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Rollover accident takes life of Fort Clark man

A Fort Clark Springs man lost his life in a single-vehicle accident on Aug. 5.

Raymond Arthur Darling, 83, was pronounced dead at the scene by Kinney County Judge Herb Senne at 3:10 p.m.

Preliminary Department of Public Safety reports state the vehicle's sole occupant was wearing a seatbelt, but sustained massive trauma to his head and body.

The accident occurred 9.8 miles west of Brackettville on Hwy. 90.

Witness reports claim that Darling's 2006 Toyota Camry traveled across the eastbound lane, hit the bar ditch and rolled over two times.

Val Verde County Fire Department responded to the scene with two fast attack trucks and one rescue unit.

Val Verde Firefighter J.R. Gutierrez confirmed reports that the jaws of life were used to gain access to the victim, but

Darling had already passed away.

Although the cause of the accident is still unknown, local law enforcement officials at the scene believe the driver may have been eating and lost focus on the road.

Food and other related items were found scattered about the inside of the vehicle.

According to Kinney County Sheriff L.K. Buddy Burgess, another witness report indicated the driver did not apply the brakes as he was crossing over the highway.

The roads were noted by Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper II Enrique Trevino as dry and the weather at the time of the crash was partly cloudy.

Darling's body was taken to Sunset Memorial Oaks Funeral Home in Del Rio.

At press time, no announcement from the funeral home had been released.



Fatal Rollover

Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Enrique Trevino surveys the accident scene after Raymond Arthur Darling of Fort Clark Springs lost his life in a single-vehicle accident on August 5.

Photo Courtesy of Jennifer Killin, DRNH

Duncan resigns from board of trustees

Jeff Duncan, of Fort Clark Springs, announced his resignation at a special meeting for the Brackett Independent District Board of Trustees on Aug. 7.

Duncan's resignation was accepted, but no attempts to appoint a replacement were taken.

Duncan is reportedly relocating out of state.

Other actions taken by the board were the hiring of three new teachers.

Jason Gridley was hired to

teach fourth grade math and science. Marilyn Faulkner was hired to teach sixth grade math and Elizabeth Jaso was hired to teach high school English.



Jeff Duncan

Kinney County water war glossary

The number of citizens attending and becoming more involved in the fight over water in Kinney County has steadily increased since the creation of the Kinney County Groundwater District in 2001.

Many, although concerned, still struggle to understand the complex set of issues involved in the conservation and potential marketing of underground water.

The following is a glossary of terms, list of names and some frequently asked questions the citizens of Kinney County may find useful as they attend water district meetings and hearings in the future.

Glossary of Terms:

acre-foot: The volume of water needed to cover one acre to a depth of one foot. It equals 325,851 gallons.

aquifer: A geologic formation that transmits significant quantities of water to wells and springs.

confined: Where the aquifer is under pressure, generally where it is buried under other rocks.

drawdown: The change in water level at a point in the aquifer in response to pumping.

dye test (also called tracer test): A test where a dye or a chemical is injected into an aquifer and then tested in wells and springs to see where and how fast the groundwater is flowing.

Edwards Aquifer Authority (also referred to as EAA): The

Edwards Aquifer Authority is a groundwater conservation district for a large part of the Edwards Aquifer east of Kinney County. The EAA manages, enhances, and protects the Edwards Aquifer under its jurisdiction.

groundwater: Water in the aquifer.

groundwater conservation district: A governmental entity charged with managing groundwater resources.

groundwater management plan: A plan required by state law that each groundwater conservation district has to prepare. It includes information on the groundwater resources of the district.

pumping test (also referred to as pump test): A test to determine how easily water can move through the aquifer and how much water the well can produce.

recharge: The amount of water that infiltrates from the land surface to the aquifer.

spring: A place where water discharges from an aquifer in an appreciable amount.

sustainability: the development of water in such a manner that it is maintained for an indefinite time without causing unacceptable social, economic, and environmental consequences

Texas Water Development Board (also referred to as TWDB): The Texas Water Development Board is a state

agency that provides water planning, data collection and dissemination, financial assistance and technical assistance services to the citizens of Texas.

Texas Water Code: The law in Texas concerning water.

Major springs in Kinney County: Las Moras Springs (sometimes called Fort Clark Springs), Pinto Springs, and Mud Springs are springs most commonly mentioned. A number of other springs exist in the county.

Names:

KCGCD: Kinney County Groundwater District
Darlene Shahan: General Manager of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District. Shahan is a paid employee, hired by the KCGCD board of directors.

Beth Ann Smith: Director Precinct One. Smith will be running for re-election on November 7, 2006, for a term of four years

Cecil Smith: Director of Precinct Two. Smith will be running for re-election on November 7, 2006, for a term of four years

Chris Ring: Director of Precinct Three. Ring will be running for re-election on November 7, 2006, for a term of four years

Don Hood: Director of Precinct Four. Hood will be running for re-election in November of 2008, for a term of four years

Tootsie Herndon: District At Large. Herndon will be running for re-election in November of

2008, for a term of four years
Chuck Hall: City At Large. Hall will be running for re-election in November of 2008, for a term of four years

Duke Meek: Fort Clark At Large. Meek will be running for re-election in November of 2008, for a term of four years

Frequently asked questions:

How much water do the citizens of Kinney County use?

TWDB estimates that in 2003 Kinney County water usage (in acre-feet) was: Municipal (including restaurants, businesses, etc.): 1185; Manufacturing: 0; Mining: 0; Power: 0; Irrigation: 9868 and Livestock: 286.

How much water is available in Kinney County?

22,432 acre feet/year is available from the Edwards-Trinity Aquifer.

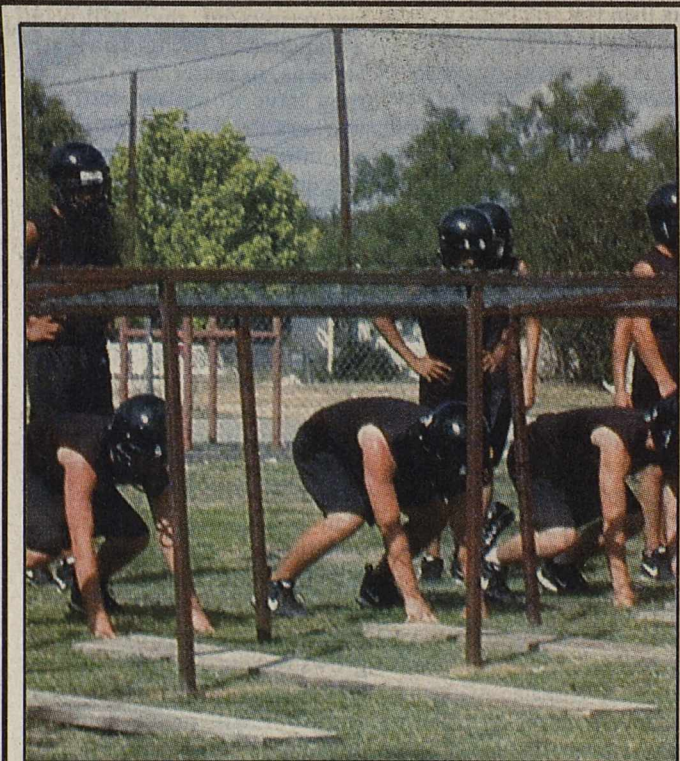
8,7725 acre feet/year is available from the Edwards-Balcones Fault Zone.

4,928 acre feet/year is available from the Austin Chalk.

Where does Kinney County groundwater come from?

Kinney County groundwater comes from two places: recharge in the county and the underground flow of water in the aquifer from Edwards County to the north

Editor's Note: This information was obtained from The Texas Water Development Board and the KCGCD.



Tigers In Training

Photo by Allison Taylor

Brackett Tigers hit the field this week in preparation for what Head Coach Greg Voyles hopes will be another winning season.

News BRIEFS

Trophy Photos

Do you have a trophy hunting photo that you would like to be included in this year's Hunter's Guide. Call 563-2852.

Weekend WEATHER

Friday

Mostly Sunny
High:100
Low:76

Saturday

Isolated T-Storms
High:99
Low:76

Sunday

Isolated T-Storms
High:96
Low:75

Labor Day Celebration

Alamo Village will host their 46th Annual Labor Day Celebration on Monday, Sept. 4 from 9am to 5pm.

The day will include horse races, live music, games & contests for all ages, gunslinging exhibitions and a homemade apple pie contest. Educational demonstrations will include sheep shearing and cattle branding. Admission will be \$9.75 for adults, \$4.75 for children 6-11 and FREE to children under five.

For more information, please contact the Village at 830-563-2580.

Smiley's

405-1/2 North Fort St. in Brackett. Back to school snow cones and ice cream party. Free snow cones and free ice cream. Place: Smiley's, Time: 7:30 p.m., Date: Saturday, August 12, Icecream eating contest at 7:30.

City Utility Late Fee Increase

City utility bills not paid on or before the due date (20th of month) will be assessed a \$20 late fee.

