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POOL SCHEDULE

Pool Scheduled to open on Friday June 19th. Opening Ceremonies are scheduled to take place at 4:00 pm with the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce, local dignitaries, local entities, the media and many, many volunteers who contributed their time and efforts in this successful joint venture. Hours of operation are tentatively set for 4:00 pm-8:00 pm each day. Waiver of Liability/Permission Form will be required to be completed and signed by parent/legal guardian for each child before admittance is allowed to the Kinney County Swimming Pool. Forms will be available at the Kinney County Tax Assessor-Collector's office on Thursday, June 18th, at 4 pm. Please contact Martha Padron for further information.

JULY 4 AT THE ALAMO

Alamo Village's Annual July 4th Gunfighter Competition Saturday July 4th, 2009 open at 9 AM *GUN-FIGHTER GROUPS from across the state will be competing for awards and prizes *Western Melodrama at its best! *Entertainment all day long games for kids of all ages great food and beverages served all day Alamo Village FM 674, 7 miles North Brackettville, TX for additional information call: (830) 563-2580, FAX: (830) 563-9226 E-MAIL: happy@hilconet.com Web site: www.alamovillage.com & www.alamovillage.getoday.com YA'LL COME JOIN US FOR SOME RIP-ROARIN FUN

BASKETBALL CAMP

Coach Almanza will be having a Basketball Camp on June 22-25th, 2009 at the Brackett High School from 9am - 1pm. Participants can be from 2nd-8th grade. The cost to register \$35.

SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

Brackett ISD will be having Summer Food Program on June 1- July 16, 2009. Breakfast 7:30am-8:30am, Lunch 11:30am-12:30pm. Children 1-18 eat for free, Adults prices: Breakfast \$2 and Lunch \$4. (All food must be eaten in cafeteria!)

FREE CAMP

Get Fit Brackett for ages 6-12 years old Activities include: swimming, sports, games, arts and crafts, nutrition lessons and more. FREE breakfast and lunch Location: Brackett High School. Time and Days First Week: Tue - Fri, 8 am-4 pm Remaining 3 Weeks: Mon-Thu, 8am - 4pm. Dates: June 23 - July 16 Deadline for Applications: June 23. Applications are available at Jones Elem/ Inter Office and Central Office.

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 2, 2009. The Brackett School District incorporates their Summer Lunch Program with the library program and busses the morning students to the cafeteria for lunch. Please keep in mind that volunteers are always needed to assist with the program; the more volunteers the better the success rate. Call (830) 563-2884.

FOOD BANK NEWS

The CSFP Over Age 60 Distribution & TEXCAP will be on Friday, June 19 from 11am - 5pm at the newspaper office. Please do not arrive early. All food must be picked up on this day. Food will not be held for you to pick up at a later time. All clients must present a Photo ID every month. Distribution dates for 2009 are as follows: June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20 and December 18.

Court finds money is in the wind

By Katie Brown
The Brackett News

The Kinney County Commissioners' Court held a public hearing to discuss the creation of a wind energy farm in Kinney County.

Development Manager Greg Buis of E.ON Climate & Renewables gave a presentation to the commissioners and asked the court to designate a reinvestment zone in the area of the Anacacho Mountains that would include all the improvements; and for the improvements in that area they are asking for a 70 percent tax abatement over 10 years. This zone would be for a wind energy facility; modeled out at a 70 megawatt wind

farm and with the 70 percent abatement it would bring an estimated \$1.2 million in tax revenues to Kinney County in the first ten years and \$2.3 million in the next ten years. During the construction period of six to twelve months the project would bring 100-200 jobs to the county. Buis said they would employ local people whenever possible; bringing in a large general contractor to oversee the project. Other substantial investments in the county would include food, fuel, housing and the use of local contractors for any place that they could fit into this larger construction project. In addition to this there would be five to ten permanent jobs

created with annual salaries in the \$30-\$35,000 range.

"As far as roads and right-of-ways are concerned we don't expect to use much of county roads or facilities. There is one stretch of road that we would use for the construction of our transmission facilities but it wouldn't be for the major equipment that would be going; we would primarily use state roads for that." He stated that in their agreement if they do use county facilities they would do the upkeep and improvements. E.ON has their transmission right-of-way secured and they will be connecting to the AEP/LCRA line heading southeast. They have a projected start date of

before December 2010.

Concerns expressed by those in attendance included City Manager Henry Garcia who asked about the impact of the wind farm on local airstrips. One in particular is west of the Anacacho Ranch. It was once termed to be abandoned but is in fact used by the military. E.ON said that it was addressing those concerns with Laughlin AFB. "The proposed wind farm will likely block the entire corridor along the Military Training Routes (MTR). Aircraft will have to climb for six miles to avoid these obstacles and this will be counter to training conducted normally at 500 feet Above Ground Level

(AGL)." This was according to a report given by Jennifer Harris, Chief, Asset Optimization of LAFB.

General Manager/CEO of Rio Grande Electric, Dan Laws, said that the wind farm would not affect RGEC one way or the other. However, he did stress that LAFB has been a good neighbor of Kinney County and that many of their military personnel and civilian employees live here in Brackett. Maintaining a good relationship is to our benefit. He added that, "when wind farms are not generating energy, they are using energy

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Tractor trailer collides with train



Brackett News Photos By Leigh Volcsko

A tractor trailer collided with a train at the Cline crossing 15 miles east of Brackettville on June 17. According to law enforcement and railroad officials at the scene, the driver, traveling west, was believed to have approached the tracks and was unable to bring his loaded gravel truck to a stop without possibly causing injury to the approximately 15 cars lined up as the 45 empty train cars passed over Highway 90 in a southward direction. The driver turned the truck to the right approximately 300 feet from the tracks at a 45 degree angle, crossed the bar ditch, breaking through a low fence line, stopping only after derailing the train. Although emergency medical personnel were at the scene, they soon left without transporting the driver as he appeared to have suffered only minor scratches. The equipment to remove the rail cars had to be brought in from approximately 3 hours away and it was estimated that once it arrived, the clean up would take another three hours.

