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COMMUNITY NEWS

Fort Clark Clean Up
Las Moras Creek Clean-Up Day will be Saturday, October 4, 2008. Trash and unwanted vegetation that block the flow of the creek water will be removed. Ft. Clark Community Council and the Cavalry brigade will host the activities. Adult Volunteers from FCS are needed. Meet at Shafter Hall at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, October 4. Teams will be assigned to an area of the creek. Free lunch will be served after the Clean-Up about noon-time. Participants should wear rubber boots or old tennis shoes, long sleeved shirts and pants, and sun block. Trash bags and gloves will be supplied, through its advisable to bring heavy rubber gloves. Kinney County EMS will be on site. Las Moras Creek Clean-Up Day is supported by the TX Waterway Cleanup Program, a partnership between Keep TX Beautiful and the TX Commission on Environmental Quality. Volunteers should contact Helena at 830-563-9835 or swim900m@yahoo.com. We need to know the number of people for the free lunch.

BISD Super Search
Brackett ISD Superintendent Search, Parents are encouraged as members of our school community to participate in our school superintendent search by answering four questions put out by the Texas Association of School Boards. The questions can be found on our school webpage at www.brackett.k12.tx.us. Your response will be directed to TASB and are anonymous.

Christmas Child Project
Operation Christmas Child Comes to Kinney County L.A.M.B.'S (Ladies About The Master's Business) of the Frontier Baptist Church will be collecting shoe boxes filled with toys, toiletries, school supplies and candy for needy children worldwide. Deadline for shoe boxes is November 7. For information on how to pack shoe boxes and how your organization can get involved call Rose Reagan at 830-56-9429

Weekend WEATHER

Friday
High:90
Low:64
Sunny

Saturday
High:87
Low:64
Sunny

Sunday
High:88
Low:66
Mostly Sunny

THE LAST TATTOO

Photo By Bruce Hudgens



On September 20 Buffalo Soldiers returned to Fort Clark after 65 years for the "Last Tattoo". Pictured from left: Trooper Harold S. Cole of Las Vegas NV, F Troop 9th Cavalry and F Troop 27th Cavalry; Trooper Ernest H. Collier of San Diego, CA, E Troop 9th Cavalry (Trooper Collier's father also served at Fort Clark in 1899 with the 10th Cavalry); Trooper Henry T. Washington of Elkins Park, PA, 36th Quartermaster Pack Train; Trooper James G. Madison of Kansas City, MO, 10th Cavalry; Trooper Floyd L. Brown of Las Vegas, NV, Headquarters Troop 10th Cavalry (Trooper Brown, at age 91, is the third oldest living Buffalo Soldier in the United States); and Trooper Henri A. LeGendre of Charlotte, NC, A Troop 9th Cavalry and headquarters Troop 2nd Cavalry Division where he was secretary to the Commanding General.

Is the MUD tax legal?

Fort Clarkers wonder what they're paying for

Rumors of its illegality and old fashioned political protest have done nothing to stop the levy and collection of the Fort Clark Municipal Utility District (MUD) tax, but is the MUD tax legal?

According to documents provided by Fort Clark MUD General Manager Larry Sofaly, the answer to the question is: Yes, the tax is legal.

In the early seventies, just after the creation of the Fort Clark Springs Association, the board of directors recognized the fledgling private community's need to improve their water and sanitary systems, but found their options for funding the projects were restricted because the Association, by law, could not levy a bond or the taxes to repay it.

Sofaly reports that in order for the Association to solve the funding issue, the Fort Clark Municipal Utility District was created by an order of the Texas Water Rights Commission, later renamed Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), on May 8, 1972.

The MUD district meets the requirements and is a legal taxing entity authorized to issue bonds.

On July 25, 1972 an Association member election was held and the results authorized MUD to issue a maximum of seven million dollars in bonds, but, according to Sofaly, MUD was not successful in establishing the issue until five years later.

On July 21, 1977 after creating a board of directors separate from that of the Association, a resolution was passed to authorize a thirty-year bond for \$1.2 million to be used solely for the acquisition and construction of a waterworks and sanitary sewer system. Thus, the bond was used by MUD to purchase the water and sewer systems from the Association.

Ratifying the bond resolution back in 1977 were Fort Clark

MUD board members President Ralph Beard, Vice President Claude R. Owen and Treasurer Wayne V. Pierce. Secretary Troy Williams and Director Henry J. Yeakle were absent from the meeting.

The MUD directors then resolved to establish an Ad Valorem tax rate of \$1 per \$100 assessed valuation to pay bond interest, the bond principal, the cost of assessing and collecting such taxes and operation and maintenance charges on August 18, 1977.

In a letter from Sofaly he explained, "from 1977 until 2000

the General Manager of the FCMUD was trained as the tax assessor/collector for the FCMUD. There were only 5 tax bills sent out during this time (REA, CP&L, SW BELL, Falcon Cable and FCSA). In the beginning, Fort Clark Springs Association paid the entire MUD tax bill out of the Impound Fund.

This was done because there were very few residents on the Fort at the time. Because of the growth of the Fort, the FCMUD Board of Directors (March 21, 2000), voted to contract with the Kinney County Appraisal District to levy and collect ad valorem taxes on all taxable property within the district."

The bond expired in 2007, but the taxes are still being collected from Association members to pay for the continued services from the Kinney County Appraisal District, including the collection of past due taxes pursuant to Section 54.602 of the Texas Water Code.

Current Fort Clark Municipal Utility District Board of Directors are Hubert McKelvy, Kenneth Callnan, Donald Ralston, Robert Young and Greg Stone.

New game warden introduced



Rob Frets

Photo By Leigh Volcsko

Pictured: Rob Frets, originally of Seguin, says the first meeting with a game warden when he was 12 years old made such a lasting impression on him that he made being one a career goal. Frets graduated from Texas State University and his first assignment as a game warden is here in Kinney County.

