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ELECTION DAY VOTING

Last Day to Register to Vote:
October 6, 2008

First Day of Early Voting:
October 20, 2008

Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail:
October 28, 2008 (must be received, not merely postmarked)

Last Day of Early Voting:
October 31, 2008

Election Day:
November 4, 2008

Information Source:
www.sos.state.tx.us/elections

WILD GAME DINNER
The Wildlife Damage Management Association & the Texas Agri Life Extension Service will host their annual Hunter's RoundUp on Saturday, November 1 at the Kinney County Civic Center. Musical entertainment for the evening will be David Lee Murray. To reserve a booth call, 830-563-2442.

CHRISTMAS CHILD PROJECT
Operation ChristmasChild Comes to Kinney County L.A.M.B.'S (Ladies About The Master's Business) of the Frontier Baptist Church will be collecting shoe boxes filled with toys, toiletries, school supplies and candy for needy children worldwide. Deadline for shoe boxes is November 7. For information on how to pack shoe boxes and how your organization can get involved call Rose Reagan at 830-563-9429

COMPUTER CLASSES
The Kinney County Library will host "Cyberspace 101: Introduction to Computers and the Internet" on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am - 10am.

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION
The CSFP Over Age 60 Distribution will be on October 16 from 1pm until 5pm at the newspaper office. PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY AND YOU MUST PICK UP ON THIS DAY. All applications must be renewed by November 14. PLEASE NOTE: Applicants recertify before the distribution in NOVEMBER. The applicant must come in person and bring proof of household income (bank or social security statement), proof of residency (a utility bill in applicant's name) and a photo ID. Recertify EARLY: Beginning on October 27 from 1pm - 5pm, Mon-Fri, applicants can bring in their documents and get recertified early. Applicants will not be eligible for food in November unless their application has been properly completed.

Weekend WEATHER

Friday



High:80
Low:55

Partly Cloudy

Saturday



High:80
Low:55

Mostly Sunny

Sunday



High:80
Low:59

Sunny

Grand jury indicts 14 Burglaries top the list of charges

The Kinney County 63rd Judicial District Grand Jury returned fourteen indictments on October 6.

Eight of the indictments were for burglary of a habitation.

For the Kinney County Sheriff's Department, the jury handed down an indictment for Jose Luis Flores on two separate counts of burglary of a habitation.

Mario Sanchez was also indicted on two separate counts of burglary of a habitation.

Felipe Limon was indicted on the charge of delivery of marijuana.

The grand jury indicted Jesus Pena, Jr. for burglary of a habitation.

The grand jury returned four indictments for the Texas Department of Public Safety, including one for Danny Billings for driving while intoxicated with priors.

Also indicted for driving while intoxicated with prior charges was Raul Mata.

Laura Veronica Robles will face charges for possession of

marijuana.

Federico Rodriguez, Jr. was indicted for possession of marijuana.

Several other indictments, including some juvenile cases, were also returned but remained sealed at press time.

The majority of these cases are set or arraignment on December 19.

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY RALLY

October 18th 2008 4:30 p.m. - 7 City Annex west of town on highway 90. Meet your democrat neighbors. Be an informed voter. Review 2008 Platforms Democratic and Republican State and National. Meet our Kinney County Democratic Officials. Meet some District Democratic Candidates. Contact: Mary Flores- Kinney County Democratic Chairman Elizabeth Goebel- Committee member.

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

A nonprofit scouting organization dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to god, family, community, and country. 1st- 6th grade girls. For registration information call First Baptist Church. 1st Troop Meeting October 8, from 3:30 to 5:00. For more information, contact Amanda Ferich 563-2075

GIRL SCOUTS

You and a parent are invited to attend this special event. Information will be available on Girl Scout Troops and programs just for you. If you this is the place to be! Saturday, October 4, 2008 1:00p.m. - 2:00p.m. Brackettville Elementary School Join the Girl Scouts! Volunteers Needed!

RED HATTERS AGAIN!!!

By popular requests, several dedicated volunteers, through team effort and unselfishly sharing their creative talents are working to coordinate another "Viola Veronica Court Red Hatters" luncheon. Besides the delicious lunch prepared by the locally famous chef, Barbara Simmons, and enjoyable music provided by out official gifted musician, Ann Barron, little extras will be added to complete an elegant setting. So in order to cover all bases, FCS's ladies and their guest should sign-up at the "Adult center" by October 31st, 5:00p.m.

FALL FESTIVAL

The Jones E/I Fall Festival will be on Thursday, 10-30-08 from 4-6p.m. here in front of the school. We would like to invite the paper to take pictures of this event.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

You are invited to come and hear a teaching series on "The Gifts of the Spirit" at First Baptist Church Brackettville on Sunday Evenings at 7:00p.m. If you need more information please call 563-2245.

UVALDE THEATRE

This holiday season UAC is bringing Scrooge, the Musical, book, music and lyrics written by Leslie Bricusse. The musical is based on the Charles Dickens novella A Christmas Carol. It opens on Thursday, December 11 at 8 p.m. Additional performances take place December 12 and 13 at 8 p.m. and December 14 at 2:30 p.m. Auditions for this Christmas favorite will take place Monday and Tuesday, October 27 and 28 at 7 p.m. at the Janey Slaughter Briscoe Grand Opera House. The cast calls for men, women and children (ages 9 and up). Tickets are on sale for Scrooge, the Musical at the Grand Opera House. For information or to reserve tickets, please call the box office at 830-278-4184.



Hands On Training

Asia Williams gets hands on training from Kinney County Fire Rescue EMT Basic Chad Schafer. Jones Elementary students enjoyed a detailed presentation on how to prevent fires and procedures for responding to a fire. Students were given plastic fire chief hats and safety literature to take home and share with their families. In the background, student Giovanni Rodriguez and KCFR Director Bruce Hudgens.

CHEER to schedule mobile mammograms

Submitted By Pat Sitzes
CHEER Director

CHEER, wants to remind all of the women out there that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

As we all know, early detection is the best protection for breast cancer and for any cancer.

Our best early protection for breast cancer is our yearly mammogram starting at age 40. However, if there is a history of breast cancer in your family, you should start having clinical breast exams 10 years before your mother, sister or aunt's age at diagnosis. It is also best to have mammograms yearly, if you are at least 30 years of age.

CHEER is happy to let the community know that mobile mammography from Christus

Santa Rosas will be here on November 13 from approximately 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Again, CHEER will be looking for women who have never had a mammogram as our first priority, but please sign up for your regular annual mammogram, too.

