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Red Hatter Limited

Red Hatters Limited alert! The September 5th luncheon at Hattie Berleth Lodge across from FCS's Adult Center, is scheduled at 12:00 noon. Ladies from Brackettville, Del Rio, Uvalde, and FCS are urged to sign-up at the Adult Center by Sept. 3rd for a gourmet meal and the vestervear experience



BISD Calendar

Thursday Aug. 30 JV Football V. Dilley @ Home, Friday Aug 31 V Football v. Dilley @ Dilley V Volleyball Bronte Tourney Saturday Sept. 1 Cross Country @ Uvalde, Volleyball Bronte Tourney Cont. Monday Sept. 3 Holiday. Tuesday Sept. 4 F/JV/V Volleyball v. Comfort & Uvalde @ Uvalde 6/ 7 pm, JH Volleyball B/Av. Sabinal -Home 5pm PTO meeting @Auditorium 6pm.

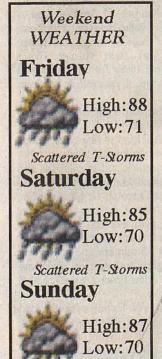


Trophy Pics

LAST CHANCE! TBN is looking for the best hunting photos for it's Award Winning Hunter's Guide. If you have a photo of a great kill or a story about the one that got away, submit it to the paper: tbnews@sbcglobal.net or drop by 111 W. Spring. Deadline for photos, stories and reserving ad space is August 31.

Photo Contest

Get your newspapers and cameras ready - The 2nd Annual TBN Photo Contest is underway! Contest Rules: Individual(s) or (things) in photo must be holding The Brackett News and the banner (title) must be dearly displayed. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the most original photo, most comical photo, for the photo taken the greatest distance from Brackettville and new category for this year...Famous person holding TBN. All submissions will be printed in TBN as space will allow. Photos submitted are subject to unlimited use by TBN. Staff members (and/ or their immediate family members) can submit photos, but are not eligible to win. The deadline for submission will be September 28, 2007. Prizes and winners will be announced in the October 25, 2007, edition of TBN. Submit photos to the newspaper 111 West Spring Street, POBox 466 Brackettville TX 78832.



Scattered T-Storms









From left: Brackettville Volunteer Fireman Joe Luna works to put out a fire called in by a city maintenance worker. Second Photo: Kinney County EMT Kurt Partlow gives a smile as the scene was secured and no injuries were reported. Third Photo: Brackettville Volunteer Fireman Nathan Luna inspects an area in the kitchen where a gas stove is believed to have caused the fire to ignite. Below: The victims wait to speak







Eileen Allen
6th Crade Math

Local youth survives near drowning incident Family wants to know the names of the 'angels' who helped save her

spot on the Nueces River, bridge was built. nearly ended in a family trag-

family prefers her name not be neath the rapidly moving water. called "angels" by the family, publicized at this time, was playdental fall close to a culvert.

and a small whirlpool had and other debris.

quality time at a popular water ing traffic before a new higher lieves God helped pull her out.

edy for a local seventh grader. edge of the road, lost her footing of the clogged pipe, she gasped On August 26, a girl, whose and was suddenly drawn under- for air and some strangers, now

ing and swimming at what is tried to save herself by grabbing widely known as the "19 Mile onto the outside edge of one of hospital in Uvalde, but not be-Crossing", just off highways 334 the pipes. Knowing that her fore the good Samaritans disapand 55 in Uvalde County, when strength was giving out she man- peared into the crowd without she nearly drowned after an acci- aged to reposition herself so she even giving out their names. would go through the pipe head The girl and her family are now According to the victim's first Once inside, the youth distrying to seek out the mysterifamily, the river was flowing covered she was trapped be- ous men so they can personally over the old bridge on Sunday cause it was clogged by brush thank them for saving the girl's ever, Bermea said until TxDOT

formed above the openings to The girl said she was panick- one with information to contact nently sealed, they are planning the large pipes. The culverts ing and was close to giving up The Brackett News at 830-563- to install some caution signs were built underneath the road when she felt "arms" around 2852 or tbnews@sbcglobal.net. around the area.

