

# The Brackett News

**Kinney County Arts Council Tour of Homes Sunday**  
See Story Below

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**BRIEFS**

**School Board Meets**

The BISD Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. for their regular monthly meeting. The meeting will be held in the conference room at the BISD Central Office.

**Kinney arts council meets to finalize plans**

In order to get "All our ducks in a row," the Kinney County Arts Council had a called meeting for the final preparations for the "Annual Christmas Homes Tour".

Rozetta Pingnot, president, called the meeting to order. Minutes were read by Norma Rowland and Helen Marie Jones gave the treasurer's report.

Fifteen members were present.

Commendations of appreciation were expressed to Wylie Simmons' for painting the Christmas Tree signs, signifying the homes on tour.

Gertrude Trautwein made docent assignments.

Dee Curry said she had 21 honor students assigned as home historical guides and Rosie Mattingly reported the progress of baking contributions for the bake sale.

Joy Ralston, grant writer, reported that the Texas Commission on the Arts contributed toward the Carranza puppets, who performed for the Brackett Elementary students, which was a colossal success.

Tickets for the Home Tour and basket raffle are available from KCAC members and at the Fort Clark Adult Center.

The tour is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 11 from noon to 5 p.m. and the raffle will be at the Administration Building, Hospitality House at 5 p.m.

The next meeting is slated for Jan. 16, 2006.

**RGEC Blood Drive Friday 7 to 2:30 p.m.**

"I believe there are angels among us, sent down to us from someone above. They come to you and me in our darkest hours. To show us how to live, to teach us how to give. To guide us with a light of love."

These are words from "Angels Among Us", a song by the popular country group Alabama. We believe there are angels among us here in Brackettville, too.

In fact, we're counting on it! Rio Grande Electric Co-op will be hosting a pre-holiday blood drive Friday Dec. 9, in front of the Co-op. South Texas Blood and Tissue Center's mobile donation unit will be here from 7 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Donors will receive free holiday t-shirts, snacks, and the knowledge that each pint of blood donated could save as many as four lives this holiday season. Prior to donation, you will be given a "mini-physical" consisting of a pulse, temperature, blood pressure and iron-level check. You will also receive your overall cholesterol test results and blood type by mail.

Typically, the holidays are a time of great need for blood, and it's often in short supply. Please find the "angel" in you, and join us Dec. 9.

For more information, call the Co-op at 830-563-2444, and ask for Cathy.

**INSIDE**

**Vada Baldree**

People hereabouts are talking deer, doves, quail and hog. After all 'tis the season, plus a frequent topic all genders and ages can discuss. **Lifestyles/Page 4**

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## Community Unity Sunday

The annual Community Unity Christmas program which is now sponsored by the Kinney County Church Alliance (KCCA) is to be held this Sunday evening beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Volunteers are still needed to help in decorating and presenting this Christian gala event of grace.

There is no charge to participate, just as there is no charge for God's grace.

Decorating times this week are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., daily and all day on Saturday.

Artificial Christmas trees are needed for decoration - lots of them!

It is best if you can donate them, but if you need yours returned, clearly tag it and let

Charlotte Corey know that you will pick it up after the program.

There are 38 donation boxes located in many areas around the community.

To heighten awareness of these donation boxes, 4 special prizes will be awarded Sunday night to the first person to give the correct location of boxes: #9, #20, #3 and #25.

If anyone is able to correctly locate all 38 boxes, an additional prize will be given to that person.

Booths need to be set up no later than 3:30 p.m. on Sunday.

The program begins at 5:30 p.m. There will be on-going entertainment until the time the gifts are distributed.



## Yuletide pours over community of Brackett

Leigh Volcsko  
Staff Writer

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas everywhere you go in Brackettville.

City workers, Joe Kelly, Oscar Lopez and Jimmy Salmon affixed more than a dozen lighted angel and star decorations to light poles around the City.

The decorations compliment the decorations that adorn the City Hall on Spring Street.

City officials believe that it has been more than five years since the decorations last adorned the poles.

The pole and building decorations were pulled out of storage and recently refurbished using the funds raised at the first City Festival this past April.

"Last year, Mrs. Washington that lived across the street from City Hall said that she missed the lights and that is why we decided to put them up again. Next year, I think it would be neat if all the houses and businesses put up some lights. Think of how beautiful that would be," said City Secretary Bonnie Mays.



Brackett News photo by Leigh Volcsko

City workers, Joe Kelly (operating front-end loader, right), Oscar Lopez (perched high left) and Jimmy Salmon (not pictured) affixed more than a dozen lighted angel, trees and star decorations to light poles throughout the City.

## Tigers take top honors in All-District team

Following their outing from the state playoffs, the Tigers had 19 honors bestowed upon them by coaches. The Tigers earned 19 spots on the All-District team.

Brackett's Miles Braesicke was named MVP offense. Braesicke had 189 carries for 1412 yards and 16 touchdowns.

Brand Wylie was named first team running back. He had 98 carries for 1059 yards and 19 touchdowns.

John Moore and Gumaro Martinez were named First Team offensive line.

Named first team center was Jr. Adams and Leon Woolsey was named first team tight tend.

Woolsey had 12 catches for 113 yards and 5 touchdowns.

Making second team were Ivan Pinales, who was named second team running back. He had 115 carries for 894 yards and 11 touchdowns. Martin Flores made second team offensive line.

The Tiger's Wylie was also named MVP Defense. Wylie had 86 tackles and 3 interceptions.

Two were named for First Team Defensive End, John Moore, who had 35 tackles and 2 sacks and Woolsey, who had 65 tackles and 3 sacks.

Named to first team defensive tackle was Flores who had 40

tackles and 3 sacks.

First team inside linebacker was Gumaro Martinez. Martinez had 90 tackles and 3 sacks.

Tres Rueda was named as First team outside linebacker. Rueda had 40 tackles and 2 interceptions. Robert Davis was named First Team Defensive Back. Davis had 75 tackles and 1 interception.

