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COMMUNITY NEWS

CANDIDATE PROFILES:

All County, City and Fort candidates are encouraged to submit a profile and photo to The Brackett News on or before February 4. TBN will feature each candidate with a photograph, at no charge, on February 11 as a means of giving the community the opportunity to get to know each person running for an elected office. Profiles and photographs can be submitted electronically to tbnews@sbcglobal.net or TBN will gladly take the photo at our office at 111 W. Spring Street at the Five Points in Brackett.

10TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF

The 10th Annual Chili Cook Off will be held on Monday, January 25 at the Fort Clark RV Park. Cook Off will start at 12 noon and the tickets are \$6 each and may be purchased at the RV Park, the Adult Center, the Administrative Office or at the door. Everyone is welcome! Come join all the fun and vote for your favorite chili. If you would like to enter your chili, please call Darlene at 830-563-3081 or 563-7833. We need more Chili Cookers!!! Prizes given for best entries. If our weather does not cooperate, venue will change to the Service Club, watch the marquee at the front gate.

FCS CANDIDATE FORUM

Fort Clark Springs Community Council will provide its members with an opportunity to meet and question the candidates who are running for a position on the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors on February 13 at the Service Club at 10am following a brief Community Council meeting.

EMS REPORT

The week of January 10-16: Kinney County EMS ran a total of 8 calls. Five calls were transports, three were not.

CABARET DINNER

The Old Quarry Society Cabaret Dinner "Music of the Fifties" will be Friday, January 29 and Saturday, January 30. Doors open with cocktails (BYOB) at 6:30; dinner is at 7pm and the show will be at 8pm. On the menu for Friday night is Southwestern chicken breast, with wild rice, vegetables, salad and dessert. Saturday will be roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad and dessert. Tickets are \$20 each and are available at the Adult Center or call 563-3070. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Season ticket holders, if you haven't been contacted, please call the above number.

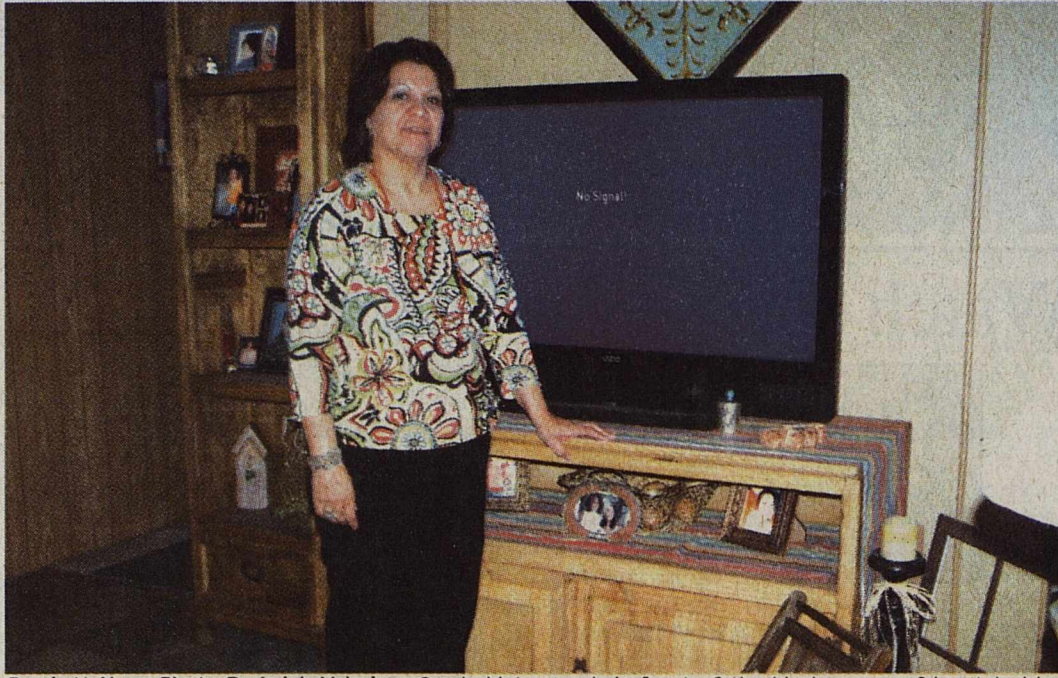
BASKETBALL GOALS

The district recently had basketball goals installed on the covered play court. The play court and basketball goals are a wonderful addition to our district and we wish to make them available to the public. During the week, the goals are available for use until dusk, at which time the goals will be raised. On weekends, the goals will be down and available for use at approximately 10a.m. until dusk, at which time the goals will be raised. We ask for your help in making sure the facility is taken care of and not abused, as this is a great opportunity for all of us to enjoy.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Fort Clark Historical Society will meet on Jan 23 at 10am. Contact Don Smith 563-2285.