What started out as family to prevent the river from imped- her. The mother says the girl be-The mother also reports that The girl, wading along the once the girl made her way out

> The pre-teen immediately helped pull her to safety. The girl was rushed to the

Although the family does not plan to return to their favorite swimming spot, they would like to see the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) install some grills over the ends of the pipes to prevent this type of accident from happening to another child.

TxDOT Uvalde Maintenance Supervisor Homer Bermea said since the construction of the high bridge, the lower bridge, where the incident took place, is not being used and "road closed" signs are in place, howlife. The family encourages any- orders the culverts to be perma-



Amy Hammerle 6th Grade Science & Social Studies

County officials file pay grievance

Narce Villarreal, County Trea- must give the officials the pay surer Janis Floyd and Sheriff raise. L.K. Burgess filed a grievance of these positions be increased by \$7,500.

gust 20, the commissioner's court, led by Judge Johnny Fritter, voted to randomly select a to hear the grievance made by

county officials. County Attorney Tully minimum of \$30,000 each. Shahan explained the Grievance Committee would allow the six ments submitted by the elected officials to make their case for officials revealed the county's the proposed increase and then, positive financial situation could based on the outcome of the vote, could make their recommendations to the court. If less than six of the nine panel members voted in favor of the rethe court would not be required

After a ten percent decrease to consider a salary boost at all. in pay in 1996, and then only If six or more of the panel memminimal increases since 2000, bers voted in favor of the re-County Clerk Dora Sandoval, quest, then the court would at Constable Bobby Guidry, Tax the very least have to take it Collector-Accessor Martha under consideration, but if the Padron, Justice of the Peace vote was unanimous, the court

A report from the Commitagainst the County and re- tee meeting on August 27, states quested the annual pay for each Gilford Raymer, Laverne Harper, Candace Hobbs, Thomas McNew, Ida Holley, Will-In a regular meeting on Au- iam Haenn, Helen Seargeant, Pamela McClure and Walela Gum were all selected to participate on the panel and voted panel of nine registered voters unanimously in favor of giving the elected officials a pay inthe six of the twelve elected crease of \$7,500, bringing all of their annual salaries to a

> During the meeting, docusupport the pay adjustment without any negative impact to its bottom line.

According to a "Cash Position" document titled, "Exhibit quest for salary increases, then #3" by the officials, on August 27, 2007, the county had a cash balance in its general fund of 216.81 \$1,117,798.86 in certificates of deposits (CDs) at the First State

Bank of Brackettville. Current Salaries Before Increases That Become Effective

October 1, 2007: County Clerk: \$32,542

Constable: \$22,509 County Attorney: \$32,542 plus \$20,834 stipend from the

Tax Collector-Accessor: \$25,400

2.3 and 4: \$11,426 each.

Justice of the Peace: \$28,765 County Treasurer: \$25,400 County Sheriff: \$34,091 County Judge: \$40,986 plus \$15,000 stipend from the state Commissioner Precincts 1,



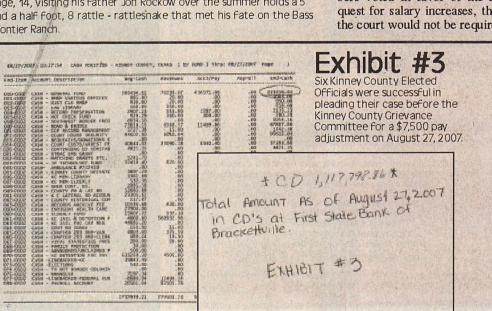
2nd Grade Reading



Sage vs. Snake

Courtesy Photo

Sage, 14, visiting his father Jon Rockow over the summer holds a 5 and a half foot, 8 rattle - rattlesnake that met his fate on the Bass Frontier Ranch.



