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Water district has meeting scheduled with state officials

The Kinney County Underground Water Conservation District will hold a special meeting next Thursday afternoon at 1:15 at the Courthouse.

Personnel from the Texas Water Development Board will present briefings on management procedures and recharge of aquifers in Kinney County at the special meeting.

FCS to celebrate Fourth on Saturday

Fort Clark Springs is celebrating the Fourth of July on Saturday with a live radio broadcast with KDLK and KJLK from 5 to 9 p.m., fireworks in front of the Empty Saddle Statue at dark, and a DJ dance at the Swim Park from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Government offices close for holiday

All federal, county and city government offices are closed today in observance of July 4.

The Brackett News and The Bank and Trust are also closed today. In addition, City Hall and the Kinney Courthouse will also be closed on Friday.

Agents apprehend 82 in Brackettville

DEL RIO — U.S. Border Patrol agents made 82 apprehensions in Brackettville during the period of June 24-30, officials announced.

There were 622 total apprehensions made in the Del Rio Sector, including 267 in Eagle Pass, 146 in Carrizo Springs, 108 in Uvalde, 66 in Del Rio, 39 in Abilene, 14 in both Rocksprings and San Angelo, 12 in Comstock and five in Llano.

Agents in the Del Rio sector seized 1,085.6 pounds of marijuana, valued at \$868,480.

Two men injured in one-vehicle rollover

U.S. Border Patrol agents from the Uvalde Station discovered a single-vehicle rollover accident Monday approximately 15 miles south of Uvalde on Highway 83.

Two male occupants of the vehicle were transported to Uvalde Memorial Hospital for treatment of their injuries.

Company offers to fund water study

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

A company with interests in marketing local water has offered to pay for a study of the Pinto Valley's groundwater resources.

The announcement was made last week in a letter from Lynn Sherman of the Native Valley Cooperative to the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District.

The Native Valley Cooperative is made up of water experts who are working with Kinney

County landowners to convert water rights historically used for irrigation in Pinto Valley into municipal water supplies.

In his letter, Sherman said the cooperative "would like to join the district in a cooperative study of the hydrogeologic characteristics of Pinto Valley, its aquifers and recharge capabilities, and the effect of water production on surrounding areas and environmental features, including Las Moras Springs.

"We are prepared to fund the study at our expense and will work closely with the district on

the selection of a mutually agreeable governmental entity ... to do the work," the letter continues. "As a sign of our sincerity in working with the district in this endeavor, we will agree to a moratorium on producing any water from Pinto Valley for municipal purposes during the 6- to 12-month period during which the study is underway."

Sherman is a water attorney and a former executive manager of governmental affairs for the Lower Colorado River Authority.

The recent formation of the

Native Valley Cooperative combines the Kinney County assets and interests of Pinto Valley Ventures and Secret Valley Water.

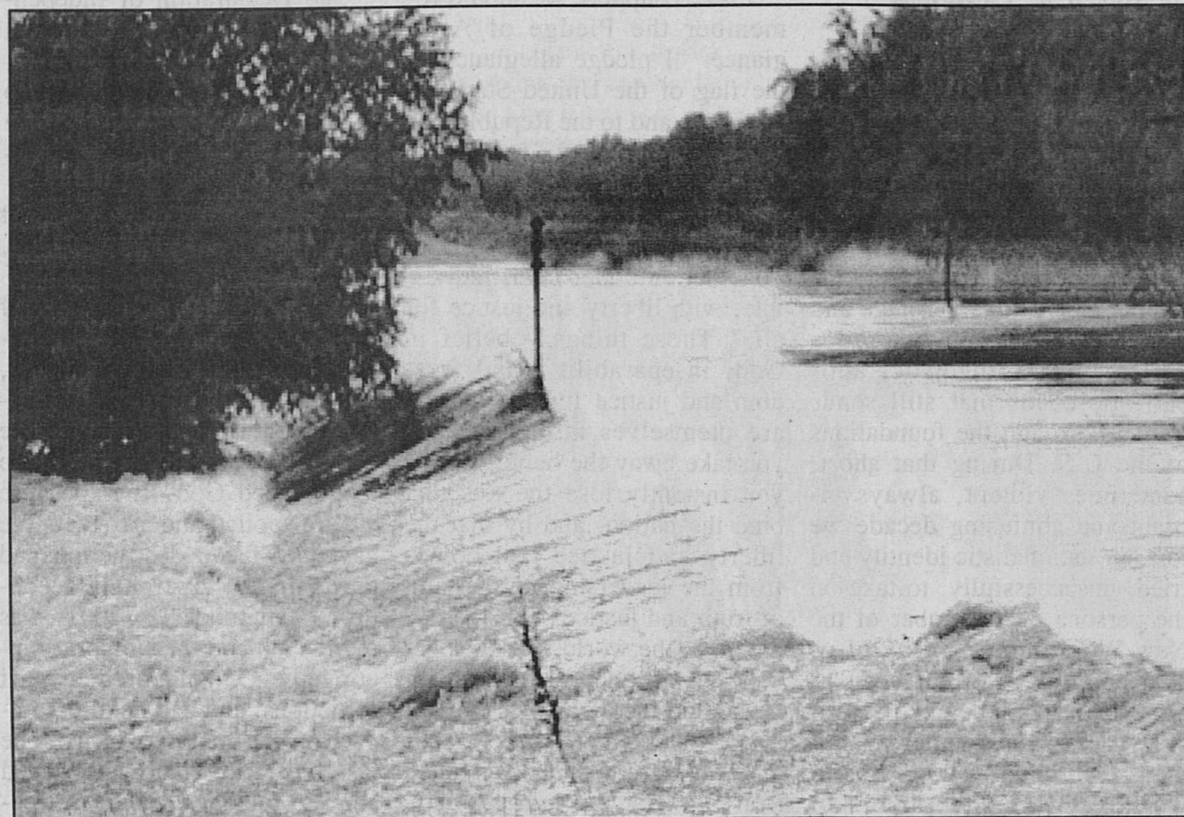
"With respect to Kinney County, we are committed to preserving the integrity of its economy and protecting its natural resources," Sherman said in the letter to the district. "We want interested parties to be comfortable with the elements of our project. Understanding the nature and extent of the groundwater resources within Pinto Valley (our pri-

mary area of interest) is imperative to sound management of the resource — both yours and ours."

On June 20, William Dugat III, an attorney with the Texas Water Development Company — the general partner of Secret Valley Water — sent a 13-page letter to the local officials outlining concerns with the draft of the rules the groundwater conservation district is considering. Included in the concerns are:

■ The draft says agriculture well or agricultural irrigation

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Heavy rains drench Kinney County

Water pours over the Elm Creek Bridge on F.M. 2804 early Tuesday morning. Rainfall amounts exceeded 5 inches in the immediate area.

Photo by Wes Robinson

Commissioners to begin interviewing applicants for road and bridge administrator on Monday

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

Kinney County officials will begin interviewing candidates for a new road and bridge administrator Monday during the monthly Commissioners Court meeting.

Cliff Fritter resigned as road and bridge administrator during the court's June meeting.

During a subsequent special meeting on June 14, the commissioners decided to advertise the position for two weeks in *The Brackett News*, and in the news-

papers in Del Rio and Uvalde.

"We need to get the best person that is available," said Pat Melancon, commissioner of Precinct 4. "I don't want to rush the selection process."

The position has an annual salary of \$20,579.53 for a first-year county employee.

Also, during the special meeting, the commissioners approved the recommendation of the Grade and Step Committee concerning Bobby Guidry, a jailer in the Sheriff's Office.

At the request of Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess, Guidry was

raised from a reserve deputy to a full-time deputy. He had previously served as a full-time deputy.

Guidry is the only employee in the Sheriff's Office that is licensed as both a deputy and a jailer.

The commissioners also voted to apply for designation of the Kinney County Courthouse as a historical landmark in the Texas Registry of Historical Landmarks.

Monday's commissioners court meeting will begin at 9 a.m.

School to maintain three kindergarten classes despite an enrollment decline

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

Despite dwindling enrollment figures, Brackett ISD officials are going to continue to have three kindergarten classes.

Parents of four kindergarten students attended this month's School Board meeting, and asked the trustees not to cut back to two classes. Superintendent Taylor Stephenson assured the parents that the district will still have three classes.

In the past five years, Jones Elementary has had from 42 to 53 kindergarten students enrolled. Currently, the district has 38 students enrolled, which includes pre-kindergarten, Headstart retentions and early registration.

"Class size is something you obviously have to be aware of," Stephenson said. "You have to be cognizant of pupil-teacher ratio. It is more essential in the lower grades than when the kids get older because so much of their education is formed."

"We are experiencing a decline in the projected number of kindergartners next year. Legally, we could only require two teachers, if the numbers projected stay the same, but the request was to have the third teacher in there to allow for a

Enrollment

The following are enrollment figures for kindergarten students at Jones Elementary as provided by Brackett ISD:

Year	Number of Students
1997-98	48
1998-99	54
1999-00	42
2000-01	53
2001-02	47
2002-03*	38

* Reflects the number of students currently enrolled, including pre-kindergarten, Headstart retentions and early registration.

smaller pupil-teacher ratio. It is more expensive to have smaller classes, and we do have some smaller ones here. We have hopes that we can continue to maintain that."

He hopes the third kindergarten teacher will be hired at the next School Board meeting on Monday.

In addition, the school district is hoping to hire a new band director next week. Melvin Settlemire had been hired to fill the position, but he has since resigned.

"He took another position at another district," Stephenson said. "He was within the legal amount of time to resign."

Promotion pays off for Fort Clark

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

A Fort Clark Springs promotion resulted in the sale of 20 family recreation memberships, general manager Maggie Banner-Kerr recently announced.

"Several months ago, the board voted to set aside 50 family recreation memberships," Banner-Kerr said. "A family recreation membership allows you a membership to this fort, access to all 2,700 acres as a full-member; the only thing is you do not own property. You also cannot serve on the board, but you can vote in the election."

