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Moore attends GeoFORCE

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BRIEFS

Take-A-Kid Fishing tourney in Del Rio

The event is Sept. 3, 2005, at Lake Amistad. Sign-up at D&D Tackle on Sept. 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. and at Angler's Lodge from 7 to 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 3. Open to kids between 3 and 15 years of age accompanied by an adult. No entry fee, trophies for all entrants along with special trophies in several categories, free food and drinks and door prizes. For information and applications, call 719-9264, 775-8000 or 563-6249. Sponsored by Del Rio Take-A-Kid Fishing, a non-profit organization.

Upcoming Events for Kinney County 4-H

There will be a Kinney County 4-H Foods and Nutrition workshop next Monday, Aug. 15 starting at 10 a.m. through 2:30 p.m. It will be held at the Home Economic Cottage. Lunch will be provided - Make your own pizzas! Beginner 4-Her's are welcome to attend. If you have any questions please call the Extension Office. In other 4-H news, all 4-H members and parents are invited to the 4-H Banquet next Friday, Aug. 19 at 7:30 p.m. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP the Extension Office at 563-2442.

BISD new student orientation Aug. 4-19

The Brackett Jr. High and High School will have New Student to the District Registration beginning Aug. 4 - 19. Please bring immunization record, birth certificate, guardianship papers, social security card and transcript to the high school office. Hours for the registration will be 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 3 p.m. Please call the High School Office for any questions (830) 563-5491 ext. 400.

Pick up schedules Aug. 16 and 17

Brackett Jr. High and High School students who have registered can come by to pick up schedules on Aug. 16-17 at the auditorium from 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 3 p.m.

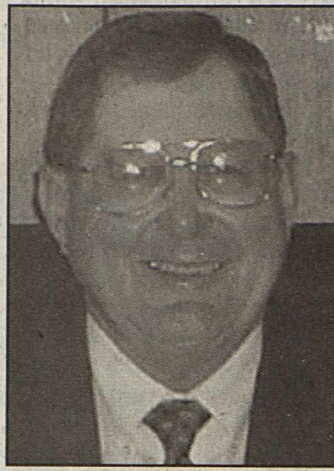
Students are to be immunized by Aug. 22

Parents are reminded that students without current immunizations will not be permitted to attend classes and there is no grace period. BISD has spent the last 12 months reviewing student medical records to ensure that the district is adhering to a recent change in Federal guidelines that no longer allows children to attend school if they are not current on their immunizations. The first day of school is Monday, August 22.

Commissioners eyeing tax decrease

Two public hearings slated for Sept. 6, 12

The Kinney County Commissioner's Court recorded their votes for a proposed Tax Decrease. County Judge Herb Senne called for the votes on a proposed tax decrease in an amount of approximate 3 percent or less decrease over last year's tax levy in the amount of approximately \$15,000. The motion was second by commissioner Pat Melancon. All commissioners voted to propose a Tax Decrease. Last year, the Kinney county property tax rate was \$0.7876. That rate raised \$1,040,578. That amount was used to fund operations such as Sheriff's Department and jail operations; Indigent Services; County Road Maintenance; Library; Nutrition Center; Office of the Justice of the Peace; County Judge; County Attorney; County Clerk; Tax Assessor/Collector; County Treasurer; County Auditor; Extension Services; District Court; District Attorney; Constable; Department of Public Service; Civic Center; County Cemetery; Grounds and Building Maintenance.



Senne

This year, Kinney County is proposing a property tax rate of \$0.7531. That rate would raise \$1,035,399, which is \$5,179 less than taxes imposed last year. Two public hearings to consider that decrease will be held Sept. 6 and 12. The first public hearing will be held on September 6, 2005, at 9 a.m. at County Courthouse. The second hearing will be held September 12, 2005, at 9 a.m. at County Court House.

Willkommen, Ya!!!



An impromptu concert was given by some of the members of Wiener Vocal Ensemble, an adult choir from Austria. The concert was Monday at the Brackett Burger & Shake. The restaurant was filled with German-speaking visitors passing through Brackettville on their way to Ciudad Acuna, Mexico from San Antonio. The choir has performed in Toronto, Canada, several places in Texas and will travel to California this weekend. The unexpected presentation, led by Director Manfred Linsbauer, included an Austrian folk song that according to one of its members translated, "When we are older we look back on our life and think how wonderful it was to be young." The group of 25 drank milkshakes and enjoyed the air-conditioning that served as chilly reprieve from the sweltering Texas heat. Owner of the restaurant, Tom Ertle laughed and said, "Imagine! The Vienna Choir performing at the Burger & Shake."



LIFE SAVERS

Brackett News photo by Leigh Volcsko

Certified CPR Instructor Mary Jane Garcia, left, supervises as Dorothy Roberts completes the certification course at BISD. Head coaches, extra-curricular activity sponsors and bus drivers, must maintain and submit to the district proof of current certification in first aid and CPR at the start of each new school year. The certification is for two years.

