

# The Brackett News

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## Water district without a budget; fails to adopt tax rate

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District board members met Sept. 27, to possibly approve a tax rate and budget for the new fiscal year, but adjourned without adopting either agenda item.

The total proposed budget after two previous workshops was set by the board members at approximately \$125,000.

Immediately Director Duke Meek expressed his concerns about approving the budget because the revenue figures were based on the district collecting 100 percent of its proposed taxes in 2007, and not on what has actually been collected in years past.

Unsure of what to do and in the absence of the district's general manager Darlene Shahan, Meek contacted Kinney County Chief Appraiser Bill Haenn directly via cell phone.

Meek spoke to Haenn briefly and then passed the phone to C. Smith.

"Okay Bill, what we should do then is multiply this by 74,932 by, say, 93 percent and that's what we should do our budget to?" asked C. Smith to

Haenn. After C. Smith confirmed that historically the district only collects 93 percent of its taxes, the discussion then moved to the amount of usage fees that were collected in 2006.

None of the directors were sure of the collection history of the usage fees and C. Smith promised to obtain that information and report back to the members.

The tax rate was set by default because of the board's failure to approve a budget as the law requires, but the default rate of .0580 percent, and the proposed rate are the same.

The 2007 tax rate is just a fraction lower than last year's rate of .0606 percent.

Ray Smith of Grass Valley Water, LP expressed his concern over the board's inability to pass a budget, as his company has over \$100,000 in an unassigned escrow account.

R. Smith worries that his company's money would be lost in the fury if the board is unable to overcome its poor financial situation and end up in bankruptcy.

## Cavalry Brigade update

Submitted by Woodie Hornburg

Volunteers! Fall in the "Cavalry Brigade's" formation in order to annihilate grime and trash lurking on FCS's grounds, crevices, and waterways. Mustering at Shafter Hall is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 7, at 9 a.m. Inside details are available for

those physically limited. Helping to "shine up" our beloved FCS is a joy and the free lunch is an added bonus. Chow time is always served at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This week's menu is composed of a delicious mystery by a mysterious anonymous preparer of foods. In order to be enlightened, join the "Brigade".



Photos by Leigh Volcsko

### Who's The Fairest Of Them All?

Above: BISD second grader Danielle Gerardo sleeps after taking a bite of the poison apple in the play Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at the PTO meeting Oct. 2. At right: Rayissa Munoz recites her lines flawlessly as she plays the Witch Queen. Jones Elementary second grade teachers Stella Bo Hagler, Maxine Bonner and Laurel Plunk have been working with their student for the last six weeks to prepare for the performance. A special encore performance will be presented Friday, at 6 p.m. at the BHS Auditorium



# Read all about your life in our pages

By Wayne Trotter  
Publisher of the Tecumseh Countywide News, Tecumseh, Oklahoma

When you're born. When you marry. When you die.

Some wagging tongues will tell you those are the only times most people get their names in the newspaper.

In the first and last instances, the tongues continue, you just won't care. And when you get married, you have other things on your mind.

So what's the difference?

The difference is huge. Like a stopped clock, even wagging tongues are right a couple of times every day. Whether joyful or tragic, important junctures of everyday living make the papers. You probably did get your name published when you were born and when you got married. You probably will again when you pass away.

But today's newspapers do so much more than that. Newspapers cover your life - all your life, not just the beginning and the end. Along the way, news-

papers will tell you things you need to know and occasionally tickle your funnybone or even make you mad.

Hey, remember when your kid was the star of the big game? Remember the way the football kind of floated through the air until he reached up and pulled it in? Remember the way he took off for the end zone? How many papers did you buy that weekend? That's right. Some of them are still around and Grandpa still has the clipping on the wall above his desk, doesn't he?

Well, maybe it wasn't the big game. It might have been the recital or the school play or Vacation Bible School graduation or a feature picture or a million, zillion other things that sneak "beneath the radar" in this go-go-go world of ours. Not all of them are in the paper but some are.

Newspapers do cover the hard news but they also publish lots of features and pictures and little articles someone brought in.

Most of the time, the stories

will be written and the pictures taken by one of your neighbors who goes through the same things you do every day, who knows about the long lines at the grocery store and the prices at the gas station and who wonders why something isn't done about the same things you wonder about. If it's a local problem, something like that big pothole down the street, the reporter probably will ask somebody at City Hall and the newspaper again will be covering part of your life. With any luck, you and your newspaper will get that hole filled in.

Even if you don't see your own name in the papers too often (and lots of people like it that way), newspapers are still covering your life because they are covering your times. That's where the hard news comes in.

Hard news usually falls into two categories. There's institutional news such as what happens in Congress or at the courthouse, and breaking news, like when the airplane crashes or war breaks out. When big hard news happens,

everybody's going to be telling you about it and it will be in your newspaper as well.

Newspapers may not be able to get it out first these days but they still can do it best, they still can fill in the details, they still can answer your questions and some of their people still write in a way that captures a moment or stirs your soul. Just because it came out first somewhere else doesn't mean that newspaper story doesn't contain information you need and want to know. More often than not, it does, and sometimes it's the only place you can get the story straight.

But you know what? Even though newspapers can do a great job on the big stories, they really excel with "little" stories, everyday things in your town that are probably going to affect your life more than anything halfway across the world or who's in the White House.

Go to a local meeting, say your town zoning board or your city council or maybe some kind of hearing in one of

your courts. Is there a reporter there? Where is he or she from? That's right. Nine times out of ten, maybe more often, it's your local newspaper. Yes, TV gives you local news but their people usually have to work on a broad canvas. They're covering lots of communities in half-an-hour while there's probably one or more newspapers working hard just to cover yours. If your neighbor makes an application to put in a trailer next to your backyard fence, they're not going to break into CSI to tell you about it. You're going to read about it in your local newspaper.

Some newspaper somewhere probably did carry a few words when you were born. There may have been two or three pictures and stories about your engagement and wedding. Newspapers did those things then and they do them now.

But newspapers don't stop there. This is National Newspaper Week and the theme for the week tells the whole story: "Newspapers - We Cover Your Life."

It's a good slogan because it's true. Newspapers do cover our lives.

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**October 1 - 7**

## News BRIEFS

### 4-H Meeting

The Junior and Senior 4H meeting will be held this Sun., Oct. 8 from 6-7 p.m. at the Fort Clark Springs Service Club. Officers meet at 5:30 p.m.

### Weekend WEATHER

**Friday**  
Mostly Sunny  
High:91  
Low:68

**Saturday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High:89  
Low:68

**Sunday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High:88  
Low:70

### Validation Awareness

Kinney County Agent Robert Elledge would like to inform anyone who is interested in exhibiting an animal in this year's stock shows, either county and major, that the time for validation is here. Animals will be validated this Sat., Oct. 7 and Sat., Oct. 14 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Ag Shop. These will be the only dates that animals will be validated. If there is a problem with either of these dates, please contact the Extension Office at 830-563-2442.

### Wylie Fire Relief

Anyone wanting to contribute to the Wylie Fire Relief Fund can make a deposit at the Brackettville Bank & Trust.

### Recorded Rainfall

Zero inches of rain recorded at The Brackett News Weather Center this week. Our "weather center" is a rain gauge donated by D&D Hardware that is at-

tached to our sign out front - but still very scientific! Report your rain gauge readings by phone 830-563-2852 or email tbnws@sbcglobal.net. Please include your address!