Water board denies first export permit Board expires Hagee Royalty Trust permits

After six years of delays, the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District denied Grass Valley Water, LP's permit application and sent them away without prejudice for failures to cure defects on their application.

Grass Valley (GVW) is a marketing company interested in selling water to highly-populated cities like San Antonio and Laredo from lesser-populated areas like Kinney County.

Water board President Dr. Kent Lowery moved to deny GVW's application citing the recent Examiner's Proposal for Decision Report, as prepared by John Vay, and stated Grass Valley had failed to comply with district rules by failure to prove ownership of the water (9.01.B.14), failure to provide a drought contingency plan (9.01.B.10), failure to provide a contract with an end user (9.01.B.14), failure to comply with the District's well spacing rules, failure to show that GVW's use will not unreasonably affect existing surface water and groundwater use (9.01.D.3a), failure to properly identify all the land owners (17.02.A.2) and for all other reasons stated in the record and in the Hearings Examiner's Proposal for Decision. Lowery also pointed out that GVW had several opportunities to remedy the deficiencies in the original application, the

amendment to that original, during the Examiners Hearing and even up to the present meeting but had not done so. The vote to deny was unanimous.

Partial credit for the decision to deny the application was repeatedly given to former Kinney County Attorney Tully Shahan, who in his testimony at Grass Valley's May 5 hearing, stated the board had every right to deny the permit based on the merits of their application.

Shahan has personally been extremely outspoken against Grass Valley's permit, but documents obtained by this newspaper show Shahan was actively

negotiating with Grass Valley as late as December, 2008 to market water. Sources say negotiations broke down after Grass Valley would not meet Shahan's price. Shahan has several known associates with long careers in the pipeline industry that have collectively spoken out against Grass Valley's permit as well as other companies who have proposed projects to build a pipeline to move the water out of the area.

"The district does not have lawful basis to deny Grass Valley's permit. The board ignored the recommendation of an independent hearings examiner

whose proposal for decision justified granting Grass Valley's very protective permit. With this permit decision, the board forces Grass Valley to sue the district. The board's decision will also force the citizens of Brackettville to pay for all these expensive law suits. In addition, the board's actions deprive the citizens of the significant economic benefits to the community every year from the permit fees paid to the district for the benefit of the community, such as free, low-flow washing machines and other appliances. The permit fee money would also have been used to guarantee a

good, clean water supply for Kinney County now and in the future," read a press release from Grass Valley on June 17.

Other action taken by the board was to finally settle an ongoing permit battle with the John C. Hagee Royalty Trust. Hagee, the pastor of a 19,000 member mega-church in San Antonio, was awarded 6,000 acre feet of water in 2005 for land owned in the southwest portion of the county; however, failures on both the side of Hagee and the district have led to an ensuing battle over wells, permits and fines.

Each permit granted requires wells be drilled within a 6-month period from the date of issuance, water fees to be paid annually and pumping reports to be provided annually. The Royalty Trust was granted three extensions to allow time to drill the proposed wells and perfect the permits. The district says the last extension ended on December 31, 2006 at which time the undrilled permits lapsed and were void.

Attorney Habib H. Erkan, Jr. of Earl and Associates in San Antonio spoke on behalf of the Royalty Trust and described the board's actions as unconstitutionally discriminating against a Kinney landowner and permit



Brackett News Photos By Leigh Volcsko

Interested parties, lawyers and onlookers attended the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District meeting on June 11 where the board denied Grass Valley and expired Hagee Royalty Trust permits.

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"Nemo me impune lacesset - No one will provoke me with impunity"

Publishers PLOG

Okay, a couple weekends ago my husband and I were invited to a wedding in Del Rio and of course like any good party person worth their Bud Lite Lime with salt, we accepted the invitation.

We were late because it was also our wedding anniversary and we went out for dinner first.

My husband and I are complete opposites, go figure. I love loud parties with tons of people and Jim is more the quiet at home kind of guy. He's proper and I'm not, but somehow it works and I guess the children can decide which one of us they want to be like later on, but I'm kinda hoping they'll just take after him, it will cost less that way!

Anyway...I knew where the wedding was, or at least I thought I did and when we got there and we were looking through the back window of the party hall, the first alarm bell went off, but of course I ignored it. The decoration colors and the style were not that you would see at a wedding, but I was busy looking for the people I knew and dragged my husband into the hall anyway. Our butts were just about to hit the seats when I realized that we were not at a wedding, but at a graduation party for a complete stranger. I look at Jim and half way yell, "Oh God Jim, we have to leave, this is not our party!" So Jim, at 6 foot 5, and me with my clacking high heels, very stealth like leave the room. I told Jim that I don't think anyone saw us, but you know on TV when the record scratches and everyone stops and looks, well, it was like that, but don't tell Jim.

So we get back in the car and Jim is quiet - you know like that quiet right before the storm starts. I felt bad for him because it was embarrassing to crash a party with 1,000 blue balloons and a photo slide show documenting this kid from diapers through his senior prom playing in the front. I just thought it was funny, but Jim being so much more mannerly than me was devastated that I had got him into such a mess.