Skin infections on the rise in area

Over the past several months, we have seen an alarming rate of skin infections caused by a resistant strain of germ identified as MRSA (Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Auerus). The infection may start from an infected scratch, boil, carbuncle or bite, then quickly spreads to the softer tissue of the body which if not arrested may lead to fulminant systemic illness and shock syndrome. Locally, it can destroy adjacent tissue and rapidly eat the flesh. The organism has frightening characteristics because of its' capacity to form a substance called Penicillin Binding Protein (PBP) rendering the antibiotic inert and useless. This is a wake-up call for the public to be aware of this infection and get immediate medical attention whenever they sustain a break in the skin that becomes infected. Additionally one of the major problems that we see is the indiscriminate and inadvertent use of antibiotics readily available in Mexico, that can be purchased without a written prescription. Continuation of the practice of buying and self medicating with antibiotics can lead to dire consequences.

Commissioner's Court vote and approve county holidays

Kinney County Commissioner's Court approved the 2005-2006 holidays for its employees. The list also includes two personal days at the employee's discretion with supervisor's approval.

- Included on the list are:
- Monday, Oct. 10, 2005 - Columbus Day
 - Friday, Nov. 11, 2005 - Veteran's Day
 - Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2005 - Half day for Thanksgiving
 - Thursday, Nov. 24, 2005 - Thanksgiving Day
 - Friday, Nov. 25, 2005 - Thanksgiving Day
 - Friday, Dec. 23, 2005 - Christmas
 - Monday, Dec. 26, 2005 - Christmas
 - Monday, Jan. 2, 2006 - New Year's Day
 - Monday, Jan. 16, 2006 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 - Monday, Feb. 20, 2006 - President's Day
 - Thursday March 2, 2006 - Texas Independence Day
 - Friday, April 14, 2006 - Good Friday
 - Monday, May 29, 2006 - Memorial Day
 - Tuesday, July 4, 2006 - Independence Day
 - Monday, Sept. 4, 2006 - Labor Day.

Area freshmen complete first GeoFORCE Texas summer academy

Forty southwest Texas ninth graders recently completed the first GeoFORCE Texas summer academy and were welcomed home by more than 200 family and community supporters during closing ceremonies July 27 at Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde.

Students were selected for the program last spring through a rigorous application process targeting high achievers in math and science.

Representing Brackettville High School on the 12-day cross country adventure was Samantha Moore.

GeoFORCE Texas is a collaborative initiative, designed by The University of Texas at Austin's Jackson School of Geosciences and Southwest Texas Junior College, to increase awareness of the geosciences and to motivate students to maintain high grades in their coursework through their participation in spectacular experiences outside the classroom.

Corporate support for the program is provided by Shell Oil Company, ConocoPhillips,

ExxonMobil Foundation, SBC Foundation, and Priority Oil & Gas Company.

This year's summer academy included travel to Austin, Washington DC, and New Mexico. Students were treated to presentations by leading scientists in topics ranging from the Mars landing mission, to volcanoes and tsunami research.

The group also enjoyed field trips to areas of geologic interest in the Austin area, Harper's Ferry and Great Falls National Park in Virginia, the monuments and Smithsonian Museums in Washington, DC, and Bandolier and Carlsbad Caverns National Parks in New Mexico.

Field trip leaders from UT-Austin were Dr. Leon Long, professor of geological sciences and Anna Morisani, graduate assistant. Steve Hammond and Randy Orndorff of the U.S. Geological Survey in Reston, VA., led the activities in the Washington D.C. area.

At closing ceremonies in Uvalde, SWTJC Dean of Technology and Institutional Advancement Blaine Bennett,

Ph.D., congratulated the group for their successful completion of this summer's academy.

"You represent some of the best and brightest science talent in our area and I congratulate each and every one of you on a job well done," Bennett said.

Julie Spink, GeoFORCE Texas coordinator, congratulated parents for the enthusiastic participation of their children during the intense cross-country tour.

"These kids are the greatest. They endured eating squashed sack lunches, a flat tire on the bus in the middle of west Texas, late nights and early mornings," Spink said. "They did it all with enthusiasm and continual interest in the science being presented each day."

"They are going to be outstanding scientists in the future."

Spink was assisted by area teachers Wanda Demboske of Uvalde High School, Kathryn Dowle of Leakey and Annette Pena of Cotulla High School. Counselors assisting with the project were college students from UT-Austin and SWTJC in-



Brackett High School student Samantha Moore, left and GeoFORCE Texas program coordinator Julie Spink recently returned from the first ever GeoFORCE Texas summer academy. All 40 area students participating in the program were recognized during closing ceremonies held July 27 on the Southwest Texas Junior College campus in Uvalde.

cluding Mary Gabaldon, Jennifer Arreola, Michael Cavasos, Michael Ponce, Martha Gomez and Mariana Miranda.

GeoFORCE Texas will continue next year with a new group of ninth graders following an itinerary similar to this summer's academy. This year's group will participate in the academy for tenth graders that will take place at the Grand Canyon.