Cable company disconnects customers

Almega Cable says Brackett not worth investment



Brackett News Photo By Leigh Volcsko - Gracie Mata stands in front of the blank screen of her television after the cable was disconnected because Almega Cable says its just not worth doing business in Brackett anymore.

Gracie Mata, a local cable customer was advised by KFW Communications d.b.a. Almega Cable the television service to Brackettville will cease effective January 1.

A letter dated December 7, 2009 posted at the Kinney County Library and sent to customers read,

"Several factors have made it financially impossible to continue to run the company's very small rural cable system. These include: the current economic downturn, rising costs of programming, increased competition from national satellite TV providers and the continued erosion our customer base."

Most Brackett cable customers liked how inexpensive Almega's basic programming package was compared to the basic satellite prices, but have

since transferred to satellite services like AT&T's Direct TV connected locally by Albert Caballero.

Mata, however, is in a difficult position still as her house is centered underneath several, old oak trees making it impossible to place a satellite dish at her residence because there is not a clear view of the sky which is required to receive the operating signal, so for now Mata is reading more books.

A representative for Almega said last week that it serviced approximately 20 to 25 customers in Brackettville and it was not economically viable to continue doing business here.

At press time it was not known if the County Judge or the City Mayor had attempted to intervene on behalf of the citizens.

FCS MUD to pave the way

Restaurant issues get members hot under the collar

By Katie Brown
The Brackett News

The Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors met on Saturday, January 16 for their regularly scheduled meeting. President of the board Larry O'Keefe and directors Berleth, Keyes and Trautwein were present; director Holloman sent a message requesting to be excused from the meeting.

Larry Sofaly, FCS MUD, notified FCS Director of Operations Felix Cerna that the road work on Fort Clark will finally be getting underway. The bonding has been approved and will be in place mid-February. J3 Excavation Company of Ker-ville, TX brought in the lowest bid of \$851,605.50 and was awarded the contract for the road work; Gulf States Protective Coating of La Porte, TX was awarded the contract to paint the water tower coming in with the lowest bid of \$133,595.00. Both projects will commence after the first of

March. Henry Garcia, City Manager, submitted a letter to the FCS Board of Directors requesting to have his name removed from the candidates list that is to be placed on the ballot for the upcoming election. No reason was given.

A report was presented to the board by the nominating committee stating that they received a petition from Garland Young for review and placement on the upcoming ballot for the board of directors' election. The report was accepted by all directors present, placing Young on the ballot. Of the 2,774 members of Fort Clark Springs, 2,289 members are in good standing and are eligible to vote in the upcoming election. Results of the election will be announced at the Annual Membership meeting March 27.

A presentation was given by Randy Galloway with the firm of Susan B. Newsome Associ-

ates, CPA, regarding the annual audit report. The board went into executive session to discuss proposed changes to the completed draft copy of the annual audit. Upon returning to open session a motion was made and passed to increase the allowance for uncollectible accounts from four percent to six percent to more realistically represent what is actually happening with uncollectible accounts. The percentage change will be backdated to the beginning of last year. Effectively, the action reduces the net income by \$20,000; more accurately reflecting the bad debt situation in these economic times.

Director Hattie Berleth addressed member Bill Haenn, a candidate for a seat on the board of directors, regarding an e-mail he sent to numerous members besmirching Bob Walker, FCS Head of Maintenance and Sheriff Burgess for the way the situation was

handled when the sirens malfunctioned last week and blared continuously for several minutes two days in a row. The FCS Rules and Regulations clearly state that "no member shall be allowed to issue orders or reprimand any employee," subject to board action. The sirens are operated and maintained under contract between the city of Brackettville and Fort Clark Springs MUD using lines owned by AT & T and controlled from the Sheriffs Office. City Manager Henry Garcia said that AT&T originally stated that the problem was in the city's equipment; after 3 days of analyzing the situation it was determined that the problem was actually in AT&T lines and they ultimately ended up replacing three cables. Although the siren can be disabled at the pole, it should only be done by a person trained to do so because of the high voltage and the possibility of an electrical short.

The sirens go off at 12 noon every day and when necessary to alert the community of an emergency or impending weather conditions. Although this recent situation was extremely annoying, especially to those living near the sirens, it was a matter of faulty equipment and was handled as quickly as possible. Any concerns regarding the sirens should be directed to FCS Director of Operations, Felix Cerna, or to City Manager, Henry Garcia.