I just finished reading the article about the BISD TAKS Scores and how the Science Scores were the reason Jones Elem. is rated Unacceptable.

I was last years 5th Grade Science Teacher. Essentially I am the sole reason that the Science Scores were so bad because students only take the Science test in 5th Grade for Elementary School.

Since we moved to Minnesota I am not sure what the district has planned to bring up the TAKS scores for 5th Grade Science. Students cannot pass the Science TAKS Test in 5th Grade when they have had very little Science in K-4th Grade. When students get to 5th Grade the Science teacher is faced with teaching 5 years worth of Science in 7 months before the TAKS Test in April. You do the best you can to try to prepare them for the test but in this

case it wasn't good enough.

I hope that the district will allocate more money to improve the Elementary/Intermediate Science Lab. and that everyone will utilize it. The Science Curriculum needs to be aligned so that there will be no gaps. Every grade level needs to be held accountability to make sure that the curriculum is being taught. Maybe every Elementary/Intermediate teacher needs to take a Released 5th Grade Science TAKS Test so they can see exactly what 5th Graders are facing. If some of these things can be addressed I believe that things will be headed in the right direction.

Just to make things clear I am not trying to point fingers at anyone. I have taught other TAKS Grades so I know every grade level is faced with their own challenges. I hope that everyone can work together and that 5th Grade Science will become a strength instead of a thorn for BISD.

Mandy Edgar

Thank you

We would like to thank everyone who remembered us in prayers, cards, flowers, and food during our loss. Special thanks to St. Mary Magdalene Church, the Guadalupanas, Sunset Funeral Home, Dr. Antonio Cadena, and all who cried with us, laughed with us or simply just spent time with us. God Bless you.

The Family of Leonel Garcia





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 include a socially acceptable number of errors within our publication.

The Brackell Hews

BRACKETT NEWS STAFF Leigh Volcsko, Editor Allison Taylor, Managing Editor

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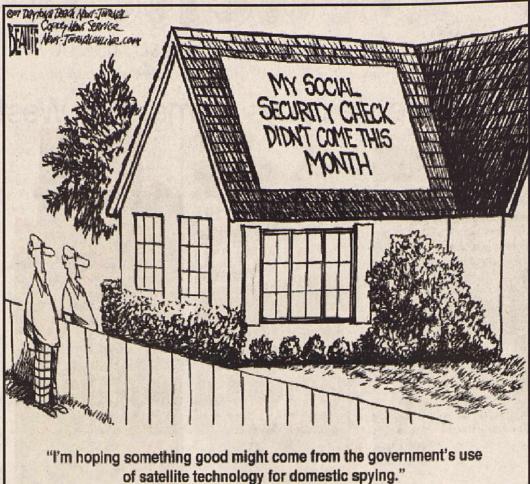
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Emily Cooper Edward Jones in Del Rio

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

What happens to us is that when we get overwhelmed our brains keep trying to play catch up and in the process, this brain frenzy short circuits our actions. Now don't get me wrong we are working like crazy but we don't seem to be accomplishing much because we are trying to do too much too fast.

We can even feel the CHAOS start to build. So why don't we stop the avalanche before it comes sliding down on top of us! It is because we think if we just keep juggling we can keep all those balls in the air. We are not perfect and let's face it; we are never going to be. But that is just fine with me. I don't have to be perfect to be loved. My home does not have to be perfect to be lived in. Housework done incorrectly still blesses my family. I can do anything for 15 minutes! What period, the insurer adjusts the cent tax penalty in addition to doesn't matter, just doesn't mat-

When you feel the pressure start to mount then that is the time to let off some of the steam so you will not explode and the avalanche suffocate you! I can hear you now! "HOW DO I DO

Let me tell you what I do when I start to feel overwhelmed. I stop dead in my tracks when I first realize that I am beginning to feel antsy and SIT DOWN!

