

### Back to school supplies



Photo by Bonnie Arnold

**HALSEY BASCOM** of The Salvation Army staff (left) accepted donations of school supplies from Debbie Barron and Joyce Mechler of the Kerr County Women's Chamber at last week's monthly luncheon, after members brought their donations to the meeting.

## Growth at Greystone nets addition of new staff for upcoming year

Greystone Preparatory School recently hired two additional employees as it prepares for its largest incoming class.

"Since its beginning in 2004 at Schreiner University, the Greystone program has grown in student enrollment, as well as in recognition nationwide to the point of needing additional experienced hands on deck," says Commander David Bailey, USN (Ret.), Greystone founder and executive director. "I'm proud to bring on board Tom Vortmann as our deputy director and Mimi McMurrey as our administrative assistant. Their individual and collective experiences align well with Greystone's one-of-a-kind, university-level academy prep program, which serves students who wish to attend one of the five Federal service academies."



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**GREYSTONE** at Schreiner University has expanded its staff as it makes preparations for the incoming 2010-11 class. Standing from left is Mimi McMurrey, Commander David Bailey and Captain Tom Vortmann.

Vortmann comes to Greystone with an established marketing and public relations background coupled with a strong military influence. A retired Navy Captain, Vortmann received his BA degree in political science from the University of California, Berkeley. Most recently, he headed the marketing and public relations department at the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg.

English Language Arts, Social Studies and Speech, has taught within Kerr County for the past few years. Previous to her teaching career, she was a corporate and freelance writer. McMurrey received her Bachelor of Journalism from the University of Texas at Austin.

Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University is a unique program that combines intense academy preparation with a chal-

lenging university education for high school graduates committed to earning their appointments to one of the five Federal service academies. In the last seven years, 98 percent of all Greystone graduates were accepted into military officer programs and 90 percent of those graduates earned their academy appointments. This success rate remains unmatched by any other academy preparatory program in the nation.

## Lemonade

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have to be comfortable talking to people."

"It teaches me about profit," Price said. And his mother added, "He's my saver. Fisher likes spending more."

This year, the boys' friend Tanner wanted to help, and Price was the one who negotiated with him about how much Tanner would be paid for his two days of work. They settled on a set payment of \$40.

"I think it's fun and I'd do it for free," Price said.

Ruthie said they have friends and neighbors who wait each year for their signs to go up, and ask when it's time to be repeat customers.

"That's because we keep stressing with the boys that they have a good product and they're always nice to people," she said.

The boys help cut and squeeze the lemons, while mom has prime responsibility for the cookies.

"She made the cookies and we sold out the first day," Price said.

The boys said they made between \$75 and \$100 the first year, with mom's more extensive help.

This summer, the boys cleared \$150 each; and convinced customers to donate toward the dog rescue efforts of D&D Canine Concepts to the tune of \$100; and gathered \$200 in donations for a local search and rescue dog named Freckles who needs surgery.

Then the boys each gave \$50 out of their profits to D&D to make that total \$200.

"Mom usually gives us each a little to spend and then she puts the rest into our savings account," Fisher said.

The boys' possible profits are made larger each summer by their mom not asking them to repay her for the overhead of her supplies for the lemons or sugar or cups or candy.

"They don't pay me back for all that, so we don't add it up, but they understand all that," she said.

But she does go to the bank for a supply of quarters for the change, and takes that back out of their funds after they've made enough.

"That was hard for them to understand, and it finally clicked, especially with Price, about three years ago," she said.

For the foreseeable future, the Diharce boys plan to offer their annual two-day lemonade stand at

their home.

"It depends on where you live. If you have enough money to start up, and enough people to taste it and spread the word, it would be worth it," Fisher said.

For entertainment, Price and Fisher said they like to swim and ride their bikes, and Fisher plays golf, including in the STPGA Junior Series the last three years.

Price said he plays tennis and also plays baseball, basketball and football.

This summer, they're also on their father's payroll, working about two hours a day at his Steamatic business doing what Ruthie calls "manual labor." Price said they sometimes sweep floors or fold blankets in his storeroom.

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## Unity Church to review 'The Shadow Effect'

Unity Church of the Hill Country, 413 Lois St., offers an open discussion and review of "The Shadow Effect" by Debbie Ford on Tuesday, Aug. 24, from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

"The Shadow Effect" looks at why suppressed emotions and unresolved internal conflicts lead

to behavior that continually unseats politicians, destroys celebrity careers, destabilizes the economy and affects the lives of millions each year, according to facilitator Rev. Patty Edwards.

"We will talk about those who have learned to face their terror, heal their wounds and embrace

their higher, heroic selves to overcome the shadow effect," Edwards said.

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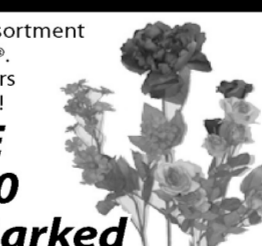
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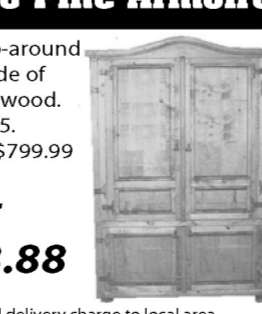
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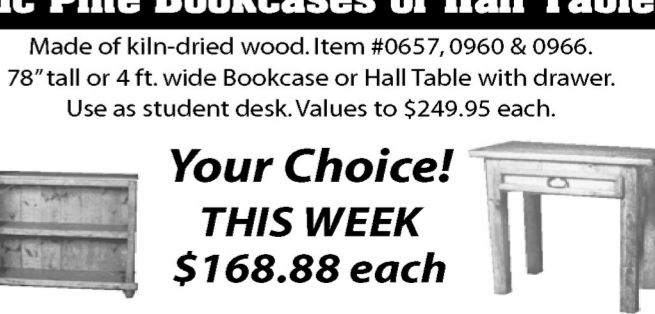
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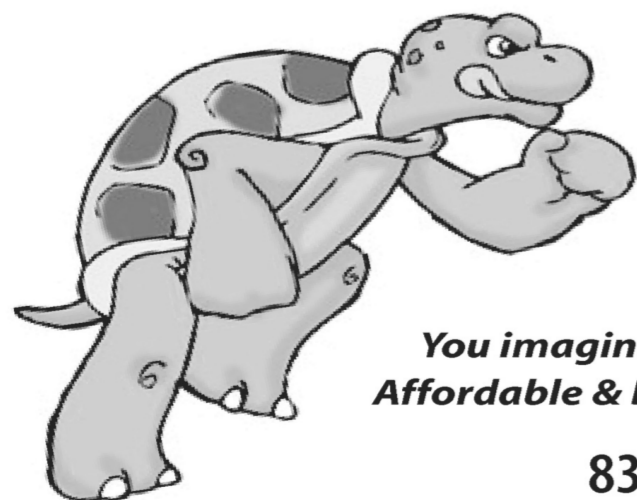
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