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News BRIEFS

Cinco De Mayo Festival on Saturday

Cinco De Mayo celebration begins this Saturday at 9 a.m. with a parade down Ann St. Following the parade is the opening ceremony at the Civic Center at 10 a.m. There will be many activities, a talent show, food, arts and crafts, a jail house, etc. A dance will be held from 9-1. The Queen Coronation will be at 9 p.m.

4-H Club Meetings & Pizza Party

The Kinney 4-H Club will be holding its junior and senior meeting on Sunday, May 7th at 6:00 p.m. Officers will meet at 5:30 p.m. It will be held at the Fort Clark Springs Service Club. Officers and Club Managers for 2006-2007 will be elected at this meeting. Also, the RECORD BOOK TRAINING has been postponed to Monday, June 5th at 1:30 p.m. at the County Library, Fritter Room.

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.

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 public, 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.

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.

Past Winners of Miss KC

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 tnews@sbcglobal.net.

Weekend Weather

Friday

Isolated T-Storms
High: 96
Low: 70

Saturday

Isolated T-Storms
High: 89
Low: 66

Sunday

Isolated T-Storms
High: 88
Low: 70

Volunteers Needed

Terra Lingua (non-profit org.) is seeking Volunteers to host english speaking Foreign Exchanges from France, Brazil, Germany, Russia, Spain and Taiwan ages 15-18, who want to experience American Culture for the upcoming 5 month semester or 10 month school year programs. Students have their own spending money and health insurance. Anyone is invited to host including singles, single parents, married couples, empty nesters and retirees as long as they can provide a warm-loving home, room and board. Students can even share a room as long as they have their own bed. Join Terra Lingua in breaking down cultural barriers and training our future world leaders. To give a student and your family an experience of a lifetime, please visit our website www.terralingua-usa.org, or call toll free at (866) 540-4029 or TerraLingua-Info@yahoo.com.

Letter Writing Contest

2006 Congressional letter writing contest. The American Land Foundation, the Texas Sheep and Goat Raiser's Auxiliary, the Hill Country Chapter of the TSGRA Auxiliary, and the Riverside Landowners Protection Coalition are sponsoring a Congressional Letter Writing Contest to encourage young people to take an interest in writing members of Congress. The contest is open to American students/citizens who are juniors or seniors in high school the fall of 2006 or plan to enroll in a University in the 2007 school year. Current college students are eligible to enter. The top national prizes: 1st - \$1,500, 2nd - \$1,200, 3rd - \$1,000. The top two Texas entries will receive scholarships from the Hill Country Chapter of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raiser's Auxiliary - 1st place - \$1,000 and 2nd place - \$500. The Texas entrants are judged at the national level the same as entries from any other state. You must have a Texas home address to be eligible for the Texas prizes. The topic will involve Private Property Rights. For complete rules, send a stamped self-addressed envelope to: Congressional Letter Writing contest PO Box 1033 Taylor, TX 76574. No application is necessary! No letter of request is necessary! No rules will be sent without a stamped envelope!

Silent Auction for Relay for Life

Local artist Jean Hood has generously donated a beautiful floral still life to benefit the Relay For Life. The painting is on display at The Gift Box in Brackettville, 302 E. Spring Street.

City water tower project still afloat A new site by track field to solve problem

The City of Brackettville will meet on May 9 to discuss a new location for the building of its proposed water tower.

City officials were forced to discuss relocating their pending water tower project or forfeit grant money totaling over \$500,000, after St. Mary

Magdalene Catholic Church and C.C. Veltman, of Kerrville, made claims of ownership on the land. The contested land is across the street from the Catholic Cemetery on the northeast side of town.

According to City Secretary Bonnie Mayes the city plans to

purchase an 80' x 80' tract of land adjacent to Brackett ISD's track and field facility on FM 334. The purchase of the land will resolve the issue of where the much needed water tower is to be built and avoid further court litigation.

The City will purchase the

land for \$1,650 pending the passage and approval by both the City Council and BISD Board of Trustees next week.

The Middle Rio Grande Development Council originally awarded the City \$245,000 to build a water tower in late 2003 and then another \$267,000 in Sep., 2005.



Need a China Berry Tree?

Over the weekend strong winds blew down this large China Berry tree at the McWilliams residence on Fort Clark Springs. The tree missed the house and car by only a few inches.

Courtesy Photo by Mason McWilliams

Air Force releases cause of Talon crash on Toft Ranch

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - The Air Force has completed its investigation of the Dec. 13, 2005 T-38C accident near Brackettville, Texas, which resulted in the loss of the aircraft.

The accident investigation board (AIB) determined the cause of this mishap was a result of the T-38C Talon from the 47th Flying Training Wing at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, striking a black vulture causing near total loss of the front cockpit glass and creating severe aerodynamic drag on the aircraft.

When the bird strike occurred, Maj. Marc A. Montgomery, 96th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot, assumed control of the aircraft from 2nd Lt. Jonathan Ballard, 87th Flying Training Squadron student pilot, who was in the front seat of the two-place aircraft.

Montgomery began a climbing turn toward Laughlin Air Force Base.

The AIB found that because of the sudden increase in drag the instructor pilot assumed he either had dual engine failure or dual compressor stalls or lost

power. In the time the IP spent focused on analyzing the engines and throttles, the aircraft entered a stall and dropped from about 1,700 feet above the ground to about 500 feet.

When the IP realized the aircraft was in a stall and quickly approaching the ground he ordered the student pilot to eject from the aircraft and the IP followed.

The investigators said the chaotic situation aboard the T-38 following the bird strike reduced the IP's ability to calmly and accurately complete his

analysis of the entire situation and take appropriate corrective measures; thus committing the two pilots to a low altitude ejection. After ejecting from the airplane and reaching the ground, both pilots were taken to the hospital.

Lieutenant Ballard was treated and released.

Major Montgomery was treated for burns and broken bones.

The aircraft was a total loss. The accident investigation board was headed by Col. Randall S. Meyer, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke AFB, Ariz.

FCSA Board accepts Windle resignation

Fort Clark Springs (FCS) Association Board Member Robert Windle resigned from the Board of Directors due to health reasons April 22.

Windle was a director for 2 years.

The Board will meet on May 6, to appoint a board member to replace Windle.

Fort Clark Springs Director of Operations Ron Pellen reported the hotel occupancy increased from 27 percent to 39 percent and R.V. occupancy was down from 48 percent to 45 percent.

Pellen also reported an update in procedures during severe weather conditions.

When the severe weather horn blows, a security employee will automatically open the Adult Center for residents to seek shelter.

The Men's Golf Association reported that they were working to install sprinkler systems on the 10th and 19th holes and ten trees had been planted on the FCS Golf Course.

The Women's Golf Association reported the repair of two golf cart paths.



David Van Os

Photo by Cynthia Gose

David Van Os, the Democratic candidate for Texas Attorney General spoke to citizens of Kinney County at the Court House on April 26. Van Os spoke on what is happening in Austin and the corruption he believes is taking place and took questions from the audience. Van Os plans to visit every county in Texas until the general election in November.



Kinky's Petition

Photo by Allison Taylor

Marvin Davis is holding Kinky Friedman's petition for Governor of Texas. The Giftbox hosted a volunteer with a petition for people who wanted to sign the petition and also handed out gifts, including, Kinky's personal recipes of salsa, t-shirts and bumper stickers if you donated to Kinky's campaign.



Eduardo Eddie Esparza

Position: Mayor

Where were you born and raised? I was born at Val Verde Hospital in Del in and raised in Brackettville. My home has always been here.

Why are you running for Mayor? I see things in the community that I do not care for and believe that it is time for a positive change. I know I can make a difference.

What are your goals? I am looking to make right the past corruption. I will try to invigorate the town and find ways to bring the true spirit of our community back.

What is your educational background? I graduated from Brackett High School and attended Southwest Texas Junior College.