Then I take a few deep breaths and get out a piece of paper. Automatically my heart rate slows down and that antsy feeling subsides. The reason it is hard for us to recognize that we are feeling overwhelmed is because and 401(k) each year, what else "variable" for a reason; your cash value - and this money we have been living on adrenacan you do to build resources account balance will fluctuate grows on a tax-deferred basis, line most of our lives. We have for retirement? You might want along with the financial marto consider annuities and cash kets, and there's no guarantee ditional IRA and your 401(k). we feel antsy instead of speeding going to love this one.

When you are driving and you In building cash value, some see a problem way up ahead; do you drive faster to get there quicker. No you slow down and become more cautious. Imagine that all of a sudden you are driving in a fog and you can't see where you are going. You have to slow down. Now you can't just stop(crawl in bed) on the However, you can also highway because there will be a choose varieties of cash-value major pile up(the house will fall apart). You have to proceed slowly and cautiously; being aware of everything going on around you. You even turn off the music so you can concentrate more. If you have a phone call you ignore it. Your mind has to be focused. That fog represents what is going on in our heads when we are trying to do too much at one time!

We can do this with our driving! So let's start practicing it with our race though our day. Your day doesn't have to be one pile up after another!

Slow your brain down by sitting down with a piece of paper. Put on some calming music and examine what is happening to you. Ask yourself these ques-

Have I had any food today? Have I had any water? Am I angry? Am I tired? Am I dressed to shoes? What are the priorities? Write them down on your paper and put first things first. Set your timer for 5 minutes and take care of yourself so you can think.

Then use your timer to keep you focused. I call it a 15 minute day! It is kind of like crisis cleaning for your head. I take my list of priorities and start at the top and spend 15 minutes on that one. It doesn't matter that it is not finished then I set my timer again and go to the next item on the list. I do this three times then I sit for 15 minutes and collect my thoughts and rest at the same time. After timer goes off; I start again!

Are you feeling overwhelmed right now? Try this! It doesn't matter if you are at work or home? Your timer eliminates the fog in your head! Use it!

Are you ready to FLY in a Fog-free area?

Courtesy photo A volunteer grou Thursday mornin

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Marla Cilley

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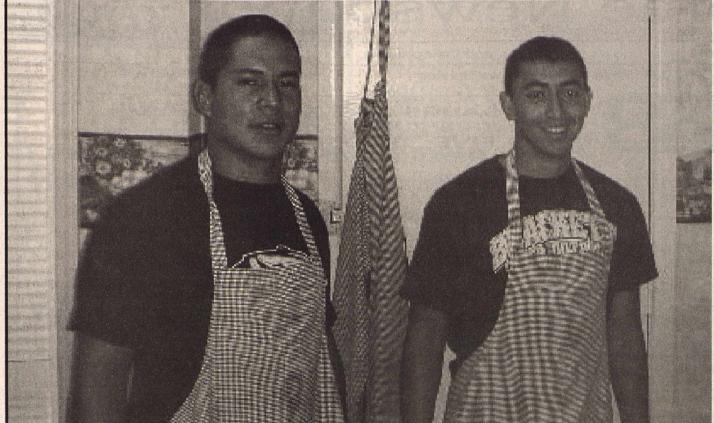
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Tiger Page



Returning To School On A Full Stomach

Courtesy photo

A volunteer group of high school students, along with Home Economics Teacher, Yolando Rueda fixed breakfast for all of the secondary staff last Thursday morning August 23. All the meals were cooked to order - plus a few extrasl

LK "Buddy" Burgers

Saturday, August 18 7:45 pm A local business employee reported an individual sitting outside the business for several hours. The busi-

ness was about to close and did

not want problems, while ask-

Kinney County Sheriff 's Report

Hwy 90 West. A deputy ordered

Tuesday, August 21

and wanted to turn himself in,

before he did something he regret-

Brackettville was arrested for pub-

lic intoxication. Reyes was re-

1:45 am Manuel Reyes, 26, of

2:42 pm A local woman re-

ported a male and female in a yel-

low pickup were driving around

knocking on doors asking people

"very personal questions". A

were cleared. The individuals

on the individual.