CHEER should be able to

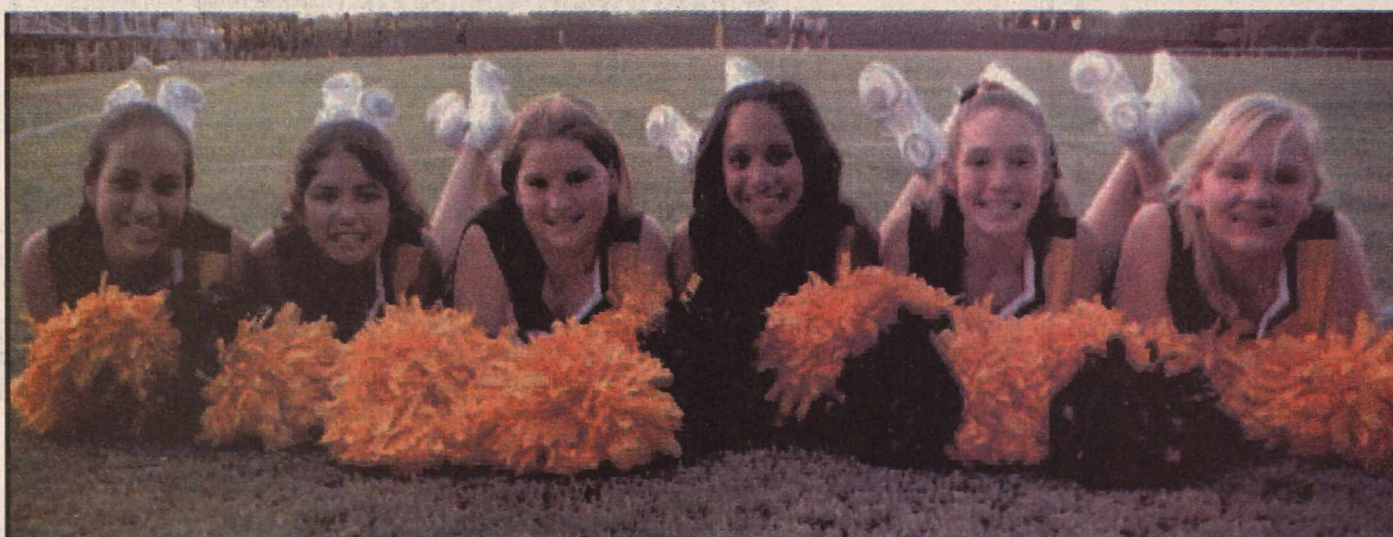
accommodate everyone who signs up until we reach 40 women. If you want to sign up, you may do so by stopping by Camren's Boutique at 103 W. Spring Street or by calling Pat Sitzes at 563-5528.

Kinney County is very fortunate to have Pat Rodriguez, a woman in our community, who

is doing the Komen Three Day Breast Cancer Walk in Dallas on November 7-9. If you would like to make a donation in honor or memory of someone who has fought breast cancer, please let Pat Rodriguez know or go to the Susan G. Komen website. Any amount donated will be appreciated.



Photo courtesy of Pat Sitzes. Representatives from last year's mobile mammogram unit pause for a quick pic.



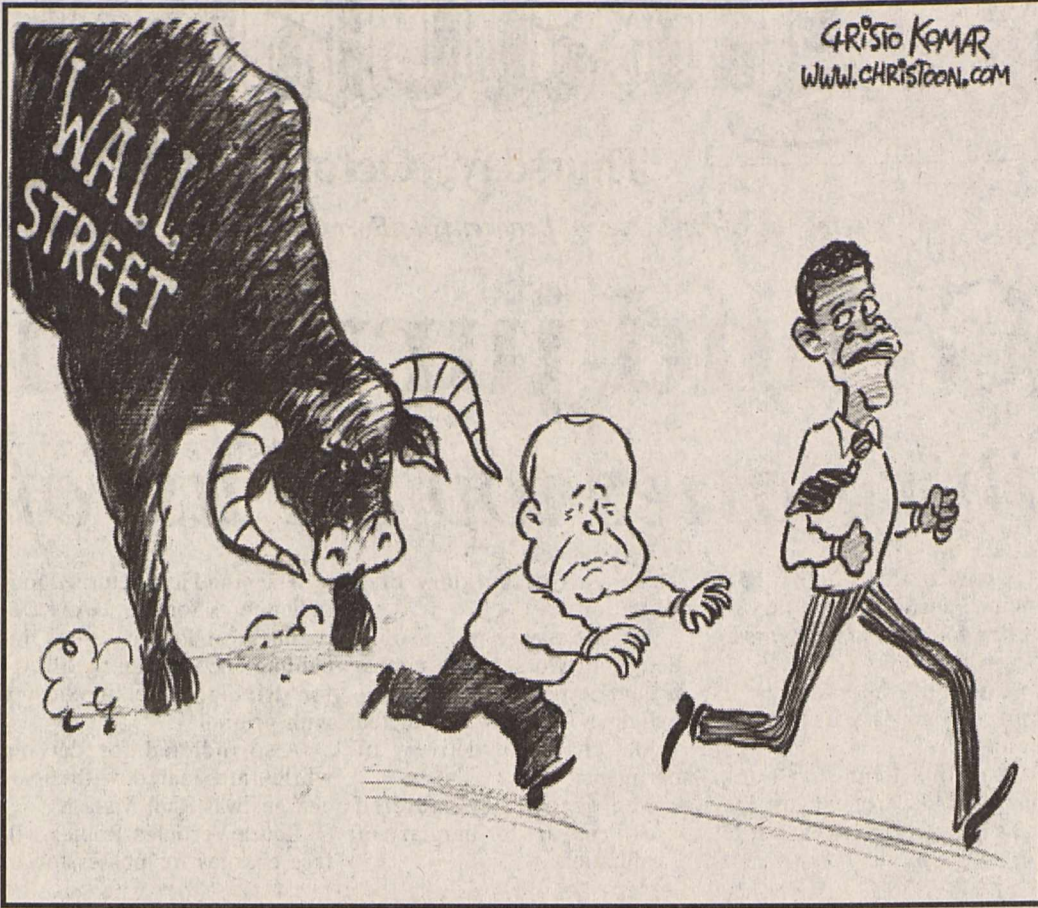
Junior High Cheerleaders

Pictured from left: McKenzie Castillo (7th grade), Briana Garza (8th grade), Korlee Allen (7th grade), Selina Gerardo (8th grade), Jenna Musgrave (7th grade) and Shelby Schuster (8th grade). The Junior High Cheerleaders are sponsored by teacher Misty Rose.

LETTER to the Editor

To the Anonymous Member:
Thank you so very much for your thoughtful and generous contribution to the ladies Red Hat luncheon. Your letter was truly from your heart and it echoed thoughts and feelings that many of us have tried to express but perhaps not so eloquently. What you have done was to give unselfishly to enable the luncheons to continue for the pleasure of all who attend. You have joined the many volunteers who have given of their time and money behind the scenes so that we all might enjoy an elegant afternoon. Thank you, thank you for your generosity and for reminding us that we are all in this together. In reference to your comment that when you moved here you thought everyone got along and that it was a pleasant place to live. It's unfortunate that not everyone is of the opinion that we should all work together for the betterment of Fort Clark. It's not a bad thing to have two sides to every issue. It only becomes a detriment to the Fort when neither side is willing to listen to the other and to work together to reach a compromise. No one is right all the time and maybe the right thing to do isn't always what we'd like most. We are living through tough economic times and the negativity in the political campaigns seems to spread a pall among us. We live in a beautiful place with so many wonderful simple pleasures in life to take advantage of; pleasures that people in cities leave their homes to find when they want to "get away from it all". I agree with you, I am also tired of the complaining. I think that there should be some continuity in the requirements for organizations, clubs, groups or whatever when it comes to using various assets on the Fort Clark. We should be working towards a common goal. That goal is out there down the road, let's not get sidetracked by fighting amongst ourselves. Yes, our Board of Directors has a lot more important things to deal with than the groups of men or women who can't get along. We elected these individuals to act on our behalf and they were elected by majority vote. We should give them the opportunity to work for and find solutions to the issues that concern us all. I have been on the nominating committee...it's hard to find someone who wants to serve. To serve could mean subjecting oneself to unjustifiable criticism and perhaps alienation from your friends and neighbors. It is a thankless job! I know that these elected members spend a great deal of their own time looking for solutions to problems the Fort faces. We have no idea how much time they spend away from their families in order to find ways to overcome problems we are facing and to meet with experts in any given area of concern. Let's give them a break!!! However, I'm getting away from the real reason for this letter, YOU. You have touched a nerve that touches many of us who are tired of the constant controversy. It's not just the controversy, it's the unwillingness to compromise that we want with what we need or what we can afford. It looks like these very issues will be hitting a lot closer to home with the economic situation affecting us all on a more personal level. Let's deal with it!