What qualifications or experience will you bring to this position? I have worked in sales and have management experience. I believe that excellent customer service is an important qualification. I know how to motivate a team to get a task completed and want to use this to guide the City employees.

Why should the community vote for you? The people of Brackettville should vote for me because I will bring honesty and integrity to the position. I will bring new ideas to the discussion table and accept ideas from the citizens. I will not avoid controversial or any other issues that face our community. It is time for a positive change.

I will truly benefit because I will not stand for corruption. I want to see more community events that will bring everyone together. I will also work hard to obtain funds to help update our water and gas systems, as well as our streets. I am going to push for a collection site for our brush. I will also pursue more programs for the future of our community, our youth.



Matt Bland

Position: Alderman, Place 2

Where were you born and raised? Brackettville

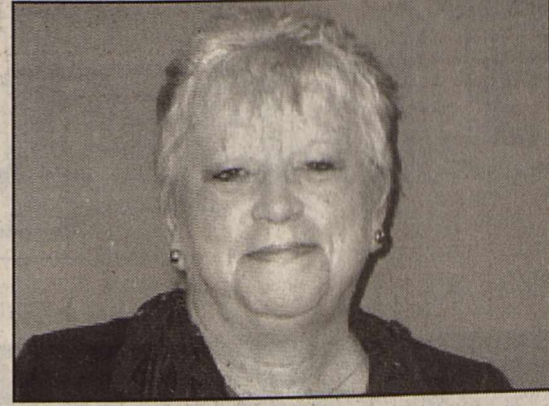
Why are you running? Because I really care and enjoy working with the public and I know that there is so much more that needs to be done to help this community to grow and prosper.

What are your goals? Two years ago when I first went into office I introduced starting a recycling program for the city. This was passed unanimously by the council and we are still reaping the benefits of that program today. I would like to continue to help build and expand this program so that it will give even more benefits to the city. I would like to obtain some property that can take all our unwanted brush and try to help get the city its' own chipper for that very purpose. Upgrade our water and gas systems. Fill the position of Municipal Judge and try to start a police department back up. Try to obtain funds for streets repairs and a city clean up program. The city also needs to have a better public relations and needs to strive to capitalize and promote our best local resources, which are schools, tourism, hunting and the detention center. A program needs to be put into place that would help reduce the expense of operating the fire department, which would also help obtain new and better equipment.

What is your educational background? Graduated from Brackett High School.

What qualifications or experience will you bring to this position? Manger of a local service station for 12 years and owner of that same station for an additional 3 years. I also bring my two years experience of already being on the city council.

Why should the community vote for you? Why vote for me: I feel the citizens of Brackettville should consider me to be e-elected to the city council because I am honest and dedicated to be a better city government. I always try hard to look at the issues before me and do as much research as possible and from that try to make the best decisions for the citizens of this city. I am not afraid to bring new agenda items to or ideas before the council or to admit when I am wrong. I don't need to blame others people for my mistake. I have never been afraid to bring controversial issues up before the council. Benefit to the community: I feel that as remaining on the city council I will help benefit the community best by the principals of just being honest and dedicated to making Brackettville a city that we can all be proud of. In all I am in office to help serve the public and at the same time to try and make Brackettville a better place to live for all our citizens.



Beverly Bev Garcia

Position: Alderman, Place 2

Where were you born and raised? Born in Jackson Mississippi and reared in the outlying rural community of Simpson County, Mississippi.

Why are you running for Alderman? To serve the community to the best of my ability without compensation and to provide leadership in governing and policymaking to the citizens of Brackettville utilizing my skills and experience acquired in related fields of service.

What are your goals? My goals are to (1) serve the citizens of this community fairly and without discrimination (2) to keep an open line of communication between the citizens of this government they elect to serve them (3) to ensure that every citizen is treated with respect and dignity (4) to ensure that all council members are fully informed regarding financial and administrative matters and to streamline a more efficient operating procedure and more people friendly environment.

What is your educational background? Graduate of Harrisville High School, Class of '67; Graduate of Draughton's Business College, Associate's Degree, Class of '77, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY, CEU Computer Training; PC Ecetera, New York, NY, CEU Computer Training; Hinds Community College, Vicksburg, MS, CEU Computer Training.

What qualifications or experience will you bring to this position? More than 30 years experience in accounting, knowledge and experience in computer technology, leadership skills, public relation skills, administrative experience and skills. Experience through governmental, private sector and non-profit work related fields, i.e.: former Chief Deputy City Clerk, State Department of Education/Vocational Rehabilitation Division and Department of Housing and Urban Development. Former Executive Director, American Red Cross, Vicksburg Chapter, Field Representative and Interim Director, The Salvation Army, Long Island, NY and Counselor, Catholic Charities, Long Island, NY

Why should the community vote for you? The citizens of this community should vote for the candidate that they feel will best represent them and their ideas for the future of this community based upon the candidates educations background, work related experience and ability to serve the community as a public servant. I believe in a government of the people, by the people and for the people. I believe that the people of the community are "the government" and that the elected officials are a representative of the people and respectfully and humbly ask for their consideration in election me to serve their families and our community.



Betty M. Ward

Position: Alderman, Place 4

Where were you born and raised? I was born and raised in Brackettville, Texas.

Why are you running? I am running for City Council Alderman because I would like to keep more of our tax dollars here in the community. I want to do everything possible to keep utility rates from being continually increased.

What are your goals? The goals I would like to accomplish are to bring the community together to work for the common good. I would like to see better paying jobs so that the young people do not have to leave to find employment.

What is your educational background? I graduated from Brackett High School.

What qualifications or experience will you bring to this position? I have been a local business leader and understand the impact local government has a the small business owners. I worked at the First State Bank in Brackettville for 13 years and was an award winning bookkeeper.

Why should the community vote for you? I have a great love for this community. I will use my position as Alderman to represent the citizens of our city. I will listen to the voice of the people and vote for the best interest of the taxpayers.

As Alderman, I will work to keep property taxes down. I understand how to operate within a budget and the need to monitor where taxpayer dollars are being spent. I will work to see that tax dollars are spent on improving the infrastructure of the city. Property taxes should be used to improve the quality of life for all citizens including opening the city pool and improving park and recreation areas.



Lydia Morin Tipps

Position: Alderman, Place 5

Where were you born and raised? Born and raised in Brackettville. My family consists of my mother, Agapita Morin; Father Martin Morin (deceased); husband Jeff; children; Casey and Jeffery Tipps II; Jamie Malloy, her husband Mike, 3 grandchildren: Nathan, Ava and Emily Malloy.

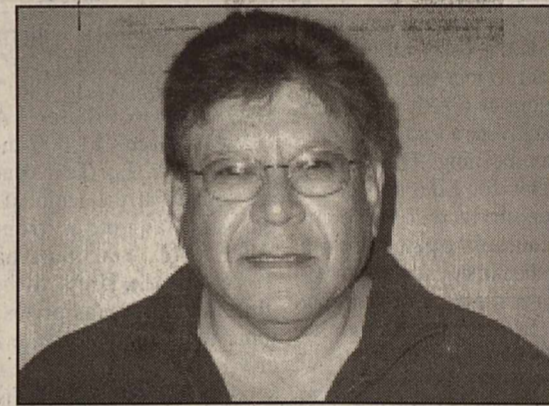
What is your educational background? Graduated from Brackett High School 1972; Graduated from SWTJC 1973; Licensed Vocational Nurse for the last 31 years. Moved back to Brackettville in 1988 after husband retired from the United States Airforce. Employed by the United Medical Center #2 for the past 17 1/2 years.

What qualifications or experience will you bring to this position? Serving on the city council the past two years has been great learning, challenging, yet rewarding experience. The city will have it's for audit since 2001. It should be completed by the end of the week. The audit will assist the council when working for the budget this summer. You've already read in the Brackett News that the city has been awarded during the last administration for a new water tower. The 2nd grant was awarded during this administration, thanks to the work that was done by Mrs. Mayes and Mr. Bland. There is still much to be done. We need law enforcements to assist in enforcing ordinances. We need to allocate more funds for street repairs.

