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COMMUNITY NEWS

US 90 Temporary Road Closure

The Texas Department of Public Safety in coordination with the Texas Department of Transportation Laredo District Del Rio Area Office will temporarily close a portion of US 90 in Del Rio/Val Verde County to east of Val Verde/Kinney County line on May 9, 2008 from 3-3:45 p.m. and again, on May 10, 2008 from 3-4:30 p.m. in support of the 2008 Laughlin Air Force Base Air Show slated for May 10, 2008. Specifically, the: • 45-minute closure of US 90 on May 9, 2008 from 3-3:45 p.m. will accommodate the arrival of the USAF Thunderbirds Air Demonstration Squadron at Laughlin Air Force Base. • One and one-half hour closure of US 90 on May 10, 2008 from 3-4:30 p.m. will accommodate the actual air show and performance by the Thunderbirds. A detour will be in effect: US 90 to FM 2533 and FM 3008 to US 90, and vice versa. The traveling public is advised to slow down, drive with extreme caution, and watch out for the traffic control devices. **CONTACT:** For more information, please contact the Texas Department of Public Safety at 830-703-1200.

Local Governmental Meetings

City Council will hold a Regular meeting on Tuesday, May 13 at 6pm in the City Annex on HWY 90.

Student Recital

The piano and voice students of Lynn McNew will be presented in recital, Sunday, May 11, 2008, 3:00 p.m., at Member Services lobby, Fort Clark Springs. The public is invited.

Community Builder Award

The Las Moras Masonic Lodge will be awarding Glenn Fuqua, local rancher and contractor, with the Community Builder Award. Mr. Fuqua is being recognized for contributing his equipment and employees to build a crushed stone road at the Las Moras Masonic Cemetery. He is also being recognized for his generous donation to the Kinney County Fire Rescue. In addition, the Masons will be recognizing Hayley Harris and Bianca Stewart, Brackett High School seniors, with the Lamar Scholarship medal and \$500.00 scholarships each. The presentations will be held at the Las Moras Masonic Lodge, upstairs, Thursday, May 15, 2008 at 7:00 PM. The event will be open to the public.

Family Skate Night

Family Skate Night will be held on Thursday, May 15 from 5pm to 8 pm at The Spot Skating Rink in Del Rio, 301 Margaret Lane. Bring families together and help raise money for Jones Elementary/Intermediate Counseling Dept. Cost is \$5.00 per skater (includes skates). The Spot offers a clean, fun and safe environment for kids. They also offer a fully snack bar, video games and much more. Questions, contact Mrs. Welch at 563-5391.

Weekend WEATHER Friday

High: 100
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Sunday

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Partly Cloudy

Candidates speak up at forum

By Allison Taylor
Managing Editor

The Brackett News hosted the Second Annual Community Forum on Thursday, May 1, in the Brackett High School cafeteria. Brackett ISD School Board candidates, Greg Stone, Brad Coe and Dan Laws were in attendance. Brackettville City Council candidates, Mayor Eduardo Esparza, Mayor Pro-tem Matt Bland and Anita Ertle were also in attendance.

Alderman Francisca Chica Hernandez was unable to attend the forum to avoid breaking the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Brackett ISD
Stone led the forum by introducing himself to the citizens. Stone is a native of Del Rio and relocated to Brackettville in 2001, for his child's education. He is also an 18 year professor of Spanish and linguistics at Sul Ross State University, Rio Grande College. Stone also taught at other universities previous to Sul Ross.

Stone believes staffing issues need attention, especially coaches also having to teach and then being taken out of the classroom for athletic events. He wishes to increase the number of professional staff within budgetary restraints. Stone also hopes to improve community relations, possibly establishing a community relations person or activity director for after school activities and believes every child has almost unlimited opportunity to participate in extra curricular activities.

Coe, a Border Patrol agent moved to Brackettville in 1985. He has been involved with the Kinney County Little League, the Boy Scouts, Kinney County 4-H, the Livestock Board, 4-H Shooting Sports and recently the 4-H Vet Science program. Coe believes in getting the parents involved in school stating, "I've seen a lot of good kids come out of this school. We need parents involvement to help keep these kids on track."

Coe also believes the teachers need to be kept in the classroom without student extra curricular activities interfering with classroom time. He also suggested looking into possible better drug education or more law enforcement presence to deal with a severe drug problem in the school. He stated there have been many positive improvements to BISD in the last few years, including cafeteria improvements and the addition of

the new high school.

Laws, Rio Grande Electric Co-op, Inc. (RGEC) General Manager/CEO has lived in Brackettville for a number of years and is familiar with the different aspects of education including being a student, having children in public schools and the job of a teacher. Laws also brings in his business ex-

perience with RGEC. Laws stated, "I look forward to the opportunity to serve".

Laws would like to see teachers "paid for what they are truly worth," and fairness for all members of the district. Laws believes the District should hire only the finest professionals for the children at BISD. He also recognizes the excessiveness of

fighting among students in the school and believes additional programs will help with the problem, but sees the positive classroom atmosphere.

City of Brackettville

Mayor Esparza and his family have been a part of the community for many years. He was elected as the youngest mayor in the history of Brackettville.