Named second team inside linebacker was Fermin Villanueva. He had 70 tackles and 1 sack. Miles Braesicke was named as Second team outside. He had 38 tackles and 2 sacks.

Robert Sanchez was named



Brackett News photo by Pam Hale

Miles Braesicke, left and Brand Wylie are two Tigers named to the All-District Team.

Second Team Defensive Back. He had 27 tackles and 4 interceptions.

The Tigers also had the first team kicker - Jacob Schroeder was named to that position.

## Gov. Perry awards \$6 Million to border counties

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry today announced the award of \$6 million in grants to strengthen security along the Texas-Mexico border. The funds will support Operation Linebacker, an initiative developed by the 16-member Texas Border Sheriff's association to deter illegal immigration and prevent border-related crime.

The grants will provide manpower, specialized equipment and planning resources to border-area law enforcement.

Counties to receive the funds are Brewster, Cameron, Culberson, Dimmit, El Paso, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis,

Kinney, Maverick, Presidio, Starr, Terrell, Val Verde, Webb, and Zapata. Each county will receive \$367,500 once each county's Commissioners Court approves a grant contract.

"There can be no homeland security without border security," Perry said. "Operation Linebacker makes sense because it gives new tools and resources to local law enforcement, the experts in the unique security challenges of the border."

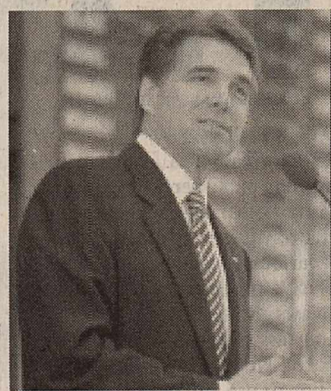
The Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition, which will receive \$120,000 in grant funds, will coordinate the effort and develop specialized security plans

for the unique needs of each county.

The funds will also support Citizen Police Academies to train local volunteers and strengthen community awareness and involvement in border protection.

"My border security plan will lead to a safer Texas—and a safer America—because it not only focuses on what happens at the ports of entry, but what happens between them, too," Perry added.

In October Perry released a comprehensive, six-point border security plan that featured Operation Linebacker and also



Gov. Rick Perry

called for expedited efforts to achieve radio communications interoperability in the region, improved information technol-

ogy, bilateral emergency response exercises, and legislative measures to enhance border security.

The Linebacker funds will be distributed in the coming weeks through the federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, which is administered by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD).

Each year, CJD provides more than \$130 million in grants to help reduce crime. CJD funds a variety of juvenile justice, criminal justice, and victim services programs - all aimed at making Texas a safer place.

## KCAC Christmas Homes Tour is Dec. 11

The Kinney County Arts Council features Neal and Barbara Simmons' home and the Administrative and Member Services Building this week.

These are two of the five homes to be included in the tour on Dec. 11.

The Simmons' home has been completely rearranged on the ground floor.

On entering the front grounds, an attractive pergola graces the new deck and the back deck is composed of three levels.

There are three bedrooms and five baths with a spacious living room, dining area and kitchen. This home was designed with entertaining in mind.

During the active "Cavalry" days, the building served as a blacksmith shop.

The Administrative and Member Services Building once served as a kitchen at Fort Clark, it was rebuilt in 1931.

Thanks to Helen Marie Jones, the lobby has been transformed into an elegant old fashioned Christmas parlor.



The Simmons home, left, served as the blacksmith shop to the Fort's Cavalrymen. Rebuilt in 1931, the Administrative and Member Services Building, right, served as a kitchen originally. Sunday's event is from 2 to 5 p.m.

The west wall has been covered with gold wrapping paper and tied with velvet burgundy ribbon to represent a huge present, with the bow looped with burgundy and gold.

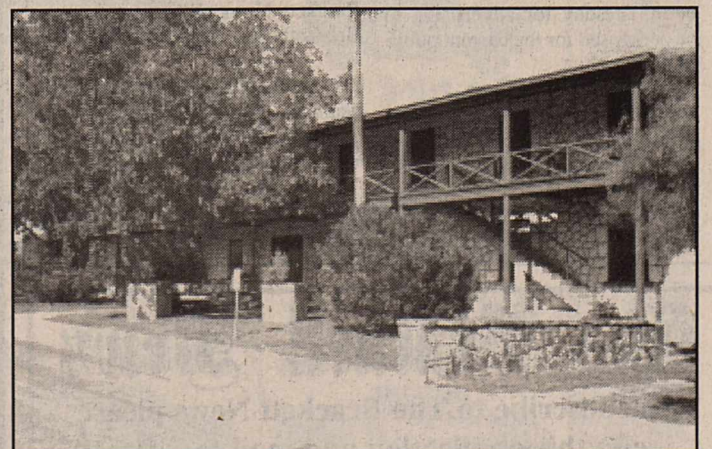
Gorgeous swags over the two double doors and three single doors are almost indescribable, but an artistic arrangement of white magnolias, burgundy poinsettias, gold ribbon inter-

twined grape vines, with sprigs of noble fir greenery.

The supporting posts are wrapped with green garlands, white strings of pearls, crystal whistles and grand-sized white brocade stockings.

On the north wall, blue metallic paper with scatterings of snowflakes cover the bulletin board.

A display table is covered



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with clouds of white cotton with an old fashioned Santa in rich burgundy robes in the center.

The office desk area graces scalloped garlands, matching the door swags.

On the baby grand piano, the "Christmas Basket" for raffle is artfully displayed.

Dominating the lobby is the giant tree that reaches the ceiling, which is loaded with price-

less angels, balls of pink, pearl, burgundy and numerous lights.

This fairyland setting just did not happen for them, Helen Marie furnished decorations and time at her own expense.

