

# The Brackett News

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## News BRIEFS

### Co-op Essay Contest

**HURRY—DEADLINE FOR ESSAY CONTEST IS APRIL 28!**

**Two WiFi Dell Inspiron Lap Top Computer Systems To Be Awarded**

Students ages 14-18, whose parents or legal guardians of Rio Grande Electric Co-op could win a new computer system in RGEC's 2006 Essay Contest! This year, the board of directors has decided to select two (2) winners. Each winner will receive a Dell Inspiron 6000 WiFi laptop computer system with 80 GB hard drive, CD burner/DVD combo drive, Microsoft Office software, carrying case and Dell All In One printer/scanner/copier/fax.

This year's topic is "The Cooperative Advantage." Tell us how and why the cooperative business model is preferable, in 500-700 words.

Better start writing! The deadline for entries to be received at the Co-op's Brackettville headquarters is April 28, 2006.

For complete rules and entry forms, visit our web site, [www.riogrande.coop](http://www.riogrande.coop), or stop by any RGEC area office.

### Brackettville Bash

The US Border Patrol Brackettville Welfare and Recreation Association cordially invite you to the Brackettville Bash 2006 on May 13 at Rendezvous Park on Fort Clark Springs. The bash is a family affair so bring everyone. There will be golf, softball and volleyball tournaments. For questions or more information contact any Brackett Welfare and Recreation officer at (830) 563-6000.

### Past Winners

If you know the names of any past Miss Kinney County pageant winners or have any historical information, please contact the editor at 830-563-2852 or [tbnews@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tbnews@sbcglobal.net).

### Kinney County Relay for Life

Plans are being finalized for Kinney County's 1st Annual Relay for Life, which will be held May 6 and May 7 at the Brackett Tiger Stadium. Everyone is invited! For those of you who have not attended a Relay in the past, you'll want to join the festivities, which begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday, ending with a sunrise service on Sunday morning.

The purpose of the Relay for Life is to honor the cancer survivors in our community, educate the pub, and raise funds for the American Cancer Society. Participating in the Relay for Life brings the community closer together by allowing us to unite in the fight to end this disease, and offer the message of HOPE.

If you would like more information or if you want to help, please call Alison Carroll or Trish Taylor at 563-2073 or Daphne or Molly Hunt at 563-2103.

### Weekend Weather

#### Friday

Scattered Tstorms & Wind  
High: 87  
Low: 65

#### Saturday

Mostly Cloudy  
High: 85  
Low: 59

#### Sunday

Partly Cloudy  
High: 87  
Low: 60

## Dollar General to open in Brackett

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce (KCCC) announced a Dollar General franchise is planning to open a store in Brackettville in late July.

The announcement was part of the KCCC's grand opening ceremony on Sat., Apr. 22.

Miss Kinney County 2006, Timmeke Simmons cut the ribbon for the official opening of the Chamber's new office located on Fort Clark Springs.

Chamber President Mary Martin thanked everyone for attending and then introduced Pastor Jeff Janca.

Janca, the misiter at the First Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

The guest speaker was Dick Bowen of El Paso. Bowen is running for State Senate District 19. Bowen discussed issues with

taxes and our educational system. Bowen will challenge Carlos Uresti in the general election later this year.

The Chamber recognized Fort Clark Springs Association for the donation of the new facility. Other businesses were also recognized for their generous donations: Rio Grande Electric Cooperative Inc., for donating the office furniture, Ricks Furniture in Del Rio for donating carpet and Bill Haenn for donating a computer and a fax/copier machine.

Chamber members in attendance includee Mary Martin, J.D. Martin, Edward Travieso, Victoria Isaacs, Susan Moore, Rendall Moore, Mary Pevehouse and Allen Kreiger. Kreiger has been a member for 27 years.



**Grand Opening**

Kinney County Chamber of Commerce held the Grand Opening of their new location. From left: Mary Pevehouse, Edward Travieso, Mary Martin, J.D. Martin, Timmeke Simmons, Rendall Moore and Victoria Isaacs.

## Power outages; an electricity shortage

By Cindy Edwards  
RGEC Communications Coordinator

In major population centers throughout Texas Monday, April 17, rolling blackouts were implemented due to a short supply of electricity.

The shortage was blamed on the combination of record high temperatures for this time of year, and the fact that several major generation plants were off line for repairs and maintenance. These off line generators accounted for a reduction of about 14,000 megawatts of the amount of electricity usually available. The typical usage for Texas in April is about 40,000 megawatts a day, but the state's usage reached nearly 52,000 megawatts that day. The blackouts were limited to the Electric Reliability Council Of Texas (ERCOT) grid, which provides electricity to about 80 percent of the state.

In order to meet the anticipated demand the following day, a peak load of approximately 53,000 megawatts was forecast, and generation available was about 58,000 MW. This was accomplished by bringing additional generation on line by delaying some scheduled maintenance outages. The ERCOT grid broke its all-time April peak demand record that day, with a preliminary estimate of 51,714 megawatts. The all-time system peak is 60,290 megawatts, set last August 23, during the traditional summer peak season, when more resources were avail-

able. "These rolling blackouts were necessary in order to prevent a total statewide blackout, that would have cost both businesses and consumers millions of dollars," stated Dan Laws, General Manager/CEO of Rio Grande Electric Co-op. Laws said, "Supply is always a concern, but consumers can take comfort in the fact that ERCOT reacted quickly, and in accordance with established protocols aimed at minimizing the impact of problems on the grid".

Due to continuing high temperatures, electric consumers throughout the state are still encouraged to continue to conserve electric energy when possible, particularly during the critical peak hours of 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

In the local area, Rio Grande Electric Cooperative (RGEC) supplies power to many residents. Rio Grande was insulated from many of the events which affected others throughout the state. However, when transmission lines, which are the transportation facilities for bulk power, sustain an outage, Co-op members are affected.

Such was the case when all area consumers, including Co-op consumers, in the Brackettville, Eagle Pass, and Del Rio areas were affected by outages. The problems were initially attributed to faults with American Electric Power's (AEP's) transmission line into the Brackettville area. This equipment previously failed (prolonged

power outage of December 8-9, 2005), and though it had been mended, it had not received a complete overhaul. "Many believed that Rio Grande had caused the problem on AEP's transmission system, but that was not the case," said Laws.