Esparza stated he wants to continue working for the City of Brackettville and continue to clean up the City.

Esparza says he pushed for counsel pay of just \$10.00 per month. He does not view the positions as a paid job but said, "You're an elected official, you do it upon you wanting to better the community. It's an honor to serve your community." Esparza also believes the City keeping control over the gas lines is in the best interest of the citizens. He is planning on continuing the push for local code enforcement and a city police department.

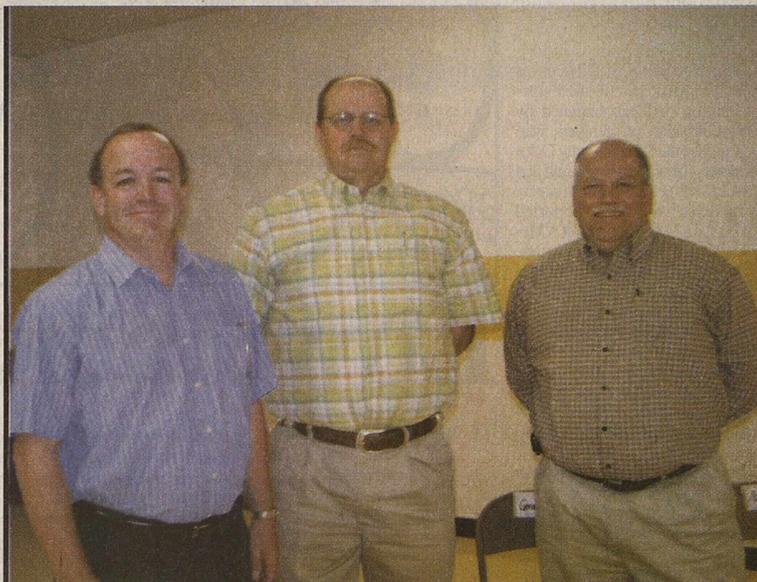
Mayor Pro-tem Bland is currently a Fort Clark Security employee and previously owned a business in the city for 15 years. Bland has served four years on the council, three of which have been as Mayor Pro-tem. Bland stated, "It has been an honor and a privilege to serve." He has served on several different committees over the last four years and believes in positive community development.

Bland also concurred with Esparza on cutting counsel pay saying, "At this time, we did not have the money to pay." He stated the reduction will flow back to the budget and help cushion the cost of rising gas prices. On the contrary, Bland believes it is a personal preference of counsel members. Bland hopes to continue working together and finish the infrastructure of the City by establishing a municipal court, police department and enforcing City codes.

Ertle moved to Brackettville 12 years ago and is part owner in Southwest Service. Ertle also owned and ran the Burger and Shake. She previously worked for Amoco Chemicals for 10 years. She has worked on the budget committee for city in the past and plans to make decisions that will be best for the citizens and the city of Brackettville and stated, "I'll do the best I can". Ertle also challenged the citizens to get involved with the city. In response to counsel pay Ertle stated, "The budget needs help in any way." She also hopes the city will begin looking into grants for issues such as city streets.

In closing, all candidates encouraged all citizens to get out and vote.

Both City and School Board elections will be held on Saturday, May 10.



Candidates Come Together In Forum

Photo by Leigh Volcsko

(Top from left), Greg Stone, Brad Coe and Dan Laws; (bottom from left), Mayor Eduardo Esparza, Anita Ertle and Mayor Pro-tem Matt Bland all participated in the Second Annual Community Forum host by TBN.

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Groundwater District Rules Committee update

Submitted by KCGCD

The Rules Committee of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District ("District") met on Tuesday, May 6, 2007 at the City Annex Building in Brackettville, Texas. The meeting was the third held since the Management Plan Committee completed a revised plan to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors ("Board") adopted the plan a week following a public hearing held to take comments on the proposed plan.

Lloyd L. Davis, Jr., President of the Board of the District explained that the purpose of the Rules Committee is to review the rules to ensure they implement the recently adopted management plan.

The mission of the District as stated in part in the management plan is to develop, promote and implement water conservation and management strategies to conserve, preserve, and protect the groundwater supplies of the District, to protect and enhance recharge, prevent waste and pollution, and to promote efficient and beneficial use of the groundwater within the District.

Dennette Coates, Chairman of the Rules Committee, related

"The rules should provide a fair framework for the utilization and protection of our water resources". Other members of the Committee include Robert Elledge, Henry Fuentes, Haden Keyser, Dr. Kent Lowery, Jim McDaniel, and Diana Ward.

The members bring a wealth of background knowledge and experience to the committee. Elledge is the County Extension Agent-Agriculture and Natural Resources in Kinney County. Fuentes formerly served as a Director with the District. Keyser is the District Conservationist with the Brackettville Field Office of the United States Department of Agriculture. McDaniel farms with his brother Robert own and operator of Standard Lane Farms. Ward is general manager of the District.

Dr. Lowery, who served as the chairman of the Management Plan Committee explained that one of the main objectives of the Rules Committee is to make the rules more readable, a user friendly document so that you do not have to be a lawyer to read the rules.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 2008.

