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COMMUNITY NEWS

ALAMO REUNION
On Saturday, May 23, Alamo Village and Virginia Shahan will be hosting an Employee Reunion during their regular Memorial Day Week-end (May 22-24, 2009). For 50 years Alamo Village has had a number of Employees. We hope all will come help us celebrate, in this most special year.

OLD QUARRY PARTY
The Old Quarry Society will install officers for 2009-2010 and host a Wine and Cheese Party at Post Theatre, Tuesday, May 19th, 7:00 p.m. If you have ever purchased a ticket for an Old Quarry production, you are considered a member of the organization and are welcome to attend this party. Officers for 2009-2010 are: President Wendy Knox, 1st Vice President Donna Granchev, 2nd Vice President David Loftus, Secretary Rosie Mattingly, and Treasurer Tom McNew. Please come join us on Tuesday, May 19th, 7:00 p.m. Post Theatre.

LIBRARY NEWS
The Kinney County Public Library is making preparations for the 2009 Summer Classes. Classes will be held on Tues, Wed, & Thurs from 10:30 am until 5:30 pm, starting June 2nd, 2009. The Brackett School District incorporates their Summer Lunch Program with the library program and busses the morning students to the cafeteria for lunch. The Friends of the library Group helps fund the program with snacks drinks and treats the students to an afternoon snack each day. Students of all ages get a chance to do hands on activities, play games, read, learn Spanish and use the computers. Overall it's a great place to be during the Summer Months. Please keep in mind that volunteers are always needed to assist with the program; the more volunteers the better the success rate. Crafts, supplies and board games are also needed. Please help the library make a difference in our community! Call or stop by for more information and please register the students ahead of time if possible. (830) 563-2884

HAVING TROUBLE MAKING ENDS MEET?
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JONES MAY E/I EVENTS
Field Day May 21 K-3rd grade, 8:30 - 12 pm at the stadium
5. Awards Assemblies May 21st E/I 12 p.m. school auditorium

BENEFIT BBQ
Benefit BBQ for the funeral expenses for Martin Lopez May 30 at the Render Park FCS at noon.

Weekend WEATHER

Friday

 High: 88
Low: 67


Isolated T-Storms

Saturday

 High: 89
Low: 68

Isolated T-Storms

Sunday

 High: 91
Low: 69

Isolated T-Storms

County swimming pool to be cleaned; Courthouse renovation plans put on hold

By Katie Brown
Staff Reporter

The Regular meeting of Kinney County Commissioner's Court was held on Monday, May 18 with a full agenda that took the better part of the day. Foremost, with Memorial Day coming up, was the issue of cleaning up the county cemetery. However, Albert Payne, who is the Maintenance Tech for the county, has been in the hospital and would not be able to oversee any work done. The issue was tabled until a later date.

Larry Irsik, with Architexas gave a presentation before the court regarding grant money that is made available to qualifying counties for the restoration of their court houses under the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program enacted in 1997 by then Governor George Bush. The program is to help counties to restore and rehabilitate their historical courthouses to their original condition; meeting all the safety codes and upgrading all the electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems. The program is funded every two years by the state legislature. Four years ago Architexas did the Master Plan for the Kinney County Courthouse, a requirement of the program. Once the Master Plan was completed, the courthouse was scored on a 21 point criterion. The money expended on the Master Plan would be reimbursed 100 percent if Kinney County was awarded the grant

under the program. Originally the program funded up to \$4 million for any one courthouse; today that has increased to \$6 million. The state pays up to 85 percent of the funding for the entire project. Things the program would not cover would be relocation of the offices during the time of restoration or new furnishings. Currently there are 20 courthouses that score higher than Kinney County. One thing that the county could do to raise their score to be more competitive would be to have what is called Plans and Specs done. This would cost the county approximately

\$412,000, which would apply to the 85 percent reimbursement if Kinney County was selected to receive grant funds. Although having Plans and Specs done would not guarantee that the county would receive any of the grant money this time around, it would put the county in a stronger position when the legislature again funds the project in two years. If Kinney County is not chosen to receive the grant money, the \$412,000 is not refundable. When asked if the program would still be in existence considering the state

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Human skull found in brush west of town

By Leigh Volcsko
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A federal agent reported finding a skeleton on a ranch west of Brackettville on May 18.

Kinney County Sheriff's Department officials said they responded to a report about human remains being found in the brush approximately 300 feet off Highway 90 at the Amanda Crossing, sixteen miles from town.

