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Serving the communities of Brackettville, Fort Clark Springs, Spofford and Kinney County

Community News

Home for Military family needed

The newspaper was recently contacted by a family from Nebraska that needs a home on the Fort. They will be stationed at LAFB and are interested in renting for two years. If you have any information that will help them find a place, please call 830-563-2852 or email tnews@sbcglobal.net. They will be here in a matter of days so let's be ready to welcome them with open arms and possibly a place to live!

Local Governmental Meetings

District Court
The 63rd District Court will be held on July 1 at 9am in the District Courtroom at the Kinney County Courthouse.

BISD Summer Hours

Central Office summer hours: the office will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday - Thursday.

Hazardous material seminar rescheduled

The Hazardous Material Awareness Seminar Second Session will be held on Monday, June 30 from 3-5pm at the Senior Nutrition Center. Parking is in the back of the center next to the Kinney County Fire Rescue Building (EMS building). Lesley Jones, 830-563-2347, can be reached for further information.

Benefit for St. Jude's Children's Hospital

St. Jude's Children's Hospital can use the front of any greeting cards you receive throughout the year for craft projects. Only the front of the card depicting any and all occasions is needed. For details, call Vada at 830-563-9377.

Computer Classes

The Kinney County Library will be offering an "Introduction to Microsoft Office" class on Tuesday and Thursday from 9am - 10am beginning July 8. "Cyberspace 101: Introduction to Computers and the Internet" class will be on Tuesday and Thursday from 9am - 10am beginning September 9.

Operation Iraqi Children

Frontier Baptist Church is collecting school supplies to send to Megan Reinhold to distribute to Iraqi children. Donations can be dropped off at Carmen's Boutique through June 30. Monetary donations can be made by making out your check to Frontier Baptist Church designated for "Operation Iraqi Children". Send checks to Frontier Baptist Church, PO Box 616, Brackettville, TX, 78832. For more information call Rose Reagan 830-563-9429.

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Weekend WEATHER

Friday
High: 98
Low: 75

Sunny
Saturday

High: 98
Low: 74

Partly Cloudy
Sunday

High: 96
Low: 74

Isolated T-Storms

Blistering wildfire spanned over 7 local ranches



Thursday's Inferno Blazed Up Ranch Road 674 North

Photo by Steve LaMascus, Outdoor writer/photographer

Highway 674 North to Rocksprings was closed last Thursday due to an enormous wildfire covering thousands of acres. The fire continued to move northward over the weekend causing severe damage to vegetation on several local ranches.

Fire burns 60 acres of Kickapoo State Park

By Allison Taylor
Editor

A massive, scorcher of a wildfire covered a little over 2,400 acres north of Brackettville late last week.

The fire was first reported to the Sheriff's Department on

Thursday at 1:40 p.m. by two local rancher foremen and continued to burn throughout the weekend as it moved into Edwards County.

According to the Kinney County Sheriff's Department, the fire originated on the Dutch Mountain Ranch approximately

16 miles north of Brackettville where two brush piles were burning. There was not a burn ban in effect at the time of the fire.

The fire crossed the Dutch Mountain Ranch property line onto the Pamandan Ranch, scorching land on the Triple T Ranch and eventually crept along the fence line of the Pinon Ranch. The fire also jumped the highway in several other

places including onto the Kickapoo State Park and the Spanish Gourd Ranch.

Kinney County Fire Rescue (KCFR) converged on the scene with three units, including their new tanker truck. KCFR immediately requested mutual aid from area fire departments and eight agencies responded. Val Verde Rural Volunteer Fire Department lent their support with three units; Uvalde firemen were on the scene with one fire truck and one tanker; Nueces Canyon responded with one truck; Hondo Volunteer Fire

Department sent three firefighters; Texas Forest Service helped douse the flames with three bulldozers, six trucks, several helicopters and water planes from Abilene and the Texas Department of Public Safety supplied aerial support that helped spot flare ups. The Kinney County Sheriff's Department and Texas Department of Transportation aided in controlling traffic on Highway 674 and keeping curious spectators out of harm's way.

Ranch owners worried throughout the night over the potential loss of their homes, lodges and fuel tanks, but no structures were reported to be damaged. Sources say the losses were minimal considering the intensity and rapid movement of the fire.

The fire destroyed one bulldozer on the Dutch Mountain, one deer blind and some exotic animals on the Pamandan and burned fences on the Triple T and Pinon Ranch.

The dozer operator reportedly sustained minimal burns to his arms and face.

Water lines were damaged and hundreds of indigenous trees were incinerated.

Currently there is a seven day probationary burn ban in effect until the Kinney County Commissioners can meet again. City Hall announced the ban includes all areas inside the city limits of Brackettville.

Local fire officials say the Texas Forest Service left the area on Sunday and other fire departments stayed on through Monday to battle flare ups. KCFR still has vehicles in the area as a precautionary measure, but says a good shower of rain over the weekend was very helpful.

Texas Forest Service Global Positioning System tracking map estimated 2,438 acres were burned, although local ranchers have estimated the burned acreage to be in excess of 5,000.

According to the Texas Forest Service website, "Texas Forest Service was created in 1915 by the 34th Legislature as an integral part of The Texas A&M University System. It is mandated by law to "assume direction of all forest interests and all matters pertaining to forestry within the jurisdiction of the state."

For more photos of this blistering blaze, see Page 8.

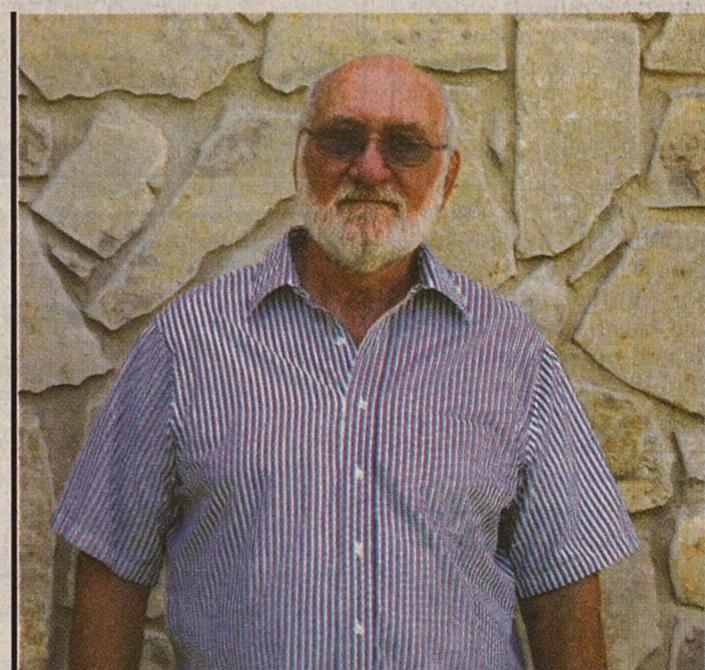


ATTENTION: ALL AMERICAN VETERANS



Veteran James Stafford

Don't forget to turn in a picture of your loved one that is serving or has served in the US Armed Forces. The Fourth Annual "July 4th Salute" will be published in the *The Brackett News* July 3rd Edition, so get your photos to the newspaper office by July 1 at 5pm. Please include the serviceperson's name, rank, branch of service and a PO Box number so the photos can be returned. Call 830-563-2852 for more details or Email: tnews@sbcglobal.net. Your business can sponsor an ad for \$20.



Open Position on FCS Board Filled

Photo by Allison Taylor

Fort Clark Springs resident Lee Winchell was appointed as a Director on the Fort Clark Springs Association Board replacing David Palmer last Saturday, June 21.

Winchell appointed to Fort Clark Board

By Allison Taylor
Editor

The Fort Clark Springs Association Board of Directors appointed resident Lee Winchell to fill a vacancy at a Regular meeting on Saturday, June 21.

Winchell and wife Judith, formerly of Massachusetts, have been residents of Fort Clark for two years. Winchell has previous experience with running facilities similar to Fort Clark and experience in dealing with other Boards.

Winchell is replacing David

Palmer. Palmer resigned on May 15 prior to the May 17th meeting which posed a lack of a quorum.

The Board approved the minutes of the last Regular meeting. Committees such as the architectural, recreation, planning, RV, golf, community council and preservation committee gave reports to the Directors.

Directors approved an agreement on a game harvest and also gave authorization for the replacement of the RV office roof.

Winchell was sworn in at the end of the meeting.