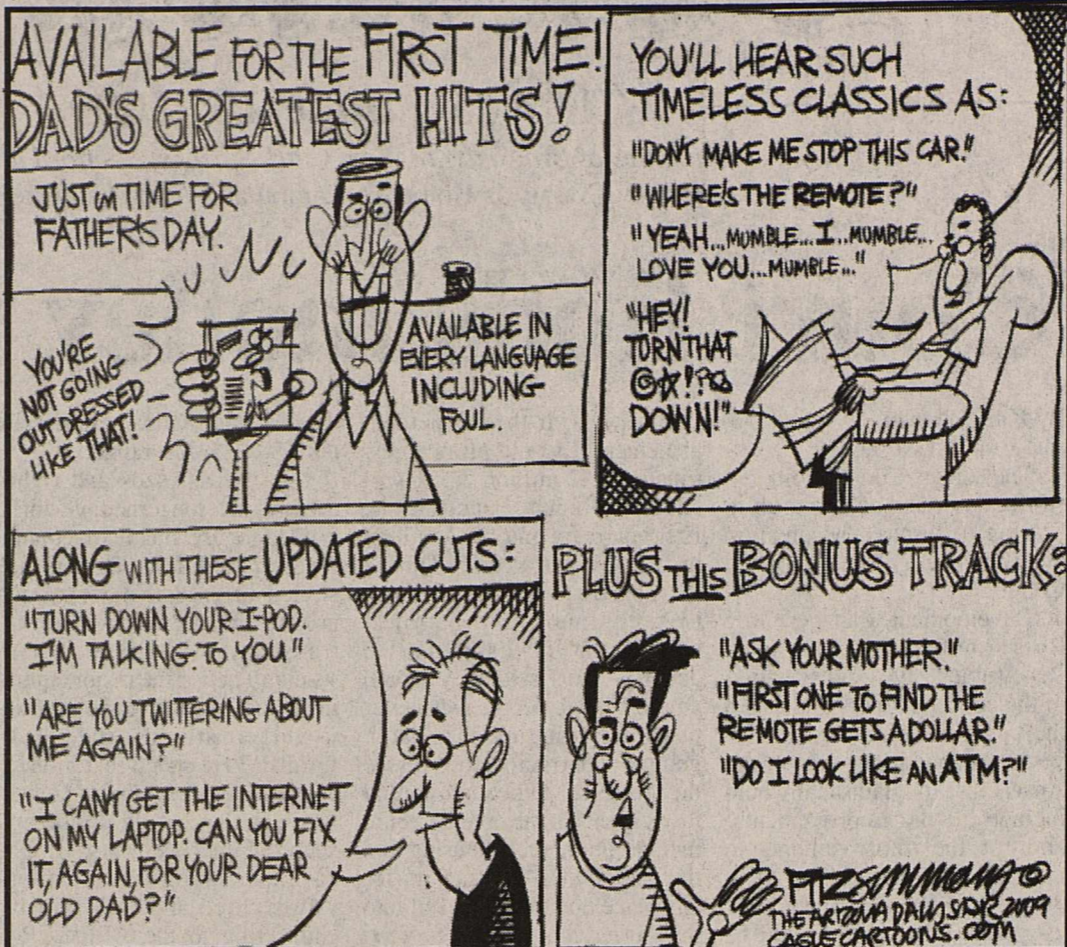
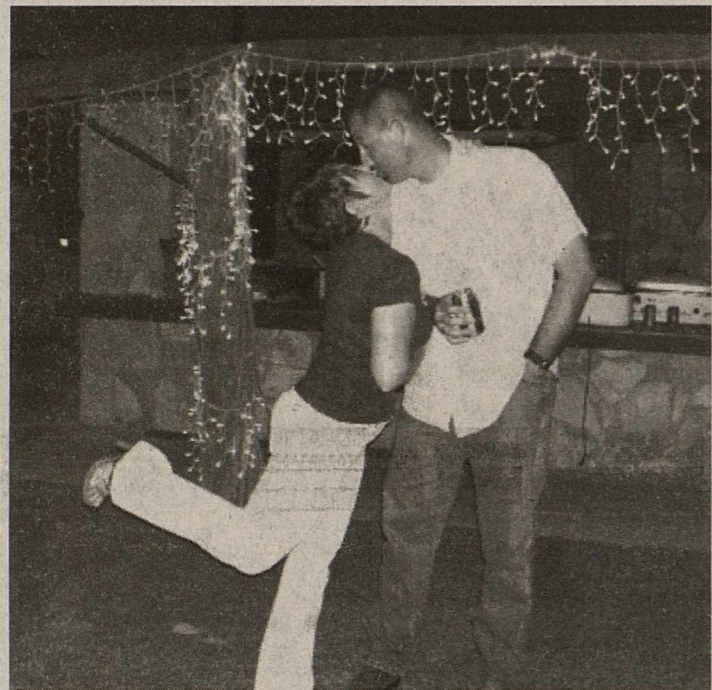
Later when we arrived at the right party, my husband would not let me out of the car before he performed a little recon of the area to confirm that there was actually a bride and a groom.

The night was perfect for an outdoor wedding and we smiled as the night reminded us of our day standing on the Riverwalk in San Antonio eleven years ago.

Best wishes to Cholo and Josie.

Oh, and congratulations to that guy that just graduated. Your party was nice, too.

Leigh V.



Don't let your investments take a vacation



Emily Cooper
Edward Jones in Del Rio

Summer is almost here. And for many people, summer is synonymous with "vacation."