Following adjournment of the meeting, members expressed their concerns regarding the situation with the restaurants. Currently, the restaurants at Creekside and Dickman Hall are still under contract with Jack Dorris who has turned in the keys to those facilities but has not legally cancelled his contract with the Fort. The case against Dorris has been turned over to the court but a date has not yet been set.

HOME DELIVERY HAS BEGUN!

All subscribers inside the City Limits and on Fort Clark will be transferred to home delivery. Subscribers **MUST** supply street address to 830-563-2852

Davis steps down as water board president

By Katie Brown
The Brackett News

Lloyd Lee Davis, President of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors, resigned his position as president of the board and as District Representative for GMA 10 in the regularly scheduled meeting of the KCGCD January 14. In a statement read before the board, Davis said, "Due to recent actions by fellow board members preceding and occurring during the special meeting called by three directors on January 7, it appears obvious to me the majority of the board would prefer a change in leadership."

Davis was the only director opposed to rescinding the decision to hire Carl Strain at the aforementioned special meeting that was called for by directors Lowery, Smith and Metcalf. According to Davis, the decision to rescind the motion to hire Strain was not on the advice of KCGCD attorney Greg Ellis. Ellis confirmed to Davis that he was only asked how to word motions that a director may want to make.

A motion was made and passed to accept Davis' resignation; subsequently, a motion was made to elect Lowery as president by acclamation. Beth Ann Smith was elected, also by acclamation, to fill the office va-

cated by Lowery as vice president. Metcalf was elected as the District Rep for GMA 10.

In light of recent actions taken by the board in regards to hiring a general manager, the board took action to (1) amend the personnel policy and procedure manual to incorporate the requirement of an extensive background check of prospective applicants for the position and (2) to establish a hiring procedure. The job opening for a general manager will be posted on the KCGCD web site and advertised in major newspapers.

Directors Davis, Lowery, Metcalf, Smith, Coates, Ring and Frerich were present.

This Week's Local Forecast

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Sunny
77/48	74/53	68/44	66/38	56/32	53/31	54/35
Precip Chance: 0%	Precip Chance: 5%	Precip Chance: 10%	Precip Chance: 0%	Precip Chance: 0%	Precip Chance: 5%	Precip Chance: 0%

Weather Trivia

If the air is cold and dry, what type of snow is made? ?

ANSWER: Powder.

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Brackettville's

7-Day Forecast

Jan. 21-27

"Nemo me impune lacesset - No one will provoke me with impunity"

Publishers PLOG (or Paper Log)

Toilet Paper Shortage

Last Thursday was a crazy day, but every Wednesday and Thursday of every week are crazy for me. Wednesday is deadline day and Thursday is newspaper day. I always have that wild look in my eyes, the one that lets people know, "today is not the day to get me sideways..." I'm sure you've seen it or at least heard about it...hahaha.

I was tweaking the front page last week and speaking with my tax advisor at the same time, by the way that is like smoking near a gasoline spill and of course it blew up in my face. I was so excited the Marshal Service caught that escaped prisoner and hating what my tax man had to say and I made a huge mistake that I didn't catch until it was too late, so to make a long story short, the paper went back to press and the papers were delivered late. Every now and then you get surprised. To give you a taste of last Thursday and the following Friday...my cell phone was blowing up and the office phone was ringing non-stop and people were coming in the office and it was 12-hours of pure, unbridled hell raising. I was shocked at the overwhelming response we got from our readers. THEY WANT THE PAPER!!!! I thought maybe there might have been a shortage on toilet paper last week but I think people just wanted what has been here for at least 150 years - The Brackett News. Us girls here at TBN will send out the paper and not ever do that again. That was pretty scary and flattering all at the same time.

Thanks for keeping us on our toes and thanks for reading...

Leigh V.

Here are two photos that are my favs of the week....

The top one is of me holding JW Taylor. JW is the son of the former editor of TBN, Allison Taylor. He was born under some pretty complicated circumstances and this was the first time I was able to hold him in my arms. The tears were flowing, but at the same time its funny how a baby can renew a spirit. I am so proud of you Allie. You have the heart and fight of a lion and the face of a baby lamb.



The second photo is of me at the Tularosa Clark Ranch. I was invited out a few weeks back and got the opportunity to go up in a helicopter while two of the wildest people I've ever met darted a red stag. The pilot looked like a mild mannered preacher but flew that heli like it was a rental. The gunner was calm-looking too but could probably dart a gerbil from that helicopter. It was an awesome experience and I'll be getting you the full story on this, maybe in the 2010 Hunter's Guide. And wearing the headset just topped off my whole day.