1:36 A local man reported he

ing the individual to leave. A vehicle ran through a fence on sentatives. deputy was en route.

8:20 pm A local woman re- a tow truck to pickup the vehicle ported two individuals arguing in the alley behind her house. A deputy was notified and en route was walking down Ann St. drunk to the location.

Sunday, August 19

a reckless driver on Ann St. weaving from one side of the street to the other. A deputy was informed and en route.

10:13 pm John Edward Flores, 22, of Brackettville was arrested for driving with an invalid license. Flores was released on a \$1,200 PR Bond.

Monday, August 20 12:49 am A local woman reported someone had hit her ve-

11:20 pm Theresa Elsey Arechiga, 50, of Austin was arrested for driving with an invalid license. Arechiga was released on bond.

Wednesday, August 22 John B. Fledge, 39, of Ja-9:30 pm A 911 caller reported ted. A deputy was sent to check maica Plain, MA was arrested for driving with an invalid license. Fledge was released two day later on a \$1,200 bond.

9:10 am A 911 caller reported a leased the following day on time residential break-in. Deputies were dispatched to the residence.

Thursday, August 23 7:40 am Maverick County reported following a black BMW to the county line. It was reported that the driver was intoxideputy was dispatched and cated and headed to San Antohicle and left. A deputy was noti- checked on the individuals who nio. Border Patrol reported later having the individual in custody. 7:20 am TXDOT reported a were vacuum cleaner sale repre- A depaty was dispatched.

Kinney 4-H Fun Day

Smith

It's 4-H time again! Kinney 4 H had it's annual 4-H Fun Day on Sunday, August 26, at the NCO Club on Fort Clark Springs. We had a great turn out!

Our Fun Day is a special day where the community can come the 4-H members for the new year. We had booths representing all of put together booths and answered questions.

by Junior Club Reporter Haley We would like to give a special thanks to Smiley Goodloe, and Martha and Ponce Padron for the donation of pizza and water for our Fun Day.

If there are some of you out there that missed this event and want to sign up as a 4-H volunteer or member, please contact the Texas Cooperative Extension Ofand see what 4-H is all about. We fice at (830)563-2442. Our next sign up adult volunteers and all meeting will be the Annual 4-H Awards Banquet on September 16, 2007 at the NCO Club. The the most popular 4-H projects. We Extension program serves people owe a big thanks to all those who of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national ori-We know the weather was a gin. If anyone needs help or knows little uncooperative and we are of someone that needs help in orproud of all those who showed up der to participate in a 4-H event, anyway and signed up for 4-H. please call the Extension Office.

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Peña honored on Dean's List



Regina Ann Peña, a 2006 graduate of Bay City High School was placed on the Dean's List at The University of Alabama for her academic performance in the 2007 Spring Semester.

Regina is a public relations major in the college of communication and information sciences and is part of the university hon-

Regina is the daughter of Reginaldo and Cecilia Peña. Reggie is a former student and 1972 graduate of Brackett High School. Regina is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Ricardo Peña of Brackettville and the great granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Atanacio "Tana" Peña. Also proud of her accomplishments are her aunts Martha Peña Padron and Rebecca Peña Moore also of Brackettville.