ELECTION DAY VOTING

Last Day to Register to Vote:
October 6, 2008

First Day of Early Voting:
October 20, 2008

Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail:
October 28, 2008
(must be received, not merely postmarked)

Last Day of Early Voting:
October 31, 2008

Election Day:
November 4, 2008

Information Source:
www.sos.state.tx.us/elections

Computer Classes
The Kinney County Library will host "Cyberspace 101: Introduction to Computers and the Internet" on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-10am.

Food Pantry Distribution
The CSFP Over Age 60 Distribution will be on October 16 from 1pm until 5pm at the newspaper office. PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY AND YOU MUST PICK UP ON THIS DAY. ALL applications must be renewed by November 14. PLEASE NOTE: Applicants recertify before the distribution in NOVEMBER. The applicant must come in person and bring proof of household income (bank or social security statement), proof of residency (a utility bill in applicant's name) and a photo ID. Recertify EARLY: Beginning on October 27 from 1pm-5pm, Mon-Fri, applicants can bring in their documents and get recertified early. Applicants will not be eligible for food in November unless their application has been properly completed.

The KCCA TEXCAP Food for Families Program will be distributed on Friday October 17 from 1pm until 5pm at the newspaper office. If you are eligible for commodities on this date, you will receive a phone call. There is a waiting list. PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY AND YOU MUST PICK UP ON THIS DAY.

Fredericksburg Oktoberfest
The sound of oompah, the aroma of sizzling bratwurst, and the cries of Gemütlichkeit once again herald the arrival of Oktoberfest in Fredericksburg, Texas, October 3, 4 & 5, 2008. Oktoberfest hours are 6 pm to 12 midnight Friday, 10 am to 12 midnight Saturday, and 11 am to 6 pm Sunday. Admission is \$6, \$1 for children 6-12, and under 6 free. Two-day passes are \$10; three-day passes are \$15. Advance ticket sales are welcome. More information on Oktoberfest and Fredericksburg is available by contacting Oktoberfest, PO Box 222, Fredericksburg, TX 78624, by calling 830-997-4810, or at www.oktoberfestinfbg.com.

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Should You Prepay Mortgage or Invest?



Emily Cooper

If you're fortunate enough to have some disposable income lying around, you might want to use it to advance your long-term financial goals. If so, you can choose among many different options. Here's one such decision: Should you make extra principal-only mortgage payments, or should you invest the money?

There may not be a clear-cut answer to this question, because each choice — to prepay or invest — has some merits. So before making any decisions, you'll need to familiarize yourself with both options.

To begin with, you might try to calculate whether prepaying or investing gives you the greatest financial return. To come out ahead by investing, you'd need to find an investment vehicle that paid more than your fixed mortgage rate. For example, if you pay off a fixed-rate mortgage of 5 percent, you are in effect "earning" a 5 percent return, so if you found an investment that paid 6 percent or 7 percent annually, you could say that you'd be better off making the investment rather than prepaying your mortgage.

At first glance, you might think your choice is clear. After all, you reason, it shouldn't be too hard to find an investment that pays 6 percent or 7 percent. Over the past 80 years, large-company stocks have returned on average more than 10 percent annually, according to Ibbotson Associates, a leading investment research firm.

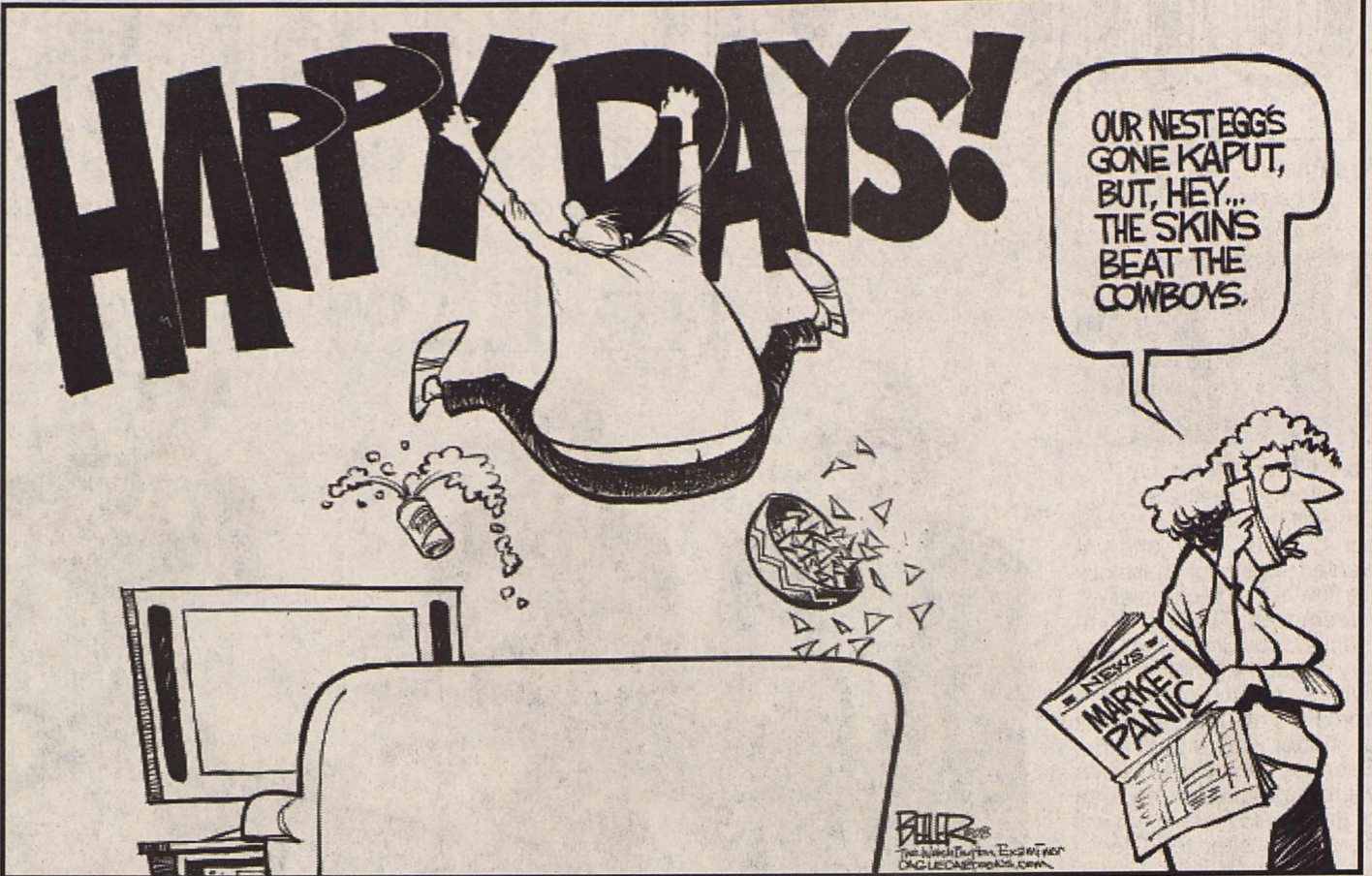
And yet, despite these figures, you can't necessarily conclude