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Watch for "re-lit" 401(k) match



Emily Cooper
Edward Jones in Del Rio

As the economy recovers, you may find some new opportunities to expand your investment horizons — and one such possibility may be your company's 401(k) matching contribution.

During the depths of the recession, many companies that had offered a 401(k) match reduced or stopped their contribution. But now, more than a third of large employers that suspended their matching contributions plan to restore them over the next few months, according to a recent survey by

Watson Wyatt, a consulting firm.

While this development will be welcome news to you if your employer was one of the match-cutters, you can't necessarily count on getting same match you did before the recession. Some of the companies surveyed by Watson Wyatt say the size of the new match will vary, based on profits. Previously, the most common formula used by companies was a match of 50 cents on the dollar, up to the first six percent of pay, according to the Profit Sharing/401(k) Council of America.

But no matter what size match you are offered, take it. If you don't contribute enough to your 401(k) plan to earn the match, you are leaving money on the table — money that could be used to help pay for the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned.

If you do need to adjust your contribution level to earn the

match, you might also take the opportunity to make changes to your 401(k) portfolio, as needed. Here are a few ideas to consider:

• **Avoid overloading on company stock.** In a sense, you are already risking a financial asset — your income — when you work for a company, because any company can go through downturns that could affect your livelihood. Consequently, you don't want to take on additional risk by overloading your 401(k) portfolio with your company stock. Furthermore, too much of any one investment in your 401(k) can be risky, which is why you should diversify your holdings among the choices available in your plan. While diversification, by itself, cannot prevent losses or guarantee profits, it can help reduce the effects of volatility and give you more opportunities for success.

• **Rebalance.** Your 401(k) holdings should be appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. Yet, over time, and without any action on your part, your portfolio could become "unbalanced." For example, you might have wanted 20 percent of the value of your 401(k) to go into a particular growth-oriented account. But if this investment increased substantially in price, it may now take up 30 percent of your portfolio, subjecting yourself to more risk than you had intended. At least once a year, review your 401(k) carefully, possibly with the help of a professional financial advisor, to make sure your investment mix is still appropriate for your needs.

• **Boost your contributions with each salary increase.** Every time your salary goes up, try to increase your 401(k) contributions. Because you typically fund your 401(k) with pre-tax dollars, the more you contribute, the lower your taxable income. Plus, your earnings can grow tax deferred, so your money potentially can grow faster than it would if placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every year.

By following these suggestions, and by taking advantage of the return of your 401(k) match, you can help maximize the value of your 401(k). And someday, you might be glad you did just that.

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Happiness is not a state you visit



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

All I have ever wanted for you was happiness! As I stand in front of my fireplace, I realized that I have surrounded myself with things that make me happy. Pam and Peggy's book the Happiness File taught me many wonderful ways to nurture myself and identify what really does make me happy. At first you don't know what makes you happy. You just know what does not make you happy.

For me it started with shining my sink. I knew that a sink full of dirty dishes made me as bad as that nasty water smelled. When I focused on that one habit of keeping my sink clean and shiny, I found happiness each morning. The joy of cooking returned because I was not already behind before starting to cook. That one little habit changed my life.

My next habit was decluttering for 15 minutes a day. I had held on to so many painful memories. The act of getting those out of my home gave me joy. I would never have to feel those unhappy memories again as I walked across the room. Now my home only has good memories. If an item becomes a bad memory I immediately declutter it.

I learned from the Happiness File that simple routines for the morning, afternoon and evening can free me up to enjoy the beauty that is all around me. With my work done I was free to play, free to create or free to just sit! No guilt! A life with no guilt is a happy life.

Do you want to find happiness? Just sitting and hoping that happiness will find you is not going to happen. It takes practice to find out what brings you joy. With The Happiness File, I was able to work on one habit each month to help me find my joy.

With this habit of practicing new things each month I found my calling in life! I built my very own happiness file right under my own roof. I had happy places in every room of my home: My kitchen had a clean and shiny sink, my living room had my favorite chair and a clean coffee table, my bedroom had a comfy bed that was made and my bathroom was clean an inviting each time I went in there. That was a lot because I was drinking my water and taking care of myself.

Happiness is not a state you visit for a short period to time. It is a place you reside. Make your home your happiness file and you will find the joy your have been searching for right under your own roof.