### Golf Tourney

A benefit golf tournament will be held at Fort Clark Springs Golf Course on Oct. 7. Proceeds from this tournament are for Martin Lopez who is currently going for cancer treatments in San Antonio. The entry fee for the tournament is \$100 for a four man team. Entry forms are available at the golf course. A gold cart will also be raffled at the end of the tournament. Tickets for the raffle are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. Tickets are available at the golf course or by calling Ruben Martinez at 830-563-9103. You do not have to be present to win.

### Wine & Cheese Party

The Old Quarry Society Of Fort Clark Springs will host its

Annual Fall Wine and Cheese Party on Sunday afternoon, October 15, 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the Member Services Office. Season tickets will be available at that time. All are welcome.

### Landfill Fee Increase

City of Brackettville's residential landfill fee increase from \$7.00 to \$10.00 per month effective October 1, 2006 Commercial and bulk \$6.50 per cubic yard. Present current utility bill as proof of residency. All non residential will be charged \$6.50 per cubic yard. If you haul trash for anyone besides your household, the charge will be \$6.50 per cubic yard. Metal, cardboard, batteries, and motor oil disposal is free.

### Homecoming Dance

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Homecoming Dance following the football game on October 27,

2006, at the Fort Clark Springs Service Club. Tino Gomez will be the D.J. and tickets are \$5.00 per person. The Dance is for BHS students, Alumni and other adults. Proceeds will benefit the Chamber Scholarship Fund and operating costs for the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce. For more information call the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce Monday - Friday from 10-12 and 1-3.

### Hunter's Round Up

The Ag/Wildlife Committee invites all Hunters and Hunting Enthusiasts to the Annual Hunter's Round Up Nov. 4 at the Civic Center. Booths are available for FREE with a prize donation valued at \$25. Area businesses are encouraged to contact the Co. Extension Office 830-563-2442 for more info. Hats, gift certificates, hunting supplies are all excellent ideas that will get your business noticed throughout the night.

### Alamo Trailride

Alamo Village & Shahan HV Ranches Trailride and Cattle Drive October 26, 27, 28, & 29. THURSDAY: Registration/ Dinner and Entertainment in Front of Alamo FRIDAY: Trail ride/Lunch on Trail/Sunset Ride/ 3 Meals. SATURDAY: Trail ride/Lunch on Trail/ 3 Meals. SUNDAY: Church/Cattle Drive thru Village/2 Meals. INFO: Primitive Camping at Movie Set. RV's and Trailers (NO Hook-ups),Coggins Papers Required, Please Keep Pets on Leash. Limited Stall Space-RESERVE EARLY-\$10.00 per Horse per Day, Rental Horses are available, please call Bub Winn 830-279-0185, Bub Winn. PRICES: \$235 if paid before 1st day of event \$250 if paid at time of arrival, NON-RIDERS Adults \$160, Kids \$150 (11& under). DAY RATE: Adults \$150 Kids \$75.00. FOR MORE INFO (830) 563-2580, FAX (830) 563-9226, email: happy@hilco.net.com or VISIT: www.alamo.village.com.

## Editors Weekly PLOG

I grew up in Virginia. I went to every high school football game during my high school career, but I never loved football back then like I love Brackett football now.

I love the kids breaking through the banner with those fierce faces on. I love to hear them as they get each other fired up to play.

I think I'd pay extra to have a video and audio equipment strapped to a lineman's helmet - But maybe I can convince Coach Voyles of that next year!

Most of these kids will never play football again after they graduate and I'm sure that when they look back it will be some of the best memories they have.

I call it "standing on the chain" when (mostly) the men folk stand down on the sidelines with their legs pressed up against the metal fencing and yell out players names or "hold'em defense!" or "get some numbers on the board!"

Every now and then the Brackett Exes will say, "remember that play..." and then when I look - it's two dudes in their sixties! Now that's love for the game!

I think the Tigers are some of the most polite players I have ever seen. They will knock the bejesus out of you, but then turn around and help you off the ground.

I love to see young people

succeed. Mind you I said succeed, not win. But I DO LIKE TO WIN!

What is asked of these young people will help them for the rest of their lives. The discipline, the mental strength, physical training - being expected to work for what they want...It's all right there every Friday night this fall!

I love to see the stands empty onto the field at the end of the game and it's the entire town down there shaking the players hands.

I never understood football until last year. I mean, if you said first and ten - I thought you were talking about shoes - notice how everything in my life always goes back to shoes! Now with the press crew on the sidelines, I'm learning the game and I love to know what the referees call without having to ask Tom or Cash (The WONDERFUL sports editors!).

Maybe I'm just a big fan and now I need counseling.

There's nothing like having those big players running straight at your camera lens! Most times I'm busy yelling for the home team, but I manage to snap a few photos every now and then.

More than anything I want these kids to have something to look back on - to show their children. "Hey son, this was your daddy back in the day".

Leigh V.

## THIS WAS FIRM GROUND A MOMMENT AGO...



## Do you have a plan to provide for loved ones?



Emily Cooper

You work hard to provide a comfortable living for your family. But you also need to think about what might happen to them after you're gone or if you become incapacitated. That means you need to start planning. And the best time to begin is now, no matter what your age - because the future is not ours to see.

To properly provide for your family, you'll need to take quite a few steps. Here are some of the most important ones:

**Purchasing adequate life insurance.** You may already have life insurance - about three-fourths of Americans do, according to LIMRA, a research and consulting organization serving the life insurance industry - but do you have a sufficient amount to pay off your mortgage, send your children to college and meet other key needs? A financial professional can help you

determine if your coverage is adequate.

**Lowering taxes.** Some of the individual assets you leave behind may generate income taxes, which can be considerable. A tax advisor may be able to help you reduce this potential burden.

**Designating beneficiaries.** You should periodically review the beneficiary designations on your life insurance contracts and qualified plans, such as 401(k)s and IRAs. It's essential to update these designations if remarriages and stepchildren are part of your family picture. Keep in mind that beneficiary designations will even supersede the instructions in your will, so, if these designations are out of date, your true wishes may not be carried out.

**Writing a will.** If you were to die intestate - without a will - your assets might be distributed by a court. This could lead to a great deal of problems within your family.

**Creating a living trust.** Even if you have a will, your assets will have to pass through probate - which can be time-consuming and expensive. But with a properly established living trust, your assets can pass directly to your beneficiaries without court interference, legal fees,

lengthy delays and public disclosure.

**Drafting a general power of attorney.** This document allows you to appoint another person to conduct your business affairs if you become physically or mentally incapacitated.

Clearly, trying to accomplish all these steps can be somewhat daunting. But you don't have to do it alone. By assembling a qualified estate-planning team, consisting of a financial professional, a tax advisor and an attorney, you can get the help you need to achieve your goals.

Of course, you're never really "done" with your estate planning. Why? Because, over time, your life can change in many ways. Your family or job situation may change, or you may become involved in charities that you wish to support. Consequently, you'll want to revisit almost every aspect of your estate plan every few years.

But you won't want to wait a few years before you begin your planning. You don't have to get all your plans in place at one time, but you do need to start the ball rolling. Estate planning can take a lot of work - but all you have to do is look at your family to know that the effort was worth it.