INSIDE

Baldree

School will soon be starting and different routines taking over. Lazy days of summer gone and it's time to have to watch that old clock again.

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Donald Smith

Rick looked at each page. Looking up at Joe, he pointed to one particular picture. It showed a man smiling and shaking hands with Warden Graves. The two were holding a frame with some kind of certificate. Rick read the caption. The certificate was a pardon from the Governor.

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Our own Navy - No other state has one Keep high temps from turning into high energy bills

There are many reasons why Texas is unique among the 50 states but one of the most interesting is the fact that our state, alone, had its own battle-tested navy and continues to have an existing, albeit honorary, navy today.

Texas has had three navies in its history.

The First Texas Navy was formed to fight during the battle for independence from Mexico.

This fleet was decommissioned after independence was won but continuing threats from Mexico led to the bitterly contested creation of the second navy.

The Second Texas Navy, commanded by a brash young naval officer by the name of Edwin Moore, held off threats from Mexico to the young Texas Republic.

However, squabbles over naval funding led to the decision to "rent" out the fleet to the breakaway province of Yucatan as it fought Mexico's central

government.

Texas' two sailing ships, the Austin and the Wharton, scored a spectacular victory at Campeche during May in 1843 by driving away a Mexican fleet containing what was, at that time, the world's mightiest warship, the 1,100-ton iron steamer the Guadalupe.

This was the only time in history that a sailing ship defeated an iron steam-powered warship.

Not long after that battle, the Second Texas Navy was decommissioned, but Moore gained a place in Texan's hearts. In 1867, Moore County in the Panhandle was named in Moore's honor.

The Third Texas Navy was established in 1958 by Governor Price Daniel, as a commemorative organization to assure the survival of Texas' Naval history, boundaries, water resources and civil defense.

Ironically, the Third Texas Navy is by far the strongest of the three, for her flagship is the Battleship Texas, which fought



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

in both World Wars I and II and is now berthed at the San Jacinto Monument in La Porte. She flies the flag of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, who was born in Fredericksburg, Texas.

The Texas navy now includes World War II vessels including PT-309 in Galveston, PT-305 which is being restored, the submarine U.S.S. Cavalla in Galveston and the famous aircraft carrier U.S.S. Lexington, which is moored at Corpus Christi.

Other WWII ships include a Liberty Ship, the Edwin W. Moore built in Houston and named after the Second Texas Navy commander, and the U.S.S. Orleck, a Gearing class destroyer built in Orange, which has now returned to its birthplace to serve as a museum.

The oldest ship in the Texas navy is the Elissa, a tall sailing ship built in 1877. She now calls Galveston home.

Texas' navy also includes an honorary roster of active duty ships serving with the United States Navy and the Coast Guard.

These include the nuclear-powered aircraft carriers, the USS Eisenhower and USS Nimitz, and several nuclear-powered submarines, the Houston, City of Corpus Christi and the Dallas.

The USS Texas is brand-new and will be part of the Virginia class of submarines.

One of the best known ships in Texas' navy is the U.S.T.S. Texas Clipper II, which up until June of this year, was the Texas

State Maritime Program's training ship. It replaced the Texas Clipper I, which was sunk to provide an artificial reef 25 miles off the coast.

The Texas Clipper II started life as the U.S.S. Chauvenet in 1970 and was converted to serve as a maritime classroom in 1996.

This year, she made her last voyage before being delivered to the government of Panama.

Her place is being taken by a newer and much larger vessel, the U.S.S. Sirius, which will be given a new name at a christening ceremony planned for this November.

I have been invited to christen her.

This would be my second christening of a Texas ship.

I was honored to christen the first in its class of a versatile and powerful amphibious assault ship, the U.S.S. San Antonio, named after a vessel in the Second Texas Navy which was lost to a hurricane.

I asked, of course, that the sparkling wine used to christen the ship come from a Texas vineyard, but I had forgotten how strong we make things in our state.

I walloped the bow of the ship two times with the bottle without affect.

On the third try, the bottle exploded, dousing me with sparkling Texas wine.

Some newspapers quipped afterwards that I christened myself.

I cannot tell you how much it meant to me to play a small part in launching another vessel which will defend America and build on Texas' heroic naval traditions.

In November the new floating classroom will take its place in our state's naval history. I look forward to meeting the newest member of the Third Texas Navy's fleet.

Keep high temps from turning into high energy bills

As I write this column, it is in the high 90's in parts of Texas and it probably won't be cooling down anytime soon.

While the August heat continues to bear down on us, it is important to remember how you can beat the heat without the high energy bills.

Heating and cooling your home uses more energy and drains more dollars than any other system in your home.

Typically, 44 percent of your utility bill goes for heating and cooling.

With the average family spending \$1300 a year on home utility bills, the Department of Energy (DOE) has provided some helpful tips to allow bill payers to lower their utility costs by becoming more energy efficient.

The first step in becoming more energy efficient is to formulate a plan.

A good plan begins with a budget based on your current electric bills and by looking into trouble spots that can use maintenance or replacement.

Although house maintenance can be expensive, the end result will often save you large quantities of money in the long run.