Seminole Days

The Seminole Indian Scout Association will be hosting their annual celebration on Sept. 16 and 17. Special guests will include Angela Melott of Enid, OK and descendant's children and grandchildren from Michigan and Rhode Island. The parade will begin at 9:30 am at the corner of Ann and Fulton Streets. At 11 am, the association will host a BBQ plate sale. Sunday Service will be at the cemetery at 11 am. For more information, please contact William Warrior at 830-775-7097. Contact Audrey Ward or Mary Jaso for information on having a booth at the festival. Contact Augusta Pine if you are interested in having a float in the parade.

Hunter's Guide

Don't miss your opportunity to reach out to area hunters! TBN will be publishing their Hunter's Guide on Oct. 1. Deadline to submit an article or place an advertisement is Sep. 1. The 40-page magazine will be distributed via newsstands in the surrounding seven counties and be an informative guide to hunting, visiting and shopping in the area. Call Leigh at 563-2852, for more details.

Sunday Lunch!

FCA has your Sunday lunch done! You can "drive through" and pick up your Sunday lunch, for \$5 a plate...and help Brackett's Fellowship of Christian Athletes members raise money for camp next summer. Plates will be sold from the back parking lot of the school cafeteria. FCA will be selling half-chicken bbq plates, with all the trimmings this Sunday, Aug. 13, from 11 a.m. til they're gone. More info: Carolyn Conoly at 563.3699 or Rhonda Marquardt at 563-5181.

Back To School Night

BISD Jones Elementary /Intermediate School Principal Alma Gutierrez would like to invite students and their parents to "Back To School - Meet The Teacher Night" on Thur., Aug. 17. Pre-K thru 3rd grade will be from 6 pm until 6:30 pm and grades 4 - 6 will begin at 6:35 pm and end at 7:05 pm.

Bowl-A-Thon

Jett Bowling Lanes in Del Rio will be hosting a bowl-a-thon to benefit The American Red Cross - Del Rio Branch on Aug. 18, at 6:30 pm. There will be special games, trophies and raffles. Fees are \$20/person or \$60 for teams of four, including shoes and 3 games. Call 734-0025 or 775-8626 to register.

Side Walk Sale

The first Saturday of every month...10 a.m.-1 p.m. On the sidewalks of the Adult Center. Bring your items for sale...clothes, baked goods, plants or arts and crafts. Full tables available for \$5 each or half table for \$3. Call 563-2024 to reserve your space on the sidewalk. Funds benefit the FCS Recreation Committee.

Blood Drive

There is still time to be a summer hero!

By donating blood, you have the possibility of helping save up to three lives.

Patients with cancer, heart disease, sickle cell anemia, organ transplants and other serious conditions all need your help and count on donors like you.

Please take a few minutes of your time to donate at a local blood drive in your community.

Anyone 17 years of age weighing at least 110 pounds and in good general health may donate blood.

Please donate blood at this upcoming blood drive in Brackettville.

Brackettville First Baptist Church, Wed., Sept. 6 from 1p.m.-5p.m. in the fellowship hall on Ann and Veltman.

Donors will be given a gift. Donors must show photo identification, such as driver's license, before beginning the donation process.

Editors Weekly PLOG

I've had a couple run-ins with the law lately.

My lucky streak of warnings finally ran out and I got a speeding ticket. Getting a ticket is such a negative experience, but if I had to get a ticket, I'm glad it was Trooper Trevino. He was stern and definitely not going to give me a break, but he is a perfect example of what a trooper should be: smile, give 'em a ticket and tell them to slow down. I know many of you may consider my temperament and think you'll get to see the dash-cam replay on the E Channel or whatever, but it was the nicest ticket-getting experience I've ever had.

Being that I did get a ticket, I was afraid to tell my husband right away. I thought I would wait until his next field operation started this weekend and gently break the news to him over the phone. I am the worst backseat driver and I am always fussing about his speed - just goes to show! ADVICE: never speed with your tattletale seven-year old in the car!

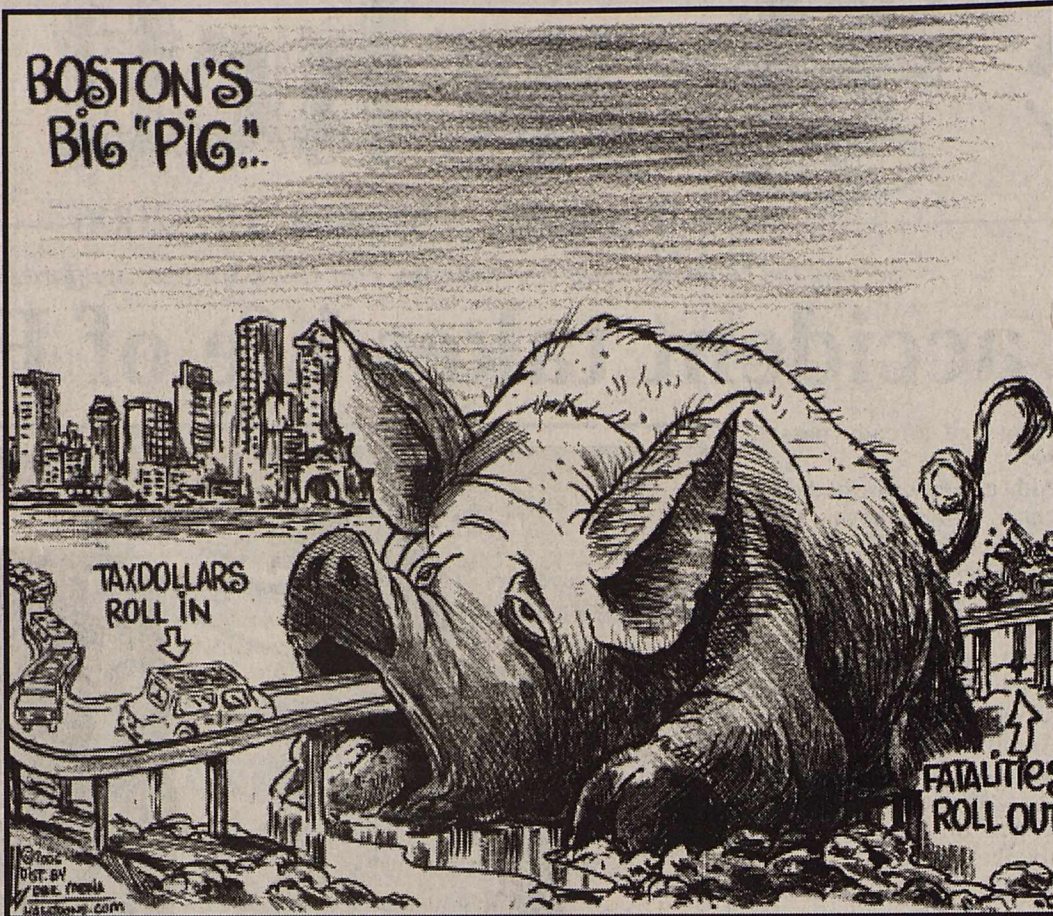
K-Bar (the seven-year old) was watching (another) hunting show with my husband and oldest son, Roe, when he starts telling them about the deer carcass he saw hung on the fence on Hwy. 90 while mommy was getting a ticket. BUSTED!

Trevino, Sir, if you're reading this, there is still time for you to rip

up my ticket and pretend like it all never happened.

Experience number two: Look for the biggest deputy in the county and that is the hero character in this part of the story.

My girl went for a run and K-Bar rode his bike along side of her. K likes to "ride the sidewalks" at the school - sure hope that's legal - Oops! So my girl lets him circle one of the buildings. Around he went and back he came. The last circle he made was more like the Tour Du Pont because he didn't come back. My girl waits for his return and when he didn't come back, quickly organized a search party. Still no K-Bar. My girl runs to the house in a panic, I call the Sheriff and the hunt begins. Enter Deputy Freitag: Freitag received the call about a missing child and when he looks in his rear view mirror there is K-Bar following his vehicle. K had decided that he would ride down to the newspaper office - alone at dusk. Freitag found him, loaded up his beat up bicycle in the car and brought him back to his crying mother's arms. A BIG, BIG thank you goes out to Freitag and Kinney County Sheriff's Department. These guys and gals not only return wayward babies to their mothers, but take calls to check on the elderly, protect our borders, tell folks to pen their dogs and turn down their music. I am truly grateful to the S.O. for their service. Leigh V.



Where is your Patience?



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

We have heard that patience is a virtue. Some of us were not born with it, just like we were not born organized, but we can develop the habits that keep us from being impatient.

Just this morning I had to fax a twelve page document. I have an old fax machine and it takes a while for the pages to send.

As I sat in the chair I thought of everything that I should've, could've, would've done if only.

Well I decided to just sit there quietly and let the machine do its thing while I pondered on the word patience.

As sidetracked people; we want, what we want, and we want it now.

We expect to be organized by osmosis, lose weight by eating anything we want and get fit by sitting on our frannies.

We have lost the skill of being patient. It is our all or nothing perfectionistic attitude that sabotages us once again. We are so

wrapped up in wanting to see the results immediately that we burn ourselves out before we ever really get started. How sad for us.

We don't even give new habits a chance, before we toss them out with the bath water.

Every Tuesday night we bowl in a league. We have been bowling for several years.