The 20 family recreational memberships were sold at \$400 apiece, bringing in \$8,000. Banner-Kerr said the association spent \$2,800 in radio promotions and \$2,000 in newspaper advertising, leaving a profit of \$3,200.

"I am probably going to slow down on the promotional part of it at the end of June and we will see what the after-effects are," Banner-Kerr said at last month's Board of Directors meeting.

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Bonilla calls on court to reverse ruling on Pledge Of Allegiance

WASHINGTON — Moments after a California court ruled the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional, U.S. Rep Henry Bonilla rounded up colleagues and headed to the steps of the U.S. Capitol. Standing close to House Speaker Dennis Hastert, Bonilla and his colleagues joined together and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

"Gathering at the Capitol steps was a sign of solidarity. It was an opportunity for every member of Congress to say before God and our country that we adamantly disagree with this ruling. In fact, we find it outrageous. We will not step aside and allow this injustice to take place," Bonilla said.

In the hours that followed the court ruling, Bonilla became an original co-sponsor of legislation that urges the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to rehear the case and reverse its ruling. The legislation calls the ruling inconsistent with the First Amendment and advises that the phrase "One Nation, under God" remain in the pledge.

"I cannot imagine what the court was thinking," Bonilla

said. "We all recognize the separation of church and state, but this takes litigation to an inconceivable level. The court's decision tells students and teachers across America that they cannot display their patriotism. Now, more than ever, our country needs outlets and opportunities to honor our nation's traditions and history."

The California court case was brought by an atheist, who objected that the school district in which his second-grade daughter was enrolled encouraged students to recite the pledge. If the ruling is allowed to stand, schoolchildren will be prohibited from reciting the pledge.

"This decision lacks common sense," Bonilla said. "A simple two-word reference to God does not eliminate the separation of church and state. Students are not required or forced to recite the words 'under God,' or for that matter, the entire pledge. It is the duty of the court system to rehear this case. I strongly urge the court to reverse their earlier decision. One way or another, we will fix this damage."



Reciting the pledge

Henry Bonilla leads the Pledge of Allegiance on the steps of the U.S. Capitol. Pictured with him are Texas staff members from Bonilla's office. A California court ruled last week that the Pledge of Allegiance is unconstitutional. Bonilla has co-sponsored legislation calling for the court to reverse their decision.

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Bonilla authored legislation in 1999 to allow students and supporters to pray before sporting events. His resolution was overwhelmingly approved by the House of Representatives.

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Taylor Stephenson

This Fourth of July, our nation celebrates its 226th birthday. It has been a difficult year for our country, which was founded on the principle of freedom and equality for all.
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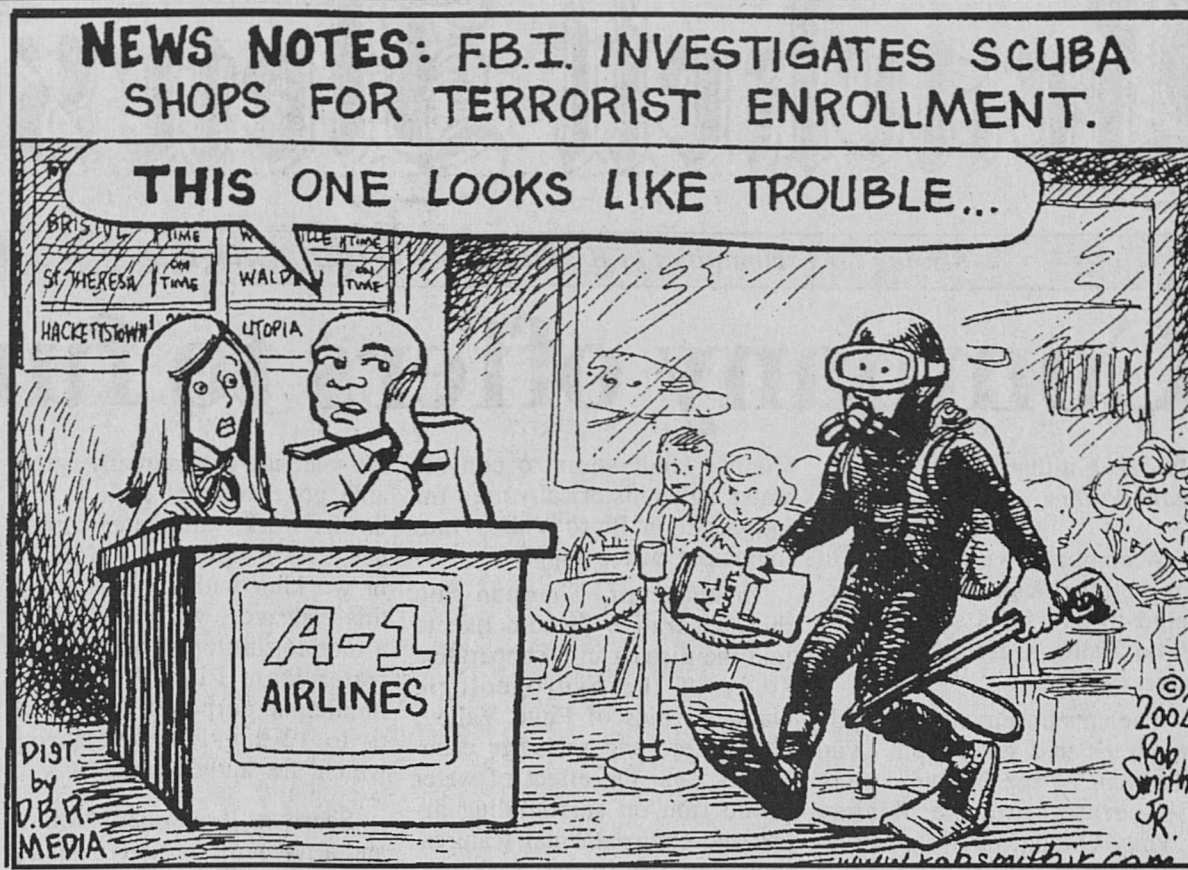
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Mud puddles and dandelions

But I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

I stole this from an e-mail Sue Castro sent me. When I look at a patch of dandelions, I see a bunch of weeds that are going to take over my yard. My kids see flowers for Mom and blowing white fluff you can wish on. When I hear music I love, I know I can't carry a tune and don't have much rhythm so I sit self-consciously and listen. My kids feel the beat and move to it. They sing out the words. If they don't know them, they make up their own. When I feel wind on my face, I brace myself against it. I feel it messing up my hair and pulling me back when I walk. My kids

close their eyes, spread their arms and fly with it, until they fall to the ground laughing. When I pray, I say thee and thou and grant me this and give me that. My kids say, "Hi, God. Thanks for my toys and my friends. Sorry, I don't want to go to Heaven yet. I would miss my Mommy and Daddy." When I see a mud puddle I step around it. I see muddy shoes and dirty carpets. My kids sit in it. They see dams to build, rivers to cross, and worms to play with. I wonder if we are given kids to teach or to learn from? No wonder God loves the little children! Enjoy the little things in life, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things. But I could be wrong.



Celebrate Freedom

By Henry Bonilla
U.S. Representative, 23rd Dist.

This July fourth we will commemorate the birthday of our great nation. The Fourth of July is a day of celebration. It is a red-white-and-blue day of barbecues and fireworks. It is also a day of family reunions and loving tributes to the men and women who have created and defended our liberties. On this July Fourth, as we stand on Main Street USA and watch the parades pass by, reflect on the hard earned freedom we cherish. Celebrate the Fourth of July not only as a family holiday but a community holiday. This day commemorates the American family and our bonding as a free nation. In towns dotted all over Texas people know what it means to be free. We celebrate the fact that we live in strong and united communities. We recognize how blessed we are to enjoy unparalleled freedom - freedom that has been earned and protected at a high price. Let us not forget to give thanks on this day. On July 4, 1776, our founding fathers set up the greatest nation on the face of the planet. They knew that a truly free nation would not be defined in terms of its borders, but in its philosophy. For 223 years courageous Americans have risked their lives to adopt and maintain the true meaning of the Declaration of Independence: "...that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness..." As you celebrate this day, draw close to your neighbors and like one grateful family remember the sacrifices of the men and women throughout history who gave their lives for the freedom we enjoy and celebrate. Pass the brisket, slice a watermelon and draw your hand close to your heart when you see the banner of red, white and blue. I hope you and your family truly enjoy the birthday of our nation. Have a safe weekend and to all of my fellow Americans, Happy Fourth of July!

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What Independence Is Supposed To Mean