A few areas of great concern around the house are windows, air conditioners, water heaters and duct systems. There are specific steps you can take to keep your energy bills down during the hot summer months.

For instance, it is suggested that you set your thermostat as high as comfortably possible in the summer.

The less difference between



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your overall cooling bill will be.

If nothing else, you should avoid setting your thermostat at a colder setting than normal when you turn on your air conditioner.

It will not cool your home any faster and most likely will result in a higher electric bill.

One last tip involving your thermostat is to avoid placing lamps or TV sets near it.

The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause the air conditioner to run longer than necessary.

If you really want to make a dent in your energy bills, consider using fans instead of the air conditioner.

Whole-house fans help cool your home by pulling cool air through the house and exhausting warm air through the attic.

They are effective when operated at night and when the outside air is cooler than the inside.

Consider using an interior fan in conjunction with your window air conditioner to spread the cooled air more effectively through your home without greatly increasing your power use.

These are just a few of the many tips that can make a home more energy efficient.

Big Mama Sez!

Middle age is when you burn the midnight oil around 9 p.m.

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Cornyn applauds successful Discovery landing

WASHINGTON—U.S. Sen. John Cornyn made the following statement Tuesday regarding the successful landing of the space shuttle Discovery:

"This successful NASA mis-

sion of space shuttle Discovery is a key milestone and a positive indication that America's preeminent space exploration program will continue and grow.

And I join Americans and people around the world who stand in awe of these astronauts for their bravery, hard work and achievement.

"A robust manned space program is critical to both America's proud tradition of exploration and its commercial and military preeminence in space.

"NASA's missions foster technological and scientific advances and help ensure our national security as well as create jobs for thousands of Texans and thousands of Americans.

"I believe the mission of NASA, together with the President's vision for future space exploration, will also encourage young people to study math and science and prepare for

space-related careers.

As so many young children have done in the past, they are inspired by the feats of daring and accomplishment by these brave astronauts.

These goals are set not just for our current benefit, but also for future generations of leaders and innovators in Texas and across America."

Sen. Cornyn serves on five key Senate committees: Armed Services; Judiciary; Budget; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and the Joint Economic Committee. He chairs the Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship and the Armed Services Committee's subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities.

Texans for Lawsuit Reform PAC endorses Gov. Perry

Austin - Governor Rick Perry today proudly accepted the endorsement of Texans for Lawsuit Reform PAC (TLR) for his 2006 reelection for Governor. "Governor Perry has been a consistent and passionate advocate for curbing lawsuit abuse and for restoring fairness and balance to Texas courtrooms. His leadership the last two legislative ses-

sions has been essential to passage of the most significant civil justice reforms in the history of this country," said TLR Chairman and CEO Richard W. Weekley. Texans for Lawsuit Reform, the state's largest lawsuit reform organization, is a bipartisan, volunteer-led coalition with more than 13,000 individual supporters in 689 towns and cities, representing 1,203 different trade, businesses and professions. "I am honored and proud to have the support of Texans for Lawsuit Reform," Perry said.

Gov. Perry has been endorsed by 48 of 62 members of the State Republican Executive Committee, GOP National Committeeman Bill Crocker, and the Republican Governors Association (RGA).

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FCA plans 'Drive thru' BBQ, 'Round-Up' fundraiser

The Brackett High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes Chapter (FCA) will hold a benefit barbecue fundraiser on Sunday, Aug. 14, in hopes of raising approximately \$2,500. Plates will be prepared and distributed behind the school cafeteria in the parking lot to supporters who may drive through and pick up their plates. Student officers and members

are selling tickets for \$5 a plate. They are also on sale in the high school office. Money raised will be set aside and used for FCA '06 Summer Camp to enable more student members to attend FCA Camp. Donations of cooked, sliced briskets, beans, potato salad and deserts are still needed, and adult chapter members are asked

to help the day of the event. The "Round Up" Party for student and adult chapter members will be held at the home of Bill & Carolyn Conoly on Sunday, Aug. 28. Adult Chapter members are asked to attend their first meeting of the year at 2 p.m. at the Conoly's, and the Round Up Party will begin at 5. Adult Chapter officers will be

electd; dues will be collected; and prayer partners will be assigned. Any adult interested in supporting the student chapter is welcome to attend. For more information or to find out how you can help, please contact FCA Coach/Sponsor Rhonda Marquardt at 563-5181 or Adult Chapter President Carolyn Conoly at 563-3699.

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KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Tuesday, Aug. 2
6:06 p.m., A caller to 911 reported a two-car accident in Val Verde County. Dispatchers notified Val Verde County Sheriff's office.

Wednesday, Aug. 3
12:26 a.m., Mario Moreno Zamora, 22, of Del Rio, was arrested for DWI, first offense by Trooper Rios. Zamora was later released on \$1,500 bond.

11:09 a.m., A woman reported that someone had ripped off the gate to a local ranch. A deputy was notified of the incident and dispatched to the scene.