Thanks, Katie Brown



Go beyond employer's life and disability policies



Emily Cooper

If you work for an employer who offers a benefits package that includes life insurance and disability income insurance, consider yourself fortunate. But you can't necessarily consider yourself fully protected. And if you don't have appropriate life and disability insurance, your long-term financial goals could be at risk.

Life Insurance: How Much Is Enough?

The amount of life insurance you'll require will change throughout your life. When you're starting out in your career, and you're single and living in an apartment, you probably need a lot less insurance than you might a few years later, when you have a spouse, children and a mortgage.

Because your life insurance needs will evolve over time, you can't really use a "formula" to

determine how much insurance you should own. The only way to determine your true needs is to take stock of your individual situation. How big is your mortgage? How much will it cost to send your kids to college? How much income is your spouse likely to bring in over time?

Disability Insurance: Go Long

An illness or accident will keep one in five workers out of work for a least a year during their working careers, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. And Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) might not help, because, in any given year, most claims are denied. In fact, in 2007 only about 38 percent of the 2.2 million people who applied for SSDI benefits actually received them, according to the Social Security Administration. So, while you are healthy and working, ask some questions about your employer's disability insurance plan. What does it cover and for how long? Many employers provide short-term disability plans because they are relatively inexpensive, but as we've seen, many disabilities last a year or longer. Find out if your employer offers any long-term disability coverage, which can provide benefits until you reach age 65. If so, think about purchasing as much as you can.

If you can't get enough coverage at work, consider a policy from an outside provider. Basically, you need enough of a monthly disability insurance benefit to replace your net take-home pay, so that your current lifestyle does not change. Disability insurance policies vary widely in coverage and premium, so shop around before purchasing one. Take full advantage of your employer's life and disability insurance plans. But if this coverage isn't enough, get what you need on your own. You'll be making a smart investment.

The little ropes that hold you down



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Tonight as I placed my head on my pillow I closed my eyes and opened up my heart to listen to where the my next column was going to take me. I had been in the bed for about thirty minutes when the midnight editor told me I had to get up and write. I turned over and told my sweet darling that the midnight editor had given me an assignment and he told me to do what I had to do. He asked, "without breaking the muse can you tell me what the message is?" I told him to imagine Gulliver being tied down by the Lilliputians. Then I closed the door behind me and turned on my computer.

I can just see Gulliver with thousands of little ropes all securing him firmly to the ground. He was much bigger than those tiny people that had strapped him down. We are much bigger than those little voices in our heads too. We have allowed them to hold us captive in our own thoughts. The ropes that are holding us back are our resentments toward them. We are the ones that give them permission to enter our heads. We are the ones that allow their negative attitude to invade our personalities. It is us that can't move forward because we are stuck in the past with ugly words and unkind gestures.

How do we release those bonds of resentment and quiet those voices that keep us tied down to our past. This is more of that clutter that we need to get rid of. We can't just throw it all out the door at once; we have to take baby steps to break one string at a time. The pain of this clutter has taken years to accumulate and slowly it will go away. You will begin to let go of the pain by forgiving the people that have hurt you.

Along with this pain comes anger. Then the mad turns to sad and depression sets in. We lose ourselves because we have a hard time forgiving. I am not saying that you have to forget but if you will start to forgive then you will be breaking free from their grasp to keep you from succeeding. My life has made me who I am. If I had had any other mother or father I would not be me. It is because of everything that has ever happened to me helps me to understand and to be able to mentor in my own way. I didn't set out to do this; but someone put me on this path and knew that I would need to weather these storms in order to find the peace that allows me to open up my sails and to listen when the midnight editor calls. With each bit of resentment I release from the pain in my past I am building the foundations of a new life. I am thankful for every bad thing that has ever happened to me because without the bad I would not know how wonderful the good really is. After all the best revenge for those who have said you could never be anything is to be happy with who you are. They can't take that away from you! Quiet those negative voices by recognizing who they are from your past or present and forgive them. Someone hurt them once upon a time and it is that resentment that keeps on hurting others. Letting go of it stops the hurt forever.

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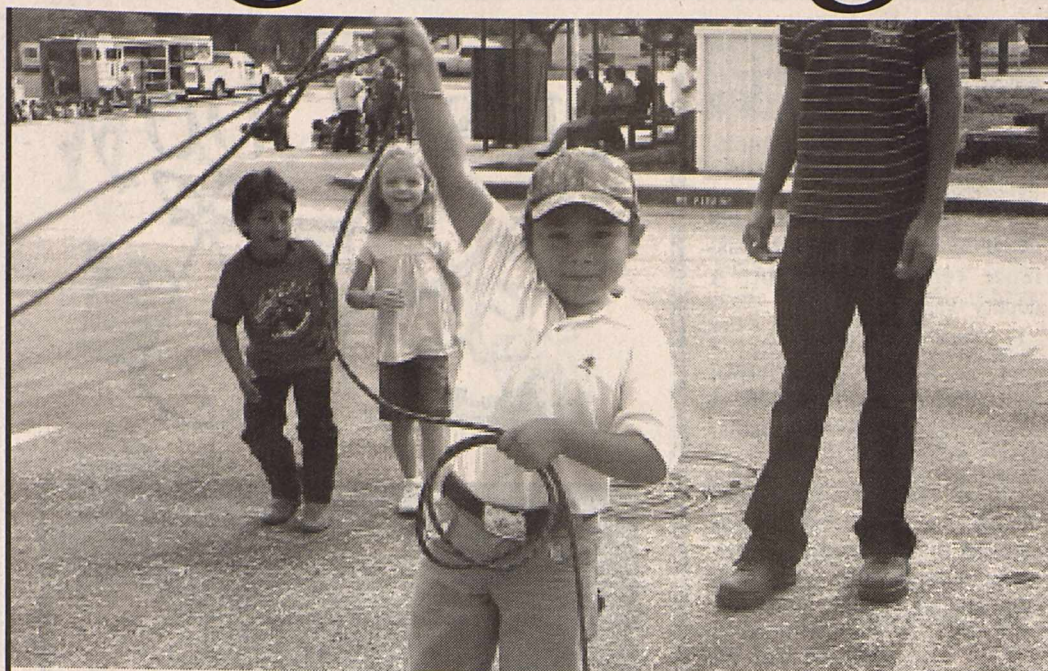


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Martinez Ropes 'Em In

Jones Elementary Kindergartner Christopher Martinez roped in his classmates with a demonstration of his cowboy skills at Ag Day on September 19. In the background, Giovanni Rodriguez and Tristan Taylor.

