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City says animals at impound not mistreated

City of Brackettville council members discussed allegations of animal cruelty at a regular meeting on October 10.

Bill and Angela Haenn, of Fort Clark Springs, allege a small black dog was abused and neglected while in city's custody at the animal kennel located off Hwy. 90.

Between Sept. 15 and Sept. 21, Angela Haenn states in a sworn affidavit that she observed, "a black female mongrel dog" become increasingly feeble and dehydrated.

Mayor Pro-Tem Matt Bland stated the city has no knowledge

of any city employee engaging in acts of abuse against animals in the city's custody.

City Secretary Bonnie Mayes maintains the city feeds, provides water and cleans the kennels as required by law, but explained the city was "not an adoption shelter," and unclaimed animals are disposed of by lethal gas after a minimum of 72 hours.

City data logs show the "black dog" was picked up on Sept. 11 at 3:55 p.m. and "disposed," on Sept. 21, at 8:33 a.m.

The city must pass a surprise inspection of its impoundment

facilities by the Texas Department of State Health Services on an annual basis.

On Aug. 10, the city received a satisfactory rating, the highest of three levels.

The rest of the meeting proved very successful for the council voted to start accepting applications for a municipal judge and a police officer.

The council also decided to require gas, water, animal control and other supervisors to attend the council meeting.

"I feel this will help the council stay more informed," said Alderman Ponce Padron.

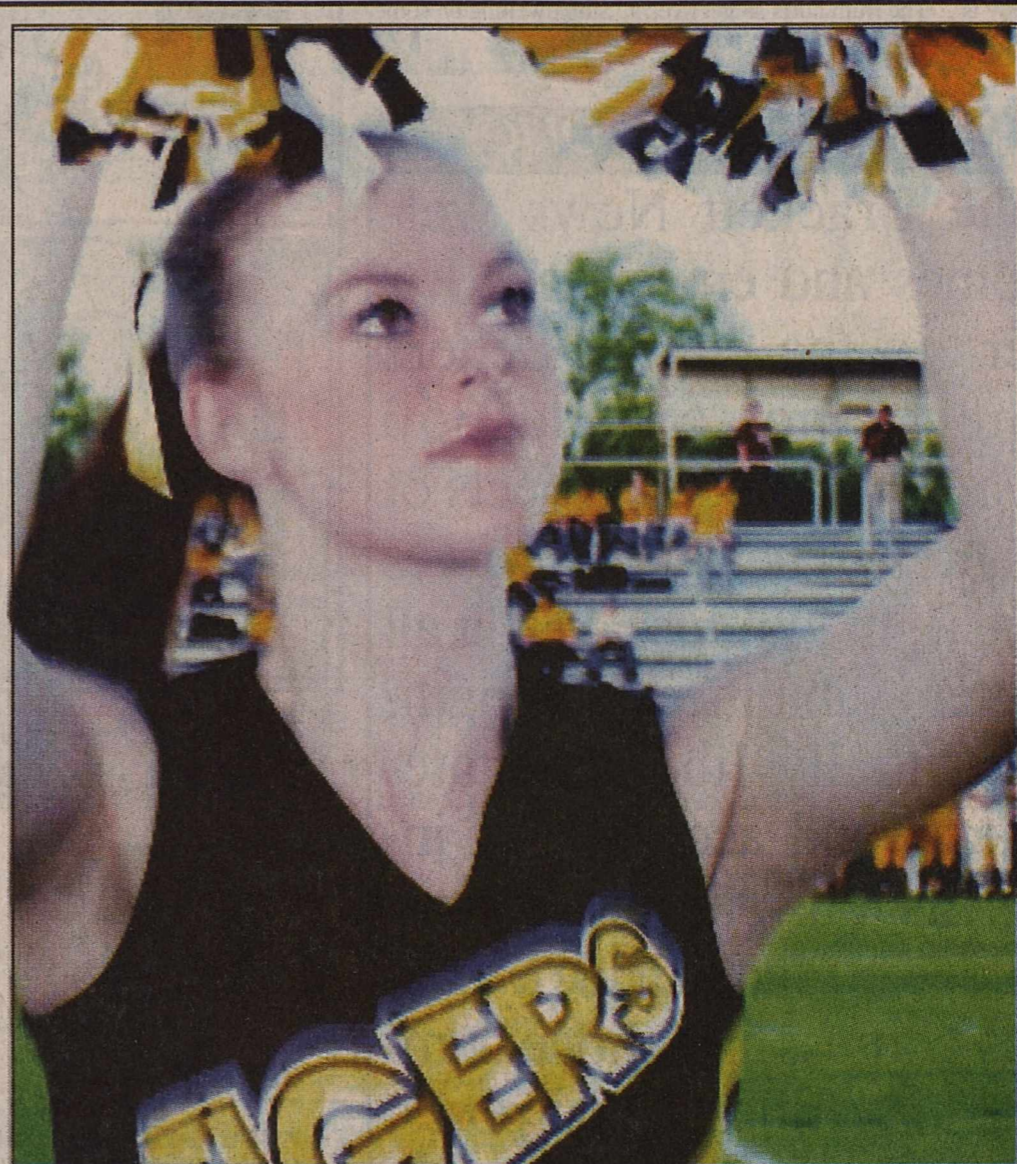
During the secretary's comments, Mayes detailed an emerging situation with Waste Management Inc., the company that has been contracted to haul the trash from the dump on Hwy. 90 to a facility in Bexar County.

The city received a new contract from Waste Management early Tuesday raising the cost for trash removal from approximately \$5,000 to over \$15,000 per month, essentially pricing the city out of services.

Mayor Eduardo Esparza urged the council not to panic and instructed Secretary Mayes to contact other waste management companies and the Texas Comm. on Environmental Quality.



This dog was impounded by the City of Brackettville on Sept. 11 and later



Go Tigers Go!

Photo by Leigh Volcsko

Brackett High School Varsity cheerleader Becca Mann encourages the crowd to cheer a little louder for the home team. Becca is the daughter of David and Lynette of Brackettville. The Tigers will play their first district game against D'Hanis at home Oct. 13.

Co-op's annual meeting to be held in Dell City

Submitted by Cindy Edwards
Rio Grande Electric Co-op

RGEC's 61st Annual Meeting will be held in Dell City, Texas, Saturday, October 14. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Mountain Time, which is one hour behind Central Time, and the business meeting gets underway promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Dell City is a small farming community of emerald green alfalfa fields with the majestic Guadalupe Mountains as a backdrop.

This is a good opportunity to make a weekend trip, attend the meeting, and take in some spectacular West Texas scenery!

The minimum value of door prizes to be awarded this year has been increased to \$100, so be sure to be registered before 10:00 a.m., in order to be eligible.

The Grand Prize Drawing is for a "Retired" Co-op Pickup Truck!

Accommodations are available in Van Horn, which is approximately 90 miles Southeast of Dell City, or El Paso, which is approximately 90 miles to the West.