## Holiday perfectionism sinks the ship



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Before we know it the holiday season will be upon us. In a few weeks will be Halloween then Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. We love to decorate but most of the time we wear ourselves out doing it. Did you know that you don't have to decorate your home in one single day? It seems that none of us have that kind of time anyway, so why don't we enjoy the process and do a little every day.

One member put up a naked tree for Thanksgiving Day with just the lights on it and as each guest arrived they were given their choice of ornaments to place on its branches. Then each night after that she made a big deal out of putting on a few more decorations; they would light a candle and carefully pick out the ornament to put on the tree. Then they would turn on the lights and admire it as it blossomed before

their eyes. Now isn't that much more fun than trying to do it all at once and letting your perfectionism take over and ruin it for everyone! Our mother made Christmas torture for us because of her perfectionism. Every icicle had to be hung just so so and this crazy tree she wanted us to help construct had no room for us in the house.

We felt like it was this big monster in the living room that was about to devour us. It is probably because when we were making the tree it was her perfectionism that was the hateful part. I know you are trying to figure out what kind of tree this was; it is really hard to explain, but I will try. Imagine a plain tree without any leaves; not an evergreen tree either: Just branches and no leaves. Then she would cut one inch stripe of cotton quilt batting for us to wrap around each and every single branch; there this tree. Do you hear the perfectionism? This was just the inside of the house and all the lights on the outside of the house. So don't allow your perfectionism to ruin the holidays for everyone in the family including you! It is not fun to

feel guilty for yelling at your babies. Let of your perfectionism and find yourself FLYING to a different tune this holiday season. A lot of our bad moods and fussy attitudes come from feeling pressured by too much to do and not thinking that there is enough time. This is why we have developed a fun way to get ready for the holidays. We pretend that we are going on a three week cruise that sets sail on December 1<sup>st</sup>. We have to be ready for the holidays by December 1<sup>st</sup>. This gives us the freedom to enjoy the whole month of December without the procrastination we have suffered with all these years. Can you imagine not being rushed to wrap presents as you are driving to a party? You too can Cruise through the holidays with your Holiday Control Journal. A little planning and doing will make your holidays enjoyable again! All I want you to do is spend 15 minutes a day with your Holiday Control Journal. Downloaded your free ticket to cruise through the holidays. <http://flylady.net/pages/HolidayCruising1.asp>.

Are your ready to Cruise through the Holidays?

## Closing our eyes doesn't make Darfur disappear



Gina Parker

When I last wrote about the genocide occurring in Darfur, I referred to it as "Sudan's Dirty Little Secret."

I commented on the U.N.'s blatant use of "look-the-other-way" politics and urged action on the part of our government.

Sadly, things seem to have progressively worsened since June.

What started as dirty and little is now filthy, enormous, and messy.

Assaults on civilians in the Darfur region of Sudan became increasingly frequent and severe throughout July and August, forcing U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan to call for a 17,000 member peacekeeping force to replace the 7,000 African Union workers, who had been exhausted beyond their capacity.

Shortly thereafter, the Sudanese government rejected this directive and in a frightening show of belligerence mobilized 10,000 more of its own troops from the capital city of Khartoum to Darfur.

On August 31, U.N. Security Council Resolution 1706 was passed, a measure that calls for a peacekeeping force of 20,000 to be deployed to Sudan.

The next day, Sudan once again disobeyed the U.N. and in retaliation launched yet another offensive in the Darfur region.

Even the refugee camps were raided; countless women were raped and killed, according to sources from the International Rescue Committee.

The last two weeks have been tumultuous as well, with Sudan aggressively reminding the African Union (A.U.) that their tenure runs out at the end of the month and with reports of the food supply being cut off to upwards of 350,000 refugees.

Aside from making a few idle threats, the U.S. government has largely left the crisis in Darfur to the U.N., while making little preparation to intervene independently.

On September 10, The Washington Post ran an opinion editorial of Senators John McCain and Bob Dole entitled "Rescue Darfur Now," in which the senators liken the current crisis in Sudan to previous conflicts in Bosnia and Rwanda where U.S. involvement came too little, too late.

The article is bold calling for swift and decisive action by the U.S. government to alleviate the injustice occurring overseas on America's watch.

Interestingly, it asserts that a sort of multi-national blitz may be necessary to ensure total victory in this intervention and calls for the help of everyone from the European Union to NATO.

McCain and Dole have hit the nail on the head.

The United States has not only a social, but also a moral obligation to aid in liberation of those suffering at the hands of the tyrannical Sudanese government, and it is imperative that we act quickly to prevent these atrocities from progressing any further.

To do any less would be to deny what makes us American in the first place.

## Letter To Editor POLICY

The Brackett News welcomes and encourages letters to the editor. Letters should not exceed 350 words and be on subjects of interest. The editor reserves the right to refuse or edit all letters submitted for length, potentially libelous statements and accuracy of information. All letters must be signed and include a mailing address and phone number for verification purposes. All writers must provide proof of identity. Letters found or believed to be written by a person other than that of the signed author will be refused. The Brackett News will not publish letters sent via e-mail. Letters published and viewpoints of columnists do not necessarily reflect the editorial beliefs of this newspaper.

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## Tigers overtake Mustangs



Tiger Gridiron  
Thomas Hurney

The Brackett Tigers overcame several early miscues and a virtual blizzard of penalty flags to rout the Natalia Mustangs 21-0 Friday night at Tiger Stadium. Ivan Pinales had two touchdown runs, one on the Tigers' opening drive and one in the fourth quarter to seal the win, and fullback Fermin Villanueva had a 44-yard gallop to set up a short touchdown run in the third quarter to put Brackett ahead 14-0.

As the Mustangs took the field for pre-game warm-ups in their royal blue and white uniforms with the SMU-style pony on either side of their helmets, it occurred to me that these kids had some size, particularly along the offensive line, and I said a silent prayer that the Brackett defense had had their Wheaties that day. Apparently, they had. Natalia took over on their own 20 and lost two yards on first down. On second down they lost two more. On 3rd and 14 they were flagged for a false start (a recurring theme for both teams for much of the evening, as it turns out). An incomplete pass on 3rd and 19 and the Mustangs had to punt.

The Tigers took over at the Natalia 40 and moved quickly to the 25 in four, five and six yard increments. On 3rd and 7 Ivan Pinales took the handoff from quarterback Robert Davis and wasn't heard from again until he reappeared in the visitors' end zone. Jacob

Schroeder added the PAT and Brackett led 7-0.

After several three and out possessions by both teams Brackett had the ball back at their own 43 and for the rest of the half it appeared as if the referees thought they had a penalty quota to fulfill and had fallen way behind. The Tigers were penalized three times on the ensuing drive—once for holding, once for illegal procedure and once for an illegal block in the back. On fourth and long the Tigers had to punt, only the Mustangs seemed to want it to be known that they could incur penalties with the best of them and got caught roughing the kicker. Brackett got the ball back at the Natalia 30 but that drive fizzled also (due in part to a penalty, of course).

Just before the half Natalia had an apparent touchdown run negated by (you guessed it!) another penalty, this one of the "Block in the Back" variety, and the half ended with the Tigers holding a very tenuous 7-point lead.