The city is still struggling financially but we have made progress. We now have a paper trail so that so that citizens can see how your money is being spent.

For the past two years I have been at city hall almost every morning from 8:00 a.m. until 8:45. Sometimes twice a day. I have never missed a council meeting and to the best of my knowledge been late to one. I am very involved in our community.

I respectfully ask for your vote and the privilege of serving you another two years.



Joe N. Garza

Position: Mayor

Where were you born and raised? I was born in Del Rio, Texas on August 18, 1951 and raised in Brackettville, Texas.

Why are you running for Mayor? I am seeking re-election to the office of Mayor because I feel that I can continue to contribute positively to the future of our city. I feel that my educational background, experience and leadership qualities can be of service to our community. Our city will continue to require responsible experienced and well educated people to effectively deal with the challenges before us.

What are your goals? My goals are to: return City Hall to the people by establishing a safe, secure and friendly environment where citizens can feel comfortable; complete the water tower project which is currently in progress; continue to adamantly oppose the sale of water by water marketers; further explore the possibility of financing the reconstruction of City streets through grants or a bond issue which would require approval by City Voters; improve on fiscal responsibility.

What is your educational background? High School Diploma: Brackett High School, 1970; Associate of Arts: Southwest Texas Junior College, 1972; Bachelor of Arts Southwest Texas State University, 1974; Master of Arts: Our Lady of the Lake University, 1979' Superintendent Certification: Sul Ross State University, 1991.

What qualifications or experience will you bring to this position? Classroom Teacher: 7 years, Harlandale IDS, San Antonio, Texas; Assistant Principal: 3 years, Southwest ISD, San Antonio, Texas; High School Principal: 3 years, San Felipe Del CISD, Del Rio, Texas; Director & Executive Program Director: 7 years SFDR CISD, Included District Hearing Officer; Superintendent of Schools: 3 years, Poteet ISD, Poteet, Texas; Superintendent of Schools: 1 year, Ricardo ISD, Kingsville, Texas, Earned Exemplary Status; Superintendent of Schools: 4 years, Kenedy ISD, Kenedy, Texas.

Why should the community vote for you? The electorate should base its decision on the qualifications and experience of the candidates seeking public offices I feel that I am the most qualified candidate seeking the office of Mayor. I humbly ask for your support. The people of Brackettville elected me to serve as Mayor two years ago. The voters chose me based on my experience, qualifications and family background. My family has exemplified leadership qualities through the year. I consider myself to be no exception to that tradition. During my tenure, I endeavored to serve the best interests of this community. Although fortune did not afford me the luxury of support from he councils with whom I served, I feel a sense of accomplishment.

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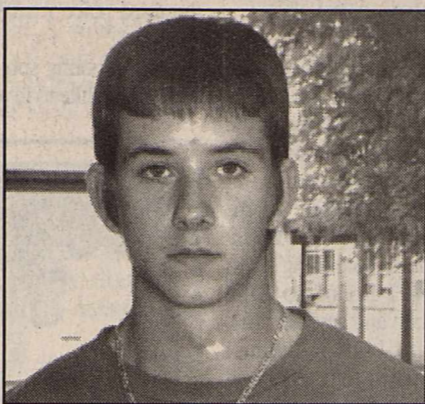
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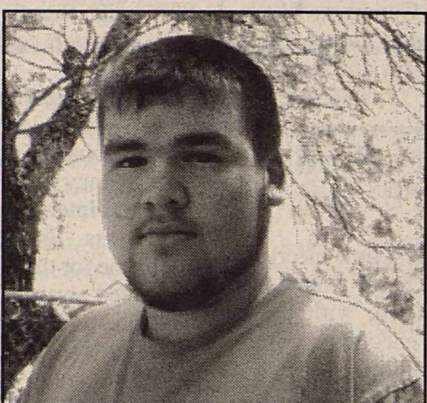
Duke Brown

Mother: Martha Brown
Father: Patrick D. Crowder
Siblings: Donavan Reese & Demetrick Austin Crowder
Plans after graduation: I plan to go to a four year college in San Antonio and study criminal justice.
What teacher influenced you the most: Thank you Mrs. bader and Mr. Ramon for your support.
What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? I will miss everyone and everything!



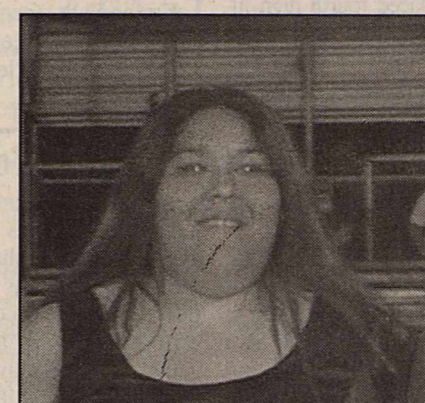
Rett Chambers

Mother: Linda Chambers
Father: Dan Chambers
Siblings: one sister and one brother
Plans after graduation: Military career
What teacher influenced you the most: Mrs. Marquardt
What are you most looking forward to after graduation? Getting out of the classroom scene for a little bit.
What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? Friends



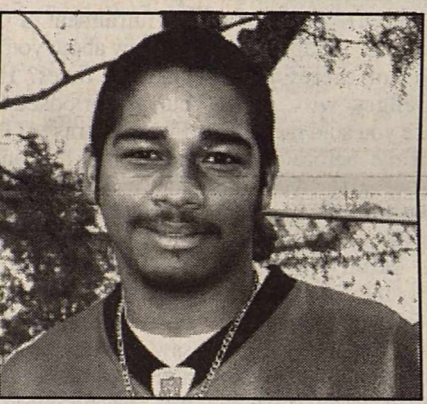
Rodrigo Fuentes

Mother: Maria Fuentes
Father: Rolando Fuentes
Siblings: Alma Fuentes and Rolando Fuentes, Jr.
Plans after graduation: I plan to attend college and study law enforcement.
What teacher influenced you the most? Mrs. Hodges, she never gave up on me.
What are you most looking forward to after graduation? I hope to move to a larger town.
What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? I will miss waking up early.



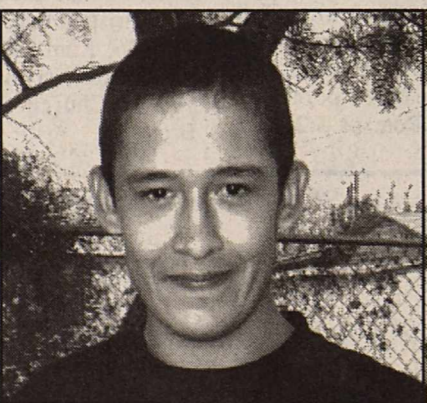
Cassandra Gomez

Mother: Honey Bee Gomez
Father: Tom Gomez Jr.
Siblings: Carlos (22), Tommy (22), Cristi (15), Stella (6)
Plans after graduation: I plan on attending St. Mary's University next fall. I'll be in the St. Mary's University Rattler Band. I plan on majoring in Exercise and Sports Science so that I can be either a PhysicalTherapist or an Athletic Trainer.
What teacher influenced you the most? Mrs. Ballew, Mrs. P, and Mrs. Marquardt. Mrs. Ballew has always been there to help me. I probably would've never gotten back into 4-H if it weren't for her. She's a great teacher and an awesome person. Junior High was a tough time for me, and Mrs. P was always able to make me laugh. Even if she was having a bad day. I could count on her to make things better for me. Mrs. Marquardt has always been more than a World Geo teacher to me. Even after I was finished with her class, I hung around her room. I told her alot more than I told any of my friends. All three of these teachers have played a huge role in my life and have kindly "shaped" me into who I am now. THANKS!!!
What are you looking most forward to after graduation? Getting out of Brackettville!!! I know I say it alot, and I'll probably end up coming back some day, (not any time soon, though) but I've lived here for 18 1/2 years. I'm, more than ready for something new. It's boring, seeing the same streets, and halls, and rooms, and sometimes even people, everyday. I'm ready to see what the rest of the world has to offer.
What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? Everything. My family, my friends. Everyone I love is going to be here. I'm going to miss out on a lot. Stella has something new to love about her everyday. I think I'll probably miss her the most. All of my friends are younger than me too. But that's okay. I won't have to be in Brackett anymore. Number two on my "Things-I'll-Miss-The-Most-List" is Friday Night Football. St. Mary's doesn't even have a football team....wierdo's! But seriously, one of the best feelings in the world is hearing everyone yelling for YOU as you march of the field after half-time. Sandy Bear Luvs U



Frank Hidalgo

Mother: Santa Hidalgo
Father: Jesus Hidalgo
Siblings: Saul, Jesse & Juan Hidalgo
Plans after graduation: I plan to work for the railroad.
What teacher influenced you the most? The teacher that influenced me the most is Mrs. Bruce.
What are you looking forward to after graduation? Having a fulltime job and making a lot of money is what I want to do after I graduate.
What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? Seeing all my friends everyday is what I will miss the most after graduation.



