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BISD track field renovations to start in September Superintendent Renken hopes to host district meets

Architect John Graves, Jr. of Uvalde presented the Brackett ISD Board of Trustees with an update on the final negotiations with contractors for the track field improvement projects at their regular meeting on June 5.

In April, Vibrawhirl, of Houston, was awarded the track renovation contract.

Vibrawhirl will resurface and add two lanes, for a total of eight, to the existing track and add all new areas for the discus, shotput, long jump and pole vault field events.

Pioneer Concepts, of Brackettville, will build a new concession stand and restroom building.

The existing concession stand will be used for storage.

According to Graves, both contractors are scheduled to begin work on or before Sept. 1, and the projects are expected to be completed by Dec. 1, 2006.

BISD Superintendent Paula Renken is hopeful that the improvements to the school's facility on RR 334 will lead to BISD being able to host a district meet in the near future.

Board members Jeff Duncan, Ronnie Hobbs, Sarah Terrazas, Mark Frerich and Tony Ashley were all present and participated in the reorganization of the board officers.

Lutz was unanimously re-elected as the board president.

Ashley was elected as the board's new vice-president. This vote was unanimous.

Terrazas was also reelected

by unanimous vote to serve as the board secretary.

New board member John Paul Schuster was not present for the election process, but participated heavily in the track

renovation discussions.

Technology Coordinator Noe Maldonado and Business Manager Marla Madrid gave a short presentation on updating the phone system for the entire

district.

In the presentation Maldonado and Madrid stated that the current phone system is outdated and replacement parts are costly, if not unavailable.

Estimates for the upgrade range from \$20,000 to \$50,000. Board members voted to authorize the administration office to research the project.

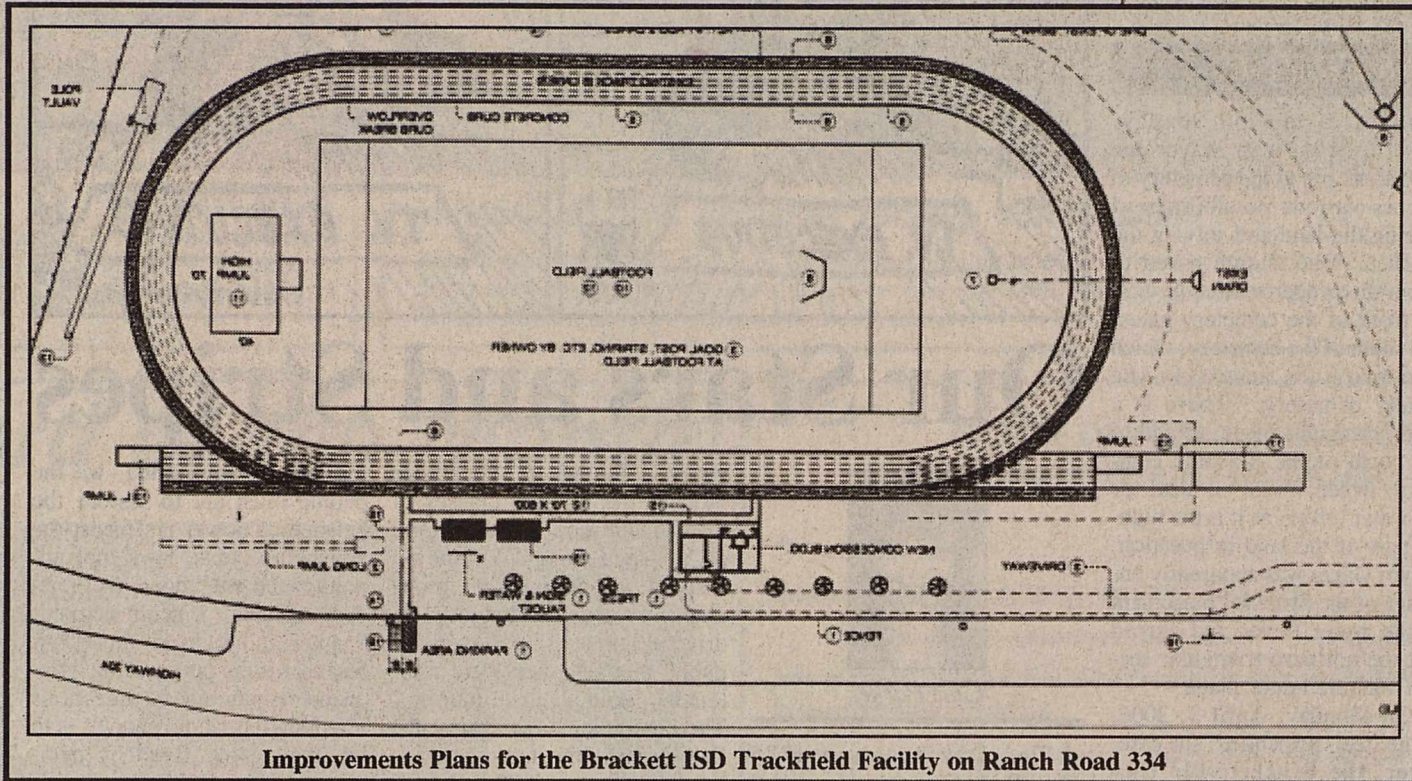
The board entered into closed session to discuss the recommendations to hire a new band director, school nurse and special education teacher.

Upon returning to the open meeting forum, Charles Goodson of Trinity was hired as the band director.

Kathleen Kitten Fohn was hired as the special education director. Fohn was a teacher for the Uvalde CISD last year.

Lisa Ostby, of San Antonio, was hired to be the school nurse. Ostby has pediatric and neonatal experience.

The district is still accepting applications for a secondary math teacher, secondary English teacher and a new coaching position.



Improvements Plans for the Brackett ISD Trackfield Facility on Ranch Road 334

News BRIEFS



Mature Driving Course

The 55 Alive Mature Driving Course will be held at Slaton Hall at First United Methodist Church, 109 James Street, Brackettville on August 9 and 10 from 1pm - 5pm. Renewal is good for two years and completion of course reduces vehicle insurance. The cost is \$10 per person. For more information, contact Barb Williams 563-3100.

Summer Reading

Brackett Secondary Students (Grades 7-12) will be able to accumulate AR Reading Points for use during the school year this summer. The Hunt Library will be open Mon - Thur from 10 am - 2pm through June and two days each week during July.

Weekend WEATHER

Friday	Mostly Sunny High:97 Low:75
Saturday	Partly Cloudy High:95 Low:75
Sunday	Mostly Sunny High:98 Low:75

Midsummer Night Fish Fry

All FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) Adult Chapter members are invited to a "FCA Fish Fry & Fellowship" in their honor on Saturday evening, July 15th, 8pm at the home of Bill & Carolyn Conoly. Rhonda and Charlie Marquardt, FCA lead FCA Coach/Sponsors, will supply and fry the fish as a thank you to FCA Adult Chapter members. More than 30 junior high and high school students attended FCA Camp in Abilene the first week in June, and the adult chapter helped underwrite most of the students' camp expenses. The "FCA Fish Fry & Fellowship" will include food, music, fellowship, prayer and plans for the 2006-2007 Brackett High School FCA Chapter calendar. Any adult interested in supporting the work of the student chapter is invited and welcome. Adult chapter members may pay \$25 a year in dues, although dues are not required. All members agree to support the student chapter and coach sponsors in any way possible. All monies raised are used to send students and coaches to summer camp.

Summer Fun At Smiley's

Local favorite, Sterling Smiley Goodloe, will be hosting activities for the youth June 22 - 24. June 22: A free puppet show will be held at 7:30 p.m. for ages headstart - fourth grade. June 23: Free movie night for fifth and sixth graders. June 24: Free movie night for seventh-twelfth graders. All activities will be held at 405 N. Fort Street and moms and dads are very welcome.

Glory Road

History comes to life! The Old Quarry Society for the Performing Arts will proudly perform "The Glory Road" June 29 & 30 and July 1 & 2 at the Old Quarry Amphitheatre at Fort Clark Springs. This production recaptures the color and adventure of that period when Fort Clark was at the height of its glory. Admission for adults will be \$5. Admission for children under 12 will be \$3. To purchase tickets by mail: PO Box 813, Brackettville, TX 78832.

Local Independence Day Celebration

World War II Veterans are cordially invited to attend, as a special guests, the annual Kinney County, Brackettville, Ft. Clark Springs and Spofford American Independence Day Celebration on July 1. Planning committee members have invited the Veterans Band of Corpus Christi to play rousing military songs and other great music of the nineteen forties. The band will be under the direction of Ram Chaves. Each year the planning committee recognizes a special group of veterans and names them as honorary Parade Grand Marshals. The Grand Marshal Float will be in front of Brackett High School (across from Super S) at 8:30 a.m. and the parade is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. The parade will proceed South on Ann St., turn east on Hwy. 90, then turn right into Ft. Clark Springs and end at the Swim Park. Excerpts from the Declaration will be read by retired Sr. Master Sgt. Bob Nelson, followed by our speaker, State Representative Tracy King. Certificates will be given to the WW II Veterans. Lt. Col. Star Smith will be the Master of Ceremonies. A light lunch will follow. Certificate holders will receive a free lunch.