If you have children or grandchildren, they're most likely on vacation from school, and if you've got the time and motivation, you may take a family vacation over the next few months.

But there's one part of your life that should never go on vacation — and that's your investment portfolio.

How can you keep your investments working for you in all seasons? Here are a few suggestions to consider:

Don't stop investing. If you want your investment dollars to continue working, you can't pull them out of the "work force." Unfortunately, many

people try to do just that by jumping out of the financial markets when they're slumping.

By doing so, these investors reason, they can avoid taking heavy losses while they bide their time until the market recovers.

But if you make a habit out of trying to avoid the market's bad days, you may end up missing some of its good ones.

No one can predict when a bull market will begin, so if you're out of the market when it starts, your "vacation" from investing could prove expensive.

Don't rely too much on "lazy" investments. Some investments, by their nature, are going to work harder to help you achieve your long-term goals.

To be precise, stocks and stock-based accounts have the potential to help provide the growth you need, though of course the value of these securities can constantly fluctuate.

Conversely, "lazy" securities such as certificates of deposit may produce returns that barely keep up with inflation.

That's not to say there's no

place for these types of investments in your portfolio — after all, they provide both current income and a high degree of preservation of principal — but you simply can't rely on them to offer the long-term returns that can help you retire comfortably or attain other objectives.

Don't let your portfolio drift. If you buy a few investments here and there, without rhyme or reason, your portfolio may never work as hard for you as it should.

And that's why you need to develop a solid, cohesive, long-term investment strategy — one that accommodates your risk tolerance, time horizon and specific goals.

Once you've established such a strategy, you can use it to determine the right investment mix for your portfolio.

Over time, you may need to adjust that mix in response to changes in the financial world and your own life, but overall it should stay true to your strategy.

As you go through life, you'll find it important to take a vacation now and then, to escape from the pressures of work and to enjoy extra time with family and friends.

But there's no reason to ever give your investments a day off — so do what you can to keep them gainfully employed.

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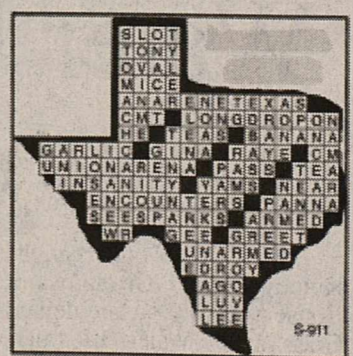
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Are you surrounded by UFOs



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

UFOs are Un-tethered Flying Objects in your car! Yes you know the ones I am talking about! Our cars are usually the last frontier when it comes to getting organized. When I was a small child I was hurt by bottle in our car. I still have the scar to show for it. Think of it this way when you are riding in a car going 55 mph if you have to stop abruptly everything in the car becomes a missile.

Think about being hit by a baseball or a bottle that was thrown at that speed. Here is the worst thing about UFOs in your car! You are embarrassed for anyone to ride with you. I know because I am just like you! My car has been clear of clutter on the inside for almost two years.

There is no telling how many accidents have occurred because a bottle rolled out from under the seat. Then it got under our foot or brake and we reached down to get it. So how do we stop from cluttering up our cars? We have to establish simple habits that will keep the clutter eliminated.

1. Don't eat in your car. If you do, then bag up the trash as soon as everyone is finished. The bag the fast food came in is a great bag to hold the trash. When you get out of the car, find a trash can.

2. Every time you get home empty the car of things you put in it before you left. Not only will this keep your family safe from UFOs but it will deter thieves.

When there is nothing in the car there is no temptation to break a window. My purse was stolen from my car once when I went into a funeral home to pay my respects.

3. While you are filling your car up with gas; play a game with the children to pick up the trash in your car. Then throw it away. They can hand it to you through the car window after you have filled up.

4. Keep things in your trunk, confined in zippered bags or under a cargo net in your van or SUV.

5. Establish a day for blessing your car. Fill it up, Clean it out and Shine it up! We do it on Fridays. We have some simple tools for this; Hey Tom Car Duster, Rubba Scrubba and FlyLady Purple Rags in a bag.

Rubba Scrubba sweeps the floor and seats, Duster does the dash and console and the Rags cleans the windows. That is if you put them in your hand and use them.

Don't put your family's safety in jeopardy because you don't think you have time. Think of it as Swish and Swipe for your car.

Daily maintenance takes less time than a whole day clean up to get ready to go somewhere with strangers in your car. Be sure and keep your tools contained too in the trunk or glove box.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The BRACKETT ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 PM 06/29/2009 in B.I.S.D. Intermediate DL Room Brackettville Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000 /\$100	(Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$0.000000 /\$100	(Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	1.000000% (increase) or	% (decrease)
Debt service	0.000000% (increase) or	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	1.000000% (increase) or	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$202,486,399	\$217,065,026
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$1,516,529	\$3,377,249
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$152,992,175	\$161,535,407
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$2,297,843	\$3,164,589

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness: \$0

* Outstanding principal

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.000000*	\$1.040000	\$2,614	\$7,299
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.056200	\$0.000000*	\$1.056200	\$2,787	\$7,193
Proposed Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.000000*	\$1.040000	\$2,727	\$7,242

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$49,668	\$50,387
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$32,295	\$33,562
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.040000	\$1.040000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$335.86	\$349.04
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$0.00	\$13.18

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.050600. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.050600.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance (s)	\$3,000,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

