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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 in business for 15 years.

Social Security Workshop

Have limited income? Social Security can help with Medicare prescription costs. Find out if you are eligible Aug. 25 at United Medical Center, 201 James Street from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

City: Pay your bill on time

The regular due date for the payment of city utility bills will fall on a Saturday this month, so the City of Brackettville would like to remind residents to pay before 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 19 to avoid being charged a late fee. If payment is deposited in the drop box after 5 p.m., please include a late fee of \$8. Accounts with a balance at the end of the month will be grounds for disconnection.

4-H Awards Banquet Aug. 19

All 4-H members and parents are invited to the 4-H Banquet this Friday, Aug. 19 at 7:30 p.m. It will be held at the Fort Clark Springs Service Club. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP the Extension Office at 563-2442.

Lee recuses self from water case

Thomas Lee, district judge for the 63rd Judicial District has recused himself from the case involving Kinney County land owners and the Kinney county Groundwater Conservation District.

The cause, listed as Toledo P. Boulware, individually and as trustee, Justin Burk dba Burk Farms, Robert E. Condry, Zach and Kayla Davis, DMC Partners, Ltd., Willie Jo Dooley LP, Hayden G. Haby and Doris Y. Haby, Hayden G. Haby Jr., and Dennette Haby Coates, Melanie and John Jones in their capacity as Joint Representatives of the Ben Jones, Jr., estate and Ben Jones Sr., estate, McDaniel Farms, Inc., Jewel F. Robinson and 4-S Ranch, vs. The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District and Darlene Shahan in her official capacity as general manager of the KCGCD.

Stephen Ables, presiding judge for the Sixth Administrative Judicial Region has assigned the Hon. Mickey Ray Pennington, active district judge of the 38th District Court, to preside over this case. The case involving the two parties has been postponed until Oct. 3. The hearing is set for Uvalde.

INSIDE

Bro J.

We had been gone for almost a week and it was the middle of the summer and very hot. We had to travel in crowded vans each day and the air conditioning didn't work. Religion/Page 5

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Council raises fees; gives nod to raise taxes

By Leigh Volcsko
Staff Writer

All City Council members were present at Tuesday's special meeting and voted unanimously to raise sewer and electrical surcharge rates. The council also approved a \$3,000 raise for City Secretary Bonnie Mayes.

The flat rate for sewer is now \$9; a \$1 increase. The electrical surcharge rate is now \$8, reflecting a \$2 increase. These rates will be reflected on the customer's utility bill. The rate increase is effective October 1, 2005.

According to city officials, the rates currently charged are not in accordance with what it actually takes to provide these services and are putting a strain on the city financially.

The rates have not increased since 1997, according to City Secretary Bonnie Mayes.

The council discussed and approved the establishment of a flat rate fee of \$700 for gravesite services.

Currently, the city is providing the manpower, machinery and fuel for digging graves at no charge.

Surrounding cities charge up to \$1000 in various gravesite fees.

Council members also discussed and approved a proposed property tax increase.

The rate, if adopted, will increase from 0.7963 to 0.8957.

This could generate approximately \$13,000 more for the city annually. The council was recently advised by Kinney County Chief Appraiser, Bill Haenn, that there are currently 1,470 taxpayer accounts and many of those are past due.

Mayes, stated that the amount of taxes owed to the city alone exceeds \$180,000.

These rate increases and fee establishments are the result of the city leaders being forced to make tough budget decisions in order to keep the city out of the red, Mayes said.

In recent years, Mayes said, the city suffered from gross financial mismanagement that had led to devastating amounts of debt and its fragile financial status.

Mayes and Mayor Pro-Tem, Matt Bland, in particular, have both researched cost-saving ideas for the city.

For example, Mayes has recently suggested that the city invest in a chipping machine in order to dispose of the numerous brush piles scattered about the streets and alleyways after the

"brush area" was permanently closed by the state for numerous violations.

If a chipper was purchased, it would eliminate the need for a designated area and improve the appearance of our neighborhoods at minimal cost.

Two items tabled without discussion were the appointment of a Municipal Judge and health insurance for city employees.

At present livestock within city limits, junked cars and unwanted furniture and bedding are city violations that have become serious health and safety issues for the community, according to Mayes.

Just before the meeting adjourned for the night, the council went into executive session to discuss raising the salary for Mayes.