The "Homes Tour" ends at the Administration building for refreshments with a chance to buy baked goods from the "Pantry" and get a chance to win the "Christmas Basket".



# Public School accomplishments of the 79th Legislature

Education was a top priority this session, and the Texas House passed its "Roadmap to Results" on March 11 to allow plenty of time to work on a compromise with the Senate. Unfortunately, the Senate did not pass its version of the bill until May 11, and not enough time was left in the session to reach agreements necessary to pass a conference committee report before sine die. State representatives are committed to continuing to explore ways to fund public schools so Texas children are given the resources they need to succeed.

### Increasing funds for education

- The new state budget includes a \$2.2 billion increase in spending for public schools, including more than \$1.3 billion for enrollment growth and improved equity, \$175 million for school facilities, and \$140 million for the Student Success Initiative to provide additional instruction and support to middle school students.

### Steroid Education Program

- Directs the University Interscholastic League (UIL) to develop a comprehensive steroid education program for parents, students and coaches to administer a survey to determine the extent of the problem among Texas high school students, and then to conduct a study to track

the efficiency of the education program.

- Directs the UIL to initiate random steroid testing if the Legislature determines from the reports that steroid use among high school students has not significantly declined.

### Teacher Retirement System Reform

- Maintains the "rule of 80" (age + years of service) as eligibility for retirement, but establishes a penalty for people who retire before they are 60. This provision applies only to new Teacher Retirement System (TRS) members as of September 2007 — thus everyone currently working is grandfathered.
- Calculates pension benefits on an employee's highest five years of salary rather than three years. This encourages people to work longer at the end of their career when they are most likely to earn promotions or significant pay increases.
- Eliminates the 90-day wait to join TRS, and requires school districts to make the state's 6 percent contribution for the first 90 days.
- Prevents school districts from offering early retirement incentives and requires school districts to pay 2.4 percent to the pension fund and TRS-Care health for retired people the district rehires.

- Increases active employee contributions to TRS-Care (retiree health care) from 0.5 percent to 0.65 percent — an increase of only about \$5 per month, but helps prevent an increase in retiree monthly premiums.

### Student Health and Safety

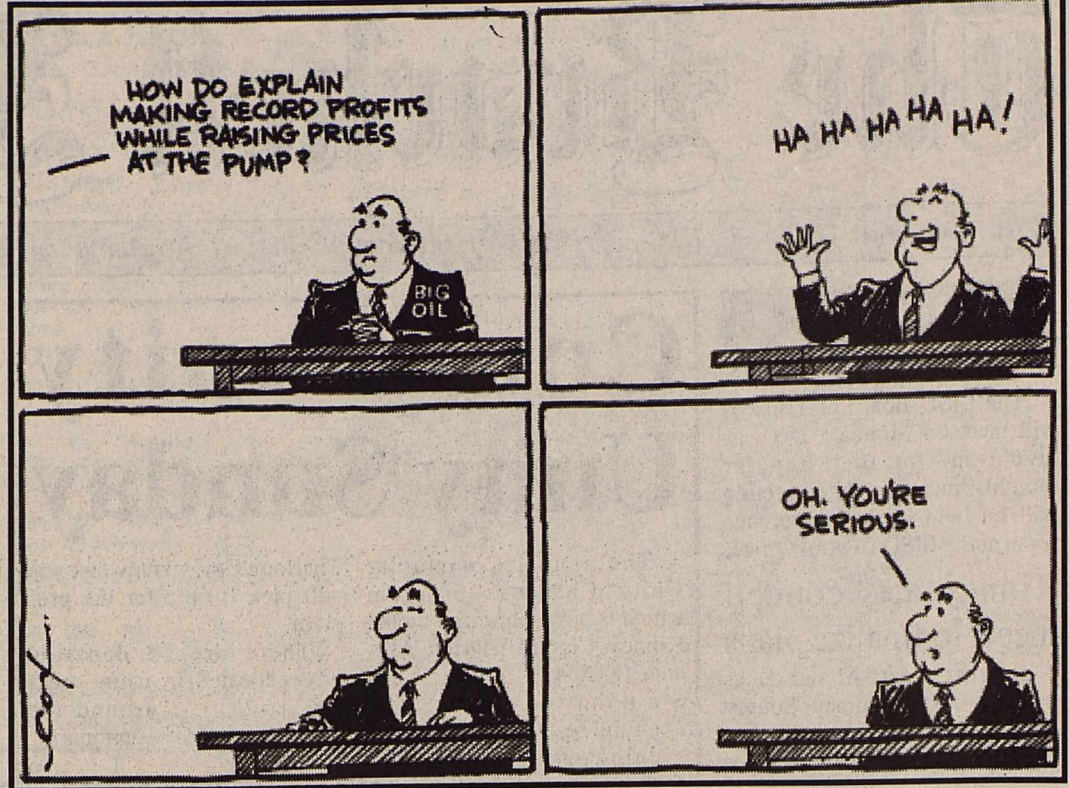
- Addresses children's physical health by promoting daily physical activity and nutrition for students in grades K-8.
- Requires school personnel to be trained on diabetes management, and it requires elementary and secondary students with diabetes to have a diabetes management and treatment plan furnished by the parents and signed by a medical provider.
- Allows students who are victims of bullying to transfer to another classroom or another school within the district to create a more stable environment.
- Prohibits students convicted of sexual assault of being enrolled in the same school as their victims.
- Updates the "zero tolerance" expulsion policy to include common sense considerations of intent, self-defense, previous disciplinary history, and any student disability that impairs a student from understanding the wrongfulness of the action.

- Requires instruction in financial literacy for high school graduation to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to make critical financial decisions.
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Additional Education

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## Just a letter from home

As our nation fights the War on Terrorism, we place our lives and liberties in the hands of the brave men and women fighting on the front lines. These individuals risk their lives every day to preserve our freedom and safety. While we attend holiday parties and decorate our trees, our troops find themselves alone in foreign territory. Now, more than ever, it is paramount that we rally behind our troops and show our support.