Opinion

Letters to the Editor

Dear Kinney County Residents,
Everyone is probably aware of the major grass fire that occurred last Thursday in which thousands of acres of ranch land was burned in northern Kinney County. I would like to make it very clear to everyone that putting out the fire was a team effort. Many groups and agencies came and helped Kinney County Fire Rescue (KCFR) extinguish the fire and I would like you to know who they are. For the record KCFR had a total of 2 brush trucks, 1 tanker truck on scene and the rescue van on scene.

Jerry Rust and the Val Verde VFD came with 3 fire trucks. Uvalde VFD came with one fire truck and one large water tanker. Nueces Canyon came with one fire truck and one support truck. Hondo VFD also assisted supplying 3 fire fighters. The Texas Forest Service came with 3 bulldozers, fire trucks and support staff. They also brought in a helicopter and airplanes to drop water in the inaccessible areas. The Forest Service has remained in the area for several more days making sure that the fire does not restart. Kinney County Fire Rescue has also kept a truck in that area since the fire.

The Kinney County Sheriff's Department also helped in many ways along with the Texas Highway Department. Many ranchers in that area helped also by bringing their water trucks, offering bulldozers, offering their water tanks for use for fire trucks and helicopter water drops and also bringing out food to the firemen. There are many others from emergency management departments in adjacent counties and other individuals and agencies that helped also. To everyone who helped we say a big thank you.

I would also like to give credit to the Lord for His help with the favorable weather conditions that evening that helped in extinguishing the fire.

Jeff Janca
Kinney County Fire Rescue

SENT TO TBN VIA EMAIL - FYI -- received this from a friend and wanted to pass the word in case you had not heard. Great News!

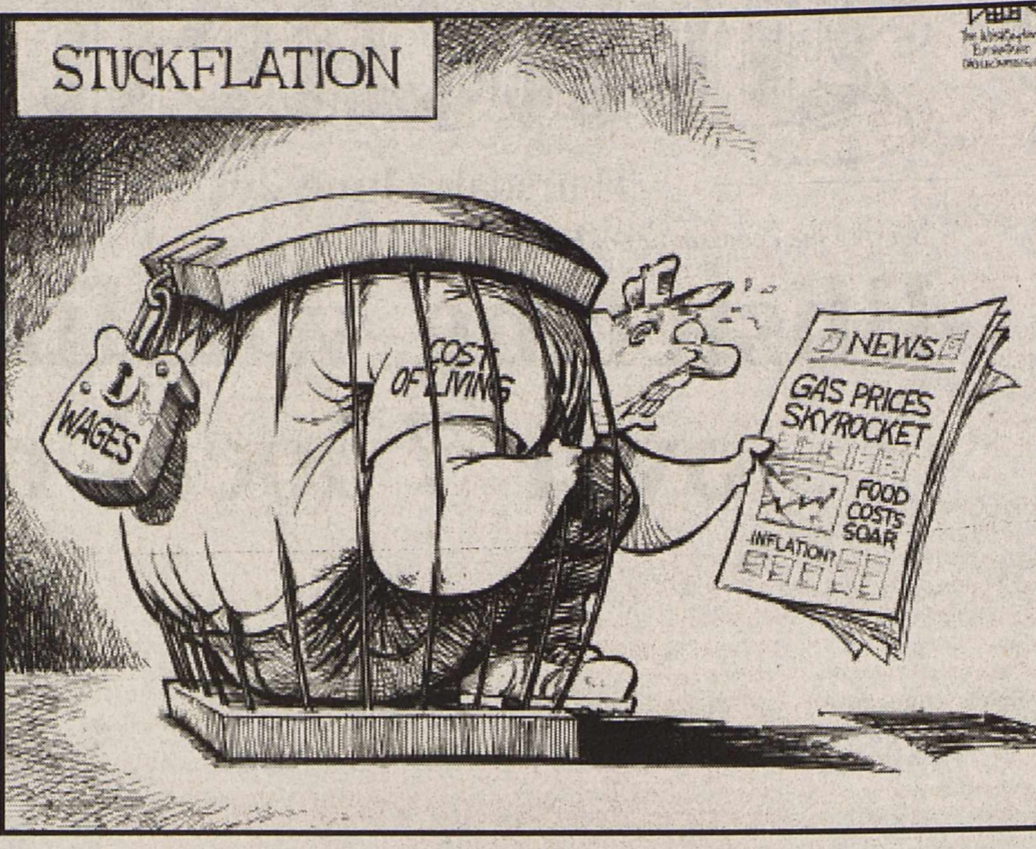
WASHINGTON D.C. - U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) today praised the passage by unanimous consent of his bill (S.1877) clarifying U.S. law to allow veterans and servicemen not in uniform to salute the flag. Current law (US Code Title 4, Chapter 1) states that veterans and servicemen not in uniform should place their hand over their heart without clarifying whether they can or should salute the flag.

"The salute is a form of honor and respect, representing pride in one's military service," Senator Inhofe said. "Veterans and service members continue representing the military services even when not in uniform. Unfortunately, current U.S. law leaves confusion as to whether veterans and service members out of uniform can or should salute the flag. My legislation will clarify this regulation, allowing veterans and servicemen alike to salute the flag, whether they are in uniform or not. I look forward to seeing those who have served saluting proudly at baseball games, parade, and formal events. I believe this is an appropriate way to honor and recognize the 25 million veterans in the United States who have served in the military and remain as role models to other citizens. Those who are currently serving or have served in the military have earned this right, and their recognition will be an inspiration others."

This bill was passed July 25, 2007. Let your veteran friends know about the Passage of this Bill.

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Don't get burned by "Hot" stocks



Emily Cooper

Summer is officially here, which means, among other things, that you should apply sunscreen when you go out in the hot sun. But no matter what the season, you'll also need to protect yourself from another potential source of burns - "hot" stocks.
Stocks that seem poised to "take off" will always capture investors' imaginations. But the lure of these stocks may be particularly strong during, or following, periods of market volatility, when investors are looking for potential bright spots.
However, it's usually not such a good idea to chase "hot" stocks - and here's why:
You may be relying on an unreliable source. You can get a "hot stock tip" from anyone: your barber or your brother-in-law, your cousin or your chiropractor, your dentist or your dry cleaner. While all these people probably mean well, they may not be the market experts on whom you wish to rely. But even the so-called market "gurus" who tout stocks in magazines, on television or on the Internet may not be the best forecasters, either, so you'll need to take their advice with a grain of salt, especially as they know nothing about your individual situation.
You may be too late. You may actually find a hot stock - after all, no one can really predict when a particular stock has reached either its high or low points. However, that doesn't mean you shouldn't at least try to pursue stocks whose current prices are low and thus may be good buys. But if you're pur-

chasing a hot stock - one that, almost by definition, has risen sharply - you've probably already disqualified yourself from the "buy low" part of the formula, which means your stock may have less "upside" potential than other, cheaper stocks.
You may be buying a stock that doesn't meet your needs. Some stocks - whether they're hot, cold or in-between - are simply not right for your individual needs. For example, if you've built a diversified portfolio, and you already have the right amount of "growth" stocks, you might be throwing your holdings out of balance - and increasing your risk level to a point beyond your comfort zone - by purchasing another growth stock, no matter how hot it seems. (Keep in mind, though, that while diversification is important, it cannot, by itself, guarantee a profit or protect against a loss.)
Ultimately, instead of chasing after hot stocks, evaluate each stock on its own merits and prospects and on how it fits into your existing holdings. A qualified financial advisor can assist you in selecting those stocks that can help you achieve your objectives. By doing your research, and by getting the help you need, you may not always nab the hottest stocks - but you'll be less likely to be scorched.
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ANNCR: Summer is officially here, so you'll need to apply sunscreen when you're in the hot sun. But no matter what the season, you'll also need to protect yourself from another potential source of burns: "hot" stocks.
Why is it dangerous to chase after so-called hot stocks? For one thing, you may be getting a tip from an unreliable source, such as a well-meaning but poorly informed friend or co-worker. Also, by the time you discover a hot stock, it may already be cooling off.
But the biggest reason not to go after hot stocks is that they may be inappropriate for your individual needs.
Ultimately, it's best to evaluate each stock on its own merits and prospects and on how it fits into your existing holdings. You may not find too many hot stocks this way, but you'll help protect yourself from getting scorched.
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Permission to Dream



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Would you like to know what keeps us from following our dreams? It is perfectionism! We give up before we ever start because we don't think we have time or all the ducks are not in a row first. That perfectionism keeps us stuck in the mire of a life that is unfulfilled.
The hopeless feeling that we have can and will be eliminated if we would just dream a little; then take those dreams and do something each day to realize them. We are so good at day dreaming. We have all been accused of this. Let's use our day dreaming creativity to put a little joy back into our lives.