July 4th Salute

On June 29, in conjunction with the Independence Day Celebration Committee, TBN will be publishing photos of our military servicemen and women, past and present. To Submit a photo: Photo must include Name, Rank & Service, Date of Service and relation to Brackettville (i.e.: lives in town, grandmother resident of FCS, graduated from BHS, etc.) Photos can be scanned while you wait at TBN office, 507 S. Ann Street or emailed to tbnews@sbcglobal.net. Photos left at the office must have return address on the back. Deadline for submission is June 20 at 5pm.

Seminole Indian Scouts to celebrate Juneteenth

Submitted by Augusta Pines SISA

The Seminole Indian Scouts Association will celebrate Juneteenth in Brackettville June 17.

The Association will host a parade on Sat. at 10 a.m. in front of Super S Foods on Ann St. The parade will end at Fort Clark Springs. There will be a program at Fort Clark. For information or any questions about the parade please contact Augusta Pines, 830-563-9779 or Beverly Wright at 830-563-2157.

The celebration will end with a Bar-B-Q at noon at Carver School grounds, there will be booths, games and a dance for all ages.

Program Schedule:
 •Attention, Posting of the Colors and the National Anthem
 •Invocation: Rev. Nathan Lafrenz
 •Welcome by Phil Coburn, Presi-

dent, Fort Clark Historical Society
 •Introductions of Honored Guests
 •Recognition of the "Juneteenth" Celebration
 •Dedictory Remarks-William F. Haenn (Author of "Fort Clark and Brackettville, Land of Heroes")
 •Plaque Unveiling by troopers of the 2nd Cavalry Division, who served at Fort Clark 1943-1994.
 •Captain Vincent Wilburn - "B"

Troop, 9th U.S. Cavalry
 •Lieutenant Albert O. Bly - Reconnaissance Troop, 27th U.S. Cavalry
 •Certification and Coin Presentation
 •Playing of "The Army Song"
 •Taps
 •Refreshments
 •Mess Call at the Palisado Kitchen



Captain Vincent Wilburn, Sr. USA (Ret)

1st Lieutenant Albert O. Bly, Sr. USA (Ret)

Schroeder completes HOBY Seminar

Gabby Schroeder recently attended the Texas Capital Area Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Seminar held June 2-4 at Austin.

Schroeder joined more than

sixty other young leaders representing many high schools throughout Texas.

HOBY Leadership Seminars bring together a select group of high school sophomores to in-

teract with groups of distinguished leaders in business, government, education and the professions to discuss present and future issues.

The goal is to provide the youths a stimulating forum for learning about the free market and democratic process while broadening their understanding of their leadership potential and quest for self-development. HOBY leaders are also challenged to return to their communities to perform at least 100 hours of community service within 12 months following the Seminar.

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership was established in 1958 by the popular actor Hugh O'Brian following a visit to Africa where he was inspired by a meeting with Dr. Albert Schweitzer. "One of the things Schweitzer said to me was that the most important thing in education was to teach young people to think for themselves," O'Brian said. "From that inspiration, and with the support of others who believe in youth and the American dream, I started HOBY to seek out, recognize, and develop outstanding leadership potential among our nation's youth."

Further information about HOBY seminars, activities and sponsorship opportunities in Texas is available by calling Hunter Hanock (310)497-7403.



Gabby Schroeder

Courtesy Photo

BISD Sophomore Gabby Schroeder was selected to attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership seminar in Austin June 2-4.

Editors Weekly PLOG

Our friends from Mississippi were in town this past weekend and with all good friends, it had been too long since we had seen them last. Jimmy and Jennifer lost everything after Hurricane Katrina destroyed their business and flooded their home - BUT they have new jobs and bought a home a little further from the coast and are doing great!

In the back of my mind, I kept thinking - would be able to keep on "keeping on" after such an event. Could I choose what to take and what to leave behind? I know I'd pack my pictures (and my shoes), but what about that painting from my grandfather? What about the kids' scrapboxes? When your time and space is limited, what do you choose? And if I did lose it all,

would I have the smile they have? Would I be able to get over the fact that my shoes floated away and I had to settle for some used flip-flops from the Red Cross?

Our friends attend the Methodist Church there and they congregate in the gymnasium because the sanctuary is still not usable. Wal-Mart is not open 24 hours anymore and some of the restaurants serve only a certain amount of people because they are understaffed. Every aspect of their daily lives and routines were turned upside down.

When I get impatient about waiting in line, I just think of Jennifer driving to the next state over to wait in line for hours for gas and a few bags of ice. Leigh V.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editors Note: This letter was originally printed in the June 8, 2006 edition of TBN and is being reprinted as the author's name was inadvertently left off last week.

A recent issue (May 4, 2006) of The Brackett News featured a front page article concerning the procurement of land for a new water tower for the city of Brackettville. There were a few statements in the article which need some clarification.

To quote from the article, "City officials were forced to discuss relocating their pending water tower project or forfeit grant money (sp) 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."

The land in question where the water tower was to be placed is directly in front of the gate to the Catholic Cemetery.

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church Deacon Joseph Goebel was contacted on Thursday evening, March 30, 2006, by Mr. Robert Haley, a court-appointed lawyer from Del Rio, who had been retained to represent the Veltman/Zuehl interest in a case which was to appear before District Judge Thomas Lee on Monday, April 2, 2006. On advice of Church lawyers, a letter was written to Judge Lee asking that this case be postponed, so that the church could clarify our position as a party to the case.

Deacon Jim Bader and Mr. Lloyd Lee Davis, president of St. Mary Magdalene finance

committee, met on Sunday, April 2, 2006, with Mayor Joe N. Garza, Jr., at the cemetery to discuss various possibilities of sharing the land and solving the conflict. The church asked to retain the property directly west (in front of the cemetery gates) and south of the cemetery, which also provides access to the county cemetery. There is a large triangular piece of land to the north of the Masonic cemetery, which would be ideal for the water tower, as it is the highest part of the land in question. Mayor Garza was apparently unaware of the proposal placement of the water tower and agreed that the northern triangular section was the better place.

On Monday, April 3, 2006, Judge Lee "suspended" the case. Later, the Brackettville City Council tabled a proposal concerning this project, stating they didn't believe they had enough information. Meanwhile, BIRD Board of Directors had been approached about the purchase of land beside the track field. This purchase has since been agreed upon, according to The Brackett News of May 18, 2006.

The citizens of Brackettville need to know that the triangular portion of this land could have been obtained for the water tower. The city bought the original case, with a claim that they were unable to locate any members of the Veltman/Zuehl family. St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church only asked for a fair share of the land where the cemetery has been located for many years.

Lynn McNew
St. Mary Magdalene
Cemetery Committee



Our Stars and Stripes



Gina Parker

Flag Day began in 1885 when B. J. Cigrand encouraged his students to celebrate the 108th anniversary of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as "Flag Birthday." Cigrand continued promoting the holiday to others across the country, and within a few years, children across the nation participated in Flag Day festivities by singing patriotic songs, listening to presentations about our nation's founding, and hearing from elected officials. Since then we have continued every year to celebrate Flag Day on June 14.

Consider the infamous U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals case, *Newdow vs. U.S. Congress*, which banned reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in the public schools. The court claimed, "...the mere presence in the classroom every day as peers recite the statement 'one nation under God' has a coercive effect." As Judge Fernandez, however, stated in his dissent, "We are asked to hold that inclusion of the phrase 'under God' in this

national's Pledge of Allegiance violates the religion clauses of the Constitution.... We should do no such thing. We should instead, recognize that those clauses were not designed to drive religious expression out of public thought; they were written to avoid discrimination." The continuing rage against the flag by Newdow and others has left open the possibility that our Stars and Stripes could one day fall from its place of honor at the top of the flagpole.

Thankfully, Congressman Todd Akin (R-MO) has filed the Pledge Protection Act of 2005, which will prohibit courts from deciding any question about the Pledge of Allegiance. This judicial limitation is a right of the Congress found in Article III, Section 2 of the United States Constitution, which provides Congress with the authority to prohibit federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, from hearing cases that Congress exempts from the courts' jurisdiction.

As the judicial branch of our government continues to spin out of control, Congress should exercise its constitutional authority by enacting other laws that place limitations on federal court jurisdiction. Since the judiciary is no longer the weakest branch of government as James Madison and our other found-

ing fathers envisioned, we the people must act to restore the balance of power and insist the legislators create laws, not appointed federal judges. As President Abraham Lincoln warned, "...the candid citizen must confess that if the policy of the government, upon vital questions affecting the whole people, is to be irrevocably fixed by decisions of the Supreme Court, ...the people will have ceased to be their own rulers, having, to that extent practically resigned their government into the hands of that eminent tribunal."