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

When I think of our troops away from home over the holiday season, I am reminded of a story I heard many years ago. During the Vietnam War, Sgt. Billy Thompson sent a simple holiday request to news columnist Abigail Van Buren. He suggested that "just a letter from home" would make a wonderful Christmas present. This resulted in the holiday letter writing campaign called "Operation Dear Abby."

For 17 years, American citizens sent letters and cards to servicemen deployed away from home. These cards served to boost morale and spread holiday cheer to thousands of military

personnel.

Many years later, during Operation Desert Storm, a new letter-writing campaign was born. Rather than focus only on the holiday season, "Any Servicemember" aimed to promote troops morale year round. During operations in Bosnia, the campaign continued to grow and brought joy to many members of armed services.

Unfortunately, recent threats of Anthrax and biological warfare, have made delivering large amounts of mail to our troops unsafe. The Department of Defense was forced to announce that both of these highly successful campaigns would be indefinitely suspended. In the midst of a new kind of war, we must find new means of supporting our servicemen and women.

In light of these events, the

Navy created a web-based alternative to traditional letter-writing campaigns. The new "Any Servicemember" web site, provides a simple system to send e-mail greetings to our troops. Anyone wishing a reply to their message, need only to include a return e-mail address. This simple process allows those sending the message to choose any branch of the military to send their greetings. While our troops will miss the brightly-colored envelopes and picturesque cards, they are excited about the convenience of e-mail.

As our troops face new challenges, we must demonstrate the true conviction for our armed services. Each person must do their part to help boost the morale of those who will not be home for the holidays. I urge each of you to participate in this thoughtful and patriotic campaign. It will take only a few minutes, but think of the joy it will bring to these very special and admirable men and women.

For more information about the Navy's "Any Servicemember" campaign visit <http://anyservicemember.navy.mil/>

**Big Mama Sez!**

Don't interfere with something that ain't botherin' you none.

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### SHERIFF'S REPORT

**Tuesday, Nov. 29**  
2:14 p.m. - Texas Department of Transportation reported a deer hung in a fence on FM 3008. Game Warden Henry Lutz was dispatched to the scene.

6:12 p.m., Fort Clark Security reported a domestic disturbance and requested a sheriff's deputy. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was dispatched to the residence.

7:26 p.m., A local woman reported a cow loose on FM 334. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the location but found nothing. Uvalde County was advised of the situation.

**Wednesday, Nov. 30**  
4:00 p.m., A 911 caller reported his son was sick and needed to go to the hospital. The caller stated the boy was with his mother and he didn't know where he was exactly. The mother was contacted and said her son was fine.

**Thursday, Dec. 1**  
5:30 p.m., A woman reported a child shooting a BB gun close to her residence. Deputy Ron Ring was dispatched to the scene and recovered the BB gun.

9:49 p.m., U.S. Border Patrol at the Cline Checkpoint reported a white van spotlighting along the side of Highway 90. Game Warden Lutz was notified and requested Border Patrol follow the vehicle until he arrived.

**Saturday, Dec. 3**  
5:54 p.m., A man came by the Sheriff's office to request a deputy escort him to his ex-wife's house to pick up his children.

6:14 p.m., A man requested assistance recovering the keys to his vehicle. Apparently an employee refused to return the keys to the man. The employee was contacted and stated he would turn the keys over.

10:03 p.m., A 911 caller reported gun fire near the rest area on Highway 90 east. Game Warden Lutz was notified.

10:13 p.m., A 911 caller reported a woman having a shoulder injury at Fort Clark. Reserve Deputy Manuel Pena and Kinney County EMS were dispatched to the location.

**Sunday, Dec. 4**  
12:30 a.m., Pedro Roque, 37, of Del Rio, was arrested for no drivers license and outstanding warrant by Deputy Gutierrez. Roque was released to the U.S. Marshals the following day.

3:12 p.m., A man reported horses loose on FM 2804. Sheriff Burgess was notified.

10:20 p.m., A woman reported a suspicious vehicle circling her neighborhood and parked behind her residence. Deputy Gutierrez was notified.

**Monday, Dec. 5**  
1:12 a.m., A woman reported the back window of her house had been broken out. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the scene.

**Welcome Back Winter Texans**  
**Christmas Party**  
Live Music Food Friends & Fun  
**Saturday, Dec. 17**  
**7:30 to Midnight**  
**Service Center**  
Sponsored by the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce and the Recreation Committee of Fort Clark Springs

**The Giftbox**

There is no time more fitting to say "Thank You" and to wish you A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year When you are out and about attending the festivities on Dec. 11

We extend to you a warm welcome to attend our Christmas Open House 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Do your Christmas Shopping with our 20% off Sale Refreshments will be Served

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**Jay & Paige Weatherby**







# 'Tis the season for a few delicious venison dishes

People hereabouts are talking deer, doves, quail and hog. After all 'tis the season, plus a frequent topic all genders and ages can discuss. With that in mind, I thought we might feature a few wild game recipes and maybe a side dish or dessert along the same theme.

If you happen to have a good or favorite way in preparing some, feel free to contact our newspaper office and let me get in touch with you.

### Fried Venison and Pan Gravy

2 lbs. venison steak, thinly

sliced  
 1/2 cup flour  
 1 tsp. salt  
 1/4 tsp pepper  
 1/2 cup oil  
 2 1/4 cup milk  
 4 tbsp. pan drippings  
 3 tbsp. flour  
 1 tsp. salt  
 1/2 tsp. pepper  
 Pound steak until 1/4 in thick cut in small pieces. Combine flour, salt and pepper and coat steaks on both sides. In heavy skillet, heat oil and saute steaks on medium to high heat 5 min-



Goodies From G.G.