"AEP owns and controls the transportation facilities (transmission lines) that bring bulk power to this part of the state, even though the cost of operation is shared by all electric utilities within ERCOT." Laws stated that he was "disappointed to learn a temporary fix dating back to December 9, 2005, is the reason that power could not be immediately restored to area homes and businesses."

Correspondence from AEP to Rio Grande attempted to explain the service of late. The letter read, "During the outage in December we experienced a failure of a switch at Brackettville and were forced to bypass two of the phases to restore service. The parts were ordered to repair the switch at that time. However, we are not able to take a clearance to make repairs until we are finished with the Asherton-Escondido-Hamilton Road project. During the event on 4/19/06, we had to remove jumpers to clear the failed switch to restore service. Additionally, we encountered a problem with the other switch at the station; a u-bolt in the control arm failed due to a rusted piercing bolt. These two issues resulted in a longer outage duration for the Brackettville substation and a repeat

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extended period, consider purchasing dry ice. Fifty pounds of dry ice will keep an 18-cubic foot freezer at the proper temperature for approximately two (2) days. Plan ahead, and know where dry ice can be purchased. For the complete USDA guidelines on Food Safety During Power Outages, visit [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov). These handouts are also available from any Rio Grande Electric Cooperative area office, and on the Co-op web site, [www.riogrande.coop](http://www.riogrande.coop). They are available to everyone regardless of membership in the Co-op, and are provided as a free public service.

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc., headquartered in Brackettville, TX, is a member-owned, non-profit electric cooperative, serving rural residents in eighteen counties in Texas, and two counties in New Mexico. With offices in Brackettville, Alpine, Carrizo Springs, Dell City, El Paso, and Fort Stockton, RGEC employs approximately 100 rural residents. RGEC has a strong history of community service and promotion of sustainable rural development throughout its 27,000 square mile service territory. RGEC also maintains the electrical distribution system for Ft. Bliss, El Paso, TX, the nation's largest Army Air Artillery Base.

For more information on Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, call 1-800-749-1509, or visit the web site at [www.riogrande.coop](http://www.riogrande.coop).

## MUD to host town hall meeting

The Municipal Utility District (MUD) of Fort Clark Springs will be hosting a town hall style meeting tonight, in an effort to answer questions and dispel rumors about the upcoming road/bond election on May 13.

The meeting will be held at the Post Theatre from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

"The short version of what will be covered is who can vote. You must be a registered voter here in Kinney County - that is you must have a yellow voter registration card with your residence address on it. You must also be a resident of Fort," said MUD Supervisor Larry Sofaly.

Fort residents will be asked to vote either for or against the one million dollar loan that will be used to repair the streets belonging to MUD and vote for or against an operation maintenance tax. Both resolutions must pass before the proposed street repairs can begin.

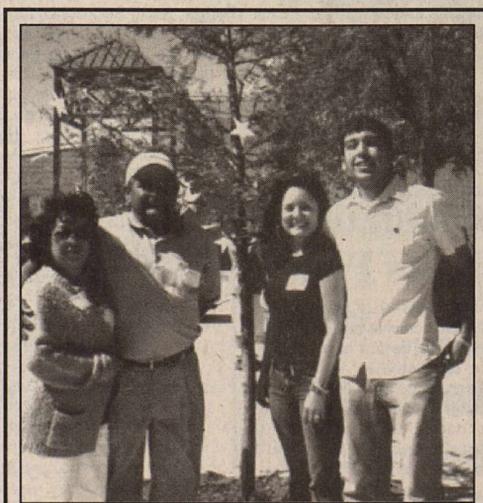
"Presently, FCS residents are

paying on the original 1977 bond issue used by the District to purchase the water and wastewater facilities from the original developer. Our final payment on that issue will be made on Aug. 1, 2006. Right now the tax rate on that issue is \$.25/\$100 value of your property. That tax is on the annual tax bill that residents receive each year from the Kinney County Appraisal District. But, if both resolutions pass in May, a new tax will appear on your tax bill. This rate will start at approximately \$.38/\$100 valuation. As the value of the property increases, that rate should be reduced. This will allow us to pay off the one million dollar loan in about 10 years," said Sofaly.

"If the both bonds are passed, all of Fort Clark Road, out past the driving range and into the present road going to the Red Bridge will be paved. The parking area of the driving range, McClelland Street in front of

the lift station in Unit 1, the parking lot in front of the Service Center (both upper and lower), all of Scales Road from Fort Clark Road to the water meter for the prison and Travis Road from the end of Unit 3, the road going into the brush chipping area behind Unit 3, the road behind Unit 14, all of Allen Road, the road off Fort Clark Road across from Unit 15 and all of Fairway Circle to include Ash, Bogey, Tennis Court Eagle Way, Birdie Road and the area going into Unit 15 lift station off Airport Road will all be paved. This will also include a golf cart/walking path on fort Clark Road from Grant Avenue to tie into the existing road just south of Fort Clark Road and a golfcart/walking path down Scales Road.

We will also replace all the water lines under these newly paved roads that have been there for more than 30 years," concluded Sofaly.



Courtesy Photo

From left: Josie Meyer, David Meyer, Kristin Meyer and A.J. Lugo.

### Meyer family honor son

The Meyer family attended the Vital Alliance 17th Annual Memorial Tree Planting Ceremony in San Antonio on Apr. 8, to share in honoring all those, including their son Michael David Meyer, who have given the "gift of life" by donating organs and organ tissue.

Michael died suddenly on Mar. 23, 2005 at the age of 25, and his family donated his organs.

The family was invited to honor Michael at the Vital Alliance Annual Memorial Tree Planting Ceremony.

The Ceremony consisted of testimonials by those who are recipients of organs and organ tissue.

A tree was planted for all who have died and donated to give the gift of life.

For each donor, a star was hung on the tree in remembrance.



**Editors Weekly PLOG**

I love to meet new people. I always end up meeting the most interesting people when out shopping with Jene.

We were shopping this weekend and ended up in Tabu territory. We met Lucca - an artist from Houston that opened a business in Del Rio. He's a talented painter and he'll be showing his work at the Firehouse in Del Rio soon - so everyone should keep an eye out for his work and his show.