1:33 p.m., A woman requested a deputy at her residence. Deputy Kenneth Frietag was notified and en route to the location.

Thursday, Aug. 4
3:05 a.m., A woman called reporting that someone was trying to break in to her residence through the back door and her bedroom window. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was notified of the situation and dispatched to the location.

10:40 a.m., A minor accident in front of a local business on Spring Street was reported. Chief Deputy John Fritter was notified and he was en route to that location.

7:33 p.m., A dispatcher from the Uvalde Police Department called the Kinney County Sheriff's office saying that someone reported a possible grass fire near Cline. The dispatcher said Uvalde Fire Department was dispatched to county line, but didn't see anything. Deputy Ron Ring was notified and he drove to county line to see if Brackettville Fire Department was needed. Ring reported he did not see any signs of a brush fire.

9:21 p.m., A Border Patrol agent reported loose cattle on Highway 693, about four miles along the rail road tracks. Deputy Ring was notified, as well as the owners of the cattle.

Friday, Aug. 5
2:27 a.m., A man called 911 to report a truck was parked on the westbound lane on U.S. 90 West about three miles from Brackettville. The caller reported there were two individuals in the truck sound asleep. The caller reports he tried to wake them up, but could not. Deputy Ring was notified and made the individuals park the truck off the road, away from danger.

7:50 p.m., A man called to report that his neighbor was talking secrets about him and they wanted to take his money. Deputy Ring was dispatched and noted that the only person in the next apartment was an elderly woman.

Saturday, Aug. 6
1:45 p.m., A man reported that his wife was trying to take a washing machine from his residence and he did not want it removed.

4:46 p.m., A woman called to report her calves were missing. Last week, she went to the ranch and two of her calves were missing and this week she had all of her calves missing. Deputy Manny Pena was notified and en route to the location.

4:49 p.m., A woman reported that her son's pit bull puppy was stolen from her yard. Deputy Pena was notified and spoke with the woman to get a description of the dog.

5:35 p.m., A man called to report a reckless driver in an 18-wheeler. He described the vehicle. This was approximately 12 miles west of Brackettville on

U.S. 90. The truck had passed several other cars in a driving lane in a no-passing zone. Deputy Frietag was notified of situation and dispatched to the location.

7:21 p.m., A woman reported that her neighbor across from her home was parked in a way that was obstructing a driver's view to make a turn onto Spring Street. Deputy Ring was informed of the incident.

Sunday, Aug. 7
8:18 a.m., A woman reported two illegal aliens on 1572 close to Spofford that needed assistance, a Border Patrol agent reported one of the two illegal aliens had a cold, but did not need assistance.

6:30 p.m., A man requested a deputy at his residence. The caller reported another man had broken into his residence. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was notified and dispatched to the location.

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This notice concerns 2005 property tax rates for City of Brackettville. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 180,608
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 180,608
Last year's tax base	\$ 22,688,434
Last year's total tax rate	0.7963 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 178,790
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 21,555,455
= This year's effective tax rate	0.8294 /\$100
<i>(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)</i>	
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 178,790
- This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 21,555,455
= This year's effective operating rate	0.8294 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.8957 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.0000 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	0.8957 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease
If City of Brackettville adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.8294 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2004 taxes by \$412.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance			
Schedule B - 2005 Debt Service				
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable.				
Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Enter Text Here	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Required for 2005 Debt Service				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2005				\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 81.65% of its taxes in 2005				\$0
= Total Debt Levy				\$0

2005 Property Tax Rates in Kinney County
This notice concerns 2005 property tax rates for Kinney County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:		General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 991,325	\$ 49,253	\$ 49,253
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 991,325	\$ 49,253	\$ 49,253
Last year's tax base	\$ 132,053,417	\$ 133,476,965	\$ 133,476,965
Last year's total tax rate	0.7507 /\$100	0.0369 /\$100	0.0369 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 970,895	\$ 48,299	\$ 48,299
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 136,804,027	\$ 136,855,938	\$ 136,855,938
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.7096 /\$100	0.0352 /\$100	0.0352 /\$100
Total effective tax rate	0.7448 /\$100		
<i>(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)</i>			
This year's rollback tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 970,895	\$ 48,299	\$ 48,299
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 136,804,027	\$ 136,855,938	\$ 136,855,938
= This year's effective operating rate	0.7096 /\$100	0.0352 /\$100	0.0352 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.7663 /\$100	0.0380 /\$100	0.0380 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.0000 /\$100	0.0000 /\$100	0.0000 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.7663 /\$100	0.0380 /\$100	0.0380 /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	0.8043 /\$100		

Statement of Increase/Decrease
If Kinney County adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.7448 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2004 taxes by \$16,590.

Schedule A: General Fund - Unencumbered Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Schedule B: General Fund - 2005 Debt Service	

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School will soon be starting and different routines taking over. Lazy days of summer gone and it's time to have to watch that old clock again.

Today's muffins will help start everyone's day off with a smile.