Soon Congress will vote on the Pledge Protection Act of 2005. Please contact your U. S. Representatives (<http://www.house.gov/>) and your U.S. Senators (<http://www.house.gov/>), urging them to support the Pledge Protection Act of 2005 - our Stars and Stripes depend on it!

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Community News Policy

Persons wanting to place announcements in *The Brackett News* do not have to live in Brackettville, Fort Clark Springs or Kinney County. Subject matter need only pertain to the community or persons living in the community. Effective April 17, 2006:

- Engagement Announcement without Photo - No Charge
- Engagement Announcement with Photo - \$20
- Wedding Announcement without a Photo - No Charge
- Wedding Announcement with a Photo - \$20
- Quinceanera Announcement without a Photo - No Charge
- Quinceanera Announcement with a Photo - \$10
- Birth Announcements without a Photo - No Charge
- Birth Announcements with a Photo - \$10
- Obituaries with or without a Photo - No Charge

11 points to preparedness for evacuation



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Here it is that time of year again when we are faced with the threat of Evacuation from our homes. We never know when we this could happen because of fire, train wreck, floods or hurricanes. It is up to us to be prepared!

1. **PEOPLE:** Have a plan for getting out of the house and make sure everyone knows it. Have an emergency bag of food and water for your family. Include wholesome snacks and treats for the children: dried fruit, nuts, peanut butter, crackers and granola bars.
2. **PETS:** Keep pet carriers and leashes readily available to lead pets to safety. Also take pet food with you.
3. **PICTURES:** Keep negatives or CDs of pictures in a lock box or at a family member's home. Have picture albums in one place ready to grab and go at a moments notice.
4. **PAPERS:** Have all your important papers in a lock box at a bank and only keep copies at the house. This keeps you from panicking. If you have them at home then put them in a folder that you can easily grab if you

have to move fast. Color code it so you can find it!

5. **PRESCRIPTIONS:** Take your medications with you. Don't forget the ones that have to be refrigerated like insulin. Have small ice chest and cold packs readily accessible to pack and go. If you have babies; remember their formula or medications.

6. **PURSES and PETRO:** This is where you keep your identification, credit cards and cash. Keep a stash of cash for emergencies and grab it. You may not be able to use an ATM in the event of a power outage. Make sure your car always has a half a tank of gas.

7. **PROPER CLOTHES and COMFORT ITEMS:** According to the weather conditions; gather up a change of clothes along with outer clothing: coats, rain gear, boots, gloves and hats. If you have babies remember diapers. Remember to grab your children's favorite blanket, stuffed animal or toy. A game or a deck of cards could keep them occupied and calm too.

8. **PLANNER/CALENDAR/CONTROL JOURNAL:** These documents have all the information you will need from phone numbers, insurance numbers and important dates. They are small and filled with things you don't have to try to remember.

9. **PERSONAL PROTECTION:** Many of us still have that time of the month. Be sure and grab a box of your preferred protection. It may be hard to find

if you have been evacuated. Stress can cause our bodies to do strange things too. So be prepared. Take medication for cramps too.

10. **PHONES, RADIOS, FUEL FOR THE CAR:** Many of us have cell phones now. Always keep them charged up and have a charger in the car or an extra battery. They may not work in the event of power outages, but then they might. Know which local radio station has emergency bulletins. Keep your battery powered radio tuned to that local station and have plenty of batteries for it. Also keep a old type regular phone that does not operate with electricity. GAS PUMPS don't work without power either. You can't leave if your car is on empty. So keep your car fuel tank topped off when it hits a half of tank. This way you will have gas to drive at least a couple of hours. Evacuation routes are usually bumper to bumper traffic. Having a tank filled will keep you less stressed.

11. **PATIENCE:** This is one of the most important things to pack. Keep it inside of you so that you have a clear calm head. Having your P's to Preparedness list guiding you will keep you patient. In the event of an evacuation there will be lots of displaced people. Being patient will make things less stressful. Your children need to see you calm and collected. This will help keep them calm too.

News BRIEFS

Heart of the West Wildlife Trail

The newest sign near the entrance of Historic Fort Clark is a designation from the State of Texas Parks and Wildlife for the Heart of the West - Roadrunner. This indicates to visitors that this Parks and Wildlife Preserve Offering rare opportunity to catch something worth while on the recognized Wildlife Trail. Brochures and maps are available on www.tpwd.state.tx.us

Summer Lunch Program

The Brackett Independent School district announces the sponsorship of the summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided at the school cafeteria, located at 400 N. Ann St., beginning June, 6, through June 29. Breakfast will be served beginning a 8:30 am until 9:30 am and lunch will be served beginning at 11:30 am until 1pm. In accordance with Federal law and US Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or call 800-795-3272 or 202-720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

June is homeownership month

Owning a home helps to give families security and a sense of pride and it is an important part of the American way of life. Nearly 70 percent of all Americans now enjoy the satisfaction of owning their own homes. USDA Rural Development is proud to have had the opportunity to assist almost 250,000 Americans achieve their homeownership dream since the start of the Bush Administration. USDA Rural Development faces the challenge of finding innovative ways to place families in the housing they need with payment they can afford. We are achieving this goal with programs that make guaranteed loans through approved financial institution, require no down payment and provide mortgage interest rates for as little as one percent, depending on income levels. If you would like to find out more about one of our Housing programs, contact the Uvalde Local Office at 830-278-9503, ext 4 or visit <http://rurdev.usda.gov>

The Upstagers present "Night Watch"

A psychological thriller by Lucille Fletcher involving a neurotic heiress named Elaine Wheeler who tells her husband and the police that she has seen a dead man in the building across the way. The police are skeptical. Even her husband has doubts. Is Elaine imagining things, or is there a murdered man? The plot thickens as Elaine's agitation increases and the suspense builds to a chilling climax. Curtain opens at the Paul Poag Theatre at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 16, Saturday, June 17, Friday, June 23 and Saturday, June 24. Tickets are available at The Veranda, The Emporium, Del Tex RV, Simply Beautiful, The Firehouse and the LAFB Outdoor recreation center. Adults: \$9.00 in advance or \$12.00 at the door. Students: \$6.00 in advance or \$9.00 at the door.

DR Rotary Club hosts Independence Celebration

The Del Rio Rotary Club is hosting their third annual Independence Day Celebration on June 30th and July 1st. There will be a Rotary Rodeo with thrills, spills and chills for the whole family! Events will include: Bull riding, steer wrestling, bare-back bronco busting, girl's breakaway roping, calf roping, team roping, ladies barrel racing and lots more. There will also be food, beverages, arts and crafts. Advanced ticket sales: Ramada. Sponsorships are available, contact Tony Hernandez at Amistad Bank - 830-775-0295. Rodeo Queen Candidates contact: Pat Bowers at 830-774-1833.

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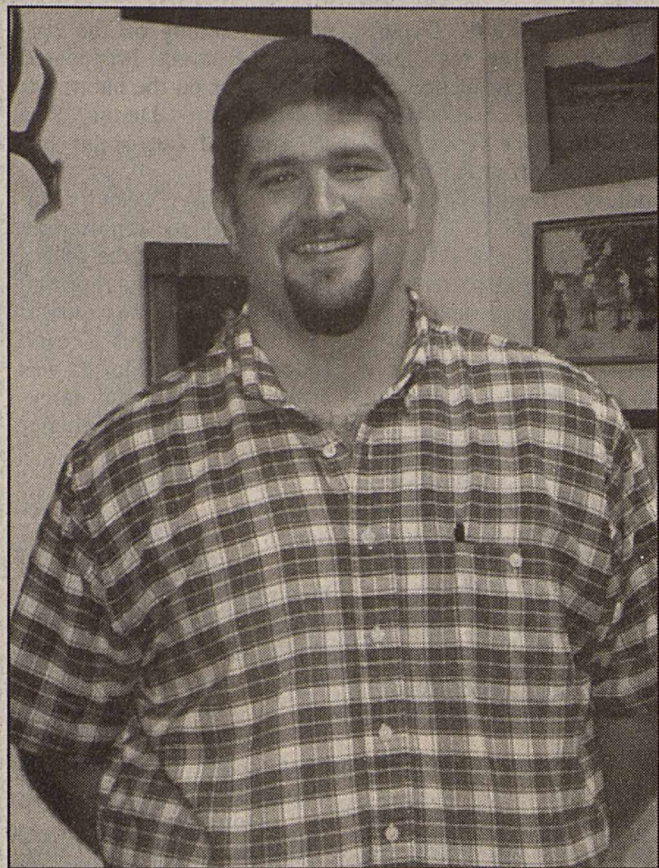
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New In Town Photo by Leigh Volcsko
Haden Kayser originally of Mason, Texas is now working for the Soil and Water Conservation District. Kayser attended Angelo State University and worked for the NRCS in Eldorado and Midland.