The second half was moderately flag-free, and the Tigers picked it up a notch. On a 2nd and 8 from the Mustang 48 Fermin Villanueva emerged from the melee of folks congregated at or around the line of scrimmage and raced 44-yards to the two, cashing in several plays later. Another successful point after and at 6:26 in the 3rd quarter the Tigers led 14-0. The Tigers would mount one more long drive in the fourth quarter keyed by a 30-yard pass and catch from Davis to Travis Bonner down to the Natalia 35, and capped by an 8-yard touchdown run by Pinales.

The Tigers visit Ben Bolt Friday night at 7:30 in their last non-district game.

## FALL SPORTS PROGRAM

### Brackett fall sports program coming soon!

Coming on the Homecoming football game against D'Hanis on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Program will be selling at \$3 each. Includes football, volleyball, cross country, band, and cheerleaders. Coaches and sports schedules also included. Made by Mrs. Schroeder's Computer Science 1.



# GO TIGERS!!!



Ad made by Shaun Davis

### CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE

#### Tigerettes Cross Country take 1st

Submitted by Coach Dusty Brotherton

The Varsity girls took first place at the Nueces Canyon Cross Country meet Saturday September 30.

Individually, Daphne Hunt placed first with a time of 14:29. Harmony Pettett placed second with a time of 14:51. Gabby Schroeder placed third with a time of 14:52. Anolda Watkins placed seventh with a time of 16:08. Briana Escamilla placed ninth with a time of 16:17. Katie Braesicke placed 10th with a

time 16:26. Brook Gose placed 13th with a time of 16:48.

In the J.V. division, Lauren Cornelius placed first with a time of 17:21 and Salina Flores placed eighth with a time of 19:08.

In the Junior High division, Kelsey Bruce placed first with a time of 14:04. Courtney Kirkland placed sixth with a time of 16:10. Bianca Cruz placed eighth with a time of 16:22. Cheyenne Smith placed ninth with a time of 16:34. Susu Seargeant placed 10th with a time of 16:42.

#### Tiger Cross Country place 2nd

Submitted by Coach Dusty Brotherton

In the Nueces Canyon Cross Country meet on Saturday, September 30, the Varsity boys took second place.

Individually, Justin Calk placed fifth with a time of 21:06.

Edward Travieso placed 10th with a time of 22:21. Manny Rosas placed 11th with a time of 22:38.

Clint Conrad placed 14th with a time of 24:05. Izzy Muniz placed 16th with a time of 24:24.

Chris Blake placed 18th with a time of 26:00.

In the J.V. division, Victor Cantu placed third with a time of 33:02.

In the 7th grade division, Joelson Terrazas placed fourth with a time of 16:16 and Bradley Edwards placed fifth with a time of 16:18.



### GAME STATS BY CASH LETSINGER



Tiger Statistics  
Cash Letsinger

#### Scoring Summary

Brackett: 9:06 1st Q, Pinales, I. 28 yard rush for TD  
Schroeder, J. - PAT Kick Good  
Brackett: 6:18 3rd Q,  
Villanueva, F. 1 yard rush for TD  
Schroeder, J. - PAT Kick Good  
Brackett: 11:45 4th Q,  
Pinales, I. 9 yard rush for TD  
Schroeder, J. - PAT Kick Good

|                            | TIGERS  | Mustangs |
|----------------------------|---------|----------|
| Points Scored              | 21      | 0        |
| First Downs                | 15      | 8        |
| By Rush/Pass/Penalty       | 12/1/2  | 5/2/1    |
| 3rd Downs Made/Att/Eff     | 2/7/29  | 2/12/17  |
| 4th Downs Made/Att/Eff     | 0/2/0   | 1/2/50   |
| Total Yards / Avg per Play | 321/8.7 | 156/3.4  |
| Total Yards Rushing        | 277     | 122      |
| Rushing Att/Avg            | 43/6.4  | 35/3.5   |
| Total yards Passing        | 38      | 32       |
| Pass Att/Comp/Int          | 5/2/0   | 11/2/0   |
| Average Yards per Pass     | 7.6     | 2.9      |
| Punts /Avg                 | 2/49.5  | 7/33.0   |
| Punt Returns/Yards/Avg     | 4/20/5  | 1/2/2    |
| Punts Blocked              | 0       | 0        |
| Kickoff Returns/Yds/Avg    | 1/20/20 | 2/45/22  |
| Fumbles /Lost              | 3/1     | 2/1      |
| Total Turnovers            | 1       | 1        |
| Penalties /Yards           | 12/84   | 9/53     |
| Sacks /Yards               | 3/11    | 0/0      |
| TDs                        | 3       | 0        |
| TDs Rush/Pass              | 3/0     | 0/0      |
| Field Goals Att/Made       | 0/0     | 0/0      |
| Time of Possession         | 31:22   | 18:28    |

| Score by Quarter | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | Final |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|----|-------|
| Mustangs         | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -  | 0     |
| Tigers           | 7 | 0 | 7 | 7 | -  | 21    |

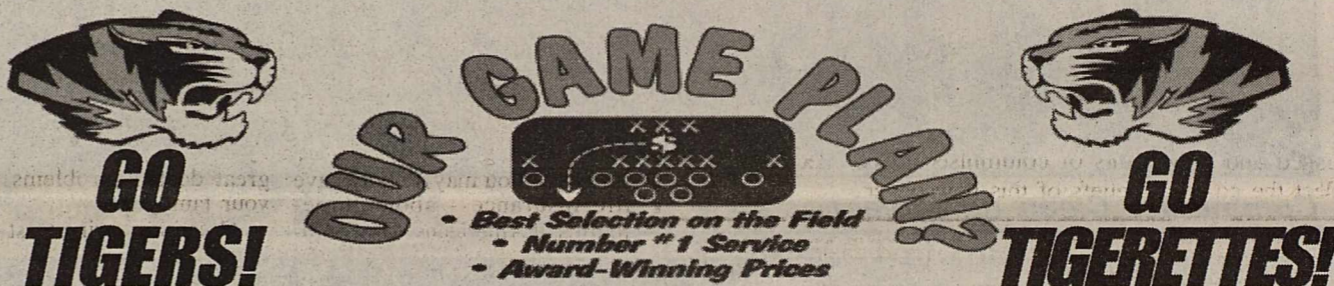
### VOLLEYBALL UPDATE

Brackett beat LaPryor 21-25; 25-14; 25-9; 25-13  
Submitted by Coach Rhonda Marquardt

LaPryor stats: Kills: Lucia Victorino - 5, Aces: Michelle Pargas - 5, Assist: Michelle Pargas - 13, Dig: Kimberly Maldonado - 24, Blocks: Elizabeth Bliss - 4, District Record: 1-4

Brackett stats: Kills: Julie Castillo - 12, Bailee Allen - 9, Emily Valenzuela - 8, Rebecca Mann and Daphne Hunt - 6, Bianca Stewart and Bianca Terrazas - 1, Aces: Daphne Hunt and Julie Castillo - 3, Bianca Stewart, Emily Valenzuela, and Laura Meyer - 2, Bailee Allen 1 Assists: Julie Castillo 21, Emily

Valenzuela - 2, Laura Meyer and Bianca Stewart 1, Block: Rebecca Mann and Julie Castillo - 2, Bailee Allen, Bianca Stewart and Emily Valenzuela - 1, Digs: Lola Cano - 15, Daphne Hunt - 14, Laura Meyer - 11, Emily Valenzuela - 9, Bianca Terrazas - 4, Julie Castillo - 5, Serving Percent: 90, District Record: 4-1, Overall Record: 21-9



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Vada Baldree

The experts tell you never go grocery shopping when you are hungry. Why? Because you want it all! These words of wisdom pertained to me at 6:00 a.m. when sitting down to choose today's column. Maybe you'll see something to what your appetite.