Art fascinates me. You probably need permission to do this, but look into

visiting the Brackett Academy and check out what the students there are producing. I think Liz Hodges is helping the young people look inside themselves and using art as the means of getting it done. Very interesting!

I also love to eat out. Eat the Tres Leches Cake from Mimi's. I ate three pieces on Tuesday - it's that good.

I will also recommend the iced tea from Burger & Shake. I drink it three times a day - except on Tuesdays.

Leigh V.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Absolutely, powerful therapy is moving one's focus from self to service, as or newspaper editor suggests.

Lose the pills and potions; heighten your self-esteem the most worthy way by community service, for example through your church or through a service club like the Rotary or Lions.

What sort of activities would help individuals in our community or even throughout the world? Helping locally, the Lions Club will be sending a young student to a camp for training and enjoyment; the training will be in managing diabetes. To benefit others even outside our own nation, there will be a gathering of eyeglasses no longer of use to the current owners but of benefit to others anywhere with poor vision. Locally, the Lions provide new prescription glasses for needy students, sponsor a scholarship and the Little League. They would like to do more.

We at the Lions would like to be informed of other services that we might be able to provide or assist. The Lions meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month at Julie's Restaurant on the hill. If you have a fine idea by which we could enhance our community service, please plan to make a presentation with your suggestion. Contact person is Tom McNew, President at 563-9229

Harriet Kealy

"Thank You" are tricky because of the risk of forgetting someone or having someone say, "Why didn't she write about us?" However, that being said, The Bank and Trust deserves a huge capital letter THANK YOU for the many community activities they support. One day I asked Ms. McCarson about the total outreach of the Bank Support. When it is all added up: Little League, Fort Clark Springs Historic Festival, Relay for Life, Chamber of Commerce, School Activities, Las Moras Hispanic Organization, Kinney County Livestock, Kinney County Arts Council, 4th of July Parade, Project Graduation and more; the total for the community support adds up to be thousands. It is a huge community investment for a town with less than 3,500 people. Always chairmen of events wish for more, I know I'm always looking for sponsors, but in the end we are grateful for all and everyone. So, the next time you are in The Bank and Trust say, "Thank You" to Lynn McCarson and the wonderful staff who add positive energy as well as monetary supports to our community.

Mary Frances Partlow

**Public Notice**

**Basic and low cost telephone services from Verizon**

Verizon is an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in Texas under Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Texas Public Utility Commission guidelines. As such, we receive universal service funding, which enables us to provide service at reasonable rates to high cost, usually rural areas and low income customers.

Under those guidelines, Verizon certifies that it provides the following basic services for a monthly charge of \$7.10 to \$16.40 (plus Federal Subscriber Line Charge, applicable taxes and surcharges) to residence customers.

- Single-party service
- Voice grade access to the public switched network
- Touch call service
- Access to emergency services (including 911 and enhanced 911)
- Access to operator, interexchange and directory assistance services

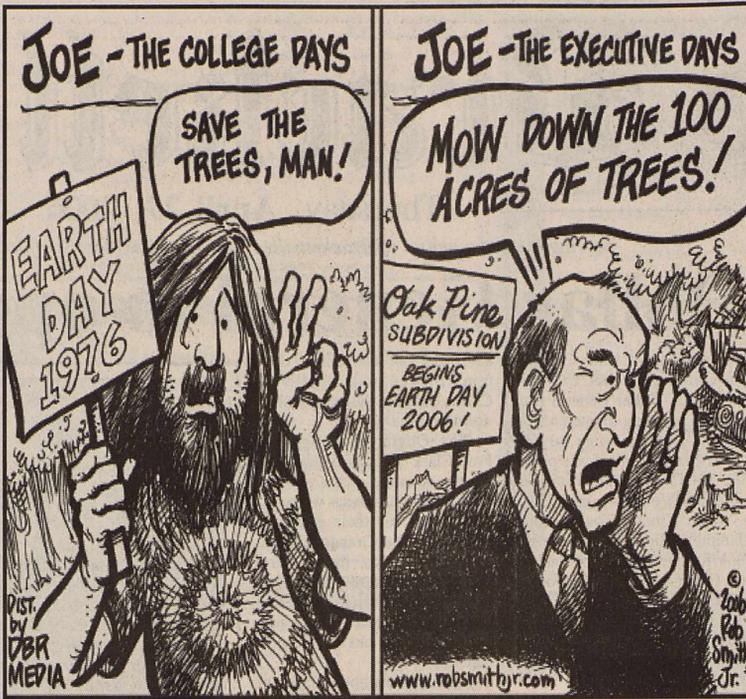
We also provide a Lifeline discount for qualified low-income residence customers of up to \$13.50. Also available to qualified Lifeline customers is a low-cost Link-up basic connection service at a 50% discount (up to \$30.00). In addition, we can provide Lifeline customers with free toll blocking to help them control long-distance usage. If Lifeline customers do not pay toll charges, their access to the toll network may be denied, but their local service won't be disconnected.

For more information please call our customer sales and solution center at 1-800-483-4000 (Residence). For information on Lifeline/Link-Up Service call Lite-Up Texas at 1-866-454-8387.

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**Water, water everywhere?**

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

American author Henry David Thoreau once said, "Water is a pioneer which the settler follows, taking advantage of its improvements." In Thoreau's time, Americans could choose their homestead wherever they found natural resources, especially water.

Today, America and Texas are settled. The land has been claimed, and we can no longer follow water. We must instead capture and transport it - to our homes, our public buildings, our crops and our power plants. And as population grows and droughts seem to last longer, we find ourselves increasingly at the mercy of the heavens to drop rain.

Though we remain largely at the mercy of the weather, there are ways we can work together to ensure Texas families, farmers and industries have the water they need to survive the blistering summer heat.

In March, I sat down in Washington with water stakeholders from Texas whose work is the stewardship of this precious resource. The meeting was part of Texas Water Day, an annual event that brings policy makers and water experts together. The goal is simple: maximizing availability of water in Texas.

Our state's professionals ad-

dress matters of life and death. Their decisions must survive the briar patches of local and state politics, policies and personalities. In short, their jobs are not easy, and are further complicated by the unpredictability of Texas weather.

The federal government does its part to help Texans meet their water needs. The feds can't make it rain, but can help provide information and technical assistance to support local water conservation and management efforts.