McWilliams and Woolsey receive scholarships Photo by Allison Taylor
The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce presented Mason McWilliams and Leon Woolsey with scholarships worth \$500 each. Pictured left to right, Chamber Member Mary Pevehouse, Mary Martin, Mason McWilliams, Leon Woolsey, Rendall Moore, Edward Travieso and J.D. Martin.

May Yard of the Month



Photo By Laura Meyer
Wylie and Charlene Simmons of Fort Clark Springs, Unit 37 are the Mt. Laurel Garden Club's "Yard of the Month" for May 2006

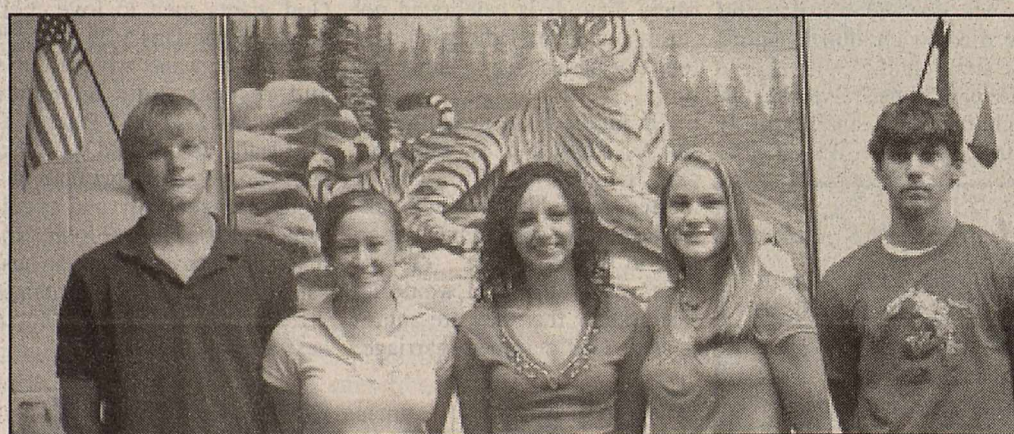


Photo by Leigh Volcsko
State Athletes
From left: Seth Frerich, Daphne Hunt, Bianca Stewart, Bailee Allen and Lane Nowlin represented some of the athletes recognized by the Board of Trustees for advancing to state-level competition on June 5.

Hunting Season is on its way. Call our office today to reserve your advertising space for TBN Hunter's Guide 563-2852 or email: tbnews@sbcglobal.net

The following positions are open at BISD:
Secondary English Teacher
Elementary Teacher - 3 Positions
Secondary Math Teacher/Coach
 Application Procedure: download from website www.brackett.k12.tx.us, pick up at the BISD Central Office, 400 Ann Street, or request by mail, Brackett ISD, PO Box 586, Brackettville, TX 78832. For information, call Central Office at (830) 563-2491. Fax (830) 563-9264. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. Direct inquires to Susan Esparza Supt. Secretary/Human Resources.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The BRACKETT I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 6 P.M. MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2006 in THE TRUSTEE BOARD ROOM, 400 ANN STREET, BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.19	/ \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax		
Approved by Local Voters	\$	/ \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	10% increase	or	% (decrease)
Debt service	0% increase	or	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	10% increase	or	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$171,031,593	\$188,373,933
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$711,086	\$3,416,944
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$136,910,133	\$141,445,338
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$661,043	\$2,140,180

* Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** New property is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** Taxable value is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$0

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.2975	\$0	\$1.2975	\$2,743	\$4,719
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.1505	\$0	\$1.1505	\$2,662	\$4,799
Proposed Rate	\$1.19	\$0	\$1.19	\$2,571	\$4,710

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$43,038	\$48,264
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$28,938	\$30,793
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.2975	\$1.19
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$375.47	\$366.43
Decrease in Taxes		\$9.04

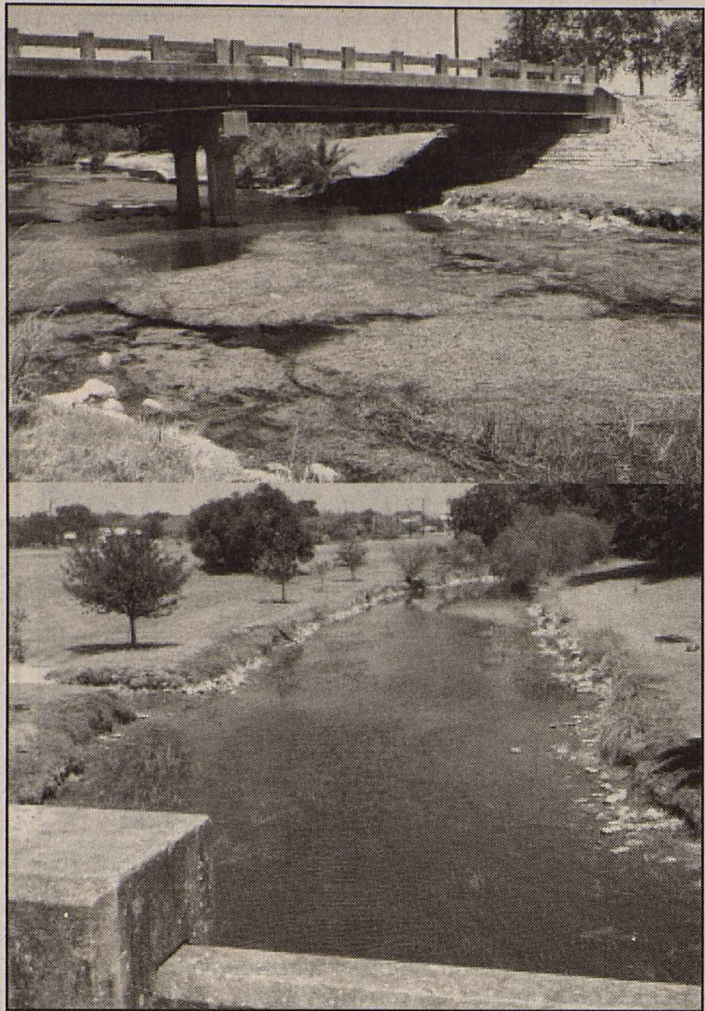
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.19. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.19.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,000,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$



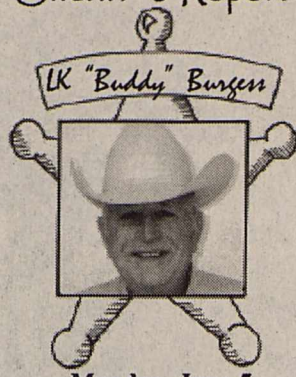
Las Moras Creek clean up successful

Submitted by
Debbie Isaacs

FCSA Recreation director

The president of Community Council, Debbie Isaacs along with Wayne Isaacs, Jim and Sue Spencer, Wally Jones, Victoria Isaacs and a group of twenty eight volunteers from the Eagle pass, Del Rio Ladder Day Saints youth groups spent two hours in the Las Moras creek cleaning it up, and as you can see from the pictures it sure made a difference. Our creek is one of our most prestigious commodities and we need to take pride in it and keep it as beautiful as it really is. We would ask that the people of the Fort and Brackettville to please help us keep the trash picked up out of the creek and out of the drainage ditches coming from town. We would like to thank the group of volunteers who gave of your time and efforts, working together does make a difference.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Monday, June 5

7:47 p.m. A 911 call was received from the Senior Apartments and no one was supposed to be in there. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was informed of the situation.

Tuesday, June 6

3:45 p.m. Steven Edward Reyes, 35, of San Antonio was arrested for driving with an invalid license by Deputy James Blankenship.

4:10 p.m. A Brackettville woman called in and requested to speak with a deputy in reference to her ex-boyfriend driving around

flipping off her kids. Deputy Kenneth Freitag was Dispatched to her residence.

7:56 p.m. A Century Alarm employee reported an alarm going off at the Alamo Saddlery. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched.

9:15 p.m. A Union Pacific Employee called to report a suspicious vehicle next to the railroad tracks. Deputy Manuel Pena and Deputy Vito LaGioia were dispatched to the scene.

10:03 p.m. A Del Rio DPS employee called regarding a reckless driver. Deputy Gutierrez was notified of the situation.

Wednesday, June 7

9:42 p.m. A 911 caller reported a possible domestic disturbance. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the location.

Thursday, June 8

2:15 p.m. A 911 caller reported a wreckless driver on HWY 90. Deputy Freitag was dispatched to the location.

Saturday, June 10

12:41 a.m. A woman called to report that there was

a man standing on the corner of her street. It appeared that he was on the phone but was not sure. Deputy Ron Ring was advised of the situation.