that investing always beats prepaying. For one thing, as you've no doubt heard, "past performance does not guarantee future results." And those impressive long-term stock market returns are just averages; though the market has trended upward over the long term, it can also go through extended periods of low returns, or even sizable losses. But when you pay down your mortgage balance each year, you're earning a regular, low-risk "return" in the form of interest savings. So you need to ask yourself if you can accept taking on greater investment risk in exchange for a potentially higher return.

Furthermore, you might find it psychologically beneficial to pay off your mortgage as soon as possible. And the less you owe on your house, the greater your profit when you sell it.

But other factors may weigh against prepayment. You generally get a tax deduction on your mortgage interest, and this deduction, especially in the early years of your mortgage, can be considerable. Even more importantly, though, is the need to diversify. If you have all your money tied up in your house, and the housing market slumps, as it has recently, your net worth might suffer more than if you had spread your money around a variety of assets, including stocks, bonds and government securities. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification by itself cannot guarantee a profit or protect against loss.)

Clearly, you'll need to weigh all these factors before deciding whether to prepay your mortgage or invest. Fortunately, it's not always an "either-or" question. One month you could pay more on your mortgage while the next month you could invest any money you have available. It's your choice — so make the most of it.



LETTER to the Editor

In anticipation of the upcoming Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District ("KCGCD") election, conflicting views between the four incumbents seeking re-election and the candidates opposing them have surfaced as to how to protect base spring flow in Kinney County.

The current board and four incumbents strongly support local control of groundwater management. Management of local natural resources historically have and should remain under the watchful eye of local citizens who are the most adept at understanding the needs of the community. This position is reflected through the current board's management plan, as well as being

stated in part in a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the KCGCD in Support of Local Control of Groundwater Regulation (2008-01).

1)The records and science available to the District do not support a historically verifiable habitat for the Devils River minnow in the proposed Pinto Creek location of Kinney County...

2)This clearly becomes an issue of "State's Rights" whereby the Federal Government is attempting to override the State of Texas' right to manage the groundwater of Kinney County through the District; and

3)The District strongly opposes the designation of critical habitat for the Devils River min-

now in Las Moras Creek, Pinto Creek, and Sycamore Creek in Kinney County, Texas.

In stark contrast, the challengers have promoted federal control of base spring flow by supporting the designation of "critical habitat" and introduction of the Devils River minnow into Las Moras Springs. Their approval of federal control is reflected in public comments made by their supporters and recorded in the minutes of groundwater district meetings. Additionally, their approval of federal control has been shown by their participation in hosting a forum for United States Fish and Wildlife ("USFW") officials and environmental groups to promote this agenda. Recently, USFW officials and environmental groups visited our community to answer questions and enlighten local residents on the very "minor" changes that may occur from a critical habitat designation through the Endangered Species Act ("ESA").

In reality, the ESA has failed miserably in its stated purpose: Recovering threatened and endangered species. In the thirty-plus year history of the Act, less than one percent of the species listed as either endangered or threatened have recovered. The failure of the ESA has come at a steep price, as the Act has cost billions of dollars and deprived landowners of the use of their land. Take a look at some of the "minor" changes that the ESA has brought about in communities very similar to our own.

A man in California who had purchased land zoned for farming to grow vegetables allegedly disturbed the habitat with his tractor and ran over the endangered Tipton Kangaroo rat. He was charged with federal civil and criminal violations of the ESA...Such charges carry penalties of up to a year in jail and \$100,000 fine.

A woman bought 15 acres of land on a highway west of Austin. When the Golden-cheeked warbler was listed as endangered, the USFW said her property was suitable habitat. Her

land, now unusable, fell in assessed value from \$831,000 to \$30,000 in a single year.

In Southern California, an endangered fly a little larger than a housefly held up the building of a hospital. Eight flies were found and the cost to set aside this habitat for the fly was about \$400,000 per fly.

A man in Utah was threatened with a fine of \$15,000 by the USFW for farming his land and "allegedly" posing a risk to the prairie dog, a protected species. At his own expense the farmer hired an outside expert who determined that there were NO prairie dogs on his land. The farmer continued to work his land; however, the USFW said they would fine him regardless.

Even more astonishing revelations are brought to light in an article which stated, "[I]n the fall of 2001, the U.S. Forest Service found that seven federal and state wildlife biologists planted false evidence of a rare and threatened Canadian lynx in the state of Washington... federal officials intentionally planted hair from the threatened Canadian lynx in our national forests in order to impose sweeping land regulations." The article further states that, "Federal environmental regulations like the ESA have destroyed the lives of tens of thousands of people, closed entire communities, and confiscated hundreds of millions (if not billions) of dollars of private property—all in the name of protecting the environment."