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS, check out her website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or her book, Sink Reflections published by Bantam and her New York Times Best Selling book, Body Clutter published by Fireside. Copyright 2010 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

Sudoku Solution

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2	6	4	3	5	9	8	1	7
1	3	5	4	7	8	6	2	9
5	2	7	1	4	3	9	6	8
4	8	9	2	6	7	1	3	5
6	1	3	9	8	5	2	7	4
8	9	1	7	3	6	4	5	2
3	5	2	8	1	4	7	9	6
7	4	6	5	9	2	3	8	1

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School Board Appreciation Month



BISD School Board Trustees - Pictured from front row from left: Brad Coe, Robert Westbrook, Mark Frerich and John Paul Schuster. Second row: Tony Molinar, Sondra Meil, Dan Laws and Tony Ashley.

By Robert Westbrook
BISD Superintendent

I would like to take this time to extend a heartfelt thank you to each of the Brackett ISD School Board members. Governor Rick Perry has declared January as School Board Recognition Month. Our school board members, President John Paul Schuster, Vice President Sondra Meil, Secretary Tony Molinar, Tony Ashley, Brad Coe, Dan Laws and Mark Frerich, are individuals who are uncompensated and, all too often, unsung for their efforts. These seven individuals unselfishly serve on one of the most important executive committees because they care; they care about our community, they care about our schools and, most importantly, they care about our children. While our regular monthly scheduled board meetings are the second Monday of each month, often times we have to have special meetings to address various issues. This often means a member has to juggle their own work schedule in order to attend the meeting. They are always willing to make personal sacrifices to accommodate the

needs of the district. Personally, I would like to thank each of our board members for donating their time to make sure Brackett ISD is at its best.

The School Board is vital because it governs the policies and procedures for schools set by federal and state guidelines. Although the regular school timeline for teachers and students is late August through June, the administration and school board have to work throughout the year to ensure all goals and objectives are met. Again, we celebrate the self-sacrifice and donation of time from these individuals.

Throughout the year, certain agenda items have to be met. Generally speaking, in education, summertime is usually thought of as vacation time. However, for the school board and administration, summer is one of the busiest times of the year. During the summer months, a small example of some of the items for discussion are district goal development, review of proposed budget, budget development, review of preliminary TAKS results, review of student and staff handbooks,

review/approve the code of conduct and approve salary schedules. Summertime also includes the resignations of some and the hiring of others. When you see a school board member, please thank them for their never-ending community service.

School board members not only have to meet and discuss these issues, but also field questions and concerns from local citizens, parents, teachers and students about policies and procedures of the district. As always, the school board and superintendent maintain an open communication base to keep one another apprised of school business and day to day operations.

It is not an easy job, as you can see from just a few examples listed above, to take so much time without pay, but these individuals do it for the sole reason of giving our Brackett students the best education possible. Please join me in saying a heartfelt, "THANK YOU" to President John Paul Schuster, Vice President Sondra Meil, Secretary Tony Molinar, Tony Ashley, Brad Coe, Dan Laws and Mark Frerich for their devotion to Brackett ISD.

SBOE gives final approval to graduation plan changes; delays first reading on social studies standards

AUSTIN - The State Board of Education on Friday gave final approval to changes in the state's graduation plans, including reversing a plan to phase out the Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC) course for the Recommended High School Program. Members approved dozens of amendments to the draft social studies Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills curriculum standards and will continue that review process in March. The members extensively reviewed and amended the TEKS for kindergarten through eighth grade social studies classes, as well as amending the 11th grade U.S. History since Reconstruction course. They will review and possibly amend the other high school courses and then approve all the social studies TEKS for first reading and filing authorization at the March 10-12 meeting. This vote will initiate the official 30-day public comment period. Prior to giving final approval to the changes to the state's graduation plans, the board voted to maintain the IPC course as a science credit on the Recommended High School Program. The board had previously voted to phase the course out. Under the plan ap-


proved last week, students on the Recommended High School Program must take a biology, a chemistry and a physics course. They may earn the fourth science credit in IPC but, if they take that course, the class must be successfully completed prior to taking chemistry and physics classes. The board also amended physical education (P.E.) requirements to effectively cap the number of P.E. credits that can be earned at four. While only one P.E. credit is required for graduation, the credits can be earned by taking any combination of the following classes: Foundations of Personal Fitness, Adventure/Outdoor Education; Aerobic Activities and Team or Individual Sports. Credit for any of those courses may be earned through

participation in athletics or Junior ROTC or appropriate private or commercially-sponsored physical activity programs for a maximum of four credits or participation in marching band, cheerleading or drill team for up to one credit. Other changes given final ratification include:

- Eliminating the requirement that students take a health class;
- Eliminating the requirement that students take a technology applications class;
- Increasing the number of elective credits to 7.5 for the Minimum Graduation Program and 4.5 for the DAP. Those changes bring the Minimum and Distinguished Achievement Programs into alignment with changes made by the Legislature to the Recommended High School Program.