The federal Water Resources Development Act encourages creative partnership ideas between the federal government and local and state water-planning entities. The law was last updated in 2000, and Texas water officials have told me it needs to be changed again.

This legislation helps govern water policy across the country, including flood control, navigable waterways maintenance, restoration of the environment, increased recreational use, and providing water supply.

These local-federal partnerships can help secure a dependable and safe water supply for Texas, but it's a challenging job. Our water needs are fast outstripping our rainfall and other water resource totals.

The U.S. Census Bureau projects that in coming decades, about half of our country's population increase will be in three states: Texas, California and Florida. At the same time, Texas' Drought Preparedness Council reported last month that the March 2005 to February 2006 period was the driest in Texas since 1963-64, and the fourth driest year on record. The trend is not good.

Our reservoir levels around the state are currently in decent shape. But preliminary predictions are for a hot, dry summer. Every year, we seem to have less margin for adverse weather conditions.

The state's 16 water-planning groups have prepared regional

blueprints that have been folded into a statewide 'Water for Texas' plan. This comprehensive document addresses future water needs for human health and welfare, economic development and environmental sustainability.

And while the plan certainly must pass muster as it is implemented locally, the federal government can help Texas now in this move.

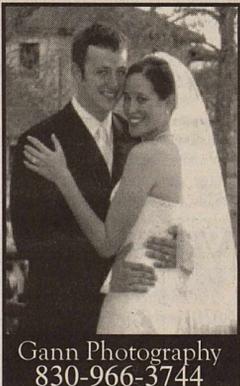
Reliable data is critical to accurate water planning for the state. State and local governments have two excellent resources: the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which provides technical support and analyzes water data, and the U.S. Geological Survey, which oversees stream gauges that provide a valuable water-management tool.

From our earliest days, Texans have been all too aware of both the blessings and curses that water can bring. We have enjoyed the cool, invigorating flow of river water on a 100-degree day, and a horizon teeming with healthy crops. But we've also suffered with land fractured by drought or buried by flood.

We no longer have uninhabited stretches of streaming river banks or coastline where entire new communities of settlers can live. But we do have Texans of national reputation committed to ensuring the state can rely on a water-supply infrastructure to meet our growing future demands.

We appreciate their work. Texas may be the best place in the U.S. to live, but it's also hotter and drier than most places. We need our water.

Sen. Cornyn is a member of the following Senate Committees: Armed Services, Judiciary, Budget, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, and Joint Economic. He is also the chairman of the subcommittees on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship and Emerging Threats and Capabilities. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice and Bexar County District Judge.



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**Angry Words**

By The FlyLady, Marla Cilley  
Contributing Writer

What is it about our busy lives that cause us to spout angry words like a geyser? At the drop of a hat we can spew nastiness all over our loved ones, friends and even total strangers.

I have heard every excuse in the world for the angry words that come from our mouths. They start with, I had a bad day, I didn't get much sleep and the worst is you made me do it. This excuse is no different from the abusive husband who blames his wife because he hit her.

I will never forget a testimonial we received from a mother who sent her child out into the world with angry words ringing in his ears. Those angry words were the last words he ever heard from his mother because he was killed when a car ran over him. There is no excuse for ever allowing abusive language to hurt anyone.

Think back to when you were a child. Can you remember some hurtful words that were yelled at you in anger? When a room full of people of all ages was asked this question they could recount the event as if it were yesterday. Angry words linger and fester! They cannot be taken back. They leave your lips and scare people for life!

I want to get to the basis of this ILL behavior. This is just what it is! I think it is because you are not getting your nap out. We all know how our babies act when they have not had their naps. Lack of sleep makes us cranky, angry, fat, sick, side-tracked and unable to concentrate. These are some of the symptoms we experience from our inability to go to bed, shut our brains off and get the rest that our bodies need.

There are lots of reason we do not get enough sleep. It could be that you don't go to bed at a decent hour or when you do go to bed your mind will not shut off. You may need to see your doctor for some help. Another reason is that you have sleep apnea. Your doctor can help you with this too. I am a light sleeper and have discovered that wearing earplugs has helped me to get a good nights sleep.

These earplugs keep me from hearing every little noise in the house. Not only have I had more energy but I think this is one of the reasons I have reduced my Body Clutter. I have started to dream again and feel refreshed when I get up in the morning. Not everyone can do this because of being alone in the house or having babies. A white noise machine can also help you to sleep better.

Now let's look at what happens around you when you have this ILL attitude: Your children run for cover, your husband has learned to ignore you and your co workers give you a wide berth. Then you compound the lack of good sleep with the stress that we place on ourselves with perfectionism. It's a wonder we can stand ourselves. You know that may be real problem.

When we don't like ourselves, we don't do what we need to do to stop this vicious cycle of NO SLEEP, STRESS and SOUR Attitudes.

I want you to find peace. We can't have this peace if we are lashing out at our family in anger.

**LETTERS POLICY**

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Ashley Castillo

**Mother:** Susanna Castillo  
**Father:** Tomas Castillo  
**Siblings:** Vanessa, 20, Julie, 16 and McKenzie, 10.  
**Plans after graduation:** After graduation, I plan to attend Sul Ross State University and try-out for the Lady Lobos Volleyball Team. My field of study will be education and kinesiology to become a teacher and coach.  
**What teacher influenced you the most:** Coach Rhonda Marquardt is the teacher/coach who has been most influential to me in my high school years. She has a big heart and has always been there to guide and support me in making life's most important decisions. She is a very thoughtful and caring person who is always more than willing to lend a helping hand.  
**What are you most looking forward to after graduation?** I am most looking forward to trying out for the Volleyball Team at SRSU. I have always dreamed about playing Volleyball at the collegiate level. It would be a dream come true for me, if I were able to accomplish this longtime goal.  
**What do you think you will miss the most after graduation?** I would mostly miss my family and friends. My family means the world to me and I know I will miss them greatly. As for my friends, we have made so many memories together and I hope we can make so many more after graduation.