Jones Elementary Ag Day brings out the "cowboy" in young students

Jones Elementary students participated in AG day on Friday September 19th at the elementary campus. We would like to extend a big Thank You to the extension agency for bringing this wonderful opportunity to our students. The activities correlated with TEKS (Texas Essentials Knowledge and Skills). The children enjoyed many hands on activities including roping, learning about horses, pigs and sheep. The children were shown some demonstrations including milking a cow and the process of getting the milk to our store shelves. Our 5th grade students were given information on the aquifer and how the underground stored water is used for our household use, vegetation, etc. The children did a demonstration on their own on how to reproduce an aquifer with a few essential ingredients.

XC girls take first at Del Rio meet

On Saturday, October 11 the varsity girls placed first as a team with a score of 25. Leading the team was Harmony Pettett, who placed 2nd with a time of 13:18; Sahara Rodriguez 3rd., 13:25; Cheyenne Smith 5th, 13:52; Icela Rueda 6th, 13:59; Bianca Cruz 9th, 14:02; Haley Hale 16th, 14:32; Brianna Escamilla 23rd., 14:56; Erica Villanueva 27th, 15:08; Brook Gose 32nd, 15:33; and Jessica Earwood 65th, 17:39. Leading the JH eighth grade girls was Marissa Villarreal, who placed 7th with a time of 15:07 and Sariah Guartuche 25th, 16:49. Leading the J H 7th grade girls was Haley Smith, who placed 27th, with a time of 18:07.

Game Stats vs. D'Hanis



Game Stats By Cash Letsinger

Scoring Summary

TIGERS: 1 Play, at 7:48 1st Q, Rivera, Steven 18 yard fumble recovery for a TD

PAT Kick attempt - Schroeder, Jacob - Good

D'Hanis: 1 Plays, 78 Yards, at 7:38 2nd Q, 78 yard rushing TD

PAT Kick attempt - Failed

TIGERS: 6 Plays, 58 Yards, at 5:24 2nd Q, Schroeder, Jacob 17 yard rushing TD

PAT Kick attempt - Schroeder, Jacob - Good

D'Hanis: 5 Plays, 68 Yards, at 3:07 2nd Q, 54 yard passing TD

PAT Rush attempt - Failed

D'Hanis: 4 Plays, 64 Yards, at 9:39 3rd Q, 49 yard passing TD

PAT Pass attempt - Good

TIGERS: 4 Plays, 41 Yards, at 1:19 3rd Q, Schroeder, Jacob 5 yard rushing TD

PAT Kick attempt - Schroeder, Jacob - Good

D'Hanis: 1 Plays, 75 Yards, at 10:26 4th Q, 75 yard passing TD

PAT Pass attempt - Failed

TIGERS: 20 Plays, 91 Yards, at 0:00 4th Q, Clark, Cody 1 yard rushing TD

PAT Kick attempt - Schroeder, Jacob - Good

	TIGERS	Cowboys
Points Scored	28	26
First Downs	18	15
By Rush/Pass/Penalty	11/4/3	7/4/4
3rd Downs Made/Att/Eff	4/13/31	1/5/20
4th Downs Made/Att/Eff	2/3/67	0/1/0
Total Yards / Avg per Play	289/4.6	325/8.8
Total Yards Rushing	218	128
Rushing Att/Avg	53/4.1	24/5.3
Total yards Passing	68	210
Pass Att/Comp/Int	10/5/0	13/7/1
Average Yards per Pass	6.8	16.2
Punts /Avg	5/36.6	3/41.0
Punt Returns/Yards/Avg	1/0/0	0/0/0
Punts Blocked	0	0
Kickoff Returns/Yds/Avg	5/89/18	4/33/8
Fumbles /Lost	1/0	3/3
Total Turnovers	0	4
Penalties /Yards	7/58	6/53
Sacks /Yards	4/18	0/0
TDs	4	4
TDs Rush/Pass	3/0	1/3
Field Goals Att/Made	1/0	0/0
Time of Possession	28:11	19:49

Score by Quarter	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
Cowboys	0	12	8	6	-	26
TIGERS	7	7	7	7	-	28

Girls VB defeats La Pryor

On October 14, the varsity girls volleyball team defeated LaPryor 25-14; 25-14; 25-16. Team leaders were: Aces - Marisol Aguirre (5); Digs - Samantha Moore (8); Kills - Becca Mann (11); Assists - Bianca Terrazas (15); Blocks - Becca Mann, Rachael Nash, Samantha Moore, Nena Molinar all with one each.

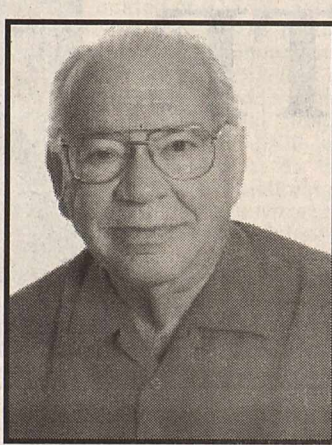
On September 30 the Tigerettes defeated Junction in a non-district match, 25-20; 25-23; 25-18.

Leading the team to victory was Becca Mann with 5 digs, Bianca Terrazas with 13 kills, Becca Mann with 10 assists, Bianca Terrazas with 12 blocks and Nena Molinar 1 block.

Go Tigers & Tigerettes!

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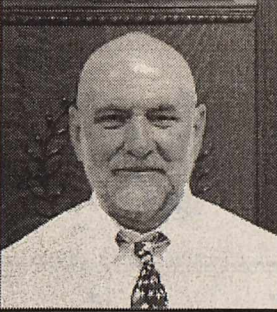
Fort Clark Springs Director - at large
Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District.

- **EXPERIENCED** - An active member of the team that has turned the KCCGD around from being "The worst water district in Texas" to being recognized as one of the best, involved in the development of Fort Clark Springs since 1972.
- **DEDICATED** - served as the district's mediator to resolve the multitude of lawsuits plaguing the district due to poor Management, and restoring confidence in the district. Participates in professional Scientific Meetings involving ground water Geology at his expense.
- **QUALIFIED** - Post graduate degrees in geology and science. Certified by Division of Professional Geoscientists that governs ethical standards and professional conduct. Member of the division of environment geoscientists that concerns environmental matters and ground water.
- **COMMITTED** - Committed to the preservation of Las Moras Springs and the Equitable all location of available Groundwater to all of the residents of Kinney County.

Keep the Team Together
Re-elect ED Dillon and the other three incumbents:
Tony Frerich- County at Large Director.
Kent Lowery - Brackettville at Large Director.
Dennette Haby Coates - Precinct 4 Director.