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

I look back on the almost 300-year history of the United States and see great pride and faith in the right, might, and righteousness of the nation - up until the 1960's. In the 1960's our nation left behind the total belief in our righteousness and in the correctness of our national heritage and national vision and entered a period of anti-jingoistic, anti-patriotic chaos that still sends tremors through the foundations of the U.S. During that short, sometimes violent, always vibrant and confusing decade we lost our nationalistic identity and tried, unsuccessfully, to take on the persona of a member of the New World Order. Many of us stopped thinking of ourselves as Americans and began to consider ourselves as merely humans embroiled in the crises of worldly "wars and rumors of wars." We left behind our Christian roots and became supporters of any religion that popped up on the horizons of consciousness. We embraced everything from American Indian pantheism, to Oriental self-worship, ancestor worship and witchcraft, to voodoo. The only religions that were unacceptable were those with roots in the Judeo-Christian belief in one God and Jesus Christ as the only path to salvation. If you wanted to worship crystals, talk to trees and rocks, and pray to dead lizards that was okay, just don't profess a belief in Jesus Christ as the Messiah. Well, this being the 4th of July and realistically our national birthday, I think it is time we looked at how important God was to the birth of this mighty nation, and what will happen when we dessert that

faith in the one true God. First, I suppose we should remember the Pledge of Allegiance: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." Look now at that last phrase: "one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." Those things - belief in God, inseparability, and freedom and justice for everyone - are themselves inseparable. If you take away the belief in God you instantly lose the ties that bind the nation, and by that the liberty and justice that comes from the leadership of the God of truth and justice. Tell me one nation in the world that does not believe in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that has the ideals of liberty and justice that is taken for granted in the United States. Our currency has a phrase on it that very succinctly tells the tale: "In God we trust." That is the national motto. And if we continue to trust in God, we will continue to prosper. Now think of the opposite of prosper and you will understand the alternative to trusting in God. Look at the total chaos, death and destruction - famine, drought and pestilence that is sweeping through Africa and you will, I hope, understand what is in store for us if the trend toward abandonment of God in the U.S. continues. Our schools are already turning into walled and wired fortresses, with regular events of unspeakable horror, primarily because we have forbidden God from entering there. Put God back into the schools, teach the bible, and the evil we see there now, will reverse itself. God is all-powerful, even in our high schools. The Declaration of Independence, the document in which we first stated our national will, reads: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." This says that the framers of our freedom knew and recognized that our rights, equality, and our very happiness are bestowed on us by God. Why have we now decided that we no longer need God? It is because we are spoiled and arrogant. We have not faced destruction and hardship for over half a century. September 11, 2001, was merely a hiccup, a temporary inconvenience compared to past afflictions, and had no direct impact on the majority of us. The last generation that had to bleed and die for our God-given freedom is passing away and we have no personal knowledge of what it means to sacrifice ourselves for our compatriots and for our nation. We are selfish and decadent and unworthy of the very freedom we take for granted. And I pray that God will somehow impress upon this nation the need to seek our salvation in Him, before He decides that we simply aren't worth the effort. And though I have used it before, I think that the following verse says it best. Joshua 24:15 - But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." NIV

Leaving no senior citizen behind

Submitted by Congressman **Ciro D. Rodriguez**

Washington, D.C.- As we all grow older, we hope to spend our golden years relaxing with our families and the tranquility of aging gracefully. Unfortunately, many seniors do not have the luxury of enjoying a well-earned retirement.

Instead of playing with grandchildren and taking vacations, they are too often faced with mounting medical bills and skyrocketing costs for medical care. In many cases, the financial burden of paying for prescriptions does not just require tighter budgeting for seniors, but forces them to choose between buying groceries and obtaining required medication. Access to reliable, safe, and affordable prescription drugs is vital to our nation's elderly. Prescription drugs enable our nation's seniors to live longer, healthier, and more fulfilling lives. However, since most seniors lack basic prescription coverage, too many of our seniors today go without. That's why Congress must find a real prescription drug solution that will cover all seniors. Hispanic seniors are especially vulnerable to this all too common predicament. Because many Hispanic seniors live on limited, fixed incomes, they are often forced to spend a much higher proportion of their resources on buying medication. Of Hispanic elderly, 66%

earn less than \$16,700, and 30% earn less than \$8,350 annually. Seniors near the poverty line, as most Hispanic seniors are, tend to pay more for their prescription medicines than do others. Hispanic seniors are also more than twice as likely to rely solely on Social Security for their retirement. Hispanics are the least likely to be covered by health insurance - 35% of Hispanics are uninsured, compared to 12% of Anglos. The Hispanic elderly population is expected to increase by 341% in just thirty years, a faster rate of growth than for any other ethnic group. In addition, Hispanics, especially the elderly, suffer a high incidence of chronic illnesses, such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease, which require high-cost prescription medicines. Many non-Hispanics simultaneously find themselves and their loved ones facing such dire conditions. Seniors deserve better, and Congress is in a position to help. While Congressional Republicans say they are committed to creating a Medicare prescription drug plan, their plan that would cover less than one-quarter of Medicare beneficiaries' drug costs over 10 years and would leave nearly half of all seniors with no drug coverage for part of each year. Instead, I support a plan to expand Medicare to offer a prescription drug benefit that is universal, affordable, dependable, and voluntary. In contrast, the Republican plan is a chaotic, confusing scheme to subsidize the insurance industry, rather than provide real help. Unlike the lip-service being paid by Republicans to this tragic problem, the Democratic prescription drug plan will not leave any seniors behind. The plan I support delivers on our stated desire to help senior citizens pay for their prescription costs. A survey by the Hispanic Business Roundtable found that over 90% of Latinos surveyed favor expanding Medicare to provide prescription coverage for senior citizens, as House Democrats have proposed. We owe it to our seniors to pass legislation that will help them all enjoy the golden years they have so rightfully earned. We simply must not leave seniors behind.

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School decreases budget by 4.3 percent

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

The Brackett School District's budget for the upcoming fiscal year is 4.3 percent lower than the budget for the current year. The School Board adopted the budget last week following a public hearing.

The total general operating budget for the 2002-03 school year is \$4,973,578, which is down from the \$5,196,774 in this year's general operating budget.

In addition, the district has a fund balance of \$1.2 million, which is up from the current fund balance of \$494,000.

"We use the fund balance to pay for major projects," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "We've received checks for roofing that went into fund balance."

"Most of the payments for the roofing will occur in the next fiscal year. So part of the money in the fund balance is money that we've gained from insurance,"

he said.

The biggest change in the new budget is costs for medical insurance for employees, which will increase from \$141,000 to \$189,000.

"The school districts that have 500 or fewer employees are mandated to provide this plan for their employees," Stephenson said. "It is costing our district a significant amount of money."

"We anticipated an increase of 40 percent participation because the state is helping pay for it. That makes our cost go up," said Dixie Brown, the district's business manager.

Also included in the budget were raises for all of the district's employees. Members of the support staff received an average raise of 4 percent.

Teachers received raises based on another year of experience, plus \$100 over the state salary schedule. The average raise for teachers was between 3 and 5 percent.

"We have very good teach-

BISD officials anticipate tax hike

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

Brackett school officials anticipate increasing the district's tax rate by 3 cents.

The current tax rate is \$1.2675 per \$100 valuation, but that figure is expected to increase to \$1.2975.

"The certified appraised value of the district will not come to us until late July," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "If everything holds up, it looks like it's going to be an increase of 3 cents, but we've got to wait until it comes."

If the tax rate is approved by the school board, the average increase for an average home in Brackettville would be \$7.11, according to figures released by the district.

"Our school district has one of the lowest tax rates in the state," said Dixie Brown, the school district's business manager. "We've kept it low for many years. The maximum rate is \$1.50, and that is before debt service. The rate that we're giving includes debt service."

Stephenson said this year's tax rate will effect caps placed on the school district in the future.

"We receive matching funds from the state based on local effort," he said. "Local effort is simply the local tax rate. When they have the local effort, the year before the new biennium, there is a cap that is placed on the amount of money that can be matched by state dollars. The total amount of tax dollars that we generate this year will set the cap for the next two school years, 2003-04 and 2004-05. It is a significant amount of dollars that would be generated so we have to be cognizant."

The superintendent said the school district tries to "pay as we go."

"We've been trying to do that by not increasing our bonds and the amount of money we pay on interest. When we make improvements, we try to look towards the future," Stephenson said.

He said the administration has studied the figures in order to plan for the future.

"You have to think about where the cap on your funds is going to be two years from now," Stephenson said. "We know that costs will not go down."

"The cap is caused by the state funding formula. I don't agree with that cap."

ers in Brackettville and we have an outstanding staff," Stephenson said.

"We have found this year in recruiting that the availability is much less than it has been in past

years. We have been able to recruit OK, but we have to think about what it takes to get people to come to Brackettville. One of the things we have to work on is our salaries. When we are in

a war for hiring teachers with other districts, we don't want to lose by \$50 or \$100. We want the best that we can find.

"We know we're isolated, but we have a great place to live. If

we can get them here, they usually stay — it's just a matter of getting them here. We get some very fine teachers here and we just want to be competitive," he added.

McMaster receives award from Rotary

The Brackettville Rotary Club held its annual meeting last Thursday night with members and their spouses attending.

Assistant District Governor Eamonn Grant of San Antonio was on-hand to install the newly-elected officers for the coming year.

The meeting was made festive by vases of flowers flanked by candles on the tables that were covered with white cloths. Ella Mae Chambers arranged the décor. Colorfully printed programs featured a photograph of the group. Bill Haenn, outgoing president, passed around a collection of pictures he had taken of speakers during the year for members and guests to view.

Grant spoke briefly about the Rotary Foundation and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative that was begun in 1988. Millions of volunteers have raised money and assisted in delivering and administering the oral polio vaccine to children in third-world countries since that time, and now pockets of resistance re-

main in only 10 polio-endemic nations. The goal of the Rotary Foundation is now to raise \$275 million to successfully complete the Eradication Initiative and bring Polio to an end.

Grant, along with fellow Rotarians, complemented Haenn for the excellent work he has done during his presidency. His camera work recorded meetings and fund-raisers. His most significant contribution, however, was in arranging for the club to sponsor exchange student Mathias Katzfuss from Germany and laying the groundwork for another exchange student to come here next year.

Grant then called forth Frances McMaster and presented her with the Paul Harris Fellowship award. This award is given when a club donates \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation in a member's name. This money is used in its humanitarian work that is done all over the globe.

McMaster was given an in-



Rotary Assistant District Governor Eamonn Grant (left) is shown with new Paul Harris Fellow Frances McMaster.

scribed medallion hung on a ribbon of blue and gold (Rotary's colors), and a pin designating her a recipient of the honor.

Grant installed the officers for the coming year. David Alexander, head agent for the U.S. Border Patrol at Brackettville, is the new president. Paula Renken, principal of

Jones Elementary School, is the president-elect. Chambers will serve a second year as secretary and treasurer. Frank Cheaney and Tino Guzman will serve on the Board of Directors.

Alexander spoke about his commitment to Rotary, his pride in being a Rotarian, and his goals for the coming year. He then adjourned the meeting.

Sheriff's Report

Monday, June 24

5:35 p.m., A woman called 911 to report an accident on Third and Gove Street. Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo and CP&L were advised.

6:42 p.m., Charles Thomas Ward, 21, of Brackettville was arrested for driving while intoxicated, first offense, by Chief Alonzo. Ward was released the next day on a PR Bond.