Dana Bonner

**Mother:** Maxine Bonner  
**Father:** Vance Bonner  
**Siblings:** Kevin (KJ) Bonner  
**Plans after graduation:** I plan to attend Texas State University in San Marcos in the fall. While there, I hope to focus my studies on journalism, paying special attention to political science.  
**What teacher influenced you the most:** Mrs. Ballew is an awesome person. I chose to stay in calculus, a subject I'm not too fond of, even though I didn't need the credit. However, I'm glad I stayed... she teaches much more than textbook lessons. She is the kind of person I want to grow up to be. Also, Mrs. Burks is an amazing teacher. So much personal growth occurred in such a quick time, and hey... without making the "jellybean team", I may not have been able to make it through Mrs. Ballew's class! These two teachers are awesome people, the epitome of all that teachers should be!!  
**What are you most looking forward to after graduation?** haha... I have lived here, in Brackett, my entire life. I am ready for a change of scenery. However, my life here and now is me... there are very few anywhere else that can say that they lived in such a close, loving community, and I am looking forward to adding that warmth to my campus. College will be great... I can't wait to make new friends, and experience different things.  
**What do you think you will miss the most after graduation?** My family- without a doubt- will be hard to leave behind. I have been blessed with a close, tight-knit, loving family, and I have to admit, it will be hard to cope with college life with that security so far away. I will also miss my church family... like my biological family, they are always there.

# Yard Sale

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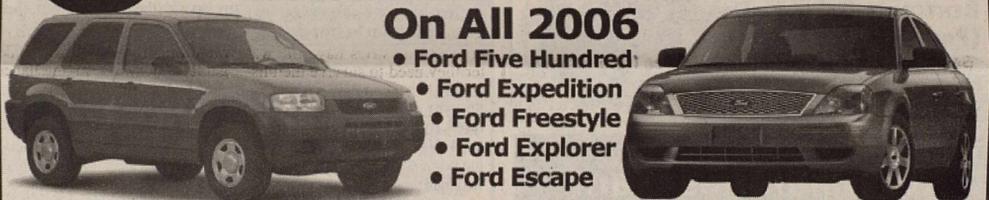
Jessica Crane

**Mother:** Barbie Crane  
**Father:** Curvin Crane  
**Siblings:** My dog Belle and my cat Sammie  
**Plans after graduation:** I will be attending Texas Tech in the fall and I plan on majoring in business.  
**What teacher influenced you the most?** Mrs. Bader  
**What are you most looking forward to after graduation?** Being able to experience a new area and working on accomplishing dreams for my future career.  
**What do you think you will miss the most after graduation?** My family, friends and the experiences and memories that have made me who I am today.

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Clyde Adams

**Mother:** Judith E. Adams  
**Father:** Rev. William P. Adams Sr.  
**Siblings:** Five  
**Plans after graduation:** Summer work, move to San Angelo & go to college and walk onto college ball.  
**What are you looking forward to after graduation?** New Beginnings.  
**What do you think you will miss the most after graduation?** Family, Friends. Nothing more. Nothing less.



Alanna Conoly

**Mother:** Carolyn Conoly  
**Father:** Bill Conoly  
**Siblings:** Charles Conoly, Claire Conoly  
**Plans after graduation:** I will enroll at the University of Texas in Austin, and I'll study to become a registered nurse.  
**What teacher influenced you the most:** My fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Bales, inspired me because she believed in her students. She not only showed that she loved teaching, but she also genuinely cared about education. She made learning fun and challenging, and even though she had a great sense of humor she set high standards for the class as well.  
**What are you most looking forward to after graduation?** I'm looking forward to living in Austin and getting involved in campus life. I'm excited about meeting new people and broadening my perspective of the world, and I'm eager to manage my time on my own.  
**What do you think you will miss the most after graduation?** I'll miss my family, and I'm sure my Dad's friendly "Good morning sweetie" will be missed as well as my Mother's pleasant morning greeting, "How did you rest?" My brother always has an irrelevant joke that brightens my day.

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2004 Ford F-150 Superduty	51612 miles	SN13947
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2004 Ford Freestar	18545 miles	SN53174
2004 Ford Expedition	48921 miles	SN07403
2003 Ford Expedition	44855 miles	SN12465
2003 Chevrolet Cavalier	54155 miles	SN71924
2003 Ford F350 Super Duty	47277 miles	SN00560
2003 Ford Focus	39822 miles	SN43676
2003 Ford F150 pickup	40412 miles	SN21180
2003 Dodge Durango	53477 miles	SN02452
2003 Chevrolet Silverado C3500	75255 miles	SN51130
2002 Ford F-350 Super Duty	53403 miles	SN53182
2002 Ford F-150 Superduty	41315 miles	SN03088
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**News BRIEFS**

**Silent Auction to benefit Relay for Life**

Local artist Jean Hood has generously donated a beautiful floral still life to benefit the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Brackettville Relay For Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. The painting is on display at The Gift Box in Brackettville, 302 E. Spring Street, where bids for the silent auction will be recorded. Gift Box owner Paige Weatherby invites the public to stop by and record a bid on this beautiful work of art.

**Handmade quilt raffle**

A beautiful handmade quilt has been donated by cancer survivor Olive Barber, to benefit the Relay For Life. The quilt measures 65" x 65", and is crafted in beautiful hues of purple. It is on display in the lobby of Rio Grande Electric Co-

op, where you can make your donation of \$5.00 for one chance, or \$20 for five chances. Chances for the drawing are also available from any member of the Co-op's Pink Lightnin' Relay Team.

**Old Quarry Society presents "The Glory Road"**

The Old Quarry Society will present "The Glory Road", a musical drama which tells the story of Fort Clark and the development of Brackettville, this summer. Production dates are June 29 and 30 and July 1 and 2 in Fort Clark Amphitheatre. Cast and crew members are needed. There are openings available for both speaking and non-speaking parts, for people of all ages. For more information, please call Lynn McNew, 563-9229.