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Dr. Kent Lowery, D.C.
Proven Leadership for KCCGD



"Dr. Kent Lowery has worked hard this past year for the best interests of all citizens of Brackettville. I fully support his re-election to the Kinney County Water Board this November and I encourage you to do the same."
Stephanie B'Ann Buitron
Brackettville City Council

"I know Dr. Kent Lowery to be an honest man who has been successful this past year in helping our Water Board operate according to the law and get back on track financially. I fully support his re-election to the Brackettville-at-Large position on the KCCGD Board. Dr. Lowery will continue to protect our groundwater resources and see that the City's interests are addressed as well. I encourage you to vote for Dr. Lowery in November."
Judge Johnny Fritter

- I serve with honesty, fairness and integrity
- I have been consistent in insisting that the Board operate legally, honestly and be fiscally responsible
- As Chairman of the Management Plan Revision Committee I ensured protection of base spring flow and city water supplies
- I helped begin the process to obtain \$1.75 million in appropriations for scientific study to more accurately define our water resources
- I am opposed to "correlative rights" and "contiguous acreage" which would allow large landowners to control our groundwater
- I am opposed to critical habitat for the Devil's River Minnow and relinquishing control of our water to the Federal Government, costing our City and county large sums of money to comply with Federal regulations, and possibly dictating a rerouting of Hwy 90 away from the City and killing local businesses

"Dr. Kent Lowery has worked diligently - and will continue to do so - for the best interests of our City. He has my support for re-election to the Kinney County Water Board."
Mayor Charles Feagley
City of Brackettville

"I believe Dr. Kent cares about the quality and the quantity of our water. He and I agree that water is a precious resource that should be researched by scientific study before any is sold to outside interests. I gladly endorse Dr. Kent Lowery for re-election to the KCCGD Board."
John Outley
Spofford City Council

"Dr. Lowery has helped stabilize the Kinney County Water Board this past year. If re-elected in November, his goal will continue to be to protect the water resources of the City of Brackettville. I encourage you to vote for Dr. Kent Lowery for the Brackettville-at-Large seat on the KCCGD."
Henry Fuentes

Our District has turned itself around this past year, gained strong support and commendation from statewide agencies and the Dept. of the Interior - US Fish & Wildlife, and is heading in the right direction to continue to protect the water rights of ALL citizens of Kinney County. Re-electing the incumbents will continue to benefit everyone in our County, not just a chosen few.

City of Brackettville-at-Large Director: **Dr. Kent Lowery**
Precinct #4 Director: Dennette Haby Coates
County-at-Large Director: Tony Frerich
Fort Clark Springs-at-Large Director: Ed Dillon

Think you don't have a dog in the fight?
Yeah, you do.....ME!

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Sunday, October 5
9:45a.m. A Fort Clark woman requested a deputy's assistance.

Tuesday, October 7
7:14a.m. A woman wanted a deputy to go and make sure her boyfriend and sister-in-law were moving out and not taking her kids. A deputy was notified.

Wednesday, October 8
4:43a.m. BP Checkpoint notified SO there was a grey Honda weaving in and out of traffic. A deputy was advised of the situation.

7:01a.m. A woman reported she was in a car accident on Fort Clark Springs. A deputy was notified.

11:00a.m. An anonymous caller called stating that there was a possible drunk driver coming from Quemado. A deputy was notified of the situation.

Friday, October 10
11:40a.m. Christopher Lopez, 25, of Phoenix, Arizona was arrested for public intoxication. Lopez was still being held at press time.

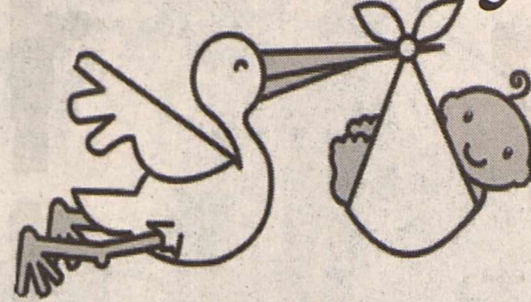
Saturday, October 11
9:17a.m. A woman stated people were driving fast on her street and wanted assistance. A deputy was dispatched to the

location.
9:47a.m. A SGT. from the detention center called for assistance regarding a fight. A deputy was notified.

Sunday, October 12
8:01a.m. A woman reported a reckless driver on Hwy 90. A deputy was notified of the situation.

11:36a.m. Polo Marco Mallen, 20, of San Antonio was arrested for possession of marijuana. Mallen was still being held at press time.

It's a boy!



James Wilson Taylor

Wacy and Allison Taylor, of Brackettville, are proud to announce the birth of their son, James Wilson Taylor. J.W. was born on September 16, weighing 3 lbs., 7 oz. and was 16 inches long. Siblings Tristin and Mitchell welcomed their little brother into the world along with maternal grandparents, Steven and Kandace LaMascus of Brackettville, paternal grandparents, Diron and Karen Holt of Uvalde, great grandparents Kenneth and Sylvia LaMascus of Uvalde, Juan Magness of Uvalde, Joe and Billie Fuerst of Lima, Ohio and Otis and Sherry Holt of Del Rio.



FCS Community Council Clean Up

The FCS Community Council working along with the Texas Water Cleanup Program had a workday in the Las Moras Creek. A total of thirty-seven volunteers showed. The group was broken up into several smaller groups and placed up and down the springs. 1,750 lbs. of brush, 150 lbs of trash, and 400 lbs of old grass were removed from the springs. This was a very needed and well attended Fort function, board members, community council members, office workers and towns people all participated and worked well together.

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Dennette Haby Coates

Incumbent ~ Precinct 4 KCGCD
Secretary/Treasurer and Financial Officer for KCGCD

Many of our colleagues in the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts have asked how the Current board members have changed our district from being one of the worst in the state to one of the best.



I proudly respond, "Good, honest, hard work from board members looking out for the community, not for themselves."

WORKING TO PROTECT OUR GROUNDWATER

- ✓ **SOUND SCIENCE** ~ Seeking 1.75 million for a USGS Study and dye tests studies.
- ✓ **REVISED MANAGEMENT PLAN** ~ The revised plan requires monitoring systems to protect base spring flow.
- ✓ **FAIR RULES** ~ Protecting the water rights of the Citizen of Kinney County First. Rules that clearly state the water used by Brackettville and Fort Clark Springs has top priority, guaranteeing an abundant local water supply.
- ✓ **LOCAL CONTROL** ~ The only way to maintain local control of our groundwater is with a financially sound, fair Board.

During my opponent's time on the Board, the District spent your \$'s on rules for "High Impact Wells" and rules that unfairly favored their friends. Their High Impact and correlative rules would have allowed large landowners to obtain large permits, regardless of whether water actually exists beneath their property. During my opponent's tenure, very little was spent on science and their rules made NO mention of a monitoring system to protect the springs!

Keep the Board moving forward in the right direction!
Elect the Incumbents:
Precinct 4: DENNETTE HABY COATES
County At-Large Director: TONY FRERICH
Fort Clark Springs At-Large Director: ED DILLON
City of Brackettville At-Large Director: KENT LOWERY

Thank you for your support and your vote on Tuesday, November 4, 2008
EARLY VOTING BEGINS October 20, 2008

Political Advertisement paid for by Denette Haby Coates
Jewel Robinson Secretary/Treasurer

✓ VOTE

TONY FRERICH

County At-Large Director
Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District

Only two years ago, Kinney County Groundwater District had the reputation as being one of the **WORST** districts in the state.