10:00 a.m. A Sentry Security employee reported an alarm sounding at the school library. A Deputy reported that the building was secure.

7:00 p.m. Jesus Crespo Calberer, 54, of Florida was arrested for unlawful carrying of a weapon by Trooper Terrones.

Sunday, June 11

3:49 p.m. A 911 caller reported a possible stolen vehicle. Deputy LaGioia and Deputy Gallegos were informed of the situation. The occupants bailed out and were on foot on HWY 674.

5:30 p.m. A woman called to report a family disturbance. Deputy Ring and Deputy Pena were advised.

Monday, June 12

12:04 a.m. A man called to report that he hit a deer on HWY 90. Deputy Gutierrez was notified of the situation.

Golf on Thursdays

Submitted by
Debbie Isaacs

FCSA

The Las Moras Couples golfers are continuing to hold their couples tournaments on Thursdays, even with temperatures reaching into the upper ninety's we still had a total of eight couples. The game for the week of June 7 was a best ball scramble and the team of Wayne and Debbie Isaacs along with Pat and

Haogy Nelson took first place with a score of 41.75 after handicaps were applied, second place went to the team of Marion and Jerry Weber, and Sue and Jim Spencer with a score of 45 after handicaps were applied. We would like to extend an invitation to any couples that would like to join us to come on down and sign up. Our games are Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. be there about 8:30 to pay up and draw for teams.

Fort Clark Springs couple returns from pilgrimage

Deacon Bob Nelson and his wife Marge of 50 years returned on May eighth from an eight country tour called the Poland-Medjugorje Pilgrimage. The couple flew from New York's JFK airport to Prague, Czech Republic, then traveled my tour bus to Krakow, Poland, then through Czech Republic to Austria and Italy. The return trip was from Italy to Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Slovenia, and Slavakia and back to the Czech Republic. Highlights of the tour were: In Prague, Holy Mass at the Infant Jesus of Prague Sanctuary at Our Lady Victorious Church. In Krakow and Wadowici, the birthplace of Pope John Paul the II, the Basilica where he was baptized and his

family's apartments were visited. A visit to the Divine Mercy Basilica and the Chapel of Divine Mercy in St. Faustina's Convert. Travel to Czestochowa to visit the shrine of the Black Madonna, our Lady of Czestochowa. A visit to Auschwitz, the former concentration camp, now a museum where St. Maximilian Kolbe died. Participation in the Divine Mercy Sunday Mass at the shrine of Divine Mercy in Krakow, Poland.

A visit to St. Anthony Basilica in Padue, Italy. In Assisi, Italy a visit to the Basilica of San Francesco where the remains of St. Francis reside. In Rome, a General audience with Pope Benedict XVI was a great highlight. Other highlights in Rome were visits to St. Peter's Basilica,

St. Paul Outside the Wall, St. John Lateran and St. Mary Major. Leaving Rome, visits to the Abby at Montecassino, the Monastery founded by St. Benedict around 529 and contains the tomb of St. Benedict and his sister St. Scolastica. The church in San Giovanni Totond where Padre Pio lived and died. A visit to Monte San Angelo, home of Saint Michael's Cave. In Lanciano, the miracle of Lanciano. In Loreto, the Nazareth home of our Lady is Preserved in the shrine at Loreto. An overnight ferry ride from Anconia, Italy to Split, Croatia along with our four tour busses and 161 people was an interesting voyage. In Medjugorje, attendance of services at St. James

church, a climb of Apparition Hill and were climb of Cross Mountain were major accomplishments. The church was attended with wall to wall people and the mountain climbs were accomplished by bus loads of Pilgrims.

Vienna, Austria was a bonus enjoyed by all. Travel through the lush green country side of all the countries with grape vineyards, forests and snow capped mountains was also a bonus. The return to Prague, Czech Republic for the return flight to the United States ended the three week journey. Being a Pilgrimage, there was daily Mass and spiritual discussions and singing lead by Fr. Joseph James of the Divine Mercy Retreat Center in Slayton, Texas.

OBITUARY

Thomas J. Powell

1913 - 2006

Thomas J. Powell was born in Dousman Wisconsin in 1913 to David and Clara (McDonald) Powell. He moved to San Antonio Texas, at the age of 10, after graduating from Backenridge High School in 1932. Tom joined the US Navy and in 1936 married Evelyn McClimans in Long Beach Ca. Tom & Evelyn had 3 children, Thomas D., Sharon G. and Genevieve H.

Tom was a gun control officer on the USS Helena from the time that it was commissioned into service until 1942 shortly before it was sunk in 1943. He was aboard during the Japanese attack of Pearl Harbor and subsequent Cape Esperance and Guadalcanal battles.

Tom was attached to the 2nd Marine Division and served on the USS San Francisco as the American forces island hopped toward the Japanese mainland including the battle at Okinawa until the end of the war with Japan. He was with the occupying force in Japan from September 1945 until April of 1946.

From 1946 until 1952 he was stationed in San Diego, instructing gun fire and on the staff of the San Diego group of the Pacific Reserve Fleet. From 1952

to 1958 he was stationed at Marine bases at Oceanside Ca. and Little Creek Va. before retiring with 26 yrs of active service.

After retirement he received a BS AND MA degree from California State University at Long beach Ca. and worked for the L. A. County Rd Dept. He retired again and he and Evelyn Moved to Port Angeles Wa. Where he pursued a teaching certificate and taught elementary school for 8 yrs. Tom retired again and he and Evelyn moved to Fort Clark Springs Texas.

Evelyn passed away in 1986 and Tom remarried Charlotte Held in 1988 and continued to live at Fort Clark until 2001 when they moved to West Point Texas, to be near Charlotte's daughter and son in law, Diana and Ken Barnes. Tom is survived by his wife Charlotte, son of Albany, a daughter of Tow Texas, 5 grand children, 9 great grand children, 3 step daughters, 4 step grand children, 6 step great grand children. Tom passed away June 3rd, 2006 at ST. Marks Memorial Hospital, Fayette County Texas. Internment was at Willamette National Cemetery, Portland Oregon with full military honors.

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Brother J.

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a special day was celebrated and finally in 1966 President LBJ made a proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Fathers Day. It is celebrated not just to celebrate fathers but anyone that has acted as a father figure.

It might be a grandfather, uncle, stepfather or whoever. You might bring him a cup of coffee, make his favorite breakfast, or home cooked meal or go out to eat. A simple, "I love you" or a little card would let them know that they are appreciated. God designed marriage,

(Genesis 2:24) and family to have a father and a mother because each one is unique and has special gifts that the family needs. God wants men to love their wives, (Ephesians 5:25 & 1 Peter 3:7) and he wants wives to love and respect their husbands (Ephesians 5:22 & 1 Peter 3:1-5). Ideally God would want that both parents were Christians and living harmoniously and obediently to please Him, (2 John 1:6). If you don't have a Christian husband pray for him, (1 Corinthians 7:13 & 14). See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

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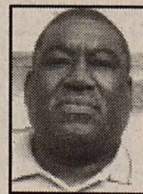
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But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.

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Mark 5:31-34
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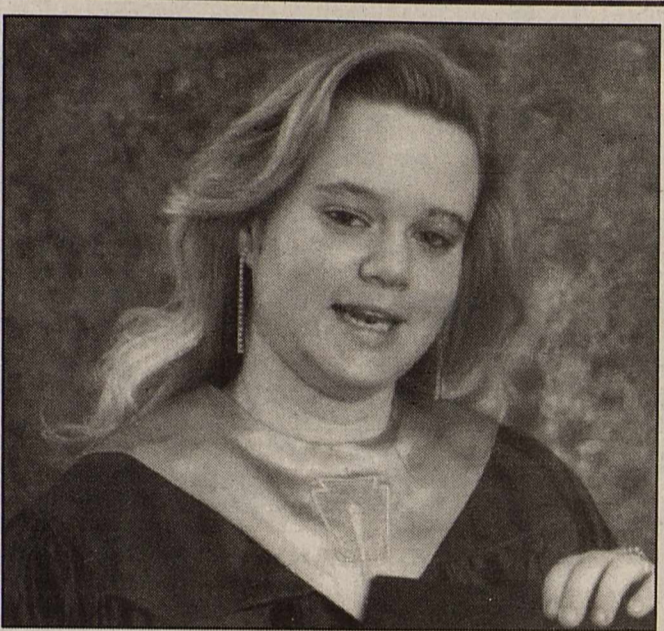
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Rose graduates from DBU *Courtesy Photo*
Dusty Rose Crosby of Dallas, graduated with Bachelor of Science degree, was among the 579 graduates receiving undergraduate and graduate degrees from Dallas Baptist University at spring commencement services, May 11 and 12. Of those graduating, 389 received bachelor's degrees and 190 earned master's degrees. Crosby is the daughter of Pat and Sharon Rose of Brackettville. Dallas Baptist University is a comprehensive Christ-centered university dedicated to producing servant leaders through the integration of faith and learning.