Tuesday, June 25

1:30 a.m., The Val Verde Sheriff's Office reported a 1990 Ford van possible drug carrier traveling east. Deputy Karl Chism was notified and followed the vehicle to Cline checkpoint.

4:41 p.m., A woman reported items were stolen from her.

Wednesday, June 26

8:53 a.m., A motorist reported an 18-wheeler was driving recklessly on Highway 90 west. DPS Trooper Tony Ashly responded to the call.

5:05 p.m., A U.S. Border Patrol agent from the Cline checkpoint reported an intoxicated driver.

5:27 p.m., A woman reported a possible unlicensed driver.

5:40 p.m., Fentin Edgar Criswell, 50, of Ore City was arrested for driving while intoxicated by Trooper Ashly.

Criswell was released Friday on a PR Bond.

Thursday, June 27

11:14 a.m., A woman reported that something had killed her goats. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter was advised.

Friday, June 28

11:15 p.m., Albino Eduardo Padilla, 24, of San Antonio was arrested for driving while intoxicated, first offense, by DPS Trooper Tully Welch. Tyerina Cruz Jr., 22, also of San Antonio, was arrested for public intoxication.

Saturday, June 29

5:20 a.m., A woman reported someone had hit or knocked on her door. Deputy Bobby Guidry responded.

6:30 p.m., A school employee reported someone had turned off the breakers in several buildings. Constable Cordelia Mendeke responded and advised the security company.

Sunday, June 30

8:28 p.m., A woman called 911 and reported that her husband was following her all the way to Del Rio and he was intoxicated. The Val Verde Sheriff's Office was advised about the situation.

10:35 p.m., A 911 caller said that a couple was fighting on the side of the road on Highway 277.

County sponsors water well screening next week

The Kinney County office of Texas Cooperative Extension is sponsoring a water well screening day for area residents next Thursday and Friday, July 11-12, at the Kinney County Civic Center.

The well screening is designed to inform private water well owners and users on the condition of their well water of possible contamination from two common contaminants. These contaminants are fecal coliform and nitrate.

The presence of fecal

coliform in water indicates that feces (bodily waste from humans or animals) may have contaminated the water. Water contaminated with feces has microorganisms present that can cause a number of waterborne diseases such as cholera, typhoid and dysentery.

Nitrates in ground water levels of 10 milligrams per liter is considered unsafe for human consumption. Nitrate levels above 10 milligrams per liter can disrupt the blood's ability to carry oxygen throughout the

body. Nitrate is converted to nitrite, which combines with hemoglobin, the chemical that carries oxygen in the blood, to form methemoglobin. Oxygen cannot bind with methemoglobin, therefore, oxygen is not carried throughout the body.

As a result, oxygen starvation occurs. This condition is called methemoglobinemia. If left untreated, death may result. Infants less than 6 months in age and young livestock are most susceptible.

The cost of the screening is free of charge as part of the Rio Grande Initiative.

To receive an approved water sampling bag and instructions for taking a water well sample, call the Kinney County Extension Office at 563-2442.

Only sampling bags from the Kinney County Extension Office will be used and all instructions for proper sampling followed to insure accurate results.

Promotion for new memberships pays off for fort

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As of May 31, the association had 8,000 total memberships, including 2,820 members in good standing, 753 delinquent members and 93 family recreation memberships. There are also 847 inactive members (memberships with deeded property which have become delinquent over 360 days) and 3,487 inventory memberships (memberships which were acquired in the NATT buy-out, assigned back to the association by a member or memberships with no property which were foreclosed on for nonpayment of dues).

Fort Clark Springs also has 798 total residential memberships, including 684 current memberships and 114 delinquent memberships.

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Eberts host Wisconsin winter Texan golf outing



Men participants Photo Special to The Brackett News

Men participants
Men participants in the Wisconsin Golf Outing were, back row (from left): Dick Ebert, Jerry McCauley and Jerry Weber. Middle row: Bob Miller, Tim Meredith, John Ballard and Pat Grant. Front row: Milo White, Bob Williamson, Hoagy Nelson and Walt Salyer.

The Wisconsin Winter Texan Summer Golf Outing was held in Menomonie, Wis., on June 19-21. The event was hosted by Dick and Lynn Ebert.

Wednesday's game was played at Chippewa Valley Golf Club in Menomonie. Gene Sheldon and Carol Dobrunz won first place for low gross with a score of 186, while Milo and Sheri White were second with a score of 196. Low net winners were Jerry McCauley and Bill Larson with a score of 152, and second place was Bob and Joyce Williamson with a score of 154.

Wild Ridge in Eau Claire, Wis., was the course of choice for Thursday's game. In the men's division, Walt Salyer won low gross with an 87, Tim Meredith won low net with a 73, and the longest putt on No. 9 was Jim Maderich. In the women's division, low gross

was won by Sheri White with a 96, low net was won by Marge Maderich with an 89, and the longest putt on No. 18 was sunk by Pat Alexsen.

Friday's game got rained out, but the group enjoyed playing cribbage at the Ebert cabin.

Attending the event were: Howard and Helen Peck, Tim and Janie Meredith, Milo and Sheri White, Jerry and Marian Weber, Walt and Eva Salyer, Gene and Mickey Sheldon, Bob and Joyce Williamson, Jim and Marge Maderich, Hoagy and Pat Nelson, Charlie and Pat Alexsen, John and Marilyn Ballard, Jerry and Mary McCauley, Louis and Edie Zipperer, Bob and Barb Miller, Newell and Joanne Mayberry, Bill and Midge Larson, Bob and Leslie Houk, Lyle and Nancy Sauve, Pat and Lavera Grant, Ann Malin, Carol Dobrunz, and Lynn and Dick Ebert.



Women participants Photo Special to The Brackett News

Women participants
Women participants in the Wisconsin Winter Texan Summer Golf Outing include, back row (from left): Sheri White, Janie Meredith, Pat Nelson and Lynn Ebert. Front row: Lavera Grant, Marian Weber, Mary McCauley, Ann Malin, Marilyn Ballard, Joyce Williamson, Eva Salyer and Barb Miller.

Kickapoo State Park Manager Speaks to Rotary Club

By Steven R. LaMascus
Contributing Writer

Mike Knezek, the manager of both Kickapoo State Park in Kinney County and Devils Sink Hole State Natural Area north of Rocksprings, presented a slide show and program to the Rotary Club on Thursday the 20th about the past, present and future of the parks. Knezek lives on the grounds of Kickapoo State Park, about twenty miles north of Brackettville, on Highway 674. He is a native of Seymour, Texas, a graduate of the University of Hawaii, and did his post-graduate work at Stephen F. Austin. He began his career with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as a park ranger at Caprock Canyons State Park near Quitaque in North Texas. When he had an opportunity to move to Kinney County as manager of the two Texas facilities he jumped at the chance.

Kickapoo State Park is better known to many in the Kinney County area as the "Old Searge-

ant Ranch." It comprises over 6300 acres of the Texas Hill Country. It was purchased by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department from the Seargeant family in December 1986 and has been in development ever since. Knezek says that the progress has been slow due to a lack of funds and manpower, but the future of the Park looks very bright indeed.

Two of the primary attractions at Kickapoo State Park are Kickapoo Cavern and Stuart Bat Cave, formerly Green Cave. Stuart Bat Cave has a tremendous summer population of migratory Mexican free-tailed bats. Viewing the bats leaving the cave just at sundown is an exciting and memorable experience. Viewing reservations can be arranged from April through mid-October.

Kickapoo Cavern is 1400' in length, and contains some impressive formations. It can also be toured by special arrangement with the park staff.

The park, according to

Knezek, is currently being used primarily as a study center for various student groups and biological researchers. Indigenous to the area are the endangered black-capped vireo, the golden-cheeked warbler, and several other rare and endangered species of plants and animals. Group tours can be arranged,

but the park is presently closed to drive through visitors.

Future plans for the park include biking trails, hiking and birding trails, camping facilities, and many more projects to make the park an interesting and valuable addition to the Kinney County area and the Texas Park system.

DRT Library Sponsors Successful History Forum

Registered for the Family History Seminar, sponsored by the DRT Committee, held at Alamo Hall on June 21. Among these were Brackettville area residents Hawkins Huey, Pat McKelvy, Louise Stone, Diane Dooley, Freida Rogers, Billie and Katie Harrell. DRT library Director Elaine Davis introduced the featured guest speaker, John A. Sellers, a 5th generation native to Hopkins County, Texas. His favorite area of research is the courthouse, thus his topic for the day "Uncovering Your Family History: Texas Courthouse Research." His first session was

entitled "Dusty Books and Musty Rooms" which was a general overview of courthouse research, etiquette, and procedures. Following that was "What's Hidden in Courthouse Records?"

This included details for the researcher on how to glean the most information from various record groups. He also brought out how it is possible to have some unusual finds in some common records, such as deeds. He continued with "The Other Court in Texas." This included exploring the methodology of knowing and accessing records

Think twice before you speak

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

"Mom, do you know what's going around in the neighborhood?" Lori asked.

"No honey, what is going around in the neighborhood. Is it some kind of disease like the flu?" Josie laughed. With a look of fascination in her eyes and in

a hushed tone, Lori said, "They're saying that Maria's dad is going out with another woman. Her mom doesn't know anything about it yet."

Josie looked intently at her daughter. A look of surprise was on her face. "And how do you know this is true?" she asked.

With a smirk on her face and a laugh in her voice Lori answered. "Mom, duh, I mean everybody knows but you. Where have you been?"

"Do you know someone who has actually seen Maria's dad and this other woman going out together, whoever it is?" Josie asked. "Well, no. But I know its true," Lori answered. "Like, I mean, its all over town. Wake up Mom. Stuff like that goes on all the time." Josie pursued her line of questioning. "Do you enjoy talking about things like this Lori?" "Well, you'll have to admit it is kind of juicy, Mom," Lori answered. "Its not everyday you know someone who is running around."