These are very serious possibilities for our community and should not be taken lightly. Kinney County citizens should be concerned about almost certain financial consequences if federal regulation of local springs through "critical habitat" designation and introduction of the Devils River minnow to Las Moras Creek is allowed.

Local citizens living along Las Moras Creek within the city may face fines for affecting "critical habitat" of the Devils River minnow through actions they have practiced for years. Furthermore, keep in mind that the headwaters of Las Moras Creek are located in northern Brackettville and during heavy rainfall, all drainage from Brackettville flows into Las Moras Creek. Strict regulations on "critical habitat" imposed by federal control may require that Las Moras Creek and any drainage channels running into it be maintained in beyond pristine condition. Failure to comply with such a federally mandated cleanup could cost the city hundreds of thousands of dollars and also result in serious fines for the City of Brackettville and its residents living in the city and Ft. Clark Springs.

I respectfully urge voters to educate themselves on the very real possibilities of federal regulation of spring flow in Kinney County. Do not take the word of the environmental groups and federal officials who are only too happy to take and regulate the use of your private land. Please take a hard look at what is best for our local community now and in the future. Federal regulation of traditionally local concerns begins a journey down a slippery slope, from which beyond a certain point, there will be no turning back.

Lloyd Davis
KCGCD President

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Points Scored	58	20
First Downs	16	17
By Rush/Pass/Penalty	14/2/0	7/7/3
3rd Downs Made/Att/Eff	3/7/43	6/13/46
4th Downs Made/Att/Eff	0/0/0	1/2/50
Total Yards / Avg per Play	377/8.0	376/6.4
Total Yards Rushing	327	178
Rushing Att/Avg	39/8.4	35/5.1
Total yards Passing	50	198
Pass Att/Comp/Int	8/2/0	24/12/2
Average Yards per Pass	6.2	8.2
Punts /Avg	2/47.5	4/37.0
Punt Returns/Yards/Avg	3/24/8	0/0/0
Punts Blocked	0	0
Kickoff Returns/Yds/Avg	2/116/58	8/120/15
Fumbles /Lost	3/1	2/2
Total Turnovers	1	4
Penalties /Yards	9/82	10/79
Sacks /Yards	3/10	1/3
TDs	8	3
TDs Rush/Pass	7/0	1/2
Field Goals Att/Made	1/1	0/0
Time of Possession	20:37	27:23

Score by Quarter	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
Eagles	0	0	0	20	-	20
TIGERS	16	14	14	14	-	58



Game Stats By
Cash Letsinger

Cody 2 yard rushing TD
PAT Kick attempt - Schroeder, Jacob - Good
TIGERS: 2 Plays, 66 Yards, at 4:56 3rd Q,
Schroeder, Jacob 57 yard rushing TD

PAT Kick attempt - Schroeder, Jacob - Good
Leakey: 17 Plays, 76 Yards, at 10:09 4th Q, 14 yard rushing TD

PAT Kick attempt - Blocked
TIGERS: 1 Plays, 6 Yards, at 9:55 4th Q,
Schroeder, Jacob 6 yard rushing TD

PAT Kick attempt - Schroeder, Jacob - Good
Leakey: 4 Plays, 77 Yards, at 8:43 4th Q, 19 yard passing TD

PAT Rush attempt - Good
TIGERS: 2 Plays, 28 Yards, at 7:45 4th Q, Robledo, Victor 11 yard rushing TD

PAT Kick attempt - Schroeder, Jacob - Good
Leakey: 2 Plays, 62 Yards, at 4:13 4th Q, 51 yard passing TD

PAT Kick attempt - Schroeder, Jacob - Good
TIGERS: 6 Plays, 56 Yards, at 7:26 3rd Q, Clark,

PAT Kick attempt - Schroeder, Jacob - Good
TIGERS: 1 Plays, 6 Yards, at 4:10 2nd Q, Stewart, Sam 9 yard TD

PAT Kick attempt - Schroeder, Jacob - Good
TIGERS: 10 Plays, 55 Yards, at 5:21 1st Q, Stewart, Sam 11 yard rushing TD

PAT Kick attempt - Schroeder, Jacob - Wide Right
TIGERS: 12 Plays, 66 Yards, at 0:21 1st Q, Schroeder, Jacob-36 yard field goal

TIGERS: 4 Plays, 50 Yards, at 4:10 2nd Q, Stewart, Sam 9 yard TD

Tigers pluck Leakey Eagles



Tiger Gridiron
Thomas Hurney

A week ago, one could hardly be blamed for wondering if the Brackett Tigers would score 60 points this year, let alone in one game. Well, they didn't quite manage 60, but they did hang 58 on a shell-shocked Leakey team Friday night at Tiger Stadium, and the timing couldn't have been better. After all, it was Homecoming night, and at 0-3 the Tigers needed to get in the win column pronto. Well, win they did, 58-20.

Tony Esquivel set the tone for the evening with a 78-yard runback of the opening kickoff, and two plays later Steven Rivera took it in from the six-yard line for the first points of the game. The point after was good (our kicker, Jacob Schroeder had a busy night-8 PAT's and a field goal, in fact) and Brackett led 7-0.

Later in the first quarter, Sophomore Sam Stewart capped a 10-play drive with an 11-yard touchdown run to put the Tigers up 13-0. The point after failed, but the next Brackett drive produced a 36-yard Schroeder field goal, advantage Brackett, 16-0.

The Leakey offense was a non-factor the entire evening, and after another three and out the Tigers had the ball back at about midfield. Soon after, Quarterback Cody Clark hit an open Jacob Schroeder for a 34-yard gain to set up a nine-yard touchdown run by Stewart, his second of the evening. Just before the end of the first half, Clark picked off an errant Leakey pass and returned it for a touchdown, and the rout was on. At the half, Brackett led 30-0.

The second half was more of

the same, characterized by Leakey turnovers and special-teams gaffes, and big plays from the Brackett offense. The Tigers led 44-0 before the Eagles finally got on the board in the fourth quarter to avoid the shutout.