Vada Baldree

utes on each side. Remove from skillet and keep warm. Pour off all but 4 tbsp. pan drippings. Blend in flour, 3 tbsp., stirring constantly, scraping cooked juices on bottom of pan until bubbly. Stir in milk, salt and

pepper. continue cooking over medium heat, stirring and scraping bottom and sides until gravy thickens and bubbles for 1 minute. Serves 6 to 8.

### This next venison stew is only for the brave deep South Texans

3 lbs. venison, cut in 2 in. cubes  
 Kosher salt and black pepper  
 2 tbsp. olive oil  
 2 medium onion, chopped  
 2 poblano chilies, chopped  
 6 cloves garlic, minced  
 1 small pumpkin or 1 medium butternut squash, peeled and cubed (about 3 cups)  
 3 tbsp. New Mexico chili (or to taste) or ancho chili powder  
 1 tbsp. plus 1 tsp. dried

Mexican oregano  
 2 bay leaves  
 1 cinnamon stick  
 1 1/2 oz. bottle amber beer (such as Dos Equis Amber)  
 4 cups chicken stock or canned broth, or more as needed  
 2 1/2 15.5 oz. cans white hominy, drained

Season meat generously with salt and pepper; let stand 30 minutes in large heavy bottomed pot or dutch oven over medium-high heat, heat oil until very hot but not smoking. Add meat in batches but do not over crowd. Sear until well browned on all sides. Using slotted spoon, transfer to bowl. Add onions and chilies to pan and reduce heat

to medium. Saute until softened, about five minutes. Add garlic; saute 2 minutes more. Add pumpkin, chili powder, oregano, bay leaves and cinnamon stick. Saute until spices thicken into paste and coat vegetables about 2 minutes. Add beer and stir well, scraping the bottom of pan. Return meat to pan and add the 4 cups chicken stock and hominy. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer, partly covered, until meat is tender, 2 to 2 1/2 hours. Add more stock or water, if necessary, to prevent stew from becoming too thick.

To serve, discard bay leaves and adjust salt as needed to taste. Serve hot. Serves 6 to 8.

## Seasons Greetings from the BVFD

By Joe Williams  
 BVFD Chief

The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday season.

With winter right around the corner, we encourage you to be careful while cleaning heaters, vents and flues. These appliances should always be checked before you put them to use.

We would also like to welcome the hunters and ask that you please be careful in and about your hunting camps. Everyone likes a good hunt and good time.

However, we recommend extreme caution when burning outdoors. We do not recommend open fires of any kind.

Please note: the State of Texas is subject to many possible limitations on outdoor burning. Local ordinances, governmental entities and air quality control (red flag) regulations may apply. A persons right to burn outdoors is not absolute. Regulations may restrict when, where and how individuals and organizations can conduct outdoor burning.

The public's cooperation during dangerous conditions is essential to prevent needless wild fires.

If you are uncertain of a burn ban in our county, contact the Sheriff Department or the BVFD.

You should also contact either or both agencies if you are planning a controlled burn. Call the Sheriff's office at 563-2788, City Hall at 563-2412 or Fire Chief Williams at 210-380-6817.

In addition, if senior citizens would like their smoke detectors and heaters checked please contact the BVFD. We can and will check them for free.

A big and grateful thanks to the people that have helped the BVFD.

## Tigerettes up season record to 5-1

The fighting Tigerettes have a commanding 5-1 recording in their basketball season so far, including a tournament championship. At the Nueces Canyon tournament, Emily Valenzuela and Ashley Castillo received All-tournament honors.

The Tigerettes thumped Nueces Canyon 77-18 on Nov. 29. A. Castillo dropped 20 points, had 13 steals, and four assists. Timmeka Simmons had contributed 8 points, 2 steals and 2 assists. Julie Castillo had 9 points, 3 steals and 3 assists.

Lola Cano brought in 6 points, had 4 steals and 2 assists. Valenzuela was the top scorer with 21 points, 10 steals and 3 assists.

Bailee Allen tossed in 7 points and Cassie Mata chipped in 2 points. Daphney Hunt brought in 4 points, 1 steal and

had 2 assists. At the Nueces Canyon tournament, the Tigerettes beat D'Hanis JV 44-23. The Rocksprings Angoras were victims to the Tigerettes as well when they lost 43-37. The Tigerettes went on to beat Sabinal 45-40 for the tournament title.

In the game against D'Hanis JV, A. Castillo had 18 points, 9 steals and 2 assists. Simmons had 4 points and 1 steal. J. Castillo had 2 points and 3 assists. Cano offered 2 points, 5 steals and 4 assists. Valenzuela had 10 points, 3 steals and 2 assists. Allen had 4 points and 1 steal. Hunt had 4 points 5 steals and 1 assist.

Against Rocksprings, Castillo had 15 points, 5 steals and 2 assists. Simmons had 4 points, 3 steals and 1 assist.

J. Castillo had 6 points, 2 steals and 5 assists.

Cano had 1 point and 3 steals. Valenzuela had 15 points and 3 steals. Allen had 2 points and 2 steals while Hunt had 1 assist.

In the Championship game against Sabinal, the Tigerettes went into overtime but came out with a 45-40 win. During this game, A. Castillo had 9 points, 5 steals and 1 assist.

Simmons brought in 2 points, 2 steals and 1 assist. J. Castillo popped in 10 points, 3 steals and 1 assist. Cano had 7 points, 4 steals and 3 assists. Valenzuela had 15 points, 2 steals and 3 assists. Allen and Hunt each contributed 1 point.

## JV girls three for three to win Carrizo Springs tournament

The junior varsity Tigerettes played three for three in a weekend basketball tournament in Carrizo Springs Dec. 2 and 3.

Brackett defeated Carrizo Springs, 31-23 on Friday. In the second game on Friday, Brackett defeated LaPryor, 41-10. "This was probably the best game of the season, everything seemed to click," said JV Coach B. Schroder.

In the third and final game on Saturday, Brackett defeated Crystal City, 32-20.