Two sophomores place at state

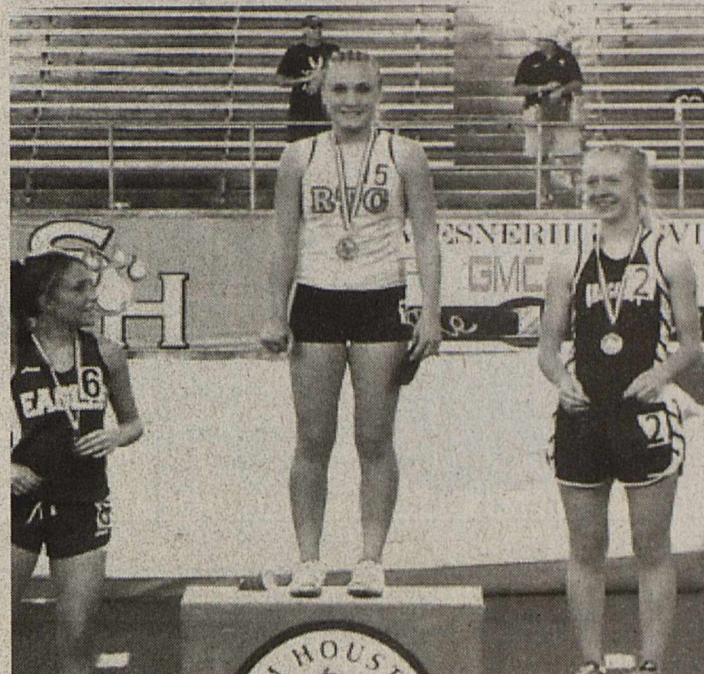


Photo Courtesy to The Brackett News - Kelsey Bruce, photographed at the regional competition at far right, placed third in the state 3200 meter race with the time of 11:35.87 and fifth in the state 1600 meter race with the time of 5:29.07.



Photo Courtesy to The Brackett News - Karley Harris, photographed at the regional competition in the center, placed seventh in the state 300 intermediate hurdle race with the time of 50.56.

Little league all stars named

Local boys ages 11 and 12 will be playing Eagle Pass at Crystal City on June 27, at 6 pm for the 2009 All Stars Games. Boys ages 9 and 10 will be playing Carrizo Spings on June 28, at 8 pm. J.T. Rosas, Roman Rosas, Jairo Pinales, Justin Gallegos, Moses Hernandez, Erick Domenech, Angel Villareal, Tony Martinez, Rey Sandoval, Patrick Ortiz, Jeremiah Sandoval, Javy Valdez, Nathaniel Talamantez and Clayton Dawson. Names provided by the Kinney County Little League.

Hunt named to distinguished list



Photo Courtesy to The Brackett News - Brackettville Resident Makes Distinguished Students List At Tarleton STEPHENVILLE, TX - Daphne Hunt of Brackettville, Texas, was recently named to Tarleton State University's Distinguished Students list. Hunt is majoring in Exercise and Sport Studies at the University's Stephenville campus. Students on the list include freshman and sophomore students who have a minimum 3.25 grade point ratio (GPR) and no grade lower than a 'C', and juniors and seniors who have a minimum 3.5 GPR with no grade lower than a 'C.' All must be in good standing with the university.

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Wind farm contemplated in Kinney County

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which would have to be purchased through the Rio Grande Electric Coop." E.ON has already spent thousands of dollars on the transmission right-of-way.

Buis stated that first step was to come to Kinney County for the designation of the re-investment zone and to request the tax abatement. As they work through the process they will be better able to determine definitive boundaries, the placement of the wind turbines, and the impact they will have. Early on in the planning process E.ON took the proposed project to LAFB in order provide them with the information needed to do their studies. E.ON Vice President Robert Blunt IV said they have built eight wind farms in Texas.

"In every single instance where we not only leased land, but put up turbines, constructed those turbines, operated the turbines, sold the power from the turbines, we worked as closely as we could with anyone who had any concerns or activities with airspace." Blunt said the issues of the Air Force, radar and NEXRAD were very important to them also. "We will continue to work hand in hand and carry on dialogue with the Air force and the FAA." The FAA will take the lead in address-

ing the issues with all government agencies and the "FAA will ultimately be the one who can tell us whether or not certain airspace issues are violated or are radar concerns that have to be mitigated as a result of where we want to put our turbines." E.ON is striving to bring the concerned parties and experts together to find ways to solve the issues to the benefit of all.

Martha Padron reported on the progress at the swimming pool. Lighting throughout the park needs to be checked and made operational for safety and security reasons. A motion was made and passed to remedy the situation for a reasonable amount. Padron also asked for and received approval for a concession to operate from June 19 to September 7. Anyone interested in operating the concession stand should see Leigh Volosko at The Brackett News office or call 830-563-2852. Vendor should be prepared to start serving on June 19.

Commissioners Joe Montalvo, Dennis Dodson and Woody Massingill were present. Pat Meloncon was absent.

Water board denies Grass Valley permit

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holder by denying him his legal right to due process. The trust believes the district violated state law and the district's own rules by unlawfully expiring his current evergreen permit.

The board voted in majority to permit one regular well in the Edwards-Trinity Aquifer for 2,540 acre foot and officially expired the other three wells totaling 3,060 acre foot of water. The expired wells included a second well in the Edwards-Trinity for 2,540 acre foot and two wells in the Austin-Chalk Aquifer for 260 acre foot each.

An Existing Use well permitted at 400 acre feet only required the Trust to complete obligatory paperwork.

Board member Christopher Ring abstained from this vote, citing his concern over the "secret

meeting".
Water board Vice President Lloyd Davis explained the meeting was an attempt by the board to reconcile the issue and was held at a rest area for convenience, but was by no means a secret.