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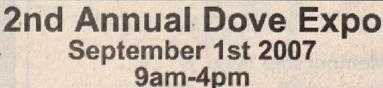
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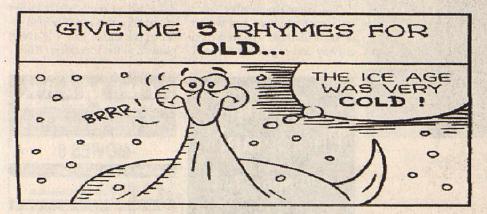
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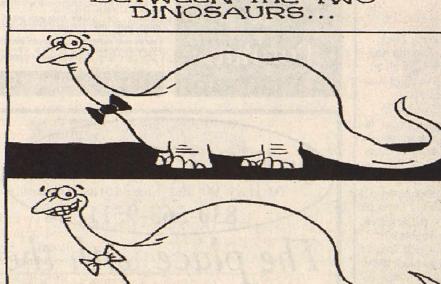
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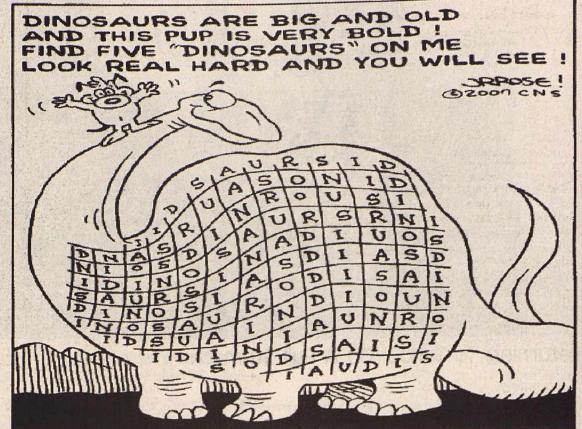
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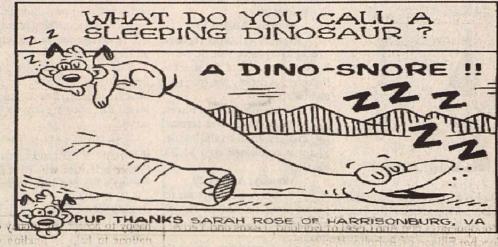


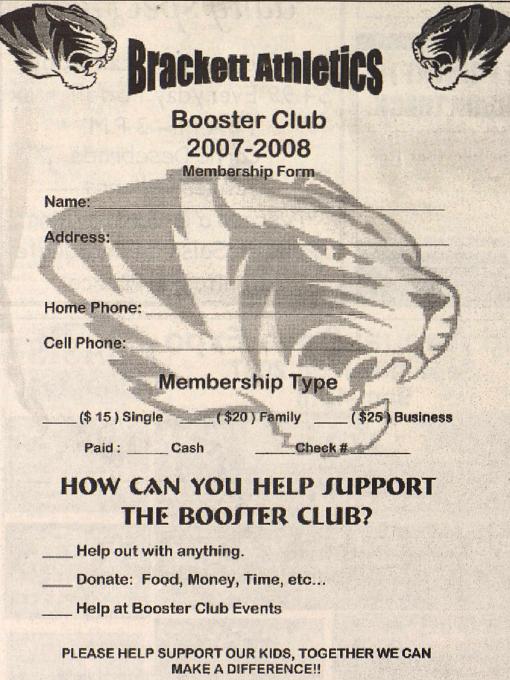
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Adrian Reyes

March 4, 1927 - August 25, 2007



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Adrian Reyes, age 80, entered into rest August 25, 2007 in Del Rio, Texas. He was born on March 4, 1927 in San Carlos, Coahuila, Mexico. He was preceded in death his parents Teodoro and Rosa Reyes, also by his wife Francisca Reyes.

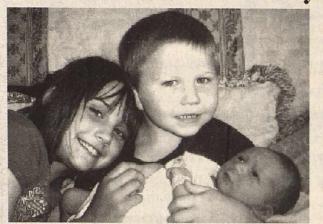
Left to cherish his memory is his son Adrian Reyes Jr. and wife Belinda, daughters Ana Belia Reyes, Bertha Reyes, Beatriz Kuhns and husband Thomas and numerous Grandchildren. The gentlemen left with the honors of pallbearers are: Jesus

'Chuy" Hidalgo, Frank Garza, Domingo Villarreal, Lupe Siller, Joseph Daniel Reyes, and Adrian Reyes III. Honorary pallbearers are Jose Luis "Tito" Talamantes, John Reyes, Jake Reyes, and Temo "Popz" Flores.