Upon their return 20 minutes



City Secretary Bonnie Mayes

later, the members unanimously voted to increase Mayes' salary from \$22,500 to \$26,265 effective Oct. 1.

The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for September 13.



IT'S TIGER TIME

Tiger's Head Coach Greg Voyles fires up the Tigers during their scrimmage last Friday. This week, the Black and Gold scrimmage against Junction at 7 p.m. in Tiger Stadium. Tiger homecoming is slated for Sept. 16 against Leakey. See the full Tiger Schedule, and Tigerette Volleyball schedule on page 3.

Lightning strikes Crockett street tree

By Leigh Volcsko
Staff Writer

Lightning struck a mesquite tree at 308 W. Crockett Street Aug. 5, and sent timber flying more than four city lots away.

The home of Royce and Jean Massingill sustained incredible damage when a six foot limb torpedoed into the side of the house, stopped only by a two-by-four, interior wall support.

The metal covering on the house was pierced clean through and an 18-inch hole let light out from the inside. The homeowners' automobile, metal roof, window, fences and patio furniture all suffered serious damage. No human injuries were reported, but one pet duck was killed. The Massingills, on an errand in Del Rio, were not at home at the time of the strike, but their grandson, Whitney, 18, was seated at their kitchen table, a mere 10 feet from the blast.

The most damage to the interior was centered behind the owner's two reclining chairs in the living room.

There, the wood supports were splintered inward and the glass from a shattered window was scattered about the carpet.

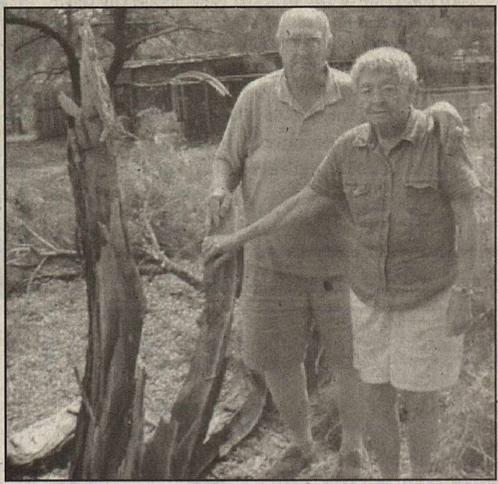
The retired couple believes they may have been sitting in their recliners if they had been at home because of the inclement weather. The 30-plus year old tree was only one of several in a cleared, grassy lot between the Massingill property and that of their son, Woody, and his family. The tree, once 25 feet tall, is now only a few spikes protruding from the ground and has become quite an attraction for local citizens. "I'm surprised there was not more damage done," Jean Massingill said as she walked around, amazed by the amount of debris surrounding her entire home. "We're just glad we

have insurance," she concluded.

The storm did not pass over Fort Clark Springs without first dealing its residents a few crushing blows, too.

According to FCS Maintenance Supervisor, Rudy Luna, the administrative offices lost telephone service for a short time and some electrical outages were reported. Several trees had to be removed from the roadways, but the most unfortunate loss suffered was by fort resident, Russell White, whose 18-year-old mare was struck dead by lightning while standing next to her colt at the FCS Stable Facility. The colt was not harmed.

According to the National Weather Service, the storm boundary was formed by the collision of the northwest and southeast air masses. The strong storm produced lightning. No flood damage was reported to City Officials.



Brackett News photo by Leigh Volcsko

Royce and Jean Massingill at the site of the lightning strike.

Residents go before Lee

The following people are scheduled to appear before District Court Judge Lee on Thurs., Aug. 25 in the 63rd Judicial District. The first item on the docket is Federico Terrones, he is scheduled to appear regarding a motion to revoke his probation; Anthony Aaron Blackwood, pos-

session of marijuana and bond forfeiture. Diana Koch Ward, motion to revoke probation; Oscar Gutierrez, DWI; Thomas Charles Ward, sexual assault and possession of marijuana; Alan Lewis Whitley, possession of controlled substance. The court is open to the public.

City to begin chipping away

The City of Brackettville informs the public that beginning on Monday, Aug. 22, workers will be using a mobile wood chipping machine to dispose of brush and tree limbs cleared away from resident's personal properties. Workers will go street by street for the month of September disposing of the unwanted brush.

Development Council. Area municipalities share the use of the wood chipper.