At the scene, law enforcement agents canvassed the area, but only the skull without the lower jawbone was found. Two pair of shoes, each a different size were discovered in the area, but no evidence of the person's identity.

No evidence of foul play is suspected, as the skull did not

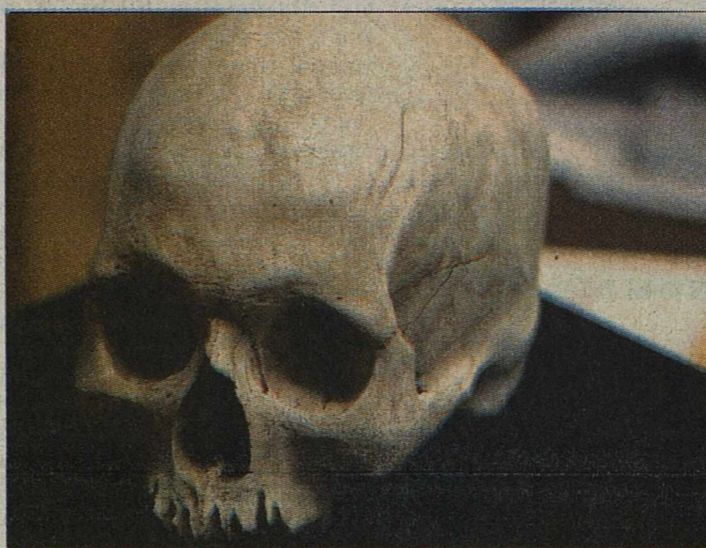
have apparent signs of damage from either a gunshot wound or blunt force trauma.

Justice of the Peace Narce Villarreal was summoned to make the official call on the unknown person's demise at 1:12 p.m.

Officials speculate the skull could have been there up to four or five years and was most likely that of an undocumented alien that passed away during the course of their journey into the United States.

Kinney County Sheriff LK Buddy Burgess stated their are no current missing persons in the county and will wait for the results of the pending investigation being spearheaded by Texas Ranger Juan Lozano.

Lozano said the skull will now be sent to North Texas State University for DNA testing.



Skull Found - Photo Courtesy of Texas DPS

BHS seniors recognized; awarded scholarships

The Brackett High Senior Recognition Assembly honored the best of the best in the BISD Auditorium on May 15.

Laura Swinson was named the Brackett High School Class of 2009 Valedictorian. Samantha Moore was named Salutatorian.

Honor graduates this year are Laura Adams, Summer Allen, Katie Braesicke, Emily Calk, Serenity Gammill, Becca Mann, Samantha Moore, Harmony Pettett, Maribel Rivas, Arlene Roth, Jacob Schroeder and Laura Swinson.

Scholarships and awards were presented to the seniors by a variety of businesses and civic organizations.

Jacob Schroeder received a scholarship from the Air Force ROTC.

Samantha Moore received an ATPE scholarship.

The U.S. Border Patrol awarded Emily Calk a scholarship.

Harmony Pettett was awarded the Carlotta De La Rosa Memorial Scholarship by her son Carlos De La Rosa.

Samantha Moore received the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Scholarship.

Katie Braesicke and Laura Swinson were awarded scholarships from the Fort Clark Springs Men's Golf Club by Alfred Pena and Bob Burkpile.

Tully Welch presented Moises Gonzales and Harmony Pettett with Lamar Scholarships from the Las Moras Masonic Lodge.

National Future Farmers of America Ford Scholarships were awarded to Summer Allen and Jared Harris by Jesus Rodriguez.

Samantha Moore received a Rotary Club scholarship.

Laura Adams and Bianca Martinez both received a Seminole Indian Scholarship pre-

sented by Beverly Ward.

Elvidia Hinds presented Bianca Martinez with the Sophia Gomez Memorial Scholarship.

Maribel Rivas received the Super S Scholarship presented by Ernest Contreras.

Jacob Schroeder and Samantha Moore received the Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Recognition as presented by Staff Sgt. Ortiz.

Laura Adams received the John Phillip Sousa Award.

Emily Calk, Samantha Moore, Jacob Schroeder and Laura Swinson all received University Interscholastic League Scholar Award for graduating seniors who are in the top ten percent of the 2009 class and who have also participated in at least one UIL activity during their time in high school.

Gold Awards for seniors with an overall grade point average of 95 percent and above were

given to Katie Braesicke, Emily Calk, Samantha Moore, Jacob Schroeder and Laura Swinson.