The Tigers (1-3) visit Center Point Friday night to take on the Pirates, (by the way, we're their Homecoming opponents this week. Hopefully we'll have more success at Center Point than Leakey had last week in Brackettville).

Scoring Summary

TIGERS: 3 Plays, 18 Yards, at 11:23 1st Q, Rivera, Stevan 6 yard rushing TD

PAT Kick attempt - Schroeder, Jacob - Good
TIGERS: 10 Plays, 55 Yards, at 5:21 1st Q, Stewart, Sam 11 yard rushing TD

PAT Kick attempt - Schroeder, Jacob - Wide Right
TIGERS: 12 Plays, 66 Yards, at 0:21 1st Q, Schroeder, Jacob-36 yard field goal

TIGERS: 4 Plays, 50 Yards, at 4:10 2nd Q, Stewart, Sam 9 yard TD

PAT Kick attempt - Schroeder, Jacob - Good
TIGERS: at 1:16 2nd Q, Clark, Cody-9 yard interception for TD

PAT Kick attempt - Schroeder, Jacob - Good
TIGERS: 6 Plays, 56 Yards, at 7:26 3rd Q, Clark,

PAT Kick attempt - Schroeder, Jacob - Good
TIGERS: 1 Plays, 6 Yards, at 4:10 2nd Q, Stewart, Sam 9 yard TD

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October 3 is also the last day of eligibility for students that have turned in a current application.

Applications are accepted year round, but all students that were qualified with last year's application will expire and become full pay students. Parents if you're not sure

if your child/children have a current application please call me at 830-563-2491 ext. 554 and I will check for you.

Applications are available at the Jones Elementary office, Brackett High School office and at the Cafeteria office.

Parent's Night Photos for sale \$2

Junior High VB Updates

The "B" Team girls played their first away match on Monday, 15th September against Del Rio 7th Grade "A" Team.

The travel team included: "Cookie Adams, Consuelo Rodriguez, Samantha DeHoyos, Nadia Rodriguez, Shannon Gammill, "Nedi" Salazar, Heather Knox, Shelby Schuster, Jasmine Pena, Haley Smith, Marlinda Rivas, August Stephenson, Maria Villareal and Vanessa Villareal.

Even though the team lost in two, the girls continue to improve on their basic skills and played their best match yet.

The "B" team participated this past Saturday, 20 September at the Del Rio Tournament. They opened their play against Comstock and achieved their first Match victory of the season, 25-11, and 25 13. This put the cubettes into the winner's bracket. Their next game was against Eagle Pass Jr. High White. Despite the loss in two, 6-26 and 25-13, the girls really did a great job with serves in the second game as well as returning volleys. The girls played for third place in their last match of the day against Eagle Pass Memorial "A" Team.

Once again the girls showed marked improvement in all areas, but lost in two, 19-25 and 14-25.

The "B" Team girls finished in fourth place for the day.

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Brackett ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m., October 13, 2008 In the Intermediate Distance Learning Lab 400 N. Ann Street, Brackettville

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Brackett Independent School District's Superior Achievement Rating on the state's financial accountability system



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Fort Clark's Pool Ranks Tenth In The State

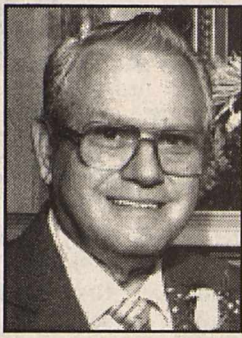
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Fort Clark Springs Administrative Staffer Victoria Isaac shows off the August edition of the popular magazine "Texas Monthly" where FCSA's pool is ranked tenth out of the 25 Best Swimming Holes in Texas.

OBITUARY

Walter Eugene Fithian

April 11, 1926 - September 10, 2008



Walter Eugene Fithian, age 82, entered into rest on September 10, 2008 at his home in Spofford, Texas. He was born on April 11, 1926 in Princeton, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Anita Fithian, whom he passed on January 28, 2008. Walter Eugene Fithian was also preceded in death by his parents William Fithian and Clara Stiles.

On April 13, 1943, Walter joined the Navy at age 17. He served proudly aboard the USS Missouri during World War II. He was aboard the USS Missouri during ceremonies for the signing of the Peace Treaty with Japan on September 2, 1945. He was later discharged from the Navy on December 9, 1945 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Left to cherish his memory is his son, Bobby Lee Fithian and wife Barbara of Clewiston, Florida, daughters Barbara Ann Brackins and husband Dewayne of Mobile, Alabama, Dianne Barlett and husband Art of Colorado Springs, Colorado and Pamela McClure and husband Alvin of Brackettville, Texas.

He is survived by his wonderful grandchildren Lee Fithian, Trisha Fithian, Kevin Brackins, Nikki Farris, Debra Riker, Zana King, Will King, Eugene King and Tanya Kay McClure. He also had twelve amazing great-grandchildren.

Cremation followed his passing and he was laid to rest at Memorial Gardens in Mobile, Alabama to rest eternally beside his beloved wife Dorothy.

KC Republicans host social

Kent Lowery, Kinney County Republican Party Chairman, emceed a great Republican get-together on Saturday, Sept. 20 in downtown Brackettville with approximately 150 people in attendance. There were a number of folks there from Val Verde County, Real County, Uvalde County and Terrell County as well as other areas. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Dr. Lowery, joining Cindy Rhinesmith in singing our national anthem, and a prayer by Jeff Janca, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Brackettville, we enjoyed a great BBQ dinner provided by Hugh and Denette Coates. After lunch, we all had the opportunity to enjoy a time of fellowship with each other and with some of our Republican candidates from the local to the national level.

Gayla Miller, SD 23 Texas Republican Executive Committee (TREC) member, was present and encouraged the crowd to research the candidates running for all offices, not just at the national level. She reiterated that she works for us and that we were to contact her if we had questions or concerns that were not being addressed.