The current board with solid and united leadership has steered the water district in the **RIGHT DIRECTION!!!** Our legal counsel, Louis Rosenberg, was recently asked to give a presentation in Austin at a Water Law Conference on the great progress made by the current board in bringing "STABILITY" to the district.

LET'S CONTINUE ON THE RIGHT TRACK

- ✓ Settled Lawsuits—SAVED taxpayers thousands of dollars in legal bills.
- ✓ Revised Management Plan with Management Zones and Monitoring Well system to protect everyone. **This plan was immediately approved by the Texas Water Development Board with no revisions.**
- ✓ Good Financial Management—We ended this fiscal year "**in the black**". The previous board accumulated enormous legal debts.
- ✓ Scientific Studies—Current Board is aggressively seeking \$1.75 million in federal aid and grants for further scientific studies through the U.S. Geological Survey.
- ✓ Local Control—**I OPPOSE** introduction of the Devil's River minnow into Las Moras Springs. Federal control could impose huge financial liabilities on Brackettville and Fort Clark.
- ✓ Protection—**I support** district rules that protect spring flow and afford **TOP PRIORITY** to water for Brackettville/Fort Clark Springs. I oppose any rules that give large permits to landowners based solely on acreage. **I am AGAINST "correlative rights."**

Other Incumbents:
Precinct 4 Director: Dennette Haby Coates
Fort Clark Springs At-Large Director: Ed Dillon
City of Brackettville At-Large Director: Kent Lowery

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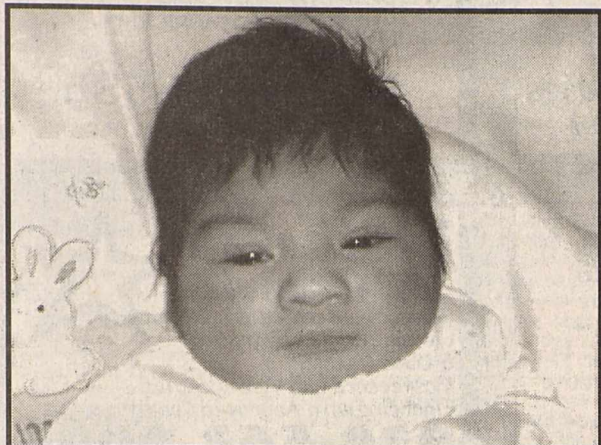
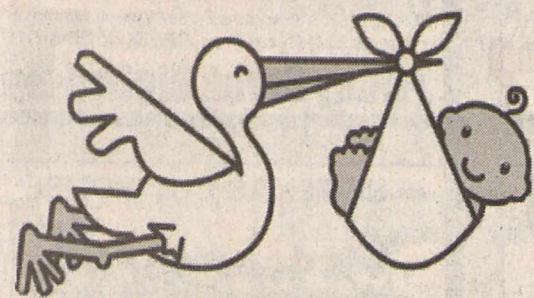
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It's a girl!



Faith Anne Talamantes

Abel Talamantes Jr. and Sarah A. Martinez are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Faith Anne Talamantes.

Faith Ann was born on October 12, weighing 7.3lbs and was 20inches in length.

Faith was welcomed by her maternal grandparents, Simon and Olga Martinez of Lockney, Texas, Uncle Simon and Jullie Martinez of Leander, Texas, Uncle Adam Martinez of Austin, Texas, paternal grandparents, Abel and Mari Talamantes, Uncles Noe, Isaac and Aaron Talamantes, Great grandparents Santa Martinez, Nohe and Leonor Talamantes and Andres Martinez of Lubbock, Texas.

MUD Matters:

Submitted By Larry Sofaly
Fort Clark MUD

As you all saw in last weeks Brackett News, MUD is having a bond election this November.

This article is to answer some of the questions you might have about the election.

First let me tell you that early voting in person will be from Monday October 20, 2008 until Friday October 31, 2008.

It will be held at the MUD office during our office hours 8:00AM until 5:00PM Monday thru Friday.

We will not be using any paper ballots. We were required to rent electronic equipment and that is all we will use. It is top of the line touch screen voting equipment. Of course, our election day voting will be held in the counties voting places.

That is precinct 1 will be at the EMS Building in town.

Precinct 4 will be at the Kinney County Library Annex.

It will take place on November 4, 2008 from 7:00AM to 7:00PM. You will vote in the regular election and then come over to the MUD election officials and vote on the two MUD propositions.

The qualifications to vote in the MUD election are; #1. You must be a registered voter in precinct 1 or 4, and #2. You must be a resident living on the Fort.

As for the propositions themselves, I will try to clarify what they are for.

Proposition # 1 is for \$350,000.00. That money will be used to paint the elevated water tower and repair two of our older lift stations. We will also use some of the money to purchase equipment so we can properly maintain our lift stations.

Proposition #2 is for \$2,150,000.00. That money will be used to repair our streets. The streets that will be repaved with this bond issue are Fort Clark Road, Scales Road and Fairway Circle. That will include Eagle Way also. That the total bond issue will be for \$2,500,000.

If we pay it off over 30 years, your tax rate will be approximately \$.45/\$100 valuation.

If you have any other questions please contact me, Larry Sofaly, at the MUD office at 563-2828

FAX and COPY at the newspaper office
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS:

October 16, 2008, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), 221 East 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701, 512-475-0430. On or about October 24, 2008 the TDHCA will submit a request to the HUD for the release of HOME funds under HOME Investment Partnership Act at Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, to undertake a project known as Brackettville Seniors Apts, for the purpose of rehabilitating 32 units of rental housing for the elderly Project is located at 612 W. Spring Street, Brackettville, TX. The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at TDHCA, 221 East 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the TDHCA. All comments received by October 23, 2008 will be considered by the TDHCA prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. RELEASE OF FUNDS: The TDHCA certifies to HUD that Sandy Garcia in her capacity as Certifying Officer consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Brackettville Seniors Apartments to use Program funds. OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS: HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the TDHCA certification received by November 11, 2008 or for a period of fifteen days following its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the TDHCA; (b) the TDHCA has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to TDHCA at 221 East 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701. Potential objectors should contact TDHCA to verify the actual last day of the objection period. CERTIFYING OFFICER: Sandy Garcia, Production Manager, HOME Division, TDHCA 221 East 11th Street, Austin, TX, 78701

NOTICE OF DIRECTOR ELECTION
KINNEY COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Director Election has been ordered by the Board of Directors of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

LOCATION IF ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACE
Tuesday, November 4, 2008 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

- Precinct 1: EMS Building 401 South Ellen Street, Brackettville, Texas
- Precinct 2: High School Auditorium 400 Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas
- Precinct 3: Senior Citizens Apartments 600 West Spring Street, Brackettville, Texas
- Precinct 4: Kinney County Library Annex 510 South Ellen Street, Brackettville, Texas

EARLY VOTING PERIOD AND POLLING PLACE

Electors may cast their early votes by **personal appearance** at
Kinney County Courthouse 501 South Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas
On Monday, October 20, 2008 through Friday, October 31, 2008 from
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Electors may cast their early votes by **mail** at:
Kinney County Clerk, P.O. Box 9, Brackettville, Texas 78832, Attention:
Dora Sandoval