As I was bowling tonight I realized that I too am as impatient as all of you! I just expected my bowling score to get better without doing anything to help myself. Robert has been telling me to slow down for several months.

I have a tendency to get in a hurry and fling the ball down the alley without thinking too much about what I am doing.

About three weeks ago I started looking at my approach just like a basketball player would shoot free throws.

Have you ever watched a free throw shooter go through his or her routines before shooting the ball?

Every coach will tell you that going through the rituals the same way every time you shoot will help you to consistently make your free throws.

I started to do this. I would pick the ball up with both hands and then hold it in front of me and take

three deep breaths and then hold the forth breath and look right where I want the ball to go and then follow through with my arm. Doing the same thing each time I throw the ball.

I have found that when I am patient with myself and I relax and breathe that I do better! Imagine that. Practicing my routines makes me feel better about what I am doing. I am still not a great bowler but I consistently bowl my average. For that I am proud. It doesn't have to be a perfect game or a high scoring one to have fun with my friends.

We have to be patient with our new habits so that they will become routines. Habits take time to establish. It doesn't happen just because we want them to or because we have them written down; we actually have to go through the motions of our routines to help our brains establish the memory that will make them automatic.

Please be patient with yourself and the whole FLYing process.

We promise that if you will be patient then you will begin to reap the benefits of FLYing with routines.

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out her website and join her free mentoring group at www.Fly-Lady.net.

Shared Voter Values



Gina Parker

As Hispanics continue to assimilate into American culture, they are learning to speak English, advancing economically, and voting their conservative values - politics need to take note.

Whether one analyzes the support President George W. Bush received in the 2004 election from Hispanic voters or the ever-growing number of evangelical Hispanic immigrants into the country, it is clear that family values based

on religious principles should bring greater support to the GOP.

Director of the Pew Hispanic Center, Roberto Suro notes, "Many evangelical communities are greatly identified with the Hispanic community," and considering 51% of red state voters stated that they attended religious services once a week or more, Republicans should continue to garner the Hispanic vote.

Richard Hoffmann points out that Hispanic Americans have a strong sense of intense religiosity, culture, and community, which is overwhelmingly Christian.

Dr. Jesse Miranda, a professor at Vanguard University and leader of the National Evangelical Hispanic Association (AMEN), also comments, "The

moral and social values they bring to America [are] already a major contribution, resulting in a wave of spirituality in the U.S."

On key planks such as school prayer, homosexual marriage, and pro-life issues, the Hispanic culture supports Republican values, and as the Bush-Cheney team learned in 2004, getting that message out requires ingenuity.

As *Newsweek* reported, it was Lionel Sosa, Hispanic marketing guru and veteran of 6 presidential campaigns, who helped Bush coin the theme "Nos conecemos," or "We know each other."

In bringing the Republican message to these swing voters, Republicans should use unconventional means to do so.

Take for example the new cable channel "Si TV," whose motto is "Speak English. Live Latin."

According to Si TV's market research, as *Newsweek's* Jennifer Ordonez reports, "Hispanic-Americans, particularly young spenders between the ages of 14 and 34, want to be spoken to in English."

No longer may either party take the Hispanic vote for granted, but it does appear that Republicans have an advantage.

Republicans, moreover, should cultivate the advantage. Many Hispanics support Republican values, and together on Election Day, Republicans and Hispanics can vote for those candidates who share their values and their future.

Gina Parker is a successful attorney and the National Eagle Forum Chairman for Judicial Reform as well as the CEO of Dental Creations, a dental manufacturing company.

Miss Parker also serves as a Bush and Perry appointee to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

She serves on the American Family Radio Advisory Board, and she was both the former Republican Party of Texas Treasurer and Associate General Counsel.

Planning for Retirement? Avoid Unrealistic Expectations



Emily Cooper

The chances are pretty good that, at one time or another, you've thought about the "ideal" retirement. But have you really considered what it takes to get there?

Unfortunately, many people do not have realistic expectations about how to fund the retirement lifestyle they envision, nor are they at all clear about how much income they can count on during their retirement years. Consider these disturbing findings from the Employee Benefit Research Institute's 2006 Retirement Confidence Survey:

- Low savings - Fifty-two percent of the surveyed workers who are saving for retirement reported total savings and investments of less than \$50,000, excluding the value of their home or any defined benefit plan. (Defined benefit plans are the traditional pension plans, which are rapidly being frozen.)

- Inflated expectations of benefits - Many workers are counting on benefits that they are not going to receive. While 40 percent of workers said they or their spouses currently have a defined benefit plan, 61 percent say they expect to receive income from this type of plan in retirement. In other words, many people are counting on receiving a guaranteed pension in their retirement years - even though their employers don't offer one.

- Unrealistic views of income needed during retirement - 59 percent of the surveyed workers say that, during retirement, they will want a standard of living that is the same as, or better than, the one they have now. Yet half the workers think they can enjoy a comfortable retirement on 70 percent or less of their pre-retirement income.

Clearly, many working Americans are just not "getting it" when it comes to paying for retirement. To avoid falling into this group, what should you do?

First, know what to expect from your employer's retirement plan. A 401(k) or other type of defined contribution plan won't offer the predictable income of a pension. Yet, a 401(k) does offer good opportunities for building retirement savings; your money grows on a tax-deferred basis, and, if you're fortunate, your employer will match some of your contributions. But it's up to you to choose from the mix of available investments to provide the maximum potential for long-term growth, give your individual risk tolerance and time horizon. So, contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k), and when you get salary increases, bump up your contributions.

What else can you do to improve your retirement-savings outlook? Look beyond your 401(k) for other tax-advantaged opportunities, such as an IRA and a fixed annuity. And try to gradually build a diversified portfolio of high-quality stocks, bonds and other securities.

Finally, don't underestimate how much money you will need to pay for retirement. You could spend two or three decades as an active retiree, and to maintain the lifestyle you want, you may well need 80 percent - or more - of your pre-retirement income, with the exact amount depending on your individual lifestyle.

By educating yourself on what sort of financial resources you need during retirement, and by estimating what you can expect from your employer-sponsored retirement plan and Social Security, you can create a long-term savings and investment strategy that should serve you well - and help you avoid unpleasant surprises - when you retire.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

July 31, 2006, The announcement of our beloved Miss Wilson's passing should have and deserved to have been on our front page of your latest issue, July 27, 2006. She was just as important as Mrs. Vondy, whose death announcement was on (the) front page cover of The Brackett News. Both ladies deserved to be recognized in the same and equal manner. There was no excuse for this, regardless whether funeral arrangements or picture was submitted at the time of publishing. Miss Charles (as she was so lovingly called) deserved this honor.

Ernestine L. Paiz Brackettville

Editor's Note: Information about Miss Charles' death was received by TBN and other area newspapers on July 28. TBN would like to thank Mrs. Paiz for her letter of concern, but we stand firm in our belief that Miss Charles and her family members were treated with the upmost respect by publishing her obituary on the front page of our newspaper on August 3, 2006.

In response to Mr. Haenn's letter to the editor

I strongly believe that expressing one's opinion is one of the greatest freedoms that this beloved country has privileged us, but when someone abuses that God-given right by being rude and vicious, it opposes his or her own integrity. I believe Mr. Haenn was out of line and he should be embarrassed at how he presented himself to the public! He is obviously a very intelligent man, so I am trying to understand why he couldn't have found a more tactful and civilized approach to the matter at hand. It is no question why FCSA rarely ever answers his correspondence. I do understand that he has been deeply offended, but there is no excuse for not having any regard for other people's feelings. Last but certainly not least the word "redneck" (used in his context) implicates racial prejudice, just in case he was not aware. I am quite positive many others would agree that any further responses from him would be ridiculed - unless he would like to write an apology.

A very concerned citizen,
Candice Perez

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- Engagement Announcement without Photo - No Charge
- Engagement Announcement with Photo - \$20
- Wedding Announcement without a Photo - No Charge
- Wedding Announcement with a Photo - \$20
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PHOTO CONTEST



SUBMIT A PHOTO OF SOMEONE HOLDING THE BRACKETT NEWS AND WIN CASH!

RULES:

Individual(s) or (things) in photo must be holding The Brackett News and the banner (title) must be clearly displayed. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners of the most original photo, most comical photo and for the photo taken the furthest distance from Brackettville. All submissions will be printed in TBN as space will allow and the winners will be chosen by a panel including TBN staff. Photos submitted are subject to unlimited use by TBN. Staff members (and/or their immediate family members) can submit photos, but are not eligible to win the cash prizes. The deadline for submission will be September 29, 2006. Prizes and winners will be announced in the October 29, 2006, edition of TBN. Name, Address and Phone number must be included on each submission. No limit per person on submissions. Have Fun!

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Paw Power!
During the summer work program at BISD, high school students, Bianca Stewart (left) and Chaita Sanchez painted black tiger paws in the school cafeteria. The walls were painted black on the bottom and gold on the top with large tiger paws on each wall.
Photo by Cynthia Gose

It's back to school; drive safely

Submitted by Texas Department of Public Safety

Be on the lookout for school children across the state will head back to school soon. The Texas Department of Public Safety reminds all drivers to watch out for children walking to school or waiting for school buses—and to obey all traffic laws related to school buses. Drivers also need to slow down and pay attention in school zones.