**Ten Star AllStar Basketball Camp**

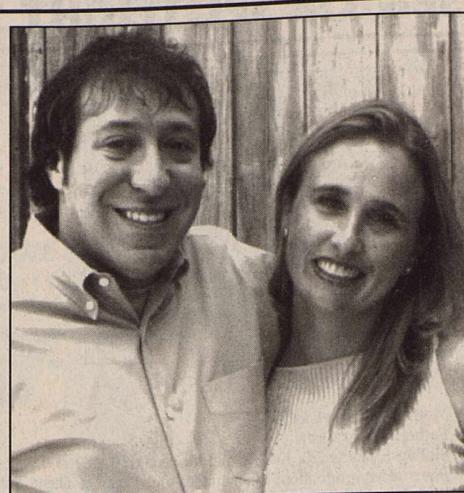
Final applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All

Star Summer Basketball Camp. The camp is by invitation only. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from 50 states and 18 foreign countries attended the 2005 camp. College Basketball scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. Camp locations include: commerce, TX, Prescott, AZ, Thousand Oaks, CA, Sterling, CO, Bridgeport, CT, Babson Park, FL, Gainesville, GA, Champaign, IL, North Manchester, IN, Towson, MD, Ypsilanti, MI,

Glassboro, NJ, Schenectady, NY, Hickory, NC, Lebanon, TN, Blacksburg, VA, Lyndonville, VT, and Beloit, WI. For a free brochure, call (704) 373-0813 ANYTIME.

**Water Well Screening**

The Kinney County Office of Texas Cooperative Extension is sponsoring a water well screening day for area producers. Samples will be accepted on Monday, May 1 from 8-5 at the Kinney County Extension Office. To receive an approved water sampling bag and instructions for taking a water well sample, call the Extension Office at 830-563-2442.



**Arp-Orenstein Engagement**

Mr. and Mrs. William Joe Vaughan of Brackettville, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shanna Patricia Arp of Austin, Texas to Louis Mitchell Orenstein of Austin, Texas. Louis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvis Stanely Koscove of Scottsdale, Arizona. Shanna's father was the late Dennis Walter Arp.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Qualia of Del Rio, Texas. The prospective groom is the grandson of Marilyn Weiss of Lauderhill, Florida and the late Dr. Jaques Weiss.

Miss Arp is a graduate of Texas A&M University where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. She is employed by the Austin Independent School District in Austin, Texas.

Mr. Orenstein earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism from The University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado; a Master Degree in Art Direction from The Creative Circus, Atlanta Georgia and a Master of Art Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Colorado. He is employed by the Austin Independent School District, Austin, Texas.

A June wedding is planned in Austin, Texas.

**Public Notice from the City of Brackettville**

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**Dirty paws**



Jerry Davenport  
Brother J.

Her feet were clean when we went to the barn to feed the ani-

mals. Upon arriving I gave the little orphaned goat his bottle of milk and the two lambs theirs. But after giving the chickens their food and walking toward the pickup I happened to look down and notice the dog's feet. They were muddy! I had no idea where she got into the mud but she did. Now she usually rides up front and sometimes she even gets to ride in my lap with the window down, (her

favorite way). But not in the front seat of my pickup with those muddy paws so it's to the back of the pickup. Now she doesn't like to ride in the back but it's when she has gotten trouble that she has to ride there. Her situation reminds me of a problem Christians can have or get into. When we disobey God, (sin) or do things we shouldn't it hinders our relationship to and with Him, (Psalm 41:4). The more

we sin the further it takes us away or separates us from Him. We stopped and she got out and ran around awhile and her feet got clean, that is what we call confessing our sins to God and getting forgiveness, (Psalm 51:1-4). After her feet were clean again, (1 John 1:9) she was allowed to ride in the front of the pickup with me. See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

**"A Moment of Grace"**

David Jeremiah tells the following story in his book entitled "Captured By Grace". In November 2004, Victoria Ruvolo was traveling home to Long Island just after midnight when her life was forever changed. An 18 year old boy traveling with some friends in another car throws a twenty pound turkey at Victoria's car. The bird shatters her windshield, bending her steering wheel inward, and breaks every bone it encounters in her face.

Victoria does not remember any of this. Eight hours of surgery and three weeks later family and friends were trying to fill in the blanks for her. The ones responsible were arrested. There was public outrage over what these young teenagers had done.

In August 2005, the case was in the hands of the justice system and Victoria met the young man who had hurt her, face to reconstructed face in the courtroom. The young man pleads guilty to a lesser



First Baptist Church  
Jeff Janca

charge and only 6 months probation. People were upset that had heard of this case and they asked themselves, "How could this happen and who was responsible for this plea bargain?"

Victoria was responsible for the plea. It was she who requested leniency on this young man. The young man turns to Victoria with tears in his eyes and she embraces him and says the following words, "I forgive you, I want your life to be the best that it can."

Forgiveness, Victoria chose to walk in forgiveness towards this young man. She decided that she would walk in forgiveness and that she would not harbor hate or bitterness in heart. Could you do what

Victoria did?

Unforgiveness and bitterness can divide and destroy people, families, churches, and communities. Families and friends have been divided because someone did something to them that hurt and wounded them. Many have not talked for years to one another.

Jesus can help you and I to walk

in forgiveness and love. He was the greatest example of walking in forgiveness and love. He was the greatest example of walking in forgiveness. While hanging on the cross, Jesus said, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." Need help walking in forgiveness? Then call on Jesus and let him help you.

**Jesus Great Commission**

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee into a

And Jesus came and spake unto them saying. All Power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.



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mountain where Jesus appointed them.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.  
Matthew 28:16-20  
Praise the Lord!

And when they saw him they worshipped him: but some doubted.

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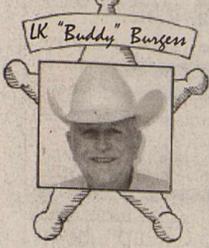
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### Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Monday, April 17

3:45 p.m., Rogilio Flores, 52, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Ron Ring on a motion to revoke community supervision and DWI. Flores was released, April 18 on bond.

7:00 p.m., Ignacio Aguirre, 48, from Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Pena for assault causing bodily injury. Aguirre was released on bond the same day.

Tuesday, April 18

2:00 p.m., Juan Hernandez, 31, of Del Rio was arrested by Deputy Gutierrez on failure to appear and driving with an invalid license. Hernandez was released with

time served on April 19.

2:00 p.m., Victor Hernandez, 21, of Eagle Pass was arrested by Dupty Chism for driving with an invalid license. Hernandez was released on bond on April 18.

2:15 a.m., Edward Campos, 18, of Plainview was arrested by Dupty Gutierrez for warrants out of Hale County. Campos was released on bond on April 19.

3:00 p.m., Several calls from the school were placed in regards to a power pole that was on fire. Deputy Gutierrez, Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department and CPL were all notified of the situation.

11:46 p.m., Deputy Pena called stating to report that the train was blocking the road on HWY 131.