Joaquin Fernandez

Mother: Crispina Fernandez
Father: Smauel Fernandez
Siblings: Samuel Fernandez, Jr., Manuel Fernandez, Pura Fernandez, Marivel Fernandez, Doolie Fernandez and Beatrice Chapa
Plans after graduation: After graduation, I plan to join the National Guard.
What teacher influenced you the most: Mrs. Hodges
What are you most looking forward to after graduation? I am looking forward to going on with my life and just living it.
What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? Hanging out with all my friends and having a great time.

Jones Elementary Recognizes School Volunteers

Faculty at Jones Elementary recognized school volunteers during National Public School Week. School employees gathered to honor those who take time out of their busy schedules to come out and help teachers and students. From running copies, tutoring, hosting events, to sorting cookie doughvolunteers are always needed and appreciated. Volunteers are a key factor in the success of our schools. "It is rewarding to see individuals interested in a partnership for success" says Principal Alma Gutierrez.

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Submitted by Cindy Brandt
BISD Teacher
 The Induction Ceremony of the Brackett High School National Honor Society was held on Monday, May 1. Rachel Swinson, President, was Master of Ceremonies. The guest speaker was Paula Renken, Superintendent of Brackett ISD. Mrs. Renken has been at Brackett ISD for the past eight years and is serving her first year as superintendent. Frank Taylor, High School Principal, also addressed the society. Both speakers gave words of encouragement for society members to continue effective demonstration of the four qualities held in esteem of the National Honor Society. The four qualities are scholarship, service, leadership and character. Pledge members for the 2005-2006 school year are: Dana Bonner, Lily Hernandez, Alanna Conoly, Rachel Swinson, Jessi Crane and Brand Wylie. Probationary members for the 2005-2006 school year and today's inductees into the National Honor Society are: Justin Calk, John Moore, Lola Cano, Billy Steelman, Laura Meyer, Michael Stephenson and Tanya Molinar. Probationary members for the upcoming 2006-2007 school year introduced during tonight's program: Bailee Allen, Daphne Hunt, Lauren Cornelius, Gabriella Schroeder, Meghann Davis, Bianca Stewart, Doolie Fernandez and Anolda Watkins.

Re-elect Mark Frerich School Board Trustee

I was born and raised in Brackettville and attended Kindergarten through 12th grade at Brackett ISD. I graduated from Angelo State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Kinesiology and I've been employed with Union Pacific for 11 years. Our three daughters attend Jones Elementary. I've enjoyed serving on the school board the past three years and I have a genuine interest in making the right decisions for our students, teachers, school personnel and community.

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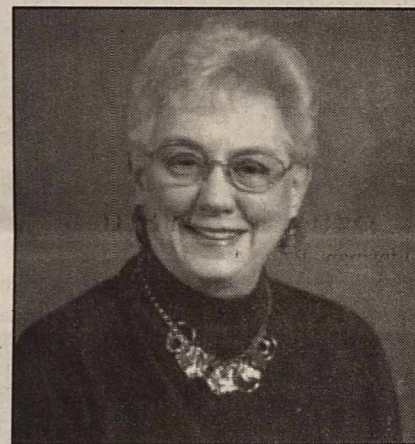
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Hearty Soup!

By Vada Baldree

- Broccoli cheese soup (Absolutely delectable)
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 tsp. butter or margarine
- 2 1/2 cups milk
- 1 tsp. chicken bouillon granules or 2 bouillon cubes
- 16 oz. frozen broccoli, chopped (save a bit for garnish)
- 1/2 tsp. salt if desired
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 1 cup grated medium cheddar

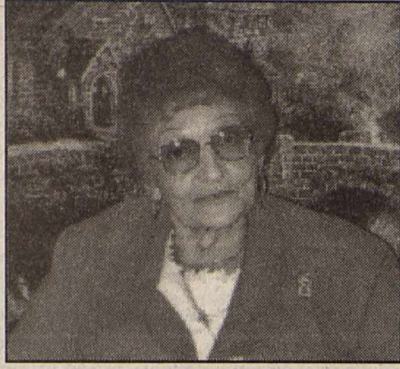
cheese
 Put onion and butter in saucepan; Saute until clear and soft. Add next 5 ingredients. Bring to boil. Cover and simmer until vegetables are cooked. Cool a bit then chop to desired coarseness in batches in blender. Return to saucepan. Add cheese. Stir to melt. Garnish with a piece of broccoli. Makes about 3 1/2 cups soup. Cream of broccoli soup: Omit cheese. Mix 1 tsp. all purpose flour into sauteed onions before adding milk.

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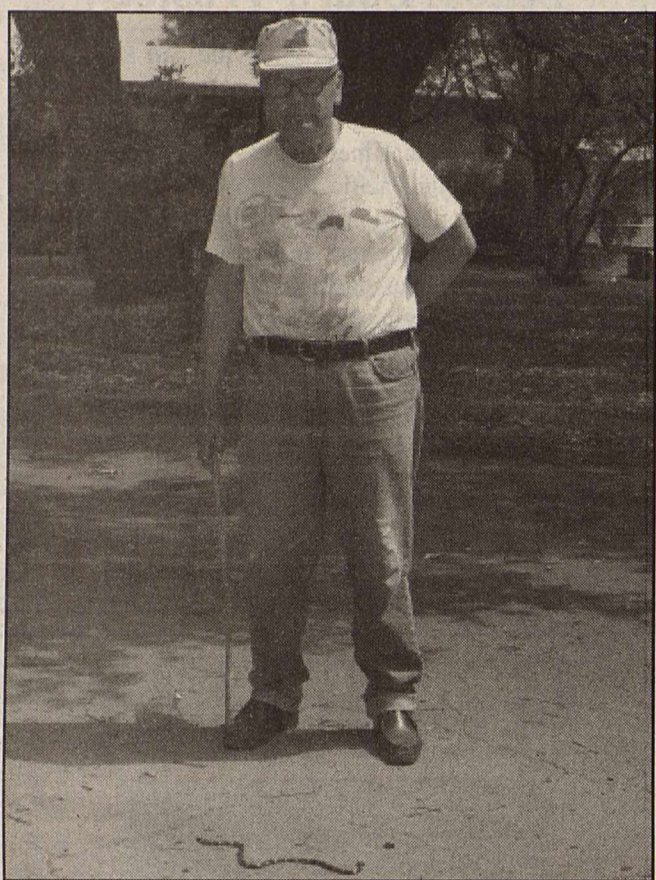
Ora C. Rodriguez

September 22, 1931
April 23, 2006



Ora C. Rodriguez, age 74, entered into rest Sunday, April 23, 2006 in Del Rio, Texas. She was born September 22, 1931 in Brackettville, Texas. She is survived by her son, Roger Rodriguez. Visitation was held Wednesday, April 26, 2006. Rosary was recited at 7:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, April 27, 2006 at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

Interment followed at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Cemetery.