Children may not be looking for oncoming traffic when they step into the roadway, so drivers must remain alert.

"Although school buses are the safest form of transportation for students, the most dangerous time of the journey is when children are entering and exiting the bus," said Col. Thomas A. Davis, Jr., director of the DPS. "When a school bus is loading or unloading students, the law requires that drivers stop on most roadways."

State law requirements

State law requires approaching drivers to stop when a school bus is stopped and operating a visual signal (red flashing lights or a stop sign). Drivers should not proceed until the school bus resumes motion; the driver is signaled by the bus driver to proceed; or the visual signal is no longer activated. A driver

does not have to stop for a school bus if it is on a highway with roadways separated by an intervening space or physical barrier. (If a highway is divided only by a left-turning lane, the roadways are not separated, and drivers must stop for school buses.)

Punishment for drivers who do not stop

Drivers who do not stop for school buses face a fine of up to \$1,000. If a driver is convicted of this offense more than one time, DPS can suspend their license for up to six months.

"DPS has zero tolerance for vehicles that pass stopped school buses," Davis said. "Drivers must slow down, obey school zone speed limits and stop for school buses to ensure the safety of Texas school children." For more information on school bus safety, please contact DPS School Bus Safety Program Administrator Charley Kennington at 254-759-7235 or the Public Information Office at 512-424-2080. More information is also located at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/schoolbus>.

Fort Clark Sutlers Store
Operated by Historic Society Volunteer Sutlers
NEW and expanded inventory - books, toys, unit insignia, local artist's corner, DVDs, Collectors Historical Figures and more coming.
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Jones Elementary/Intermediate 2006-2007 School Supply List

- Pre-Kinder**
- 1- backpack
 - 1- plastic school box
 - 2- boxes 8 count crayons
 - 1- 8 oz. Elmers glue
 - 1- pair scissors (fiskar not pointed)
 - 4- #2 pencils
 - 1- box family sized kleenex
 - 2- rolls paper towels
 - 2- plastic folders with brads and pockets (blue, yellow)
 - 2- boxes plastic Ziploc baggies (quart/gallon)
 - 2- jumbo glue sticks
 - 1- big pink eraser

- Kindergarten**
- 1- plastic school box
 - 1- zippered pouch - 3 ring
 - 1- 1 in. hardcover binder with pockets
 - 20- #2 pencils
 - 1- large pink eraser
 - 1- pair scissors (fiskar)
 - 1- 8 oz. Elmer's school glue
 - 3- plastic folder with brads and pockets (any color)
 - 2- 24 count Crayola Crayons
 - 2- boxes family size Kleenex
 - 1- roll of paper towels
 - *1 box gallon size heavy duty zip-lock baggies - boys
 - *1 box quart size heavy duty Zip-lock baggies - girls
 - 1- 4 count package Play-Doh (no Rose Art play-dough please it is very sticky and messy)

- First Grade**
- 1- backpack
 - 36- #2 pencils
 - 2- boxes of 24 crayons
 - 4- large glue sticks
 - 12- expo dry erase markers
 - 1- large eraser
 - 1- 100 sheet spiral wide rule notebook paper
 - 1- pair of Fiskar scissors
 - 1- 2 inch 3 ring binder
 - 2- plastic folders with side pockets 1-blue 1-green
 - 2- boxes of Kleenex
 - 1- roll of paper towels
 - 1- pack of subject dividers
 - 8- red grading pencils
 - 2- large zipper pouches at least "7 x 10" NOT PLASTIC
 - 1- box gallon sized zip lock baggies

- Second grade**
- 1- 1 1/1 " binder
 - 1- composition book
 - 1- pencil pouch to go in binder
 - 24- #2 pencils (They come in a box)
 - 2- large pink erasers
 - 1- pkg. pencil top erasers
 - 1- 24 count box crayons for binder
 - 2- boxes family size Kleenex
 - 1- roll paper towels
 - 2- jumbo glue sticks
 - 1- 4oz. bottle Elmer's glue (all

- purpose)
- 1- box gallon size ziplock baggies
 - 1- box quart size ziplock baggies
 - 1- pair fiskars pointed scissors
 - 24- count colored pencils
 - *Please label your child's supplies

- Third Grade**
- 1- pkg. notebook paper (wide rule)
 - 1- dozen #2 pencils
 - 1- pair of scissors (Fiskars)
 - 1- large glue stick
 - 1- box (24 count)- crayons
 - 1- box (24 count)- map colors
 - 1- large pink eraser
 - 1- large toll - paper towels
 - 2- boxes family size Kleenex
 - 1- zipper pencil bag (for math flash cards)
 - 1- small plastic school box
 - 1- box quart size freezer bags
 - NO BINDERS TEACHERS WILL BUY FOLDERS

- Fourth grade**
- 1- Backpack
 - 2- pocket folders
 - 2- package notebook paper (wide-ruled)
 - #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils)
 - 1- Zippered pencil bag
 - 2- rolls paper towels

- Fifth Grade**
- 1- 3 ring binder - 2 inch Note-book paper - wide rule
 - 2-black and white composition books
 - 2- pkg. subject dividers
 - Plastic folders with pockets and brads- 2 red, 2 blue, 2- green, 2 yellow, 2 purple
 - Highlighters - yellow, blue
 - Red grading pens
 - Map pencils - 2 sets
 - #2 pencils - no mechanical pencils
 - 2- rulers - inch and centimeter
 - Washable markers
 - Scissors - pointer tips
 - Erasers - small pink
 - Pencil bag - large enough to hold all markers, scissors, pencils, etc.
 - Glue stick and small Elmer's school glue
 - Kleenex - 2 family size boxes
 - Ziplocs - one box, quart size (No binders please)

- 2- boxes of Kleenex
- 1- large glue stick

- Sixth Grade**
- 2- 3 ring binders - 2 inch (1 red, 1 blue)
 - 2- black and white composition notebooks
 - Notebook paper - wide rule
 - #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils)

- Erasers - small pink
- 1- package of markers
- 2- packages of map colors
- School scissors with pointed tip
- Ruler - inches and centimeters
- Protractor
- Highlighters - yellow and blue
- Glue stick
- Large pencil bag
- 1- package of red pens
- 4 plastic folders with brads and pockets (1 blue, 1 red, 1 green, and 1 yellow)
- 2- packages of dividers
- Kleenex - 2 family size boxes
- Paper towels - 1 roll
- Ziplocs - sandwich size

Happy Birthday!!
Beatrice Darrell
With All Our Love, Your Family and Friends

THANK YOU
God bless everyone that helped with the benefit for the Lopez Family
Thank you, Martin Lopez

Notice of Public Hearing on Kinney County Appraisal District Budget

The Kinney County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2007 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on August 22, 2006 at 6:00 P.M. in the Appraisal District Office, 412 South Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$176,063.82
The total amount of decrease over current year's budget.	\$15,818.71
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	3
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	3

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

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

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

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Energy saving tips for homeowners

Storm Doors Reduce Energy Costs, Eligible for Federal Tax Credits

BROOKINGS, S.D.—Aug. 8, 2006—With escalating energy costs and rising prices for home improvement projects, everyone is looking for ways to conserve and cut costs without a significant investment. Adding a simple storm door may be the answer. Storm doors and windows will cut heating and cooling costs, and are an economical alternative to total replacement. And, many are eligible for a new tax credit offered this year and next.

Larson Manufacturing, the country's largest maker of storm doors, has had its entire storm door product line certified under the new Energy Policy Act, making it easy to find a qualified storm door.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 allows homeowners a tax credit of 10 percent of the amount paid for qualified energy efficiency improve-

ments to their homes in 2006 and 2007, up to a total credit of \$500.

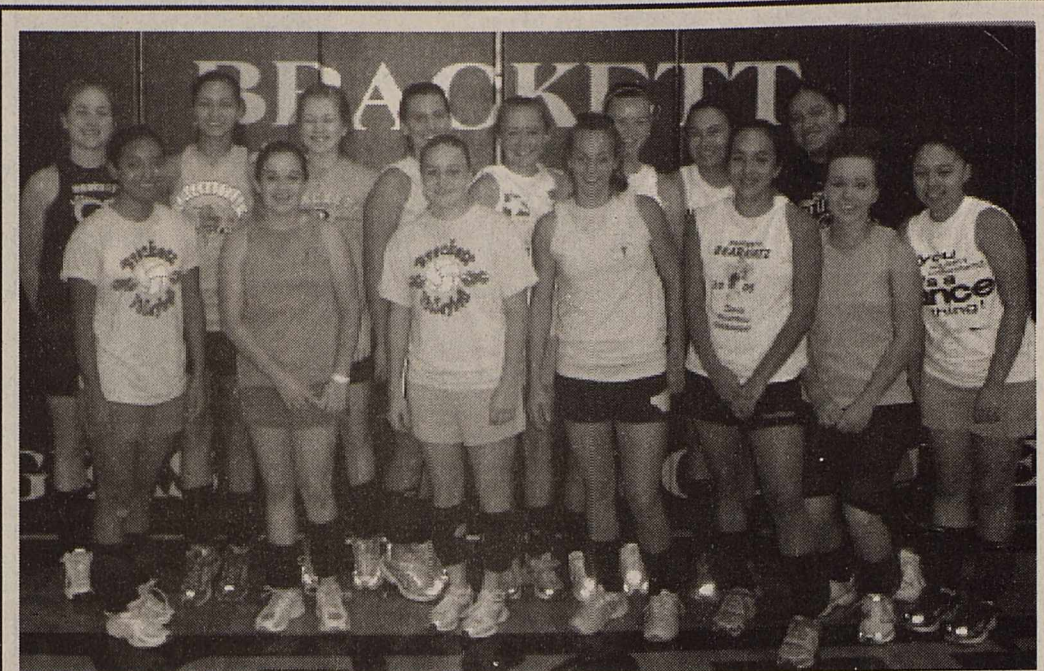
In order to qualify, storm doors must meet or exceed the criteria established by the 2000 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) when installed over a prime door on the taxpayer's primary U.S. residence. All Larson storm doors, when installed over an existing door, meet the code requirements and qualify for the tax credit.