ELECTION DAY
VOTING
LOCATIONS

City and School Board elections

May 10, 2008

Both elections to be held in the BHS Auditorium

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Letters to the Editor

Playing at History

Thank God for Historians. They study, collect, and record, and publish the facts for all of us. We are fortunate to have numerous people at Fort Clark Springs and in Kinney County who dedicate themselves to recognizing the accomplishments to those who came before us. Some serve on the Kinney County Historical Commission, some in the Ft. Clark Historical Society. Other participants in the Ft. Clark Springs Gun Club or the Ft. Clark Community Council.

Most of us who are interested in history are too busy with our lives to spend the time and effort that a dedicated historian does, to do what he or she does so well. That is where re-enactors and general members of other organizations become so valuable. By dressing up and playing history to our neighbors on weekends or special occasions, we make the cold recounting of historical events come alive.

We count on historians to embellish our act. We soak up what they say when leading a walking tour or a golf cart tour of the past or at presentations in The Texas Institute of Culture or at museums and historical sites. We in the Ft. Clark Springs Historical Society try to remember what the historians say and write and to pass it on to our neighbors and guests. Our Historical Society purchases historian's published work's on the history of Ft. Clark and the Army in the West and sells them in our Sutler's Store. We stock three of the best books available on the history of Ft. Clark.

Working from memory, we actors sometime become hazy about the dates and the names when we dress up in our nineteenth or twentieth century uniforms and try to repeat what we have read and heard. As a result we sometimes come across as making it up as we go along. I admit that as hard as I try to be historically accurate that I have senior moments when I am leading a tour and begin saying, about 1877 or between two dates some-

thing happened.

The Community Council sponsors a weekend every year that allows everyone here to play at history by dressing in period costumes. They invite people who also play at history by dressing in nineteenth century costumes and who try to accurately represent life in a period that none of us have experienced in reality. The Lipan Apache representative dressed in realistic reproductions on nineteenth century Apache clothing, but readily admitted that while his ancestors may have been able to run three miles with a mouth full of water and then spit it out, he would not attempt to do such a thing. The Buffalo Soldiers appear in accurate uniforms and speak with pride of the accomplishments of their fore fathers, but they return home to their nine-five jobs.

The Ft. Clark Springs Historical Society Board of Directors is proud to participate in the implementation of ideas spawned by historians and by members who researched the Official Army Color Scheme from the 1920's and led the effort to paint our historic structures. We fully supported plans for a U.S. Army Unit's Memorial and funded the plaques. Yes, we modified it into an all Service Veteran's memorial, but we needed some way to fund half the statue that was recommended to us to finish off the site. We funded half of the walking tour marker that stands near the theater and are prepared to continue to participate in fund-raising for more such markers.

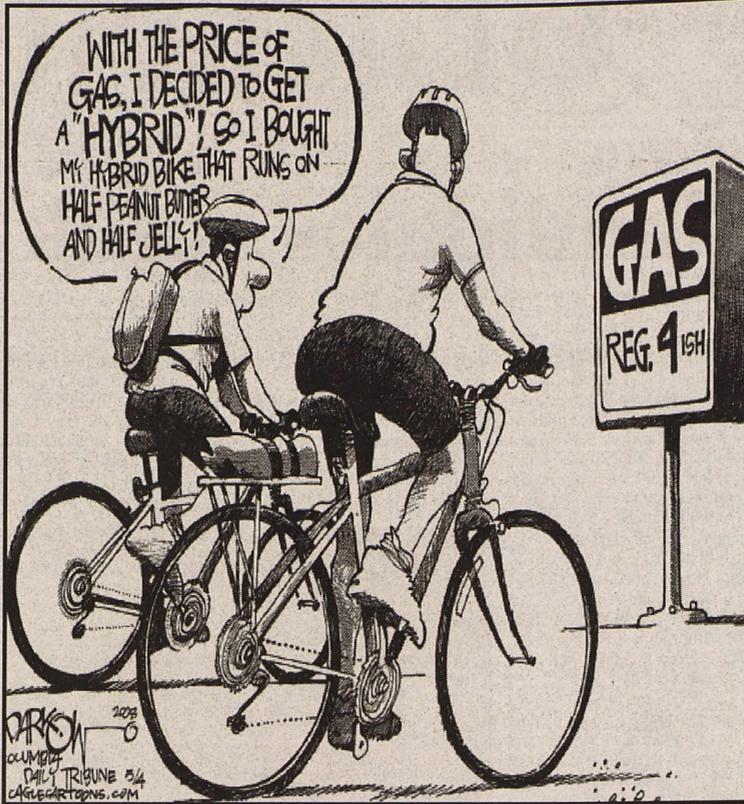
I am excited about the fresh effort on the part of the Board of Directors of the Ft. Clark Springs Association, to establish a plan for maintaining our historical buildings and the efforts of the Community Council, FCSA members, and local businesses to fund that program. I look forward to participating with the Kinney County Historical Commission, in the FCSA Board's Committee to oversee building preservation.

We who play at history are the ones who raise the money to get things done whether we are in the Historical Society, the Community Council, the Gun Club, or serve on Ft. Clark Springs Board of Directors. Together we will continue to do the best we can, one step at a time, until we get something accomplished, whether it is building preservation, the U.S. Army Units and All Service Veterans memorial, or markers for a walking tour.