The JV Girls took the winning spot based on wins and point differentials.

Players that saw action in the tournament were Chaito Sanchez, Samantha Moore, Summer Allen, Meghann Davis, Haley Harris, Natalie Aguirre, Bianca Martinez, Whitney Gum and Bianca Terrazas.

The Tigerettes traveled to Crystal City on Dec. 6 and will participate in another two-day tourney in Dilley tomorrow and Saturday.

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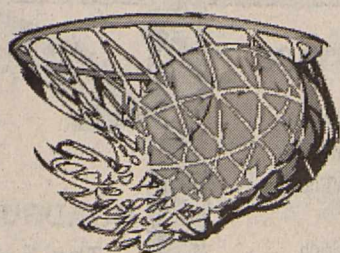


## 7th grade basketball team drops Medina 25-8

The 7th grade girls basketball team scored big against the Medina Bobcats 25-8 on Thursday, Dec. 1.

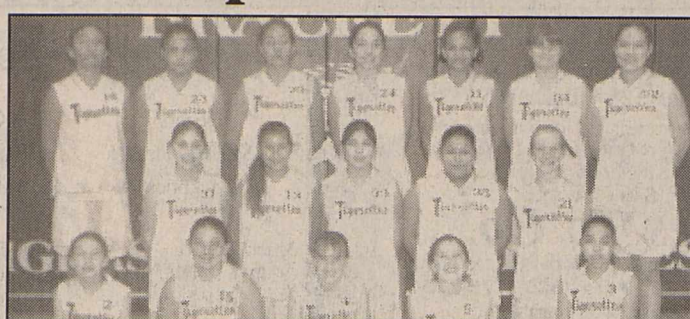
Marisol Aguirre was the high-point scorer with 8. Kelsey Bruce chipped in 5 points. Paige Nowlin, Erica Villanueva, Courtney Kirkland, Sarah Davis and Bianca Cruz tossed in 2 points each.

"We are working very hard and our knowledge of the game is growing weekly," Coach Candi Voyles said. "The girls have improved so much on defense. They are all contributors and they all get out there and give everything they have."



"We had great defense from Cheyenne Smith, Karley Harris, Abbi Gutierrez, Rachel Nash, Stella Guajardo, Nayellie Rojas, Mary Lou Pena, Brenda Pacheco, Ana Sanchez and Danika Villarreal.

The Tigerettes face off against Rocksprings tonight at 5 p.m.



Brackett News photo by Leigh Volcsko

Seventh Grade Girls Basketball front row from left: Cheyenne Smith, Abby Gutierrez, Sarah Davis, Courtney Kirkland and Bianca Cruz. Middle row from left: Nayellie Rojas, Mary Lou Pena, Danika Villarreal, Ana Sandoval and Kelsey Bruce. Back row from left: Marisol Aguirre, Rachel Nash, Stella Guajardo, Erica Villanueva, Karley Harris, Paige Nowlin and Brenda Pacheco.

## Eighth grade basketball team falls to Medina

The Brackett eighth grade girls basketball fell to Medina on Dec. 1, 23-20.

Scoring points for the Tigerettes were Elena Molinar and Ivy Garcia with five points each. Elidia Molinar put four points on the scoreboard. Nydia Talamantes, Cheyenne

Billings and Brook Gose also scored with two points each. Elena Molinar recovered the ball throughout the game with a total of eight rebounds.

Brook Gose ended the game with one steal. The girls play Rocksprings this afternoon at 6:30 p.m.

### HONOR ROLL

The following information was provided by the Brackett Independent School District

The second six weeks for Brackett ISD ended on Nov. 11 and report cards were issued Nov. 17.

#### Elementary School

##### All A Honor Roll

■ **First Grade:** JT Aguirre, Britney Castilla, Kymie Creel, Leah Durden, Marissa Flores, Briana Flores-Martinez, Justin Gallegos, Danille Gerardo, Brian Hernandez, Xavier Herrera, Dylan Lutz, Julian Quiroz, Tyler Schuster, Alexa Solis and Jada White.

##### A-B Honor Roll

■ **First Grade:** James Amescua, Hayden Carcasi, Erick Dominech, Celina Hernandez, Tyler Hernandez, Justin Hidalgo, Rayissa Munoz, Patrick Ortiz, Lexi Parker, Nathan Pearson, Darius Richard, Rico Rodriguez, Jeremiah Sandoval, Lane Steelman, Aaron Talamantes, Destiny Terrazas, Javier Valdez, Angel Villarreal and Caleb Volcsko.

##### All A Honor Roll

■ **Second Grade:** Walt Ashley, Hanah Baggett, Billy Bland, Gage Brown, Ramon Castillo, Isabel Garcia, Dezarey Falcon, Kate Frerich, Marley Koontz, Diego Luna, Emma Palmer, Jeyson Price and Benjamin Rodriguez.

##### A-B Honor Roll

■ **Second Grade:** Anthony Aldaco, Jordan Clementz, David Durden, Katee Flores, Alyssa Martinez, Estrella Martinez, Karina Martinez, Molberto Martinez, Rafael Martinez, Kaitlyn Partlow, Jairo Pinales, Adrian Resendez, Elizabeth Rocha, Amelia Salazar, Eleazar Salazar, Dylan Villarreal and Tony Zamora.

##### All A Honor Roll

■ **Third Grade:** Webb Ashley, Peyton Bonner, Zachary Bowers, Gabrielle Brown, Morgan Brown, Benjamin Brinker, Blake Duncan, Brianna Flores, Teno Flores, Maddie Frerich, Mark Garcia, Griffin Grayson, Martin Guzman, Christian Lopez, Reid Markham, Ariana Rodriguez, Te'a Sandoval, Bryce Slubar, Bryan Stack, Davis Wade and Yasmine White.