"Lori, sit down. This is a serious matter. If Maria's dad is seeing another woman it's wrong. But it's just as wrong for you and others to be talking about it. That kind of talk can easily ruin someone's reputation and destroy lives. Think about it Lori. You'd be hard pressed to come up with anyone who has actually seen anything like that going on. Right now it's all talk. Under the circumstances you have no business passing information like that around. A very wise man said that we are to be ashamed of repeating what we hear and of betraying secrets (Sirach 41:23). The talebearer turns good into evil and with her gossip starts a bad fire (Sirach 11:31)."

Goodies from G.G.

Here are some additional ideas on serving biscuits. Praline Biscuits: 1/2 cup of butter or margarine melted, 1/2 cup of packed brown sugar, 36 pecan halves, ground cinnamon, 2 cups biscuit/baking mix, 1/3 cup unsweetened apple-sauce, 1/3 cup of milk. Grease 12 muffin cups (Do not line with paper). Put 2 tsp. butter, 2 tsp. brown sugar, 3 pecan halves and a dash of cinnamon in that order, in each cup. Combine biscuit mix, milk and applesauce just until moistened. Spoon into muffin cups. Bake at 450° for 10 min. immediately invert on serving platter. Serve warm. Grab and go breakfast: Mix up a batch of biscuits from your homemade mix then add cooked, crumbled sausage (At least 1/4 lb. if possible) that's well drained and 1/3-1/2 cup shredded cheese. Bake as usual. To serve, scramble an egg and place between the two halves of your biscuit, forming a sandwich. I find cooking my egg in pam sprayed custard dish in the microwave (About 45-60 sec.) gives the perfect size to fit biscuit.

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America: "One nation under God" Briefs ...

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

Happy birthday, America! This Fourth of July, our nation celebrates its 226th birthday. It has been a difficult year for our country, which was founded on the principle of freedom and equality for all. Recently, the 9th Circuit Court in Sacramento, Calif., determined that "one nation under God" violated the separation of church and state. It was a split decision of the court — two for and one against. The decision is that the phrase "under God" endorses religion and cannot be recited in public schools. Texas is governed by the 5th Circuit in New Orleans, but much law is determined by case law. I am certain that an appeal is already being prepared. The

Pledge of Allegiance is recited each morning by all school children in Texas. Brackett ISD won't change. We'll stand firm, awaiting help from the United States Supreme Court. America was established to maintain freedom of religion, where colonists could avoid religious persecution. The court's ruling will cause great unrest in our country. I believe that justice will prevail — that we will win in court, and that we will continue to be "one nation under God". Sept. 11 caused a change in our thinking as a nation. We know that terrorists who are hell-bent on destroying America and Americans must be dealt with aggressively. The war in Afghanistan is costly, but must be won. I don't know where our

country will go beyond the war, but we must make living in America safe, regardless of the cost. This is too great a country to let terrorists destroy our way of life. I'm convinced that the major deterrent to hijacking commercial airlines is to let pilots carry weapons. Major agencies and elected officials are working together to determine how to make commercial flights safe. When an intruder enters the cabin of an airline with a sharp weapon, such as a knife, all in the plane are at risk. If the plane is hijacked, the story can't end well. I have flown many times and, like all of you, want the airline to be safe. I pray that the director of Homeland Security will work with FAA officials and sense this reality. Let's get it

done! The Fourth of July is a time to get your flags out and to wave them as we remember the servicemen and women who gave and continue to give their lives so that freedom will continue to be the foundation of our nation's government. Even with our frailties and some backward court rulings, we're the greatest country that ever existed. Our country has given me much more than I have given back. I hope that those folks who try to destroy the Pledge of Allegiance for children can someday realize that this is truly "one nation under God." When that happens, the fight becomes much easier. Kinney County, USA is a grand place to be for the Fourth of July! Enjoy! Have a great week!

BHS football camp begins next Monday
The 2002 Brackett Tiger Football Camp will be from 9 a.m. to noon on July 8-12 at the football field. The camp is open to boys entering the sixth through ninth grades. The cost of the camp is \$30. All participants will receive a camp T-shirt. Checks should be made out to David Yeager and can be sent to Yeager at P.O. Box 1235, Brackettville, TX 78832. For more information call 563-9344 or 563-2491 ext. 190.

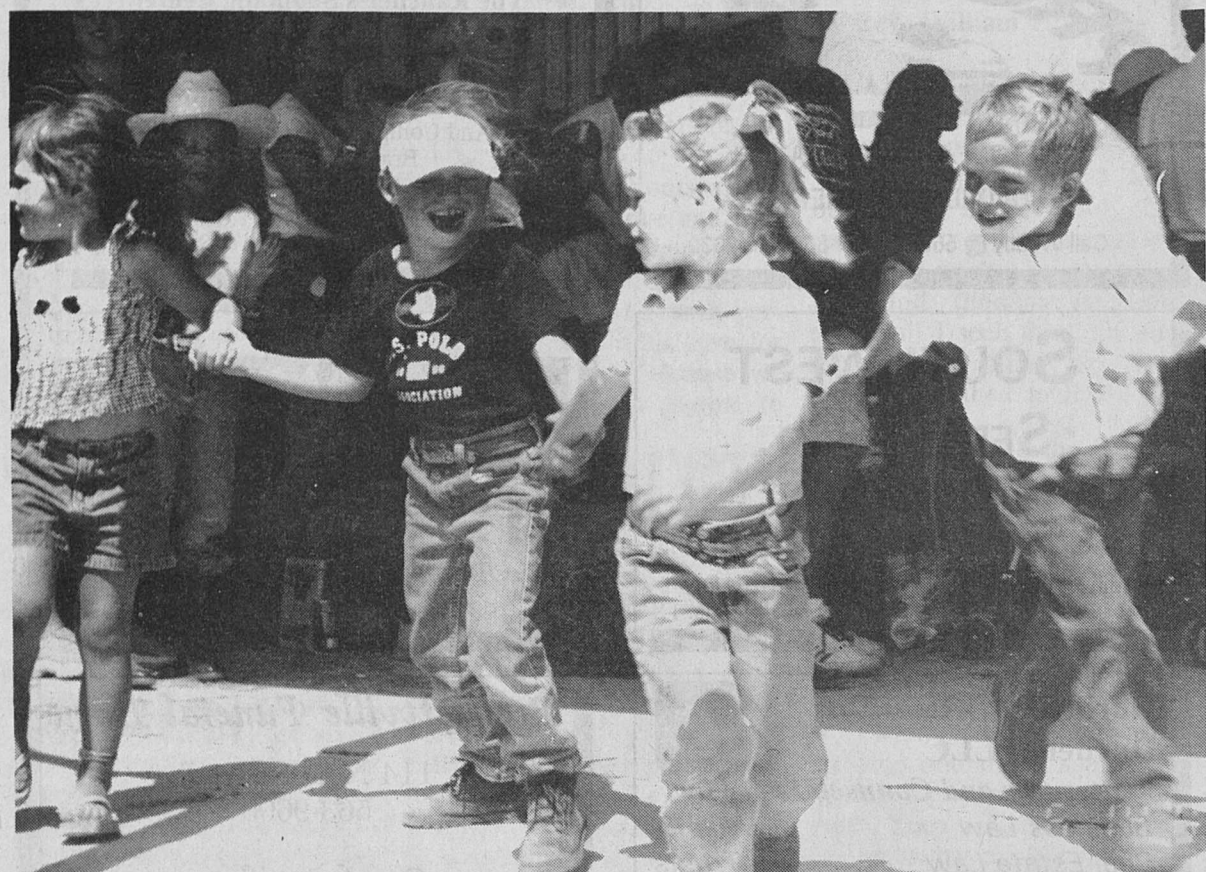
Basketball camp is set for July 15-19
The 2002 Brackett Tiger basketball camp will be from 9 a.m. to noon on July 15-19 at the high school gym. The camp is open to boys entering the fifth through ninth grades. Campers will learn the fundamentals of basketball — dribbling, passing and shooting — basic defensive techniques and will participate in games. The cost of the camp is \$30, and late registration is \$35. All participants will receive a camp T-shirt. To ensure that campers receive a T-shirt, they are encouraged to register by Monday. Checks should be made out to Ricky Creel and can be sent to Creel at P.O. Box 1843, Brackettville, TX 78832.

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Roping for Christ
The children were all smiles recently at Roping for Christ, an annual event held at the Dust Bowl Arena in Kinney County. Photo Special to The Brackett News

Supreme Court upholds vouchers

AUSTIN — The U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Cleveland, Ohio school voucher program, clearing away obstacles for more wide-spread use of the school choice vehicle. "This is a great day for all parents and children; they have received emancipation from unsafe, failing schools," Texas Public Policy Foundation president and CEO Jeff Judson said. "TPPF has always maintained that parents, not bureaucrats or politicians, know the educational needs of their children. Even the poorest of parents should be free to choose safe schools that will educate their children. "Latino and African-American students across the nation are taking advantage of vouchers at every opportunity, and those students are thriving. This is a great step forward for equal rights — no longer are poor, minority children shackled to unsafe, failing public schools."