"Larson storm doors have qualified for the energy tax credit because they dramatically increase the energy efficiency of an entry," explains Bruce Thomas, Product Development Manager at Larson Manufacturing, the leading manufacturer of storm doors and storm windows. "Adding a storm door to an existing unit will increase the energy efficiency of the opening by up to 45 percent."

According to the Department of Energy, heat loss through and around doors and windows accounts for more than 25 percent of a home's heating and cooling costs. Storm doors increase a home's energy efficiency by sealing out drafts to reduce air infiltration. They provide an added barrier to protect the prime door from the elements and create an insulating air space between the storm and prime units. This helps decrease the hot/cold transfer between the outside and inside, maximizing the efficiency/benefit of a home's heating and cooling systems.

As a home improvement project, storm doors are significantly more affordable than replacing the entire entry system. Additionally, storm doors offer

other benefits, such as light, ventilation and improved appearance. Larson storm door products are available nationwide. Larson will provide all taxpayers with a copy of a certification statement for tax purposes on their website, www.larsondoors.com. Qualifying improvements must be made between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2007. Taxpayers should also keep their receipts.



Summer Volleyball camp
BHS hosted a summer volleyball camp, participants included (back row left to right) Bailee Allen, Bianca Stewart, Meghann Davis, Laura Meyer, Daphne Hunt, Becca Mann, Emily Valenzuela, Bianca Martinez, (front row left to right) Natalie Aguirre, Jessica Jones, Summer Allen, Samantha Moore, Julie Castillo, Capri Creech and Chaita Sanchez.

CBP Border Patrol and National Guard rescue drowning woman

DEL RIO, Texas - Border Patrol Agents of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Del Rio Sector and Texas National Guard troops rescued a Central American woman who was drowning in the Rio Grande River.

Late Tuesday evening (August 1, 2006), Border Patrol Agents and Texas National Guard troops were working near Carrizo Springs, Texas when the National Guard team observed a group of suspected illegal aliens crossing the Rio Grande River into the United States. When a Border Patrol Agent approached the aliens, several members of the group attempted to evade apprehension by running back into the river. As the aliens attempted to swim back to Mexico, a woman in the group became distressed then completely submerged in the water. The apprehending agent, with aliens in custody called for assistance from the National Guard in the area.

"We were fortunate to have our National Guard partners present to assist us in saving a life," said Chief Randy Hill of the Del Rio Sector Border Patrol in regard to the rescue. "These selfless actions of these two Guardsmen epitomize the assistance that the National Guard brings to the Border Patrol and the border area."

The agent was preparing to enter the water to attempt a rescue, when two guardsmen arrived and provided assistance. The guardsmen were able to save the drowning woman by jumping into the Rio Grande River, locating her underwater, and bringing her to the U.S. riverbank. The woman sustained no injuries but was transported to a local hospital as a precautionary measure and was later released to the Border Patrol.

The National Guard was deployed and performing observation duties in accordance with national guidance for the border patrol when the emergency arose. The guardsmen quickly responded to the call for help disregarding their own safety to save the life of a person in distress.

"Actions like this exemplify the character of our National Guard troops," said Lt. Col. Jose Figueroa, Commander, Task Force Border Support Del Rio, Texas. "It is our duty to assist the Border Patrol, including events like this. Our soldiers reacted exactly how they were trained as a Border Patrol-National Guard team."

The Border Patrol and the National Guard have been working in a collaborative effort since early June of this year.



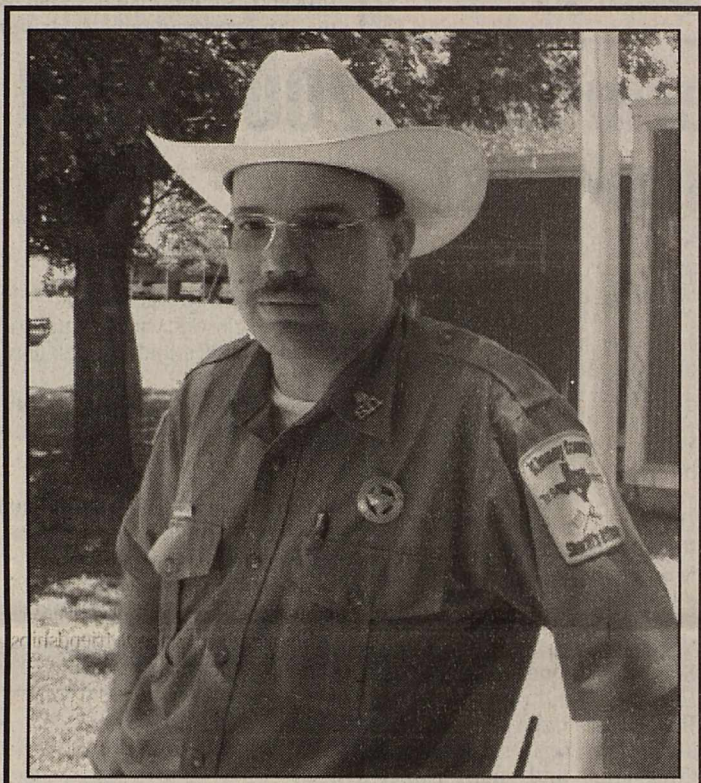
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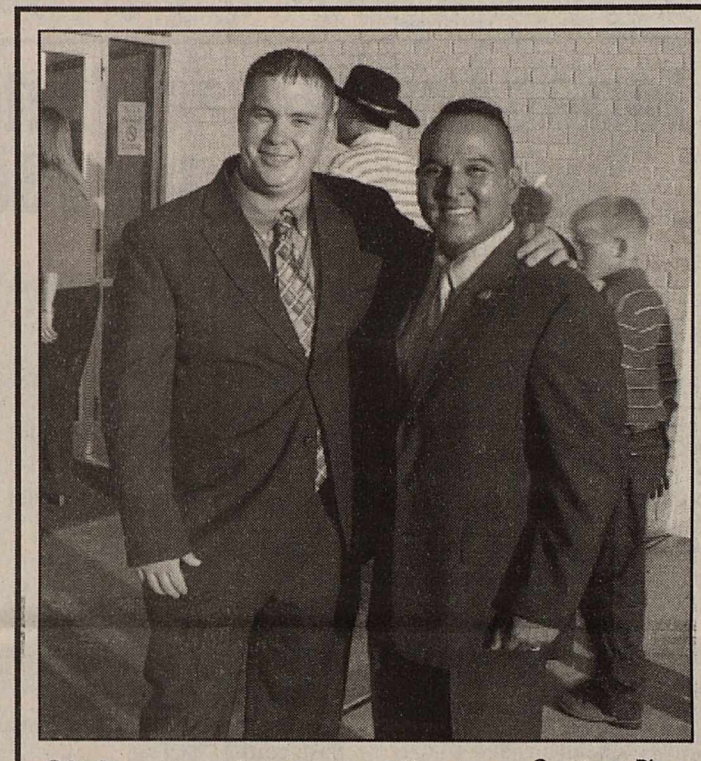
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New deputy in town Photo by Leigh Volosko
James Blankenship is a new deputy for the Kinney County Sheriff's department. Blankenship has been with the department for



Slubar graduates police academy Courtesy Photo
Dustin Slubar graduated from the Victoria College Police Academy on May 18, 2006. Slubar is a deputy for the Kinney County Sheriff's office.

SPIRITUAL LIVING

Thank you A Remedy For the drought



When Joe Brumbelow was a student at what use to be called the University of Corpus Christi, he learned that the President of the University had made a great sacrifice in leaving the business world to become President of a University.

One day Joe saw University President Miller and told him that he appreciated his sacrifice and wanted to thank him for all that he had done. Mr. Miller looked at Joe with tear moistened eyes and said, "Thank you son. No one ever told me that before." That day Joe learned a lesson in expressing gratitude more often.