City Secretary, Bonnie Mayes, reported that the city is working towards purchasing its own wood chipper, with help from a potential grant, in the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

If you have other unwanted items, such as: appliances, metal, furniture or mattresses, please contact the City for additional information at 563-2412. Items can be disposed of at the city collection site, some at no charge.

The City is requesting that brush be placed on the corner of property to have easy access to the piles. The wood chipper is owned by the Middle Rio Grande



Brackett ISD staff is roaring to go for the first day of school. Staff includes: Jennifer Baggett; April Blake; Maxine Bonner; Judy Burks; Karron Childress; Lisa Conoly; Ricky Cree; Stella Hagler; Candice Hobbs; Hector Jimenez; Kandace LaMascus; Sherry Monte; Brenda Perry; Laurel Plunk; Christy Price; Marci Resendez; Olivia Robinette; Kay Sitgreaves; Candice Voyles; Eileen Allen; Michelle Bowers; Bonnie Brotherton; Hector Jimenez; Pam Melancon; Sue Ann Rose; Yolanda Rueda; Belinda Schroeder; Alma Gutierrez - Principal Pre K-4; George Burks, Principal 5-8; Candace Bader; Cindy Brandt; Dusty Brotherton; Clinton Cooper; Steven Hutcherson; Hector Jimenez; Charles Marquardt; Mary Petrosky; Tilda Sierra; Greg Voyles, AD; Frank Taylor, High School Principal; Kathy Bader; Jamie Ballew; Julie Bruce; Clinton Cooper; Karen Crumley; Dee Curry; Jack Frerich; Liz Frerich; Steven Hutcherson; Rhonda Marquardt; Lorenzo Ortiz; Antonio Ramon; Louisa Stone; Greg Voyles, AD; Ruben Buantello; Tomas Castillo, Supervisor; Mary Hernandez; Blanca Ortega; Anna Sanchez; Carol Sandoval; Lucy Wilson-Factor; Armando Sanchez; Gus Sandoval; Richard Terrazas; Paula Renken, Superintendent; Sue Castro; Paul De La Rosa; Susan Esparza; Charles May; Nathan LaFrenz; Marla Madrid; Gracie Mata; Maria Villarreal; Elida Balderas; Carlotta De La Rosa; Cyndi Flores; Honey Bee Gomez; Mary Koch; Mary Lopez; Antonia Pena; Maria Rivas; Francine Collins; James D'Camp; Susan Davis; Sammye Duncan; Celia Ramon; Adela Avila; Sandra Davis; Mary Foster; Mary Jane Garcia; Rosie Garcia; Elia Gutierrez; Maria Molinar; Dorothy Roberts; Lilliana Salazar; Mary Salmon; Julie Terrazas; Chica Garza; Erik Henson; Melanie Jones; Elizabeth Hodges.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It's a Thrift Store, not a Theft Store

Editor: Are you a thief? Surely not you, but perhaps it's someone you know? The Lions Club of Brackettville has enjoyed the support of local citizens for many years. People of the area have not only donated generously of usable items and clothing, they have also shopped at the Thrift Store. Unfortunately, in recent years, the local Lions have seen a decline in the money earned from the thrift store. It seems that some people think because the items placed in front of the store are donated, they have the right to take what they want. THIS IS STEALING. Although these items are given freely, once they are placed in front of the door, they become the property of the Lions Thrift Store. When people take items left at the door, they are stealing from the blind, handicapped and others in need. Monies earned from the thrift store, as well as other fund-raising events, help to buy glasses, train seeing eye dogs, support eye banks and purchase hearing aids for those in need and spon-

sor the health fair. The local Lions donate furniture and clothing to families in need, give Christmas baskets over the holidays and support the Lions Camp of Texas for the handicapped. In recent years, the Lions Club International has actively supported the low vision programs for visually impaired children in schools. Lions Club International supports about 160 worthwhile projects. Another problem faced by the local Lions is the problem of trash dumping on the side of the building. Not only is this unsightly and a health hazard, but it is also very costly. Trash does not walk to the dump on its own, it has to be hauled. Money paid to haul trash is money taken away from Lions sponsored projects. You can help so much by only leaving goods which are suitable for the thrift store and not taking anything. Of course, this isn't written to you, but perhaps you'll let your friend know. Thank you. Norma Conner