BACON-CHEESE MUFFINS
 ½ lb. Bacon (10-12 slices)
 vegetable oil
 1 egg, beaten
 ¾ cup milk
 1¾ cup all-purpose flour
 ¼ cup sugar
 1 tsp baking powder
 ½ cup crunchy nut like cereal nuggets

1 cup shredded cheddar cheese (4 oz.)

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Cook bacon in large skillet until crisp. Drain. Reserving drippings. If necessary add oil to drippings to measure 1/3 cup. (If microwaving bacon, use 1/3 cup vegetable oil).

In small bowl, combine oil, egg and milk; set aside. Crumble bacon; set aside. In large bowl, combine flour, sugar and baking powder. Make well in center, add egg mixture all at once to flour mixture, stirring just until moistened. Batter should be



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Fold in bacon, cheese and cereal. Spoon into greased or paper lined 2½ inch muffin cups, filling about ¾ full. Bake 15-20 minutes or until golden. Remove from pan and cool on wire rack. Makes 12.

TORTILLA CRUNCH CHICKEN FINGERS
 1 envelope herb and garlic soup mix

1 cup finely crushed plain tortilla chips or cornflakes (about 3 oz.)

½ lbs. boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into strips

1 egg
 2 tsp water
 2tbsp margarine or butter, melted

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In a medium bowl, combine soup mix and tortilla chips. In large plastic bag or bowl, combine chicken and egg beaten

with water and coat evenly. Remove chicken and dip in tortilla mixture until evenly coated; discard bag.

Spray a 15½ x 10½ x 1 inch jelly roll pan with cooking spray; arrange chicken on pan and drizzle with margarine. Bake uncovered 12 minutes or until chicken juices run clear. Serve with chunky salsa.

Makes about 24 chicken fingers.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Kinney County Appraisal District Budget

The Kinney County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2006 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on August 23, 2005 at 6:00 P.M. in the Appraisal District Office, 412 South Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$195,882.53
The total amount of increased over current year's budget.	\$14,718.53
The No. of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	3
The No. of employees compensated under the current budget.	3

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from local-taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school district, and cities served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of these governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

Last year, the Kinney county property tax rate was \$0.7876. That rate raised \$1,040,578, a portion of which was used to fund operations such as Sheriff's Department and jail operations; Indigent Services; County Road Maintenance; Library; Nutrition Center; Office of the Justice of the Peace; County Judge; County Attorney; County Clerk; Tax Assessor/Collector; County Treasurer; County Auditor; Extension Service; District Court; District Attorney; Constable; Department of Public Service; Civic Center; County Cemetery; Grounds and Building Maintenance.

This year, Kinney County is proposing a property tax rate of \$0.7531. That rate would raise \$1,035,399, which is \$(5,179) more than taxes imposed last year.

There will be two public hearings to consider that increase. The first public hearing will be held on September 6, 2005, at 9 a.m. at County Courthouse. The second hearing will be held September 12, 2005, at 9 a.m. at County Court House

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Dobbin's shelter
 - 5 Mixed breeds
 - 10 Corner
 - 14 Lily plant
 - 15 "I feel"
 - 16 Capital of Latvia
 - 17 Consider wise advice
 - 20 Common contraction
 - 21 Officially approved: abbr.
 - 22 Thorny plants
 - 23 High regard
 - 25 Alley cat
 - 26 Article of clothing
 - 29 Have a snack
 - 31 Clergyman's dwelling
 - 32 Fashionable
 - 33 Warbled
 - 37 Sick abed
 - 41 "of the d'Urbervilles"
 - 42 Groove
 - 43 Interlace
 - 44 Enjoy greatly: slang
 - 45 Base for a chair or an ashtray
 - 47 Start of a U.S. university
 - 51 Paddles
 - 53 In
 - 55 Poker player's term
 - 56 Female animal
 - 59 Wishing for the impossible
 - 62 Network
 - 63 Contaminate
 - 64 Let
 - 65 Historical divisions
 - 66 Written work
 - 67 South African fox
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Island east of Java
 - 2 Landed
 - 3 Patriotic
 - 4 Holy
 - 5 Web
 - 6 Irish province
 - 7 Support one's church
 - 8 Ref's decision
 - 9 Yugoslavian
 - 10 Characteristic
 - 11 Alarm clock header
 - 12 Greek marketplace
 - 13 Violet
 - 18 Len's climax
 - 19 In the past
 - 23 Lets up
 - 24 Cry from
 - 25 Across
 - 26 Sooty matter
 - 27 Subside
 - 28 Concludes
 - 30 Drink
 - 32 Encountered
 - 33 British weapons
 - 34 "Moby Dick"
 - 35 Leningrad's river
 - 36 Peck, to friends, perhaps
 - 38 Prefix for angle or cycle
 - 39 Welcomes warmly
 - 40 Open the eyes
 - 44 Prefix for god or john
 - 45 Fruit
 - 46 Being
 - 47 Mother-of-pearl
 - 48 Different
 - 49 "is ___ fact!"
 - 50 Garden blooms
 - 52 Capital city
 - 54 Being: Sp.
 - 56 Accomplishes
 - 57 Has
 - 58 This: Sp.
 - 60 Auto's need
 - 61 Feminine garment