We heard from Lyle Larson, candidate for US Congress, SD 23, who spoke on the need for

fiscal responsibility in Washington and accountability at all levels of government. Mr. Larson and his staff stayed for several hours visiting one-on-one with voters regarding the critical issues in this year's election and his proposed solutions for them.

T. C. Kincaid, Jr., a candidate for Texas House District #74, also attended our event to meet and talk with voters from his District, which includes Val Verde, Real, Edwards and Uvalde counties. Mr. Kincaid and his wife Dru were welcomed by those attending.

Our candidate for District Judge 63rd District - Jacques De La Mota of Del Rio, is a man well versed in many different areas of law, including criminal law, family law and constitutional law as well. He made it clear he will call upon that experience when adjudicating cases for our District.

We also heard from Sheriff Jernigan of Val Verde County who is running for re-election this year.

Doug Davis of Brackettville, who is running for County Commissioner Pct. 3, was also in attendance and had the opportunity to visit with Kinney County voters.

This event gave voters in Kinney County as well as surrounding counties the opportunity to meet other voters who share the same core values. It was also a chance to meet the candidates who are running for office and hear their platforms in a relaxed one-on-one atmosphere. In such a critical election year, it helped reinforce the need for a return to conservative values and to work to insure our elected officials do the same.

Election day is coming, with early voting beginning Oct. 20th. The Kinney County Republicans can be found at: <http://kinneyrepublican.co.cc/>

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2 to 2 1/4 boneless Meat (beef, veal, venison).
1cup Water
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1tsp. Garlic Salt (optional)
1/2Lemon Pepper (optional)
Trim fat from steak.
Cut with grain six inches long by 1/8 in thick.
Mix water, liquid smoke, salt

and pepper (and additional ingredients).

Marinate meat overnight in covered dish in fridge.

Drain and Dry thoroughly.

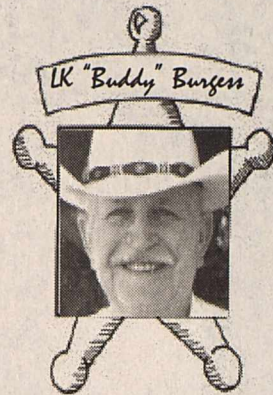
Cover bottom rack of oven with aluminum foil; lay strips of meat close together (but Not overlapping) on oven rack.

Bake in slow oven (150 F to 175 F) overnight for 10 to 12 hours.

(Beef should feel dry but not crisp.)

Store in air tight containers.

Kinney County Sheriff 's Report



Monday, September 22

10:25 pm A women reported a suspicious person parked at a empty lot and walking back and forth in the wooded area. A deputy was dispatched to the location.

6:42 pm A man reported a possible break-in. A deputy was dispatched.

Wednesday, September 24

11:48 am A motorist reported a man walking on Hwy 90 with a large trash bag. A deputy was dispatched to the location.

11:30 pm A women reported eggers had egged her car while parked. A deputy was notified of the situation.

2:24 am A man reported his dad had fallen and hit his head. Ems was dispatched.

Thursday September 25

9:55 pm Requesting a deputy in reference to a criminal mischief and a stolen golf cart. A deputy was notified of the situation.

9:13 pm reported the alarm going off in Central Office. A deputy was notified of the situation.

2:35 am A man reported a unconscious female in his driveway. EMS was notified.

2:20 pm. Cynthia T. Martinez of Uvalde was arrested for possession of marijuana. Released to Maverick County.

Friday, September 26

11:35pm A women reported loud noises coming from the electric storage. A deputy was notified.

8:50 pm. A caller from The Kinney County Detention Center Requested a deputy for an assault report. A deputy was notified.

8:30pm A man reported loud music coming form down the street. A deputy was notified.

8:15pm. A women reported a car hit a truck close to the York Ranch.

A deputy notified an alarm company that the school alarm was going off. The deputy would go and check it out.

Saturday, September 27

10:20pm. A man reported he was having problems with a female. A deputy was notified.

8:30pm A man reported a white pick up pulling a grey pick up with no lights. A deputy was notified.

5:42pm. A local grocery store reported a possible intoxicated lady causing problem. A deputy was notified.

12:42 am A deputy was dispatched to the detention center an officer had been assaulted.

9:15pm A man reported his house had a broken window and guns had been stolen. A deputy was dispatched.

An anonymous caller reported two four wheelers traveling at a high speed. A deputy was notified.

Sunday, September 28

1:30am. A women reported a possible break in. A deputy was notified.

7:05 pm. A women called from Central Security reporting the alarm going off at Brackett ISD.



Rio Grande Electric Co-op's 63rd Annual Meeting

**Saturday, October 11
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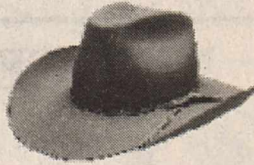
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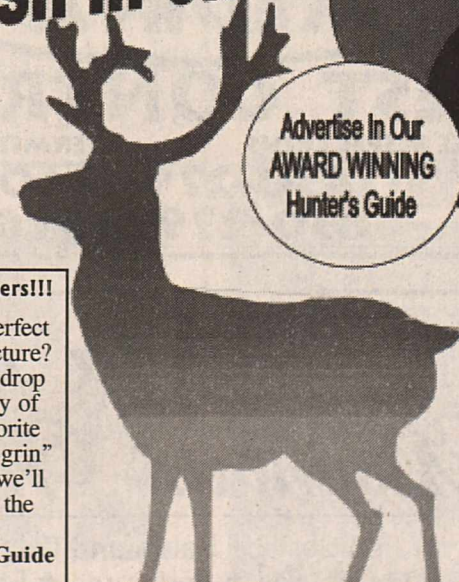
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HOUSE FOR SALE

CITATION BY PUBLICATION - TRC 109 and 114. The State of Texas: Estate of Rozetta H. Pingenot by and through Polly Pingenot. Cause No. 3749, In The 63rd District Court VS Theodore M. Hoeller and Sharon A. Hoeller, of Kinney County, Texas. To: Theodore M. Hoeller and Sharon A. Hoeller Defendant-Greeting. Notice To Defendant: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you. You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday Nov. 3, 2008 before the Honorable District Court of Kinney County, at the Courthouse in said County in Brackettville, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 18 day of Sept. 2008 in the above entitled cause. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: See copy of Original Plaintiff's Petition. If land describes: acres, lot and block# in as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Brackettville, Texas this 18 day of Sept. 2008. Attorney for Plaintiff of Plaintiff: Stephen M. Gerdes II, 218 North Getty Street, Uvalde, Tx. 78801. Clerk of the Court Dora E. Sandoval, P.O. Box 9, Kinney County, Texas By Zandra Negrete Deputy.