Improving security should not harm Texas' commerce

With the savage bomb attacks in London, the world was put on notice that terrorists are continuing their jihad against the peaceful free people of the world and trying to destroy freedom. Because these murderers have often stated that their goal is to attack Americans in our homeland, we have to continue our efforts to improve our domestic security. A key element in any plan to make America safer is prevention of terrorists and their weapons from entering our country in the first place. This is why, ever since 9/11, Congress has been providing increased resources to make our seaports, airports and land border crossings more secure. This is vitally important in the valley region. After all, Texas is widely known as America's "Third Coast" because of its long gulf shorelines; it has 1,254 miles of shared border with Mexico. Terrorists as well as violent drug gangs are trying to penetrate our borders more and more. Al-Qaeda's number one man in Iraq, Abu Musab Al-Zarqawi, has said his goal is to attack Americans in our homeland and suggested smuggling terrorists in through Mexico.



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

Already, investigators report finding Qurans and prayer mats in border areas of Arizona. Currently, our policy requires our border agents to handle Mexican illegal immigrants differently from those who come from other countries, who are known by the acronym OTM, or Other Than Mexican. Amazingly, most OTM individuals are set free on personal recognition and ordered to appear for court hearings a few weeks later. In testimony before the House Judiciary Committee, it was reported that more than 70 percent of these illegal immigrants fail to appear for those hearings. The government reports that last year, we had more than 44,000 apprehensions of OTMs, of whom 4,000 were from countries identified by the State Department as terrorism sponsors or national security concerns. One of them was Farida Ahmed, a South African national who of-

ficials believe is a high-level Al-Qaeda operative. She was heading to New York when apprehended in McAllen, but how many of her allies have been released to blend into the population? What complicates efforts to make the border safer is the explosion of goods and people traveling between the United States and Mexico. This trade has been a part of our history, but began to accelerate with the signing of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in 1996. Texas roads and rails carry most of America's NAFTA trade. Our challenge is to properly screen the huge amount of people and goods which cross our border each year well enough to provide good security while being efficient enough to allow trade to continue to flourish. To improve security we must provide sufficient resources and personnel to do the job. This was a key reason why I successfully fought to restore funding to increase the number of border patrol officers to the full 2,000 authorized in the Intelligence Reform Bill. We cannot physically screen every single container in our

nation's vast economy, but we can certainly screen more than we do at present, and can set up a system to coordinate methods of identifying shippers and materials. We can also use large scanners, canine teams and other methods to determine whether containers are carrying weapons, narcotics, explosives, currency or people. We can also do a better job of monitoring Texas' substantial cross-border truck traffic. A single truck booth on the border may handle 3.9 million vehicles per year. To address this problem, we are beginning a pilot program using Radio Frequency Identification Devices (RFIDs) on the vehicles. If the program proves successful, we should think about speeding up adoption of these devices. Some people think we can solve our problems by simply slamming the door on our borders. We in Texas know better, and I am committed to working with residents in the valley to come up with solutions which will allow our commerce and prosperity to increase even as we improve our nation's security against the terrorists and drug traffickers who threaten our way of life.

To the Troops: America supports you

As Michael Martinez prepared to deploy to Iraq with the Army a friend asked him, "What can I do for you?" He replied, "If you want to support me, then support my family." There are dozens of groups that assist and encourage the

families left behind. One of my personal favorites is the America Supports You program. The program was created by the Department of Defense to recognize the nation's support for our troops and to communicate that appreciation to members of the Armed Forces at home and abroad. America Supports You is a one-stop shop to learn just how you can help - with your time, energy, and resources. You'll find over 100 groups catalogued by mission, such as: scholarships for military children, buying phone cards, letter-writing groups, authorized care package organizations, video-conferencing services, and how to donate airline miles to troops when they return home.



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

Since the November 2004 launch of the program, over 1.4 million Americans, ranging from individuals to businesses to organizations, have visited AmericaSupportsYou.mil to share their activities and projects in their communities that showcase their support for America's Armed Forces, especially those serving in harm's way. Everyone who registers will receive an America Supports You dog tag to wear as a sign of

support; the military-style dog tags feature the program logo. On average, 700 people a day are enrolling to receive the special America Supports You dog tag. With the advent of America Supports You - and with your participation - our servicemen and women will receive the support they deserve. Won't you thank these heroes for your freedom today? You'll be glad to know that Michael Martinez returned home safe and sound from his year-long deployment last December - just in time for Christmas. To all of the troops out there - and their families - thank you for your service and sacrifice. God bless you and God bless America.

Big Mama Sez! Most of us have never lived in normal times.