James C. Reesman, Vice President, Ft. Clark Historical Society

Letter To Editor POLICY

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Low back pain



Dr. Kent Lowery, D.C., FIAMA

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Many times a pelvic imbalance is the source of the problem and can be corrected fairly quickly.

Are you depending on pain relievers or muscles relaxers for

relief from low back pain? Are you postponing or avoiding altogether the activities you enjoy? Are you thinking surgery might be the only option left to consider? If so, consider safe, effective chiropractic care as an alternative.

If you are experiencing low back pain, please call Dr. Kent Lowery, D.C. for an appointment at 563-6249 in Brackettville. Our clinic is located at #1 Mesquite Alley. We offer acupuncture and accept most major insurances.

Investments (and expertise) can make great Mother's Day gifts



Emily Cooper

Mother's Day arrives this Sunday. You could, of course, give Mom some flowers, and she'd probably appreciate them.

But if your mother is a certain age, you might also want to make another type of gift - a gift that can help her enjoy the retirement lifestyle she's envisioned.

If you don't think your mother needs this type of gift, consider this: With advances in health care, today's retirees can easily live two or even three decades in retirement.

Furthermore, women still outlive men, on average, by several years. In other words, your mother will likely have to pay for decades of retirement - and during some of those years, she may be solely responsible for making financial decisions.

That's why you may want to provide as much investment-related help to your mother as you can.

And there's no time like Mother's Day to get started.

So, what sort of gifts should you think about? Here are a few possibilities:

• Help fund Mom's IRA. If your mother is still working, she can contribute to an IRA - and she should. A traditional IRA offers the potential for tax-deferred earnings, while a Roth IRA has the potential to grow tax-free, provided your mother doesn't take any withdrawals until she is at least 59-1/2 and she's had her account for at least five years. In 2008, your mother can put in up to \$6,000 to an IRA if she's 50 or older, or \$5,000 if she's under 50. While you can't actually make a deposit into your mother's IRA, you can give her some money for that purpose.

• Give stocks. Consider giving shares of a company that produces products or services used by your mother. If you're going to give away some of your own shares, you'll need to know what you originally paid for the stock, how long you've held it and its fair market value at the date of the gift. Your mother will need this information to determine gains or losses if she decides to sell the stock. (You'll also need to determine if you have to pay gift taxes. You can give up to \$12,000 per year, free of gift taxes, to as many people as you want.)

• Pay off a debt. If you can afford it, tell your mother you'd like to pay off her credit card balance, a month's car payment or another type of loan. But don't stop there - encourage her to invest the money that she'll be saving due to your generosity. Even if it's just a relatively small amount, every little bit helps. And who knows? Your gift could encourage your mother to take further steps to reduce debt and invest more.

• Make an appointment with a financial advisor. If your mother doesn't already work with a professional financial advisor, make an appointment for her to see one, preferably one that comes with good referrals.

A reputable financial advisor won't charge anything for an initial consultation, and, over time, he or she can help your mother create investment strategies that are appropriate for her goals, needs, risk tolerance and time horizon.

By following one or more of these gift suggestions, you'll brighten the holiday for your own mother.

And your gift will still have an impact long after Mother's Day is over.

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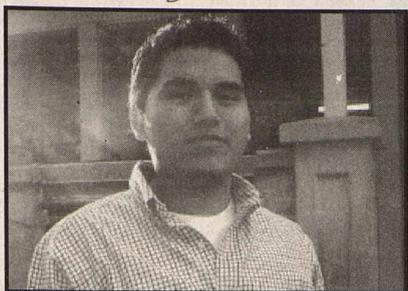
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BHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Class of 2008



Jesus Balderas

Name: Jesus Balderas
Parents: Ignacio and Elidia Balderas
Siblings: Ignacio, Salvador, Elidia, and Gloria
What are your plans after graduation?: Plan on working and getting into the Border Patrol
What teacher influenced you the most?: They all influenced me in their own way.
What are you most looking forward to after graduation? Looking forward to the "Real World"
What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate? Being with my friends



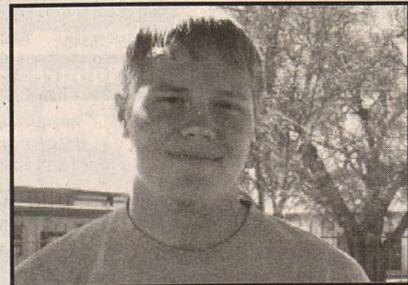
Elva Rosa Garcia

Name: Elva Rosa Garcia
Parents: Juan-Francisco and Rosa Garcia
Siblings: Hilario Garcia and Vanessa Hernandez
What are your plans after graduation?: Leave to basic training for the Navy and later become a Child Psychologist.
What teacher influenced you the most?: I can't choose just one, because all of them taught me so much.
What are you most looking forward to after graduation? Leaving Brackett, seeing the world.
What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate?: My friends and the crazy times we shared.