Visitation were held Monday, August 27, 2007 from 5PM to 9PM in Sunset Brackettville Funeral Home. Recitation of the Holy Rosary was at 7PM.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, August 28, 2007 in St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, Brackettville, Texas at 10AM. Interment followed at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Cemetery.

New addition to Creel family



Big sister Kymie and big brother Kristopher are proud of their new brother Kamron Luke Creel, born Aug 2nd weighing 6lbs 7oz. Proud Parents are Ricky and Julie Creel grandparents are Ann Creel of Garland, Texas and Ted & Carolyn Ellison of Byhalia, Mississippi.

Just in Case you're feeling down...



Original Poems By Cassandra Jane Gomez

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and power

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I'm alive today only because he never give up on me.

When in despair and feeling down I know that He is there.

To soothe my heart with His Holy Spirit and tender loving

He is a God of mercy, and the God of my salvation who bears His cross for me on Calvary, without any fuss or hesi-

He hear's and answer's when I call to Him on

bended knees and when I struggle with mat-

ters pertaining to my life, He leads me out with

I thank Him daily for the blessings He bestow on me each day and for that special gift that

He's given me, the one that I could never ever repay. Which is the gift of eternal

life in heaven..

Put your trust in the Lord



Rev. Bill Adams Sr.

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me I was in distress have mercy upon me and hear my prayer. O ye sons of men,

how long will ye turn my glory into shame? How long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing. But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto him. Stand in awe, and sin not commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust

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The Center for Health Evaluation, Education, & Resources (CHEER) celebrated its one year anniversary on August 29, 2007. CHEER's mission is to provide access to health and wellness activities for Kinney County residents.

This past year CHEER has provided mobile mammography with 43 women participating, breast health education, and cancer-related information to Kinney County residents. On August 23rd, CHEER sponsored the first Back to School Health Fair with many health-related booths from agencies in Del Rio, Uvalde, and Brackettville. Approximately 80 people attended the health fair and 45 immunizations were given. These immunizations insured that these students could start school on the first day of school.

CHEER is looking forward to another year of serving the residents of Kinney County with even more health and wellness activities being made available to the community.

CHEER is located at 103 W. Spring St. inside Carmen's Boutique. Please come and check out the health and wellness and cancer information which is available from CHEER, and watch for further activities which will be into 2 inch pieces. coming. We are here to serve

As always CHEER would be happy to accept any money donations to help in funding our activities. Donations can be sent to PO Box 706, Brackettville, berries



Little league receives donation for stolen goods photo by Tara Eckenrod

Dennis Harris, representative from the Del Rio VFW Post 8552 and the Ladies Auxiliary along with Alibi Lounge Bar and Grill owners, Ray Reyna and Shirley Davis, donated \$500 to Kinney County Little League representative Teresa Quiroz to help replace the stolen supplies from the snack shack last month.

Luscious tempting dessert



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Cloud topped biscuit

For the biscuit:

2 1/2 cups flour 1/4 cup sugar

1 tsp. baking powder

1 tsp. baking soda 1 tsp. salt

1 stick butter (cold) cut into 1/2 inch pieces

8 oz. cold cream cheese, cut

3/4 cup buttermilk, plus more per over tops & sides. for brushing.

*raw sugar for sprinkling

For the filling/topping: 4 pints, or approx. 4 cups fresh berries to thawed frozen

3 tbsp. sugar

2 cups whipped topping Preheat oven to 450 degrees. make biscuits by combining dry

Cut in butter using 2 knives or potato masher until largest pieces are the size of a pea.

Add cream cheese in the same manner as the butter. Add buttermilk and mix to-

ingredients well.

gether well. Gently knead dough let stand about 10 min. to blend into a ball and cover with plastic wrap and let rest in fridge at least one hour or overnight.