From Brackettville, the most direct route to Dell City is through Del Rio, Sanderson, Fort Stockton, Van Horn, and then on to Dell City. The following map may be useful for those making the trip. Dell City is indicated by a small star. See page five for detailed map.



Seems Like Yesterday!

Photo Courtesy of RGEC

Fashions certainly have changed since Rio Grande Electric Cooperative held this Annual Membership Meeting at Ft. Clark Springs, Brackettville, in 1957! Though a lot of things have changed through the years, one remains constant - the RGEC annual meetings are always informative, and provide a chance to enjoy some great conversation, entertainment, free food, and door prizes!

News BRIEFS

Weekend WEATHER

Friday

Isolated Tstorms
High:73
Low:63

Saturday

Isolated Tstorms
High:73
Low:66

Sunday

Isolated Tstorms
High:84
Low:71

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 Sat., Oct. 14 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Ag Shop. This will be the last day animals will be validated. If there is a problem, please contact the Extension Office at 830-563-2442.

Water District News

The Boulware et al vs. KCGCD and Darlene Shahan Hearing date has been postponed. Pursuant to a telephone conference held Oct. 11, a hearing in Boulware et al vs. KCGCD et al will be held in Uvalde on

Oct. 30, at 10 a.m. to address all issues currently pending before the court. The Courthouse address is:Uvalde County Courthouse, Courthouse Square, 100 Getty Street, Uvalde, Texas 78801.

Recorded Rainfall

Only ¼" of rain was recorded at The Brackett News Weather Center this week. 1.61" of rain was reported at 581 Club Park Road on Fort Clark Springs. Report rain gauge readings from your part of the county by phone 830-563-2852 or via email tnews@sbglobal.net. Please include your address!

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.

After Game Fellowship

There will be a Junior High and Senior High Youth After Game Fellowship this Friday, October 13 at First Baptist Church Brackettville following the football game with DHanis. For more information please call 563.2245. Go Tigers.

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. FOR MORE INFO (830) 563-2580, FAX (830) 563-9226, email: happy@hilconet.com or VISIT: www.alamo.village.com. Rental Horses are available, please call Bub Winn 830-279-0185

Editors Weekly PLOG

The truth hurts

Everyday in life, you find out things that break your heart or make you mad so, this week my message to everyone in Kinney County is... The truth hurts so get over it. Stop dwelling on something that you don't have the power to change.

Allison T.

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.

Letter To The EDITOR

Dear Editor,
I recently became aware of such an appalling thing happening in our community that I feel the need to speak out.

Located on Hwy. 90 is what serves as the city pound. This is where stray dogs are taken and kept for a period of time.

Anyone who has lost a pet can check with the city to see if their pet is there.

What I am so concerned about is:

1. The treatment of these animals while they are there.
2. The number of days an animal is kept.
3. Can a person arrange to save an unclaimed dog?
4. The method of destroying an animal once it has not been claimed. Such horrific abuse of animals kept there was recently witnessed and documented. How many days are animals kept--is enough time allowed for an owner to be able to see if their pet is there? Is there a standard procedure to follow if someone

should want to save a dog? What is the method of destroying an animal...is it up to the individual(s) sent to do the job? Are these animals all subjected to cruelty (being kicked until they are almost dead) because "it has to be shot anyway"? Is this legal according to Texas law? There are other more humane way of putting an animal down. It is hard for me to believe that any one could be so cruel - is this a neighbor or someone we know? I shudder to think that we have people like that living in our community. I believe that how people treat poor, defenseless animals is indicative of their character. Are we as a community going to stand by and allow this to go on? I hope not! If more people would inquire and express their feelings about this situation perhaps some changes will be made. It is my sincere hope that this situation with the city pound is soon rectified.

Linda K. Nelson

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What can you expect if inflation heats up?



Emily Cooper

Inflation has been in the news quite a bit lately. After years of enjoying very mild inflation rates, we may be entering a period in which we experience more significant price increases on a broad range of products and services. As a consumer, you can easily see what increased inflation might mean to you. But will higher inflation hurt your investments?

Before you can answer this question, you need to be familiar with a little monetary policy, as set by the Federal Reserve, our nation's central bank. If the Fed believes that we may be experiencing substantial increases in the cost of living, it will try to "cool off" the economy by raising short-term interest rates. And that's just what it has done over the past couple of years.

So, as you can see, there's typically a positive correlation between rising inflation and higher short-term interest rates. Now we can return to our initial inquiry: Will inflation harm your investments? Well, it depends. In the short run, when interest rates rise, it becomes more expensive for companies to borrow to finance their operations; consequently, their profit margins may be squeezed and their stock prices might fall.

Yet, even in an environment of higher inflation, there are reasons to be encouraged about the stock market. In the long run, inflation allows companies to raise prices, thereby boosting the dollar value of their sales and earnings. And the threat of higher prices may spur people to buy sooner, rather than later, so some consumer-oriented businesses may actually benefit from inflation. If that happens, their profit outlook may improve, as will their attractiveness to investors.

In short, if you own stocks, the threat of inflation, by itself, is no reason to panic. However, you may want to look over your portfolio with your financial professional to see if you need to make adjustments, because different market sectors will respond differently to higher interest rates.

Inflation: Bad news for bonds? People can debate inflation's effect on the stock market, but when it comes to bonds, the evidence is pretty clear. If the Fed thinks inflation is creeping up, it will raise short-term interest rates, and that hurts bond prices. That's because people will not pay face value for your bonds if newer ones are available with higher interest rates. However, most investors buy bonds for the income they provide. So if you hold your bonds until maturity, or they are called, you will still receive interest payments along the way and receive your initial investment upon maturity.

There are other things you can do to help improve the long-term outlook for your fixed-income investments. For one thing, you can build a "bond ladder" by purchasing bonds of varying maturities - short-, intermediate- and long-term. Once you have established a bond ladder, you are prepared for both rising and falling interest rates. When rates are rising, the proceeds from your maturing bonds can be used to invest in new bonds at the higher levels. When market rates are falling, you may not be able to purchase new bonds at the previous rates, but you'll continue to benefit from the higher rates offered by your longer-term bonds.

Review your options Worries over inflation are real - but, in the long run, they may be overblown. As we've seen, the Federal Reserve is actively fighting inflation, and it has been pretty successful at doing so for the past couple of decades. But in any case, it's not a bad idea to be prepared for inflationary pressures by reviewing all your options with your financial professional.

Don't kill the cash cow



Gina Parker

Recently, the U.S. House of Representatives passed one of the most important pieces of legislation of our time - the Public Expression of Religion Act (PERA). Although Central Texas Congressman Chet Edwards (D-Waco) voted against this badly needed bill, the moral majority was victorious in passing what could potentially kill the cash cow of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

The PERA provides that when municipalities or states are sued over public expressions of religion, attorney's fees will not

be awarded. Currently, the plaintiffs of the majority of anti-religious cases are represented by the ACLU and their attorneys take a windfall - all at the taxpayers' expense.