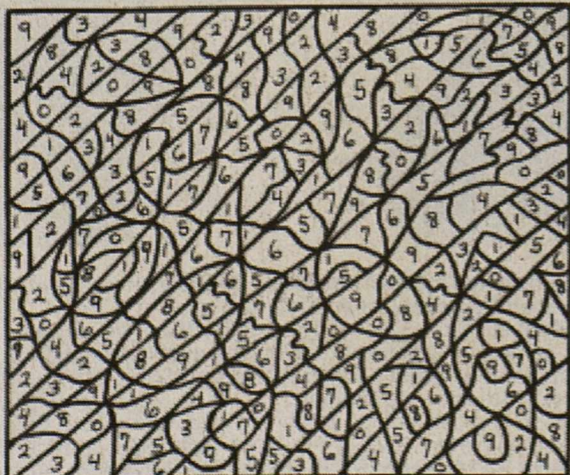
Representatives of the Royalty Trust then argued against Davis' statements. Hagee Royalty Trust described the boards actions as These actions will cause additional

According to western water.com, an acre-foot is a common unit to measure volumes of water, typically for use in irrigation. One acre-foot is the volume of water sufficient to cover an acre of land to a depth of 1 foot approximately 325,851 U.S. gallons.

The Texas Water Code-Chapter 36, the Vay Report and recordings from the KCGCD Meetings are/ will be available at mybrackettnews.com.

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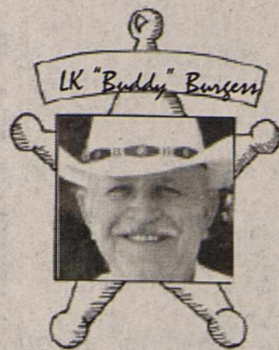
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Kinney County Sheriff's Report



for aggravated assault. Cook was released the same day on a bond.

4:05pm, A call was received from a alarm company about a alarm going off at a residence on Hwy 90 west. A deputy was informed and enroute.

6:30pm, A call was received from a alarm company about a alarm going off at a local business. A deputy was informed and enroute.

7:00pm, Benito Talamantes, 31, of Brackettville, was arrested for criminal trespassing. Talamantes was released the same day on a \$1,000 bond.

Wednesday, June 10

10:52pm, A call was received in reference to a train incident on Las Moras Road and Standard Lane. A deputy and EMS were notified and enroute.

Thursday, June 11

12:57am, A man called stating he saw someone walking

around on the roof of a local building. A deputy was notified.

Friday, June 12

1:04pm, A man called to inform the SO that on Hwy 90 west a red mustang had passed him on the left hand side of the shoulder. A deputy was notified.

Saturday, June 13

3:11pm, A call was received from DPS to inform the KCSO of a possible narcotics carrier on Hwy 90 headed east. A deputy was informed and enroute.

8:14pm, A woman came into the SO to report that someone had cut down a tree on her property. A deputy was informed of the situation.

10:21pm, A woman called stating a man was driving reckless and very close to her vehicle. The woman later came to the SO to speak with a deputy.

10:55pm, A man called the SO complaining about loud

noise around his residence. A deputy was informed.

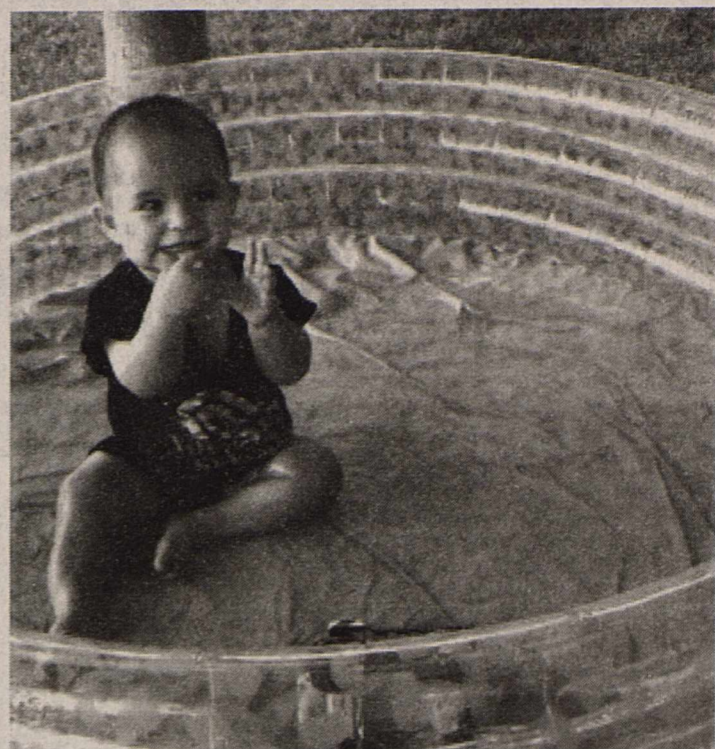
11:00pm, A call was received from a unknown caller stating a woman was walking around in the middle of the street. A deputy was informed of the situation.

Sunday, June 14

1:05am, A 911 call was received from a woman stating she had a blow out on her vehicle and she did not have a spare tire. A deputy was advised.

5:16pm, A 911 call was received in reference to two black truck driving reckless and passing in no passing lanes. DPS and a deputy were notified of the situation.

10:17pm, A woman called 911 stating that her husband had been threatening her, and she needed a deputy assistance. A deputy was advised of the situation.