Working with one portion at a time on lightly floured surface, pat into disk, then roll into a 10 inch round, transfer to baking sheets lined with parchment pa-

dough has risen slightly and is cookie; when placed golden brown, 12 to 15 min, If For final decoration bottoms are browning too place a few large, well shaped quickly, turn oven down to 400 berries on top. F. Do not remove cookies until

If desired, while cookies are still warm and before removing, using a very small cookie cutter, you may cut a design in one of the cookies and remove cut piece carefully with a small par-

When ready to serve, combine the berries with sugar and

Place one biscuit on serving plate, place berries on cookie, Divide the dough in half. top with whipped cream them another layer of berries.

You may choose to top with second biscuit instead of making two separate deserts.

If so, when spreading the whipping cream, be sure to Remove any loose sugar from spread it evenly over bottom parchment paper. Bake until cookie as to support the second For final decoration, you may

Happy Eating!

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Brackett LS.D. will hold a public meeting at 6:30 PM, September 10, 2007 in the Trustee Board Room, 400 N. Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice

Maintenance Tax \$0.9700/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations) School Debt Service Tax \$0.0000/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness) Approved by Local Voters

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations Debt service

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Total expenditures

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

Preceding Tax Year \$187,929,882

\$4,356,681

\$137,450,624

\$3,546,271

\$2,809,923 \$147,520,78%

"Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

Total appraised value* of all property

Total taxable value*** of all property

Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance

& Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service

Average Market Value of Residences

Average Taxable Value of Residences

Taxes Due on Average Residence

Outstanding principal

ast Year's Rate

Total appraised value* of new property**

Total taxable value*** of new property**

Bonded Indebtedness Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$0

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

& Operations Sinking Fund Per Student Per Student \$0,0000 \$1.1900 \$5,984 \$2,164 \$6,712

\$0,0000 The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence Last Year This Year \$45,429 \$48,356 530.521 Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value \$0.9700

Increase (Decrease) in Taxes Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$0.9821. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$0.9821.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds accessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment \$1,000,000

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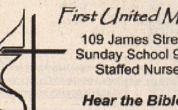
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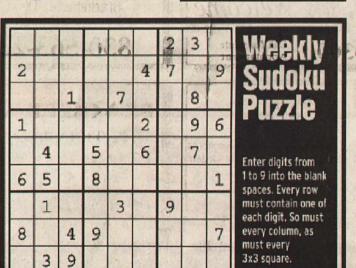
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18): The financial break that you have been looking for will soon materialize. Remain calm and optimistic about a long-term investment and fiscal goals. PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):

It will become clear to you how vital and significant a partnership is in your life. Look for ways to improve, enhance, stimulate and stabilize this all-important union.

If your birthday is this week, enjoy many long and enjoyable conversations or verbal exchanges with other like-minded individuals during the coming year. Turn the corner on a gnawing problem; embrace the opportunity to balance your inner needs with external success; and live in a state of peace. Do what you love, and love what you do and the results are personally uplifting and fulfilling. Also born this week: Ben Bradlee, President yndon B. Johnson, Leo Tolstoy, Michael Jackson, Rocky Marciano and Salma Hayek.

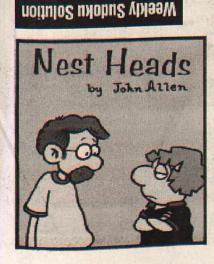
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fruits of your labor. TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Support and accept the children and loved ones that naturally re-

volve around you. Let your guid-ing light shine brightly and draw GEMINI (May 21 - June 21):

Not everyone is worthy of your trust, time or energy. Practice discretion and make a conscious choice when allowing others to get close to you. CANCER (June 22 - July 22):

It is time for you to break free from the past and set the groundwork for future endeavors. Concentrate on looking forward in-stead of looking back.



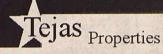
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