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Sexually transmitted diseases among teens

The Texas Department of State Health Services supports and recommends abstinence to prevent sexually transmitted disease. Our teens are at risk for diseases like Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Syphilis, HIV, Herpes, and Genital warts by having sexual relations, not just sexual intercourse. It was noted by Department of Health Services that the Jr. and Sr. High Schools in San Antonio show an increase in Chlamydia in the 04-05 school year. We are seeing an increase in our surrounding counties also. Parents can make a great difference in their teens decisions. It takes discipline and self assurance for a teen to decide for themselves to wait for sexual

activity. We see 10, 11, 12 year old girls in for pregnancy testing. A girl is not able to make an informed consent or decision at this age. Pregnancy at this age is child abuse. Your teen needs to know and report any sexual attempt by a student or adult in the family, school, church or other group. They should feel able to report the action to family, school official, public health or other adult. If that person does not help, the teen should know to go to a different adult. For information on the above diseases and a clinic near you call 1-800-227-8922.

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Texas treasures DPS seeking new recruits for state troopers

Today, I'm sharing some recipes that have been gathered from various Texans across our great state. Hope you find something you might like to try:

- Pecan Croquettes**
 1 tbsp. minced onion
 1 tbsp. chopped green pepper
 2 tbsp. shortening
 3 cups unseasoned mashed potatoes
 2 cups pecan pieces
 1 tbsp. chopped parsley
 1 egg, beaten
 1 tsp. salt
 1/8 tsp. pepper
 1/2 tsp. worcestershire sauce
 1 egg
 1 tbsp. water
 fine dry bread crumbs
- Saute onion, green pepper and shortening over medium heat for 5 minutes. Add mashed potatoes, pecans, parsley, 1 beaten egg, salt, pepper, worcestershire sauce to vegetables and shape into croquettes. Beat together 1 egg and water. Roll croquette in fine bread crumbs. Dip in egg mixture, then roll in crumbs again. Let stand 10 minutes to form



Goodies From G.G.

Vada Baldree

- slight crust. Fry in deep hot fat (375-400 degrees) until golden brown. Serve hot with mushroom or cheese sauce, if desired. Makes 16 Croquettes.
- Athens Marinated Blackeyed Peas**
 2 (15 oz.) cans of shelled blackeyed peas
 1/2 cup chopped onion
 1/2 cup chopped bell peppers
 1/2 clove garlic, chopped
 1/4 cup cider vinegar
 1/4 cup sugar
 1/2 cup vegetable oil
 1/2 tsp. salt
 hot pepper sauce, to taste
 Drain blackeyed peas in colander. Combine onion, bell pepper and peas. Mix remaining ingredients together and pour over pea mixture. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Will keep in refrigerator up to 2 weeks. Makes about 5 cups.

The Department of Public Safety is now taking applications for anyone interested in becoming a state trooper.

The next recruit school will start March 6, 2006 in Austin. The application deadline for Texas residents is Sept. 16. Sept. 9 is the deadline for out-of-state applicants.

"We are trying to attract outstanding men and women who want to serve as the first line of defense for the citizens of Texas," said DPS Director Col. Thomas Davis Jr. "Thanks to

the Legislature, our new troopers will receive higher salaries that are more competitive with larger police agencies.

Information is available through a toll-free number, 1-866-TXTROOP (898-7667), that rings directly into the recruiting office at DPS Headquarters in Austin. Additional information is accessible on the DPS Web site, www.txdps.state.tx.us, and application packets can be picked up at the nearest DPS office.



"Diversity is important to DPS—and we encourage minorities and women to consider a law enforcement career with the Department," said DPS Recruiting Coordinator Lt. Renearl Bowie. Graduates are initially assigned as uniformed officers in one of several services.

After gaining experience, troopers can compete for a variety of assignments in the Texas Highway Patrol, Criminal Law Enforcement, Driver License,

Administration and Texas Ranger divisions. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, at least 20 years of age, and have completed 90 hours of college credit.

Law enforcement, jailer or military experience may be used toward fulfilling the college requirement. Each applicant's background will be carefully scrutinized, including prior criminal history.

They will also be required to submit to a polygraph examination. DPS is an equal opportunity employer.

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, Aug. 9
 6:15 p.m., A person from the Kinney County Detention Center reported loose cattle on Highway 131. Ranch owner was advised.

6:25 p.m. A woman requested a deputy at her residence, she reported her brother-in-law was being disruptive. Deputies Kenneth Frietag and Ramon Gutierrez were dispatched.