Hunt graduates with honors *Courtesy Photo*
Samuel A. Hunt, son of H.C. and Mollie Hunt graduated Magna Cum Laude from Sul Ross State University in Alpine with a BS in Industrial Technology. Hunt was also named to the Spring 2006 Dean's List for maintaining a GPA of 3.3 or higher.



Oliver graduates *Courtesy Photo*
Ethelyn Nichole Oliver, daughter of Calvin and Dorothy Oliver originally from Brackettville was named the 2006 Salutatorian of Pettus High School. Nichole graduated on Friday May 26, 2006 with a class of 31. Nichole was also an honor graduate and graduated with a distinguished diploma.

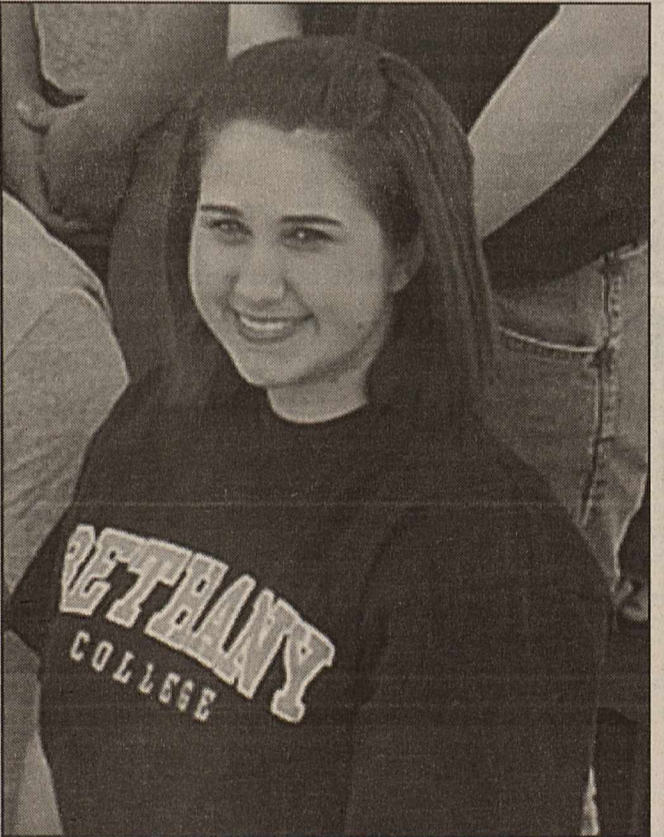


A Master of Education *Courtesy Photo*
Mary Petrosky, Teacher at BISD received a Masters Degree of Education in Middle School Mathematics Teaching from Texas State University - San Marcos. Petrosky is the secondary Mathematics teacher at BISD.

Report urges better mobile home standards

LUBBOCK, TEXAS - After determining that faulty anchoring was a major contributor to devastation by a November tornado to an Indiana mobile home park, a Texas Tech University wind engineer is urging governments to adopt and implement in-depth construction standards and beef up manufactured housing inspection. In a report for the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Larry Tanner, a civil engineering research associate and member of the university's Wind Science and Engineering Research Center, called upon state, county and municipal governments to "adopt, implement, and inspect to ensure a strict compliance" with installation standards laid out in the National Fire Protection Association's Form 225, Mobile Home Installation Standard 2005 Edition. The association is one of two entities given the task of overseeing construction and installation of manufactured homes. Their findings indicate that manufactured housing constructed with full wood sheathing and properly anchored can reasonably resist the minimum wind speeds to which they are designed - approximately 90 mph; however, improvements in construction methods and tie-down connections are needed. The anchoring systems are vital in keeping the structures from flipping over or being blown off supports during disasters such as tornadoes or hurricanes. The report found that guidelines prescribed by Housing and Urban Development, the federal agency with oversight of mobile home manufacturing, are "non-prescriptive and general." These are the primary guidance for manufactured housing construction, the report says. "While information regarding the wind resistant design of mobile home tie-downs is discussed in the (American National Standards Institute) and HUD standards, nowhere in the standards are there found specifications governing the installation and the inspection of manufactured housing anchors," the report noted. Recognizing this loophole

in the standards, Congress passed the National Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000 requiring each state to develop a manufactured housing installation program in order to provide oversight and enforcement. This led to an update of the NFPA's 225, Model Manufactured Home Installation Standard, 2005 Edition to provide specific information on site preparation, determination of soil bearing capacity, foundation design, support piers, and anchoring guidelines. It also prescribed the maximum anchor spacing. "The general consensus has long been that a mobile home can be a nice place to live, but that it's just not going to be safe in severe windstorms," Tanner said. "Through our investigations, we discovered that by making these few changes - and they are not necessarily small changes, but they are not insurmountable - a mobile home owner could safely ride out a 50-60 mile wind storm." Tanner added that the report is not intended as an indictment, but simply a statement of facts the researchers have gathered with recommendations. Working with James Waller, a Tennessee structural engineer and president of RemagenSafeRooms, Tanner investigated damages caused by the November 6 tornado, which killed 22 people in Evansville, Ind. While the two men studied the entire path of the tornado, their investigation focused on the Eastbrook Mobile Home Park, where 18 people died and 110 homes were damaged. The engineers, utilizing a uniform damage scale, surveyed all units within the park for damage and randomly sampled 1/3 of the units specifically for installation performance. They stated that manufactured homes fail during wind storms for three reasons: high pressures as air flows over and around a structure; impacts from flying debris or missiles such as sheet metal or vehicles from upwind locations; and atmospheric pressure change, sometimes referred as the "explosive effect," which is unique to tornadoes.



Petrosky chosen as leader *Courtesy Photo*
Emily Petrosky was named to the Bethany College Spring 2006 Dean's Honor Roll with a semester grade point average of at least 3.5. Petrosky was also chosen as one of the 29 student leaders to welcome new students and their parents in August 2006. Petrosky will be a group leader for orientation. She will help freshmen become familiar and comfortable with the Bethany College community.

Alamo Village holds Gunfighter competition

Alamo Village will hold its 7th Annual Gunfighter Competition on Saturday, July 1st 2006. The setting will be on Front Street of the Western/Mexican town built for the movie "The Alamo" and other productions, including "Uphill All The Way", "Two Rode Together", "Bandolero", "Lonesome Dove" and "Bad Girls." An added event of a Fast Draw Contest will be held with Men's, Women's and Youth divisions. You can bring your own equipment or use that which is provided. Come and compete for the first Alamo Village Fast Gun Championship. Sign-up is 11am-12pm. Gunfighter groups from throughout Texas will be competing and numerous awards will

be given out, including ones for Best Overall Performance, Best Actor, Best Actress, Most Talented (Male & Female), Best Authentic Costume (Male & Female), Most Comical Gunfighter (Male & Female), Most Handsome, Most Beautiful, Grubbiest Hat and Meanest Gunfighter Award. The gunfighters groups will compete with entertaining skits of the old west. In addition to the gunfights there will be kid's games all day and live music provided by Alamo Village's Pinto Mountain Boys, featuring David Lee Murrury of Del Rio, TX, and Blake Lewis of Premont, TX. The added event of the Fast Draw Competition will please all ages," said Alamo Village owner/operator Virginia Shahan.

Doers and Dreamers

By Dave Crowe
In 1981, Maria "Mary" Curcio dream to convert the old rock quarry into an amphitheatre finally becomes a reality.

It was time to convert the original "Volunteer Committee to develop an Amphitheatre", (which had grown to nearly 100 members) into "The Old Quarry Society for the Performing Arts". Under Mary's leadership as President, "The Old Quarry Society" becomes incorporated under Texas laws as a non-profit theatre. In 1983, The Old Quarry Society hosted several noteworthy events including, The Easter Sunrise Service, The Country Caravan, The Philippine Dance Ensemble, Music Under The Stars and the Academy Ballet Co., just to name a few.

The residents of Brackettville and Fort Clark Springs now had theatre. James T. "Happy" Shahan, 6 time Mayor of Brackettville and President of the Chamber Of Commerce for many years said, "Mary Curcio led us to work together as a team. She shared with us her creativity and inspiration. Her optimism and enthusiasm lifted us all, but more importantly, she graced our world with theatre." About this same time, Mary began to dream again. This time, she dreamed of finding someone who could write a historical 3 act musical drama about

Brackettville or Brackett City as it was called in those early days and Fort Clark, a frontier cavalry post. The play would begin in 1852 and travel thru time until it reaches us today.

As Mary had done with her first dream, she reached out for the help of others, to share her dream and make it become a reality. In 1984, the Old Quarry Society hosted many more events including, The Amistad Singers Los Ninos Del Rio, an Hawaiian Luau, Ballet Folklorico De Navarro. Mary spent most of that year interviewing dozens of playwrights, not only in Texas, but all over the country.