Silver Awards for graduating seniors with an overall grade point average of 90 percent, but below 95 percent were given to Laura Adams, Summer Allen, Serenity Gammill, Becca Mann, Harmony Pettett, Maribel Rivas and Arlene Roth.

BHS graduation ceremonies will take place on May 29 at 8 p.m. at Tiger Stadium.

Motivating Students To Do Their Best



Although the district has not received exact state school ratings, the Jones Elementary faculty and staff would like to recognize their students for a job well done on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills. On Friday, May 22, all faculty and staff of Jones Elementary/ Intermediate will camp out in the school front parking lot in appreciation for the continued support we receive from the Brackettville community. Pictured from left: Third Grade Reading Teacher Catherine Kepler with blue hair, Sixth Grade Reading Teacher Sue Ann Rose with red stripes, Fourth Grade Writing Teacher Brenda Perry with zebra stripes and Sixth Grade Math Teacher Jeanette Allison who is not a Dallas fan. These ladies represent Jones Elementary/ Intermediate Faculty and Staff in celebration of the exemplary effort put forth during the TAKS season.

Chamber Pageant Results

Serenity Gammill was named Miss Kinney County 2009 at the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce Pageant on May 18.

Roxy Gomez was first runner-up.

Colten Simmons was named Mr. Kinney County.

Moises Gonzalez was first runner-up.

Heather Knox was named Jr. Miss Kinney County.

Shannon Gammill was first runner-up.

Charlie Adam Resendez was named Jr. Mr. Kinney County.

Morgan Knox was named Little Miss Kinney County.

Mia Garcia was named Tiny Miss Kinney County.

Julee Reyes was named first runner-up.

Jenna Musgrave was named Queen of Queens.

Sierra Falcon was named People's Choice.

Mia Garcia was named Most Photogenic.