The first day to submit an application for early voting by mail is
Friday, September 5, 2008.
The deadline for receiving completed early voting ballots sent by mail is 5:00 p.m.,
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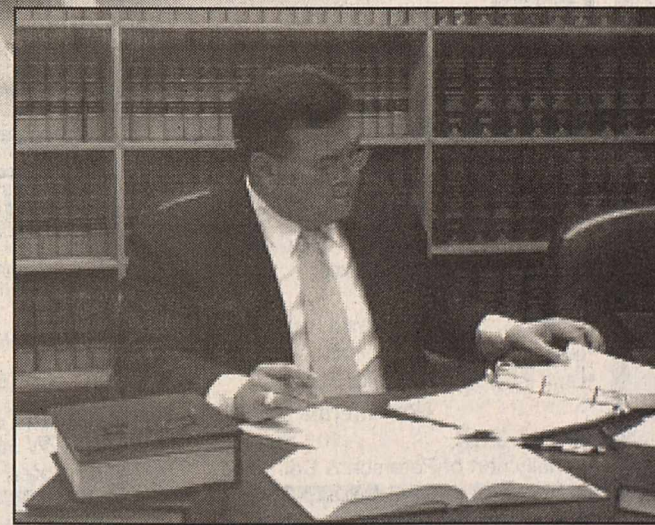
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- Sole Practitioner - Law Office of Enrique Fernandez
- **Experienced trial lawyer** - numerous jury trials (as a prosecutor, criminal defense attorney, civil plaintiff attorney and civil defense attorney) and many more without juries

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OPPONENT

- Only 5 years as a practicing attorney
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- Works part-time as an attorney and part-time as an accountant
- Never served in Public Office