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS October 2, 2008 REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS On or about October 10, 2008 the City of Spofford will submit a request to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Section 104(f) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, to undertake a project known as Texas Community Development Program 728390. The City of Spofford shall purchase one (1) emergency fire fighting vehicle with rescue apparatus equipment, in order to protect and save its residents in the event of an emergency. The vehicle shall serve the City of Spofford and the City of Brackettville and will be stationed at Kinney County Fire and EMS Rescue Response Center located in the City of Brackettville. FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT The City of Spofford has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Spofford City Hall, Spofford, Texas and at 702 Ashby Drive S. Uvalde, Texas and may be examined or copied weekdays between the hours 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENTS Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the City of Spofford. All comments received by October 10, 2008 will be considered by the City of Spofford prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing. RELEASE OF FUNDS The City of Spofford certifies to the Office of Rural Community Affairs that Alex Solis, in his capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Office's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Spofford to use Program funds. OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS The Office of Rural Community Affairs will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Spofford's certification received by October 27, 2008 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the City of Spofford approved by the Office; (b) the (RE) has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Office; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the Office of Rural Community Affairs at P.O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact the Office to verify the actual last day of the objection period. Alex Solis, Mayor, City of Spofford.

WANTED

WANTED 1950'S STYLE Dining Room Buffet. Please call 563-7149 or 563-3351

WANTED FAMILY HUNTING Lease. Please call 361-293-3719 or 361-293-4010 HOUSE FOR RENT 3BR, 1 1/2 B

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Fort Clark
2 Story - Unit 1 - 5 bed, 2 baths, fireplace, appliances, tiled patio. Selling below appraised value. Only \$66,000.

For Rent - Colony Row - 3 bed, 2 baths, 2 fireplaces, fenced yard, large storage and laundry room. Washer/dryer hookups.

Lot in Unit 14 - Utilities already in. Only \$4,000 with membership.

UNIT 1 2BR/1BA townhouse overlooking Las Moras W/D hookups only \$26,000 Brackettville

• New Listing near post office on Spring St.: Two properties for sale: attractive rock building and 3 bed mobile home. Will sell together or separately. Both for \$45,000.

Rentals-short and long term

HOUSE FOR SALE/RENT

FCS, \$450 Rent with \$450 deposit. 830-563-7168.

UNIT 1 2 BR/1BA Townhouse overlooking Las Moras, Washer & Dryer Hookups only \$26,000. O'Rourke Realty (830) 563-2713

705 N. ELLEN IN BRACKETT. 3 BR/2 bath/carport/storage bldg., 1,953 sq. ft. New tin roof, est. yards. Owner ready for offer! \$79,000. Call 830.563.3005 or 563.5636 for an appt.

Stan Metcalf Realtor

• 184 ACRES 13 miles from Brackett. Three acre +/- lake stocked with Bass, Deer, Turkey, Dove & Quail Hunting

• SUNSET LANE, 2BR, 1.5 Bath, Fireplace, screened-in porch-carport, storage shed in a nice, quiet neighborhood. Owner motivated, make offer.

• CORNER LOTS AVAILABLE on Fairway circle and a lot located on the golfcourse

• RV LOT AND COVER in neighborly Unit 37, FCS with 4 storage sheds and washer & dryer.

830-563-9943
830-563-7336

Ed Stanfield, Broker

LAS MORAS REALTY

104 E. Spring Street • 830-563-2997
Debbie Trant, Owner/Agent & Barbara Voss, Broker
www.realestatetxkinneycountry.com

38 Sunset Lane: NOW \$138,900 and seller will pay some buyer's closing costs! 3BR, 3B home, 2,176 +/- sq. ft., FP, interior upgrades.

176 Crockett: nice 3/2 stone home on 1 lot, tiled sunroom, garage/carport, + office

333 Fairway Circle: lovely 3BR, 3B Solitaire doublewide overlooking golf course. Offers FP, large decks, carport, covered golf cart parking and recreation room. Must See!

Unit 14: Price Slashed on RV lot with metal cover & semi-furnished apartment next to common area, NOW \$28,900!

Unit 21: Historic Property - with 2 apartments, CHA, high ceilings, lots of charm, Owner wants offer!

Unit 7, 49er: upgraded 2BR, 1B unit, CHA, metal roof, \$25,000

New Listing: 214 W. Fulton St: 3BR, 1B home, 1,474 +/- sq.ft., interior/exterior painting and other upgrades!

506 N. Sweeney: REDUCED to \$7,900. Spacious home, needs work!

Ranches & Small Acreage For Sale

Tejas Properties

Phyllis & Les Meyer
Broker/Ranch Sales
830-563-9911

Deborah Isaacs
Agent/Residential Sales
830-563-7272

NEW LISTING - 3/3 brick home on the golf course, over 2000sf, study, fireplace, attached carport, beautiful tile floors throughout, Less than 3 years old and only \$199,000.00

NEW LISTING- Beautiful 3/3 stone home, approx. 2150sf, custom cabinets, granite, surround sound, covered patio w/wet bar, pecan and fruit trees, landscaped, sprinkler system, 12x32 workshop plus large carport - \$220,000

2 BEDROOM 2 BATH CONDO - 2 verandas overlooking #1 Fairway and Green. Must See! \$62,000

UNIT 14 - 2 lots with RV cover and 804 sf living area. \$46,000

GOLF COURSE LOT on Fort Clark Road - \$4500

962 ACRES off 674 north of Brackett, improvements, wells, good hunting - \$1195/acre

www.Tejas-Properties.com HUNTING RANCHES AVAILABLE!