Serenity Gammill

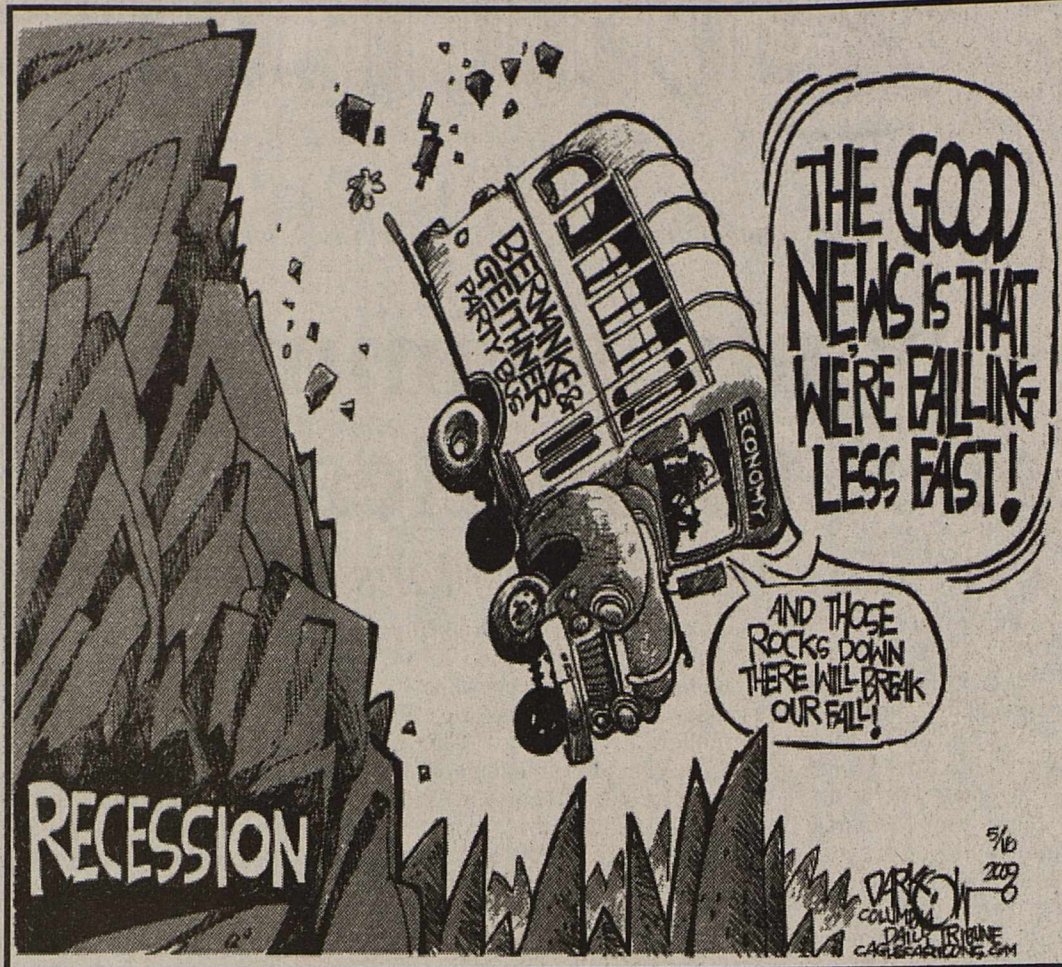


Colten Simmons

Publishers PLOG

Every now and then I get the opportunity to witness something truly beautiful. As many of you know, my husband and I are not originally from here, but one of the things we learned very quickly is that in the Hispanic community, family is very important. The ties between parents and children and those between siblings seem to be a lot stronger than anything I have ever witnessed. This past weekend I witnessed another example of deep family commitment, but on a grander scale. I was asked to take some photographs at a fiftieth anniversary party for the Rivas Family. Raul and Santos Rivas have 11 children and those children came together to plan a lovely party for them, but it was not just the party that impressed me, it was the love the children bestowed onto their parents. From the seven daughters helping their mother do her hair, to making sure her dress looked just right - to each one of her four sons dancing with her, followed by nearly twenty of her grandsons each breaking in during the song (it was a very long song!). I had taken some pictures and then sat down to eat some of the world's greatest food ever, when the band started to play and before I knew it one of the sons had taken his mother out onto the dance floor and of course I grab the camera and start snapping away, but I had to keep the camera up to my face because I started to cry. It was not sadness that had me all teared up, but the love you could see, feel, taste, smell and touch all around you. These men and women were so tender with their parents. And from meeting each one them that night, I will say Mr. and Mrs. Santos have so much to be proud of.

Leigh V.



Common sense to approach to flu germs



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

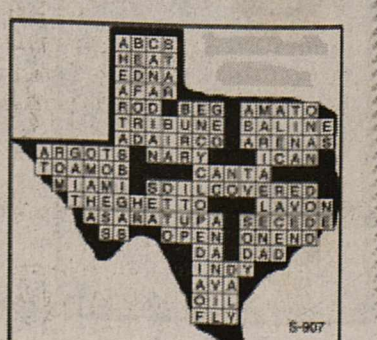
Everyone is hollering about the Swine Flu and a pandemic. Let's get the facts straight before we start getting in a panic! In the United States between 5 and 20 people out of every 100 come down with the flu each year. Let's do the math; 15 Million-60 Million actually get sick with the flu. Every year 36,000 people die from the flu! A and B Over 200,000 people are hospitalized for the flu A and B. I got this information from the Center for Disease Control. On their website they are calling Swine Flu H1N1 and this is also a strain of influenza A. There have been 2 deaths in the United States and 45 deaths in Mexico. There have been 3100 confirmed cases. So where is the pandemic? "Common Sense" tells me that the flu is bad enough without blowing this out of proportion. Where was all the hype last fall when we needed to get our flu shots! Yes I understand that the flu virus mutates and there is a new strain each year. But from what I read on the CDC having the previous year flu shot does help. Oh I know why we didn't receive this information last fall! There was a bad economy and a presidential election. There was no time to for this report on the news. Our television, radio, newspapers, magazines and the internet was cluttered. Let's get back to "Common Sense" when it comes to protecting our families and ourselves from any germs.

1. Wash Your Hands with hot soapy water while you sing happy birthday.
2. Don't touch your face, nose and eyes with your hands.
3. Wash your hands before you eat.
4. Use a fork or a spoon so you are not handling your food.
5. Limit exposure by staying home more for meals.
6. Make a grocery list and shop once a week.
7. If you are sick; stay home!
8. Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze; use the inside of your elbow instead of your hand. These are habits that we can establish. Put a sign in your bathroom to wash your hands. Teach your children to wash their hands and set up a routine for this. If you are FLYing you will be one step ahead of these flu germs with your routines for shopping and keeping your home clean. We cannot live in fear of something that common sense tells me is no worse than any year.

Are you ready to FLY away from this fear with a little knowledge as fuel?

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS, check out her website and join her free life coaching at www.FlyLady.net, listen to her channel www.blogtalkradio.com/flylady show or read her books, *Sink Reflections* published by Bantam and her *New York Times Best Selling* book, *Body Clutter* published by Fireside.