4:45 p.m. A man called to report a domestic situation.

Wednesday, April 19

9:45 a.m., Valentine Morin, 19, was arrested by Deputy Gutierrez on a motion to revoke community supervision.

10:00 a.m. Russell Pierce, 28, of San Antonio was arrested for driving with an invalid license

by Department of Public Safety Officer Tony Ashley. Pierce was released on bond on April 19.

3:00 p.m., Crystal Oglesley, 19, was arrested by a DPS Narcotics officers for possession of marijuana. Oglesley was later released on bond.

5:00 p.m., A caller reported loud noise on North Sweeny and West Veltman. Deputy Frietag was advised of the situation.

6:35 p.m., Johnathan Morales, 17, of Del Rio was arrested by Deputy Pena for possession of marijuana. Morales was released on Bond April 20.

Thursday, April 20

10:50 p.m., Del Rio DPS reported a stranded motorist on HWY 90 West, 8 miles west of Brackettville. Deputy Frietag was advised of the situation.

Friday, April 21

8:00 a.m. A woman called to report that her daughter had been running through her neighborhood when she encountered a large dog on by the band hall on Fort Street.

9:10 p.m., A woman called to report that she hit a deer with her vehicle.

Saturday, April 22

7:08 p.m. A man called to request assistance from a deputy in regards to people shooting off firearms on 2804. Some casings landed next to his wife. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the scene.

9:00 p.m., A man called to report some suspicious kids in the elementary school parking lot. The mand stated that he had run them off, but requested a deputy to go check the area. Deputy Freitag was dispatched.

12:03 a.m., Del Rio DPS reported that they received a 911 call about a vehicle accident on Highway 90 close to the Fritter Park. Unit 16 was dispatched and reported that the vehicle ran off the highway and went through someone's fence. No injuries were reported by EMS.

Sunday, April 23

5:30 p.m., Riojas Baldemar Jr., 22, of DelRio was arrested by Deputy Pena and Constable Guidry for possession of marijuana.

5:30 p.m., Mark Henry Jimenez, 21, of San Antonio was arrested by Deputy Pena and Constable Guidry.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Brackettville will hold a general election for the position of Mayor, Councilperson Place 2, Councilperson Place 4 and Councilperson Place 5 at the May 13, 2006 election. All positions will be elected to a two year term.

Applications have been accepted for these positions. The filing period for the positions began February 13, 2006 and the deadline for filing a candidate application was March 13, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the City Hall, 119, West Spring Street, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., beginning May 1, 2006 and ending May 9, 2006 at 5 p.m.

March 14, 2006 was the first day applications were accepted to vote early by mail. Applications for ballots by mail should be mailed to Bonnie Mayes, City of Brackettville Early Voting Judge, PO Box 526, Brackettville, Texas 78832. All applications to apply for a ballot by mail must be received by May 5, 2006 at the close of the business day.

### CORRECTION:

On April 13, 2006, The Brackett News erroneously placed x's in place of the the name James Jim Spencer on a paid political ad on Page 4. The Brackett News regrets any inconvenience this mistake may have caused and offers their most sincere apologies.

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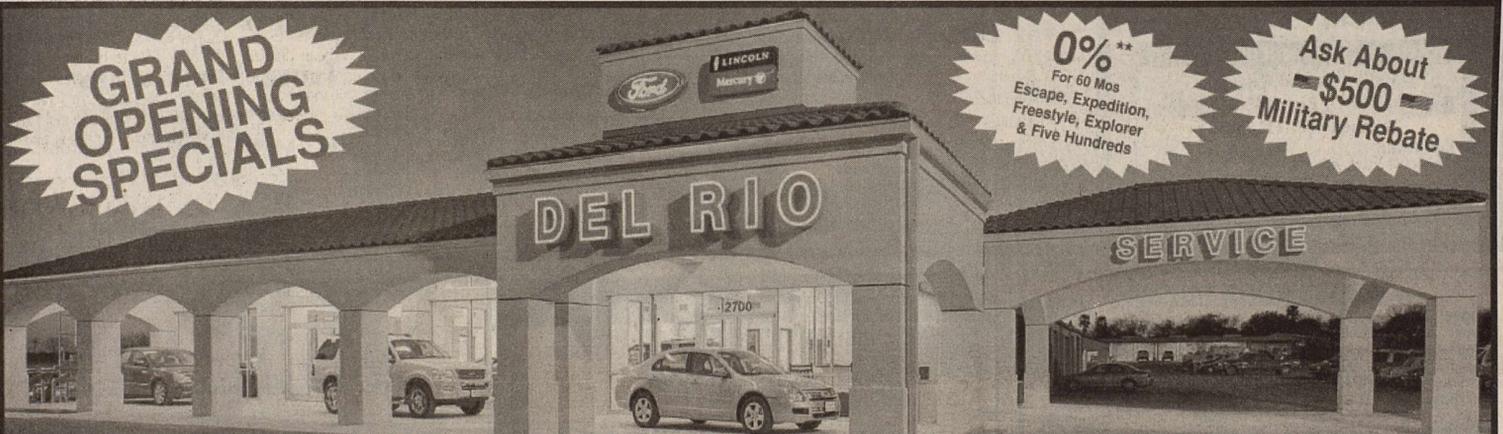


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8 Actor's spot  
13 Untrustworthy one  
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15 Of the neighborhood  
16 Of flying: pref.  
17 Common contraction  
18 TV personality  
19 Have excellent brakes  
22 Spanish rah  
23 Good-looking cab?  
24 Roof features  
26 Close  
29 Mama bird, at times  
32 Dishes  
36 Thirteen  
38 Communist leader  
39 Solitary  
40 Hope  
41 Within: pref.