Coral Snake killed Photo by Allison Taylor

Fort Clark residents, Larry Scott (pictured) and Floyd Harrison killed this 2 foot Coral Snake on Fort Clark the morning of April 22.



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4-H Shooting Sports qualify for State Round-up

Submitted by Emily Calk
Kinney 4-H Reporter

Kinney County Shooting Sports teams competed on Saturday, April 29, in Floresville, at the District 10 Shooting Sports Competition, bringing home medals in all age groups. The Senior Team, Justin Calk, Josh Kluzek and Emily Calk placed third, qualifying them for the State 4-H Round-up Rifle Match, June sixth and seventh. Justin placed third high individual overall in the match for the second year in a row. Although Justin competed at State last year as an individual, this is the first time in the history of Kinney County Shooting Sports that a Kinney County Team has advanced to the State Round-up match. The Intermediate Team, Chris Blake, Bryan Calk, Ramon Gutierrez, Nevada Payne, and alternate Lauren Duncan placed second as a team, barely missing the gold. Chris Blake's score earned him second high individual while Bryan Calk placed fourth high individual in the match.

The Junior team, Wyatt Blake, Megan Flores, Rolando Gutierrez, Adam Resendez, and alternates

Blake Duncan and Clay Flores took the third place medals in their age group.

The shooting sports team members would like to give a great thank

you to the families and to our coaches, Philip Calk, Jeffrey Duncan, Brian and April Blake, and Brad Coe. Thank you for bringing us this far!



4-H Shooting Sports

Courtesy Photo

4-H Shooting Sports team: (back row, from left) Justin Calk, Chris Blake, Lauren Duncan, Bryan Calk, Josh Kluzek and Emily Calk, (center row, from left), Ramon Gutierrez, Wyatt Blake, Adam Resendez, Nevada Payne, Megan Flores, (bottom row, from left), Blake Duncan, Clay Flores and Rolando Gutierrez.

Salvation Army offers camp for Kinney County Students

Submitted by Harriet J. Kealy

Fifty youngsters of 10, 11, or 12 years will enjoy 6 days of swimming, horseback riding, archery, and field sports at a camp near Dallas, Camp Hoblitzelle, owned by the Salvation Army. School officials have distributed a folder explaining the many amenities offered to children without regard to religious preference or economic status.

The Salvation Army will bear

the expense of this camping experience but asks that Kinney County Service clubs and individuals donate the \$3800 transportation costs necessary to furnish bus rides to and from the camp stay, beginning July 24, lasting through July 29th.

Camp Hoblitzelle includes a huge athletic complex with 3 swimming pools—beginner, intermediate, and advanced—all of Olympic size plus ten outdoor basketball courts, a football/soccer field, a lighted softball field

and more, all in a lovely nature setting.

This is a first time offering to students in Kinney County so a fervent response with bus trip funding will encourage a repeat offering in additional years to come.

For further information on registering children for the camp program, please contact Nathan LaFrenz at (830) 563-9607, (830) 563-7371 or (830) 719-2082. This is on a first come, first served basis so do not delay.

SPIRITUAL LIVING



First Baptist Church

Jeff Janca

Seizing the Day

Joe was a teenager, one of the youngest in a big family. Most of his brother hated him and were also jealous of Joe because he was their father's favorite. One day they got fed up with Joe, they tied him up and sold him as a slave. Joe ended up as a slave working hard in a far away land.

Shortly after that Joe was falsely accused of a crime and thrown into prison. His life kept getting worse and worse. In

prison he helped a man who upon his release soon forgot about what Joe had done for him. The man that Joe had helped finally remembered Joe after several more years in prison and Joe was set free. Joe's wisdom and expertise were called upon by the leader of the country and Joe came through. He was promoted to be the second most powerful man in the land. Joe had spent over 13 years in slavery and in prison. Doesn't seem fair does it?

Joe did well in his new position and ended up saving the country from ruin. Joe was a hero and well respected. After 8 years or so, Joe was reunited with those who had first treated him unfairly, his own brothers. Instead of hurting them, Joe forgave them and helped his brother and he even took care

of them.

You may ask, "How could Joe forgive his brothers for their cruelty and hatred?" Joe's own words reveal his perspective, "But now do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve your life. Genesis 45:5." Joe or Joseph as he was better known as, saw that though his brothers meant him harm, God caused it all to work out for good. God had purpose and a plan all along.

Joseph saw that though man may mean it for harm, if we allow the Lord to be in control on our lives, God can use those circumstance to fulfill His purpose and plans. When Joseph faced adversity, he looked to the Lord for strength and guidance. Joseph

knew that God had a purpose and plan for his life and if he responded correctly he would see the fulfillment of God's plan.

How about you? Has life been unfair at times? Have you been hurt? Overlooked for promotion? Fired? Betrayed? Rejected? Then cast you're hurt and any pain you may have upon the Lord. Ask him to help you and then yield to His will for your life. Joseph refused to embrace bitterness and hate. He refused to take revenge when he had the chance. Instead Joseph saw the hand of God on his life and he knew that God was in control. Joseph chose to serve God no matter what happened. He chose not to let circumstances influence his attitude and he chose to seize the day. Be like Joseph and allow the Lord to help you, He is just a prayer away.

Dad's Parka

Some people call them artic coats while others call them parkas anyway they are heavy coats and they protect you from the cold. They are made from special material and have a hood that zips up to only leave a very small opening to keep out the snow. When our family was living in northern Japan my dad had one for his work. Sometimes

he would let me wear his if he wasn't working. It snowed a lot there and we never saw the ground till spring. When I wore the coat sometimes soldiers



Jerry Davenport

Brother J.

would salute me thinking it was my dad. I got a big kick out of it because they had mistaken me for him. As I look back that event reminds me of something that happens to all Christians. When we become aware of Who God is and our state of sinfulness, (Romans 3:23) and what Christ has done on the cross and we ask forgiveness and call upon Christ to save us, (to be our Lord and Savior, Romans 3:21&22),

God looks at us in a different way, (Romans 3:25&26). Just like my identity was hidden under my dad's heavy coat, our identity is hidden in Christ. When God looks at us He sees the person or righteousness of Christ. It has been given to every Christian as a gift, (Romans 3:24-26, Romans 6:23). Let us give thanks, (James 1:17). See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

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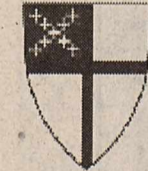
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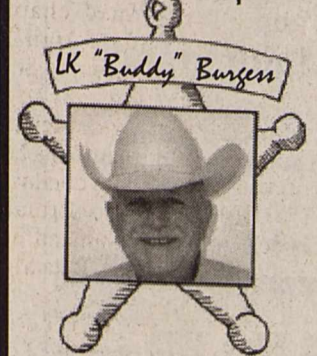
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Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Monday, April 24
8:19 p.m. A 911 caller reported livestock on the HWY.
Tuesday, April 25
1:07 a.m. Fort Clark Security reported gun shots fired around the R.V. park. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was advised of the situation.
7:50 a.m. A man called to report an illegal he had detained close to HWY 90. Bor-

der Patrol was notified.
3:00 p.m. A Fort Clark man reported a possible fire. A deputy was informed of the situation.
4:06 p.m. A man called in reference to a repossessed vehicle.
4:19 p.m. A 911 caller reported that she was being followed on HWY 277. Val Verde DPS were notified.
7:55 p.m. A woman called in reference to gun shots heard. A deputy was notified.
9:15 p.m. Border Patrol reported an out of control driver. A Deputy was notified.
Wednesday, April 26
9:30 p.m. A woman called regarding a dog that was loose and needed to be tied up or taken care of.
Thursday, April 27
1:36 a.m. David Reyes, 27, of Uvalde was arrested by Deputy Kenneth Freitag for driving with an invalid license. Reyes was released the same

day on a \$1200 bond.
1:36 a.m. A woman called requesting a deputy at her residence. Deputy Freitag was informed and enroute to the location.
2:00 a.m. Manuel Reyes, 25, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Freitag for public intoxication and terroristic threat of family. Reyes was released the next day on a \$1500 bond.
4:58 p.m. Fort Clark Security called to request help with an injured person at the pool. Deputy Manuel Pena was dispatched to the location.
7:38 p.m. A man called requesting a deputy at the Fort Clark gate and wanted to report on a court violation.
9:00 p.m. A 911 caller reported two possible illegals on HWY 277. Border Patrol was notified.
9:15 p.m. Val Verde sheriff's department reported a pursuit and requested assistance.