**Pizza Casserole**

Shell:  
1 pkg. macaroni & cheese dinner  
2 eggs  
Topping:  
1 bell pepper, chopped  
1 med. onion, chopped  
1 can tomato sauce  
1/2 cup mushrooms, sliced  
oregano, garlic powder & cumin to taste  
sliced pepperoni 1 cup grated cheese  
To make shell:

cook macaroni & cheese according to package directions. Beat eggs well & add to macaroni mixture. Line a baking dish with mixture & bake at 350 degrees for 10 min.

Topping:  
Mix bell pepper, onion, mushrooms tomato sauce & spices well. Pour over cooked macaroni shell. Top with pepperoni & cheese or toppings of your choice. Bake 10 min. at 350 degrees or until cheese is melted. Serve with a salad if desired.

**Hominy Casserole**

1 lb. ground beef  
1/2 cup onion, chopped  
2 cups hominy  
1 cup chopped tomatoes  
1/2 cup chopped green pepper  
1 cup grated cheese  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. black pepper  
1/2 tsp. white pepper  
In a skillet, brown onion slightly in a small amount of oil. Add meat and brown. Mix hominy, tomatoes, green pepper, salt & peppers. Add to meat & onion mixture; mix well. Pour into buttered casserole & bake at 350 degrees for one hour. Re-

move from oven & sprinkle with cheese.

**Basic Bran Bread**

1 cup All-Bran cereal  
1/3 cup boiling water  
1 egg, slightly beaten  
2/3 cup buttermilk  
3 tbsp. cooking oil  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1/3 cup sugar  
3/4 cup plus 2 tbsp. flour  
Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Grease 9x5x3 in. loaf pan. Put All-bran cereal in medium mixing bowl with water. Let sit for 10 min. Add egg, buttermilk & cooking oil. Stir to incorporate. In separate bowl stir together to blend the baking soda, sugar & flour. Add dry ingredients to the wet ingredients & gently stir to blend. Pour into the loaf pan. Bake for 25-30 min. Serves 6. Bread Variations: fruit & nuts, spicy applesauce, chocolate chip, banana & blueberry. When gently stirring the fry ingredients into the wet ones when making the bread, you may add either of the following ingredients: 1/3 cup raisins, fried sliced apples, dried sliced peaches, or dried sliced bananas & 3 tbsp.

chopped pecans or walnuts or 1/3 cup applesauce, 1 tsp. cinnamon, or pinch of nutmeg, a pinch allspice & reduce cooking oil to 1 1/2 tsp. or 1/3 cup chocolate chips or 1 mashed banana & reduce cooking oil to 2 tbsp. or 1/3 cup fresh or frozen blueberries. Bake as directed above.

**Butter Pound Cake**

1 tbsp. milk  
1 egg  
1/2 tsp. vanilla  
1/2 cup flour  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/4 tsp. baking powder  
4 tbsp. butter, melted  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 2-cup glass or ceramic casserole or souffle dish. In a small bowl whisk together milk, egg & vanilla. In medium bowl stir together flour, sugar & baking powder. Add butter to the egg mixture. Pour half of the egg mixture to the flour mixture & stir vigorously for half a minute. Scrape down sides. Pour batter into dish. Bake 35-40 min. or until done. Cool 10 min. before removing from dish. cool and serve.

## Benjamin Maldonado

February 3, 1989 - October 9, 2005

If tears could build a stairway,  
And memories were a lane,  
I would walk right up to heaven,  
To bring you home again.  
No farewell words were spoken,  
No time to say good-bye.  
You were gone before we knew it,  
And only God knows why.  
Our heart still aches in sadness,  
And many, many tears still flow.  
What it meant for us to lose you,  
No one else will ever know.  
You and your angels around God's happy throne,  
We would have kept you closer to us if only we had known.  
Days go by and still we wonder why.  
You have taken a big part of us,  
And once again, Only God knows why.  
You will always be a big part in our lives.  
If only you were here, you would know why!  
We miss you Benji!

Love Always, Santos, Stephanie, and Brilliance

## Newspaper terms

**BUDGET** - The lineup of news stories scheduled for the next day's newspaper.  
**BULLET** - A large black dot used at the left edge of a column to mark each item in a series.  
**BYLINE** - The name of the writer printed at the top of a story.  
**CARRIER** - A person who delivers the newspaper to subscribers.  
**COLUMN** - The arrangement of horizontal lines of type in a news story.  
**COLUMNIST** - A person who writes a regular column giving a personal opinion.  
**DATELINE** - The line at the beginning of a story giving the place and date of the reported incident.  
**EAR** - Either corner at the top of the front page.  
**EXTRA** - A special edition of the newspaper, printed between regular editions.

**FOURTH ESTATE** - A traditional name for the press, referring to it as the "fourth branch" of government.  
**LEAD** - The first few sentences or the first paragraph of a news story.  
**LIBEL** - Publication of material unjustly injurious to someone's reputation.  
**NIE** - Program that provides newspapers, curriculum and other services for the classroom.  
**OBITUARY (OBIT)** - A biography of a deceased person printed in the newspaper.  
**PLAGIARISM** - Passing off as one's own the ideas and words of another.  
**PUT THE PAPER TO BED** - When the paper heads to press and newsroom has signed off all pages.  
**SOURCE** - The supplier of information, such as a person, book, survey, etc.



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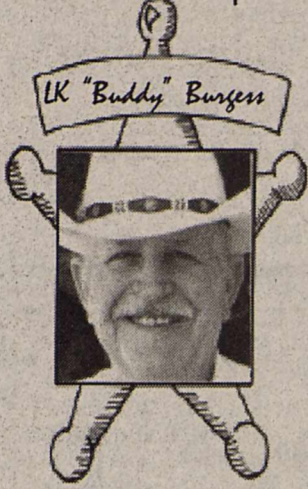
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**Kinney County Sheriff's Report**



**Monday, September 18**  
3:30 a.m. William Torres Lopez, 25, of Brackettville was arrested for aggravated assault causing bodily injury. At press time Lopez has not been released.  
10:30 a.m. Maria Montgomery, 40, of Del Rio was arrested for a false report to an officer. Montgomery was released the same day on a \$1,500 PR bond.  
2:40 p.m. Michelle Click-Joy, 43, of Brackettville was arrested for assault causing bodily injury. Click-Joy was released the same day on a \$4,000 bond.

**Wednesday, September 20**  
3:40 p.m. A BISD employee requested a deputy in reference to a fight. Deputies were dispatched. EMS was also dispatched.