Baby's First Summer

Brackett News Photo by Leigh Volcsko - Noah Terrazas, son of Bernice and Jesse Terrazas of Brackettville, fights off the recent 100-degree temperatures with a little splash in his pool.

Representative Tracy O. King participates in memorial service for fallen soldiers



Photo Courtesy to The Brackett News - Edna Villarreal Hartmann receives a state flag in honor of her brother, United States Marine Lance Corporal Emmanuel Villarreal.

AUSTIN, Texas - At the State Capitol in Austin on Saturday, May 30, 2009 the Legislature gathered in a Joint Session of the Legislature to honor all Texans who gave their lives in the Global War on Terrorism since the end of the past legislative session.

Participants in the Special Memorial Day Service included the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker, State Senators and State Representative Tracy O. King.

"This is the day we officially designated to honor our fellow Texans who gave the ultimate price for our freedom," said Representative Tracy O. King. "This is officially Memorial Day, but every day should be a day to remember those who died during service."

Extra chairs were laid out on the House floor for family members of those killed in action who were able to attend. As the names were read, a parent, sibling or spouse walked up to receive a folded Texas flag along with words of gratitude from their elected representatives.

"I know that military families sacrifice more than we can understand, and feel an absence greater than we can comprehend," said King. "To the military families in District 80, I say thank you."

The ceremony ended with a moment of silence, a cannon salute and the playing of "Taps."

For more information or to contact Representative Tracy O. King, please call the Capitol office at (512)463-0194 or the district office in Eagle Pass at (830)773-0860.

Come sign-up for the Viola Veronica Crout

Next Monday, June 22nd will begin the sign-up for the Viola Veronica Crout chapter's "Red Hat" luncheon, at FCS's "Adult Center". As always, the elegant Viola V. Crout will be greeting the ladies at FCS's "Service Club" foyer at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, July 8th. VVC enjoys the company of all of the ladies and their guests and the opportunity for the school "Red Hatters" to attend during the summer months. With no officers, no committees, no "honchos", only volunteers, the local non-profit efficient VVC organization provides a delicious lunch, soothing music, and delightful decoration, which is considered a phenomena. All of these things take place within an hour, with time to return to work on time, a factor appreciated by local employers. Next week will reveal more details regarding this up coming aesthetic event.

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"So decorate your favorite mode of transportation - car, truck, trailer, golf cart, buggy, wagon, horse, bicycle and join in the tradition that will get better every year." stated Martha Padron, Parade Chairperson. The line-up for the parade will begin on Saturday, July 4th at 9:00am in front of the High School (Ann St. & Fulton St.) in Brackettville.

The parade will begin at 9:30am and proceed on South Ann St. and end at the empty saddle/butcher block in Fort Clark Springs. The committee is also seeking donations to help pay for the fireworks display, parade and program expenses scheduled for Saturday, July 4th.

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF CLAUDIA SUE MANER, also known as SUE MANER SHANKLIN as Independent Executrix of the Estate of WILLIAM S. WHITWORTH, Deceased. Pending in the County Court, Kinney County, Texas, Cause No. 1091 TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ABOVE ESTATE: WHEREAS, on the 8th day of June, 2009, in the County Court, Kinney County, Texas, the undersigned duly qualified as the Independent Executrix of the Estate of William S. Whitworth, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary on this estate were granted and this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the undersigned within the time prescribed by law. Any person indebted to said estate is hereby notified to pay same to the undersigned: CLAUDIA SUE MANER, also known as SUE MANER SHANKLIN, Independent Executrix of the Estate of William S. Whitworth, Deceased. Address: c/o Granstaff, Gaedke & Edgmon,

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P.C., Attorneys, Attn: Cindy L. Tate, 5535 Fredericksburg Road, Suite 110, San Antonio, Texas 78229. Dated at Brackettville, Kinney County, Texas, June 18, 2009.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of NORMA JANE CONNER, Deceased, were issued on June 8, 2009, in Cause No. 1092, pending in the County Court of KINNEY County, Texas, to: WILLIE ALLEMEIER. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: TULLY SHAHAN Attorney at Law 401 South Ann Street PO Box 367 Brackettville, Texas 78832 Dated the 8 day of June, 2009. TULLY SHAHAN Attorney for WILLIE ALLEMEIER State Bar No.: 18087500 401 South Ann Street, Post Office Box 367 Brackettville, Texas 78832 Telephone: (830) 563-2462 Facsimile: (830) 563-9240

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New Listing- 4/2 on Ann Street, remodeled kitchen and bathroom, large corner lot with pecan trees, recently painted throughout, enclosed porches, move-in ready. Only \$129,995.00

2/1 Mobile Home, remodeled kitchen, covered parking, no maintenance yard, \$17,500

2 Bedroom 2 Bath Condo- Unit 1303, 2 verandas overlooking #1 Fairway and Green. Must See! \$62,000

Unit 14- 2 Lots with RV cover and 804 sf living area. Make Offer!

Golf Course Lot on fort Clark Road- \$4500

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Rentals Available-
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FORT CLARK
29 LAMOTTE 3/2/2 MOTIVATED SELLER. Stucco hm w/tiled floors throughout, FP in large kitchen/breakfast area and screened porch over looking green area. 2031sq ft. w/many upgrades. Fantastic home and location! PRICE REDUCED TO \$155,000.