Border Patrol was notified.
Friday, April 28
10:00 a.m. A man called to report a burning telephone pole on HWY 674. Electric Company was notified.
6:35 p.m. Graciano Ramirez, 25, was arrested by Deputy Karl Chism for driving with an invalid license. Ramirez was released May 1 on a \$1200 bond.
Sunday, April 30
7:30 a.m. A man called to request a welfare check on some dogs on the Fort. A deputy was notified.
9:15 a.m. An alarm company reported an alarm sounding. A deputy was advised.
8:00 p.m. A woman called to report a break in. Deputy Gutierrez was advised.
Monday, May 1
12:01 a.m.
A woman called requesting to speak with a deputy about an individual. Deputy Gutierrez took the call.

4-H Horse Project Report

Submitted By Korlee Allen
Kinney 4-H Member

The Kinney 4-H horse project group met Monday, April 17, 2006 at the Harris' Arena. President, Hayley Harris called meeting to order. Items on the agenda were election of officers for the 2005-2006 year and items of in-

terest of the members. Election of officers were held; Chairman - Jared Harris, Vice-Chairman - Hayley Harris, Secretary - Bailee Allen, Treasurer - Peyton Bonner, and Reporter - Korlee Allen. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 15th at the Harris' Arena. Check your 4-H newsletter for upcoming events.

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Four Varsity girls go to State track meet

The Varsity girls track team placed fifth at the Regional track meet on April 28-29 in Brenham.

The 1600 meter relay, including, Bianca Stewart, Daphne Hunt, Bailee Allen and Rachel Swinson, placed second to advance to State with a time of 4:17.06

Wylie goes to State in Pole Vault

Brand Wylie placed second in the Pole Vault by clearing 13 feet. He cleared the same height as the winner of the event but was given second place on misses. Wylie advanced to the State track meet in Austin on May 12 and 13. He will compete at 12 noon on the 13th.

Also participating at the regional track meet was Tres Rueda and Travis Bonner. Rueda placed sixth in the 110 high hurdles and eighth in the 300 hurdles. Bonner placed sixth in the high jump. Both athletes competed at a very high level but were unable to place high enough to advance to the state meet. Just making the regional track meet is a great accomplishment. Both athletes finished the season representing BISD extremely well.

John Moore also qualified to participate in the regional meet in discus but was unable to attend.

The 400 meter relay, including, Anolda Watkins, Hunt, Stewart, Swinson, placed fifth with 53.7.

Stewart placed third in the high jump with a height of 5'0".

B. Allen placed sixth in the intermediate hurdles with a time of 51.07.

Swinson placed first in the 400 meter run with a time of 61.7.

Swinson, Stewart, Hunt and Allen qualify for the State Track Meet in Austin May 12 and 13.

Senior, Rachel Swinson will be making her 4th consecutive appearance at the State Meet.

Cavalry Brigade

Submitted By Woodie Hornburg

With troopers heading north, east, and west for summer assignments, the remaining Volunteer troopers have to "git-up and git" to clean up FCS's trash.

"The Cavalry Brigade's" chief chef, known as "Boss", has obtained picker-uppers so troopers don't have to unmount and squat in removing unsightly refuse. Remember mustering time is 9 a.m., May 6th at Shafter

Hall. The "Captain" is also scouting the possibility of "F Troop" and "Golf Volunteers" taking on the creek cleaning project, so the "CB" can concentrate on the "Old Quarry Amphitheater" in preparation for June and July performances of "Glory Road."

Remember, free lunch at 11:30 and the menu is going to be different and pleasing to the palate, with "great fellowship" on the side.



State qualifiers
From left: Bailee Allen, Bianca Stewart, Brand Wylie, Rachel Swinson and Daphne Hunt qualified for the State track meet that will be in Austin. This is Swinson's fourth consecutive time to qualify at a State track meet.

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WORD PILE By Mark Szorady

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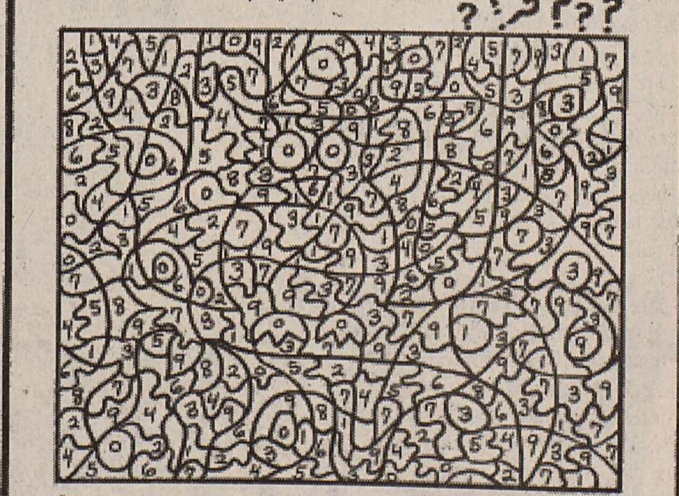
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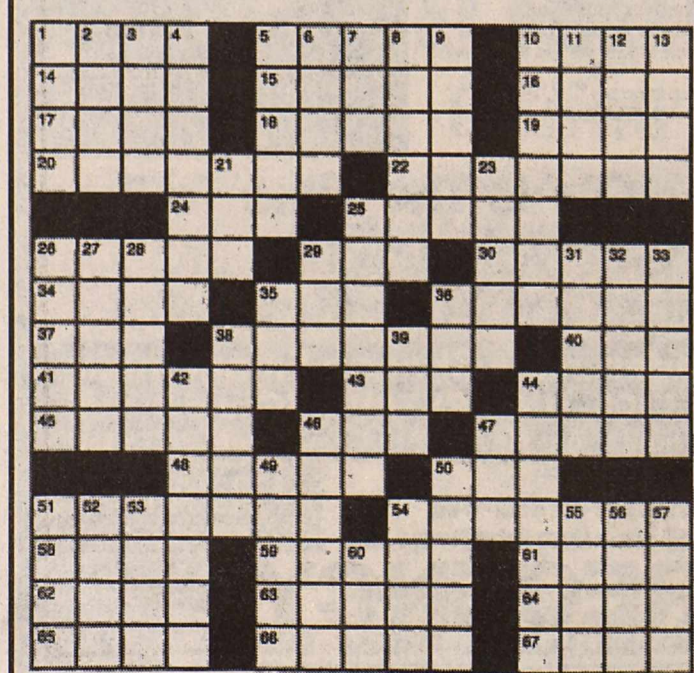
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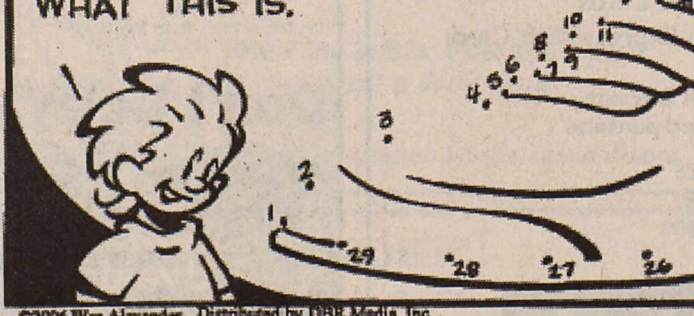
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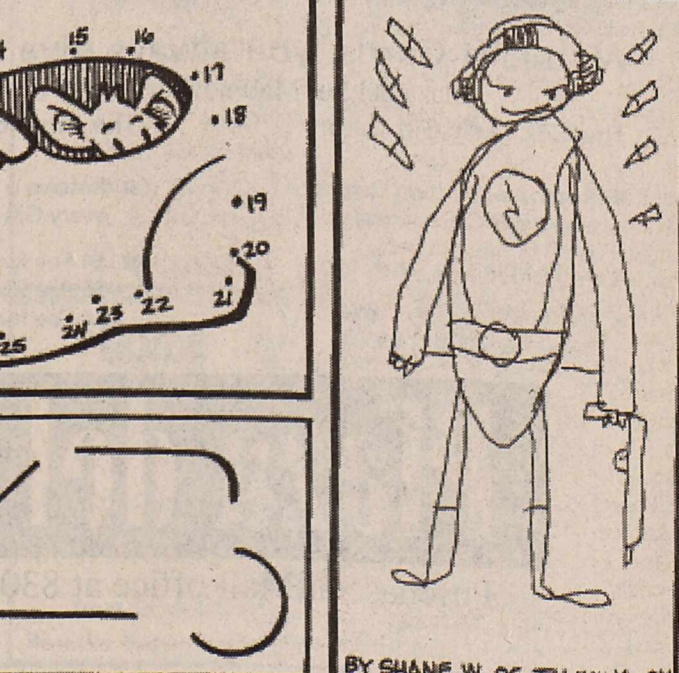