We get so caught up in our day to day activities that we forget where our passion lies. Many times we have allowed that passion to slip out of our mind's eye and we don't even know what it is any more. How do we rekindle that passion without allowing our perfectionism to take over and defeat us once again?

The first thing we need to think about is how that perfectionism manifests itself. This is in our all or nothing thinking. This is why our dreams have been pushed to the back burner. When we don't have any hope we give up before we ever get started. This is what happens in our homes and in our lives. Let's face it; we want what we want and we want it now. When now doesn't feel doable we give up. Eventually we quit thinking about it because of the pain we feel. We don't have to do this to ourselves another day.

We really can have our cake and eat it too if we will just allow ourselves the joy of dreaming. So how do we accomplish this? I am going to put it out there in some simple baby steps.

Figure out what that dream is: Was it to write a novel, own a cabin in the woods, get a college degree, you have to sit down and allow yourself the luxury of thinking about this without throwing in the towel when it seems too hard. After all anything worth doing is worth doing wrong. I am quoting a high school math teacher of my husband's. For we perfectionists this is hard to stomach but if we will just go with it for now and not think it to death; we will begin to see how profound that statement is.

What is a dream anyway but a desire that is unfulfilled! We can give ourselves permission to dream and why not dream big in the process. You never know where those dreams may take you unless you put up your sails and allow them to propel you into your future in the here and now. Anything worth doing is worth doing wrong. Say it again!

Once you rekindle that dream I want you to put it in front and center in your daily life so that it can pop up at random moments during the day. This means you need a visual image that represents your dream. I have my dream as a screen saver on my computer and on my cell phone. You can put it on your refrigerator, you can blog about it, you can talk to others about your dream. Dream big!

Each day give yourself a few moments to think about this dream. Imagine yourself living the dream and don't allow your perfectionism to stop you from enjoying the process. The journey is half the joy. When we stuff our feelings we set ourselves up for addictions. This is our perfectionism beating us up because we don't think we can. Please don't allow perfectionism to hurt you another day.

We have spent our lives being everything to everyone. Now is the time to take a few moments for yourself. This is not being selfish but a loving gesture that fills up your cup so that you have more to give. Let's put some joy back into our lives by dreaming big!

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BISD Trustees attend conference

Paula Reken, superintendent of Brackett ISD, joined local trustees, Brad Coe, Dan Law, Sondra Meil, Tony Molinar and John Paul Schuster, while Tony Ashley and Mark Frerich were unable to attend, at the Texas Association of School Boards' (TASB) Summer Leadership Institute June 12-14 in San Antonio.

More than 2,100 new and veteran school leaders received in-depth training on every facet of effective board governance, heard keynote addresses from renowned education experts, and gathered valuable ideas from district programs that work.

Topics addressed during the two-and-a-half-day institute included high school reform, compensation trends, student religious expression, criminal

background checks, crisis communication and technology in school. Breakout sessions also explored family involvement, employer-sponsored child care, trends in construction cost and contracts, board ethics, innovative mathematics curriculum, school safety issues, prekindergarten initiatives, and environmental and facility-related regulations.

Thursday's general session featured Joan Brock, who shares her experiences as a teacher of the blind who then became blind.

She was the subject of the television movie, *More Than Meets the Eye: The Joan Brock Story*. In her session, she outlined what successful communication is and how it must be shared by all members of an effective team of organization.

Salome Thomas-El, Friday's general session speaker, discussed his award-winning work with inner city children in Philadelphia.

His presentation underscored a deep commitment to expose students to options beyond the ones they know and stressed the importance of leadership, parenting, mentoring, and service to others.

Special training sessions were available for new board members, covering basics in budget and finance, school law, district policy, teamwork, governance, and district planning and accountability.

Board presidents' academy sessions focused on basic responsibilities, meeting preparation, superintendent evaluation, key legal duties, and guidance for building team relationships

Jones honor roll

Brackett ISD - Jones Elementary and Intermediate "A" Honor Roll

1st Grade
Sam Palmer, Kaili Price, Lucero Rodriguez, Matthew Sheedy and Tanner Slubar

2nd Grade
Ayme Bruce, Kirstin Frerich and Haley Pearson

3rd Grade
Briney Castilla, Kymberlie Creel, Briana Flores-Martinez, Danielle Gerardo, Christina Janca, Kaitlyn Lopez, Dylan Lutz, Patrick Ortiz, J.T. Rosas, Tyler Schuster, Alexa Solis, Abby Stoffel, Destiny Terrazas and Angel Villarreal

4th Grade
Walt Ashley, Gage Brown, Isabel Garcia, Emma Palmer, Jeysen Price, Max Stoffel and Donovan Swilley

5th Grade
Morgan Brown, Maddie Frerich and Rivers Maddox

6th Grade
Leslie Allen, Clay Flores, Heather Knox, Jennifer Mustgrave, Nadia Rodriguez and Shelby Schuster

"AB" Honor Roll
1st Grade
Adam Brandt, Savannah Brandt, Alejandro DeHoyos, Mya Garcia, Kyle Garza, Garcia Maddox, Sofia Martinez, Francesca Smith, Taylor Smith, Kimberly Stafford, Aries Talamantes, Connie Talamantes, Fabian Talamantes, Karina Terrezas, Natalee Terrezas, Sara Titchenell and Brendan Turkett

2nd Grade
Eddie Argil, Chasity Flores, Moses Hernandez, Dymond Luna, Juan Morales, Lizet Ortiz, Jackie Pacheco, Roman Rosas, Lyna Salazar, Jeremiah Sandoval, Zarchy Sweet, Nathaniel Talamantes, Luis Talamantes

and Baldo Vasquez

3rd Grade

James Amescua, Dora Calderon, Hayden Carcasi, Hector Cruz, Erick Domenech, Marissa Flores, Justin Gallegos, Alejandro Garza, Maria Guerrero, Brian Hernandez, Celina Hernandez, Tyler Hernandez, Xavier Herrera, Justin Hidalgo, Morgan Knox, Karina Martinez, Rayissa Munoz, Laura Novel, Julian Quiroz, Darius Richard, Jesus Rodriguez, Louisanna Rodriguez, Rico Rodriguez, Leann Salazar, Aaron Talamantes and Caleb Volcsko

4th Grade

Angie Caceda, Daisy Esquivel, Kate Frerich, Diego Luna, Estrella Martinez, Rafael Martinez, Erika Ortiz, Jairo Pinales, Eleazar Salazar,

Brackett Junior High honor roll

Brackett ISD - Junior High 4th Nine Weeks "A" Honor Roll:

7th Grade
Meghan Flores and Selina Gerardo

"AB" Honor Roll:
7th Grade
Daniel Brinker, Ryan Clark, Vanerick Domenech, Daniel Falcon, Briana Garza, Jonathan Pinales, Charlie Resendez and Marissa Villarreal

8th Grade
Brittany Hale, Kelli Kennedy, Nevada Payne, Yanira Perez and Joel Talamantes

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Jonathan Stafoord and Alyssa Villarreal

5th Grade

Webb Ashley, Peyton Bonner, Zackary Bowers, Taylor Carcasi, Mark Garcia, Martin Guzman, Christian Lopez, Dante Luna, Cheyenne Pena, Ariana Rodriguez, Gabriella Sandoval, Te'a Sandoval, Bryce Slubar, Joaquin Solis, Colten Stephenson and Jose Talamantes

6th Grade

Judy Adams, Korlee Allen, Wyatt Blake, McKenzie Castillo, Clarissa Cruz, Jose Falcon, Shannon Gammill, Dolores Garza, Marisol Gomez, Mikaela Herman-Castillo, Forrest Maddox, Tristan Ostby, Michael Pina, Paul Resendez, Alberto Rocha, Garon Rueda, August Stephenson and Hayden Turkett