Daphne Hunt

Name: Daphne Hunt
Parents: H.C. and Mollie Hunt
Siblings: Clay, W.T., Sam, and Duquesa
What are your plans after graduation?: Attend Tarleton State University to achieve a degree in Kinesiology and become a physical trainer.
What teacher influenced you the most?: It would be impossible to choose one teacher who had the most influence on me. All of my teachers from kindergarten and up had equal parts on getting me where I am today.
What are you most looking forward to after graduation?: Being able to experience the world and finally get to see what's outside of Brackett! And discover what God has planned for me!
What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate?: Of course I will miss all of my friends, but most of all I will miss my family. (And Momma's home cookin' too!)



Josh Kluzek

Name: Josh "McGriddle" Kluzek
Parents: Paul and Kathy Kluzek
Siblings: Brandon, Mike Honcho
What are your plans after graduation?: Winning American Idol and become a UFC Champion
What teacher influenced you the most?: Coach Keenan
What are you most looking forward to after graduation? Having kids
What do you think you will miss the most after you graduate?: all the detentions and Saturday schools



A Back Bending Seventh Place

Courtesy Photo

Travis Bonner competed in four events at the Regional Track Meet, held in Huntsville, April 25-26. The long jump where he made it to finals and placed seventh overall, the high jump event and he cleared 5'-10" for another seventh place, the 100m dash placing ninth overall and 200m dash where he advanced to finals and placed seventh.

"No name calling week" essay contest

Submitted by BISSD

Jones Elementary and Intermediate held a "No name calling" essay contest.

There were several winners; Abby Stoffel, Tyler Schuster, Isabel Garcia, Rafael Martinez, Max Stoffel, Dolores Garza, Heather Knox and Pedro Martinez.

Abby Stoffel was the overall winner for the essay contest. She is in Mrs. Lamascus' third grade class. This is her winning essay: "Ben sighed sadly. Danny had been bullying Ben ever since Kindergarten. He was in third

grade now and still hasn't told a teacher or an adult. He was scared to tell a teacher or adult because he thought that he would be bullied even more. Danny had three other friends that always followed him around when he bullied Ben. It was April 18, and of course Danny was bullying Ben again. Danny was sitting on the swing and Ben came and sat on the swing further from Danny. Danny got up from the swing and walked over to Ben. "Hey Loser! That swing is reserved for my friend freak!" As Danny pushed him off the swing he grinned. Todd, the new

kid in school was watching the whole thing. He ran and told the teacher. The teacher said, "Danny, Todd just told me you were bullying Ben. Is that true?" Danny paused for a minute and finally said, "Yes Ma'am." With a frown on his face, Danny had to sit with the teachers. A few days later Ben and Todd were best friends and the bullying had stopped with a nice long talk from the teacher. Danny never bullied again."

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Nowlin places ninth at State

Submitted by Coach Greg Voyles

Lane Nowlin and Ashley Stephenson each competed against forty-eight competitors in the 2008 State Golf Meet held at the Morris Williams Golf Course in Austin, TX.

Nowlin shot an 80 on the first day, an 82 on the second day, giving him a total of 162, placing him ninth in state.

Stephenson shot a 92 on the first day of competition and another 92 on the second day, which gave her a total of 184, placing her fifteenth in state.

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BABY MAMA (PG13) 2:20 4:50 7:25 9:55

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Chapter 4: Show and Tell, Part 2

The story so far: Ramona loans Howie a stuffed bunny for Show and Tell. After Howie shows the bunny to the class, Miss Binney ties a red ribbon around the toy's neck.

When the noon bell rang, Mrs. Quimby, Mrs. Kemp, and little Willa Jean were waiting by the fence. "Howie," Mrs. Kemp called out, "don't forget Ramona's bunny."

"Oh, that old thing," muttered Howie, but he returned to his cupboard while Ramona walked along behind the mothers.

"Howie needs to learn responsibility," Mrs. Kemp was saying.

When Howie had caught up, he untied the ribbon and shoved the rabbit at Ramona. "Here. Take your old rabbit," he said.

Ramona took it and said, "Give me my ribbon."

"It's not your ribbon," said Howie. "It's my ribbon."

The two mothers were so busy talking about their children needing to learn responsibility they paid no attention to the argument.

"It is not!" said Ramona. "It's my ribbon!"

"Miss Binney gave it to me." Howie was so calm and so sure that he was right that Ramona was infuriated. She grabbed for the ribbon, but Howie held it away from her.

"Miss Binney tied it around my rabbit's neck so it's my ribbon!" she said, her voice rising.

"No," said Howie flatly and calmly.

"Ribbons aren't for boys," Ramona reminded him. "Now give it to me!"

"It isn't yours." Howie showed no excitement, only stubbornness.

Howie's behavior drove Ramona wild. She wanted him to get excited. She wanted him to get angry. "It is too mine!" she shrieked, and at last the mothers turned around.

"What's going on?" asked Mrs. Quimby.

"Howie has my ribbon and won't give it back," said Ramona, so angry she was near tears.

"It isn't hers," said Howie.

The two mothers exchanged glances. "Howie, where did you get that ribbon?" asked Mrs. Kemp.

"Miss Binney gave it to me," corrected Ramona, as she fought back tears. "She tied it on my rabbit's neck, so it's my ribbon."

Anybody should be able to understand that. Anybody who was not stupid.

"Now Howie," said his mother. "What does a big boy like you want with a ribbon?"

Howie considered this question as if his mother really expected an answer. "Well... I could tie it on the tail of a kite if I had a kite."

