Empowering Families  
By Dr. Donald Smith

"Mom, I'm mad at June, she won't speak to me. It was just a little thing. There is no reason for the way she treats me."

"Have you apologized for whatever got this started, Sharon?" Juanita asked her daughter.

"Mom, it was nothing. Really, it was nothing. It should just go away," Sharon replied.

"Well," Juanita continued, "It sounds like June sees it differently than you do. An apology would do the trick and restore your friendship."

"But Mom, let me tell you what it was. Then you'll see what a little thing it was."

"Look Honey," Juanita interrupted, "This is something between you and June. I don't need to know the details. An apology is needed to restore the friendship."

"How about if I write her a letter?" Sharon asked.

Juanita thoughtfully replied, "You can write a letter if you want. In fact, write the letter and get all the anger off your mind. Tell June what you think of her. Then tear

up the letter and throw it in the trash. After that, think of a small gift you can get for her, and then give it to her when you apologize face to face."

"Can't I just call her, Mom?" Sharon asked.

"Sweetheart," Juanita said, "you are a wonderful and loving daughter. I really feel good that you include me in some of these kinds of discussions about your friends. When an apology is needed, you must always do it in person. June needs to hear your voice and see in your eyes the love that you have for your friend. A very wise man long ago said that forgiving our friends is the way that we receive forgiveness from God (Sirach 28:2). The Lord Jesus taught us that we are to be patient with one another and whenever we have complaints about our friends, we are to forgive them (Colossians 3:13). An apology is always the first step to forgiveness."

*This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family Project working in Brackettville to strengthen family, faith and education.*

By Rev. Ken F. Sellers, Jr.  
Contributing Writer

There is a region in Kentucky that has a grass with bluish-green stems. It was in this region that music using the fiddle, banjo, and guitar found a special home. This music came to be called "Bluegrass."

The style of music was played not only for "hoe-downs" but found its place in their worship services also. Bluegrass brings with it a feeling for a special part of our country and for a unique part of our history. Bluegrass also conjures up an image of the poverty of mountain people. But in spite of the harsh conditions that sometimes made life seem almost impossible, people found joy and expressed it in their music.

Jack and Marymichael Rogers from Wimberley, Texas, keep this tradition alive. They will be bringing their unique worship experience to Brackettville United Methodist Church for their worship service Sunday May 13th, at 10:45 and will also be leading the music for the community wide revival that evening at 6:00 pm. They are members of the United Methodist Church but have played music in churches of many different denominations.

"We always feel at home in our Father's house," says Jack.

The Rogers are busy most Sundays sharing a message through music during morning worship. Their message is a powerful one as they share the tragedies they have survived and how God has lifted them up and blessed them

with grateful hearts.

Marymichael lost a daughter and much of her hearing in a fourth of July fireworks exposition years ago. "When God called me to music ministry I thought He was pretty funny," says Marymichael. "But what I like to share is that when God calls you to His purpose then He will give you the ways and means, the strength and the courage to accomplish His work."

They play music in settings other than church, but they are committed Christians who find joy in sharing a witness that finds special meaning in the style of Bluegrass. Their son John is a fourth generation fiddler and often participates with them in their worship services. Their non-profit or-

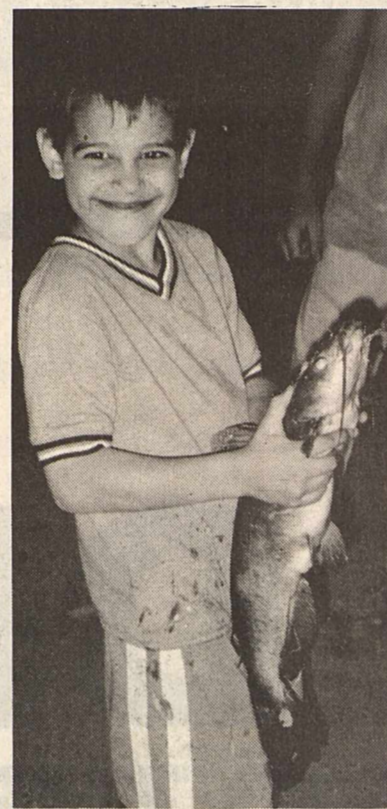
ganization, Moving Mountains Music Ministry takes them to many different places as they answer the call to go wherever God sends them. They have been playing music together now for ten years, have traveled throughout the southwest and have been to China twice singing for Christian retreats there.

Though they have played music internationally they are easy to talk to and love meeting and visiting with new people. You will often find them at a nursing home or hospital playing music just to cheer someone up.

They have two albums available at this time and are currently working on two other projects.

So come to church and the revival and bring a friend.

## Tiger Cubs reel 'em in



Seven year-old Tariq Cherradi, shows off his 5 pound catfish. Tariq is the son of Jeanie Cherradi and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bell.