##### A-B Honor Roll

■ **Third Grade:** Yessenia Argil, Leonardo Elizondo, Sierra Falcon, Dante Luna, Courtney McDonald, Marco Novel, David Ortega, Karina Perez, Christian Quiroz, Amber Resendez, Denise Salmon, Joaquin Solis, Colten Stephenson, Jose Talamantes and Saul Talamantes.

##### All A Honor Roll

■ **Fourth Grade:** Judy Adams, Leslie Allen, Macy Davis, Hannah Johnson, Nadia Rodriguez and Shelby Schuster.

##### A-B Honor Roll

■ **Fourth Grade:** Koriee Allen, Wyatt Blake, McKenzie Castillo, Clarissa Cruz, Clay Flores, Shannon Gammill, Dolores Garza, Marisol Gomez, Paul Resendez, Garon Rueda and August Stephenson.

#### Intermediate School

##### All A Honor Roll

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##### A-B Honor Roll

■ **Fifth Grade:** Abigail Durden, Meghan Flores, Selina Gerardo, Rolano Gutierrez, Josh Pavon-Tait, Jonathan Pinales and Marissa Villarreal.

##### All A Honor Roll

■ **Sixth Grade:** Lauren Duncan, Brittany Hale, Stevie Lowrance, Nevada Payne, Jared Shirkey and Daulton Woodson.

##### A-B Honor Roll

■ **Sixth Grade:** Adrian Juarez, Salvador Pacheco Yanira Perez and Joel Talamantes.

#### Jr. High School

##### All A Honor Roll

■ **Seventh Grade:** Brandon Allen, Kelsey Bruce, Bryan Calk, Sarah Davis, Haley Hale, Janine Rex, Sahara Rodriguez, Joshua Smith and Erica Villanueva.

##### A-B Honor Roll

■ **Seventh Grade:** Michael Flores, Stella Guajardo, Abigail Gutierrez, Bodie Harris, Courtney Kirkland, Ayland Letsinger, Rachel Nash, Manuel Pena, Jaime Rodriguez, Victor Roman and Aracely Salazar.

##### All A Honor Roll

■ **Eighth Grade:** Brooklyn Gose and Jeffrey Sitgreaves.

##### A-B Honor Roll

■ **Eighth Grade:** Cheyenne Billings, John Blake, Alexis Buecher, Cody Clark, Shaun Davis, Brianna Escamilla, John Gray, Lauren Hernandez, Aracely Martinez, Adan Pinales, Raul Rivas, Isaac Talamantes and Nydia Talamantes.

#### High School

##### All A Honor Roll

■ **Freshmen:** Amanda

Braesicke, Emily Calk, Jessica Garza, Samantha Moore and Laura Swinson.

##### A-B Honor Roll

■ **Freshmen:** Laura Adams, Summer Allen, Eric Gaona, Jessica Jones, Rebecca Mann, Bianca Martinez, Harmony Pettett, Maribel Rivas, Graciela Rocha, Arlene Roth, Jacob Schroeder and Bianca Terrazas.

##### All A Honor Roll

■ **Sophomores:** Bailee Allen, Meghann Davis and Gabriella Schroeder.

##### A-B Honor Roll

■ **Sophomores:** Heather Baggett, Kaden Berg, Travis Bonner, Julie Castillo, Lauren Cornelius, Capri Creech, Chelsea Duncan, Doolie Fernandez, Daphne Hunt, Joshua Kluzek, Ashley Stephenson, Bianca Stewart and Anolda Watkins.

#### All A Honor Roll

■ **Juniors:** Justin Calk and Laura Meyer.

##### A-B Honor Roll:

■ **Juniors:** Alison Carroll, Robert Davis, Jay Duncan, John Moore, Ivan Pinales, Austin Shewbart, Natasha Smith, Micheal Stephenson, Brenda Tate and Emily Valenzuela.

##### All A Honor Roll

■ **Seniors:** John Braesicke, Alanna Conoly, Jessica Crane, Kimberly Glass, Shaddine Gum, Liliana Hernandez, Rachel Swinson, Emmanuel Talamantes, Leon Woolsey and Brand Wylie.

##### A-B Honor Roll

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**HOROSCOPES**  
 by Charles Cooper

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A minor irritation at work shouldn't throw you for the whole week. You have important tasks to accomplish. Later, your social life is positively whirling!

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) An unexpected opportunity falls right into your lap. Where it concerns your career, choose carefully. Compromise is the watchword for week's end.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You're in no position to be lending people money. With the holidays, things are tight as it is. While your heart's in the right place, you're not thinking clearly.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Come up with a plan wherein you and your family can donate time to a nursing home or hospital this holiday season. You'll find the true meaning of giving. Later in the week, a bigwig at work has a happy surprise for you.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Social invitations are arriving. Thus, you'll need to sort out the wheat from the chaff. Not every outing can be undertaken, so choose wisely.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A gift you ordered some time ago still hasn't arrived. You may have to come up with an alternative. This weekend is a good time to finish up all pre-holiday chores.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your usual holiday happiness is marred this week by a work worry. Remember, fretting won't change things. Come up with a concrete plan of attack.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A meeting you'd prepared for is taken off the schedule. Deal with this gracefully. When it does happen, you're up for it.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Tie up some loose ends on the job. This clears your schedule for upcoming important events. Over the weekend, you enjoy domestic harmony.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) The best way to deal with a contentious co-worker is with tact. Ultimately, this person comes around to your way of thinking. Later, some holiday shopping is in order.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Those in negotiations, whether in business or personally, will succeed. In general, things are going your way. Travel is in the stars after the holiday season winds down.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your intuition is working overtime. Follow these hunches. While it makes no logical sense, you're often successful when you just go with your gut instincts.

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# Let's Remember Prophet of Nazareth

Last month on a cool windy day my brother and I sat together on a bench during a military funeral at a national cemetery and listened as they talked about my dad and his service to and for this country. He spent a good portion of his life in the military. He was a decorated war veteran and had served his country faithfully never complaining.