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ROARING TWENTIES

In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions—forward, backward, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

Today's Category: **SPICES, HERBS, AND CONDIMENTS**

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aug. 11.....Sandi Vance
Aug. 12.....Ray Aguilar
Aug. 12.....Bernie Cervantes
Aug. 13.....Elise Huntsman
Aug. 13.....Nina Batson
Aug. 13.....Tom Bohne
Aug. 13.....Ray Entrikin
Aug. 13.....J.J. Guidry
Aug. 13.....Georgia Logue
Aug. 13.....Megan McWilliams
Aug. 13.....Ron Ring
Aug. 14.....Roland Boyson
Aug. 14.....Sarah Davis
Aug. 14.....Audie Herrington
Aug. 14.....Carrie Garcia
Aug. 14.....Roger Stephens
Aug. 15.....Martin Luna
Aug. 15.....Tilda Sierra
Aug. 15.....Daniel Woods
Aug. 16.....Andrea Garcia
Aug. 17.....Melissa Davis
Aug. 17.....Arthur Galthur
Aug. 17.....Jessica T. Luna

Roaring Twenties Solution:

1. Allspice
2. Basil
3. Cinnamon
4. Cloves
5. Cumin
6. Dill
7. Fennel
8. Ginger
9. Mace
10. Marjoram
11. Mustard
12. Nutmeg
13. Oregano
14. Paprika
15. Parsley
16. Pepper
17. Rosemary
18. Sage
19. Salt
20. Thyme

HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You take stock of where you stand this week. Perhaps it's time to stop obsessing over material things. Keep in mind what's really important in life.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Someone disappoints you this week. Don't allow this setback to feed your natural cynicism. Not everyone is deceptive and out to get you.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You begin the week dwelling on a domestic problem. However, this distracts you from work at hand. Try to focus more.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Someone you thought was a friend turns out to be a bit jealous where you're concerned. Re-evaluate this relationship. It could be toxic in the long run.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Opportunity comes your way this week, but it's disguised. Keep your eyes and ears open so you don't miss it. Later in the week, you're a bit cranky from lack of rest.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You need to pace yourself more this week. Rushing through tasks will only result in careless mistakes. Take a deep breath and try to relax more.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're brimming with innovative ideas this week. However, these need to be fleshed out before presenting them. Get to that proverbial drawing board!

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's follow-the-leader this week, and you're it. You're up for this responsibility and challenge. However, avoid a tendency to be a bit bossy.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You've got the big picture in mind. The trouble is, you're not sure of the details. Enlist someone's aid in this matter, preferably someone who can think more logically than you.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You don't have to push to get what you want done. Those around you are being cooperative. See it for what it is, and take full advantage.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Slow but steady wins the race for you this week. Impatience, though, can set a trap for you. By week's end, though, you're sitting pretty.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You and a loved one are on opposite sides this week. While you feel strongly about the issue, so does this person. Try to air each others' viewpoints in a civil manner.

Volunteer tutors needed for students

The St. Henry De Osso Family Project is looking for volunteers who can give a couple of hours per week to tutor a child with academic needs.

You can be part of a recognized program that could mean the difference between success and failure for a child.

The program works directly with families of children who are referred by first grade teachers at Jones Elementary School.

Tutors are trained to go directly into the child's home and help the parents or caregivers to learn the importance of education and how to motivate and encourage their children to succeed in school.

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We all know how important parents are in the education of children.

It is confirmed by research that children whose parents are directly involved in the educational processes have a much higher probability of success throughout the school years and later in the world of work.

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is directed at helping parents to stay involved with their children's education.

The program works with children for two years in first and second grades. Services are provided to families free of charge and without regard to race, religion or economic status.

Training and materials will be provided to tutors.

Tutors must be willing to attend two evenings of training and then one evening of follow-up each month during the fall semester.

Tutors must be Christians and have no record of drug or alcohol convictions or any record of violent crimes like child abuse or endangerment.

Since some parents do not speak English, some bilingual tutors are needed.

Tutors will be accepted on the basis of willingness to be committed to children and their families and without regard to denominational affiliation.

Teenagers can be accepted to work as partners with an adult.

If you are interested please call Dr. Don Smith at 563-2285 or Paulita Montalvo at 563-2091.

OBITUARY

Nicolas Talamantez, Sr.

Nicolas Talamantez Sr, age 95, entered into rest Aug. 5, 2005 in San Angelo, Texas. He was born Dec. 10, 1909, in Brackettville.

He is preceded in death by his daughters, Susie Talamantez Garcia, and Dora Talamantez Martinez.

He is survived by his sons, Nicolas Talamantez Jr, Lupe Talamantez, Ernesto Talamantez and Mario Talamantez,

Daughters, Angie T. Losoya, Irene Segura, Mary Valdez, Arhelia Talamantez, Petra

Garcia, 26 grandchildren, 60 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Monday, Aug. 8, 2005 from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Sunset Memorial Oaks Chapel, 114 North Street, Brackettville.