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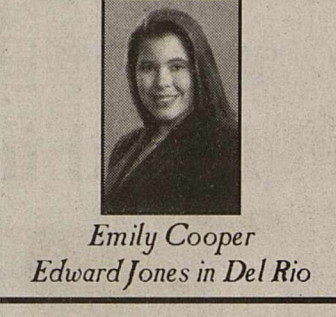
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Are you neglecting your 403(b) plan?



Emily Cooper
Edward Jones in Del Rio

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nization? In either case, you may have a 403(b) retirement plan available to you. Your 403(b) is similar to 401(k) plans offered by companies, yet some evidence suggests that participation in 403(b) plans is lower than that found in 401(k)s. If you're not taking advantage of your 403(b), you may want to reconsider - because your plan can provide a big boost to your retirement savings.

If you're not familiar with a 403(b), you'll want to understand the key benefits:

- Tax-deferred earnings - Your money grows on a tax-deferred basis, which means it can accumulate faster than if it were placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every year.
- Pre-tax contributions - Typically, you fund your 403(b) with pre-tax dollars, so the more you put in, the lower your annual taxable income. (Some 403(b) plans may allow a Roth option, which allows your earnings to grow tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions. However, your contributions are made with after-tax dollars.)
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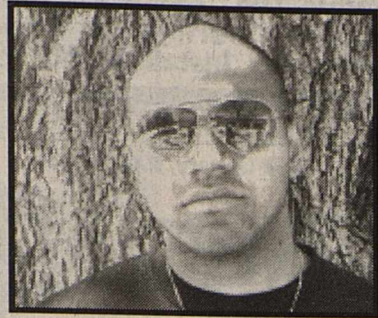
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BHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Class of 2009



Moises J. Gonzalez

Name: Moises Jesus Gonzalez Jr.
 Mother Or Guardian: Rosa Gonzalez
 Father Or Guardian: Moises Gonzalez
 Siblings: Rudy Ramirez, Rosa Perez and Hector Ramirez
 What are your plans after graduation? I plan to attend UTSA.

What teacher influenced you the most? The teacher that most influenced me was Coach Marquardt, Coach Hanson, Mrs. Schroeder and Mrs. Ballew.

What are you most looking forward to after graduation? Finally going on my own.

What will you miss most after graduation? The most I will miss after graduation are my friends.



Harmony Pettett

Name: Harmony Pettett
 Mother Or Guardian: Carol Pettett
 Father Or Guardian: James Pettett
 Siblings: Austin (Bubba) Pettett

What are your plans after graduation? Beginning next Fall, I will be attending Angelo State University, where I plan on studying to become a nurse.

What teacher influenced you the most? Its impossible for me to pick out just one of many teachers that have influenced me through out my schooling here in Brackett. Each and every single one of them have inspired me to want to succeed in life by achieving the goals I set for myself. They have all transformed me into the student I am today. Thank you all for everything!

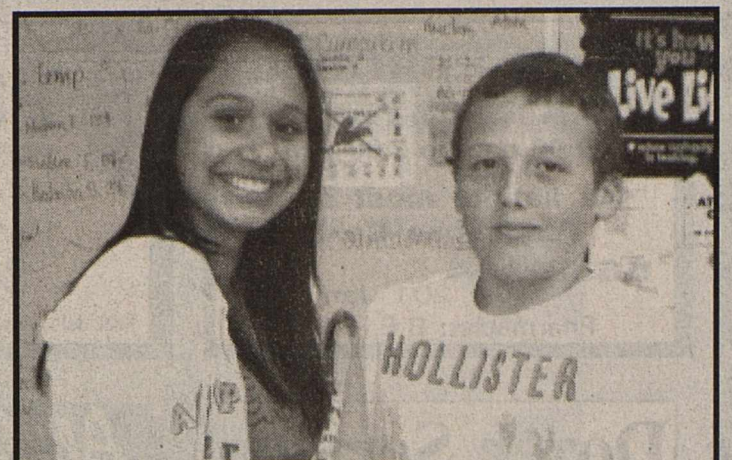
What are you most looking forward to after graduation? I am looking forward to new experiences, meeting the challenges that are ahead of me and starting a new chapter of my life.

What will you miss most after graduation? I will miss my family and friends more than anything. I'll miss not having my mom by my side twenty four seven, arguing with Bub every second over everything, and the friendliness of this small town.