As the bill's sponsor, Representative John Hostettler (R-Indiana) appropriately commented, "I believe it's time to bring this extortion to an end." Opponents of the legislation, including the ACLU, argued that if the legislation passed, all Establishment Clause cases would be kept out of the courthouse, further infringing on the people's religious liberties.

Rep. Hostettler contends, however, quite the opposite will happen because with the passage of the legislation, more cases would actually reach the Supreme Court since local officials would not be afraid of losing millions of dollars in litigation expenses.

Although PERA passed the House with flying colors, it must now make it through the Senate, a feat that will prove much more difficult. Senator Sam Brownback (R-Kansas), sponsor of the Senate version, was delighted that the bill is halfway to becoming law.

He noted that the ACLU and others have used these legal fees as blackmail against communities and putting an end to these malicious practices is past due.

I encourage you to contact your Senators today and ask them to cosponsor this important piece of legislation.

President Ronald Reagan wisely commented, "Freedom prospers when religion is vibrant and the rule of law under God is acknowledged."

If we fail to prevent the ACLU from profiting from silencing religion in America, we will have neither.

I don't have time



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

When you hear yourself utter these words, "I don't have time!" either in your head or out loud to your family I want you to stop in your tracks. This is just another form of whining. Yes you heard me right.

We all have 24 hours in a day. In our perfectionism there will never be enough hours to do what we need to do, because the job will never be finished. Now in our defense we were taught by well meaning people that were taught by another generation of well meaning people

that if you can't do it right then don't do it at all! So why shouldn't we procrastinate; in our minds we don't have enough time to do it right so why even start!

I am determined to put an end to this stinkin' thinkin' once and for all! Our perfectionism will not allow us to do just a little. We have to hyper-focus till the job is done! Well I don't know about you but in my home there are things that don't ever get finished: Dishes, laundry and hot spots. It is a continual battle but here is the difference. I don't look at it as a battle, it is a blessing. Yes you got that right. Dirty dishes are a blessing, because when they are put away I am blessing my family. Laundry is the same way. I am no longer chained to a chore but I have been given a chance to show my sweet darling that I care for him.

After all, nothing says I love you, like clean underwear.

So when we have a change in our attitude from feeling martyred to finding joy in blessing our family, we will have time to do just a little. In the south we call that "hit a lick at a snake". This is why we love our timer so much. We can accomplish more than we think if we will just set our timer for 15 minutes and jump in. So maybe you don't think you have 15 minutes; well quit whining and do 5 minutes.

I just realized something about myself. I am more apt to do something for Robert than I am for myself. Just this morning as he was going down to get the newspaper he asked if I wanted him to build me a cup of coffee. (we have one of those one cup machines) I told him that would be lovely and as soon as my cup finished I got right up and fixed him one before he got back from the mailbox (we have a long driveway). So we blessed each other with a simple cup of coffee. We could have made them for ourselves but what fun is that.

Perfectionism is a nasty habit that we have to remove to make room for peace. I hate the word perfect. It steals our joy and causes us to hyper-focus and procrastinate. When we eliminate this word and the action or inaction that comes from its pressure we will be a happier people!

Perfectionism has so many layers just like our clutter! I still catch myself falling under its spell, but I am getting good at not being victimized by it for very long. Now I have learned to laugh at it and keep right on FLYing!

I have three rules that I live by. Don't sweat the small stuff; what doesn't matter, just doesn't matter. To laugh every day; even if it is at myself. And to love like there is no tomorrow!

Are you ready to FLY with me? Let go of that perfectionism that has been holding you down and soar higher than you ever dreamed!

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Going For The Tackle
The Cubs vs. the Sabinal Yellow Jackets on Thursday, October 5 in Brackett. The Cubs tied 8-8 with Sabinal.

Photo by Jene Hurney

Jones Elementary Perfect Attendance and A, A/B Honor Roll

Submitted by Jones Elementary

Perfect Attendance

Pre-K

Juliette Baker- A.M., Diego Castillo- P.M., Autumn Clementz- P.M., Kristopher Creel- A.M., Javier Deleon- P.M., Mason Eckenrod- A.M., Daylon Fohn- A.M., Abby Garza- P.M., Andie Gerardo- P.M., Leighton Johnson- A.M., Desiree McKaskle- A.M., Nicole Mestas- P.M., Lizette Rivas- A.M. and Mauro Talamantes- P.M.

Kindergarten

Mrs. Price

Savannah Brandt, Kristina Cook, Victor Huerta, Tanner Slubar, Kimmie Stafford, Jewel Swift and Tyler Winfree.

Mrs. Blake

Kyle Garza, Judit Pinales, Lucero Rodriguez, Isaias Talamantes and Nataless Terrazas.

Mrs. Conoly

Alejandro DeHoyos, Karissa Falcon, Mya Garcia, Kaili Price and Devin Villarreal.

First Grade

Aden Aldaco, Eddie Argil, Adam Brandt, Ayme Bruce, Rodrigo Elizondo, Chasity Flores, Brian Garza, Alex Garza, Tyler Grayson, Virginia Guerrero, Moses Hernandez, Christian Luna, Dymond Luna, Ethan Martin, Tony Martinez, Haley Pearson, Jeremiah Sandoval, Zachary Sweet, Luis Talamantes, Nathaniel Talamantes, Jesse Travieso and Baldo Vasquez.

Second Grade

Britney Castilla, Kymie Creel, Hector Cruz, Briana Flores, Justin Gallegos, Miracle Garza, Alberto Gonzales, Celina Hernandez, Xavier, Herrera, Justin Hidalgo, Christina Janca, Karina Martinez, Rayissa Munoz, Laura Novel, Nathan Pearson, Julian Quiroz, Kyle Ramirez, Darius Richard, J.T. Rosas, Leann Salazar, Abby Stoffel, Destiny Terrazas, Javier Valdez and Angel Villarreal.

Third Grade

Anthony Aldaco, Ramon Castillo, Jordan Clementz, Dezarey Falcon, Albert Flores, Katee Flores, Ramiro Flores, Kate Frerich, Isabel Garcia, Walker Harris, Elle Johnson, Diego Luna, Nolberto Martinez, Rafael Martinez, Kaitlyn Partlow, Jairo Pinales, Jeyson Price, Adrian Resendez, Benjamin Rodriguez, Eleazar Salazar, Jonathon Stafford, Max Stoffel, Skie Vega, Alyssa Villarreal, Dylan Villarreal and Tony Zamora.

Fourth Grade

Yessenia Argil, Kate Castillo, Peyton Bonner, Taylor Carcasi, Mark Garcia, Christian Lopez, Marco Novel, Christian Quiroz, Amber Resendez, Denise Salmon, Gabby Sandoval, Tea Sandoval, Bryce Slubar, Lindsey Sweet, Saul Talamantes, Juanita Vasquez, Donovan Villarreal and Yasmine White.