**Thursday, September 21**  
12:10 a.m. A Vector Security Company employee reported an alarm sounding at the Dollar General store. A deputy was notified of the situation.  
8:50 a.m. A Border Patrol agent reported a bail out with a stolen vehicle out of San Antonio. A deputy was dispatched.  
9:00 a.m. A woman called requesting to speak with a deputy at a local establishment. A deputy was dispatched to the location.  
10:24 p.m. A woman called to report suspicious activity at the school. A deputy was dispatched.

**Friday, September 22**  
8:50 a.m. A man reported an ice chest full of beer was stolen from his residence.  
1:04 p.m. A man called to report a lost hunter. A deputy and the Game Warden were notified.

**Monday, September 25**  
8:01 a.m. A man called to report a vehicle fire at a local restaurant. The Brackettville volunteer fire department was dispatched.  
10:09 a.m. Johnathan Cervantes, 18, of Eagle Pass was arrested for possession of marijuana. As of press time, Cervantes has not been released.

**Tuesday, September 26**  
7:23 a.m. A Border Patrol agent reported a stolen vehicle in a fence on HWY 674. Deputies were dispatched.

**Wednesday, September 27**  
10:37 a.m. A woman called requesting deputy assistance with a vehicle on her property. A deputy was dispatched and no one was home.  
8:41 p.m. A local man reported suspicious vehicle leaving his ranch. A deputy was dispatched.  
9:05 p.m. A woman requested to speak with a deputy before she filed a missing persons report. A deputy was dispatched.

**Thursday, September 28**  
4:00 p.m. A woman reported a loose horse on Henderson St. A deputy was dispatched but unable to locate the animal. Later a person reported they had tied the horse up. A deputy was dispatched and found the owner.  
4:07 p.m. A Fort Clark Security employee reported a minor accident on the Fort. A deputy was dispatched.  
9:50 p.m. A woman reported her neighbors were being loud and fighting. A deputy was dispatched.  
10:25 p.m. A Pico employee called 911 to report a fight in the parking lot. A deputy was dispatched.  
11:06 p.m. A woman called to report arguing outside of her home. A deputy was dispatched.  
11:08 p.m. A woman reported a possible reckless driver on HWY 90. A deputy was notified of the situation.

**Sunday, October 1**  
10:09 p.m. A woman reported a reckless driver on Ann St. A deputy was dispatched.

**Wednesday, September 13**  
12:35 p.m. Victor Cruz, 20, of San Antonio was arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and evading arrest. Cruz was released the next day on two \$2,500 bonds.  
2:10 p.m. Jesse Saenz Martinez, 20, of Del Rio was arrested on revoke community supervision. Martinez was released September 22 on a \$5,000 bond.  
5:35 p.m. Daniel Escamilla, 22, of Del Rio was arrested for possession of marijuana. Escamilla was released the next day on a \$1,500 bond.

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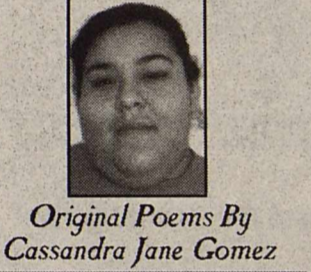
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College is not as easy as I expected it to be. Neither is being away from Brackettville, the one thing I wanted most. Those of you who don't know, the same girl who in her Senior Spotlight swore she would never go back to Brackett, has been home like every weekend. It was supposed to be easy to leave, and it has been everything but easy. And I've had serious thoughts about transferring so that I would be close to home. But, thanks to my best friends, I know I can make it here if I just try. This one's for my best friends...

I feel like words cannot express. All the love I hold inside, There is so much I'd like to tell you. Nothing I want to hide, Thank you for your years of care, And all the patience you've shown, I know I wouldn't be who I am, If loving seeds you hadn't sewn, I know I wasn't always perfect. The sun didn't always shine on me, But even when my light faded, You'd discipline so I could see

You've taught me to give my best, In all that I try to do, And giving up isn't an option, That's a quitter's attitude. You told me to show true love, Even if it isn't given in return, To look at others experiences, Use their lessons to learn, You taught me words are better said, If planned before their spoken, That lashing out can cause much pain, And friendships can be broken, And love is something I can share, With someone special someday, Because I've watched your relationship, So now I know the way, It's not that easy to be on my own, But I'm close to being there, And I'm glad my life thus far, Is something we have shared, I've seen so many families, That don't have this kind of bond I took you guys for granted, But I'm glad we've held so strong, You've been far more than parents, You're my closest friends, And without you I'd be nothing, So I love you and thanks again!

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## KCGCD considers dye/tracer study options

Submitted by Darlene Shahan, KCGCD General Manager

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District participated through a Memo of Understanding in the gathering of data conducted by the Edwards Aquifer Authority and the Uvalde County Underground Water Conservation District which resulted in the publication of *Evaluation of the Edwards Aquifer in Kinney and Uvalde Counties, Texas* authored by Ron T. Green. As a follow-up to that study, a Dye/Tracer Study was proposed to validate findings cited in the publication. The EAA had proposed doing a Dye/Tracer in Kinney County earlier this summer and presented a program defining its goals at the KCGCD Board of Directors Meeting on August 24, 2006.

On August 16, 2006, Michael Booth, on behalf of Grass Valley Water, LP, submitted a request for KCGCD sponsorship of a Dye/Tracer study to be conducted by consultants of Grass Valley Water, LP, which referenced their six permit applications now pending before KCGCD. On August 18, 2006, Grass Valley Water LP submitted a second request without referencing the now pending permit applications.

In his letter, Mr. Booth states, "After requesting information from the TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) regarding the necessary permission to perform a dye test, we were informed by Bryan Smith of the TCEQ that the EAA has made him aware that we were conducting a dye test and that the TCEQ has a rule that only a federal or state agency, county, municipality, river authority or groundwater district can conduct dye tests in the Edwards Aquifer. The EAA suggested that we needed the EAA's approval of a work plan to conduct the test but Mr. Smith said that was not necessary and that the KCGCD would be an acceptable sponsoring entity. He said that all we would need from the KCGCD would be a letter from the District stating that this test "will be conducted under the supervision of the KCGCD."

In meeting held by KCGCD on September 14, Ray Smith of Grass Valley Water, LP offered, "We have submitted all of this to the EAA, the TWDB to J Ashworth and John said he has no comments on it... That, that he says its okay and I had a conversation with him yesterday and with Bill Stein this morning and he said we're good to go." Kaveh Khorzad also explained to the Board that the District would only be involved in the injection of the dye and not the collection. "The TCEQ permit that we are requesting supervision over has nothing to do with collection, its just a what is called a classified injection permit," added Khorzad.

The District has requested and is still awaiting comments on Grass Valley Water LP's Plan for a Dye/Tracer Study in Kinney County, Texas from the Texas Water Development Board and The Edwards Aquifer Authority. Comments on Grass Valley's proposed Dye/Tracer Study has been submitted by the District's consultant, LBG Guyton. Grass Valley has requested again that Kinney County GCD sponsor their tracer study in an email sent Wednesday, September 20, 2006.