"He just doesn't want me to have it," explained Ramona. "He's selfish."

"I am not selfish," said Howie. "You want something that doesn't belong to you."

"I do not!" yelled Ramona.

"Now Ramona," said her mother. "A piece of ribbon isn't worth all this fuss. We have other ribbons at home that you can have."

Ramona did not know how to make her mother understand. No other ribbon could possibly take the place of this one. Miss Binney had given her the ribbon, and she wanted it because she loved Miss Binney so much. She wished Miss Binney

were here now because her teacher, unlike the mothers, would understand. All Ramona could say was, "It's mine."

"I know!" said Mrs. Kemp, as if a brilliant idea had come to her. "You can share the ribbon."

Ramona and Howie exchanged a look in which they agreed that nothing would be worse than sharing the ribbon. They both knew there were some things that could never be shared, and Miss Binney's ribbon was one of them. Ramona wanted that ribbon, and she wanted it all to herself. She knew that a grubby boy like Howie would probably let Willa Jean drool on it and ruin it.

"That's a good idea," agreed Mrs. Quimby. "Ramona, you let Howie carry it halfway home, and then you can carry it the rest of the way."

"Then who gets it?" asked Howie, voicing the question that had risen in Ramona's thoughts.

"We can cut it in two so you each may have half," said Mrs. Kemp. "We're having lunch at Ramona's house, and as soon as we get there we'll divide the ribbon."

Miss Binney's beautiful ribbon chopped in two! This was too much. Ramona burst into tears. Her half would not be long enough for anything. If she ever got a two-wheeled bicycle, there would not be enough ribbon to weave through the spokes of a wheel. There would not even be enough to tie up Chevrolet's hair.

"I'm tired of sharing," said Howie. "Share, share, share. That's all grown-ups ever talk about."

Ramona could not understand why both mothers were amused by Howie's words. She understood exactly what Howie meant, and she liked him a little better for saying so. She had always had a guilty feeling she was the only person who felt that way.

"Now Howie, it isn't as bad as all that," said his mother.

"It is too," said Howie, and Ramona nodded through her tears.

"Give me the ribbon," said Mrs. Kemp. "Maybe after lunch we'll all feel better."

Reluctantly Howie surrendered the precious ribbon, and said, "I suppose we're having tuna-fish sandwiches again."

"Howie, that's not polite," said his mother.

At the Quimbys' house, Ramona's mother said, "Why don't you and Howie play with your tricycle while I prepare lunch?"

"Sure, Ramona," said Howie, as the two mothers boosted Willa Jean's stroller up the steps, and he and Ramona were left together whether they wanted to be or not. Ramona sat down on the steps and tried to think of a name to call Howie. Pieface wasn't bad enough. If she used some of the names she had heard big boys use at school, her mother would come out and scold her. Perhaps "little booby boy" would do.

"Where's your trike?" asked Howie.

"In the garage," answered Ramona. "I don't ride it anymore now that I'm in kindergarten."

"How come?" asked Howie.

"I'm too big," said Ramona. "Everybody else on the block rides two-wheelers. Only babies ride tricycles."

She made this remark because she knew Howie still rode his tricycle, and she was so angry about the ribbon she wanted to hurt his feelings.

If Howie's feelings were hurt, he did not show it. He seemed to be considering Ramona's remarks in his usual deliberate way. "I could take off one of the wheels if I had some pliers and a screwdriver," he said at last.

Ramona was indignant. "And wreck my tricycle?" Howie just wanted to get her into trouble.

"It wouldn't wreck it," said Howie. "I take the wheels off my tricycle all the time. You can ride on the front wheel and one back wheel. That way you'd have a two-wheeler."

Ramona was not convinced. "Come on, Ramona," coaxed Howie. "I like to take wheels off tricycles."

Ramona considered. "If I let you take off a wheel, do I get to keep the ribbon?"

"Well... I guess so." After all, Howie was a boy. He was more interested in taking a tricycle apart than he was in playing with any ribbon.

Ramona was doubtful about Howie's ability to turn her tricycle into a two-wheeler, but she was determined to have Miss Binney's red ribbon.

She trundled her tricycle out of the garage. Then she found the pliers and a screwdriver, and handed them to Howie, who went to work in a businesslike way. He used the screwdriver to pry off the hub. With the pliers he straightened the cotter pin that held the wheel in place, removed it from the axle, and pulled off the wheel. Next he returned the cotter pin to its hole in the axle and bent the ends out once more so the axle would stay in place. "There," he said with satisfaction. For once he looked happy and sure of himself. "You have to sort of lean to one side when you ride it."

Ramona was so impressed by Howie's work that her anger began to drain away. Maybe Howie was right. She grasped her tricycle by the handlebars and mounted the seat. By leaning toward the side on which the wheel had been removed, she managed to balance herself and to ride down the driveway in an uncertain and lopsided fashion. "Hey! It works!" she called out, when she reached the sidewalk. She circled and pedaled back toward Howie, who stood beaming at the success of his alteration.

"I told you it would work," he bragged.

"I didn't believe you at first," confessed Ramona, who would never again be seen riding a babyish three-wheeler.