HISTORIC WAINWRIGHT HOUSE #29 COLONY ROW: UNDER CONTRACT

132 DE ZAVALA - ADORABLE A-FRAME 2BR/1B W/300 SQ.FT. LOFT AREA. 1100+/-SQ.FT. @ \$38,000.00

NEW LISTING: 23 OAK LANE - THIS LOVELY 2000+/-SQ.FT. CUSTOM BUILT HOME W/ BACKYARD CABANA IS A MUST SEE! 3BR/2B ON A LARGE CORNER LOT W/BEAUTIFUL MATURE OAK TREES IN BACK AREA.

89 WARD RD - Awesome 4BR/3B Family Home with bonus and media Rms. Fenced yard, 3,000 approx. sq. ft. REDUCED \$180,000 Corner of Anderson/Travis: cute 3BR/1.5B with carport and storage unit on 1 lot. \$42,500

143 Walnut - Immaculate 3/2 Palm Harbor Hm. on 2 lots over looking green area. RV hookups. Must see! \$42,000. Fairway Circle: 2 golf course lots. Walking distance from Las Moras Creek. \$25,000.

104 McLernand Located in the historical district, 2BR/2B townhouse. Great second home or rental. Approx. 1,260 sq. ft. REDUCED

155 BLISS CIRCLE. Unit 15, 2BR/2BA, very clean, well maintained mobile home on two lots. \$35,000.

80 BAYLOR ST. 3B/2B HOME IN HISTORICAL DISTRICT. 1836 SQ.FT. REDUCED TO \$60,000.

UNIT 14, RV lot with metal cover with 1998 Wilderness 27' travel trailer. \$32,000. Will sell property w/out Trailer @ \$27,000 Brackettville

COMMERCIAL: New Listing: Ideal commercial property in a prime location on US Hwy 90 Metal constructed bldg. w/storage, workshop, office and restroom. Priced to sell!

221 ACRES: PRIME HUNTING APP. 1400 SQ. FT. log cabin w/ panoramic views. CHA 25 miles N. of Brackettville. FM 674

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PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SEALED BIDS will be received by the Brackett Independent School District, Central Office, located at 400 N Ann Street, Brackettville, TX, for the following projects: H.V.A.C. Units (and installation) for Hunt Library, BHS Field House, and Jones Intermediate Building Bids received will be opened publicly and read aloud Wednesday, June 24, 2009, at 10:00 A.M. Proposals received after 10:00 A.M., or not accompanied by required documents, will be returned, and not considered. Specification sheets are available at the district Central Office. BIDS reserves the right to waive formalities or to reject any or all bids, and to award the contract to the most advantageous bidder.

Stan Metcalf Realtor

- 184 ACRES 13 miles from Brackett. Three acre +/- lake stocked with Bass, Deer, Turkey, Dove & Quail Hunting
- SUNSET LANE 2BR, 1.5 Bath, fireplace, screened-in porch-cabana, RV hookups in a nice neighborhood. Owners motivated, make offer.
- CORNER LOTS AVAILABLE on Fairway circle.
- RV LOT AND COVER in neighbor friendly Unit 3. FCS with 4 storage shelves, washer & dryer. Sold
- CONDO FOR SALE
- CONDO FOR RENT
- HAVE BUYERS - NEED LISTINGS!!

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ACROSS

- TXism: "one-armed bandit" (machine)
- Cowboy QB Romo
- shape of TX Motor Speedway track
- barn critters
- town in film "The Last Picture Show"
- country music cable channel (abbr.)
- TXism: "feel like I had a _____ a short rope"
- TXism: "_____ blazes a wide trail" (big man)
- iced drinks
- yellow fruit grown in Rio Grande Valley
- TX chili ingredient
- Gershon of film "P.S. I Love You" with SMU grad Kathy Bates
- country singer Collin
- followers of this Manson killed TX Sharon Tate (init.)
- Mavs 1st home: "Re _____"
- thrown by 5-across
- "Texas _____" (oil)
- mental illness
- sweet potatoes
- TXism: "it's _____ bout" (about)
- unexpected meetings
- oldest U.S. Polish settlement: _____ Maria, TX
- country singer Taylor Swift lyric: "Cause I _____ fly whenever you smile"
- carrying a weapon
- Foy Williams position with Cowboys (abbr.)
- TX Janis sang "Me and Bobby Mc _____"
- say "howdy"
- TXism: "he'd be in a battle of wits" (dumb)
- in San Patricio Co. on I-37
- TX Christina Mauro film: "11 Minutes _____"
- "Foot Wuth, I _____ Yew"
- TX golfer Trevino
- longtime Dallas TV weatherman Taft died from this (2 wds.)
- TX Waylor sang "That's What You Get for _____"
- TXism: "covered like fur _____"
- Woodville is seat of this county
- TX Buddy Holly's wife: Maria _____
- fed. oceanic agcy.
- TX Ross Perot's 1st navy rank (abbr.)
- former Rangers GM Grieve (init.)
- TXn who financed "Biosphere 2"
- medical images
- TXism: "busy as _____-armed paper hanger"
- Jacuzzi
- TX Judith McNaught romance: " _____ Always" ('87)
- LBJ's Sec. of Def.: Robert Mc _____
- very small and very old horse (2 wds.)
- Cowboys & Texans '08 helmet decal in honor of Upshaw
- rare bird found at Bentsen State Park
- "El Rancho _____ Tin" in Latexo, TX
- opposite of "wins"
- principle or belief
- historic " _____ Inn" in Boerne
- TX Possum Kingdom lake was _____ by FDR
- Comfort, TX Civil War monument: " _____ der Union"
- TX Owen Wilson's "You, Me & Du _____"
- TX-born "Ike" was 5-star _____ general
- 25-down is _____-billed
- TXism: "he'd _____ with a fence post"

Answer: Pg 2