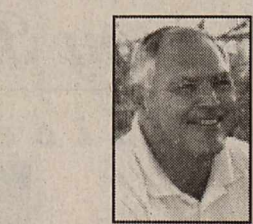
So many people play a part of our lives and do so much for us each day, that sometimes we take them for granted. From the people who help us at the local grocery store, the city and county offices, the school, the

Post Office, and many other places here in Kinney County, do we take time to show our appreciation?

There was a teenager working at a restaurant cleaning off tables and washing dishes on a busy Friday night. One of his co-workers had seen the work that he was doing and thought that the boss needed to see it. They were surprised at seeing such good work. They simply thanked him for his hard work. Boy did that make him feel good and appreciated. And for you bosses out there, when that boss complimented that young teenager it gave him a lift and he worked even harder and became a more dedicated worker.

Notice it was his co-worker that brought it to the attention of the boss. You can make a better work place when you compliment others and help the bosses to notice other good workers. Others will come to appreciate you because you don't mind blowing the horn for someone else and letting them have the recognition.

Take time to thank those around you this week and every week. Let people know that you care and really appreciate them. May God Bless You.



Brother J.

There are so many areas that have been devastated because of no rain and I don't think there is anything more heartbreaking for farmers or ranchers.

Today we have our eyes fixed upon the weather channel, listen to weather reports, watch the skies for clouds or spend a lot of time talking about it to our friends.

These things may be okay but they don't really change the weather.

The weather can be affected by several things.

One, Satan can get permission from God to cause people problems with weather. (Job 1:16,18&19).

Second, because we live in a fallen or flawed world, (Genesis 3:17-19).

Thirdly, it can be because we have abandoned, ignored or grossly disobeyed God.

The only way weather can be changed is to get God involved. When Jesus was on earth he proved that He could control weather, (Matthew 8:23-27).

A way to get God involved is for us to humble ourselves, draw near and pray to God as individuals, families, local Churches, communities and lastly as a nation, (2 Chronicles 7:12-15).

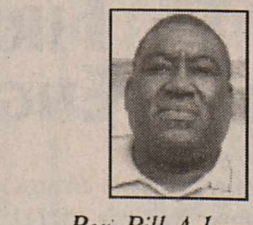
Fasting, done with the right motive and attitude, is another way to get God's blessings, (Ezra 8:21-23).

We must also confess our sins and ask forgiveness from God, (1 John 1:9).

May we find God's Mercy. This can work for any problem, not just droughts.

See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

Eunuch baptized



Rev. Bill Adams Sr.

35 Then Philip opened his mouth and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water; and then Eunuch said, see here is water: what does hinder me to be baptized?

37 And Philip said, If thou

believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe Jesus Christ is the son of God.

38 And he command the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and Eunuch, and he baptized him.

39 And when they came up from the water, the spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the Eunuch saw him no more: And he was on his way rejoicing.

40 But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through the preached in all the cities, til he came to Caesarea.

Praise the Lord

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OBITUARY

Jonnie, Francis (Pierce) Fullenwider
 March 18, 1932 - August 7, 2006

Funeral Services for Jonnie, Francis (Pierce) Fullenwider, 74, of Gillette, WY, will be held at Stevenson Wilson Funeral Home, Gillette today at 2:00 PM. Pastor Marty Crump of the Family Life Church and Joe Waterhouse will preside. Burial will follow at Mt Pisgah Cemetery.

Jonnie was born on March 18, 1932 in Wagner, Oklahoma to Fred and Vera (Beech) Pierce. She died, peacefully, August 7, 2006 in Gillette, Wyoming surrounded by her children and families.

Jonnie married Albert Fullenwider in Fort Smith, Arkansas on February 21, 1955. They raised three sons, Stan Fullenwider (Jo Layne) of Vernal Utah, Jim Fullenwider (Denise) of Farmington, New Mexico and Bob Fullenwider (Kim) of Ojai, California along with three daughters, Wanda Murphy (James) of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Barb Gulley (Paul) and Nancy Turner (Doug) both of Gillette, Wyoming.

The family lived in Rangely, Colorado until 1969 when they moved to Gillette, Wyoming. Upon retirement, Jonnie and Al lived in their Brackettville, Texas home during the winter months.

Along with raising her family, Jonnie worked as a bookkeeper in Rangely and Gillette. She retired after working 17 years for Gillette Plumbing and Heating.

Jonnie was a member of the D.O.E.S., American Legion Auxiliary and the Red Hatters Club in Gillette. She created beautiful, award winning, paintings, mostly landscapes and flowers. Mrs Fullenwider had a wonderful sense of humor and loved spending time playing cards and dominoes, with her children, 18 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. She also enjoyed working crossword puzzles and was an avid reader. Although she excelled at many things, her greatest work was the love and care she gave to her family.

Jonnie is survived by one sister, Rebecca Williams (Guymond) of Claremore, Oklahoma. She is preceded in death by her husband, parents, one brother and five sisters.

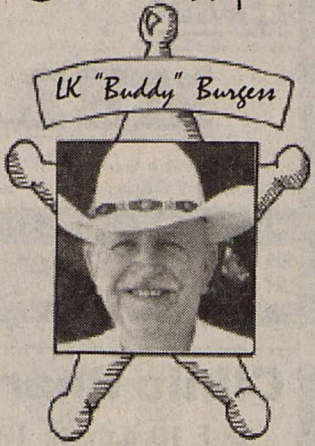
In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Campbell County or Campbell County Senior Center Painting Class. Memorials and condolences may be sent to Stevenson Wilson Funeral Home, 210 5th W. St, Gillette, WY 82716 or via the web at www.stevensonwilson.com.



Martinez completes internship Courtesy Photo

Maria Martinez, daughter of Natividad and Maria Martinez, finished her summer internship as a Facilities Engineer for Chevron. Martinez was the BHS Salutatorian for the class of 2003. She is entering her senior year in Mechanical Engineering at Rice University.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Tuesday, August 1

3:00 p.m. Graciano Ramirez, 25, of Brackettville was arrested for Criminal Trespass. Ramirez was released the same day on a \$1,000 bond.

3:00 p.m. Coty Joe Williams, 24, of Brackettville was arrested for Criminal Trespass. Williams was released the same day on a \$1,000 bond.

3:00 p.m. Cesar DeLeon, 43, of Brackettville was arrested for Criminal Trespass. DeLeon was released the same day on a \$2,000 bond.

3:00 p.m. Omar Rivas, 20, of Brackettville was arrested for Criminal Trespass. Rivas was released the same day on a \$1,000 bond.

3:00 p.m. Jaime Rivas, 25, of Brackettville was arrested for Criminal Trespass. Rivas was released the same day on a \$1,000 bond.

8:57 p.m. A man reported people dumping trash on his property and requested deputy assistance.

Wednesday, August 2

9:40 a.m. A 911 caller requested a deputy and the Border Patrol in regards to illegal aliens on their property.

4:00 p.m. Justin Rutherford, 28, of Willis was arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. Rutherford was released the same day on two \$2,500 bonds.

4:00 p.m. Tyrone Keefe Francies, 44, of Prairie View was arrested for possession of marijuana. Francies was released the next day on a \$1,500 bond.

4:30 p.m. Jesus Flores Cortez, 44, of Mexico was arrested for burglary of a habitat. As of press time, Cortez is still being held.

Thursday, August 3

10:52 p.m. A Laughlin AFB employee requested a 12 hour check on two of their aircraft in Kinney County. A deputy was dispatched.

Saturday, August 5

3:03 p.m. A 911 caller reported a one vehicle accident on HWY 90 W. Deputies and KC EMS were dispatched to the location.

7:34 p.m. A woman came in to the SO to request assistance with finding her daughter's medicine at the post office.

8:44 p.m. A 911 caller reported a possible intoxicated motorist on HWY 90. A DPS Highway Patrolman was dispatched.

10:40 p.m. A DPS dispatcher reported a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed.

11:20 p.m. A woman reported a party across from her house. A deputy was dispatched.

Monday, August 6

1:50 a.m. A woman reported her son was on drugs and was out of control. Deputies were dispatched.

2:25 a.m. A man reported a young man walking and he gave him a ride, he also wrecked his mother's car.

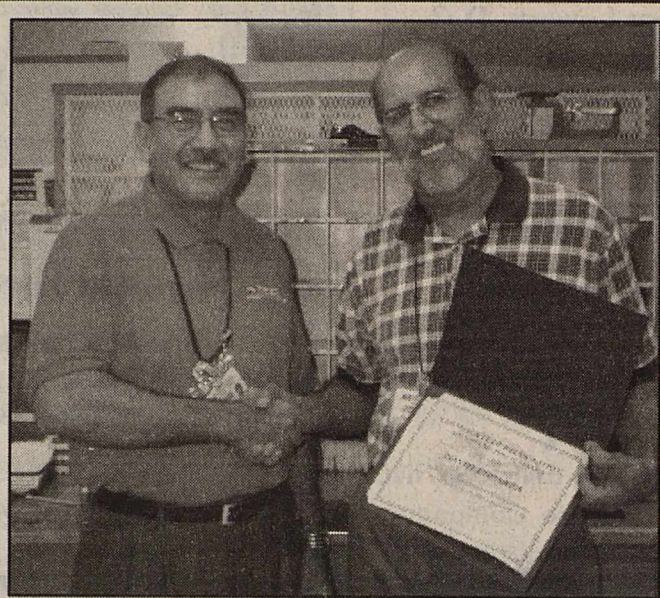
3:15 a.m. Johnny Joe Waddell, 17, of Brackettville was arrested for public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia. Waddell is still being held as of press time.