The back door opened, and Mrs. Quimby called out, "Come on, children. Your tuna sandwiches are ready."

"See my two-wheeler," cried Ramona, pedaling in a lopsided circle.

"Well, aren't you a big girl!" exclaimed her mother. "How did you ever manage to do that?"

Ramona came to a halt. "Howie fixed my trike for me and told me how to ride it."

"What a clever boy!" said Mrs. Quimby. "You must be very good with tools."

Howie beamed with pleasure at this compliment.

"And Mama," said Ramona, "Howie says I can have Miss Binney's ribbon."

"Sure," agreed Howie. "What do I want with an old ribbon?"

"I'm going to weave it in and out of the front spokes of my two-wheeler and ride so fast it will make a blur," said Ramona. "Come on, Howie, let's go eat our tuna-fish sandwiches."



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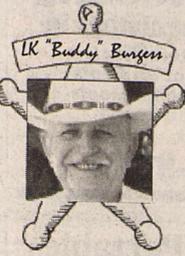
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Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Monday, April 21
11:46 pm A local resident requested a deputy in regards to problems with her daughter. A deputy was dispatched.

Tuesday, April 22
10:12 pm A fight was reported on Spring St. A deputy was notified.

10:11 pm Donny Wayne Melton, 21, of Monahans, TX, was arrested on a fugitive warrant for possession of marijuana in a drug free zone and another warrant for failure to appear and driving with license invalid. Melton was released the following day on two bonds totaling \$8,000.

Wednesday, April 23
11:30 am Roy Gonzales Jr., 19, of Von Ormy, TX, was arrested for theft in Lubbock. Gonzales was released the next day on a \$750 bond.

12:22 am A local woman reported her son was at her house causing a disturbance. A deputy was notified.

Thursday, April 24
4:56 am Daniel De La Fuente Jr., 39, of Lytle, was arrested by contempt of court in Bexar County. De La Fuente was still being held at press time.

9:45 pm A 911 caller stated that there was an intoxicated man driving a white PT Cruiser East on Hwy 90. A deputy was dispatched.

Friday, April 25
2:13 am A caller from Sentry Security claimed there was an alarm going off and a deputy was dispatched to the residence.

9:24 am A caller from Central Station reported an alarm going off on Ann St. was dispatched.

5:38 pm A woman called in stating that someone backed up and hit her car. A deputy was informed and reported the situation.

Saturday, April 26
2:05 am Danny Billings, 50, of Brackettville, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, third offense or more. Billings was released the following day on a \$2,500 bond.

3:40 pm A caller reported a brush fire in Edwards County. The fire department was dispatched to the scene.

6:57 pm A woman called stating that she had not heard

from her husband in over a week. A deputy was dispatched to the last known residence to see if the man was there. They received no response and informed the woman.

8:34 pm A caller reported vicious dogs were roaming the Senior Apartments. Unit 3 was dispatched.

10:15 pm A man called reporting suspicious activity at his neighbors home. A deputy was informed and dispatched to the scene.

11:15 pm Several reports were made about a red Dodge pickup truck and a white Yukon vehicle racing up and down several streets at high speeds. A deputy was informed and dispatched.

11:37 pm A local deputy reported that a woman had passed out in a parking lot. Fire Rescue was dispatched.

Sunday, April 27
10:00 am A caller from Maverick County wanted to see if one of the deputies could escort some house riders across the Kinney County line to Sycamore Bridge. A deputy was dispatched and escort the riders safely.

12:58 pm A woman reported that there was a possible water line that had been damaged. A city employee was informed.

Monday, April 28
4:17 pm Fernando Rodriguez, 17, of Eagle Pass, was arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Rodriguez was still being held at press time.

6:30 pm Steven Wayne York Jr., 22, of Brackettville, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, first offense. York was released on an \$800 bond the following day.

7:59 pm A caller reported that someone had stolen a pair of prescription glasses from the FCS swim park. A deputy was sent to the park to investigate.

8:23 pm A woman reported that her house smelled of natural gas. A city employee was informed and sent to the residence and reported small amounts of natural gas.

Tuesday, April 29
1:52 am Central Alarm called reporting an alarm going off at a local restaurant. A deputy was already at the scene and reported everything secure.

1:15 pm Felipe Limon, 17, of Del Rio, was arrested for possession of marijuana. Limon was released the next day on a \$3,000 bond.

5:00 pm A woman reported several kids at a house that had been burned down for a month. A deputy was dispatched.

5:50 pm A woman called to report a man that was in the City Annex, that was only wearing a pair of shorts.

Fire Rescue receives numerous donations



Flamin' With Donations To Fire Department

Staff Photos

(Top) Rio Grande Electric Cooperative Inc., General Manager/CEO Dan Laws presented Kinney County Director of Emergency Services Bruce Hudgens with a \$1,500 donation to KCFR. (Bottom) The Bank and Trust, Brackettville, President Lynn McCarron presented KCFR member Jeff Janca with a \$2,000 donation for equipment and supplies.

Submitted by Jeff Janca

Kinney County Fire Rescue received official approval from the Texas Forest Service on their second grant application. This will enable KCFR to purchase additional hoses for the Brush Trucks, one Draft Pump, and ten Water Backpacks.