Lamar Scholarship Presentation



On Wednesday, May 13, Las Moras Lodge #444 awarded its annual Mirabeau B. Lamar Scholarships and Medals. This year's recipients were Moises Gonzalez and Harmony Pettett. They each received a \$500 scholarship from the Lodge. This year's scholarships were given in memory of Mrs. Carlotta DeLa Rosa. Pictured from left: BHS Superintendent Robert Westbrook, Moises Gonzalez, Worshipful Master Tom Ertle, Harmony Pettett and BHS Principal Frank Taylor.



Selina Gerardo and Austin Pettett

Congratulations to Selina Gerardo and Austin Pettett for being selected to attend the University of Texas GeoFORCE program.

This program helps foster awareness and importance of earth science in everyday life. Students selected have the opportunity to travel the United States with other students of equally high academic standards from southwest Texas. Both of these students were chosen from a pool of over 180 applicants this year. These students represent some of the highest achieving junior high students in our region. Selina Gerardo will be attending the GeoFORCE 9th Grade Summer Academy in Florida this year and Austin "Bubba" Pettett was selected to the 9th Grade Young Geoscientist Field Course.

Schroeder inducted into Phi Eta Sigma

Former BHS graduate, Gabby Schroeder was invited to join Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society because of academic achievement.

Phi Eta Sigma is an interdisciplinary society that was founded at the University of Illinois in 1923 to give recognition to first year students with high academic standing.

The entrance requirements are a 3.5 cumulative GPR for the first semester or entire freshman year, based on at least 12 academic hours each semester. Phi Eta Sigma provides its members with opportunities to become involved with community service in the Brazos Valley.

One opportunity is the peer tutoring program that serves other freshmen at Texas A & M. The spring induction ceremony was April 14.



Gabby Schroeder

State Representative Tracy O. King supports Public School Accountability Bill

AUSTIN, Texas - On April 30 2009, State Representative Tracy O. King (D-Batesville) voted in favor of House Bill 3 which relates to public school accountability, curriculum, and promotion requirements. House Bill 3 passed the Texas House of Representatives with a unanimous vote of 146-0.

Standardized tests would take a back seat to preparing students for success after high school. House Bill 3 would remove the importance from the Texas Assessment Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) in measuring the performance of our schools. The bill would also change high school graduation requirements, grade promotion requirements and the measures by which schools and school districts are held accountable both financially and academically.

"The bill would take some pressure off our administrators, teachers and students by lessening our reliance on the TAKS test," said King. "While it is not a perfect bill and I would prefer that we eliminate the TAKS completely, it gives our schools the ability to devise a promotion system that best fits their schools."

School ratings would be based on three years of test scores, among other things, rather than the most recent year. School districts would be able to decide some of their own criteria for assessment, and students would be given more flexibility to choose electives. Students would still have to complete four years of mathematics, science, English and social studies. It would also require two credits of a language other than English and eight elective credits.

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by Lady Marla Cilley

Everyone is hollering about the flu and a pandemic. Let the facts straighten you out. Getting in a panic! United States between 5 and 10 million people die every 100 years from the flu! A and B flu are the most common. About 10,000 people are hospitalized for the flu A and B. The CDC is information from the website they are calling it H1N1 and this is also called influenza A. There have been 2 deaths in the United States and 45 deaths in Mexico. There have been 3100 confirmed cases where is the pandemic? "Common Sense" tells me that this is bad enough without this out of proportion. It was all the hype last year we needed to get our heads on straight. Yes I understand that virus mutates and there is a strain each year. But what I read on the CDC website the previous year flu shot is a waste of money. Oh I know why we receive this information. There was a bad year and a presidential election. There was no time to report on the news. Our tele-radio, newspapers, magazines and the internet was flooded. Let's get back to common sense when it comes to protecting our families and ourselves from any germs. Wash Your Hands with hot water while you sing your birthday. Don't touch your face. Wipe your eyes with your hands. Wash your hands before you use a fork or a spoon so you are not handling your food. Limit exposure by staying away from crowds. Make a grocery list and stick to it. If you are sick; stay home! Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze; use the elbow instead of your hand. These are habits that establish. Put a sign in your bathroom to wash your hands. Teach your children to wash their hands and set up a reward for this. If you are sick you will be one step away from these flu germs with your shopping and your home clean. We live in fear of something common sense tells me is more than any year.

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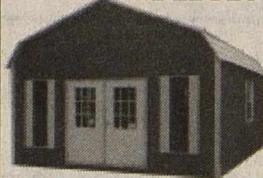
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Commissioner's approve Spofford grant

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of the economy, Irsik said, "There are no guarantees that the program will continue." The drawings come up in the fall to decide who gets funding. Commissioner Massingill suggested bringing the issue to the public. No action was taken.