Benefit Bar-B-Que

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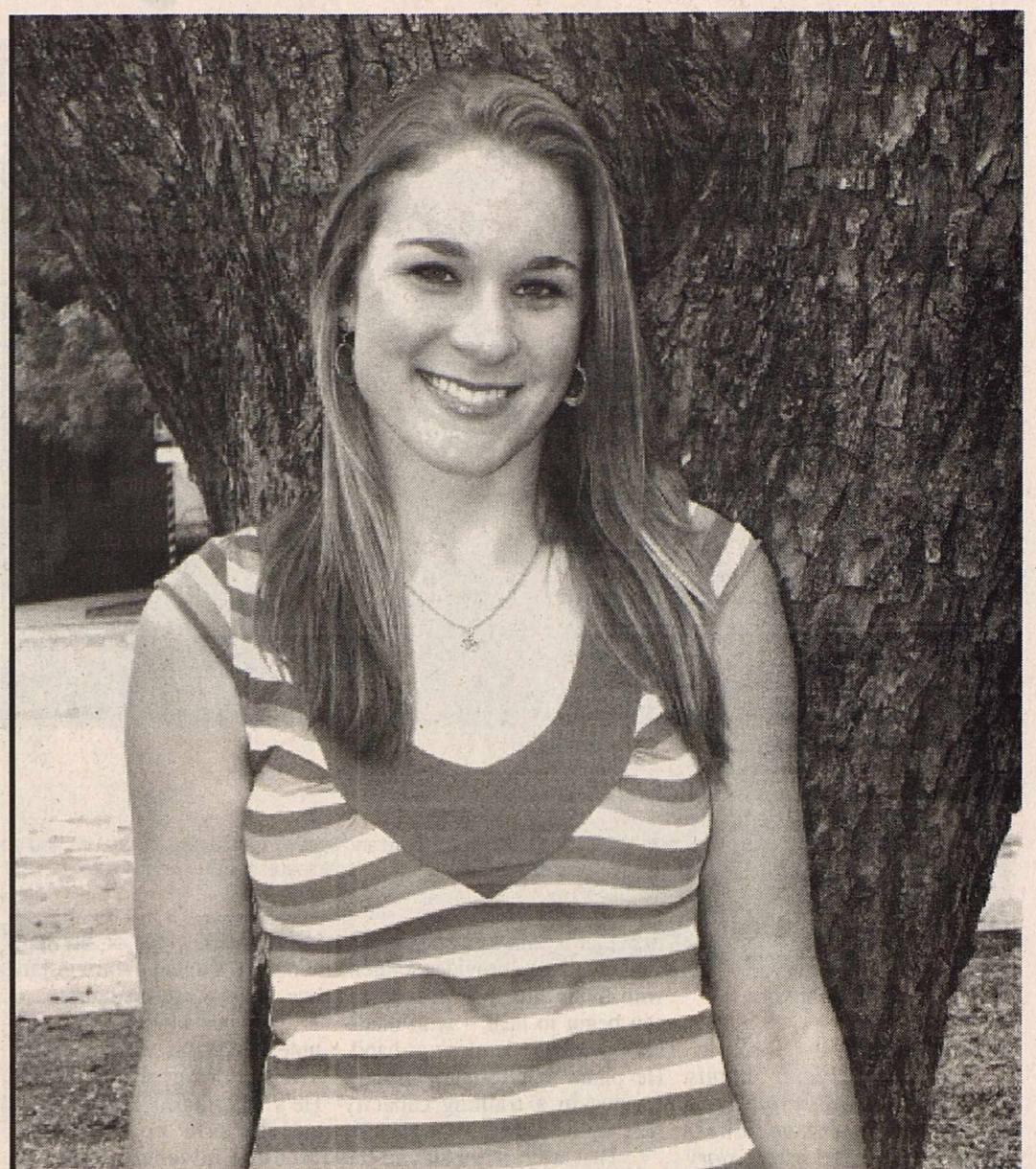
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Allen awarded 4-H \$15,000 scholarship

COLLEGE STATION - Korie Allen of Kinney County was awarded a \$15,000 scholarship at the annual Texas 4-H Roundup, held this week at Texas A&M University. Her scholarship was funded by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Roundup this year attracted some 2,900 4-H members, parents and volunteers for a series of statewide competitions, scholarship awards and fun. The Texas 4-H Foundation presented a record \$2.2 million in scholarships to 233 young people.

"This is our 49th year to present scholarships during Roundup," said Jim Reeves, executive director of the foundation. "The generosity of our donors has helped thousands of deserving young people go on to college."

Texas 4-H, which also marks its 100th anniversary this year, began as Corn Club with a dozen boys in Jacks County. Today, Texas 4-H engages more than 640,000 young people in an array of pursuits aimed at

learning leadership, citizenship and life skills, according to Dr. Martha Couch, Texas AgriLife Extension Service associate di-

Kinney County

Independence Day Celebration 2008

Friday, July 4th

Schedule: 3 - 3:30 pm - Lineup for parade at Ann and E. Fulton. All entries welcome.
3:30 pm - Parade down Ann Street to Hwy 90 to Fort Clark Empty Saddle Park
4 pm - Patriotic Program honoring All American Veterans
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5 - 9 pm - Dance

9 pm Fireworks at Empty Saddle

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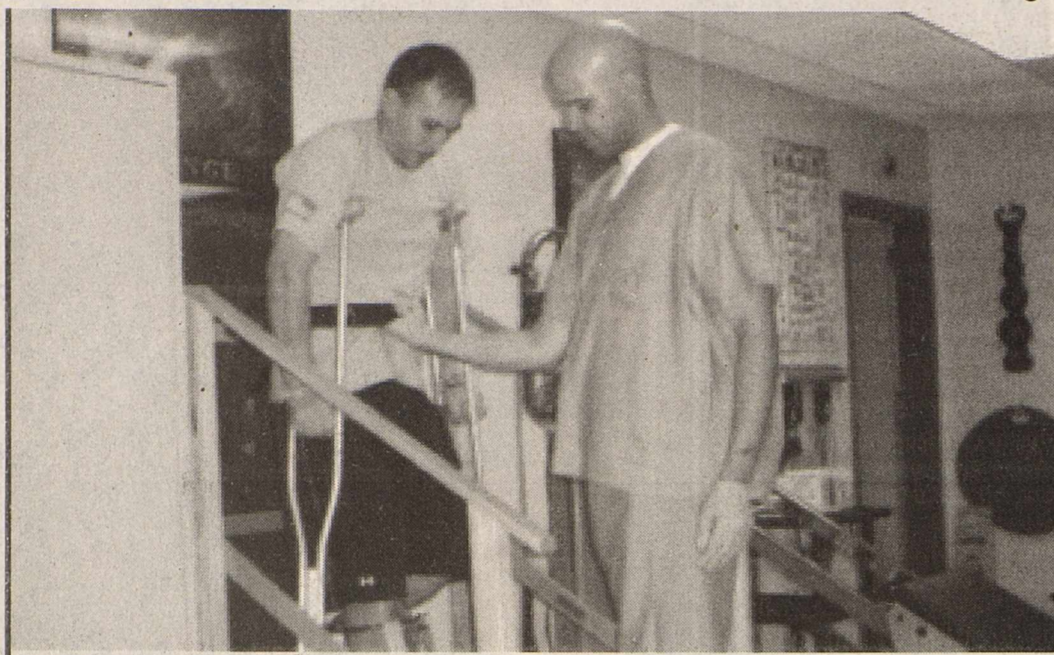
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Injured soldier on road to recovery



The Comeback

Courtesy Photo

David Woodard, injured while serving in Iraq, is the nephew of David and Susan Esparza of Brackettville and he recently walked on crutches for the first time in more than a month. He anticipates the day when he can run but knows it will never be the same.

By Alicia Rimel
The News Virginian
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Part 2 of 2:
The young soldier in this story is the nephew of David and Susan Esparza of Brackettville. Part One of this story was printed in the TBN June 19, 2008 edition.

Next week, the soldier will move to outpatient care at Walter Reed, where he will remain for the next year. He has been at the military hospital since May 2. There, he will still receive medical attention, but can begin

to reclaim some independence. Outpatient care provides soldiers with living quarters where they can begin to heal - with medical professionals close at hand. He plans to return to military service in a training capacity here in the states.

"That way, I can stay in the infantry and pass on some of my knowledge I have," Woodard said. "I'll still be fighting the fight, just on a different level."

Doctors expect Woodard to regain 60 to 80 percent use of his leg. "It's short of a miracle that I will be able to walk with my own foot," Woodard said. "Two or three years ago, they would

have lost the foot or the leg." Woodard's fighting spirit inspires one of his greatest admirers.

"He has a very good attitude," said his mother, Irene. "He's not bitter about anything. He's determined to walk again and he's in good spirits." Medical advances since the Vietnam era have resulted in more soldiers surviving battlefield wounds, doctors say.

"Having served in the military myself, I served in Vietnam, at the time the whole emphasis was getting the injured person back to care from the battlefield where they were injured," said Jim Yonts, executive director of the Association of Military Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons in Severn, Md. "We have tried to move health care forward to the injured party, so instead of taking the helicopter flight out of the jungle, for example as in Vietnam, we try to position medical help closer to the battlefield so there is a shorter time in terms of treating the injured party."