Fifth Grade

Judy Adams, Korlee Allen, Issaac Baldillez, Arturo Castillo,

McKenzie Castillo, Isaiah Clementz, Trevor Clementz, Demetrick Crowder, Clarrisa Cruz, Jose Falcon, Clay Flores, Dolores Garza, Javier Gomez, Marisol Gomez, Tristan Ostby, Joshua Pena, Zackary Pevehouse, Paul Resendez, Marlinda Rivas, Clarissa Valdez and Damian Villarreal.

Sixth Grade

Priscilla Aguirre, Selina Gerardo, Sariah Guartuche, Josh Tait, Austin Pettett, Maria Villarreal, Daniel Brinker, Tariz Cherradi, Brittany Culpepper, Meghan Flores, Briana Garza, Jeffery Herrera, Jonathon Quiroz, Ervey Rodriguez, Ethan Justice, Cesar Castillo, Calli Campos, Kelsey Molano, Ryan Clark, Rolando Gutierrez, Juan Talamantes and Jorge Villarreal.

A&B HONOR ROLL

First Grade

Aden Aldaco, Eddie Argil, Rodrigo Elizondo, Alex Garza, Brian Garza, Tyler Grayson, Miriam Hernandez, Moses Hernandez, Zach Koontz, Carlos Lopez, Ethan Martin, Vicente Sanchez, Zachary Sweet and Luis Talamantes.

Second Grade

James Amescua, Keyynn Blevins, Hayden Carcasi, Erick Domenech, Marissa Flores, Justin Gallegos, Alex Graza, Brian Hernandez, Celina Hernandez, Justin Hidalgo, Rayissa Munoz, Patrick Ortiz, Nathan Pearson, Darius Richard, Jesus Rodriguez, Rico Rodriguez, Rey Sandoval, Lane Steelman, Aaron Talamantes, Javier Valdez and Caleb Volcsko.

Third Grade

Jordan Clementz, Albert Flores, Beth Fuentes, Walker Harris, Alyssa Martinez, Kaitlyn Partlow and Adrian Resendez.

Fourth Grade

Webb Ashley, Peyton Bonner, Zachary Bowers, Taylor Carcasi, Blake Duncan, Teno Flores, Griffin Grayson, Mark Garcia, Martin Guzman, Christian Lopez, David Ortega, Karina Perez, Christian Quiroz, Amber Resendez, Denise Salmon, Gabby Sandoval, Joaquin Solis, Bryan Stack and Yasmine White.

Fifth Grade

Judy Adams, Wyatt Blake, McKenzie Castillo, Clarissa Cruz, Clay Flores, Shannon Gammill, Marisol Gomez, Tristan Ostby, Paul Resendez, Consuelo Rodriguez, Garon Rueda, August Stephenson, Juan Talamantes, Tiffany Travieso and Jorge Villarreal.

Sixth Grade

Selene Talamantes, Ethan Justice, Kelsey Molano, Juan Ramos, Vanessa Villarreal, Sariah Guartuche, Austin Pettett, Selina Gerardo, Brittany Culpepper, Vanerick Domenech, Marissa Villarreal, Daylon Miller, Daniel Brinker, Priscilla Aguirre and Adam Resendez.

All "A" HONOR ROLL

First Grade

Dillon Blevins, Ayme Bruce, Kirstin Frerich, Virginia Fuentes, Joey Graza, Amy

Herrera, Tori Luce, Christian Luna, Dymond Luna, Juan Morales, Destiny Ocasio, Lizet Ortiz, Jackie Pacheco, Haley Pearson, Roman Rosas, Lyna Salazar, Jeremiah Sandoval, Ysabella Stack, Nathaniel Talamantes, Jesse Travieso and Baldo Vasquez.

Second Grade

Britney Castilla, Kymie Creel, Briana Flores, Danie Gerardo, Alexa Harris, Christina Janca, Dylan Lutz, Karina Martinez, Laura Novel, Julian Quiroz, J.T. Rosas, Leann Salazar, Tyler Schuster, Alexa Solis, Abby Stoffel, Destiny Terrazas, Angel Villarreal and

Jada White.
Third Grade
Anthony Aldaco, Walt Ashley, Billy Bland, Brandon Blevins, Gage Brown, Roman Castillo, Dezarey Falcon, Katee Flores, Kate Freich, Isabel Garcia, Elle Johnson, Marley Koontz, Madison Luce, Diego Luna, Estrella Martinez, Nolberto Martinez, Rafael Martinez, Emma Palmer, Jairo Pinales, Jeyson Price, Benjamin Rodriguez, Jonathon Stafford, Max Stoffel, Skie Vega, Alyssa Villarreal and Tony Zamora.

Fourth Grade

Morgan Brown and Maddie Frerich.

Fifth Grade

Korlee Allen, Gage Anderson, Nadia Rodriguez, Shelby Shuster.

Sixth Grade

Josh Tait and Meghan Flores.

****The first six weeks started 8-21-06 and ended 9-29-06.

***Report cards went out on Friday 10-06-06.

**The second six weeks of school started 10-02-06 and ends 11-10-06.

*The six weeks information can be found on our school calendar and on the school web site.

VOLLEYBALL UPDATE

Submitted by Coach Rhonda Marquardt

Brackett beat Uvalde Tafolla Charter School: 25-0; 25-1; 25-5 Kills: Rebecca Mann, 4, Laura Meyer, 2, Bailee Allen, Bianca Terrazas, Daphne Hunt, and Summer allen, 1. Assists: Emily Valenzuela, 3, Bianca Stewart and Laura Meyer, 1.

Aces: Emily Valenzuela, 8, Julie Castillo, 3, Laura Meyer, 2, Bianca Terrazas, 1.

Brackett record is 23-9; District Record is 6-1. Valenzuela set the school record by serving 25 points in a row.

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GARDEN CLUB UPDATE

Submitted by Leslie Jones

On Sept. 14, 2006, the Mountain Laurel Garden Club met at the Adult Center on Ft. Clark Springs. Vice President Nancy Stone led the business meeting with 18 members and 2 guests attending. All committee reports were accepted and it was noted Rose Bushes will honor the memories of Patsy York and Patsy Callnan. These ladies were very active in past endeavors with Garden Club in beautifying our surroundings.

Our membership takes care of the Rose Garden at the Administration Building Courtyard and the planters out front, the cactus garden at the Suter Store and planting beds at the Golf Club/restaurant. In the past many trees have been planted honoring past members. Our continuing beautifications funds in the past placed sprinklers, planting and

trees around the Service Center and in the future we see the Horse Statue needing new plantings. Contributions are always welcome from non-members toward projects such as these.

Our newest project is the Yard of the Month, honoring those who are actively doing their part in making our association appealing to everyone's eye. We know that sparking interest in keeping our homes and green areas clean and tidy helps all of us feel better.