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Jr. High Boys Basketball

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| <p>Boys A Team:
Jan. 8 Comstock Tournament:
Brackett 36 -
Del Rio White 16
Edgar De Leon - 12 Pts.
Paul Resendez - 6
Saul Talamantes - 4
Isaiah Clementz - 4
Brandon Sandoval - 4
Hernan Talamantes - 4
Jose Falcon - 2</p> <p>Jan. 9
Brackett 28 - Rocksprings 25
Brandon Sandoval - 8
Saul Talamantes - 8
Isaiah Clementz - 4
Jose Falcon - 4
Edgar De Leon - 2</p> <p>Jan. 9 Championship Game:
Brackett 34 - Ozona 23
Brandon Sandoval - 12</p> | <p>Isaiah Clementz - 8
Saul Talamantes - 6
Edgar De Leon - 6
Wyatt Blake - 2</p> <p>Jan. 14
Brackett 35 - Medina 17
Isaiah Clementz - 10
Saul Talamantes - 8
Edgar De Leon - 7
Brandon Sandoval - 6
Forrest Maddox - 2
Paul Resendez - 2</p> <p>Team A record stands at 7-1, after the Medina game.</p> <p>Boys B Team:
Jan. 14
Brackett 39 - Medina 6
David Ortega - 11
Blake Duncan - 10
Sabastian Salinas - 8
Ryan Lindhorst - 6</p> | <p>Matt Gutierrez - 2
Colten Stephenson - 2</p> <p>Jan. 16 Knippa Tournament
Brackett 20 - Knippa 34
Colten Stephenson - 4
Matt Gutierrez - 4
Christian Quiroz - 2
Webb Ashley - 2
Ryan Lindhorst - 2
Blake Duncan - 2
Tino Flores - 2
Jose Talamantes - 2</p> <p>Jan. 16
Brackett 22 - La Pryor 26
Colten Stephenson - 6
Jose Talamantes - 4
David Ortega - 4
Blake Duncan - 4
Matt Gutierrez - 2
Sabastian Salinas - 2</p> <p>Record for the B team stands at 3-2 after this weekend.</p> |
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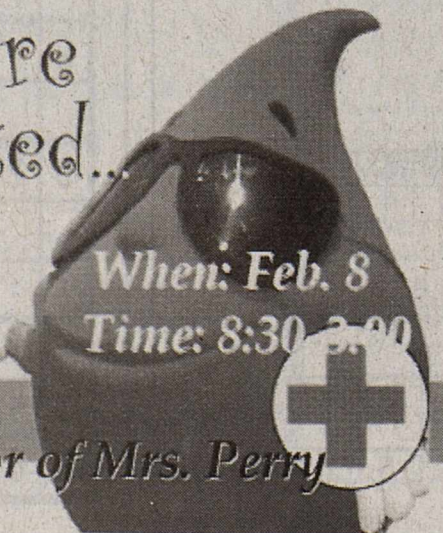
Every two seconds someone in the US needs blood. Just one unit of donated blood can help save the lives of up to three people. When you make a blood donation, you join a very select group. Currently only 3 out of every 100 people in America donate blood.

So please come out to Brackett High School February 8, 2010 and help make a difference. The time will be anywhere from 8:30 a.m. till 3:30 p.m.

This year is a very special year due to the fact this blood drive will be in honor of Mrs. Brenda Perry. Mrs. Perry is a beloved teacher who is bravely battling cancer. She has impacted many lives from students to coworkers to friends. Mrs. Perry, We wish you strength and courage and we are all behind you. Our prayers are with you. God Bless!

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You're
Invited...



When: Feb. 8
Time: 8:30 - 3:00

In honor of Mrs. Perry

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A cryptogram is a puzzle where a sentence is encoded by substituting the actual letters of the sentence with different letters. The challenge of the puzzle is to 'decode' the sentence to reveal the original English sentence. We have provided a few of the decoded letters to help get you started.
Hint: Quote by Martin Luther King Jr.
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Sudoku Answer Page 2
The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

7				5				
2	4	3						7
		4						
5	2			9	8			
			6					5
		3	9			7		
9	1		3	4	5			
5							9	
4				2	3			

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Friday, January 8

9:30am Moises Contreras, 23, of Mexico was arrested for Drinking While intoxicated and with open container. Contreras was released on January 12 to Bexar County.