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Attorney expresses concerns about proposed rules of local water district

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well "shall mean a well used only to provide water for application to plants or land in connection with the production of agricultural. The property on which the well is located and the area served by the well must be recorded and taxed in the county as an agricultural land use. (A nonexempt well.)" According to Dugat's letter, the Texas Water Code expressly exempts certain agricultural wells from permitting. The draft says: "For the purposes of these rules, the terms 'aquifer overdrafting,' 'reduction of artesian pressure,' and the 'drawdown of the water table or aquifer' shall mean aquifer mining." Dugat says the given definition implies that "every well in a confined or artesian aquifer will be mining the aquifer every time it operates." The draft defines a high-production well as "a well or combination of wells on common property or under common ownership or control that is capable of producing more than 1,500 gallons per minute." Dugat said the "1,500 gallons per minute measure of high production seems arbitrary" and that "differentiation of well classification should be based upon data developed by the district." In his letter, Dugat opposes monthly reports by permit holders. "A monthly report seems unnecessary and will require extensive staff to implement," he says. "Very few, if any, districts require their permit holders to report usage monthly. The district should require annual, not monthly, reports." Dugat also questions the lack of "recognizing the level of historic and existing uses of groundwater within the district." "Senate Bill 2 passed during the last legislative session clearly provides groundwater districts the authority to do so," he says. "Is it the district's intent not to recognize such existing or historic use from existing wells?" In the draft rules, permits expire after only one year. Dugat says that will require "the permittee to reapply every year, pay an application fee, notice a new application and conduct a public hearing on the application. In addition to those activities, the well owner will be paying taxes to the district and an annual water use fee." Dugat says it is a "laborious, time consuming and costly process to both the applicant and the district. The district should eliminate the permit terms or provide that permits renew automatically." He later adds that the "one year term is contrary to the term listed in the Texas Water Code ... which provides at least three years if construction of a conveyance system has not begun prior to permit issuance, or at least 30 years if construction of a conveyance system has been initiated prior to permit issuance." The draft says that persons owning only one commercial well are exempt from Section 9 permitting. Dugat points out that a commercial well is not defined anywhere in the rules. "Is there a scientific basis for or data supporting the allowance of one commercial well receiving an exemption?" he asks. "If not, the district should justify this exemption." Dugat says the minimum spacing of wells and well density seem to be "arbitrary and discriminatory." In the proposed rules, the spacing required between existing wells and a proposed well ranges from 100 to 2,000 feet and the distance from the proposed well to the property line ranges from 50 to 750 feet, based on the actual pumping capacity of the well. The draft requires a minimum of 160 acres before a well may be drilled. In both cases, Dugat says the district should gather data and conduct a scientific study to form the basis of decisions. Dugat also questions using the average annual recharge amounts mentioned in the Texas Water Development Board's 1997 Water Plan to limit permit production in the district. "Not only is the 1997 Water Plan superseded by the 2002 Water Plan, but neither the state nor the TWDB has ever been known to promote the use of the gross estimates used in the state's Water Plans for purposes as specific and important as production limits in district rules," he says in the letter. Dugat also added: "As a matter of good policy, the district should adopt a management plan before the firm yield is established and production limits set."

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'Click It or Ticket' results exceed goal in key markets

AUSTIN — Texans seem to be getting the "Click It or Ticket" message. For the first time since Texas' safety belt law went on the books in 1985, seat belt use in the state's urban areas has topped 85 percent, the Texas Department of Transportation recently announced. The traffic survey results came less than a month after the state's largest ever public education campaign and seat belt enforcement crackdown. For a two-week period, from May 20 to June 2, Texans were warned to buckle up or face hefty fines.

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| 1 Coin | 43 Entrance | 29 Part of the Swiss-Italian border | 29 Part of the Swiss-Italian border |
| 5 Jacuzzi | 44 Make a new bow | 31 Are turned over | 31 Are turned over |
| 8 Biblical book | 46 Sea mollusks | 33 Musical group | 33 Musical group |
| 12 Nostrils' detection | 48 Bridge framework | 34 Della | 34 Della |
| 13 Claos | 51 off; | 36 Din | 36 Din |
| 16 Get lost! | 52 Bernadette, for one: abbr. | 37 Engineer's stop: abbr. | 37 Engineer's stop: abbr. |
| 17 Dry | 53 Slant again | 41 Recede | 41 Recede |
| 18 Of ___ of an inferior kind | 55 Weapon owners' advocate: abbr. | 42 Strolls | 42 Strolls |
| 19 School event | 57 Silvery-gray color | 45 Ending for Nan or Ann | 45 Ending for Nan or Ann |
| 20 Overwhelming influence | 59 Performer | 47 Northern constellation | 47 Northern constellation |
| 23 Suffix for social or graph | 64 Unfriendly | 49 Actress Evans | 49 Actress Evans |
| 24 Preschooler | 66 Recipient | 50 ___ John | 50 ___ John |
| 25 Tiers | 67 Miffed | 54 Nervous | 54 Nervous |
| 27 Uncle to millions | 68 Long-eared animal | 56 Walkway | 56 Walkway |
| 30 Thirst quencher | 69 Goose genus | 57 Pain | 57 Pain |
| 32 Elected official | 70 Cut of meat | 58 Ascend | 58 Ascend |
| 35 Word on a peanut can | 71 Harbor bird | 60 Marsh growth | 60 Marsh growth |
| 38 Moment | 72 Bradley and Begley | 61 PM's beginning | 61 PM's beginning |
| 39 Holy Roman Emperor | | 62 Greenland's discoverer | 62 Greenland's discoverer |
| | | 63 Descartes or Coty | 63 Descartes or Coty |
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1. South Dakota; 2. Maureen O'Sullivan; 3. Teddy Roosevelt; 4. Elba; 5. A full house; 6. The Union Jack (British); 7. Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis; 8. Mahatma; 9. A train; 10. William L. Shirer; 11. A train; 12. A train; 13. A train; 14. A train; 15. A train; 16. A train; 17. A train; 18. A train; 19. A train; 20. A train; 21. A train; 22. A train; 23. A train; 24. A train; 25. A train; 26. A train; 27. A train; 28. A train; 29. A train; 30. A train; 31. A train; 32. A train; 33. A train; 34. A train; 35. A train; 36. A train; 37. A train; 38. A train; 39. A train; 40. A train; 41. A train; 42. A train; 43. A train; 44. A train; 45. A train; 46. A train; 47. A train; 48. A train; 49. A train; 50. A train; 51. A train; 52. A train; 53. A train; 54. A train; 55. A train; 56. A train; 57. A train; 58. A train; 59. A train; 60. A train; 61. A train; 62. A train; 63. A train; 64. A train; 65. A train; 66. A train; 67. A train; 68. A train; 69. A train; 70. A train; 71. A train; 72. A train; 73. A train; 74. A train; 75. A train; 76. A train; 77. A train; 78. A train; 79. A train; 80. A train; 81. A train; 82. A train; 83. A train; 84. A train; 85. A train; 86. A train; 87. A train; 88. A train; 89. A train; 90. A train; 91. A train; 92. A train; 93. A train; 94. A train; 95. A train; 96. A train; 97. A train; 98. A train; 99. A train; 100. A train.

ROARING TWENTIES

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

1. What state contains the geographic center of the U.S.?
2. Who was Mia Farrow's mother?
3. Who was the first president to travel in a car, plane and submarine?
4. What island was Napoleon's first home in exile?
5. What Poker hand consists of three of a kind and a pair?
6. What flag flies over the fortress enclave of Gibraltar?
7. What comedy team appeared on the first "Ed Sullivan Show" for \$200?
8. Who taught the Beatles transcendental meditation?
9. What do you catch at a stazione ferroviaria in Italy?
10. Who wrote "The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich"?

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HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

- ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Something a close friend has to say sounds rather cryptic to you now. However, when you think about it, it makes sense. Over the weekend, social plans fall neatly into place.
- TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) An obstinate co-worker is unwilling to be cooperative. That's fine. You can go it alone and still get the job done.
- GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Your mind isn't on your work. Perhaps a financial concern has you in knots. If so, consult with an expert to sort out what's wrong.
- CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You're focused more on what's going on at home than at work. You'd do better to separate the two. Your sharp mind is needed on the job.
- LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Use your intuitive powers to discern who's telling you the truth and who's not. Fortunately, you are in sync with the thoughts of a friend. Later in the week, some extra work lands on your desk.
- VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Don't be in such a hurry to complete work assignments. Taking your time is the best approach. Over the weekend, an exciting, new person enters your life.
- LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You reconnect this week with an old friend. The two of you have a lot of catching up to do. Later in the week, your help is needed on the domestic front.
- SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) It seems everyone wants you for something this week. Do only what you feel comfortable with. You're not obligated to come to the rescue of every single person in need.
- SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Friendships are highlighted this week. You need those allies as a crisis arises toward the end of the week. Together, you can overcome these obstacles.
- CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) You come up with an inspired new idea this week. Follow this through. It could lead to financially lucrative rewards.
- AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Keep your thoughts to yourself for now. You need to solidify those plans before speaking. Later in the week, seek feedback from a trusted friend.
- PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Work progress this week is a bit sporadic. However, it's not a disastrous situation. You can deal with it methodically and efficiently.

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Roaring Twenties Solution.

1. Arnold	11. Mix
2. Bosley	12. Petty
3. Brokaw	13. Poston
4. Conti	14. Sawyer
5. Cruise	15. Selleck
6. Dooley	16. Skeritt
7. Ewell	17. Smothers
8. Hanks	18. Snyder
9. Jones	19. Thumb
10. Landry	20. Watson

Have faith in our foundation Personal blessings

Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charolette Corey

Our nation is being placed on the "threshing floor" so that we may end up with that which is of great value. Just as King David bought the threshing floor from Araunah so that David would offer God sacrifices which had "cost him", Jesus Christ has bought that "threshing floor" with the greatest price of all — his blood.

Jesus has made the final sacrifice, himself. He is our "burnt offering" (which was given up to God for sin) and he is our "peace offering" which establishes peace between ourselves and God.

It is up to each one of us to build an altar of prayer and that we daily pray to God for him to "heed the prayers for the land" (2 Samuel 24:21) Men and women who came before us spent many an hour on bended knees, crying out for freedom in the name of Jesus Christ. The forefathers of this land left England and came to America so that they would have a place to freely practice their faith in Jesus Christ.

Their faith and prayers coupled with the power of God's word is what built this nation and allowed the freedoms

which were first established in the Declaration of Independence.

Our ancestors were not ashamed to speak of God in their daily lives. They were not ashamed to place his name in government places, because they knew that, but for him, they and their new government would not exist.

They were not afraid to thank him and give him credit for their victories. Because they gave him credit for this, and based their laws upon his commandments, they also shared this freedom with others who desired to move to America and live in this great land.