Mary Francis Partlow provided refreshments and gave the program on Faux painting. This gave us the steps to take and tools and paints needed to beautify our homes in small picture frames or while walls. The effects were impressive. Our next meeting is today beginning at 9 a.m. with social time and the meeting with presentation begins at 9:30 a.m. Please consider membership in our club, you are welcome.

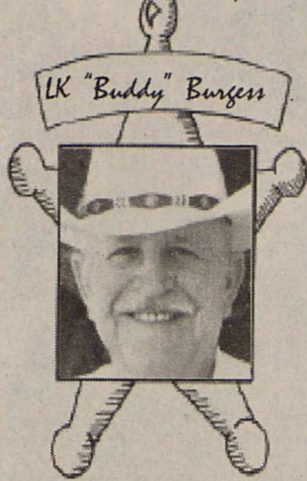
LIONS CLUB UPDATE

Submitted by Lynn McNew

On Tuesday, August 15th, the Brackettville Lions Club hosted a luncheon for the faculty and staff of Brackett ISD. Approximately 100 staff members enjoyed a luncheon of cold cuts and cheese, salads, veggies, fruit

and homemade desserts. The Lions have been hosting a meal for the teachers for about 35 years. Originally it was an evening barbe-que for the staff and their families. Over the years, as the staff has grown in size, the luncheon has evolved and is now an annual tradition.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Monday, October 2

Rodrigo Perez, 23, of Brackettville, was arrested for Burglary of a Habit. Serving six months.

1:15 p.m. A motorist hit the sign in front of Burger and Shake.

3:32 p.m. An employee of the Boersig Ranch called KCSO to report the front gate had been hit. Workers noticed a white Ford F 150 was hiding in the bushes.

10:10 p.m. A woman requested a deputy to go to her house due to family fighting.

10:22 p.m. A FCSA resident called the KCSO requesting a deputy to come and escort a young man off his property. When the

deputy arrived the father of the young man was taking him home.

11:23 p.m. KCSO received a call from the BP Station reporting two vehicles going up 674 at a high rate of speed passing a BP Unit. A deputy was notified of the situation and was in route. At 11:19 BP called back stating the vehicle had rolled over and requesting an ambulance. EMS was dispatched, EMS called back stating there was one fatality, two critical, and wounded, Air Life was called to transport. Brackett Fire Dept. was called out to set up the landing zone in front of FSC. Air Life transported four to University Hospital.

Tuesday, October 3

3:32 p.m. An employee from Dollar Store requested a deputy at the store. A Deputy was dispatched.

8:07 p.m. A woman called the KCSO requesting a deputy at her resident, she was having problems with her husband.

8:30 p.m. A 911 call came in referring to a black cow on hwy 3008. The rancher was called.

8:52 p.m. A rancher called the KCSO stating there was an 18' wheeler leaving his ranch without permission. A deputy was enroute. The person with the 18 wheeler called back and said they did not need his service. The rancher called back and said yes they do need a deputy. A deputy was sent to

do a stand-by until the individuals left the ranch.

9:50 p.m. A call came in stating there was an 18 wheeler stealing water by the swim park. A deputy was dispatched.

Wednesday, October 4

10:15 a.m. A call came in stating there were loose cattle on hwy 131. The rancher was notified and he wife took care of the cattle.

8:35 p.m. A man called KCSO stating that some stray dogs would not let him out of his residence. The City was called and took care of the dogs.

8:06 p.m. A caller requested a deputy to the Little League field because of a fight in progress. A deputy was dispatched.

8:23 p.m. KCSO received a 911 call about a fight at the Little League field. A deputy was at the location.

10:57 p.m. A 911 call came in stating that he saw someone walking around at the auto parts store, he also stated the dog was barking. A deputy was dispatched.

Thursday, October 5

8:15 a.m. KCSO received a call stating there was a minor accident on hwy 131/1908, truck hit a pole, no injuries.

3:51 p.m. A caller requested advice on domestic issues.

8:10 p.m. KCSO received a call from FCS security stating that a lady needed to speak to a deputy.

Friday, October 6

6:38 a.m. An employee at Pico's called in stating she was having trouble with a customer. The customer is banned from Pico's.

8:30 p.m. Sentury Security called the KCSO stating there was a burglar alarm was going off at the Dollar Store. A deputy was dispatched.

12:30 a.m. A FCS security employee stated that the patrolman on duty needed a deputy at unit 22. A deputy was dispatched.

Saturday, October 7

1:50 p.m. A caller reported someone was shooting a gun somewhere close to his residence. A deputy was dispatched.

1:22 p.m. A caller stated that someone had vandalized the fountain in front of The First Baptist Church.

1:25 p.m. At the above date and time a member of First Baptist Church called in and reported the fountain had been vandalized. The fountain top was laying on the ground in front of one of the benches, which also had a chip missing from it, and the pedestal for the top portion lying in the flowers in the bottom of the fountain. Report was filed.

7:04 p.m. On the above date and time a rancher called in wanting a deputy to his place. He stated his place had been vandalized.

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Because of my experience, I want to encourage the women of Kinney County to do their

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Points Scored	35	20
First Downs	18	22
By Rush/Pass/Penalty	15/1/2	10/8/4
3rd Downs Made/Att/EF	7/13/54	3/11/27
4th Downs Made/Att/EF	1/3/33	1/4/25
Total Yards / Avg per Play	415/7.5	279/4.7
Total Yards Rushing	362	108
Rushing Att/Avg	51/7.1	34/3.2
Total yards Passing	44	156
Pass Att/Comp/Int	4/2/0	26/12/1
Average Yards per Pass	11.0	6.0
Punts /Avg	1/26.0	1/33.0
Punt Returns/Yards/Avg	1/11/11	0/0/0
Fumbles /Lost	0	0
Kickoff Returns/Yds/Avg	3/42/14	4/98/24
Fumbles /Lost	2/1	3/2
Total Turnovers	1	3
Penalties /Yards	12/59	2/20
Sacks /Yards	2/24	0/0
TDs	5	3
TDs Rush/Pass	4/1	2/1
Field Goals Att/Made	0/0	0/0
Time of Possession	26:19	21:41

Score by Quarter	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
Badgers	0	6	6	8	-	20
Tigers	15	14	0	6	-	35

Scoring Summary

Brackett: 10:54 1st Q, Pinales, 1.3 yd TD run.
PAT rush attempt good.
Brackett: 1:28 1st Q, Davis, R. pass to Bonner, T. for 43 yd TD.
PAT Kick Schroeder, J. point good.
Brackett: 9:21 2nd Q, Villanueva, F. 21 yd TD run.
PAT Kick Schroeder, J. point good.
Ben Bolt: 7:04 2nd Q, Mejia, A. 7 yd TD run.
PAT Kick extra point attempt no good.
Brackett: 0:25 2nd Q, Davis, R. 11 yd TD run.
PAT Kick Schroeder, J. point good.
Ben Bolt: 0:44 3rd Q, Mejia, A. 3 yd TD run.
Ben Bolt: PAT pass attempt no good.
Brackett: 7:40 4th Q, Davis, R. 62 yd TD run.
PAT Kick attempt no good.
Ben Bolt: 4:54 4th Q, 14 yd pass for TD.
Ben Bolt PAT rush attempt good.