"This has resulted in major changes in the survivability. Someone injured in Iraq or Afghanistan stands a better chance of survival than someone injured right here in the United States, due to the position of care."

But as medicine advances, so does warfare technology. Improved explosive devices such as those commonly used by insurgents in Iraq cause more extensive damage than similar devices in previous wars.

That leaves doctors scrambling to keep pace, and to help soldiers recover.

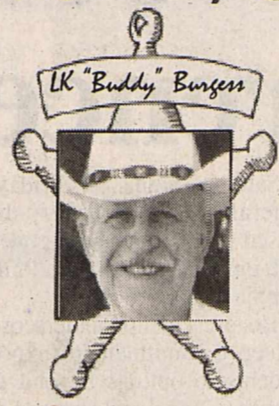
Woodard's case involved such intricate procedures - the rebuilding of blood vessels particularly - that hand surgeons were called in to perform the delicate surgeries.

"The mind of man continues to find ways to make things blow up and military medicine continues to work to try to overcome them," Yonts said. Woodard wants people at home to know one thing.

"I have a whole platoon of guys over there that are still fighting the fight," Woodard said. "They're still doing it and they're not complaining. That's where they want to be. All this talk about pulling out and everything... these guys want to stay there and finish this fight so we don't have to go back. They're very dedicated to that. Very dedicated."

Woodard graduated from Stuarts Draft High School in 1992. After serving eight years in the military, he took a break to pursue a master's degree in criminal justice, which he earned in 2004 from New Mexico State University. He has also attended Officer Candidate School, where he added Airborne and Ranger qualification to his list of accomplishments.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Monday, June 16

9:30 p.m. A Fort Clark Security employee reported a racoon on a persons porch and requested the deputy dispatch the animal.

10:09 p.m. A Fort Clark Security employee requested a deputy in regards to a domestic dispute.

Tuesday, June 17

1:08 a.m. A man reported vehicles blocking Pine Alley. A deputy was informed.

4:35 p.m. Richard Carlos Lyman, 24, of Boerne, was arrested for driving while license is invalid. Lyman was released the same day on a \$1,200 bond.

10:28 p.m. A caller reported a domestic disturbance and requested a deputy.

Wednesday, June 18

1:10 p.m. Richard Clifford Ward, 59, of Brackettville was arrested on revocation of community supervision. Ward was released on a \$3,000 bond.

2:42 p.m. A caller reported a one vehicle accident on HWY 90.

Thursday, June 19

12:30 a.m. Cesar Montoya, 23, of Brackettville was arrested for driving while intoxicated. Montoya was released the next day on a \$1,200 bond.

1:40 p.m. Two local ranch foremen reported a brush fire down Cedar Creek Rd. The fire department was notified. Edwards county was also notified that HWY 674 would close due to a brush fire.

Friday, June 20

5:15 p.m. A local man requested a deputy at his residence in regards to a domestic dispute.

5:20 p.m. David Gomez, 20, of Brackettville was arrested for possession of marijuana. Gomez is serving time.

5:20 p.m. Harry Lee Kaufhold, III, 39, of Pearland was arrested for driving while intoxicated. Kaufhold

is serving time.

9:24 p.m. A woman reported a suspicious woman at her residence. A deputy was dispatched.

Saturday, June 21

3:10 a.m. Adolfo Arellano, 49, of Weatherford was arrested for public intoxication. Arellano was released the same day on a \$300 fine.

3:10 a.m. Juan Antonio Gonzalez, 28, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. Gonzalez is still being held at press time.

Sunday, June 22

1:07 a.m. A local woman requested a deputy to ride by the cemetery to look into some problems. A deputy was informed.

8:37 a.m. A woman reported someone had taken a meat roaster full of brisket.

10:55 a.m. A woman reported a one vehicle roll over on HWY 277. A deputy, DPS officer and Kinney County EMS were called to the location.

3:46 p.m. An unknown caller reported a vehicle fire on HWY 277 South. A deputy and Kinney County Rescue services were informed.

5:22 p.m. A security company reported a fire alarm going off at a local ranch. A deputy was informed.

Ramona The Pest

Each week TBN will publish a chapter in Beverly Cleary's "Ramona The Pest" as part of our program to encourage children of all ages to read!

Chapter 10: Ramona's Engagement Ring.

"No!" said Ramona on the first rainy morning after she had started kindergarten.

"Yes," said Mrs. Quimby. "No!" said Ramona. "I won't!" "Ramona, be sensible," said Mrs. Quimby.

"I don't want to be sensible," said Ramona. "I hate being sensible."

"Now, Ramona," said her mother, and Ramona knew she was about to be reasoned with. "You have a new raincoat. Boots cost money, and Howie's old boots are perfectly good. The soles are scarcely worn."

"The tops aren't shiny," Ramona told her mother. "And they're brown boots. Brown boots are for boys."

"They keep your feet dry," said Mrs. Quimby, "and that is what boots are for."

Ramona realized she looked sulky, but she could not help herself. Only grown-ups would say boots were for keeping feet dry. Anyone in kindergarten knew that a girl should wear shiny red or white boots on the first rainy day, not to keep her feet dry, but to show off. That's what boots were for - showing off, wading, splashing, stamping.

"Ramona," said Mrs. Quimby sternly. "Get that look off your face this instant. Either you wear these boots or you stay home from school."

Ramona recognized that her mother meant what she said, and so, because she loved kindergarten, she sat down on the floor and dragged on the hated brown boots, which did not go with her new flowered plastic raincoat and hat.

Howie arrived in a yellow slicker that was long enough for him to grow into for at least two years and a yellow rain hat that almost hid his face. Beneath the raincoat Ramona glimpsed a pair of shiny brown boots, which she supposed she would have to wear someday when they were old and dull and dirty.

"Those are my old boots," said Howie, looking at Ramona's feet as they started off to school.

"You better not tell anybody," Ramona plodded along on feet almost too heavy to lift. It was a perfect morning for anyone with new boots. Enough rain had fallen in the night to fill the gutters with muddy streams and to bring worms squirming out of the lawns onto the sidewalks.

The intersection by the school was unusually quiet that morning, because rain had halted construction work. Ramona was so downhearted that she did not even tease Henry Huggins when he led her across the street.

The kindergarten playground, as she had expected, was swarming with boys and girls in raincoats, most of them too big, and boots, most of them new. The girls wore various sorts of raincoats and red or white boots - made except for Susan, who carried her new white boots, so she would not get them muddy. The boys looked alike, because they all wore yellow raincoats and hats, and some wore white boots, not even sure which boy was Davy, not that he mattered to her this morning. Her feet felt too heavy for chasing anyone.

Part of the class had lined up properly by the door, waiting for Miss Binney, while the rest ran about clomping, splashing, and stamping. "Those are boys' boots you're wearing," said Susan to Ramona.

Ramona did not answer. Instead she picked up a smooth pink worm that lay wiggling on the playground and, without really thinking, wound it around her finger.

"Look!" yelled Davy from beneath his big rain hat. "Ramona's wearing a ring made out of a worm!" Ramona had not thought of the worm as a ring until now, but she saw at once that the idea was interesting. "See my ring!" she shouted, thrusting her fist toward the nearest face.

Boots were temporarily forgotten. Everyone ran screaming from

Ramona to avoid being shown her ring. "See my ring! See my ring!" shouted Ramona, racing around the playground on feet that were suddenly much lighter.

When Miss Binney appeared around the corner, the class scrambled to line up by the door. "Miss Binney! Miss Binney!" Everyone wanted to be the first to tell. "Ramona is wearing a worm for a ring!"

"It's a pink worm," said Ramona, thrusting out her hand. "Not an old dead white worm."

"Oh... what a pretty worm," said Miss Binney bravely. "It's so smooth and... pink."

Ramona elaborated. "It's my engagement ring."

"Who are you engaged to?" asked Miss Binney.

"I haven't decided," answered Ramona.

"Not me," Davy piped up. "Not me," said Howie.

"Well... a... Ramona," Miss Binney was searching for words. "I don't think you should wear your ring during kindergarten. Why don't you put it down on the playground in a puddle so that it will stay fresh."

Ramona was happy to do anything Miss Binney wanted her to. She unwound the worm from her finger and placed it carefully in a puddle, where it lay limp and still.

After that Ramona raced around the playground with a worm around her finger whenever her mother made her wear Howie's old boots to school, and when everyone asked who she was engaged to, she always answered, "I haven't decided."

"Not me!" Davy always said, followed by Howie, Eric R., and any other boy who happened to be near.