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BY SHANE W. OF TALIHINA, OK

General Manager Presents Conservation District's Annual Report

Submitted by Darlene Shahan, KCGCD General Manager

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District held a regular meeting on April 20, 2006. Darlene Shahan presented the General Manager's Annual Report.

The Annual Report included a financial report, pumping report for three years, permits authorized by aquifer, exempt well numbers, an update of regular permits granted and applied for, complaints filed against well drillers, various drought condition reports, an update on Southwest Research Institute's Project "Investigating the Groundwater Systems of Uvalde County", and a report on meetings that have been attended by the President or General Manager on behalf of the District.

The financial statement included a Balance Sheet, a Profit and Loss Statement and a copy of the approved Budget for comparison. The Balance Sheet reflected the District's finances as of April 19, 2006. Total assets were \$320,713.40. Total assets included checking and savings, other current assets and other assets.

The total amount in checking and savings was \$92,590.88. This amount included \$51,923.71 in the bank and \$40,667.17 in 2 escrow ac-

counts.

The total of other current assets was \$222,122.52. This amount included groundwater use fees still owing from 2003 to present of \$68,685.98 (Agriculture production fees still due include: 2003/04 - \$47,888.09, 2005 - \$19,107.67 and 2006 - \$4,526.85. Non-agriculture fees still due include: 2003/04 - \$4,768.83 and 2006 - 4,526.85), legal and consulting fees billed to permittees that have not been paid which total \$103,891.38 (only nine applicants for permits have paid the costs of processing their permits), retainer for current legal counsel Lowerre & Frederick \$20,000.00, taxes receivable \$4647.28, and undeposited funds \$24,897.88 which represents production fees for 2005 and 2006 which have been paid to a Court Registry and not to the Groundwater District.

Other assets were \$6,000 which represents the 2006 payment to Texas Water Development Board for the final note payment (payment made January, 2006).

Total liabilities and equity of \$320,713.40 included total other current liabilities of \$64,161.97, total long term liabilities \$207,483.70 and total equity 49,067.73.

Total other current liabilities of \$64,161.97 included consult-

ant \$8,999.68, escrow \$3,067.40 (which includes well log deposits and permit processing deposits, and Lowerre and Frederick current legal expenses of \$52,094.89).

Total long term liabilities of \$207,483.70 included deferred revenue \$4647.28 and Lloyd, Goselink, Blevins, Townsend, former legal counsel, \$202,836.42. Total liabilities included \$271,645.67.

Total equity of \$49,067.73 is comprised of opening balance equity of -\$7,149.96, retained earnings \$84,108.87 and net income of -\$27,891.18.

The Profit and Loss statement for October 1, 2005 through April 19, 2006 showed a net loss of \$27,891.18. Total income was \$79,755.14 while total expenses were \$107,646.32.

Total income of \$79,755.14 included ad valorem tax revenue \$78,338.18, total application fee \$25.00, bank interest paid \$45.42, forfeited well log deposits \$800.00, returned check fees \$30.00, open record request payment -\$203.46, transfer fees \$75.00 and well registration fees \$645.00.

The highest expense incurred by the District was total professional fees of \$84,276.40, which is over 78 percent of the total expenses of \$107,646.32. Professional fees included legal \$72,762.55; consultant

\$4,902.89; accounting/auditing on district work of 4,000.00 and state audit of \$270.00; and charges by the Kinney County Appraisal District for the collection of taxes \$2,340.96.

Total legal fees of \$72,762.55 were 67 per cent of the total expenses incurred by the District. Legal fees were broken down into litigation of Boulware et al vs. District of \$26,984.84 and other legal expenses of \$45,777.71.

Total personnel expenses included general manager fees of \$14,779.40 which included general district work billed at \$9,571.50, state audit time billed was \$3145.16, and litigation work on Boulware et al vs. District of \$2062.74.

Other expenses included office expense \$3,729.92, contract labor \$3,170.13, education \$70.00, hearing expenses/published notices \$894.68, interest on Texas Water Development Board start up loan \$114.00, open record requests \$10.50, travel \$596.29 and bank service charges \$5.00.

A copy of the General Manager's report is available at the District office.

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District office is open Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and on Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:30-5:00 p.m. Telephone: 830.563.9699, Fax: 830.563.9606, Email: kgcd@sbcglobal.net

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Local Emergency Planning Committee Announcement

Submitted by Elaine Ladeau, LEPC Chairman

Brackettville sits between Uvalde and Del Rio on Highway 90, but that's all we have in common with them in an emergency, because they both have had disasters in recent past (within the last 8 years). We really haven't. They are prepared for the next disaster...we are not! Both of them have city, county and volunteer groups who work and train together and attend regional training sessions.

Not if, but when, we have a disaster here, how many of us know where the designated shelter is? How many know what it takes to set up and run an emergency clinic, to dispense medications, first aid, or inoculations? Do you know if there is a plan to evacuate the elderly and the handicapped?

Don't expect the Federal Government to step in save us! Remember the fiascos on the Gulf Coast.

Folks, that takes all of us working together! City, Fort, County, business leaders and citizens.

I know most of us thing, Let them do it". With our small population, we are them!

When a disaster comes, and we don't know what to do or where to go, a lot more people...our friends, our neighbors, our families, and even

Tigerette softball finish season in 3rd

Submitted by Greg Voyles
BISD Athletic Director

The Tigerettes lost to Center Point 7-6, last Monday in a district playoff game. With the win Center Point will now go on to the state playoffs. The Tigerettes finish the season with an overall record of 10-9, and a district record of 5-3.

The Tigerettes played in two tournaments at the beginning of the season. They placed third in the Pearsall tournament, and placed second in the Dilley tournament. In the Pearsall tournament the Tigerettes done very well against the bigger schools, such as Poteet, Dilley, and S.A. Christian.

As they entered district they were ready to take on the rest of the district which included D'Hanis, who went to the state tournament last year, Center Point, Charlotte, and LaPryor. The Tigerettes beat Charlotte and LaPryor twice, lost to D'Hanis twice and split with Center Point. The split with Center Point forced them to have a playoff to see who advanced to the state playoffs.

The Tigerette Softball team consisted of: Seniors - Ashley Castillo and Dana Bonner, Juniors - Lola Cano, Allison Del Bosque, and Emily Valenzuela, Sophomore - Julie Castillo, Freshmen - Bianca Martinez, Bianca Terrazas, and Ashley Resendez.