Monday, January 11

7:45am A woman called to report a deer was caught on the fence at her house. The Game Warden was informed of the situation.

12:44pm A woman made a call from California Police Department to report a woman had called her from Kinney County to report two missing persons and were last seen in San Marcos, Tx. A deputy was informed of the situation.

8:30pm Sentry Security called to report the alarm had been triggered at the Brackett ISD. A deputy was informed.

Tuesday, January 12
6:39am A caller reported an individual had fallen down and needed help. Ems was informed

and en route to the location.

7:33am Senuary Alarm called to report the alarm going off at Brackett ISD central office. A deputy was notified and en route.

9:10am A woman called to report someone trespassing on her property and had cut the dogs collar. The City Officer was informed and en route to the location.

Thursday, January 14

10:47pm A woman called to report her son had seen a man in Pico's drop a bag of something that appeared to be a bag of marijuana to the store clerk. She mentioned the person had drove off in a brown and tan car. A deputy was advised of the situation.

Friday, January 15

11:01am A deputy informed SO he was going to Hwy 334 to meet with an individual in reference of some illegals in his ranch.

Saturday, January 16

4:45 pm A woman called to

report she had previously talked to a deputy of juveniles harassing her son. She stated the harassment has been continuing. A deputy was informed of the situation.

10:15pm A caller reported a suspicious vehicle parked half way on the road and half on the parking lot of the Head Start School. She mentioned the car doors were open and the hazards lights were flashing. A deputy was advised of the incident.

Sunday, January 17

10:55 pm Casandra C. Ruiz, 28, Magnolia, Tx, was arrested on a theft warrant for \$1,500 < \$20,000 felony theft. Ruiz was released with a PR bond.

12:21pm A woman called to speak to a deputy in reference of her brother in law boughtering her and her husband. A deputy was notified of the situation.

9:45pm A woman called to report she had woken up and found her front door was wide open. She requested a deputy to go by and check the residence.

Las Moras Ladies Golf Club



Photo Courtesy to *The Brackett News* - The ladies first golf meeting for 2010 had approximately 15 members present. The Ladies golf tournament was confirmed for the 1st & 2nd of March, this tournament will be a two day tournament, all ladies that are a member of the Las Moras Ladies Golf club are invited to come out and play. The women were also so asked to help with the Las Moras 21st Invitational Tournament the 20th and 21st of March. After our meeting we had 12 ladies brave the cold and wet to play in the once a month scramble with our nine hole group, the team of Deb Tischler, Sue Spencer, Dee Curry and Shirley Canfield won with a score of 34 on 9 holes.

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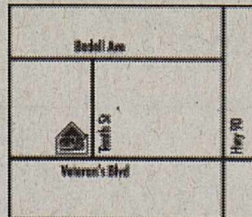


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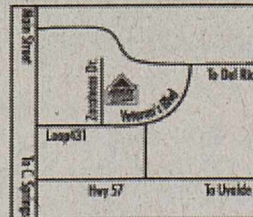
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- NEW LISTING: 39 Oak Lane- Beautiful multi-level, steel-framed home with 3BR/2B, open floor plan + large alternate family room 2900 sq. ft +/- UNDER CONTRACT
 - FAIRWAY CIRCLE, Golf Course lots 67,68 - \$9,500
 - 89 WARD: Price Reduced Awesome 4BR/3B Family Home with Bonus and Media Rms. 3000 sqft. +- Huge Reduction to \$155,000
 - 29 LAMOTTE: 3/2/2 Stucco hm w/ tiled floors, FP in large kitchen/ breakfast rm. Screened porch overlooking green area. Reduced \$124,900.
 - 132 DE ZAVALA: Adorable A-Frame 2BR/1B w/ 300sq. ft. Loft area, 1100 +/- sq. ft. Reduced \$35,000.
 - 23 OAK LANE: Custom Built Home 3BR/2B on large, fenced corner lot. Backyard Cabana. UNDER CONTRACT
 - ANDERSON/TRAVIS: Cute 3BR/1.5B on 1 lot \$42,500.
 - 80 BAYLOR: Home in Historical District 3BR/2B Approx. 1836 sq. ft. \$60,000. UNDER CONTRACT
 - FAIRWAY CIRCLE: 2 golf course lots. Walking distance from Las Moras creek. \$25,000. Great Location
 - UNIT 14: RV lot w/ metal cover 8 x 10 Morgan bldg. + washer/dryer hookups. \$32,000 Reduced to sell @ \$22,000
 - NEW LISTING 240 POMPEY 3 lots. Great location \$30,000.