Then one Saturday Mrs. Quimby examined Ramona's scuffed shoes and discovered that not only were the heels worn down, the leather of the toes was worn through because Ramona stopped her lopsided two-wheeled tricycle by dragging her toes on the concrete. Mrs. Quimby had Ramona stand up while she felt her feet through the leather.

"It's time for new shoes," Mrs. Quimby decided. "Get your jacket and your boots, and we'll drive down to the shopping center."

"It isn't raining today," said Ramona. "Why do I have to take boots?"

"To see if they will fit over your new shoes," answered her mother. "Hurry along, Ramona."

When they reached the shoe store, Ramona's favorite shoe salesman said, as Ramona and her mother sat down, "What's the matter with my little Petunia today? Don't you have a smile for me?"

Ramona shook her head and looked sadly and longingly at a row of beautiful shiny girls' boots displayed on one side of the store. There she sat with Howie's dingy old brown boots beside her. How could she smile? A babyish nursery-school girl, who was wearing new red boots, was rocking joyously on the shoe store's rocking horse while her mother paid for the boots.

"Well, we'll see what we can do for you," said the salesman briskly, as he pulled off Ramona's shoes and made her stand with her foot on the measuring stick. Finding the right pair of oxfords for her did not take him long.

"Now try on the boots," said Mrs. Quimby in her no-nonsense voice, when Ramona had walked across the shoe store and back in her new shoes.

For a moment, as Ramona sat

down on the floor and grasped one of the hated boots, she considered pretending she could not get it on. However, she knew she could not get away with this trick, because the shoe-store man understood both children and shoes. She pulled and yanked and tugged and managed to get her foot most of the way in. When she stood up



she was on tiptoe inside the boot. Her mother tugged some more, and her shoe went all the way into the boot.

"There," said Mrs. Quimby. Ramona sighed.

The babyish nursery-school girl stopped rocking long enough to announce to the world, "I have new boots."

"Tell me, Petunia," said the shoe man. "How many boys and girls in your kindergarten?"

"Twenty-nine," said Ramona with a long face, twenty-nine, most of them with new boots. The happy booted nursery-school baby climbed off the rocking horse, collected her free balloon, and left with her mother.

The shoe man spoke to Mrs. Quimby. "Kindergarten teachers like boots to fit loosely so the children can manage by themselves. I doubt if Petunia's teacher has time to help with fifty-eight boots."

"I hadn't thought of that," said Mrs. Quimby. "Perhaps we had better look at boots after all."

"I'll bet Petunia here would like red boots," said the shoe man. When Ramona beamed, he added, "I had a hunch that would get a smile out of you."

When Ramona left the shoe store with her beautiful red boots, girls' boots, in a box, which she carried herself, she was so filled with joy she set her balloon free just to watch it sail over the parking lot and up, up into the sky until it was a tiny red dot against the gray clouds. The stiff soles of her new shoes made such a pleasant noise on the pavement that she began to dance. She was a pony.

No, she was one of the three Billy Goats Gruff, the littiest one, tripping over the bridge that the troll was hiding under. Ramona tripped joyfully all the way to the parking car, and when she reached home she tripped up and down the hall and all around the house.

"For goodness' sake," Ramona, said Mrs. Quimby, while she was marking Ramona's name in the new boots, "can't you just walk?"

"Not when I'm the littiest Billy Goat Gruff," answered Ramona, and tripped down the hall to her room.

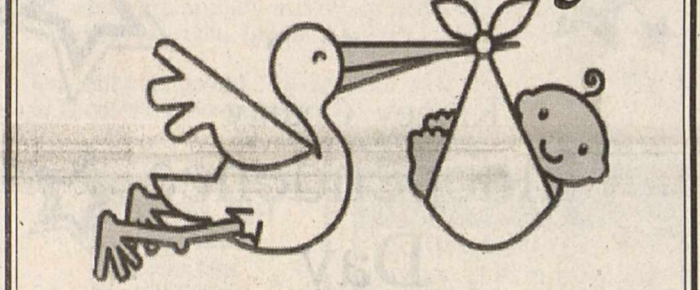
Unfortunately, there was no rain the next morning so Ramona left her new boots at home and tripped to school, where she did not have much chance of catching Davy because he could run faster than she could tripp-trip-trapped to school, where she tripped to her seat, and later, because she was art monitor who got to pass out drawing paper, she tripped to the supply cupboard and tripped-trapped up and down the aisles passing out paper.

"Ramona, I would like it if you walked quietly," said Miss Binney. "I am the littiest Billy Goat Gruff," explained Ramona. "I have to tripp-trap."

"You may tripp-trap when we go outdoors," Miss Binney's voice was firm. "You may not tripp-trap in the classroom."

At playtime the whole class turned into Billy Goats Gruff and tripped-trapped around the playground, but none so joyfully or so noisily as Ramona. The gathering clouds, Ramona noticed, were dark and threatening.

It's a boy!



Malachi Hunter Williams

Demitreus and Kacie Williams proudly announce the birth of their son Malachi Hunter, born June 12 at Val Verde Regional Medical Center in Del Rio. Malachi weighed in at 6 lbs and 10 oz and was 20" in length. Malachi was welcomed home by his two sisters Alyssa, 10, and Asia, 5.

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OBITUARIES

Guadalupe "Lupe" Talamantez December 12, 1938 - June 9, 2008

Guadalupe "Lupe" Talamantez, age 69, entered into rest June 9, 2008, in San Angelo, Texas. He was born December 12, 1938, in Brackettville, Texas. Left to cherish his memory are his brothers and sisters: Angie Losoya, Ernest Talamantez, Nicolas Talamantez Jr., Mario Talamantez, Mary Valdez, Irene Segura and Ajelia Talamantez, all of San Angelo Texas and Patsy Garcia, of Pocatello Idaho. Visitation was held Saturday, June 21, 2008, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Brackettville Sunset Funeral Home, in Brackettville, Texas. Memorial Service was held Sunday, June 22, 2008 at 2 p.m. Interment followed at St. Mary Catholic Cemetery in Brackettville, Texas.

Irma H. Garcia June 17, 1944 - June 22, 2008

Irma H. Garcia, age 64, entered into rest June 22, 2008 in Del Rio, Texas. She was born June 17, 1944 in Del Rio, Texas. She was preceded in death by parents Pablo and Juanita Garcia, brothers Eloy Garcia, George Garcia, Joe Garcia and Alejandro Garcia. Left to cherish her memory are her brothers Hector Garcia and wife Yolanda, Mario Garcia and wife Lisa, Eddie Garcia and wife Lydia. Sisters Gloria Samaniego and husband Placido, Cecilia Hernandez, Elvia Estrada, Maria Hidalgo and husband Enrique, Josie Galvan and husband Ruben, Beatriz Gonzalez. Numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation was held Wednesday, June 25, 2008 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Brackettville Sunset Funeral Home Chapel, 302 E. Spring, Brackettville, Texas. Recitation of the Holy Rosary was held at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be held today, Thursday, June 26, 2008 at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church at 10 a.m. Interment to follow at Kinney County Cemetery. Please visit our website www.sunsetfuneralhomes.com and sign our guest book. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Brackettville Sunset Funeral Home, 302 E. Spring, Brackettville, Texas.

NEWS BRIEFS

Local Summer Youth Programs
The Kinney County Library Summer Program: Monday - Thursday from now until Wednesday, July 2. Ages 3-8: 10am until 11:45am. Ages 9 and up: 1pm until 5pm.
Tiger Gym: All June, Monday - Thursday, 2pm until 6pm.
Tiger Weight Room: June 16 - July 24, Monday - Thursday. Junior high: 9am until 11am and high school 6:30 until 8:30pm.
Volleyball Camp: June 30 - July 3, 9am until 12 noon. Participants: 5th-9th graders and cost \$30.00.
Softball Camp: July 14 - July 17, 9am until 12 noon. Participants: 3rd-9th graders and cost \$30.00. FCS Pool Membership required. Monday - Thursday 7am until 10pm and Friday - Sunday 7am until 12 midnight.
FCS Golf Course: Open everyday 8 am until 6pm except Monday. Call for fee schedule 830-563-9204
Weekly Activities at the FCS Teen Center - Membership required.
Horseback Riding Lessons: Lindy Orozco is offering lessons. For more information call 830-422-2579.
First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School: July 21 - July 25, 9am until 12 noon. Offered for children 4 years of age through 6th graders.
First United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School: August 11-15. Details TBA.