2:30 p.m. Roberto Reyna, 52, of San Antonio was arrested for public intoxication. Reyna is still being held as of press time.

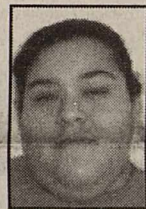
Rep. Uresti to host meeting in Uvalde

Representative Carlos I. Uresti will host a Town Hall Meeting Friday, August 11 from 4 to 5:30 for residents of Bandera, Edwards, Kinney, Maverick, Medina, Real, Uvalde and Val Verde Counties at the Sgt. Willie DeLeon Civic Center located at 324 East Main St. in Uvalde as it is a central location for invitees of the eight counties. Topics will include actions taken by the 79th Legislative Session, the Special Called Sessions of 2005-2006, and the upcoming 80th Legislative Session. Uresti currently represents

Texas House District 118, Bexar County, and chairs the influential House Committee on Government Reform. Uresti is campaigning to be the next State Senator for District 19 in the upcoming November 7th election. Texas Senate District 19 is composed of 23 counties. From Bexar to El Paso. Uresti will also be meeting with superintendents and officials from the mentioned counties this same day. Uresti will be available to take questions and make comments at the Civic Center right before the Town Hall Meeting begins.



Esparza awarded Photo by Leigh Volcsko
 Brackettville Postmaster Lionel Juarez presents United States Postal Service employee David Esparza with a certificate of recognition for his attendance.



Original Poems By
 Cassandra Jane Gomez

Someone I love dearly is reaching her last day
 And oh, the things that I would give
 To be able to make her stay
 But I know she has to go soon
 Because all lives must end
 I just can't stand the thought of losing another great friend
 My aunt has always been a strong woman

One of the strongest that I know
 She's taught me many things in life
 And through times she's helped me grow

She taught me about friendships
 She taught me about love
 Nine years ago when Gramma Stella passed away
 She taught me about Heaven above

But all of that seems so far away
 These day when I look at her
 Now when I look into her eyes
 I can tell that she is hurt
 I know that she will be happy and pain-free
 When she leaves her earthly home

She'll take a part of me with her
 I hope she knows she's not alone
 Dedicated to my Tia Frances

CORRECTIONS

CORRECTION: In some situations, TBN requests individuals writing to the editor omit proper names. Unfortunately, last week (August 3, 2006; Page 2) a proper name was inadvertently included in the "Response to the response" letter and TBN wishes to apologize for the mistake.

CORRECTION: Page One, July 27, 2006, in the cutline for the "Up On The Rooftop" photo, TBN reported that no injuries were reported. When TBN staff was on the scene, no injuries had been reported; however, a member of the Dixon family was later treated for injuries to his eyes and chest in San Antonio. Please accept our apology for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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Potatoes, Potatoes, Potatoes



Vada Baldree

Campers Delight

- 4 well beaten eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup mashed potato
- 1 cup flour
- 1 small onion, finely chopped fat for frying
- Mix all ingredients. Pour in just enough batter to barely cover bottom of frying pan. Cook for a few minutes and turn over as you could pancakes. Serve with syrup and sausage. If on fishing trip, wrap your catch of the day in it! Serves 4

Potato Refrigerator Rolls

- 1 cup warm mashed potato
- 1 1/2 cups warm potato water or plain water
- 1 Tbsp. dry yeast
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 Tsp. salt
- 2/3 cup soft shortening
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 7 to 7 1/2 cups flour
- Cook potatoes; drain reserving 1 1/2 cups potato water. Dissolve yeast in potato water. Let stand 10 min. Add sugar, salt, shortning, eggs and mashed potatoes. Mix well, add flour gradually and mix until smooth and elastic. Place in a greased bowl and turn over to grease the other side. Cover with a damp cloth and place in the refrigerator for at least 2 hours. Remove the desired amount of dough and

shape into rolls. Cover and let rise until doubled, about 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Bake for about 10 minutes in preheated 400 degree oven. Makes 4 dozen rolls. Note: This recipe may be store for several days in the refrigerator before using. These freeze well too. You may also wish to half the recipe successfully.

Breakfast time is usually so rushed that we stick with easy and fast cereal or energy snacks. Gets monotonous. Many have made one of the weekend morning specials by either having brunch, super breakfast or one night for these foods only. I began this routine with my children when they were young. Nothing fancy each Saturday...breakfast meats, eggs made to order, cookie sheet of homemade biscuits and a large bowl of gravy! Why so much? The few left overs were quickly consumed and biscuits were also converted to "portable" sandwich using sausage till its all gone. For some possible new ideas, here are some potato based dishes toward hearty entrees you might like to try.

- Potato Pancakes**
- 1 cup mashed potato
- 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 3 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. nutmeg
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup milk (approx.)
- 1/4 cup light corn syrup
- Combine potato, sifted flour, salt, baking powder and nutmeg. Mix together eggs and milk; stir lightly into potato- flour mixture. Add corn syrup and beat well. If batter is too thick you

- might add a bit more milk.
- Brown on both sides on greased griddle turning once. Serve with syrup of your choice. Serves 6
- Sweet Biscuits**
- 2 cups flour
- 4 tsp. baking powder
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup shortening or margarine
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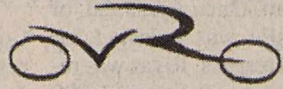
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- Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Combine flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Cut in shortening. Stir in potato and mix thoroughly. Add enough milk to make a soft dough. Knead lightly on a floured board. Cut with biscuit cutter. Bakes on a cookie sheet for 15 minutes. Serve hot. Makes 24 biscuits. These can be made with a large cookie cutter and used for strawberry shortcake also.

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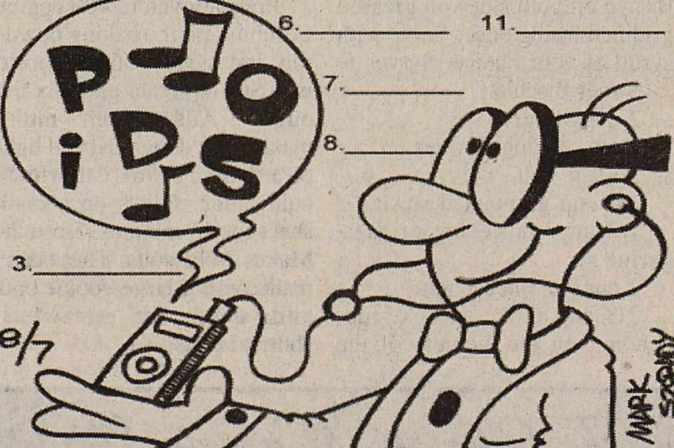
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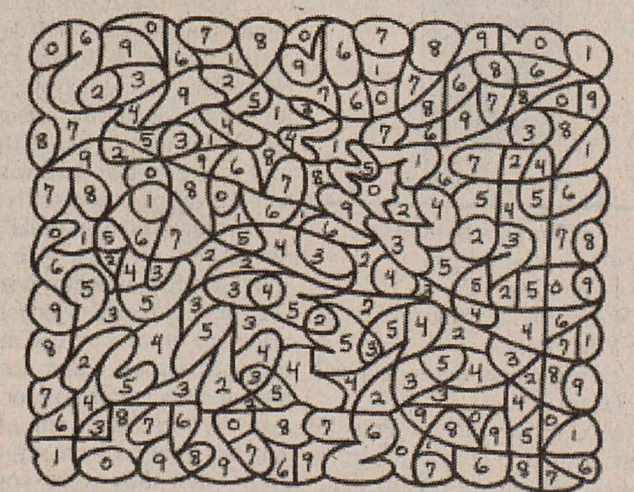
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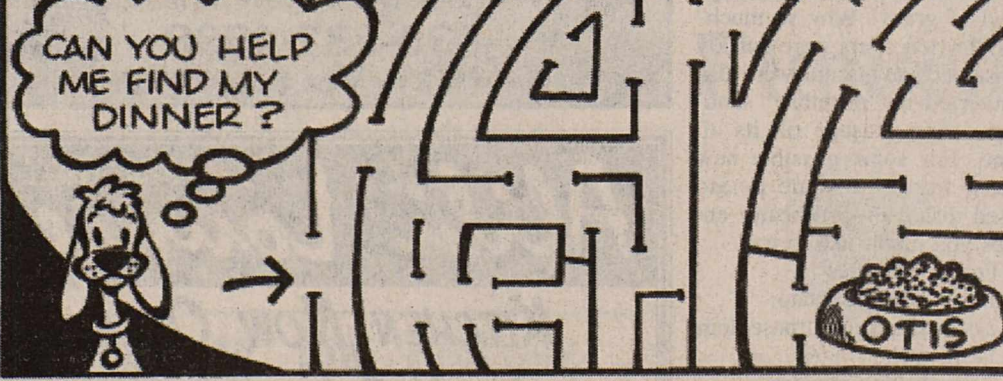
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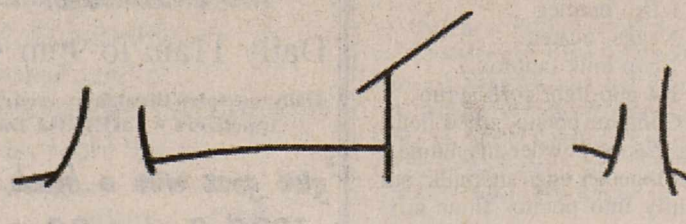
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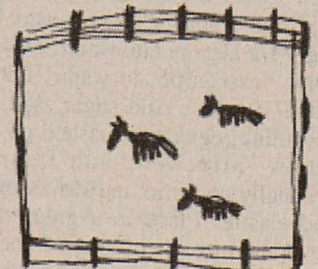
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Changes in mine land reclamation guidelines benefit quail



AUSTIN, Texas — New alternatives for reclaiming mined lands in Texas means thousands of acres of new quail habitat could be realized each year, according to wildlife biologists with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

A cooperative effort between TPWD and the Railroad Commission of Texas has paved the way for mined lands to be reclaimed into habitat that would support quail and other upland grassland bird species. Texas currently has 13 operating mines and 6 mines going through the reclamation process. There are about 55,000 acres of mine land reclaimed annually in Texas.