Directions to the RGEC's 61st Annual Meeting



Already a year ago, but it seems like yesterday



Original Poems By
Cassandra Jane Gomez

Already a year ago, But it seems like just yesterday, That we found out you had left us, That you're life had been taken away. We weren't really close friends, But our paths did meet, When I would see at the games, Or see you on the street, My mind keeps replaying the words, That my brother said that day, As turned towards my mom and I, And said, "Benji passed away". The only thing that comforts me, Is knowing that you're safe, And knowing that you're far from harm, That you're in a better place, I'm never going to understand what happened, I'll never know just why, All I know is that my good friend Ben, Is now an angel in the sky, A million words can't bring you back, I know because I've tried, Neither can a million tears, I know because I've cried, I'm sorry that you had to go, And that your life had to end, But I'll always love and remember you, Rest in Peace my dear friend.

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ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities across the nation, including the Ivy League. The basic ACT exam includes four parts: English, reading, mathematics and science. An optional writing test is also available. Some colleges require or recommend a writing score, but many do not.

The basic exam takes three hours to complete, plus an additional 30 minutes for those who opt to take the writing test.

The basic registration fee for the ACT is \$29. An additional \$14 fee is required for students who choose to take the ACT Writing Test, bringing the total reg-

istration fee to \$43 for these students. Free sample tests are available from school counselors and on ACT's website, which also offers additional free practice tests.

The ACT has long been popular in the Midwest, but its popularity is growing rapidly on the East and West Coasts as students in those areas become aware that it takes less time to take the ACT, the writing test is optional, and virtually all schools that require admissions tests accept ACT scores.



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Registration for the 4 evening class will be Monday night at 6:30PM, followed by class until 9:30PM each night. Classes will be held at Brackett High School, Annex Room 5 (Science Room) in Brackettville, entrance off of Fulton Street, across from the new high school building. The cost is only \$5.00 per person.

The class is a 12 hour course needed for certification. Everyone must attend all 12 hours to successfully complete the course and be certified.

Every hunter born on or af-

ter September 2, 1971, must successfully complete a Hunter Education Training Course. Hunters of all ages are welcome to attend.

A parent or other relative is encouraged to attend with their child. The minimum age of certification is 12 years old. In other words, you must be 12 years old at the start of the course.

If you are a hunter and you are 17 or older and born after September 2, 1971, you must have this course to hunt. You will receive a citation if you

hunt and have not completed the course.

This course is good for life. It has to be completed only one time. Other states may require that a hunter complete a Hunter Safety or Education Course before hunting there.

This course meets the requirements necessary for hunting out of state.

Additional information in regards to Hunter Education: If you were born on or after September 2, 1971, and you are:

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—age 12 through 16, you must successfully complete a hunter education course or be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 years of age or older when hunting

—under 12 years of age, you must be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 years of age or older when hunting. You are not old enough to take the course and be certified.

Hunters, regardless of age, need to purchase a hunting li-

cense and any stamps (if needed) and must carry them with him or her at all times while hunting. Upon completion of the Hunter Education Course, you will receive proof that you have completed the course. This proof of certification is required to be on your person, along with your hunting license, while hunting. It is not required to purchase a license.

If you need more information or have questions about the Hunter Education class, please call Game Warden Henry Lutz at 563-5727.

Texas Wildlife Manager Awarded National Honors for Innovative Approach to White-tailed Deer Management



Washington, DC — Mitch Lockwood, a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department wildlife biologist, has been awarded the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' prestigious Mark J. Reeff Memorial Award.

The award, for dedication to wildlife, youth, landowners and natural resources, was presented at the Association's 2006 Annual Meeting last week in Snowmass, Colorado.

The hallmark of the Mark J. Reeff Memorial Award is to acknowledge good ideas pursued with dedication and persistence. Each year, the award is presented to an individual who is 35 years-old or younger, and has distinguished themselves by outstanding commitment to wildlife management.

The award was designed by the Association to acknowledge and encourage younger professionals to "address the myriad of issues they now face, ever-increasing in range and complexity, with a spirit of innovation and determination."

Particular recognition is due to those who willingly accept more difficult challenges, and inspire others to do the same.

Lockwood was hired as the Texas White-Tailed Deer Program Leader, and within one year he was challenged with evaluating statewide deer data collection and analysis.

As a result, he led the charge to implement important changes that improved the science and efficiency of deer data collection and analysis in Texas.

Lockwood re-defined sampling, and survey procedures using modern technology and software, and introduced staff to ecology-based efforts by focusing on where deer live, habitat conditions, and what they eat.

"Mitch Lockwood exemplifies why Texas Parks and Wild-

life is an exceptional conservation organization and one of the top state agencies in Texas and the nation," said Robert Cook, TPWD executive director. "Mitch is an intelligent, dedicated and sincere wildlife biologist. He cares about wildlife and he cares about Texas. We have known from the beginning that Mitch is 'Top Notch.'" It's gratifying to know that other folks recognize that also."

Earlier this year, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department also recognized Lockwood for his achievement in improving deer assessment methods with an Employee Recognition Award in the Innovation category.

For more information about the Mark J. Reeff Award, and to view a video presentation of Mitch Lockwood in the field, visit us on the web at www.fishwildlife.org.

The Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies — the organization that represents all of North America's fish and wildlife agencies — promotes sound management and conservation, and speaks with a unified voice on important fish and wildlife issues. Found on the web at www.fishwildlife.org.

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OBITUARY

Dail Deen Miller

January 19, 1927 - October 8, 2006

Graveside services for Dail Deen Miller, 79, of Fort Clark Springs, Texas were held on Wednesday October 11th, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. at Memorial Park Cemetery in Dalhart, Texas, with Skip Rodgers Officiating. Services were under the direction of Boyer funeral Chapel of Denver City.

Mr. Miller passed away Sunday, October 8, 2006 at his daughter's residence in Denver City after a lengthy illness.

He was born to Calvin and Connie Miller on January 19, 1927 in Gilmer, Texas.

He married Faye Bryan on March 18, 1951 in Clayton, New Mexico. Mr. Miller was a well known mechanic, loved to fly air planes, and was a loving Husband, father and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife Faye Miller of Fort Clark Springs, Texas, Son Bobby Miller of Longview, Washington, daughters Glenda Harvey of Ashland, Kansas and Kay Davis of Denver City, Texas, a brother Jerry Miller of Fort Clark Springs, Texas, sister hazel Garrison of McAlaster, Oklahoma and nine grandchildren.

Hang in there; don't be discouraged



Jeff Janca

An old woman was at home and feeling discouraged. She felt that she had been a failure. As she thought about her life she could only see failure, especially in the area of her life in serving the Lord. She thought to herself that she had wasted her life.