- BRACKETTVILLE
- 109 W. SPRING ST.: Downtown Brackettville 4,400sq. ft. Great Rental Property!
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- ACREAGE
- 191 ACRES - Carta Valley
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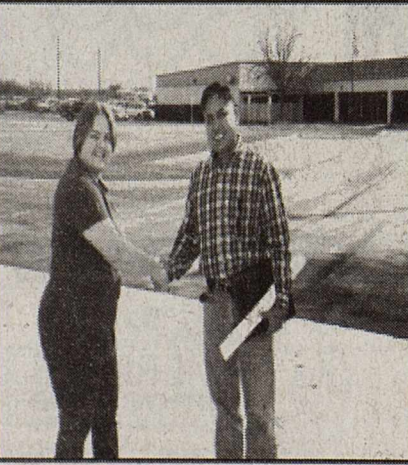
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Co-op Pleased to Annouce New Parking Available

The completion of the new parking lot construction at Rio Grande Electric Co-op in Brackettville was completed ahead of schedule under the leadership of Engineering Technician Brandi Bubela.

She shook hands with Principal Engineer of

Amistad Consulting Services, Inc. Abner Martinez (who is also a Co-op member), who gave the project a final inspection before officially opening it to the public.

This new design will provide better drainage, and will accommodate members and visitors—those with RVs, trailers, big trucks, motorcycles, the handicapped, as well as add to the pleasantry of the surroundings. Even the trees have undergone extensive pruning, and improved landscaping is forthcoming.



Snow-bird Brian Gresty from England was the first member to drive onto the new parking lot.

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 TXism: "___ of bones" (skinny)

5 TX Wiley Post was the 1st to fly ___ around the world

6 TX Audie film: "To ___ and Back"

7 West TX climate

8 TXism: "bought a pig ___ poke"

9 Switzer coached at this university

17 monthly expense

19 "Fugitive" TX actor Tommy

20 Astros' Drabek won ___ Young award in '90

21 TXism: "beats anything I ___ saw"

22 Cowboys league

24 laden with salsa ___ (broken)

30 mountain in Culberson Co.

34 Yo ___ Digo Creek

35 TXism: "___ white flag" (give up)

36 TXism: "I'm all ___" (attentive)

37 TX Kristofferson's "Sunday Mornin' ___ Down"

39 "mop lady" actress from San Antonio

43 Texans don't duel with this

44 tasty pastry

45 TXism: "___ 2-steps to his own beat"

46 TX McMurtry's "The ___ Picture Show"

48 TX Howard Hughes once dated this famous actress Jean

50 TXism: "content with all creation" (overcome)

53 Waco native comedian & actor Martin (init.)

54 TXism: "___ humid my upper lip is mildewing"

55 TWU's 1st woman pres.: Mary Evelyn Blagg

56 university that beat A&M in '93 Cotton Bowl (abbr.)

57 Tex-Mex restaurant chain

60 TXism: "it'll take a faith healer to ___" (broken)

61 this agcy. sold TX property after S & L scandal (abbr.)

62 Astro pitcher stat

63 "King's Salt" lake: El ___ del Rey

DOWN

1 TXism: "thick ___ on a dog's back"

2 Cascade Caverns are near this town

3 airport between Denton & Ft. Worth

4 TX Orbison had several ___ records

9 good ___ boy

10 TXism: "hard work ___ fences up"

11 blue jeans Strauss

12 what Jerry Jones flies in (2 wds.)

13 Carswell AFB namesake

14 TXism: "happy as a kid ___ Santa's lap"

15 film of 53-across: "Dead ___ Don't Wear Plaid"

16 TXism: "thick ___ a garbage dump"

18 nickname of TX Earl Campbell (2 wds.)

23 San Antonio street: ___ Chaney

24 George H. to George W. (abbr.)

25 TX Utilities agcy.

26 TX Mandrell tune: "Sleeping Single ___ Double Bed"

ANSWER PG. 2

38 TX singer "Loaf"

40 TXism: "beer shed"

41 TX high school sports assoc. (abbr.)

42 Texas State ___ Institute

47 Ft. Worth defendant Cullen (init.)

49 TX Ranger "Lone ___ McQuade"

51 TXism: "birthday ___" (skated)

52 state fair's "Big ___" in 1839 & 1881, these destroyed the capitol buildings

59 TXism: "to boot"