7:50 p.m., Marco Antonio Sanchez, 23, of Killeen, Texas, was arrested for DWI, he was released on a \$2,000 bond.

Thursday, Aug. 11
 12:35 a.m., a man reported that on Ann street, there was a maroon truck and blue car speeding. Deputy Gutierrez was notified.

10:12 p.m., A woman reported that her husband had assaulted her. Deputy Ron Ring was notified and enroute to the location.

Friday, Aug. 12
 11:35 a.m., Jose Manuel

Duran, 28, of Del Rio was arrested for assault causing bodily injury/family violence.

1:55 p.m. A man called in to report a reckless driver on Highway 90 traveling east bound. Deputy Frietag was notified.

Saturday, Aug. 13
 5:25 p.m. Leonardo Moreno, 24, of Del Rio, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, less than 28 grams, a Class A.

1 p.m., A man requested a deputy because he was having family problems.

10 p.m., A woman called to report that someone was looking in her window again. She requested a deputy. Deputy Gutierrez was notified.

Monday Aug. 15
 12:16 a.m., A man called and reported that his mother heard someone in her yard and requested a deputy to check around her home. Deputy Gutierrez was notified and was enroute to the location.



FIGHTING TIGER VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
AUG. 19	SCRIMMAGE - JUNCTION	HOME	7:00
AUG. '06	CENTER POINT	HOME	7:30
SEPT. 2	SONORA	AWAY	7:30
SEPT. 9	NUECES CANYON	HOME	7:30
SEPT. 16	LEAKEY (HC)	HOME	7:30
SEPT. 23	ROCKSPRINGS	AWAY	7:30
SEPT. 30	BLANCO	AWAY	7:30
OCT. 9	OPEN	-----	-----
OCT. 15	*D'HANIS (SATURDAY)	AWAY	7:30
OCT. 21	*LAPRYOR	HOME	7:30
OCT. 28	*SABINAL	AWAY	7:30
NOV. 4	*CHARLOTTE (DN)	HOME	7:30

*DENOTES DISTRICT 29-A FOOTBALL CONTEST



TIGERETTE VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location
Aug. 18, 20	Brackett Tnmt.	Here
Aug. 23	Junction	Here
Aug. 30	Eagle Pass	Away
Sept. 3	Eagle Pass Tnmt	Away
Sept. 6	Junction/Medina	Away
Sept. 8, 10	Utopia Tnmt	Away
Sept. 10	Uvalde	Away
Sept. 13	Carrizo Springs	Away
Sept. 16	Leakey	Here
Sept. 17	D'Hanis Tnmt	Away
Sept. 20	Cotulla	Here
Sept. 24	**Sabinal	Away
Sept. 27	**D'Hanis	Here
Oct. 1	**Comstock	Away
Oct. 4	**LaPryor	Away
Oct. 7	Utopia	Here
Oct. 11	**Sabinal	Here
Oct. 14	**D'Hanis	Away
Oct. 18	**Comstock	Here
Oct. 21	**LaPryor	Here
Oct. 25	Utopia	Away
Oct. 28-30	District Tie Breakers	
Oct. 29	Wimberly Play-off Challenge	

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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:		Farm to Market/Flood Control Fund	
Last year's operating taxes	\$991,325	\$49,253	
Last year's debt taxes	\$0	\$0	
Last year's total taxes	\$991,325	\$49,253	
Last year's tax base	\$131,055,417	\$133,476,985	
Last year's total tax rate	0.7507/\$100	0.0369/\$100	
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$976,895	\$48,299	
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$136,804,027	\$136,855,938	
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.7096/\$100	0.0352/\$100	
Total effective tax rate	0.7448/\$100		
<i>(Adjustment 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)	\$976,895	\$48,299	
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$136,804,027	\$136,855,938	
= This year's effective operating rate	0.7096/\$100	0.0352/\$100	
+ 1.05 - this year's maximum operating rate	0.7663/\$100	0.0380/\$100	
+ This year's debt rate	0.0000/\$100	0.0000/\$100	
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.7663/\$100	0.0380/\$100	
This year's total rollback rate	0.8043/\$100		
- Sales tax adjustment rate	0.0228/\$100		
= Rollback tax rate	0.7815/\$100		

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
General/Special Revenue	\$1,536,943

Schedule B: General Fund - 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 Total 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 93.97% of its taxes in 2005				\$0
= Total Debt Levy				\$0

Schedule A: Farm to Market/Flood Control 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
Farm to Market / Flood Control	\$0

Schedule B: Farm to Market/Flood Control Fund - 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 Total 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 94.04% of its taxes in 2005				\$0
= Total Debt Levy				\$0

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax
 In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$0 in additional sales and use tax revenues. The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 412 S Ann St Brackettville, TX 78832.