KEN BARNETT REAL ESTATE

102 W. Spring St., Brackettville, TX 78832
Ken Barnett - Pat Owens - Melissa Davis
www.brackettville realestate.com

FORT CLARK:

NEW LISTING: 29 LAMOTTE, Wonderful home! 3BR/2B/2 w/ many upgrades. 2,031 sq. ft. MUST SEE!

89 WARD RD: Awesome 4BR/3B Family Home with bonus and media Rms. Fenced yard, 3,000 approx. sq. ft. Call today!

OAK LANE: Fantastic 2 story home. 3BR/3B, 2 car garage + separate workshop. Many upgrades and fine features throughout. 2,740 sq. ft. on 1 LOT. Great Location! \$219,000.

115 MESQUITE ST. Very nice home w/ 2BR/1B plus a bonus room/office. Open floor plan, approx. 1,162 sq. ft. Covered RV parking and 2 storage areas. Great buy @ \$69,900.

BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED HISTORIC HOME on Colony Row. UNDER CONTRACT.

104 McClelland Located in the historical district, this 2BR/2B townhouse has open floor plan w/ vaulted ceiling. Great second home or rental. Approx. 1,260 sq. ft.

155 BLISS CIRCLE, Unit 15, 2BR/2BA, very clean, well maintained. \$95,000.

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. Reduced to \$52,000.

BRACKETTVILLE:

NEW LISTING: 602 N. Ann St. Beautiful 4 BR/3B family home w/FP and CHA on 2 lots in a Great Location! New carpet, blinds and paint throughout. Fenced back yard. Approx. 2,900 sq. ft. ON GOING BUSINESS with established customer base. Movie rental, beer, soda and snacks.

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

191 Acres: N/E Val Verde Co. Hunters travel trailer, deer blinds and storage building. \$925 per acre.

New Listing: 5 acres, Kinney County Ranch Estates. \$12,000.

HAVE BUYERS, NEED LISTINGS!

OFFICE: 830-563-2446 or 830-563-5121

UVALDE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

October 2008 OUTPATIENT Clinic Calendar

You are encouraged to select a physician from the Active Medical Staff of our Hospital. See the staff listing at the bottom of this ad.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Happy HALLOWEEN 	1	2	3	
		Dr. Randall Bell Pulmonary Disease 1-830-278-6251 ext. 1430	Dr. Flavio Alvarez Nephrologist 1-830-278-5386	
		Dr. Gregory Freeman Cardiologist 1-210-614-5400		
6	7	8	9	10
Dr. William McQueen ENT 1-830-278-2422	Dr. Pradip K. Dhar Pediatric Cardiologist 1-800-697-7008	Dr. Lawrence Widman Electrophysiology 1-210-615-9500	Dr. Carlos Morales Pulmonary Diseases 210-616-9999	
13	14	15	16	17
Dr. Mauro Ortiz Cardiologist 1-210-614-5400	Dr. William McQueen ENT 1-830-278-2422	Dr. Fernando Triana Cardiologist 1-210-614-5400	Dr. Randall Bell Pulmonary Disease 1-830-278-6251 ext. 1430	Dr. Flavio Alvarez Nephrologist 1-830-278-5386
20	21	22	23	24
Dr. William McQueen ENT 1-830-278-2422	Dr. Pradip K. Dhar Pediatric Cardiologist 1-800-697-7008	Dr. Walter W. Strash Podiatrist 210-829-8770	Dr. Carlos Morales Pulmonary Diseases 210-616-9999	Dr. Flavio Alvarez Nephrologist 1-830-278-5386
			Dr. Gregory Freeman Cardiologist 1-210-614-5400	
27	28	29	30	31
Dr. William McQueen ENT 1-830-278-2422	Dr. Teresa A. Hospers Pediatric Cardiologist 1-800-697-7008	Dr. Mark Lee Dermatologist 1-210-614-0402	Dr. Randall Bell Pulmonary Disease 1-830-278-6251 ext. 1430	Dr. Flavio Alvarez Nephrologist 1-830-278-5386

Active Medical Staff

Please Call for Office Hours

Coughlin, Ed, M.D.	278-6681
Internal Medicine	
Blumen, Barry M.D.	
Endocrinology	278-6251
Gattoni, G. V., M.D.	
Surgery	278-4568
Garcia, R. Steve, M.D.	
Family Practice	278-4453
Gatto, Richard E., M.D.	
Family Practice	278-4453
Meyer, James	
Ophthalmologist	278-4700

Freddy John, D.D.	
Family Practice	278-7101
Rhodes, John L., M.D.	
Family Practice	278-3118
Seas, Isaac, M.D.	
Internal Medicine/Endocrinology	278-6265
Uphergrove, Krista, M.D.	
Family Practice	278-4588
Usherback, Carl, M.D.	
Family Practice	278-4588
Wilkins, Harry O., M.D.	
Surgery	278-3211

Other Specialists

Gregory Baber, D.M.D.	
Dental Surgeon	278-7105
Jemil Bhar, M.D.	
Internal Medicine & Cardiology	591-1294
David Friedman, M.D.	
Hematology/Oncology	(210) 595-5300
Ador Iyambaka, D.D.S.	
Pediatric Dental Surgeon	278-5009
Sanjay Kumar, M.D.	
Ophthalmologist	278-2000

Gabriel Rodriguez, D.P.M.	
Podiatrist	278-1840
Marisol A. Santiago, M.D.	
Hematology/Oncology	(210) 595-5300
Arlo Terry, M.D. (every Tuesday)	
Ophthalmologist	278-9465
Luzerna, Alfonso, M.D.	
Family Practice	278-6265