"We see this as an opportunity to meet some of the objectives of the Texas Quail Conservation Initiatives on reclaimed

mine lands," said Robert L. Cook, TPWD Executive Director. "We applaud the Railroad Commission for working with TPWD staff in getting changes to federal revegetation regulations in support of this conservation effort. This is being viewed by others in the conservation community as a model that offers great potential in other parts of the country."

Quail are considered by wildlife officials to be a keystone indicator species of the health of grassland ecosystems. When their numbers fall, other species that inhabit those ecosystems follow in a domino effect. A diverse cooperative, working under the umbrella of the TQCI, is making landscape level conservation progress to help ensure the dominos won't topple.

Throughout their range, bobwhite quail populations nationwide have declined from an estimated 59 million birds in 1980 to about 20 million in 1999.

Changes to the landscape during the last two decades — primarily urban growth, conversion of native grasslands to exotic grasses like coastal Bermuda and monoculture pine

plantations — have robbed quail and other species of usable space, according to wildlife biologists.

During the past few years, TPWD has developed a proactive strategy to address quail declines in Texas. The agency's approach has been one of partnership. Among the stakeholders involved include the Texas Mining and Reclamation Association (TMRA) and the Railroad Commission (RRC).

"Reclaimed mined lands can serve as repositories of locally adapted quail. These reclaimed areas can be used as focus areas for the TQCI. Adding additional acres of quail habitat near these focus areas will ensure quail persist in those locals," said Steve DeMaso, upland game bird program leader for TPWD. "Mined lands in other states may also be able to use this model to create habitat."

Clearing the way for creating quail habitat on reclaimed mine lands was no small task and required federal approval. As part of the regulatory process, TPWD reviews and approves mine permits and reclamation plans.

Kathy Boydston, program coordinator for the Wildlife Habitat Assessment Program, which reviews those permits, said that members of TMRA invited her and DeMaso to a meeting to discuss a potential regulation change that would allow the mining companies to have more habitat structure in reclaimed areas to support quail and other species.

Realizing that this would require a regulation change and require industry support, TPWD and other agencies met with representatives of TMRA. TPWD then approached the RRC on what the process would be to

change regulations.

After consultation with RRC and TMRA, TPWD realized that our best approach was to require a sub-category for quail (and other grassland bird species) in the regulations. TPWD negotiated with TMRA and RRC on what would be acceptable limits. All partners agreed upon a range of 57-77 percent ground cover and that was approved by the OSM as a change to the Texas Mining Reclamation Standard.

The Railroad Commission must adhere to strict federal guidelines that require mined land to be returned exactly to its original pre-mine state. The Commission's Surface Mining regulatory program required

amendments to specify the inclusion of specific bird habitats, which required approval from the federal Office of Surface Mining (OSM). Working through the regulatory process took about 18 months and final approval was granted in June.

"I am thrilled that the Commission was able to work with Parks and Wildlife to develop guidelines which will do more to encourage wildlife, particularly the bobwhite quail population," said Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams. "The addition of this element allows the unique opportunity for Texas mining companies to create habitats for bird species. My gratitude goes to all of the agencies and individuals, especially

Dr. Wallace Klussman of Fredericksburg, who worked so diligently to see this effort through."

The new reclamation options will enable mining companies that own the reclaimed areas to increase wildlife habitat on their lands, and create additional benefits for private landowners who lease their lands for mining.

Because landowners typically require their lands be returned to a condition where they can realize an economic benefit, such as cattle grazing or timber operations, the new wildlife habitat option could provide a new revenue source from quail hunting, while allowing conversion of an agriculture tax exemption to a wildlife tax exemption.

Lyme Disease seen more and more

Submitted by Alison Dunning

Don't think Lyme disease is in your backyard?

Think again...Even city and suburban dogs are being ticked off by Lyme disease this year.

According to a study at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Medicine (Boston Globe, May 9, 2006) the abundance of small mammals including chipmunks and mice are better predictors of Lyme disease risk than the white-tailed deer.

As ticks attach to smaller, more mobile hosts, the disease can continue to spread into more urban and suburban neighborhoods.

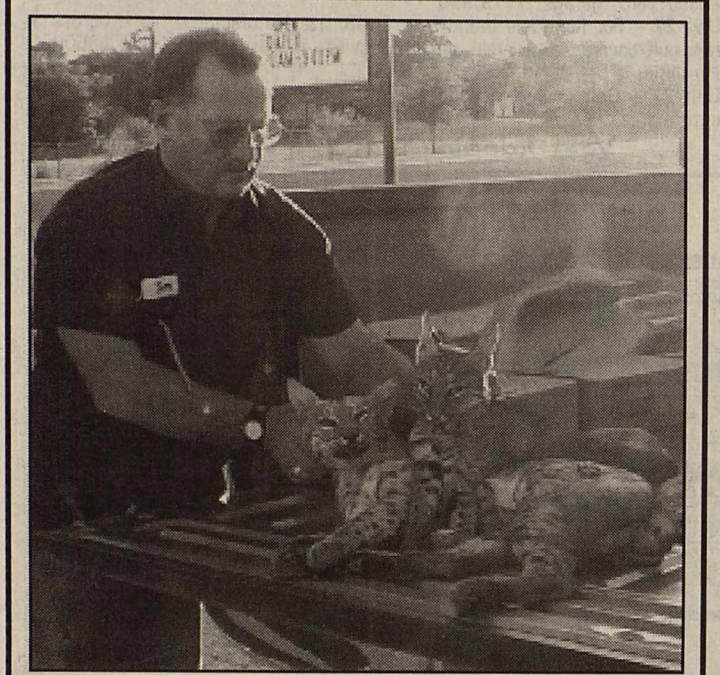
In fact, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Lyme disease cases reportedly yield a national average of 6.7

cases for every 100,000 persons and up to 27.4 cases for every 100,000 persons in the twelve most prevalent states.

Ticks are waging war on man's best friend. Information from IDEXX Laboratories, a leading animal diagnostic

company, canine testing for Lyme disease is at an all-time high.

In fact, Lyme disease testing sales have seen a double-digit growth over the past year throughout the entire U.S.



Predator Management *Courtesy Photo*
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Bass fishing

Outdoors with Luke Clausen

Most people think that catching big bass in the summer is more difficult, but it doesn't have to be. Much like anything else that has to spend a day outside during the hottest part of the year, bass will look for a shady place to hang out. Finding these places is the first step towards catching more than a sunburn during the summer. Shade fishing will pay off on big lakes, farm ponds, backwater sloughs and creeks in the middle of the day where it is common to find bass holding on the shady side of boat docks, in the shade of walkways leading to boat docks and piers and in the shade of pilings on the side of boat docks and piers. Aquatic vegetation like weeds and grasses also create shade that hold bass during the middle of the day. When it comes to a bass's summertime hangout, the thicker, denser cover is the most likely place to find fish. I have the most success when fishing soft plastics and jigs in big water shade. Pitching a plastic worm or lizard under a boat dock can cause a bass attack. These two lures also can catch bass in the grass. To catch big bass in the middle of the day in the summer months, fish a heavy jig that will punch a hole in the thick grass. Then let the bait fall. When I fish a jig in the grass, I'm primarily fishing the lure on the fall and strike. A heavier jig results in a faster fall, which is more likely to produce a reaction strike. If the lure hits the bottom, shake your rod tip to make the bait quiver. If a bass doesn't attack the bait within 10 seconds of its laying on the bottom, then I reel the lure in and make another cast. If a finesse approach in the shade doesn't provide the action, topwater baits can be equally effective in warm water. Regardless of the time of year or the day, you can usually find some bass holding on shoreline cover in shallow water, and most of the time they will bite a topwater bait. Though it may be the hottest time of the year around most of the country, it never hurts to take some time and think about what the fish are doing and why they do it.

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