42 Word of approval  
43 Central European river  
44 Implored  
45 Fights  
47 Ooze  
49 Mr. Kefauver  
51 Facial hair  
56 Assn.  
58 Gradual increases in loudness, on a piano  
61 Bug  
63 Unhappy word  
64 Candy  
65 Boat  
66 Nearly all  
67 Famous pen name  
68 Put up one's money  
69 Canonized miles.  
70 Born  
DOWN  
1 Religious sculpture  
2 Man's name  
3 Tears  
4 "Won't you \_\_\_?"  
5 Inviting phrase  
5 Handle  
6 Peddle  
7 Shaw  
8 Place for an arm  
9 Half of a drum?  
10 Approaching intrusively  
11 Scottish Highlander  
12 Robert  
13 Word with eye or whip  
20 Mrs. Charlie Chaplin  
21 Clergyman's place  
25 Organic compound  
27 "When I was \_\_\_"  
28 Names for French boys  
30 Diminutive ending  
31 Crucifix  
32 Hard-shelled creature  
33 Dwelling  
34 Crude, coarse  
35 Hawaiian geese  
37 Cruel one  
40 Recipient of the booby prize  
44 Second word in a fairy tale  
46 Engraved  
48 Discharged  
50 Stitched joinings  
52 Madison Avenue executives  
53 Sheer linen  
54 Choosing rhyme opener  
55 This: Sp.  
56 Killer whale  
57 Horse color  
59 Word with car or machine  
60 Container  
62 College in Iowa

**WORD PILE** By Mark Szorady

COMBINE THE LETTERS TO MAKE 18 WORDS.  
EACH WORD CONTAINS AT LEAST SIX LETTERS.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 9. \_\_\_\_\_ 13. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ 10. \_\_\_\_\_ 14. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 11. \_\_\_\_\_ 15. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ 12. \_\_\_\_\_ 16. \_\_\_\_\_  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ 17. \_\_\_\_\_  
6. \_\_\_\_\_ 18. \_\_\_\_\_  
7. \_\_\_\_\_  
8. \_\_\_\_\_

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# Shooting for Knowledge

By: Steve Hall  
Texas Park and Wildlife

Teenagers learn about everything from wildlife management to firearm safety at Youth Shooting Sports Events.

A wiry teenager steps up to the shooting station, loads the shotgun, confidently hollers, "Pull!" and swings on the target. The clay shatters into smoke, and the other youths, who were whispering and giggling, suddenly stop, their mouths agape. She says, "My daddy taught me to shoot when I was 10." She exits the shooting cage and walks back to the group of boys with a smug look on her face.

Most of the participants at "Youth Shooting Sports Events" hosted by the Chaparral, M. O. Neasloney, Matador and other Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Wildlife Management Areas are a little less experienced. In fact, many of them have never fired a gun.

Begun in 1994, the events introduce high school students from nearby towns and cities to the outdoors and to conservation. Area staff, game wardens, biologists, local law enforcement officers and volunteer hunter education instructors conduct the activities. The department's regional hunter education staff and Texas Cooperative Extension specialists

also assist with many of the events.

David Synatzske, area manager of James Daughtrey and Chaparral Wildlife Management Areas says, "We started the program to introduce youngsters to the outdoors and to help them understand the important role hunters and shooters play in conservation. Once we get them to our areas, we stress firearm safety and the positive side of the shooting sports. We give kids a chance to see what we do here at Texas Parks and Wildlife, such as wildlife research and habitat management practices."

The true passion in Synatzske's voice as he describes his many years of working with kids is unmistakable. "In the first year we held the program, we found that nearly half of the students had never fired a sporting arm — and this from a region of the state where hunting plays a primary role in the economics of local communities and in the management of wildlife." Synatzske sends pre- and post questionnaires to the teachers to learn all he can about the students, and, more importantly, what they can gain from the experience.

At Youth Shooting Sports Events, teenagers learn how to shoot shotgun under the watchful eye of Charlie Wilson, hunter education specialist for the department. Known as the "Pied

Piper of Shooting Sports" in Texas, Wilson introduces thousands of new enthusiasts each year to the thrill of busting sporting clays — targets that simulate rabbit and a variety of birds while hunting. Wilson travels statewide with a mobile hunter education trailer and sets up a sporting clays range at events such as 4-H Shooting Sports, Becoming An Outdoors-Woman and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Expo. In ten years, Wilson has introduced more than 100,000 people to shooting on behalf of the department's hunter education and youth hunting programs. Wilson echoes Synatzske's remarks, "Many kids, whether they grow up in a rural or urban environment, don't get the chance to get outdoors and experience what I grew up with. I see their faces after they shoot a bull's-eye or break a clay bird. It's a priceless expression, and it is why I do what I do." He adds, "Particularly, when I work with special needs students, it is extremely satisfying to look into their eyes after they shoot a shotgun for the first time — they glow with pride and accomplishment, whether they hit the target or not." Last October, the Chaparral WMA held its 22nd Youth Shooting Sports Event, which it hosts every fall and spring school semester. Approximately 250 students per year par-

ticipate in the activities. High school agriculture science teachers from Laredo, Carrizo Springs, Cotulla and other small South Texas towns bring their students to the event to satisfy part of the curriculum requirements, specifically the Agriculture Science 381 course entitled, "Wildlife and Recreation Management."

As a result of the course, students receive their hunter education certifications by learning firearm, hunting and outdoors safety, wildlife management and hunting and outdoor responsibilities.

During a typical event, students complete their live firing and wildlife management requirements by safely handling and shooting bows and arrows, air guns, small bore and large bore rifles, muzzleloaders, handguns and shotguns.

## KCGCD offers outdoor conservation tips

Submitted by KCGCD

Outdoor watering can account for half of all water used in Texas during the summer.

Spring is in the air and summer is fast approaching. With warmer temperatures on the horizon and dry conditions in the area, it is very important to think of conservation measures when watering outdoors. Watering outdoors can account for half of all water used in Texas during the summer. Think smart when watering your lawn, trees and plants. By watering wisely, you can save half of the water you use by avoiding over-watering or runoff. The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District offers the following tips when watering outdoors to assist residents in conserving ground water supplies.

### Outdoors

Water wise plants require less frequent watering than grass so use grass sparingly in your landscape.

Use grass in functional ar-

reas that can be watered efficiently.

Use ground covers in areas that are sloping, narrow, small, odd shaped or near pavement. These areas are hard to water without runoff and over spray.

Place mulch around plants to reduce evaporation of water and keep soil temperature cooler.

Remove grass and weeds from around trees and shrubs to allow their roots to be more evenly distributed, increase in number and to utilize a larger volume of soil.

Use a sprinkler that emits large drops of water that remain close to the ground, rather than one that sprays a fine mist into the air.

Water deeply and infrequently to encourage deep well established root systems.

Water trees, shrubs and other landscape plants separate from grass.

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