In 1985, it was finally decided that the honor would go to Kermit Hunter, who had already written over 40 historical dramas which were being performed all over the country. Mr. Hunter initially wanted \$10,000 to write the play and 5% of the gross of any and all performances. So, the negotiations began and Mary started raising the money, any way she could.

When the dust had settled and the contracts had been signed, the 5% had gone bye-bye and the price had gone to \$5,000 and the Old Quarry Society became the owners of the play, lock, stock and barrel.

This Epic, was entitled "The Glory Road". The first production with three performances was in June 1986, but that's another story, so stay tuned.

Caddel-Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Texas Revolution

Submitted by CSCDTR
Members of the Caddel-Smith Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, met recently at the Uvalde County Club.

Following a business meeting, an enjoyable and informative program about James Neil, a little known Texas hero, was presented by Mr. Paul Burrier of Leaky, Texas.

According to recorded Texas history it was Neil, not William Travis, who was the officially appointed commander of the Alamo at the time of its fall.

James Clinton Neil was born in 1790 in North Carolina. In 1814 he participated in the Creek War and was wounded at the Horseshoe Bend. He was an active member of the Alabama and Tennessee Militia and was an excellent artilleryman.

Neil and his family arrived in Texas in 1831 and represented the Viesca Convention in 1833. Neil was in command of the 'Come and Take It' Gonzales Cannon and fired the first shot of the Texas Revolution on October 2, 1835. He joined the Texas Army and participated in the 'Siege of Bejar' when on December 5 his artillery gun provided a successful diversion to cover the assault of 'Bejar.' On December 8 he commanded the artillery that repulsed Mexican attack on the Texas Base Camp.

On December 7, 1835 the Texas General Council appointed Neil a Lt. Col. of Artillery on the Texas Regular Army and put him in command of the 30 or more pieces of captured artillery at Bejar. On December 21, 1835 General Sam Houston appointed Neil the Commandant of the Alamo Garrison.

On about February 11, Neil left the Alamo to attend to personal family business and to obtain funds and supplies for the Alamo Garrison. He left William B. Travis in temporary command. On February 28 he obtained \$600 for 'the use of the troops at Bejar' and signed

the receipt as commander of the Alamo Garrison. Attempting to return to the Alamo, Neil reached Gonzales about March 2 and tried to move on to Bejar, but Mexican troops forced his return to Gonzales, where on March 6, the day the Alamo fell, Neil spent \$90 for medicines for the Alamo Garrison.

Neil then joined with Sam Houston in the retreat. On April 11 the 'Twin Sisters' cannons arrived at Groce's Plantation where Houston placed him in command of the army's artillery. On April 20 at San Jacinto he was seriously wounded during skirmish with Mexican Cavalry. The only man wounded, thus missing the Battle of San Jacinto in April 21, 1836. James Neil died at his home on Spring Creek in Navarro County in 1845.

Area members of the Caddel-Smith Chapter of Daughters of the Republic of Texas include Charolette Corey, Sharon Tweedy and Agnes Vonde of Brackettville, Ernestine Carson, Judy Burleson and Ashely Louk of Barksdale, and Losi Farmer, Lora Garrison and Beverly Langford of Utopia.

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New USDA Data Set Corrects Farm Family Payment Misinformation

WASHINGTON — Data released yesterday by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will help set straight the record on farm payments, but payment data disclosures should protect individual privacy rights, the USA Rice Producers' Group said today. "Especially given identity theft concerns, American students or senior citizens would not want their names splashed in a newspaper because they received school loans, grants or social security benefits, and our farm families should have the same reasonable expectation of privacy," USA Rice Producers' Group Chairman Paul T. Combs said. "Nonetheless, the tracking of farm payment amounts will help conclusively prove that farm critics have been resorting to distortions and half-truths when the facts do not suit them." Yesterday's release of payment information by USDA discloses only the persons receiving farm payments as required under section 1614 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (the Farm Bill), which mandates that payments to farmers be tracked directly to a person, rather than to a corporate structure, to ensure farmers are in compliance with limitations on farm payments. A second release of information expected in August will detail amounts received by farmers participating in the Farm Bill. "The data USDA released yesterday shows that American farm families choose to organize their farming operations in the same way and for the same reasons businesses on Main Street and American families choose to structure their operations a particular way," Combs said. "Family size, tax rules, personal liability, and estate planning and farm bill participation rules help guide the farmer's decision. This is a huge blow to the critics of U.S. farm policy who have tried to paint something sinister happening." Combs explained that an egregious example of the misinformation campaign waged by critics of U.S. farm policy has been the implication that cooperatives receive millions of dollars in a single year and keep that payment as a single entity. However, "the critics fail to disclose that cooperatives are farmer-owned entities often comprised of thousands of farmer-members to whom this amount is distributed," Combs said. "As USDA continues to release farm payment data, we are watching closely to ensure that the privacy rights of millions of Americans are not violated," Combs said. The aim of farm policy critics — an odd alliance of political extremists on the far right and left — is to bring down a policy that has yielded Americans the safest, most abundant, and most affordable food supply in the world and that costs about one-half of one percent of the total federal budget," Combs said. "Judging by history and the global events we read and hear in the news every day, ignoring the food security of our country is foolish and arrogant. As ironic as it sounds, we are fortunate in this country that the only real casualty so far from the ongoing assault on U.S. farm policy has been the distortion of the truth."

Groundwater Producers Should Watch Pivot End Guns and Irrigation Dikes

Submitted by KCGCD
Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District officials have received some reports of irrigation water escaping from fields in Kinney County. This waste of groundwater is a violation of state law and the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District rules.

Allowing groundwater that is pumped for irrigation to escape

off of the property and into a river, creek, natural watercourse, depression, lake, reservoir, drain, sewer, highway, road, or ditch, or onto land other than the owner of the well is defined by law as tailwater.

Allowing tailwater to runoff of the land being irrigated is not only a waste of groundwater it is also costly to the producer. First and foremost it wastes

groundwater that is stored in our aquifers. It wastes the energy source used to pump the groundwater and also is no benefit to crop yields.

Landowners and producers may be liable for any auto accidents resulting from tailwater escaping or being sprayed onto county roads or ditches.

Improvement in irrigation methods such as center pivots, furrow dikes and subsurface drip irrigation systems has made irrigation waste less common than it was 50 years ago. Producers are encouraged to check potential problem areas regularly to prevent groundwater waste.

Waste of irrigation water may be reported to the District by phone at 830.563.9699, by fax at 830.563.9606 or by email at kcgcd@sbcglobal.net or in person at the District office.

If waste water is reported the complaint is investigated, photos are taken and the violation is documented. The landowner is then notified by letter and asked to correct the problem. In cases of habitual violation, legal action to stop the waste may be taken.

The District prefers a "good

neighbor policy" and will work with landowners to help solve any groundwater irrigation waste.

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.

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On the Water With Larry Nixon

Contributing Writer
The calendar says summer is still a couple of weeks away - but tell that to people around the country who are already experiencing record-high temperatures. Summer might not arrive until June 21, but the heat is already here.

Some people think that the summertime is not the best time to catch bass - much less big bass. The hotter and higher the sun gets, the better sitting in front of the air conditioner begins to sound. It's during this time of year that too many anglers opt for sipping iced tea instead of fishing.

I fish for a living, so retreating to the climate-controlled house when it gets hot simply is not an option. I have to be able

to catch bass in the wind, rain, sleet, snow and the heat. In fact, I really like to catch big fish during the summer. When it's hot and sunny, bass - like a lot of anglers - like to get in under the edge of a shade line and will feed looking out. The fish will suspend under cover, so what I like to do is get up close and pitch right down the edges, letting the bait free fall.

In the heat, I will target both structure and vegetation. In these environments, I like to pitch a Berkley 4-inch Power Flippin' Tube, a bait I helped design specifically for these situations, or a Berkley Classic Power Jig. In heavy wood, I might go with a 10-inch Berkley Power Worm with a big half-ounce sinker. The big weight is critical at this time to help sink the bait pretty fast,

which can go a long way towards making a sometimes sluggish summer bass excited enough to strike.

When targeting summer bass with these finesse presentations, make sure to keep an eye on your line. When you pitch a big worm and a sinker into heavy cover, you have to watch the line, because when it stops, you want to immediately lift up on it and see if there's tension or weight. The perfect line for this is Vanish Transition because it changes color in the sunlight, which allows anglers to see it better and detect the subtlest movements. And because it has little or no stretch, you can strong-arm that big bass out of its shady hangout more easily.

There's no sure-fire way to catch big bass. Different presen-

tations work in different places at different times, regardless of season. But being on the water is the first step towards a successful and memorable summer fishing trip. So if you're out there, find the cover and make sure that you have the gear you need to be able to get them out

of it.
Editor's note: Larry Nixon is a former Bassmaster Classic winner with more than \$1.5 million in career earnings on the BASS Tour. Nixon, who currently fishes the FLW Tour, lives in Bee Branch, Ark.