KCGCD, its consultants, Grass Valley, and Edwards Aquifer Authority met on September 22, 2006, at the request of EAA, to discuss the EAA Dye/Tracer study proposal. Steve Johnson of EAA stated that one of the purposes of the test was as a follow-up to the Green study. The dye-tracer test would help define groundwater flow paths in Kinney County and thus possibly confirm or refute the flow hypothesis presented by Dr. Green. EAA's interest is to better understand the hydro-dynamics of underground flow entering the portion of the Edwards aquifer within their management boundary to the east. Johnson said that the research funds for this project were allocated for this year and therefore their study had to be initiated by the end of the year. Loren Baxter asked Steve Johnson if he had any comments

on the Grass Valley proposed dye-tracer test. Johnson replied that he felt that the scope was too narrowly focused and did not adequately allow for the determination of where the dye was going if it didn't show up in detectable concentrations at Los Moras Springs(sp).

Velma Danielson, EAA Deputy General Manager, concluded the meeting by saying that it was important to the EAA that there be a favorable consensus pertaining to their project or that they would likely not follow through with the study. John Ashworth also said that Region J proposed a groundwater data acquisition project to the TWDB and that it was contingent on there being a sense of cooperation within the county.<sup>3</sup>

The District has submitted letters to Region J and the Edwards Aquifer Authority expressing support for the gathering of data in Kinney County.

In an email from Michael Booth to the Edwards Aquifer Authority he characterized the methods used in the Ron Green Study as being "underhanded". He goes on to state, "We fear bias in any dye test conducted by the EAA in Kinney county because of two factors: (a) the above referenced map showing the "Expected Route" connecting Grass Valley Water to the Los Moras Springs(sp) and (b) a comment made at the meeting on Friday. Steve Johnson, when discussing how dye tests are evaluated, stated that even is dye did no(sp) appear in the Los Moras Springs(sp), it did not mean that Los Moras Spring was not connected to Grass Valley. It simply meant that the dye had not been detected."

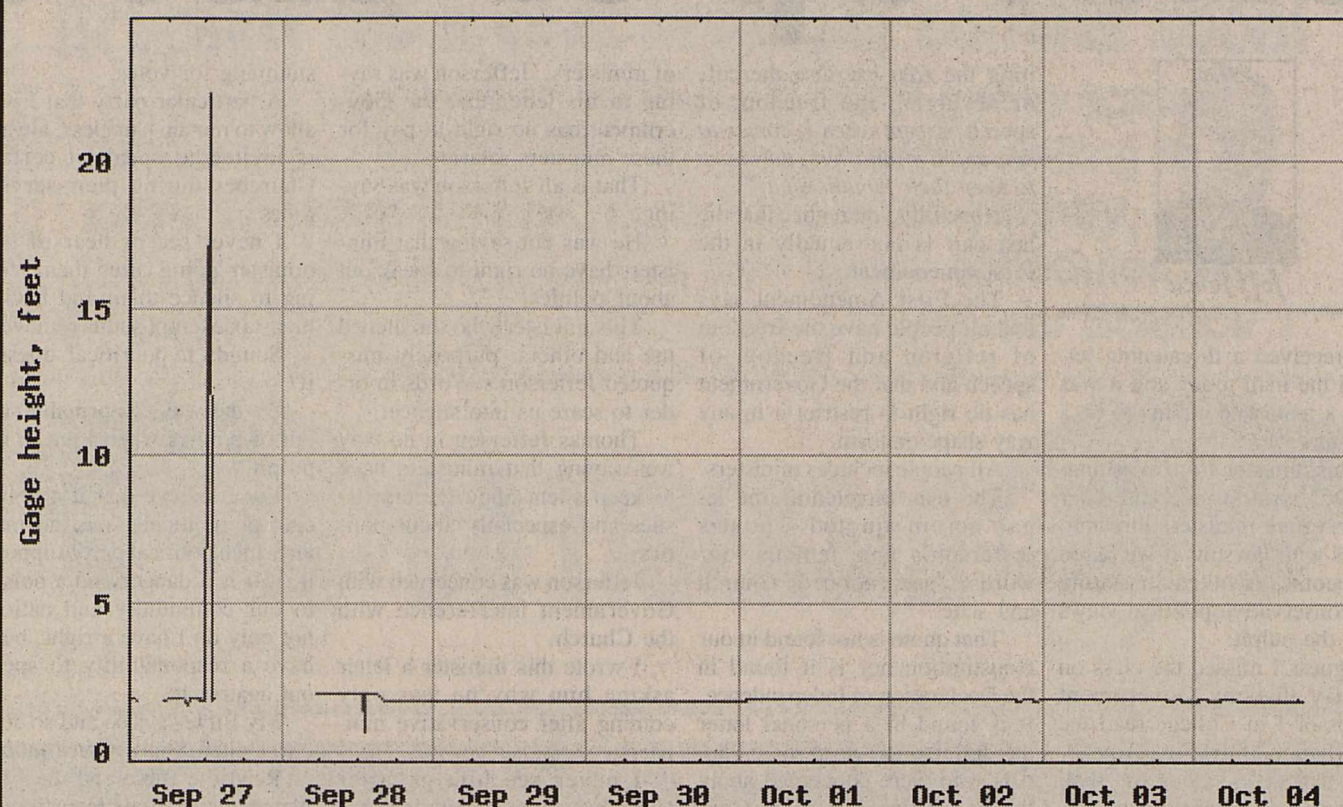
1 TCEQ Rule §331, 18\*a\*2(provides that wells which inject non-toxic tracer dyes into the Edwards Aquifer for the purpose of conducting scientific studies to determine hydrologic flow-paths may be authorized if the well is owned or operated by a specified governmental entity.

2 A Second "Expected Route" is also cited on the referenced map on a line directly to Pinto Springs.

3 Total funding for Project 1 is cited as \$230,000 Kinney is also included in Regions J's proposed Project 2.



USGS 08456300 Las Moras Spgs at Brackettville, TX



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Graph Courtesy of U.S. Geological Survey www.usgs.gov

## Weekly migratory bird hunting report



Weekly migratory bird hunting reports are posted from late August through early February.

North Zone Dove: Hunters are taking limits to half-limits in sunflowers and milo fields in the High Plains region.

Unseasonably warm temperatures have done nothing to spark a new migration of doves to the area. Forecasts this week expect record highs in the region. Half-limits have been taken in the afternoon around Terrell, Marshall, Bogota, Palestine and Mount Pleasant. Those able to let a field rest often have scored better hunts. Areas with water have produced better in the afternoon. Hunter participation

has waned. Prospects are fair.

Central Zone Dove: Hunters are hoping for another cool front to deposit new birds to stale fields; however, no cooler weather is in sight, at least for the next week.

Best hunts have occurred around Uvalde, San Antonio, Hondo, Sabin, Waco, Austin and San Saba. Those able to get out and scout have seen more birds. Those able to rotate fields have done better as many doves have moved on in fields with heavy pressure.

Best hunting scenarios have been around water in the afternoon. Until cooler weather hits Texas, prospects are fair.

South Zone Dove: Best hunts have come from the Rio Grande Valley area. Cameron and

Willacy County fields have been good for mourners and whitewings. Del Rio, Laredo and Uvalde has been fair to good around watering holes in the afternoon.

Plowed ground along coastal counties have been fair to good for limits and half-limits as long as hunters do not hunt a field too hard. Fields near Winnie and Anahuac have been good for half-limits. Matagorda and Wharton County hunters have taken half-limits lately as well. The region needs another wave of birds. Prospects are fair to good.