June is National Internet Safety Month; Educate Yourself and Your Kids Our Campaigns Don't Believe the Type. A site where teens can learn more about online dangers and make the web a safer place to surf. Help Delete Online Predators Created by NCMEC and Ad Council, this site helps families learn how to better protect their children's online lives and help delete online predators. Think Before You Post. Created by NCMEC, the U.S. Department of

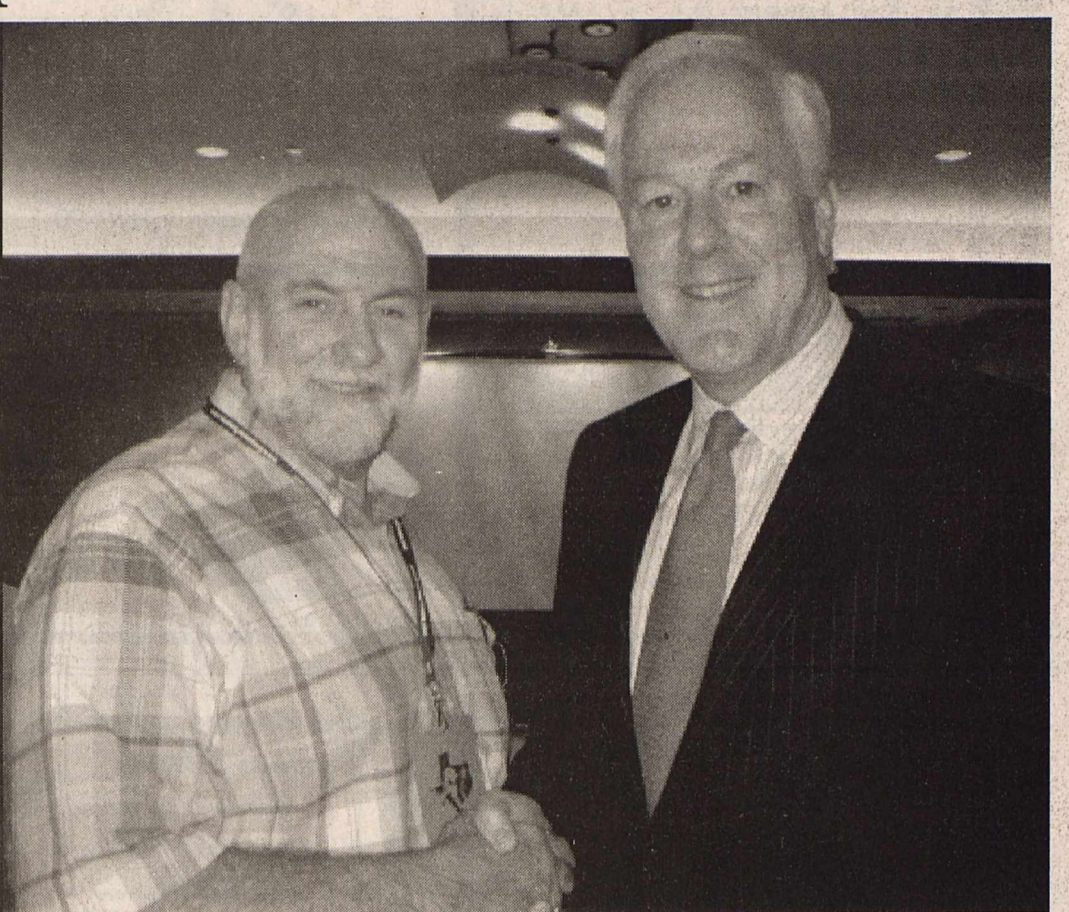
Justice, and the Ad Council, this site informs teens how sharing and posting personal information online can put them at risk. The Internet offers an array of entertainment and educational resources for children but also presents some risks. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) is committed to helping all audiences? from kids to parents and guardians to law-enforcement officers and educators? learn the aspects of Internet safety. You can't watch kids every minute, but you can use strategies to help them benefit from the Internet and avoid its risks. NCMEC urges you to do one of the single most important things to promote safety, talk to kids about the rewards and risks of Internet use.

July Fourth Celebration
The Fourth of July Parade Committee will meet again on June 26th at the Fort Clark Springs Sabre Room to step-up planning for this year's community event. The Committee will soon be distributing a sign-up sheet for those organizations and individuals, who wish to enter the competition for parade awards. "So decorate your favorite mode transportation. -- car, truck, trailer, golf cart, boggy, wagon, horse, bicycle or as a marcher and join in the tradition that will get better every year" stated Martha Padron. Tickets are on sale for the Hamburger Picnic, which will be held at the Fort Clark Springs Service Club immediately following the parade ceremony at the Empty Saddle Park on the Butcher Block. Tickets will be \$5 pre-sale and \$6 at the door and are available from committee members. Proceeds will be used to defray expenses from this year's parade. The committee is also seeking donations to help pay for the fireworks display scheduled for July 4th. "Don't miss your chance to be a part of this celebration of our nation's birthday and to honor All American Veterans".

State Republican Convention news

Submitted by Dr. Kent Lowery Kinney County Republican Party Chairman

Kinney County Delegates, Dr. Kent Lowery, Suzanna Lowery, Alternate Barbara Dillon and guest Ed Dillon attended the Republican Party of Texas Annual Convention June 11-14 in Houston at the George Brown Convention Center. Over 5,000 delegates and alternates attended along with their guests and spouses. WOW!! That's more than double the number of people in Kinney County and made us realize how much we take for granted the peace and quiet of our community "in the back-end of nowhere"! Not to mention the distinct advantage of having minimal traffic and no freeways in our corner of the world. We all took advantage of the opportunity to "meet and greet" fellow Republicans from all over the State of Texas and Party officials active in Texas as well as on the national level. Highlights of the convention included national party speakers Newt Gingrich, Mitt Romney, Mike Huckabee, and U. S. Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn. Texas party officials including Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, Atmny. Gen. Greg Abbott, Supreme Court Justice Phil Johnson, Railroad Commission Chairman Michael Williams, Commissioner of Agriculture Todd Staples, along with National Party Chairman Tina Benkiser, also spoke. All speakers reiterated their support of a State and National party platform that includes our basic Republican principles - faith in God and family values, right to life, the right to bear arms to defend ourselves as provided in the Second Amendment, strong support



Important Elephants

Courtesy Photo Pictured from left: Kinney County Republican Chairman Dr. Kent Lowery with U. S. Senator John Cornyn at the Texas Republican Party Convention in Houston June 11-14.

for our military and our Veterans, and a commitment to give all citizens the opportunities and education necessary to make them productive rather than "growing" the government to support them, taking away their self-esteem in the process. One of the highlights of the convention was seeing the large number of young people (under 30 years of age) involved in the political process and active in our Party. Dynamic, literate, respectful young people with a purpose - to support our Party principles and incorporate them into their own lives and sustain those values for future generations. Our Congressional District caucus on Friday elected a slate of delegates to the National Convention in Minneapolis that included men and women from all ages and ethnic groups, helping give Texas a powerful and effective voice in decisions regarding the National Party platform. Although this was our first State convention and we came home tired from a long drive and attempting to learn everything there was to know in a short period of time, we also came back with a renewed commitment to our Party and its principles. The Republican Party in Kinney County is alive and well - and our stand on the issues currently affecting all Americans reinforces the values that made our nation great and gives us a method for addressing those issues. We will be sharing more information gained at the convention in future articles.

Catholic youth visit San Juan Basilica



The Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church Youth Group recently visited the The Basilica of our Lady of San Juan Del Valle in San Juan. Youth leaders reported the trip was a success and a great time was had by all. The church plans to make the trip an annual event. Sponsors for the trip were Father Quang, Mrs. Julia Terrazas, Mr. and Mrs. Javier Valdez, Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Gutierrez and Mrs. Gracie Escamilla. Pictured front row from left: Bianca Cruz, Brianna Escamilla, Jerry De Hoyos, Lilly Valdez, Ramon Gutierrez and Julia Terrazas. Second row: Maria Molinar, Susu Seargeant, Lila Molinar, Brianna Escamilla, Brenda Pacheco, Bianca Stewart and Janie De Hoyos. Third Row: Cesar Cantu, Sam Stewart, Daniel Molinar, Jerry De Hoyos and Victor Cantu.