Tax Assessor-Collector Martha Padron is spearheading a project to evaluate the condition of the swimming pool at Brackett Square. The pool has not been open in several years and has fallen into a state of disrepair. Padron has engaged the expertise of Randy Castillo to drain, clean and refill the pool to better assess what needs to be done. She will also have an electrician and a plumber check out those systems to see if reopening the pool will even be feasible.

Kinney County Little League Volunteer Cindy Stafford reported on a water leak at the little league field. The little league field is located on property belonging to the county. As stated in the lease, the lessee is responsible for "usual" janitorial and maintenance services; however, it was determined the leak was due to tree roots that have broken the water line and not neglect. The line has been repaired three times to no avail. At present water is not available to the restrooms or to the concession area. The pipeline needs to be replaced from the corner of the building to the faucet next to the area used to store equipment. As both the County Judge, Johnny Fritter and the Maintenance Tech, Albert Payne are in the hospital, the commissioners will look into the situation.

Grant consultant Carl Esser of Esser and Company reported the county has been awarded a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) which is given to certain counties that are eligible to apply for funds to do first time paving activities in designated Colonia areas that are recognized by the Secretary of State. The only recognized area in Kinney County that is eligible to receive the benefits of this program is Spofford. These monies were not obligated and were made available to eligible counties. Kinney County was fortunate to be funded in the amount of \$855,000 to pave those areas that did not get paved in the first and second calls four years ago.

For this particular project Esser hired Smyth D G and Company, a surveying crew from Uvalde, to survey the community of Spofford. Keeping in mind that the street paving activity will take place only on platted right-of-ways, Smyth discovered some interesting facts. As in every community, some roads have developed as a result of common usage and are not necessarily located where a platted street existed. In one such case, the platted road is actually grown over with brush while the one that was created out of common usage is clear. This is the situation with North Avenue C that runs along a fence line in Spofford. The actual platted right-of-way is 100 feet off that fence. Ownership of old Avenue C, the old highway, has been researched but it could not be determined whether it was owned by the county or an individual. Nevertheless, with approval from TXDOT, that road will be reconstructed. In another case, a house had been built in the middle of the platted street. However, the street leading up to that house was paved in the project completed four years ago and the street was ended before reaching the house.

The allotted funds will not pay to pave streets that are not platted right-of-ways. Esser has addressed these issues with TXDOT and has taken steps in the plans and specs to open up those right-of-ways and reconstruct the streets where they need to be.

Esser has prepared preliminary plans identifying the designated streets to receive those benefits. The plans will be submitted to the TXDOT district office in Laredo for review. Any required corrections or additions will be made before returning them to the engineering firm to incorporate them into the final plans. At that time Esser will ask approval from the court to advertise for construction bids, possibly as early as August.

On a final note, there have been problems with people taking glass containers into the Kinney County Civic Center. Possible action to be taken would be to retain a portion of the deposit made to lease the Civic Center if glass containers are found. Notices will be put into the paper to that effect as well as "No Glass" signs posted at the Civic Center. Persons in violation will be evicted. The commissioner's unanimously gave their approval for a new contract to be drawn up that includes the Glass Policy.

The meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m. Commissioners Woody Massingill, Dennis Dodson, Joe Montalvo and Pat Melancon were all present. Kinney County Judge Johnny Fritter was absent.

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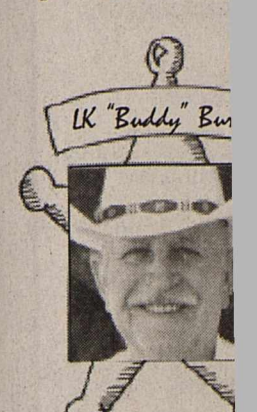
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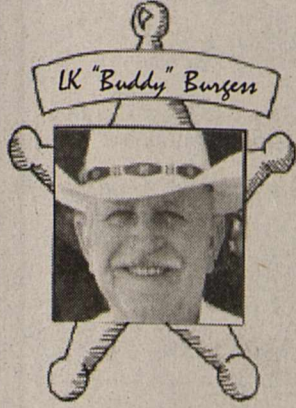
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Kinney County Sheriff's Report



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Tuesday, May 12
6:29 pm A caller reported a 18-wheeler across the road at Hwy131, five miles before you get to Spofford going North. A deputy was informed of the situation.

6:44pm An alarm company called to report the alarm going off at the Boerschig Ranch. A deputy was informed of the situation.