Waterfowl Migration: Blue-winged teal remains the most abundant specie of waterfowl in Texas now. Pintails are beginning to show in small groups

along the bays and on the prairie. Some shovelers and a few wigeons have been spotted as well. No significant concentrations of geese have been seen on the coast.

A few specklebellies have been spotted, but only a single here and a single there. Specklebellies normally hit Texas in force sometime around the middle of October, depending on moon phase and frequency of cold fronts.

Snow geese usually show at the end of October or the first of November, depending on temperatures in the northern states.

No change in temperature is expected this week. Forecasts call for record highs in Texas this week.

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## Shut up or else !



Jeff Janca

I received a threatening letter in the mail today and it was from a man who claims to be a minister.

This minister from Washington DC, wrote to me and other conservative ministers threatening us with lawsuits if we dared to become involved in stating our conservative political views from the pulpit.

I guess I missed the class on the day that my Government Professor I in College read the new version of the First Amendment that says, "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishing of religion, or prohib-

iting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, *except when it comes to conservative ministers, they have to keep their mouths shut.*"

Hopefully you realize that the last part is not actually in the First Amendment.

The First Amendment says that all people have the freedom of religion and freedom of speech and that the Government has no right to restrict it in any way shape or form.

All people includes ministers. The man threatening the legal action quoted Thomas Jefferson's now famous four words, "separation of Church and state."

That quote is not found in our Constitution nor is it found in the Declaration of Independence. It is found in a personal letter that Jefferson wrote to some Baptists who were concerned about the possibility of a State Government paying for the salaries

of ministers. Jefferson was saying in his letter that the Government has no right to pay for these ministers salaries.

That is all Jefferson was saying.

He was not saying that ministers have no right to speak out about politics.

This minister who threatened me and others, purposely misquoted Jefferson's Words in order to scare us into silence.

Thomas Jefferson in no way was saying that ministers have to keep silent about certain issues and especially about politics.

Jefferson was concerned with Government interference with the Church.

I wrote this minister a letter asking him why he was only coming after conservative ministers.

I never see him go after Churches that have politicians in their Churches all the time

stumping for votes.

A particular party that I will allow to remain nameless, always is invited to speak at certain Churches during their service times.

I never see or hear of this minister going after them, trying to silence them and having their tax exempt status removed. Sounds hypocritical doesn't it?

By the way, I normally stay out of politics when I am in the pulpit.

But I believe that if a politician or political issue, no matter which political party supports it, if it is a danger and a poison to our community and nation, not only do I have a right, but I have a responsibility to speak out against it.

My Bible says so and so does our United States Constitution.

Read the Bible and the First Amendment of our Constitution and you will agree.

## October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Information about Inflammatory Breast Cancer

Since October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, I am trying to cover information about it to help the residents of Kinney County be more knowledgeable about breast cancer symptoms, etc. Please look for other articles which will appear each week in the Brackett News.

It appears that e-mails have covered inflammatory breast cancer (IBC) in the past few years. If it had not been for an e-mail, I would not have heard about it myself. According to the website Cancer.gov, IBC is considered to be a rare, but a very aggressive form of breast cancer. It accounts for 1 to 5 percent of all breast cancers. The inflammatory breast cancer cells blocks the lymph nodes which causes the skin of the breast to look swollen and red. Women are usually diagnosed with it at a younger age than other breast cancers, and it occurs in black women more than white or other minorities. Men are not exempt from inflammatory breast cancer, but it occurs at a later age than women.

Symptoms of IBC may include redness, swelling, and

warmth in the breast, and the skin of the breast may appear pink, reddish, purple, or bruised. The skin may appear pitted and or have ridges similar to the skin of the orange. There may be heaviness, burning, itching, aching, an increase in breast size, tenderness, or a nipple inverted.

Diagnosis of IBC is based on your physician's clinical examination along with mammograms and ultrasound of you think that you are experiencing these symptoms, please have them checked out as soon as possible. Before you see your physician, a good webpage is [www.ibcresearch.org](http://www.ibcresearch.org). It will help you with talking to your physician about your concerns.

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Rev. Bill Adams Sr.

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thou there, or sit here under my foot stool:

Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?

Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not god chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

If ye fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well.

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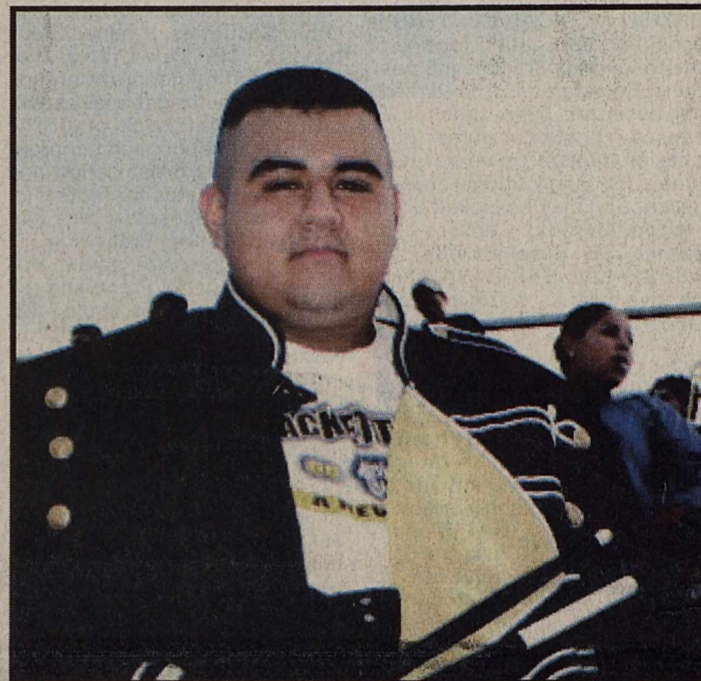
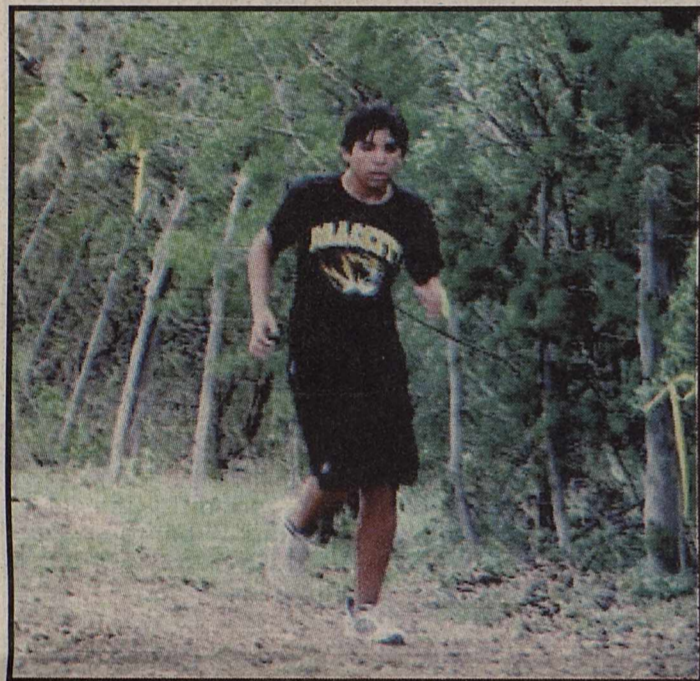
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