This nation is synonymous with Christian religious faith and for anyone to stand up and say it is illegal to pledge allegiance to the flag as "one nation under God" in public school, is as ridiculous as a Palestinian muslim trying to tell a Jew in Israel that it is illegal for him to pray to Jehovah in their schools or any place.

Our American roots are as grounded in our love and faith in Jesus Christ and the power of his name and the power of his living word as any Jewish person is grounded in his love for Jehovah God. Just because we have allowed other people to

come into our land and worship as they please does not nullify what our nation was built upon - freedom to practice our religion.

When our nation ceases to uphold our foundation in Christ Jesus, it will fall. Satan knows this and would love to destroy us by having God's hand of mercy removed from our nation by making it unlawful for us to worship in public places (and later, if he can, in private places). If we, as a nation, are ashamed of Jesus Christ, he will be ashamed of us. His blessings

will cease and we will be given into the hands of the tormentor, the devil.

It is my belief that there are still a majority of people in America who love Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Make supplication to those in authority for our freedom in America to be able to continue to worship God in a manner that honors God, through our daily lives, our homes, our workplaces, our schools, and our government. United We Stand!!! God Bless America!!! Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Frontier Baptist Church
By Dave Crowe

As human beings, I think that taking a moral inventory of ourselves from time to time, is a really good idea. We need to search our hearts and souls and take stock of our lives. This gives us an opportunity to truthfully assess who we really are! Where our lives are taking us and what we truly believe in! We need to focus in our own realities, to tune into our feelings, to acknowledge our personal agendas and to get honest with ourselves. We need to recognize all of our assets and liabilities and all of the positive and negative aspects of our character.

This is an open invitation for us to examine our behavior, our attitudes, our feelings and to learn how and why we are motivated to do the things we do.

As to our basic attitudes and character, let us remember what Jesus said in Luke 6:54, "The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings out evil things stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks."

We need to strive in all things to be of good moral character, to be made of high moral fiber. We need to not only have but show compassion towards one

another. First, last and always be a person of high integrity and stand steadfast by your convictions. Stick to the 'old school' teachings of honesty and loyalty and remember to adhere to the 'golden rule'. We need to pray for more patience and learn to be more obedient and less prejudice. We need to count our own personal blessings from God and remember the beatitudes Jesus spoke of in Matthew 5: 3-10. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for there is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed is the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peace makers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." The single greatest piece of advice that I can give you or anyone, is to remember and keep this scripture close to your heart. Matthew 6:33 Jesus said, "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Loving kindness is better than life

St. John's Missionary Church
By Rev. William P. Adams

God hath spoken once, twice have I heard this: that power belongeth unto God.

Also unto thee, O Lord belongeth mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and

thirsty land, where no water is.

To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

Because thy loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.

My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness: and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips: Psalms 62:11-63:5

Good outdoor firework safety

Vegetation in south and west Texas is extremely dry and fire-prone, but dry vegetation also exists in other areas of the state as well. With summer heat expected to continue to take its toll on vegetation across the state, state fire control leaders urge everyone to take extra precautions when using fireworks to celebrate our nation's birthday during this year's celebration. "When dry weather coincides with the Fourth of July holiday period, irresponsible fireworks use increases the likelihood of wildfires," says Bobby Young, associate director for forest resource protection with the Texas Forest Service in Lufkin. "The threat of wildfires is highest in the southern half of the state; but even in the rest of the state where danger is generally low to moderate, vegetation will dry rapidly and become increasingly fire-prone if hot, dry con-

ditions persist for any length of time. Young noted that in some areas of the state, early season rains produced abundant vegetation. If this vegetation dries out, it could fuel intensely burning wildfires that could be very difficult and dangerous for firefighters to control, he said. The state fire control leader offered several suggestions for safe fireworks use. Adhere to all county and city fireworks laws. Use fireworks outdoors, in a safe area away from dry grass and buildings. Follow directions carefully - with close adult supervision. Keep a bucket of water, wet towels and a garden hose handy. Never shoot fireworks from metal or glass containers and never experiment with homemade or altered fireworks. Other fireworks safety tips can be found at www.texasfireworkssafety.com. Young also suggested addi-

tional outdoor fire safety tips including: comply with any outdoor burning bans, establish firebreaks around burn barrels and around brush piles to be burned, and avoid burning on dry, windy days. Avoid using welding and other spark-producing equipment around dry grass. Keep vehicles out of tall, dry grass that might contact hot exhaust systems. Dispose of smoking materials properly. The Texas Forest Service asks that everyone help make the upcoming Independence Day holiday and the rest of the summer safer and more enjoyable by practicing good outdoor fire safety. For more information contact: Waco Lufkin Granbury Abilene Austin Mary Kay Hicks Mahlen Hammetter Traci Bowen Justin Hall Sandra Taylor 254-753-6731 936-639-8162 817-579-1847 915-676-1268 512-407-9582

Precious Freedom

First United Methodist Church
By Rev. Ken F. Sellers, Jr.

Let us be thankful, on this 226th anniversary of the hard-won independence of our nation from English rule, for our continued ability to exercise freedoms that are not available for most of the people of this world. Let us also not forget that those freedoms are not really our birthrights! We must continue to be diligent citizens willing to fight again, either metaphorically or physically, to retain them for our children our grandchildren, multiple generations to follow, and ourselves. We must also remember that most of those who initially envisioned the freedoms and the means to maintain them were of religious backgrounds, practicing Christians who didn't always agree with each other but banded together to declare that freedom of religion and politics was God's will.

Unfortunately, some people insist that patriotism, and faith, requires that we adhere to the same political, or religious, practices, in harmony. On September 11th and in the months since there have been voices raised against The War on Terrorism. Those voices have often suggested that the violence of such a response is premature or even wrong. For their concerns they have been called traitor, communist, or even worse. The "love America or leave it" mentality of some suggests that dissent is no longer a treasured American tradition - freedom. I am a child of the sixties. I remember vividly the Civil Rights march in Selma in 1965, the street riots that disrupted the

Democratic convention of 1968, the racially ignited Watts Riots of 1965, and the shooting of Kent State University students by the United States National Guard in 1970.

Though I did not live at the time, I also remember the persecution of Martin Luther by his beloved church, the denying of pulpit privileges to John Wesley by the church he never deserted, the killing of Jan Hus and John Wyclif as heretics by their churches simply because they wanted to be able to read the Bible in the vernacular, a time of regrettable violence (just war?) called the Crusades, and the dark days of the church which are now known as The Inquisition.

No matter which side of an argument wins, there is always a place for "agreeing to disagree" - even in patriotism and faith - for the Truth resides with

God alone! As we celebrate our freedoms this July 4th, let us be thankful that the founders of this nation purposefully created a Constitution that allows for dissent.

Remember also that their efforts came about because of their dissent.

They were the rebellious, the dissidents, the malcontents, and the traitors. Should we so easily use these words as a means of condemning Americans who have ways of being patriotic, and faithful, that are different than our own?

Visit us at First United Methodist Church for worship this Sunday at 10:45 am. Help us continue to seek and renew our relationships with God and each other, even those who are not like us.

We must, if we savor our freedoms!

HEALTH

Take safety precautions when cooling off at the pool

Summer in Texas means hot - very hot. Summer also means vacation and time to relax and cool off. For many, this means a day at the pool.

In 1999, TDH recorded 298 submersions (drownings and near-drownings) in swimming pools. Of these, 75 died. Of the 298 submersions, 170 occurred to children under 5.

According to Moore, there are many reasons someone drowns or nearly drowns in a swimming pool. "But there are some things that each one of us can do to prevent such occurrences," she said.

First on Moore's list is to never swim alone. "No matter what your age or skill level you should always take a buddy with you when you swim, even if there is a lifeguard," she said.

Next, said Moore, is that parents or other adult supervisors should not take their eyes off their children. "Don't let a book or a friend's conversation or a walk to the snack bar distract you from watching children in and around the water. Anyone can drown in a minute or less."

Other safety suggestions:

- Don't count on floaties or an inflatable ring as a lifesaving device. Use a life jacket. Small air-filled swimming aids slip off children's arms and are not intended to be used to prevent drowning.
 - Take CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and first-aid training.
 - If you do not know how to swim, do yourself and your children a favor - take swimming lessons. And have your children take lessons as well.
 - Don't use your neighborhood pool, your neighbor's pool or your own pool as a babysitter. Be sure your children understand that they are not allowed in or near the pool without a responsible adult present.
 - Obey the lifeguards. They are there to prevent a drowning.
- According to TDH data, the most frequent location for drownings or near drownings in Texas is the swimming pool, followed by lakes and ponds, then bathtubs. Nearly half of all drownings and near-drownings in a swimming pool are in those at private residences.

If you have a swimming pool at your home, install a four-sided, isolation fence with self-closing and self-latching gates around the pool. The fence should be at least 4 feet tall and should completely separate the pool from the house and yard or play area.

Prevent children from having direct access to a home swimming pool. And equip the pool with lifesaving devices including a shepherd's crook or lightweight pole and a float with an attached line.

"Consistently taking simply precautions will greatly increase the chances that you or your children will enjoy a fun, safe time at the pool," Moore said.

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DRIVERS - SW REGIONAL, home on weekly basis. Teams start .34 cpm, OTR start 32 cpm. Six months OTR experience w/CDL-A. Ask for Harold/Bob, National Freight, 1-800-666-0380.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

BE DEBT FREE - years sooner. Low payments. Reduce interest. Stop late fees. Stop collectors. Family Credit Counseling. Non-profit Christian Agency. Recorded message. 1-800-457-6176. Free quote, www.familycredit.org

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FOR RENT

2 APARTMENTS FOR rent. New paint, stove and refrigerator. Water, sewer and trash pickup paid. Covered parking, \$150 and \$200 month. 563-9161

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MARY KAY COSMETICS, Alana Flurry, 563-9435. Evenings/Weekends. Complimentary facials, products, etc. www.marykay.com/flurry

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HEALTH

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NATURAL PROGESTERONE CREAM in pump as described by Dr. John R. Lee. Special price, free tapes. "Zellers" Natural Health Care Products, 1-218-835-4340, www.paulbunyan.net/users/mlzeller. Health Care Professionals/Wholesalers inquiries welcome.