Pictured above is Daulton Woodson, seven year-old son of Rory Woodson and Maria Woodson, and grandson of Don and Linda Woodson, showing off his 4 pound bass. The boys caught their fish while on a Boy Scout camping trip at the Cy Banner Ranch.

## Build your brain to protect from Alzheimer's

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sengers of the brain and as we age, the speed and accuracy with which the information is transmitted declines. Genetic factors may be involved.

A build up of plaque on brain cells interferes with communication. A number of causes of this appear to be involved. Excess stress causes the chemical cortisol to form and this is harmful. Although some people thrive on stress, excessive stress can and will cause damage to brain cells. When stress occurs, free radicals are released and are also caused during the process of ordinary metabolism. Antioxidants formed by certain nutrients, protect cells from damage from them.

Alzheimer's patients have twice the amount of free radicals found in the area of the brain that is critical for memory. Antioxidants protect cells from damage from them. Free radicals are high in people who drink excessively and eat a lot of saturated fat. The diet recommended for prevention and treatment of Alzheimer's is also recommended for care of the heart.

Damage to the brain tissue caused by stroke, inflammation or injury can cause Alzheimer's. Depletion of estrogen after menopause in women who are not taking hormones can cause a temporary problem. Free radicals are the harmful by-products of such things as environmental pollution, and chemicals such as herbicides; pesticides, solvents and industrial cleaning agents should be avoided.

To live in a way that may prevent Alzheimer's, one should take measures to reduce stress. Yoga, meditation, relaxation exercises and changes in lifestyle are help-

ful. Vitamins A, C, E and B are important antioxidants, and the herb ginkgo biloba is thought to increase the blood flow in the brain.

Eating plenty of green, leafy vegetables and fruit strengthens and revitalizes the membranes that surround brain cells. Nutrients help the brain cells be receptive to messages. Regular aerobic exercise is important for providing oxygen to the body, and the brain needs more oxygen than any other part. Make an effort to breathe deeply.

Getting enough sleep is important. The brain does not function well without it. Exercising one's brain is helpful. Word games and doing crossword puzzles, playing chess or learning a new program on the computer are excellent brain exercises. Try reading an article in the paper, and then see how many items you can remember from it.

Facing the fact that one has Alzheimer's is the first and most difficult step one takes. It is devastating for a victim to face, and causes cruel problems in families. Once faced, however, the person can learn to cope with memory loss. This means doing such things as writing notes, making lists, and organizing the environment so things will be where they are expected.

Presently, fifty percent of people over 85 have Alzheimer's. By 2040, it is estimated that 14 million Americans (the baby boomers) will have it. Research is the answer. Self-discipline, awareness, taking quiet time and prayer may help prevent it and slow its advance.

McMaster took her material for this talk from various articles and encourages you to do your own research, either in the library or on the Internet.

## Beta Sigma Phi celebrates Founders Day

In a joint meeting the Preceptor Theta Sigma and Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapters of Beta Sigma Phi in Brackettville celebrated Founder's Day on April 30, 2001 at Barbara's Table. Thirty-two members and three guests, Ami Skelton, Nancy Frerich and Eileen Voracek, enjoyed a delicious dinner.

Preceptor Theta Sigma President Shirley Hadsell opened the evening with a welcome to all present. Lynn McNew led the group in the singing of The National Anthem, followed by The Opening Ritual, led by Arlys Simpson and the Beta Sigma Phi Grace recited by Pat McKelvy.

Perfect attendance pins were presented to Pat McKelvy (10 years), Luella Gilliland (4 years) and Arlys Simpson (2 years).

The highlight of the evening was the announcement of the Woman of the Year for both chapters.

Jan Peck was honored by Beta Epsilon Omicron as announced by Hazel Ivey and Luella Gilliland announced Arlys Simpson as Woman of the Year for Preceptor Theta Sigma.

Shirley then announced the theme for 2001-2002 year: "Weave a Web of Friendship." All then stood for the Closing Ritual led by Jan Chism.