Congratulations on a good season!

Planning Committee Announcement

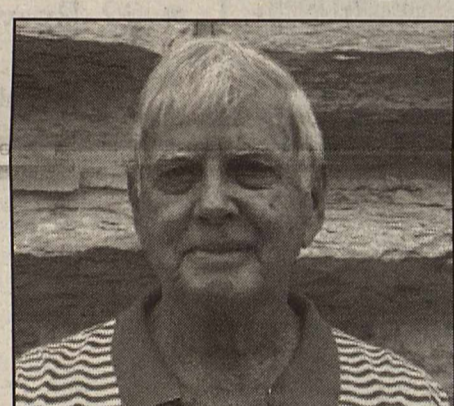
ourselves...could be the ones to die.

Consider the possibility of an avian flu epidemic...how many people can we inoculate if we aren't prepared? Another possible scenario would be the feeding and housing of hundreds of us in case of a flood or a tornado.

Everyone of us have abilities

to share. With preparation and training, we can be prepared for disasters. You can make a difference in Kinney County. Please give this careful consideration and come to the next Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting, Monday, May 15 in the BISD small gym at 6:30 p.m.

RE-ELECT

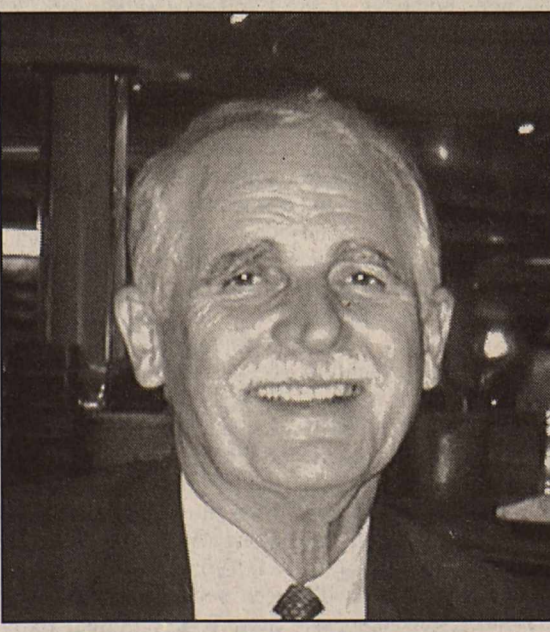


Hubbert McKelvy
for Director
of Fort Clark Springs M.U.D.

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Polling Place = F.C.S.M.U.D. Office

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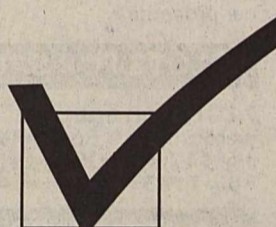
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Don Ralston
for Director of
Fort Clark Springs M.U.D.

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Vote For Schuster

John Paul Schuster for BISD School Board

Early Voting May 1 - 9 @ Central Office
General Election Saturday, May 13 @ Hunt Library

pd. pol. ad by J.P. Schuster

VOTE YES

FOR BETTER ROADS FOR FORT CLARK SPRINGS

Facts:

- Fort Clark Springs Roads are falling apart and need to be fixed and repair.
- In May you will be able to vote for funds to repair the roads
- The cost, if approved, will start at \$.38/\$100 of property value and DECREASE over the ten years of the obligation
- The good news is that in August of this year the \$.25/\$100 obligation 1977's FCS MUS sewer system issue will be paid off., so the tax increase will be \$.13/\$100 of value on your property
- The first phase of the project will be to repave the following roads: (A) Fort Clark Road front gate to Fairway Circle (B) Scales Road from Fort Clark Road to the end (C) All of Fairway Circle Road (D) Car/Walk paths will be put in on Scales Road and part of Fort Clark Road (E) Replace old water and sewer lines that run under the listed roads

How much this cost me?

- About \$.38/\$100 of your property's value and will decrease over the 10 years as your property value increases. After the sewer bond is retired in August of this year, a \$50,000 home would see an increase of about \$5.41 per month in taxes.

What happens if this does not pass?

- Fort Clark Springs maintenance employees will continue to fill the pot holes a couple times a year. You will pay for damaged tire, rims, alignments and shocks as needed.

When can you vote?

- Early voting: is May 1 to May 9 from 8am until 5pm
- Election day is May 13, 2006 from 7am to 7pm
- Mail in voting ballots were available from April 24 until early voting started at the MUD office.

Where to vote?

- MUD office by the swimming pool

Who can vote?

- Registered Kinney County Voters that live on Fort Clark Springs.

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The Smart Shopper

By Marla Armbrust
THIS WEEK'S TIP: I've been telling you about how to research airfares and such for upcoming vacation plans. However, you may not have it in your budget to do this, even if you find a low fare. What to do?

Contact your local Chamber of Commerce. Find out what there is to see and do in your own community. I'm willing to bet there are historic sites you can visit, as well as museums and other attractions. Probably, there's some sort of amusement park within driving distance for the kids, too.

Perhaps there's a vacation spot near you. If there is, look into renting a little cabin rather than staying in a pricey motel. You can probably even find one with a little kitchen so that you can prepare breakfast and not have to go out. You might want to bring a little barbecue grill, too, so you can do some dinners. I know! You don't want to cook on a vacation, but if you're looking to do this inexpensively, you'll have to do at least some meals yourself.

The bottom line is always this: Vacations are a great time to just relax and reconnect with your family. They don't have to be spectacular and lavish. Here are this week's offers:
METROGEL \$10 REBATE,

P.O. Box 1190, Morrisville, NC 27560 (receive \$10). Send in the dated pharmacy receipt showing the prescription purchase for MetroGel. Store form required. Expires 6/30/06.

SMUCKER'S AND JIF DISNEY PIN OFFER, P.O. Box 8604, Prospect Heights, IL 60070 (receive a free pin). Send in your dated cash register receipt showing the purchase of a Smucker's jam, jelly, preserves or fruit spread and a jar of Jif (17.3-ounces or larger). Also send a \$1.50 handling fee (check or money order only). Sunday supplement form required. Must be postmarked by 6/30/06.

XENTX/EMTA CORP., 7320 E. Butherus Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85267 (receive \$3). Send in the UPC from a bottle of XenTx Extreme Engine Treatment along with your dated (between 11/10/05 and 6/30/06) cash register receipt with price circled. Store form required. Expires 6/30/06.

GERBER OFFER, P.O. Box 125307, Fremont, MI 49412 (receive \$5 in coupons). Send in five UPCs from Gerber Graduates products. You can print the form at www.gerber.com. Internet form required. Expires 6/30/06.

GLADE SCENTED OIL CANDLE \$2 REBATE, P.O. Box 5067, Young America, MN

55558 (receive \$2). Send in the UPC from a Glade Scented Oil Candle Holder and your dated (between 12/4/05 and 6/16/06) cash register receipt with price circled. Store form required. Expires 6/30/06.

HELLMANN'S / BEST FOODS SQUEEZE PRODUCTS REBATE, P.O. Box 1191, Grand Rapids, MN 55745 (receive back your purchase price up to \$3.49). Send in you dated (between 10/1/05 and 6/30/06) cash register receipt showing the purchase of two or more different 10-ounce, 10.75-ounce or 18-ounce Hellmann's or Best Foods Squeeze products. Store form required. Expires 6/30/06.

AVENTIS/ALLEGRA OFFER, P.O. Box 12035, Trenton, NJ 08650 (receive \$15). Send in the pharmacy receipt showing the purchase of a prescription for Allegra. Store form required. Expires 6/30/06.

CRANIUM GAME \$10 REBATE OFFER, P.O. Box 410478, El Paso, TX 88541 (receive \$10). Send in your dated cash register receipt showing the purchase of two Cranium games. Write the UPC numbers of the games on the receipt. Specially-marked in-package form required. Must be received by 6/30/06.

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