HELP WANTED

FORT CLARK SPRINGS is accepting applications for Part-time Bartender and Resident on site RV Park Manager. Please stop in the Main Office for an application. Fort Clark Springs is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

JOB OPPORTUNITY - KINNEY County is currently accepting applications for the position of Road and Bridge Supervisor. Employment applications, position description and pay schedule(s) may be obtained from the Office of the County Judge. Interviews will be conducted beginning July 8, 2002 and will continue until such time as final selection for such position is made by the Kinney County Commissioners Court. Kinney County is an equal opportunity employer.

Community Development Assistant

Uvalde, TERM not to exceed 13 months, full-time, Salary Range-\$24,701-\$32,113 pa, Announcement TX-RD-02-44 opens 7-1-02, closes 7-15-02. Benefits include health/life insurance, retirement, vacation/sick leave, etc. This position may be up to a total of 4 years without further competition. View announcement on the internet at www.usajobs.opm.gov-download application forms from the internet at www.opm.gov/forms/index.htm-For information call (254) 742-9750, TDD (254) 742-9712. USDA Rural Development is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

HELP WANTED

THE MIDDLE RIO Grande Workforce Division has a number of vacant positions and is accepting applications for qualified applicants until all positions are filled or needed. Interested applicants should file an MRGDC application at any of the workforce centers listed and should provide copies of transcripts and a resume. Preference will be given to applicants that possess a Bachelor's degree in English or Social Studies or a Human Development Field with a minimum of 1 year experience working with customers. Will accept two years related work experience in lieu of direct experience or for each year of college credential. Must be able to travel within and outside the nine-county service region if required. Positions are compensated with consideration for prior direct or related experience on an MRGDC Salary Schedule. Variable hours may be required for certain positions. Dimmit (1) Workforce Case Manager I, \$19,155; Maverick, (2) Workforce Case Manager I, \$19,155; Real (1) Workforce Case Manager I, \$19,155; Uvalde (1) Workforce Case Manager I, \$19,155; Uvalde (1) Workforce Case Manager I, \$19,155; Zavala (1) Workforce Case Manager I, \$19,155. Inquiries from applicants can be made from Mr. Ramon Johnston, MRGDC Deputy Executive Director, P.O. Box 1199, 307 W. Nopal, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834, telephone (830) 876-3533. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. For information please contact our VOICE telephone number (830) 876-3533 or our TDD telephone number (830) 876-1260.

HILL COUNTRY COMMUNITY MHMR INSURANCE-RETIREMENT-HOLIDAYS-VACATION Mental Retardation Program MR Vocational Coordinator-Uvalde \$9.93/hr. - Full-time MR Service Coordinator - Uvalde \$13.34/hr. - Full-time Call - JOB LINE for details 1-800-687-5276 www.hillcountry.org Hill Country is an EOE

MISCELLANEOUS

NEW LOCAL PHONE Service. Giving away free Long Distance. Limited offer. Do no delay. Call 1-800-959-3068 or www.MyLineExcel.com. Agents needed.

SWIMMING POOLS - DEMO Homesites wanted to display maintenance free pool. Save \$\$\$ with this limited opportunity. Call to qualify, 1-800-794-6839, www.SwimTexas.com. Prices start \$999.

REAL ESTATE

4 NEW LAKEFRONT PARCELS. Tennessee, near Knoxville Deepwater, main channel access, covered boat docks. U/G utilities. Priced for quick sell \$57,750 - \$65,450. Financing available. Call Lake Developers Partnership, 1-877-505-1871, ext. 1200.

NEW MEXICO MOUNTAINS. 140 Acres - ONLY \$39,900. Gorgeous grasslands, mature tree cover, 6,500' elevation, snow-capped mountain views, year-round roads, nearby electric. Perfect for horse lovers. Great hunting property, adjacent to national forest. Excellent financing. Call today. SW Properties of NM, Inc., 1-866-350-5263.

HIGH FENCE RANCH Liquidation - \$29,900. Direct deeded access to game preserve. Trophy Whitetail, exotics, fishing. Great recreational opportunity. Financing available. Texas Land and Ranches. 1-888-565-7592.

LAND BARGAIN BEAUTIFUL N.E. Texas piney wood acreage. Private lake and horse stables. As low as \$24,900. Call Texas Land and Lakes, 1-800-707-8988.

RANCH SALE - 35 acres \$59,900. Magnificent Colorado ranch at 8,000' elevation. Mix of meadows with spring fed ponds, aspen and pines. Stunning views. Nearby Telluride. Good terms. Call 1-866-353-4809.

Happy Birthday Max We love you! Your Family

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OTTO	DATES	GATE
RETTIE	ABALONES	
TRESTLE	BUY	STE
RETILT	NRA	
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REAL ESTATE

O'Rourke Realty
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830-563-2713
Rentals Available

Double wide - unit 27, 3 bed, 2 full baths, central a/h, carport \$72,000.

Double wide - unit 35, 3 bed, 2 baths, chain link fence, enclosed back porch, 2 lots, many oak trees. \$70,000.

3 bed, 2 baths, furnished mobile home, carport \$15,000.

2 bed, 2 baths, rock house, great location, jacuzzi room, spacious family room. \$85,000.

2 bed, 2 baths, tiled roof, patio, other attractive features. Only \$57,000.

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REAL ESTATE

A FREE LIST! Affordable hunting ranches for sale. 100+ acre tracts, lowest prices. E-Z terms! Texas Land & Ranches. Toll free, 1-866-899-5263.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS for Construction Services will be received by the Brackett Independent School District at the School Administration Office Board Room located at 400 Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas at 3:00 p.m. on July 17, 2002 for A New Fitness Facility for Brackett Independent School District. Proposals shall include the information requested in the Contractors Qualification Statement Form. Proposals will be publicly opened and amounts read aloud. The District will evaluate and rank each proposal in relation to selection criteria in proposal within 30 days. Contract Documents may be examined and obtained with deposit of \$100.00 at the following locations: Office of Taylor Stephenson, Superintendent, 400 Ann St., Brackettville, Texas 78832, John S. Graves & Associates, Inc., Architects, 202 Hornby Place, Uvalde, Texas 78801. The owner reserves the right to waive formalities, reject any or all proposals, and award the contract for the most advantageous proposal. Each proposal shall include a Certified Check or Bid Bond of a satisfactory Surety Company in the amount of Five Percent (5%) of proposal. 100% performance and payment bonds will be required.

KINNEY COUNTY LAND CO
P.O. Box 1035
Brackettville, TX 78832
830-563-2446 830-563-2447

• The Masters Condo unit 1201 1 bdr, furnished, garage \$34,000.
• Townhouse lot 116, unit 1 furnished.
• Unit 15 lot 48, FCS 3 bdr/2bth 1120 sq.ft Manufactured housing \$29,500.

• Unit 15 lot 160, 161 (160 Bliss Circle) FCS 3bdr, 2bth manufactured housing enclosed porch partially furnished, POSSIBLE OWNER FINANCED!
• Unit 32 3br/2bt Palm Harbor Mobile Home - SOLD -
• Brackettville - Old Stagecoach House corner of El Paso & Fort 1 bdr/1 bth. FOR SALE OR LEASE.
• Acreage - 80.03 Acres Tract #303 Leona Ranch.
Have Buyers - Need Listings! Same name new owner
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Unit 31: spacious 2/2/1 brick home offering sunroom, FP & jacuzzi tub. Includes appliances & some furniture, now \$79,500.
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Unit 14: Travel trailer + two lots, one has covered RV parking, only \$5,000!
Ranches & small acreage available.
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We have ranches of all sizes available!
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SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2002
NEW STORE HOURS: 8 am to 12 pm
Loads of Shoes, Sandals, Athletic Shoes, Bathing Suits, Summer Clothing
For information or assistance please call:
Norma Conner: 563-2072 Mary Dixon: 563-2747
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REQUEST FOR BIDS

CITY OF BRACKETTVILLE Housing Authority will be accepting bids for a Trash Service Contract. Pick up at five locations, once weekly of household kitchen waste. Bids may be mailed or delivered to the BHA office. Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Board of Commissioners may extend the one year contract at their discretion. Bids will not be accepted after 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, 2002. Brackettville Housing Authority is located at 205 So. Sweeney, P.O. Box 371, Brackettville, 78832.

RESORTS/VACATIONS

TIME SHARE UNITS and Camp-ground Memberships. Distress sales - cheap! Worldwide selections. Call Vacation Network, U.S. and Canada, 1-800-543-6173. Free rental information, 1-954-563-5586, www.vnadvertising.com

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Own your own part of the Texas Hill Country for as little as \$695.00 down and \$116.69 per month at 8.75 % financing. Based on 20 acre tract with minimum down payment.

Leona Ranch, located 15 miles north of Brackettville, Texas, has an abundance of whitetail deer, javelina, turkey, quail, dove, rabbits and squirrels. Other non-game species include feral hogs, wild Spanish goats, racoons, ringtails, fox, bobcats and a few mountain lions.

The terrain of the Leona Ranch is varied, consisting of plateaus covered with scrub-brush and grass meadows, intermixed with deep heavily wooded draws, many of which contain dry creekbeds. Windmills are located in various places providing water for wildlife.

For information call (830) 563-2961 8-5, M-F, or (830) 563-2077 evenings.

Statement of Nondiscrimination

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc. is the recipient of Federal financial assistance from the Rural Utilities Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is subject to the provision of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture which provide that no person in the United States, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability shall be excluded from participation in admission or access to, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any of this organization's programs or activities.

The person responsible for coordinating this organization's nondiscrimination compliance efforts is Daniel G. Laws, General Manager/CEO. Any individual, or specific class of individuals, who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above from and/or file written complaint with this organization, or the Administrator, Rural Utility Service, Stop 1510, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., 20250-1510, or the Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or call (202) 720-5964 (voice or TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

Date adopted: January 1, 1994.