Enjoy summer sports without injury

Newswise — Summer, in all its blazing, sunny glory, is back! There's plenty of time to get out on the fairway with your golf clubs or onto a court with your racquet. However, this also means there's time for a sports injury to put an end to your summer fun. Golfer's elbow, climber's finger and runner's knee are just a few of the problems that can plague the boys (and girls) of summer.

Dr. William Levine, Chief of Sports Medicine at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center, and Dr. Andre Panagos, who specializes in sports and musculoskeletal medicine and is an Assistant Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center recommend the following rules of the game to avoid athletic injuries:

- Your best bet is to prevent injuries before they happen. First of all, start slow. Don't expect

to be in the same playing condition that you ended up in last fall, even if you have been maintaining your fitness level. New activities require muscles and joints to respond in a different way. This may result in minor soreness while your body adjusts. If you push yourself too hard too soon, that minor soreness could turn into something more serious.

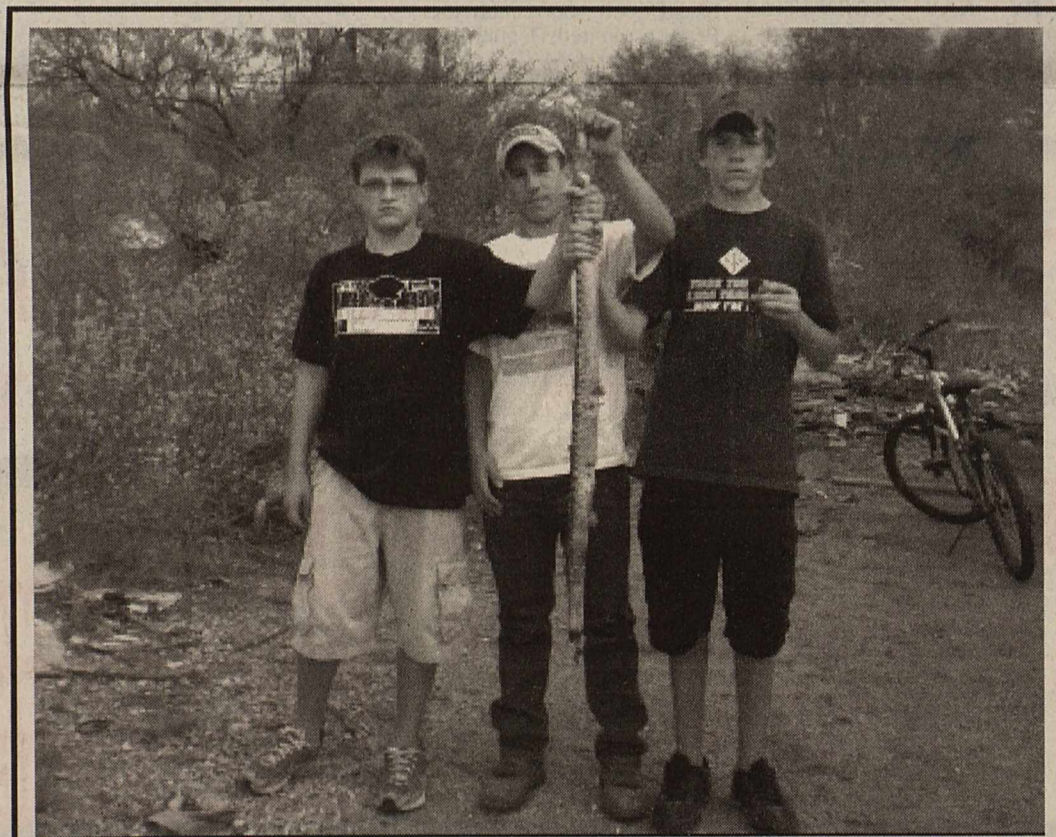
- Don't forget to warm up. Although you may feel warm in good weather, you still have to give your muscles a chance to go through the motions and get blood pumping to all the necessary areas. Gentle stretching before finishing your activity will help those hard-working muscles retain and improve flexibility.

- For tennis elbow, runner's knee, and similar injuries, try R.I.C.E. — rest, ice, compression, and elevation. Rest means that the injured area is not put through any undue strain. When icing a body part, apply the ice

in a covering so that it is not in direct contact with the skin. A cotton handkerchief covering the ice is helpful. Ice the affected area several times a day, for about 20 minutes at a time. Compression is applying pressure to the injured area to stop bleeding (if any is occurring) or to reduce swelling. Elevation helps in these respects as well. Compression and elevation are to be used in the case of acute injuries, such as a twisted ankle.

- Take frequent breaks. Even tennis pros rest between sets. Taking a rest doesn't mean that you have to completely stop all activity (although it may be advisable sometimes) just rest the body parts that are working hard and are susceptible to injury.

- The single most important thing you can do is pay attention to your body. Don't ignore the little aches and pains in the joints and muscles. They are early signals that could help you prevent more serious injuries.



Rattlesnake clean up
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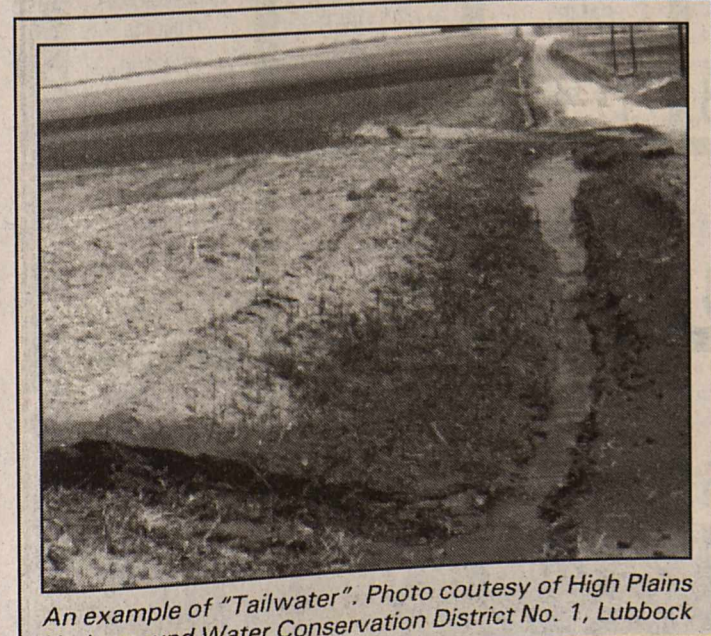
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<p>2004 Toyota Camry #T10310A</p> <p>20K Miles \$14908</p>	<p>2005 Dodge Stratus #PU6650</p> <p>\$13978</p>	<p>2003 Chrysler PT Cruiser #D10388B</p> <p>26K Miles \$10927</p>	<p>2004 Scion XB #PU6596</p> <p>\$13919</p>
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PRE-OWNED VEHICLES

2005 DODGE NEON #PU6656, 13K Miles \$12972	2004 NISSAN XTERRA #T10046A, \$15979	2004 MERCURY MOUNTAINEER #T9884A \$17950	2005 DODGE NEON #T9884B \$10972	2004 TOYOTA TUNDRA #T10204A \$17996	2005 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER #PU6595, 17K Miles \$12930	2006 DODGE MAGNUM #PU6602 \$19973	2006 TOYOTA CAMRY #PU6610, 10K Miles \$17966	2005 FORD EXPLORER #PU6612 \$15978	2003 TOYOTA TUNDRA #T10221A \$16918
2005 JEEP WRANGLER #PU6613, Unlimited \$19980	2003 FORD EXPEDITION #PU6617 \$19918	2005 DODGE RAM 2550 #D10004A, 4K Miles \$28819	2005 DODGE DURANGO #D9853A \$19939	2005 TOYOTA 4RUNNER #PU6544A, 13K Miles \$24909	2005 TOYOTA SIENNA #T9704A, 14K Miles \$21902	2003 CHEVY SUBURBAN #PU6611A \$19964	2005 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER #T10253A, 10K Miles \$24964	2005 SCION XB #PU6622, 14K Miles \$14969	2004 FORD EXPLORER #T10347B, 28K Miles \$17943
2005 CHEVY SILVERADO #D10302A, Crew Cab \$22206	2006 GMC SIERRA SLE, 309 MILES #D1011A \$24937	2004 FORD F150 #T10348A \$18946	2005 CHEVY CAVALIER #PU6630, 4DR \$12947	2004 HYUNDAI SANTA FE #PU6633, 14K Miles \$16995	2006 DODGE CARAVAN #PU6637, 13K Miles \$22887	2005 FORD FOCUS #PU6638 \$12956	2005 CHRYSLER TOWN&COUNTRY #PU6653 \$18976	2003 NISSAN ALTIMA #D10384A \$13976	2005 TOYOTA SOLARA CONV. #PU6661 \$25974

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