During the Korean conflict they were overrun several times and barely escaped with their lives.

Freedom always has a cost to someone! Many have and are sacrificing greatly so we can be warm and safe in our beds at night. They are also sacrificing so people in other parts of the world can have freedom and safety.

I am reminded of someone who over two thousand years ago gave His life for our well being is without complaint, (Romans 5:8, John 10:10). His



Jerry Davenport

Brother J.

name was Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, (John 3:16). This coming Christmas season let us not forget those who are serving.

We can pray for their safety, success and return.

Let us also remember the families of the ones serving.

We can offer special prayers for those who have lost loved ones.

I had mixed emotions at the end of my dad's funeral service, sad because we missed him and yet so proud because of his faithful service.

See you in Church next Sunday.

And the multitude said, this is Jesus, the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seat of them that sold doves.

And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of



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thieves. And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. St. Matthews 21: 11-14 Praise the Lord!

## Safety Tips from CPL Retail Energy

HOUSTON - According to the U.S. Fire Administration, each year roughly 156,000 fires occur during the holiday season claiming nearly 630 lives, injuring 2,600 individuals and causing over \$930 million in damage.

While the number of occurrences may seem astounding, what's more amazing is that most of these fires could have been prevented by following some simple safety measures.

With the holidays fast approaching, CPL Retail Energy would like to help ensure that this season is spent celebrating with friends and loved ones by providing these quick holiday safety tips for the home.

### Appliances

Properly installed and maintained smoke alarms in the home are considered one of the best and least expensive means of providing an early warning of a potentially deadly fire. All smoke alarms should be tested once a month and their batteries replaced annually.

Keep newspapers, blankets and all other flammable material away from floor heaters, fire places and other heating sources.

Have an operable fire extinguisher readily available.

### Decorative Lights/Power Cords

Never install more than three strands of decorative lights to one extension cord.

Extension cords should only be used on a temporary basis; unplug and safely store them after every use.

Never use indoor lights/extension cords outside or vice versa.

Turn off all lights when going to bed or leaving the house.

The lights could short out and start a fire.

In the event an electric shock occurs, follow these emergency safety tips:

Do not touch the victim if they are still in contact with the electrical source.

Sever the power at the fuse or breaker level, if possible.

If someone is still attached to the electrical source, use a branch or plastic broom to push him or her off. Ensure the item isn't still conductive.

Call immediately for emergency medical aid.

The holidays are a time of celebration, and preventing electrical accidents from occurring can keep families safe and holidays happy.

### About CPL Retail Energy

For more than 75 years, CPL Retail Energy and its predecessors have provided electricity to residential and small business customers in South Texas, including Corpus Christi, Victoria, McAllen, Laredo and Harlingen. CPL Retail Energy, a Direct Energy company, is part of Centrica's international group of companies providing retail energy and other essential services across Texas and worldwide.

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## You still have a choice

"So I never learned 'decentering'. How do I do that?" Rick asked.

Jordan looked intently at Rick. "When you were a child, your responses to everything were impulsive and self-centered. When you hit someone else, or when you screamed at someone else, your only thought was your own supposed pain or discomfort. You weren't able to think in terms of what others were feeling. In other words, 'decentering' is when you learn to transfer the focus of your actions to how others will feel. You learn control and it keeps you from doing bad things."

Rick thought for several minutes before speaking. "So how'd I miss that?"

"Before we talk about this Rick," Jordan began. "I want you to understand that your behavior all these years can be explained. But, explaining it isn't excusing it. Remember, you always had the choice so the responsibility for your actions is your own."

"Yeah," Rick said nodding in agreement. "I think I'm already on that road."

Jordan continued. "One of the great psychiatrists of our time taught that there's a tragic triad of human existence. The triad is guilt, suffering, and death."

"How you respond to those three will determine your des-



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Dr. Donald Smith

tiny in life."

Rick was shaking his head expectantly. Jordan went on.

"When you were little, your mom made you feel guilty because you were a burden on her and you interfered with her love life. Every time you or she got beat up by one of her lovers you felt responsible. The way you learned to protect your own feelings and deal with your own suffering was with anger and hate. You lived with violence and anger. Death was always close by. You took your anger out on the football field, on your friends, on your wife and kids, and on yourself. You've been punishing other people and yourself ever since. Your own feelings were all that ever mattered."

Rick interrupted. "And even as a small boy, I decided on the road I'd follow, didn't I?"

"Yes you did, Rick. And just as you had the power to choose then, you can now make the choices necessary to change. You can't change your past, but with God's help you can change what your future will be like."

## Are there safe alternatives to peanut butter?

Americans lead the world in peanut butter consumption—500 million pounds annually. And Americans also lead in the incidence of peanut allergies. Allergies to peanuts are the most common cause of food-related anaphylaxis, which causes 125 deaths in the U.S. each year.

Experts estimate that almost 3 million Americans are allergic to peanuts, a statistic that doubled during the last ten years. Several studies have shown women who consume peanuts during pregnancy or breastfeeding have an increased incidence of peanut-allergic children. Someone severely allergic to peanuts can be sent into anaphylactic shock simply by being in a room where peanuts are eaten.

Susceptible people, especially children, can also go into shock from being kissed by someone who has recently ingested a peanut product.

With concern growing over the increasing health and legal risks and the average American child expected to consume 1,500 peanut-butter-based sandwiches before high school graduation, "we need to provide a responsible alternative for public consumption," says Curtis Roettig, co-partner of The SoyNut Butter Company.

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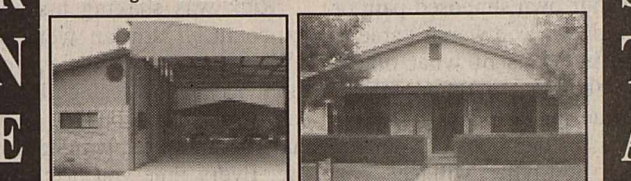
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