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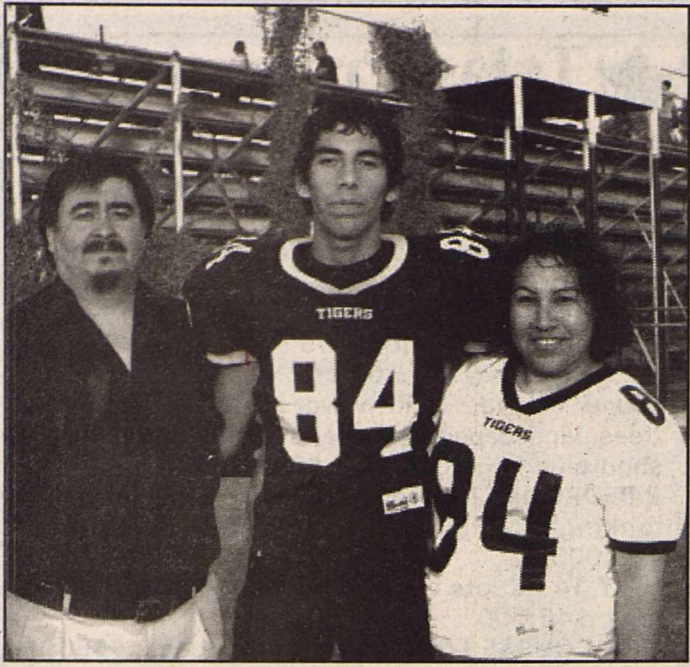
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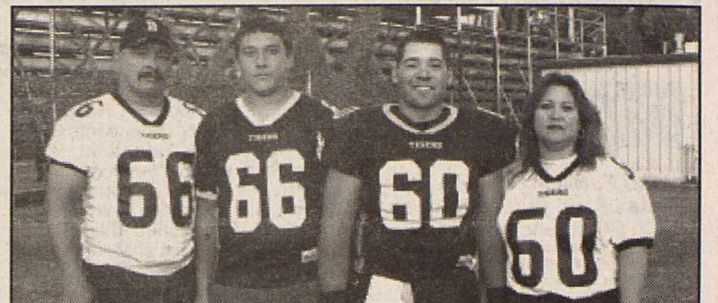
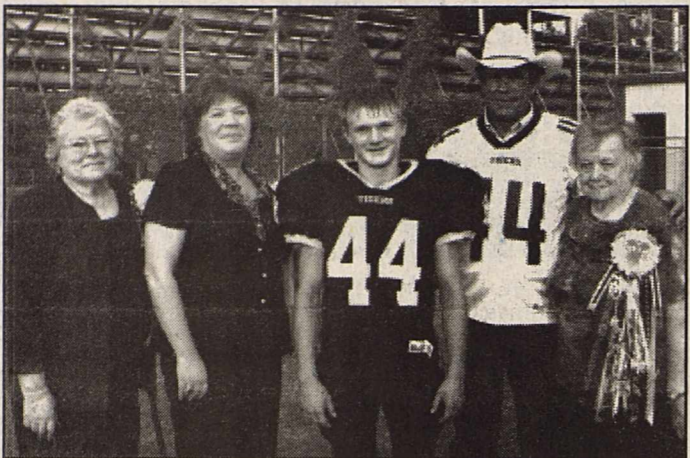
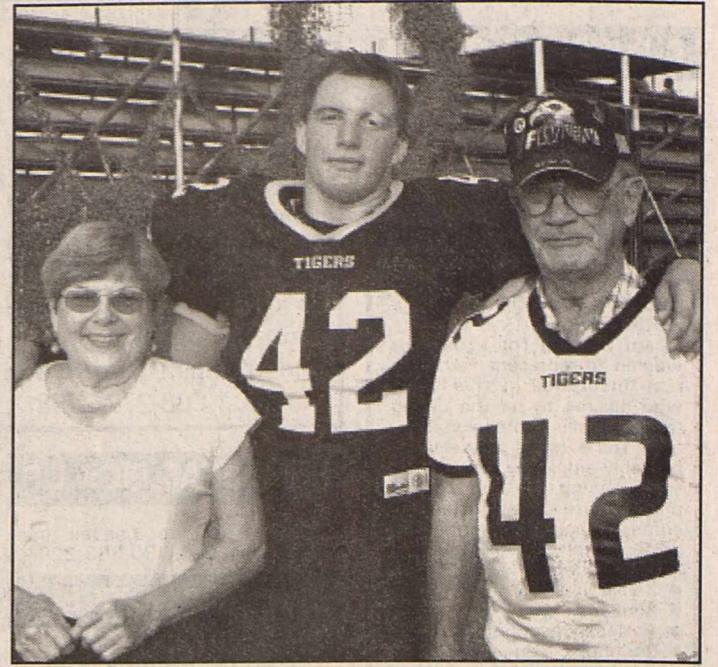
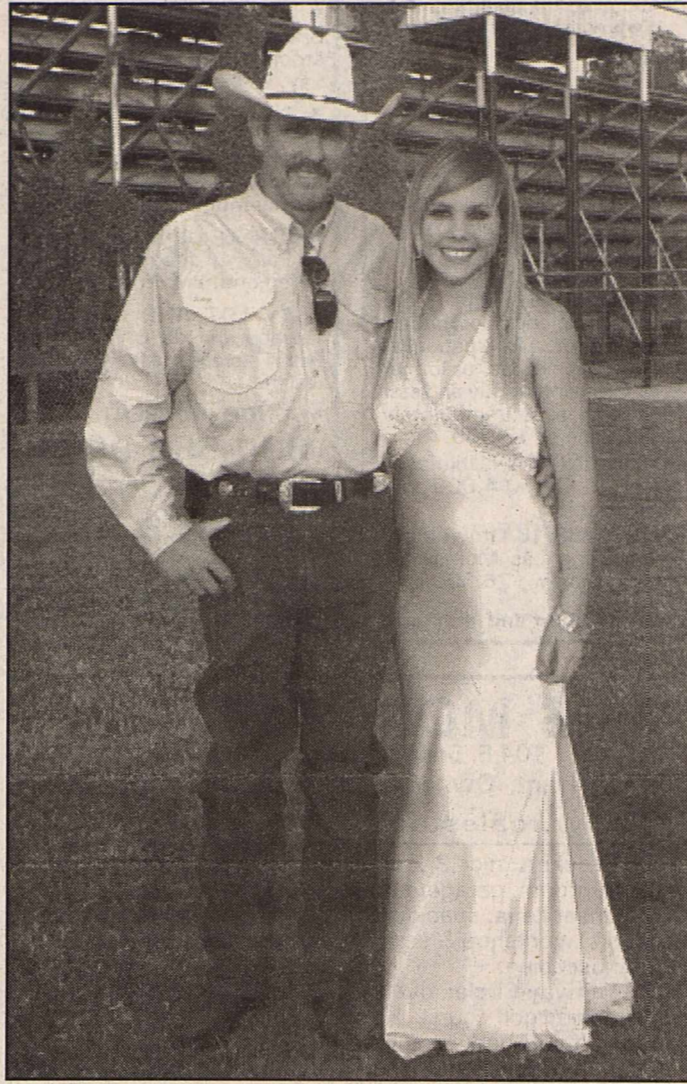
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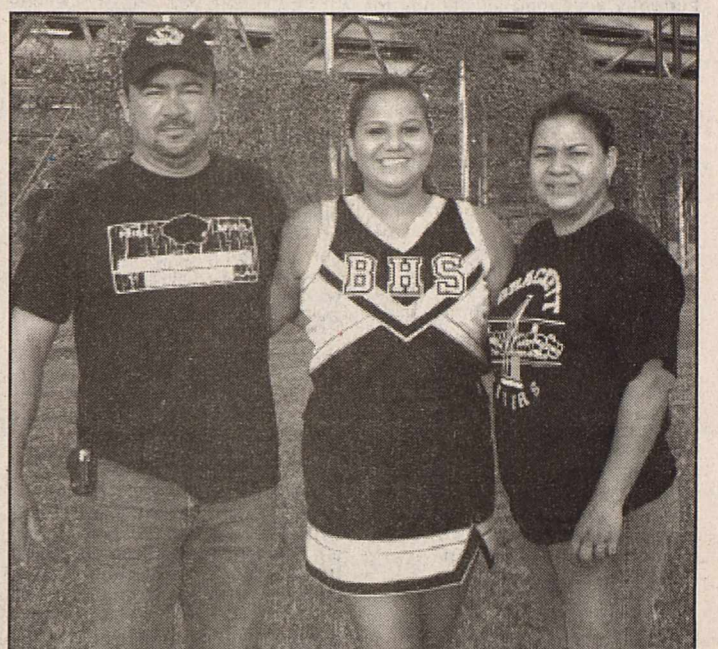
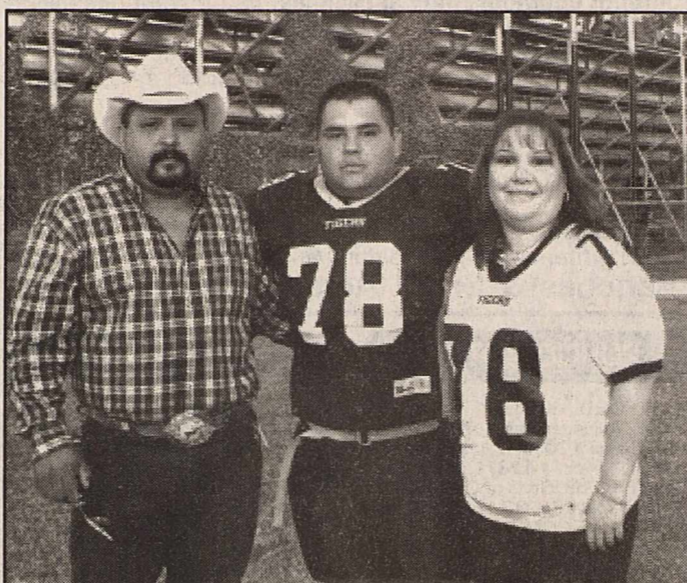
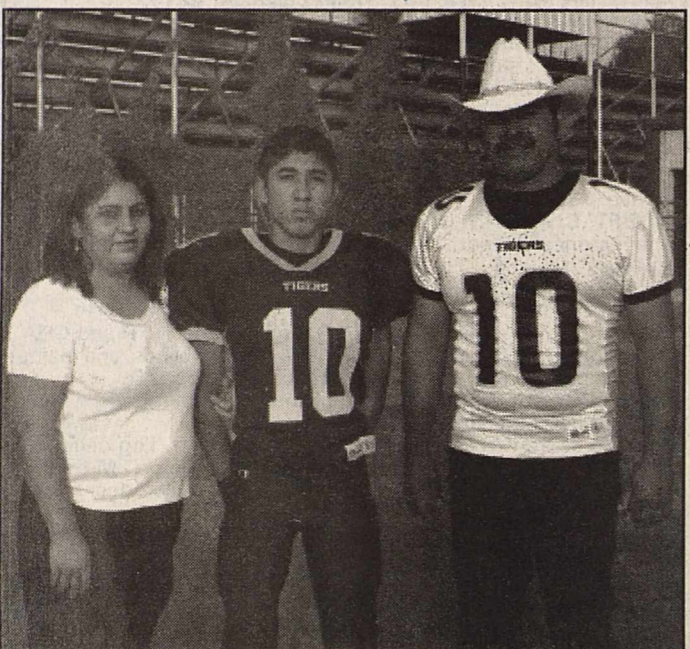
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Football Parents Night 2008**



**Parent's Night Photos for sale
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To The Good People Of Fort Clark Springs

On The 4th Day Of November you will be asked to vote for the Municipal utility district to sell 2.1 million dollars in bonds to improve the roads in Fort Clark. The MUD owns our roads and as most of you know they are in bad need of repair. A lot of you will point to the economy as a reason not to vote for it. The best reasons to vote FOR it are:

1. Interest rates are on the way down to historic lows.
2. As the economy slows we can get the work done much cheaper.
3. If it fails it will be a long time before another will be authorized.
4. As our roads come apart we will have to plow up the broken asphalt and return them to dirt.

●The tax rate in the bonds will have be 45 cents per \$100 valuation, so look at your tax statement and you can see how small the effect will be.

●A lot of you are on limited incomes and so not want any added taxes. Your alternative will be greatly reduced home values when the roads finally come apart.

●The old MUD tax rate for the sewage plant was 28 cents per \$100. This has been paid off and is no longer on your bill.

●Both items on the bond issue **MUST PASS** or neither will. Early voting begins Oct. 20 at the MUD office Nov. 4 voting will be at precincts 1 and 4.

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