Name of person preparing this notice: William F. Haenn, RPA, RTA
 Title: Chief Appraiser
 Date Prepared: August 12, 2005

2005 Property Tax Rates in Fort Clark M.U.D.

This notice concerns 2005 property tax rates for Fort Clark M.U.D. 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:		Farm to Market/Flood Control Fund	
Last year's operating taxes	\$4,531		
Last year's debt taxes	\$89,071		
Last year's total taxes	\$93,602		
Last year's tax base	\$96,251,743		
Last year's total tax rate	0.2582/\$100		
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$93,517		
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$37,189,968		
= This year's effective tax rate	0.2514/\$100		
<i>(Adjustment 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)	\$4,527		
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$37,189,968		
= This year's effective operating rate	0.0122/\$100		
+ 1.05 - this year's maximum operating rate	0.0131/\$100		
+ This year's debt rate	0.2720/\$100		
= This year's total rollback rate	0.2851/\$100		

If Fort Clark M.U.D. adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.2514 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2004 taxes by \$332.

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
1977 Bond Issue	\$33,205

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
1977 Bond	\$120,000	\$10,200	\$0	\$130,200
Total Required for 2005 Debt Service				\$130,200
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$35,280
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2005				\$95,060
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 93.46% of its taxes in 2005				\$6,648
= Total Debt Levy				\$101,648

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 21 Level
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 39 Places for experiments
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 41 Book reviews, for short.
 42 4-semester degs.
 43 Hold tightly
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 47 Room in a casa
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 66 Woman's nickname
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 68 Perceive
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34 Former TV personality Jack
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by Charles Cooper

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You have a tendency this week to dwell too much on past hurts. Make an effort to forgive and forget. If not, the residual resentment will only serve to your detriment.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You learn something about a close friend you'd never known before. While surprising, it's not necessarily bad. Travel is in the stars for the weekend.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) At the height of the week, you have little time for relaxation. However, by week's end, you deserve a nice rest. Take time out this weekend just to pamper yourself.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Utilize patience when dealing with elderly family members. Remember, someday you may be in the same position. A late-week phone call brings surprising news.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Avoid a tendency to be less than forthcoming this week. Co-workers need to know exactly where they stand. A weekend outing leads to new introductions.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Mind your manners when out and about this week. You don't have to answer rudeness in a like manner. Rise above this and prove you're the better person.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) What you want isn't always what you need. Take some time to get your priorities in order. In the long run, it will make you a happier person.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A friend comes to you with a bit of a dilemma. Fortunately, you're able to untangle the mess. Over the weekend, devote some time to hobbies.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You have a tendency to be a bit forgetful this week. It seems you just can't concentrate. This passes by week's end.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your imagination works overtime this week. Luckily, your fears are unfounded. Later in the week, a child has a question you find difficult to answer.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Peace and harmony reign. Feuding friends have kissed and made up. Use the weekend to catch up on correspondence.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's a good time to go over your budget. You need to be more organized. If need be, enlist the aid of a professional.

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I do have a choice Refreshed and cleansed

When the wakeup bell rang, Rick was already awake. He dressed quickly and made his way to the lineup for breakfast. "It'll be good to be alone in the field today," Rick thought. "I need time to think."

Rick wielded his hoe like it was a weapon, bludgeoning the weeds around the cabbages. The images in Joe's albums kept his mind occupied. He stopped and leaned on the hoe, taking a drink from his water bottle. Joe's words echoed in his mind. "Ya see all dese men Rick boy? Dey all had deah chance. Dey all made deah choice."

Rick looked at the warm soil under his feet. Without direction, his foot made a circle in the loose dirt. "I do have a choice," he said aloud. Thinking of Amy's words, he continued. "It all depends on me. Maybe there really is something for me when I get out of this place." He turned his head up and looked into the sky. He spoke to no one in particular.

"Will I be in old Joe's book of life?" Clouds floated aimlessly across the sky above him. He thought about God.