KCFR also has received donations to purchase additional Fire Fighting Vehicles from The Bank & Trust (\$2,000), Rio Grande Electric (\$1,500), Rancher Charlie Faust (\$500), and Horace Troy (\$50).

All the money received is designated for the purchase of brush trucks and has been turned over to Kinney County for deposit.

KCFR has continued to give additional training in Structural and Wildland firefighting techniques. This past Saturday KCFR hosted Howard County Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan and his son Josh who led in a training session. Chief Sullivan heads

up the Fire Department that put out the Big Spring Refinery Fire this past February. He has over 27 years as a Fireman and also is a certified Arson Investigator. The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department has graciously given KCFR much needed fire hoses, SCBA air packs, and fire fighting gear.

While he was here, Mr. Sullivan was asked to inspect a house in which a fire of a suspicious nature, had destroyed an abandoned home on Thomas Street. After reviewing the scene, Chief Sullivan stated very plainly that in his professional opinion the fire was definitely arson.

These past several months, Kinney County Fire Rescue has begun testing the fire hydrants in the city of Brackettville along with making some much needed repairs on one of the Brush Trucks. KCFR has also been able to supervise the burning of brush on two different occasions at the Fort Clark brush pit.

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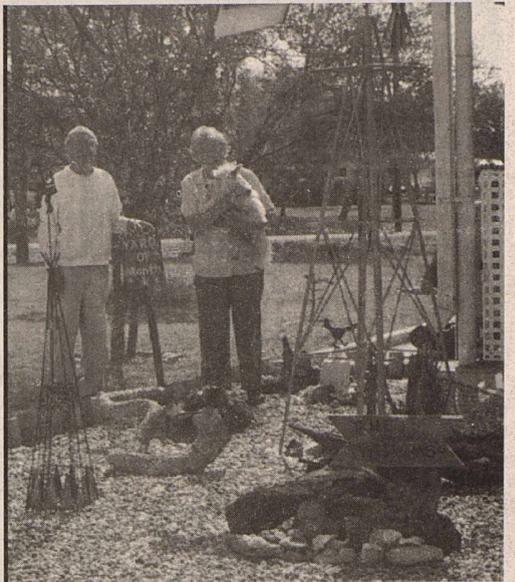
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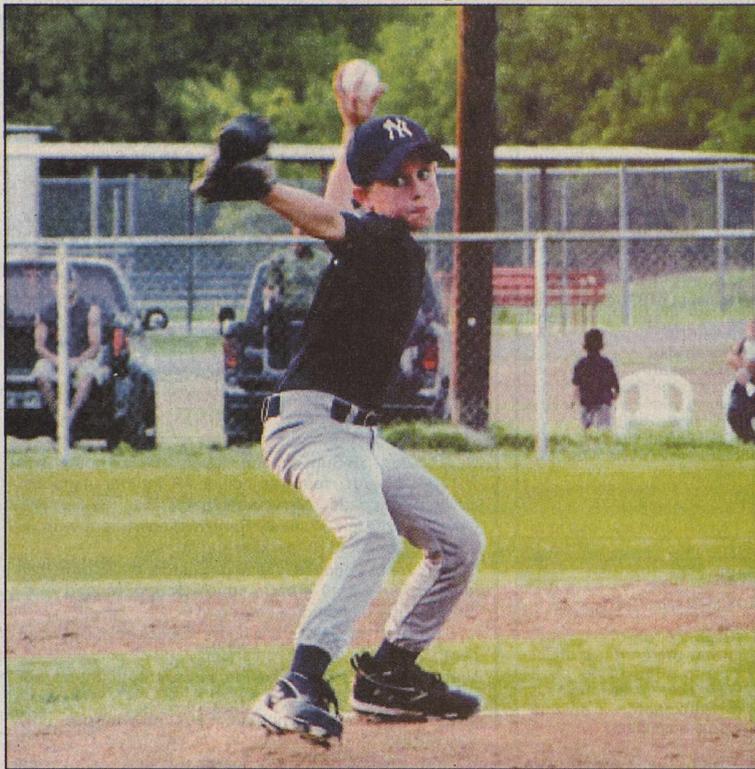
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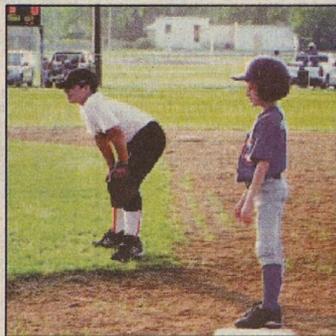
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Contact: Ava Lindeman at 563-5641 or First United Methodist Church 563-2823 for more information or to volunteer to help.
Order Deadline: Friday, May 16th 6 P.M.
Distribution Day: Saturday, May 31st 10:30-Noon

We Accept Food Stamps (EBT). Angel Food Ministries Reserves the Right to Substitute Any of the Above Items Due to Availability, Cost and Quality.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
regular boxes (\$30 each) SPECIALS: #1 (\$20) #2 (\$20) #3 (\$20)
TOTAL: _____

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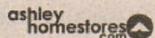
Landon Salsa 84" Sofa
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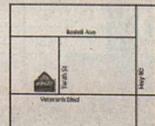
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