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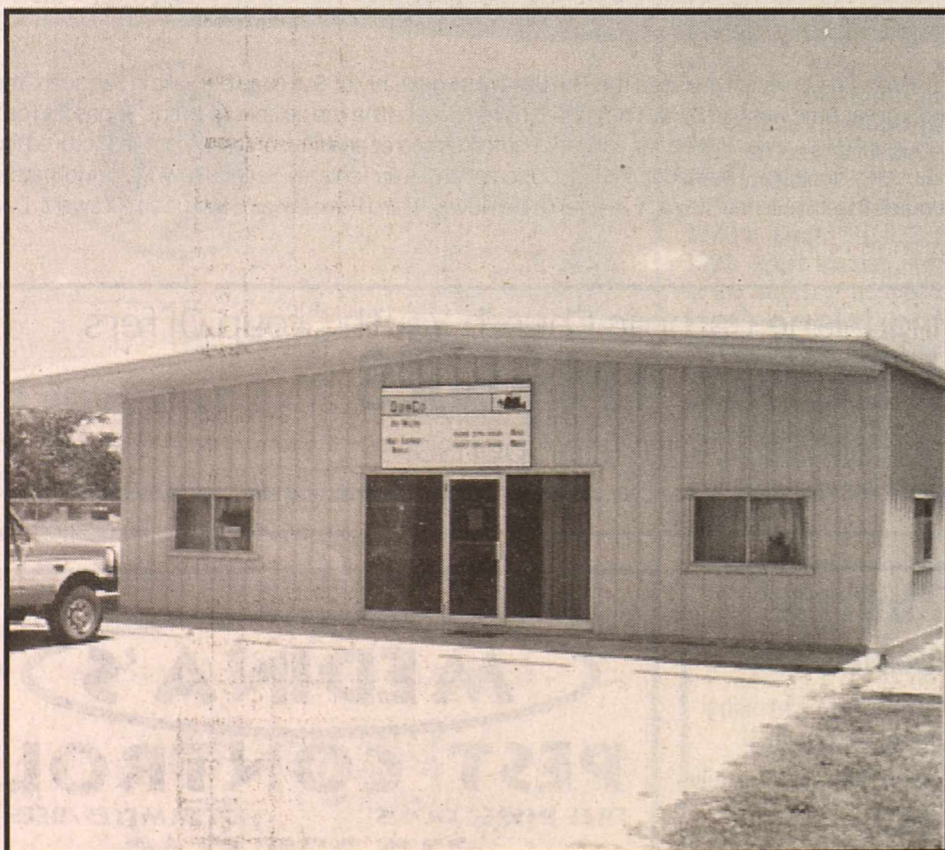
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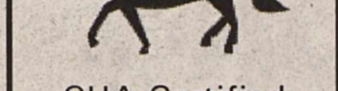
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LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Clear the decks and make room for future endeavors. Apply your energy toward completing an old, pet project that has held you back for far too long.

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NEW LISTING: 1073 FAIRWAY CIRCLE. Beautiful home (2 1/2 years old) on golf course. 3BR/2B 2 garage, CHA, fireplace, fantastic kitchen, all electric. Great location! Approx. 1750 sq.ft.

407 FT. CLARK RD. Unique Townhouse located in the heart of the Historical district. 1BR/1B. Covered parking in the back. Appliances included, CHA. Great decor! Great price! Approx. 945 sq.ft.

FORT CLARK SPRINGS- Corner of Travis/Anderson. 1 lot w/metal RV cover & 33' travel trailer. \$10,000.

BEAUTIFUL, LARGE HISTORIC rock home. Approx. 3,400 sq.ft. This property now includes a 900 sq.ft. guesthouse plus shop Great peaceful location on Galvary Trail culdesac. Great location! REDUCED to \$230,000 FOR BOTH PROPERTIES

223 POMPEY - Wonderful 3BR/2B with guest house in great neighborhood. New carpet, paint and blinds throughout. REDUCED to \$135,000

BRACKETTVILLE: NEW LISTING: 154 CROCKETT. 4BR/2BA, 2 car garage, privacy fence. No Assessments, near Border Patrol Office. \$120,000.

NEW LISTING: 221 Acres Prime Hunting. Approx. 1,400 sq. ft. Log cabin w/ panoramic views. 25 miles north of Brackettville on FM 674

ON GOING BUSINESS with established customer base. Movie rental and snack store, beer, soda and snacks.

191 Acres, Hunters travel trailer, deer blinds & storage building. \$925 per acre

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SUDOKU

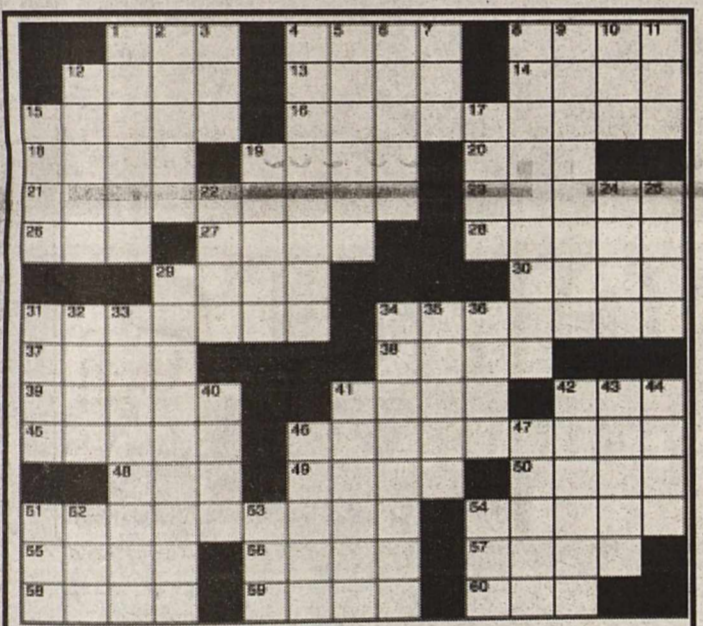
Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

ANSWER:

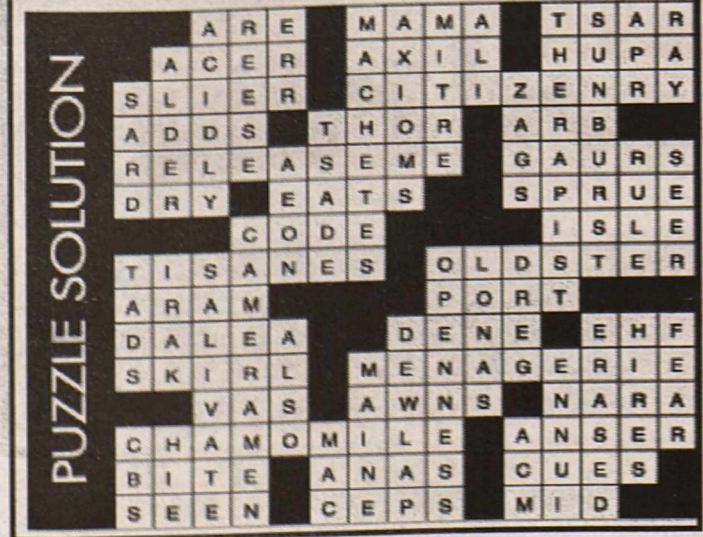


CLUES ACROSS

- They _____
- Female parent
- Russian monarch
- Maple genus
- Arripit gland: _____ lary
- Athapaskan
- More cunning
- People who inhabit a community
- Suns up
- Norse god of thunder
- Rhub. _____ pie fruit
- E. Humperdinck classic
- Wild oxen
- Not wet
- Chows down
- Chronic tropical disorder
- Set of principles or rules
- A small island
- Herb teas
- An elderly person

CLUES DOWN

- In a sour way
- Della _____ singer
- Make a mistake
- Large heavy knives
- Self-evident truths
- Bishop's hat
- Boxing icon Muhammad
- Healer
- Common solar design
- Calendar month (abbr.)
- Beam out
- 1950 Nobel Chemist Kurt
- Reddish-brown chalcodony
- Zigs and
- Hebrew letter
- The longest division of geological time
- What a sovereign does
- Visionary
- Photographers



CLUES ACROSS

- Biblical name for Syria
- A fortified wine
- Indigo bush
- Sandy piece of seashore
- 30 - 300 gigahertz
- The sound of a bagpipe
- Part of a T. Williams title
- A tube in which a body fluid circulates
- Appendages found on grass bracts
- 1st fixed capital of Japan
- Anthemis nobilis
- Typical geese
- Cut with the teeth
- Freshwater duck genus
- Billaards rods
- Glimpsed
- Porcinos
- Intermediate, between high and low

CLUES DOWN

- Small amounts
- Alternate spelling Iraq
- Drool
- Frankness
- Herac _____ Byz. Emperor
- 641 AD
- Sediment in a liquid
- In addition
- Pendulous neck skin
- Rubbed out
- Pays for services
- Be afraid or scared of
- American state
47. Blahs
- Ed Murrow's network
- Go quickly
- A waterproof raincoat
- Kenny Chesney won their top award