Not long after this, her Pastor came by to say pay a visit. He immediately noticed that

she seemed troubled and he asked her what was wrong. She told him that she was a miserable failure especially in the eyes of the Lord and that she had done nothing for the Lord.

The Pastor thought a moment and began to remind her of her three sons. He reminded her of one of her sons who was now a minister not far from there. He then reminded her of her two other sons who were missionaries. The Pastor said to her, you have done so well to raise three sons who are all now serving the Lord.

Her discouragement began to lift. She realized that the Lord had been using her all along and because of her faithfulness her three sons were now serving the

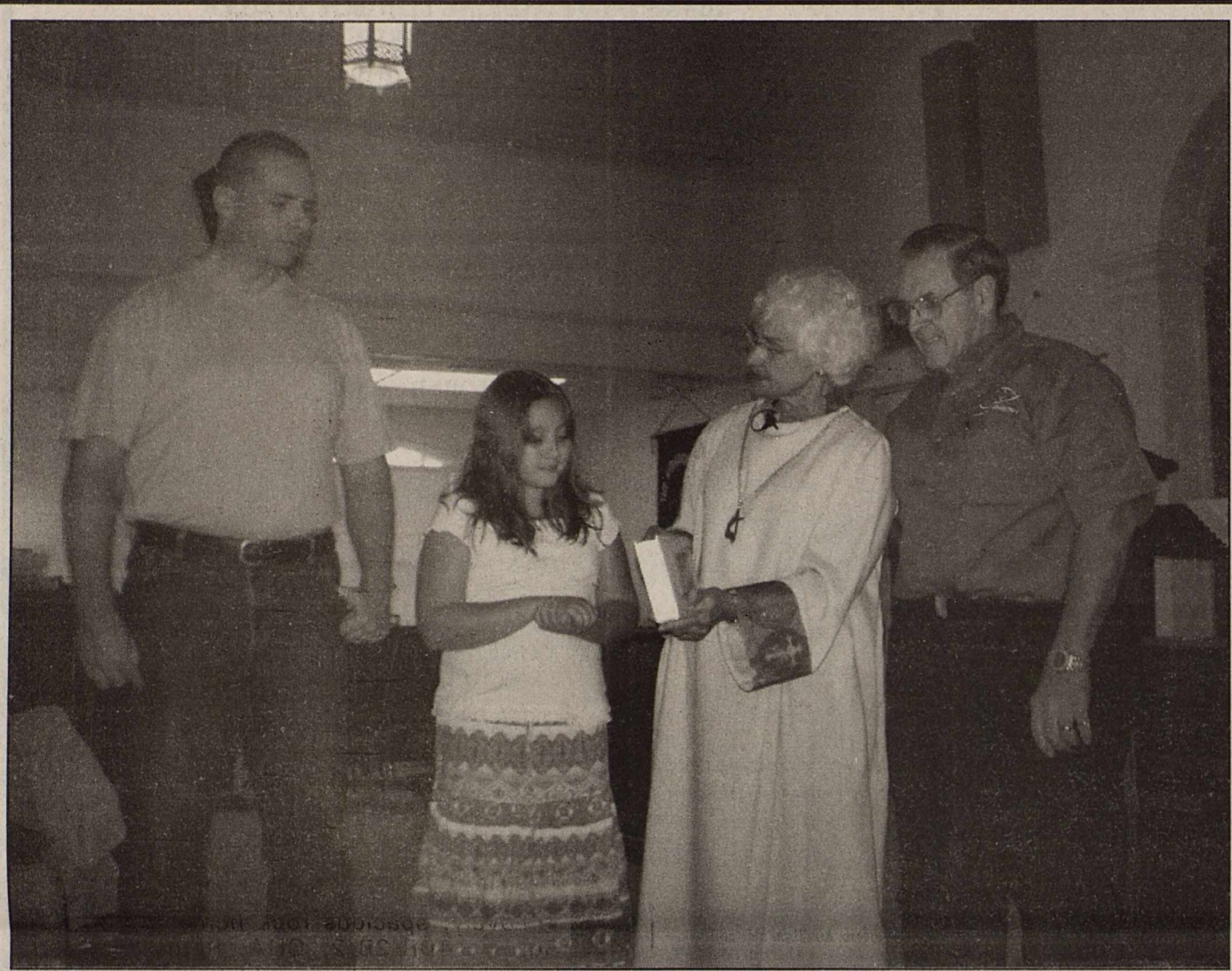
Lord. This woman began to rejoice in all that the Lord had done.

Another woman named Joyce was also feeling discouraged one day. She had surrendered to be a missionary. Joyce never went to the foreign fields as a missionary. She married and had two children. Joyce, like the other woman in the previous story, also felt like she had failed the Lord.

The Lord spoke to her heart one day and showed her how He was using her as a missionary in her neighborhood. Joyce was telling her neighbors about Jesus. She also was inviting the neighborhood kids into her home. The Lord used her to touch many lives.

In today's society, many people believe that in order to be right with the Lord you have to do great and spectacular things. The Lord isn't like that. He wants to use you and I, where we are at, in our every day lives. You don't have to go to overseas to be great worker for Jesus Christ, you just have to be faithful to the Lord where He has placed you right here in Brackettville, Texas.

There are hurting people here from different cultures and backgrounds that need to hear about the saving power of Jesus Christ. You and I need to bloom for the Lord where we are planted. So don't be discouraged just be faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ.



Getting the Word Out

Courtney McDonald receives a bible from Pastor Jean Reardon of the First United Methodist Church. It is traditional to present fourth graders with a bible of their own. From left: Thomas Hurney, Courtney McDonald, Pastor Jean Reardon and Larry Sofaly.

The Little Red Heart



Brother J.

I noticed him standing there all alone with his head down. I slowly walked up to him and asked if I could be of any help. He said he had some problems and didn't know what to do. He was supposed to get paid but there was a mix-up and couldn't get paid till next week.

Today was his wife's birthday and he had promised her a cake. Another problem was that her parent's were fairly comfortable financially and they were always having parties and giving her nice things and trying

to get her to divorce him.

I could see that he loved his wife very much and was doing all he could to take care of her, (Ephesians 5:25). I told him that I thought his love was far more important than a cake.

I recommended that he go home and tell his wife just what had happened. I told him she would understand, (Genesis 2:18). I also suggested that he find a little piece of paper at home and write on it,

"I Love You". I came in a couple of weeks ago and I gave my wife a little red heart with those words on it.

The young man knew that Christ loved him and died for him, (John 3:16, Romans 5:8). We prayed together and asked God for help. He left with a smile on his face. See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

The Tongue a Fire



Rev. Bill Adams Sr.

Behold we put bits in the horses mouth, that they may obey us, and we turn about their whole body.

Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are

driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm whither soever the governor listeth.

Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fine kindleth!

And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity! So is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. James 3: 3-6

Praise The Lord!