Graveside service will be held Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. at Kinney County Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Sunset Memorial Oaks Funeral Home, 2020 Bedell Ave, Del Rio.

The book of life

The pictures and headlines in the first album left Rick speechless. He saw women crying.

He saw pictures of children cruelly violated. He picked up the second album and opened it. This time the headlines spoke of changed lives.

Pictures were of happy things. They showed men reunited with families. They showed happy children.

Joe spoke. "Dis heah book is wut ah calls da book'o lahf. Dese heah men'r da ones dat let da Lawd change deah lahves. Dey got on da road ta healin and change."

Rick looked at each page. Looking up at Joe, he pointed to one particular picture. It showed a man smiling and shaking hands with Warden Graves. The two were holding a frame with some kind of certificate. Rick read the caption. The certificate was a pardon from the Governor.

It spoke of restored rights and a new life of service to other prisoners. Rick's questioning expression prompted Joe to speak. "Yeah dats Joahdan yo counslah."

Rick turned the pages. He pointed again. Joe spoke. "Yeah dats Donovan. An wid all his haiah." The two laughed. Rick looked startled.

"But, how? How did Donovan ever get a prison-guard job if he was an ex con?"



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Dr. Donald Smith

"Da Lawd's de almahty Rick boy," Joe replied. "He c'n do mahty things we can't dream of. Bless Gawd, He c'n open doahs dad no man c'n shut Da Lawd gits glohry from doin th impossible."

Rick didn't know what to say. Handing the album back to Joe, he turned toward his bunk. He walked slowly, deliberately as if he was thinking about each step. Each time he placed his foot on the floor he could hear Amy scream or his children crying. At his bunk, he reached up to the ladder. He turned and looked at old Joe.

Joe watched. He smiled at Rick and turned off the light. "G'naht Rick boy. Dat book o lahf? Yo pichur'll be'n dat book soon. Think 'bout dat."

Rick climbed up into his bunk and looked at the ceiling for a long time. He thought about his life. He thought about Amy.

His mind was full of questions he couldn't explain.

Without even thinking he breathed a prayer, "Lord why am I here? What's the plan?"

Fishing by Faith

We walked along the little grassy trail that led toward the river.

I was so happy because it was such a beautiful day and it was a chance for my two sons and I to go fishing.

The river wasn't very deep and it twisted and turned and there were even a few sandbars in the middle. Standing on the riverbank we watched the other fishermen for a few minutes.

They were catching a few but mostly small ones. The young man who brought us to the spot had led us to believe that we could catch big fish here and that we would all catch our limit.

He left and shortly returned pulling a small boat.

He had us get into the boat and pulled us out to one of the sandbars.

He brought the bait (it didn't look too attractive to me) and told us to put our lines in the water on the shallow side of the sandbar.

There we stood, the only



Jerry Davenport

Brother J.

ones on the sandbars (everyone else on the riverbanks), using some weird bait, in shallow water, and hoping to catch a lot of big fish.

It sure did take a lot of faith. Trusting God and his Word (The Bible) takes a lot of faith and so does living the Christian life (Luke 7:50, 2 Corinthians 5:7, Galatians 2:20 and Ephesians 2:8,9 one of my favorites).

Our fishing trip was a great success, (yes, we all caught our limit and they were nice fish) just as our guide promised.

Romans 5:5, says we will not be disappointed if we put our faith in God. See you in Church on Sunday.

Be his Servant

But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all;

But my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgement to the Gentiles.

Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind and dumb, and he healed him,

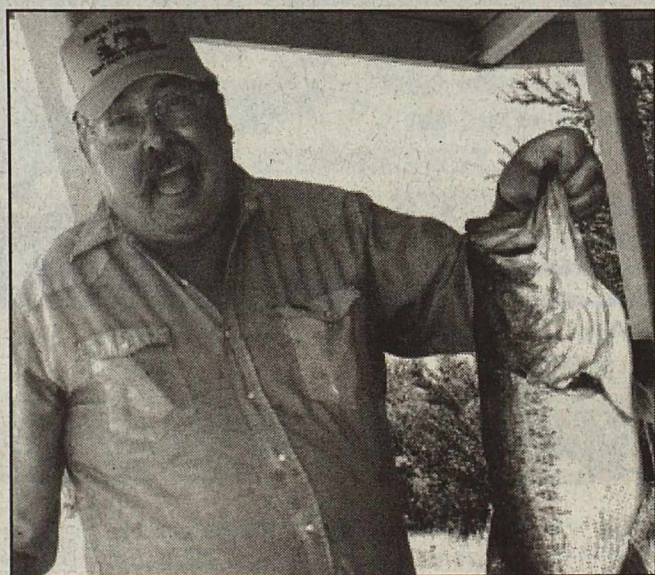


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Rev. Bill Adams Sr.

in so much that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.

St. Matthew 12:15, 18, 22. Praise the Lord!



Catch of the day Courtesy Photo

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