*"You don't have to sit on a cactus to learn how to jump."*

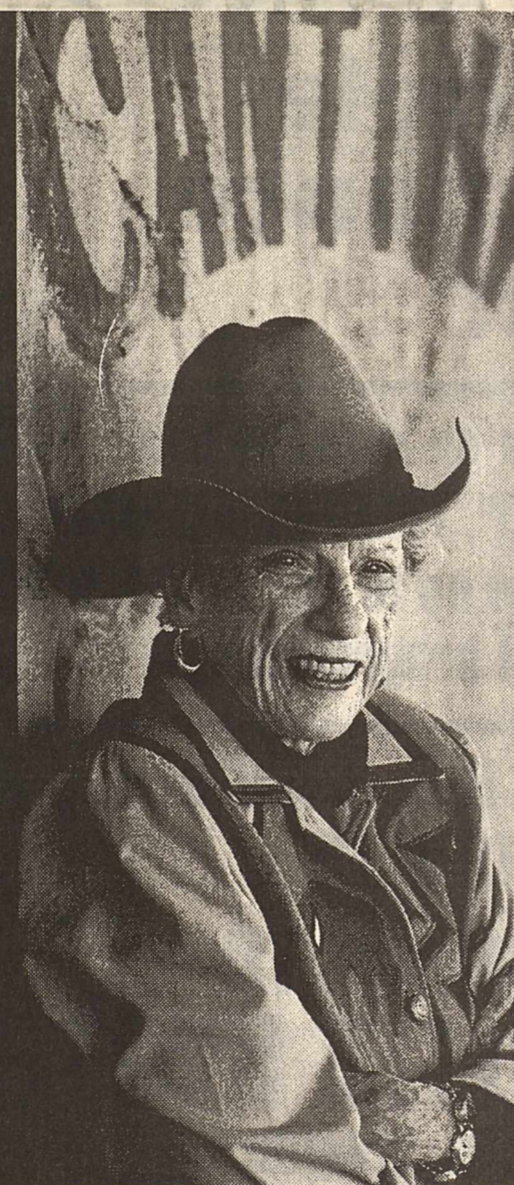
All that Virginia Shahan and her husband "Happy" knew about movies was the price of tickets when John Wayne asked to make a movie on their ranch. After *The Alamo* was released in 1960, the Shahans found themselves proprietors of a tourist attraction and movie set. More than twenty films have been shot at Alamo Village and 20,000 people visit a year. Happy passed on in '96, but Virginia still manages the property, when she's not spending time at her ranch house with her eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Virginia counts on co-op power for her home and business. She belongs to a Smart Choice cooperative. What's "Smart Choice?" We're a coalition of Texas co-ops committed to making the right decision on electric deregulation.

Deregulation is a thorny issue and no one has a crystal ball to view its impact. Like many other Texas cooperatives, Smart Choice co-ops believe the wisest course is to "wait and see." Before deciding, Smart Choice co-ops want to know if deregulation has raised or lowered rates for other Texas power customers, particularly in rural areas.

Unlike private corporations, co-ops are owned by their customers. Your co-op's board of directors is elected to set policy that most benefits its member-owners. Your board is answerable to members and only to members, not shareholders or investment banks.

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### Memorial Service

There will be a memorial for Betty Beverly Schlatterer at the First United Methodist Church on Friday, May 11 at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to: Hospice of Val Verde Regional Medical Center, 102 Center Drive, Del Rio, Texas 78840.

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**Thank You**

On behalf of Diane Reschman, Hannah Conover, Christina Castro, Tiffany, Christopher Reschman, Rogelio Reschman and family and Romelia Rubio, we would like to thank everyone for their generosity and support during our time of sorrow. We would like to thank everyone who donated food, drinks, cards and floral arrangements. A special thanks to those who donated money and helped make any arrangements for the funeral. We would like to thank and recognize everyone for their prayers and overall for the love, kindness and support in our time of grief. Thank you to all the friends and co-workers of East Incorporate at Laughlin Air Force Base. Thank you once again and may God be with you.

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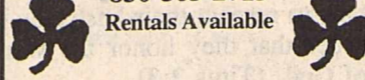
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Hate crimes legislation continues to percolate

Austin - Several senators made personal privilege speeches on the Senate floor Thursday, May 3, about the continuing discussion surrounding controversial hate crimes legislation.

A hate crimes bill deadlocked the Senate for nine hours last session as members tried to work out a last-minute agreement.

More than a dozen members of the House of Representatives were in the Senate on Thursday as a show of support of efforts to have hate crimes legislation brought up for debate by the upper chamber.

"(Wednesday) night, a church in my district was swastikaed and racial slurs were spray painted on the church," said Dallas Sen. Royce West.

Hate crimes legislation, the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill (CSSB) 87, was approved by the Senate Criminal Justice Committee in February.

Answer to Crossword Puzzle

Grid with crossword puzzle answers: ED, WEBS, CAMEL, MNO, HERO, RIATA, ILIA, IRAN, ELTON, SANTAMONICA, END, TIGERS, CATER, EYED, DEMISE, SAGAS, LATE, BAIL, ABOUT, PIVOT, ELLA, GEAR, RAIN, ARSON, STRIPE, TEAM, DARES, RINSES, DEI, ANTECEDENTS, APART, AMEN, WONT, RENEE, GILA, ERAS, TESTS, ELLS, LES.

tee on Wednesday, May 2, approved a House hate crimes bill, House Bill (HB) 587, authored by Senfronia Thompson of Houston.

Waco Sen. David Sibley, the leader of the Senate Republican Caucus, denounced the defacement of the Dallas church and said that those who oppose the proposed hate crimes legislation would work for compromise legislation.

"It's a difficult issue. This is not saying, 'Every child in the state of Texas ought to have a right to an education.' We all agree with that. That's easy," Sibley said.

ALAS MORAS MASONIC LODGE meets the 2nd Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m. School of Instruction meets every Monday at 7:00 p.m. Visiting Brothers are Welcome

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