Marquardt's to preview FCA program

Submitted by Carolyn Conoly

For Jr. High/High School Parents: This Sunday, October 22nd at 3pm, FCA lead coach/sponsors Rhonda & Charlie Marquardt will preview what your junior high and high school students do at their FCA meetings on Wednesday nights.

The Marquardt's presentation and question/answer session will be part of the first

meeting of the Adult Chapter of FCA for 2006-2007.

The adult meeting is open to anyone interested, including all clergy in Brackettville and will be held in the home of Bill & Carolyn Conoly. Coffee, tea and desert will be served.

For questions, or for more information, please call Carolyn Conoly at 563.3699 or Rhonda Marquardt at 563.5181.

Around Fort Clark Springs

KC Arts Council, 1st Monday Adult Center Cavalry Brigade 1st Saturday Shafter Hall 9 A.M. Lunch served afterwards Swap Meet 1st Saturday at the Adult Center 10 A.M. - 12 Calvary Brigade 1st Sat. 9:00 A.M. Shafter Hall Fort Clark Recreation Meets 2nd Wed. 10:30 AC Red Hatters, 1st Wednesday Cancer Support Group, 1st Thursday 6:30 PM Frontier Baptist Church Mountain Laurel Garden Club 9:30 A.M. 2nd Thursday Community Council, 2nd Saturday 10 am Shafter Hall HFC & KC Chamber Of Commerce, 2nd Thursday 7 P.M. Adult Center Board Meeting, 3rd Saturday 9 am Board Room Historical Society, 4th Saturday 9:30AM coffee/10AM meeting Palisado Building End of the Month Golf Scramble last Saturday of the month 9 A.M. 18 hole Course Old Quarry Society, 4th Tuesday Post Theater

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as shown by a deed of record in volume 118, page 822 of the deed records of kinney county, texas. ACCT. NO.: 13146 3374 KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. DAVID F. VASQUEZ AND GLORIA R. VASQUEZ, ET AL LOT 23, BLOCK M OF FORT CLARK SPRINGS, UNIT 30, SITUATED IN KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS SHOWN BY A DEED OF RECORD IN VOLUME A-80, PAGE 197 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS. ACCT. NO.: 20412 3402 KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. MANUEL TALAMANTES LOT 2, BLOCK 2 OF THE BRACKETT ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BRACKETTVILLE, SITUATED IN KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS SHOWN BY A DEED OF RECORD IN VOLUME A-118, PAGE 193 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS. ACCT. NO.: 11158 3434 KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. ERNESTO BELCERRA WONG AND SANDRA L. A. BELCERRA, ET AL LOT 21, BLOCK A of fort clark springs, unit 27, situated in kinney county, texas, as shown by a deed of record in volume a-93, page 423 of the deed records of kinney county, texas. ACCT. NO.: 21123 3472 KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. JIMMIE D. BIGHAM AND ERNESTINE BIGHAM LOT 33 OF FORT CLARK SPRINGS UNIT 3, SITUATED IN KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS SHOWN BY A DEED OF RECORD IN VOLUME A122, PAGE 113 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS, ALONG WITH A 14 X 70 FOOT OVERLAND MOBILE HOME LABEL #TXS0520235, SERIAL # 1629 ACCT. NO.: 13108 3481 KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GORDON J. HUTTON AND LOIS M. HUTTON, DECEASED, ET AL LOTS 16, 17 & 18 OF FORT CLARK SPRINGS UNIT 14, SITUATED IN KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS SHOWN BY A DEED OF RECORD IN VOLUME A56, PAGE 623 AND VOLUME A57, PAGES 792-794 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS. ACCT. NO.: 15340 3484 KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. JAMES H. NANNEY AND JUDITH K. NANNEY LOT 138 OF FORT CLARK SPRINGS UNIT 15, SITUATED IN KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS SHOWN BY A DEED OF RECORD IN VOLUME A100, PAGE 280 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS, ALONG WITH A 14 X 56 FOOT WOODLAKE MOBILE HOME, LABEL #NEB0019941, SERIAL #4710614384 ACCT. NO.: 15515 3490 KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT VS. HUBERT D. WILLIAMS LOT 15 OF FORT CLARK SPRINGS UNIT 3, SITUATED IN KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS SHOWN BY A DEED OF RECORD IN VOLUME A116, PAGE 760 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS, ALONG WITH A MOBILE HOME LABEL #TXS0541644, SERIAL #37347012366 ACCT. NO.: 13090 or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties and costs; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time proscribed, from the recordation of the deed, in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs. DATED this 6th day of October, 2006, at Brackettville, Texas. Leland K. Burgess, Sheriff, Kinney County, Texas By Ronald D. Ring, Deputy

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1. Upset Kinney County taxpayers - Especially those who have groundwater rights.
2. Three lawsuits, so far, which have essentially bankrupted the District and there is no end in sight.
3. More than \$300,000 in current unpaid liabilities for the District. The General Manager has proposed absolutely nothing to the District Board regarding how these bills will be paid. Ultimately they will be paid, either from future tax assessments or from pumping fees imposed by the District. Revenues from pumping permits in 2006 did not exceed \$20,000 and will not in the foreseeable future.
4. The General Manager has recommended, for next year, a continuing tax assessment of \$80,000. At the same time the District anticipates incurring two or three times that much in 2007 for legal fees thereby increasing the current unpaid bills to \$500,000 or more. There is no way to pay it except to increase property taxes or find new revenue sources. (How about a bake sale?)
5. Chaotic, inaccurate, misleading financial statements for the District that do not reasonably reflect the current status.
6. A small cadre of happy residents of Kinney County who do not have significant groundwater rights but who think all the groundwater of Kinney County belongs to them.

And the Beat Goes On

Did you know?

1. The expenditures of the KCGWCD for 2006 significantly exceeded the approved budget without authorization by the Board?
2. The KCGWCD Board met September 27, 2006 to adopt a budget and set a tax rate to cover District expenses that exceed Pumping Permit fees?
3. The General Manager of the District is responsible for providing financial information to the Board Members and recommending a Budget?
4. The General Manager, without notice or explanation, failed to attend the budget meeting on September 27th and, without explanation, walked out of the prior Budget Meeting on August 31st when asked questions about the financial statements by a Board Member?
5. The General Manager failed to provide adequate financial information to the Board to allow the Board to adopt a Budget for 2007 and set a tax rate?
6. The tax rate was, by law, set at a default rate and said rate provides only a fraction of the revenue needed by the District for current expenses and NOTHING for liabilities previously incurred?

How can you do anything about it?

1. Immediately contact your representative on the KCGWCD Board and demand a change in operations.
 - a. Tell them to MANAGE the groundwater in the best interests of the tax paying citizens of Kinney County. That includes allowing the pumping and export of sustainable amounts of groundwater currently passing through Kinney County each and every year on it's way to the gulf. Yes - it is just wasted every year by the current administration. And pumping sustainable amounts of that groundwater will not adversely impact spring flows or water levels.
2. Make sure your Board Members understand the management of natural resources.