7:52pm A woman called to report a lady was not able to enter her residence because of a rattlesnake on front of her

door step. A deputy was notified of the situation.

Wednesday, May 13
5:45pm A caller reported a fight at West Thomas Street. All available units were dispatched to location.

Thursday, May 14
9:20pm A caller reported a lady in front of the Post Office dressed in black with a back pack acting real funny. A deputy was advised about the situation.

Friday, May 15
2:45pm A woman called the sheriff's office to report a possible disturbance at the water district office behind the library

and requested a deputy.

7:45pm Union Pacific called to report a cow crossing the road and he stated it was hazardous. The owner of the cow was notified.

Saturday, May 16
11:00am A caller from Super S reported someone had broken into their coke machine at night and had taken out all the cokes. A deputy was dispatched.

4:23am A caller reported two subjects on his property and that had broken into a cabin that had weapons in it. A deputy was advised and enroute immediately. Border Patrol and other deputies were contacted for back up.

7:39pm A woman called to report load music behind her house. A deputy was informed of the situation.

Sunday, May 17
4:28pm A man called to request a deputy on Brown Street. The man wanted to retrieve his property his apartment and his wife would not let him in. A deputy was informed of the situation.

OBITUARY

Martin Lopez



January 4, 1959 - May 13, 2009

Martin Lopez, age 50, entered into rest May 13, 2009, in San Antonio, Texas. He was born January 4, 1959 in Del Rio, Texas. He was preceded in death by his father, Martin Lopez. Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 6 years, Maria Guadalupe Lopez. Daughter Jessica Torres. Sister Diana Villarreal and husband Armando. Numerous nieces, nephews and 3 grandchildren. Visitation was held Thursday, May 14, 2009, at Brackettville Sunset Funeral Chapel, Brackettville, Texas. Recitation of the Holy Rosary was held at 7:00pm. Funeral Mass was conducted Friday, May 15, 2009, at St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. Interment followed at St Mary Magdalene Catholic Cemetery. Please visit our website www.sunsetfuneralhomes.com and sign our guest book. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Brackettville Sunset Funeral Home.

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ACROSS

- kindergarten lesson?
- TX summer reality
- Jackson Co. seat
- TXism: "___ piece" (distance)
- and reel
- TXism: "panhandle"
- NY Sen. Alfonse D'___ had to pay off on '93 Super bet to TX Gramm
- Morton newspaper Grand ___ TX
- former TX oilwell firefighter business: "Red ___"
- Minute Maid Park and AT&T Center specialized vocabularies
- TXism: "___ a soul" (no one)
- TXism: "enjoyed all this ___ stand"
- TXism: "begging like a cattle rustler ___ with a rope"
- delicious Pecos ___ lcupe
- Roberts Co. seat graves
- TX Kristofferson wrote Elvis hit "in ___"
- TX Harvey ___ "Van" Cliburn
- TXism: "fast ___ rafter"
- TX voted to ___ from the Union in 1861

DOWN

- TXism: "got ___ Texas" (kind)
- Fort Worth suburb
- Hemphill Co. seat
- Boerne newspaper
- TXism: "got a ___ under his saddle"
- TX Al Carrell's "The Super Handyman's ___ Home Repair"
- 11 pint-sized car
- TXism: "hot ___ Cadillac bumper"
- TX Buddy Holly's wife
- position of Astro Miguel Tejada (abbr.)
- TXism: "you're barn door is ___" (unzipped)
- TXism: "it'll make your hair stand ___"
- Henry Wade's long-time job in Dallas Co. (abbr.)
- poppa
- TX A.J. Foyt won "___ 500" four times
- TX Howard Hughes dated this actress Gardner
- "Texas Tea"
- TXism: "when pigs ___" (never)
- Baldwin of "Great Balls of Fire" with TX Quaid
- Louise of "Stepford Wives" with TX Prentiss
- TXism: "fits like ugly ___ ape"
- fed. Indian agcy.
- Cowboy Emmitt (init.)
- TXism: "chompin' ___ the bit"
- type of computer memory (abbr.)
- horse movement
- in Morris Co. on 67
- TXism: "a good man not ___ with" (mean)
- car cooler (abbr.)
- TXism: "he ___ sleeps fast" (swift)
- TX Dabney series: "The Days & Nights of Molly ___"
- four-bagger (abbr.)
- dir. to Waco from Austin
- TXism: "strong enough to float ___" (coffee)
- TXism: "___ water" (soft drink)
- this Tim starred with TX Crystal Bernard on "Wings"

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