A voice from somewhere spoke. "It all depends on you Rick." The words were Amy's but the voice was male. Rick turned to see Jordan standing just a few feet from him.



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"Hey Jordan," Rick said. "Didn't know you was there. Thought maybe I was hearing things." Both men laughed.

Jordan spoke. "This's a beautiful place." Looking back at the prison walls he continued. "Kinda nice-ta be away from those walls for awhile isn't it? Don't blame ya for wantin ta spend yer time out here."

"What's on yer mind, Jordan?" Rick asked.

"Ever so often," Jordan began. "I just like to get out where my men are working. Seems like its easier ta talk. T'also gives me a chance to see what their doin? Yer getting outa here in a few months. Still got those big plans?"

Rick laughed. "No big plans, Jordan. But I gotta figure out something. Can't go on the way I been livin and don't wanta go anywhere without Amy."

The two men chatted for about thirty minutes and Jordan left. The talk was less serious than in Jordan's office. More like that of two friends.

We had been gone for almost a week and it was the middle of the summer and very hot.

We had to travel in crowded vans each day and the air conditioning didn't work.

The accommodations weren't exactly five star because sometimes we had water for bathing and sometimes we didn't.

Twenty-two of us were on a mission trip to a foreign country. During the day we used an outdoor outhouse. If you have never had the privilege of using one you have missed something in life. The one we had to use looked like it was about to fall down.

When I finally got home the first thing I did was go into my bathroom and take a long hot shower. It felt so good and refreshing. When I got out of the shower I felt like a new person.

That shower reminded me of



Jerry Davenport

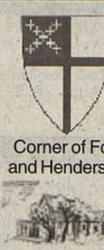
Brother J.

something we face in life. It is the privilege or opportunity of getting our sins forgiven.

A person who has not or does not take baths, wanting to ride in a crowded hot van with people who are real clean and sweet smelling has a problem. 1 John 1:9 and Acts 3:19 tell how we can get cleansed.

Jesus Christ is the source of all cleansing, (2 Corinthians 7:1). We must be willing to come to Him for spiritual healing, (Proverbs 3:7 & 8, Matthew 8:2).

See you in Church next Sunday.



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FCA to meet, hold Round-Up Party

The first Adult FCA Chapter meeting of the year is set for Saturday, Aug. 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Bill & Carolyn Conoly.

Officers will be elected, and the year's monthly FCA activities will be previewed by Coach/Sponsors Rhonda and Charlie Marquardt.

All members are invited and any adult interested in supporting the student chapter's activities is welcome, whether they have a child in school or not.

Immediately following the Adult Chapter meeting, student members of Brackett High School and Brackett Junior



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Adults and students are to bring a handful of pennies as "admission" to the meeting and party, to help the student chapters "jump start" their grade level "Penny Wars" competition which ends in late January. For more information call Carolyn Conoly at 563-3699 or Rhonda Marquardt at 563-5181.

OBITUARIES

Ralph Elbert Beard, Jr.

Jan. 3, 1920 - Aug. 11, 2005

Ralph Elbert Beard, Jr., 85, passed away Thursday, Aug. 11, 2005, at his home in Fort Clark, Brackettville, Texas.

He was born Jan. 3, 1920, in Stephenville, Texas. Survivors are his wife, Elby Leighton Beard; daughters; Donna Howl and husband Jim, sons Ralph (Bullet) Beard and wife Brenda;

grandchildren Ralph Elbert Beard III, Rachel Bracewell and husband Bryan and Tony Hale and wife Amy; also great-grandchildren Keegan Beard and Lauren Elizabeth Hale.

Funeral services were Saturday, Aug. 13 with burial following at Masonic Cemetery in Del Rio.

Oma Joyce Cox

Oct. 9, 1938 - Aug. 10, 2005

Oma Joyce Cox, 66, of Brackettville, died Aug. 10, 2005. She was born Oct. 9, 1938, in Lamesa, Texas.

She is survived by husband J.D. Cox of Brackettville; sons, Danny Martin, Temple, Texas, Lonnie Martin of Humble, Texas, Shane Cox of New Caney, Texas; sister Sandra

Mills of Dallas, numerous grandchildren including Courtney Modisette of Humble. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Tammy Martin in 1999.

Services were Sunday, Aug. 14 at Rushing-Estes-Knowles Chapel. Interment followed at Cox Ranch in Brackettville with Mr. Ray Melton officiating.

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